



MDPA news

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Meeting Notice

Date: January 20, 2012
Place: MDPA Clubhouse
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Program: Sue Clark - Pets & Paws
Board Meeting: February 1, 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2012 which, hopefully, will be a good year for all.

Please join me in thanking all those members who have given their time, expertise and extremely hard work throughout the past year — especially your board members, committee chairmen, chefs, and cleanup crews. Without these volunteers MDPA would not exist, so I encourage you all to become more involved in the activities of the club and let me know if there is something you would like us to do to make it more enjoyable.

As always, we need your help in preparing the monthly dinners – team up with a friend and e-mail dinners@mdpa.org to let them know if you can come up with an easy menu – it doesn't have to be gourmet – doesn't everyone love tacos or bangers and mash?? Do any of you remember the English dinner we had when Brian Enbom prepared the dessert? (Just ask Jerry Alves!) Plus I had to remove the dart board because the darts were flying pretty close to the aircraft in the hangar! We've had some great times in the past – let's keep it going. We can start by signing up for the crab and tri-tip extravaganza this month – we'll also be having a "CASH" raffle during the next two dinner meetings – buy raffle tickets for a chance to win 30% of the proceeds. As always, we need more members, so please encourage your friends to join and don't forget, this is the month to renew your dues for the year.

Kudos to Chet for a good job in getting down safely and best wishes to John for a speedy recovery.

Happiness, health and great flying to all in 2012.

Maureen Bell

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STS Fly-In

Well, despite earlier predictions for rain or low clouds, Saturday was a gorgeous day to fly to Santa Rosa (STS) for lunch. We also had very good participation in the event with 6 aircraft and 8 pilots and passengers joining in. John Summers came with his passenger Steve Stewart (John gets the 2011 award for introducing the most new passngers to our events, and he's starting out 2012 just as well); Jerry Alves took Stu Bowers, Jim Clarke came along with John Potter, and Bob Belshe, Knute Fisher and I all flew solo. We had a nice, relaxed lunch with Jerry giving us a lesson on the history of Buchanan Field. He's been around a LONG time, and what a memory! I think everyone got jostled around pretty good on the way back to CCR, with the high wind conditions, but maybe it just helped the digestion process -- but maybe not.

Next month, on February 4th, the plan is to fly to Nancy's Cafe at Willows (WLW). This was a very popular outing last year, so please start making plans to join in.

I hope everyone had a Happy New Year, with realistic resolutions, like flying more often and helping grow the MDPA membership!



Jim Clarke, Jerry Alves, Bob Belshe, guest Steve Stewart, John Summers, John Potter, Stu Bowers, Knute Fisher. Bob Weiss organized the flight, arranged the lunch and took the picture.

MDPA Mjssion Statement

The Mount Diablo Pilots' Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan field in Concord, California (KCCR). There are many benefits to joining the club. The purposes of the Mount Diablo Pilots' Association are:

- To promote good public relations between general aviation enthusiasts and the local community.
- To encourage participation in fly-ins and other aviation activities.
- To promote safety and educational activities for pilots.
- To provide mutual resources of information on flying for members.
- To furnish information and support to the Contra Costa Airport Advisory Committee and other governmental agencies concerned with aviation.
- To be a proxy on aviation matters of community concern for its membership.

FLY-IN SCHEDULE 2012

January 7th	(STS) Santa Rosa
February 4th	(WLW) Willows to Nancy's Cafe
March 3rd	(HAF) Half Moon Bay to Three Zero Cafe
April 7th	(O41) Watts-Woodland to the Country Club
May 5th	(D83) Boonville to the Madrones Inn for Lunch
June 2nd	(IZA) Santa Ynez for overnight stay in Solvang (L52) Oceano County stop on the way back to CCR
July 7th	(O22) Columbia for a picnic lunch
August 4th	(CCR) MDPA Open House
September 1st	(SNS) Salinas to the Landing Zone
October 6th Museum	(SQL) San Carlos to the Sky Kitchen and Hiller Aviation
November 3rd	(AUN) Auburn to the Wings Grill or Country Club
December 1st	(CVH) Hollister to the Ding a Ling Cafe

MDPA CHRISTMAS PARTY





John & Bev Levy, Joyce & Nils Parsons, Teeb & Rudy Thomas, Jude & John Potter



Elaine Yeary, Mark Young, Patty's granddaughter, Patty Gilchrist, Chet Robbins



Bill Landstra, David Thacker, John & Cheryl Summers, Diane & Steve Kennedy, Suzie Landstra





Felix Boston opens the first gift



Steve Kennedy scores



Jennifer & the cookie jar



Teenage winner



What is Kristi Logan opening?



What is Mark Young opening?



The Potters: John & Jude



The Little Man

2012 MDPA Safety Forum -----January-----Potter

We launched into the new year with a “team” headed up by “Chief Cook” Jim Clarke that provided breakfast. We will be looking for future “Chief Cook” for each month coming up.

Chief Cook makes sure the vittles (eggs, etc.) are ready for the coming month’s breakfast and that we are ready to serve at 0900.

This month we started off with a little levity with a video on a marginal take-off (wings clipped the trees on lift-off). I then read parts of an article that I had written in the ‘80’s about my having attempted to hand prop an IO-540---really dumb. Thankfully, the engine died after it fired. I lived another day to fly. Many of the older pilots had hand propped smaller engines, successfully, most of the time. We had a death in recent times with a past club member who tried it at Nut Tree. Very sad.

The question got asked: “on downwind, you hear an inbound 5 miles out---who has the right of way? Well---not many had the federally correct answer (of course, except the instructors). So-----what’s the answer?”

We then presented a Barry Schiff (AOPA 11/18/10) check-list of how to deal with engine-out on take-off, titled “The Unforbidden Turn.”

Chester Robbins then gave us some insight into his recent engine-out at Concord. It was thought to be a case of good airmanship, and maybe a little luck, because the aircraft ended up clear of buildings and Chet and his passenger, Johannes Verhoek, survived to fly another day.

-----PILOTS TEACHING PILOTS, BEFORE AND NOT AFTER-----

Fuel Prices 100LL as of January 7, 2012

PSA:	MDPA Price \$4.97/gal	Retail \$5.12/gal
Sterling:	MDPA Price \$4.94/gal	Retail \$5.14/gal
	Breakfast price (members only)	\$4.69

Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name

Address

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

E-Mail Address

Type of Aircraft (e.g. C-182RG, PA-28, Glassair, etc.)

N#

Vocation

Hobbies & Interests

Please indicate on which Committee(s) you would be willing to help:

_____ Activities (hangar party, BBQ, open house)

_____ Publicity

_____ Trips (meals, weekend outings)

_____ Membership

_____ Programs (speakers for meetings)

_____ Hospitality (coffee, dinners, meetings)

_____ Safety (flying tips, maintenance)

_____ Clubhouse

_____ Airport Advisory

_____ Communications (newsletter, website)

_____ Other

Name Tags: If you would like name tags, please print the name(s) as you would like them to appear on the tags:

Name #1

Name #2

New Member Dues with clubhouse privileges	
Membership Renewal with clubhouse privileges	
Annual Dues 2012	
Regular Member	\$99
Student Pilot	\$25
Concord Mechanic (AP/IA)	\$75
Concord Flight Instructor (CFI/CFII)	\$75

Annual dues are payable on January 1st of each calendar year. All delinquent members will be taken off the membership and fuel list by February 15th.

In order to take advantage of the MDPA fuel discount, you must identify yourself to the fuel attendant as an MDPA member and pay with credit card, cash, check or approved account.



Come see why we're different...

FBO

Our line service is second to none! We provide the fastest, friendliest service on the field at highly competitive rates.

You won't be disappointed when you buy your fuel from Pacific States Aviation!

How to Call PSA Fuel:

Unicom: 122.95

Phone: (925) 685-4400

Be one of the first three people to call PSA for a fuel up this month and win 5 gallons free!

Maintenance

All this month we are offering our oil change special to MDPA members! Oil changes are important because they help to prolong the life of your engine. Prices start as low as \$109*! Call us today and schedule your oil change!

* Some restrictions apply. Call for details.

Flight Academy

Our flight academy has a wide variety of aircraft available. Have you heard about the new light sport license? Stop on by and we can show you our light sport and take you for a flight in it!

Need a flight review? We are offering a 10% discount to MDPA members on instruction for flight reviews this month.

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Blue Skies and Tailwinds to:

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***"Mt . Diablo Pilots Association, an association of aviation enthusiasts"-
aircraft owners, renters, students and affiliates are welcome.***