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April 4	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
April 7	9:00 AM	Breakfast/Safety Meeting/Flyout
April 20	6:30 PM	Meeting and Dinner (see details at the top of the next page)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you know, with declining membership due in part to the poor economy, it is difficult to make enough money to cover the rent on our current clubhouse. In an attempt to find a solution, Bill Reining, the president of EAA and I have been in discussions with the airport management regarding the possibility of moving back into our old clubhouse.

We have been advised by the airport that we could re-occupy the old building if it was found safe to do so. As the landlord, the airport would cover the cost of many repairs, including the utilities, broken windows, and possibly replacing carpet. We would be able to have one area for our own use, such as the office, where we could store our refrigerator and supplies for a monthly fee of \$100.00. We could get a reduction up to 50% if we made some cosmetic improvements ourselves, such as painting, landscaping and removing all of the garbage.

As is the case with the terminal building, the airport would classify the old MDPA clubhouse as a "general use facility" meaning that other aviation clubs would be able to schedule and use the building. We have been assured that we can remain in the building until a viable development plan has been accepted by the airport staff – a process likely to take considerable time – and we have been given additional assurance that any new development would be required to include a general use building in their plans.

Looking forward, the airport will need a minimum of 30 days to inspect and repair the building's infrastructure after which time we would be allowed access to the building to make our own feasibility assessment.

Your board members have decided that this would be beneficial to our club, but it will take some hard work and patience on our part. As previously stated, we would not decide until we have had a chance to thoroughly check it out.

We will keep you informed, but in the meantime, if you have any comments or questions, please let me know.

Maureen Bell

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DINNER: The MDPA monthly dinner for April will be held on Friday the twentieth at 6:30PM in the clubhouse. The cost will be fifteen dollars per person. Watch for your email invitation!

Dinner will be hosted by Andrea Achelis and will start with Chips and Salsa at the table. The main course will include Salad, Chicken Enchiladas with white sauce, Chile Relleno Casserole, and Spanish Rice. There will be Mexican wedding cookies and ice cream for dessert.

MEETING: Our speaker will be Greg Crouch, author of the recently released book "China's Wings", the story of aviation in China from Pan American's effort to start an air service in 1930's through the Japanese invasion and flying the "Hump". His website description is - "*China's Wings: War, Intrigue, Romance, and Adventure in the Middle Kingdom During the Golden Age of Flight*". Greg will provide a slide presentation of this interesting period of history. Greg's web page is: <http://gregcrouch.com/>

Maureen & by copy to the "Knights"
(The April 2012 Breakfast, without hot water)

The breakfast was far more successful than I had even hoped for---largely due to guys who jumped in and cooked, some by conscription. I compare the group to the Knights of Columbus in my Catholic Parish-----having fun, under duress, feeding the family. I just want to say thanks to this group, as I try to come up with a name for the monthly cooking cadre.

Maybe-----

"Nobles of the Pilots"
"Pilot Cooks"
"Kitchen Sheriffs "
"Gentlemen of the Roundtable"
"Princes of Food"
"Pilots caring for Pilots"
"Pilot Cooks"
"Chuck Wagon Pilots"

John P.

Vote for "Top Gun Cooks" submitted by
Maureen Bell

BTW---I got rid of all of the 5 gallons of Rosie's
sausage gravy that was left! There wasn't much!



John picking up 5 gallons of his favorite gravy from
his breakfast spot in Benecia.
A shout-out of thanks to those at Rosie's Café in
Benecia.

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April 7, 2012 Fly-in to Watts-Woodland (O41)

The April Fly-in to Watts-Woodland (O41) surpassed all expectations with approximately 15 participating aircraft and about 35 people attending the lunch at the Country Club. Typically I'd list all of the pilots and passengers, but you know who you are, and many thanks for making the outing such a great success. This was the first time we had as many members from EAA chapter 393 as from MDPA, and I hope the trend continues. Lunch was served on the patio, and even though we had to compete with Easter egg hunters from the local community, the restaurant did a good job handling the crowd and the food was very good. John Potter and Harvard Holmes were winners of the fuel drawing, and Harvard added to his stash by also winning the drawing for the Sea Rey demonstration ride. (I hope Harvard went home and bought a lottery ticket, because he was on a roll on Saturday.) Many thanks to Bruce Watts for being a very hospitable host again this year, to Tom Binsfeld for exhibiting his Sea Rey, and to the flight instructors who participated in the safety briefing forum and the flight to O41. Suffice it to say, everyone had a very good time.

Mark your calendars for Cinco de Mayo, Saturday May 5th for our second annual flight to Boonville (D83). My friend, Jim Roberts, will be providing shuttle service from and to the airport and he will be sponsoring lunch. And, just like last year, he is lining up wine makers from the wineries with tasting rooms at his Madrones Inn to give presentations. See you all on Saturday, May 5th...Bob Weiss

By Bob Weiss

See fly-in photos on pages 4 and 5.

Copy and paste this interesting link :

Ed Brown's Auto Shop, Apollo, PA - about 40 miles east of Pittsburgh .

Take note of the other artifacts along the walls of the shop such as the Elvis figure.

<http://kithannecarclub.com/brown/brown2.html>

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SeaRey Amphibious Seaplane

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March 2012 Dinner



Hosts: Cheryl and John Summers



John Veerhook



Jude and John Potter

March 16th, 2012

Dinner was hosted by John and Cheryl Summers.

It included a baked potato bar with various toppings (butter, sour cream, cheese, chives, bacon, and diced ham) and green salad with tomatoes as well as dessert.

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Queued for food



John Summers, Cheryl Summers
and Elaine Yeary

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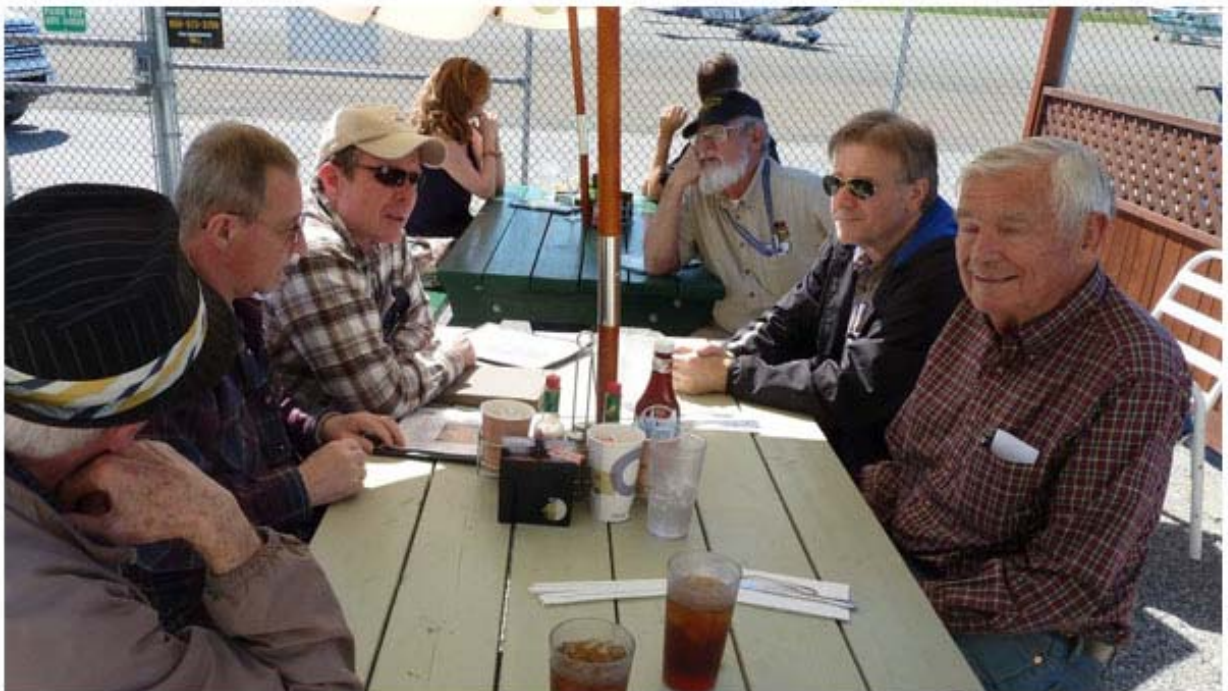
Wayne Terry, Speaker Chet Robbins & John Veerhook

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These two pages of photos are from the Fly-in to Half Moon Bay on March 3rd, 2012
(They did not make it into the March newsletter).



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Fantastic footage of the Blue Angels !!

This was shot in El Centro CA, the "Blues" winter home, and in Pensacola, FL.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=W6tB8Lf7YoU

SPRING IS IN THE AIR LET'S GO FLYING!



Call **PSA** for fuel at your **MDPA** price. Our fast and friendly Line Service will spring into action and help you get the most of the best spring weather.

Be one of the first three MDPA members this month to mention the number of clouds in the picture above and you get 5 gallons of gas free!

This audio clip is making the rounds online. Listen and give us feedback on whether you think it is real or fake:

http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/04/05/11035929-audio-from-80-year-old-who-landed-plane-im-coming-in-too-fast

MDPA Mission 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.