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Calendar – August 2013

August 3	9:00 AM	Breakfast and Safety Meeting
August 3	11:00 AM	Fly-out to Nut Tree VCB
August 16	6:30 PM	Dinner and Speaker

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Beware of Bears

We flew our club C172 to Chilko lake in SW British Columbia a while back and had an unpleasant surprise.

The landing strip was just a dirt road in the middle of a cleared meadow. After tying down the Cessna, we were driven to our lodgings by the resort owner and noticed a number of dead cattle and horses along the way. The owner informed us that an infestation of grizzly bears was killing the livestock. Two days later I decided to hike out to the strip to check on the plane. To my dismay, I found it had been damaged by bears and suffered bites and gouges to the wing struts, elevator, parts of the fuselage, and even the leading edges of the wings which are seven feet above ground level. The only structural damage was the bending of the elevator which I was able to bend back into position with vice grips. The plane handled normally on the flight home but was a major attraction everywhere we stopped.

We were very careful to not leave any food in the plane. The probable attraction to the bear(s) was the Turtlewax polish which was applied just before leaving on the trip. Our insurance broker had a sense of humor. The renewal contract stipulated as deductibles: \$500 in flight, \$100 ground, except \$250 if bear damage.

Stewart

Fly-out Destinations for July, August and September 2013

August 3, 2013

VCB

Vacaville

AIRPORT: Nut Tree

DISTANCE: 23.7 nm N

RESTAURANT: Villa Corona Mexican Restaurant

HOURS: 11:00 AM- 9:00 PM

ADDL INFO: A short walk from the airport to the restaurant:

1661 E Monte Vista Ave, Vacaville, CA Nut Tree Plaza (707) 451-1230

September 7, 2013

SQL

San Carlos

AIRPORT: San Carlos

DISTANCE: 30.1nm S

RESTAURANT: Sky Kitchen

TEL: (650) 595-0464

HOURS ON SAT: 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM

ADDL INFO: Couple of eateries on the field, but more importantly, there is a fantastic air museum - the Hiller Aircraft

October 5, 2013

CVH

Hollister

AIRPORT: Hollister

DISTANCE: 72.6 nm SSE

RESTAURANT: Ding-a-Ling Café

TEL: (831) 637-1566

HOURS ON SAT: 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

ADDL INFO: Many antique biplanes on the field. Just outside the fence is the Corbin Motorcycle Factory.

Mt. Diablo Pilots Association 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.

Dinner July 19, 2013



Chefs and Dinner hosts Jennifer and Pradeep Panikar



Deane, Mel Nordahl and Doug Draper

Dinner July 19, 2013



The MDPA meeting and dinner for July was held Friday the nineteenth, at 6:30PM in the clubhouse at 200 Sally Ride Drive. Over 40 people attended.

Dinner was sponsored by PSA and hosted by Jennifer and Pradeep Panikar. Dinner included Tandoori Chicken and Basmati Rice, Beef curry, Lentils, Indian cabbage, and for those who like it HOT, there was curry sauce on the side! Dessert was delectable ice cream and mango.

Our guest speakers were Mitch Latting and Jolie Lucas, both are vice presidents of the California Pilots Association. They made a multi-media presentation about promoting general aviation to the flying and non-flying public in order to protect our airports and inspire the love of flight.

PSA donated two raffle items. Russell Roe won time on the PSA simulator and David Thacker won 5 gallons of aviation gas.

Dinner July 19, 2013



Dinner Sponsors
PSA CEO Art Thompson and his
wife Amanda Thompson



Jack Davi, John Potter, Traci Peters

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The MDPA Clubhouse is on the west side of the airport, south of the airport manager's office.
200 Sally Ride Drive Concord, CA 94520

The revised website is now up at www.mdpa.org
There are a few areas that are still under construction (photos, paypal and *members only* page).
We welcome suggestions and content.

Rerun of my favorite submission

Submitted July 2012 by M Bell

A Pilot Father's Tough Love...

Most people today think it improper to discipline children, so I have tried other methods to control my kids when they have had one of 'those moments.'

Since I'm a pilot, one that I have found very effective is for me to just take the child for a flight during which I say nothing and give the child the opportunity to reflect on his or her behavior.

I don't know whether it's the steady vibration from the engines, or just the time away from any distractions such as TV, video games, computer, iPod, etc.

Either way, my kids usually calm down and stop misbehaving after our flight together. I believe that eye to eye contact during these sessions is an important element in achieving the desired results.

I've included a photo below of one of my sessions with my son, in case you would like to use the technique...



I think the secret is the eye to eye contact. Should work with grandkids, also.



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