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BREAKFAST

By John Potter

Another good, but very basic "Safeway" cuisine breakfast. Lots of laughter in the kitchen. Well, I suppose that is good. The President took the effort to thank each of them for stepping up and helping, especially since it was a holiday weekend. In spite of the holiday there were about 28 having breakfast.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

President's message

Dave Thacker summarize the email that he had sent out several days before seeking volunteers for functions at the clubhouse as well as for special projects.

Maintenance Hangar

It was noted that the field operations crew are willing to dispose of aircraft tires and batteries but really get upset when people leave automobile tires and batteries. This is a very nice service and we must not abuse it. I should note that most auto parts stores take old batteries and dispose of them as a routine item, especially if you are a regular customer.

DUATS

The corporation that operates DUATS for the Federal Government has sent out information about the lack of funding for future operations and is soliciting support from the pilot community.

SAFETY FORUM

By Tony Tiritilli

The July 5th Safety Forum discussion was led by Tony Tiritilli. The topic focus was "...Gotta Get There Kills".

A Pilot's experiences with "Gotta get there" doesn't seem to be the kind of topic we want to discuss with our associates and friends, or maybe even recall. "Knowledge and



experience" varies from Pilot to Pilot and one Pilot's flight in weather can be another's horror story....or worse. NTSB accident reports cite factual analysis of the components of fatal accidents. "Pressure on the pilot" to make the flight is sometimes noted however, it is a subjective element of behavior in a pilot's decision process. Discussion included participation of Members of personal experiences of pressure to make flights from passengers, vacation schedules, business reasons and personal interests. The development of a pilot's experience with weather was discussed and how some of us account for this pressure in our flight planning. So let's think about "gotta get there" in its "stick and rudder" language when flight planning and not be inhibited from sharing our knowledge and experience and consulting amongst ourselves.

MDPA FLYOUT TO WATTS WOODLAND AIRPORT, SATURDAY, JULY 5 2014

Since it was a holiday weekend and many of you were probably out of town for the 4th of July celebration, we only had a few people who went on the flyout to Watts Woodland.



There were 3 aircraft piloted by Knute, Jim and John. Knute kindly agreed to take 2 passengers - Andrei and I flew with him in his Cherokee 140. Scott Davis flew with John.



Watts Woodland airport is believed to be the oldest privately owned public use airport in continuous operation in the US. It has been owned by the Watts family since 1952, was founded by the Yolo Fliers club in 1919.



Smoke advisory was in effect due to the fire in Napa. It was a little hazy but still VFR. We had a pleasant flight.





Scott Davis by Bell Helicopter

James by his Cessna



Heading back to Concord

I had to call in advance to let the restaurant know that we are flying there for lunch - they are usually not very busy and appreciate advance notice. Food was good, although none of us were really hungry – still digesting that breakfast that we had earlier. A cup of clam chowder was my choice again 😊



Here is our crew by T-37B Tweety Bird.



Join us for the next flyout!

Natasha

MDPA MEETING AND DINNER, FRIDAY, JULY 18 2014

We had The Hawaiian Luau dinner hosted by Steve Mink. The menu included BBQ chicken, BBQ beef, and Chicken Katsu, with steamed rice and macaroni salad. Dinner was served outside the club house.

Our entertainment was live music provided by Debra Lee and Brad Habit. They performed "vintage" as well as newer and original music and songs.



DebraLee and Brad.

Maureen, DebraLee,
Brad, Desmond, Kevin,
Natasha and Vadim.





Tony, Lura, Jim Coupe, Joyce, Tony Dymond and Linda.

Maurice Gunderson, long time member who will represent MDPA during the airport's economic development study.



Our great entertainers, DebraLee and Brad, Maureen, Natasha and new member Desmond with Vadim playing along on the bongos.



Maureen and Kristy wishing Kevin a Happy Birthday.



Natasha and Vadim doing the hula.



Private transportation for Bob T's dog.



Scott Davis with Katie, Natasha, Elaine, Steve & Mark.

Patti Krebs, Jude Potter, Kevin, John Potter and a long lost stranger Brian Enbom.



Steve, Diane, Bob Tucknott & Dave.

Enjoying the beautiful weather outside.



Our first feast on the new Astroturf.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear All,

How many of us remember when the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors was researching and moving toward closing Buchanan Field?

The below email from AOPA Headquarters gives information on the fight in Santa Monica where the City Council, lead by developer money, is trying to close that airport.

Remember Meigs Field where the mayor directed City bulldozers to demolish the field in the middle of the night? (Click on link below see graphic horror photos)

I have just sent my donation to the friends of the Santa Monica airport.
Please help those whom would help us in a similar situation.

Help send a message to cities and counties across America that our right to fly can and will not be bulldozed in the middle of the night.....

Thank you for considering a generous donation in support of fellow pilots across America.
David Thacker, President, MDPA

Meigs Field destruction photos. Note in one photo the tractors near the parked planes.....
Click on this link:

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From: "AOPA Government Affairs" <savesmo@aopa.org>
Date: July 24, 2014 at 6:29:22 PDT
To: KAWIKATI@HOTMAIL.COM
Subject: **Its Official – Santa Monica Airport is on the Ballot!**

Dear DAVID

Great News! The Campaign to save Santa Monica Airport (SMO) is moving forward. The [Elections Board has officially accepted the petition signatures for the Airport ballot initiative](#). Ballot initiative supporters submitted MORE THAN 15,500 signatures to the Santa Monica City Clerk – that's 6,000 more than required by law, and the **LARGEST petition submission in Santa Monica history!**

Now **YOUR** support is **CRITICAL** to victory in November!

The airport ballot proposal would change the Santa Monica City Charter to require a vote by the citizens on any city effort to redevelop airport property, close the airport, or restrict aviation activity – blocking the city council from *quick, unilateral action that would close or harm the airport*.

When local citizens launched the ballot initiative to protect this iconic airport, they faced hostile anti-airport groups, publicity-seeking lawyers, and local politicians and real-estate interests bent on redeveloping airport land. These anti-airport groups harassed signature-gatherers, misled voters, and sued the initiative proponents. Airport opponents have made clear that they have no intention of fighting fair, and we have to be ready for **anything!**

But airport supporters worked even harder, and despite the worst airport opponents could do, our efforts paid off, **and the issue is on the ballot this November!**

Now we need your help – airport opponents won't rest, and neither can we! AOPA has supported the effort every step of the way, **BUT WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE!**

Your contribution to the initiative effort provides the funds needed to keep the campaign going. It is critical to reach to voters to explain this initiative. If we win, we take these important decisions about the future of SMO and the airport property away from a hostile city council. This is critical to ensuring that this vital reliever airport stays open and viable – and we **avoid disrupting General Aviation throughout Southern California!**

Please give **NOW** – your support is critical to our effort! In addition to negatively impacting operations at every airport in the region, closure or restrictions at SMO set a **DANGEROUS AND FAR REACHING PRECEDENT** for hundreds of other airports across the nation!

[Click Here to donate right away!](#)

Remember, Santa Monica Airport plays a critical role in the California Airport System, and every aviator in California has a stake in the fate of SMO.

When we win this for Santa Monica, we win for your airport too!

Thanks for your support!

Mark R. Baker

AOPA President and CEO

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HELLO MDPA MEMBERS-PACIFIC STATES AVIATION HAS A SUMMER SPECIAL YOU MIGHT SEE THE FLYER FLOATING AROUND!

Dear Buchanan Field Flyer!

In an effort to support the local aviators Pacific States Aviation is pleased to offer what we call the summer get away fuel discount. It is simple, just mention to anyone of our staff that you wish to utilize this offer and receive \$0.25 off our posted retail price, WAIT IT GETS BETTER, top-off (that means all tanks) and receive \$0.30 off our posted retail price. Prices do fluctuate from week to week so the offer is based upon our current posted price. This offer will last all the way through September 22, 2014!

Do not worry if you miss out on the summer special we will have a Fall Flyers special as well. Expect details on this in mid-September!

Look forward to hearing from you.
The Staff at Pacific States Aviation

The Mount Diablo Pilots Association is a non-profit organization based at Buchanan Field in Concord, California (KCCR)

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

The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Sally Ride Drive in Concord, California,
do not send mail to the clubhouse address use the USPS address instead:

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