



MDPA News

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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

July

- 2** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout to Boonville
- 6** Board Meeting
- 15** Dinner Meeting

August

- 6** MDPA 40th Anniversary All-Day event
- 10** Board Meeting
- 19** Dinner Meeting

September

- 3** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout to Watsonville
- 7** Board Meeting
- 16** Dinner Meeting

October

- 1** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout to Columbia
- 5** Board Meeting
- 21** Dinner Meeting

Forty Years and Still Squawking

1976 - 2016

Please join us for a special MDPA Event!

Mount Diablo Pilots Association

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & REUNION

*Saturday, August 6, 2016, at the
Buchanan Field Airport Clubhouse*

4:00 PM – Displays, Live Entertainment, Appetizers

6:00 PM – Dinner catered by Magoo's Grill

7:00 PM – Special Recognition Honoring MDPA Founders and Long Time Members and Raffle for Valuable Aviation Prizes

\$20 Donation at the door includes Appetizers, Dinner, Soft Drinks, Entertainment and your Valuable Raffle Tickets.

Everyone in the Buchanan Field and Byron Airport community is welcome!

Please mark your calendars and make your reservation now!

Just send your name and number of people to:

party@mdpa.org

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016

By John Potter

BREAKFAST

According to our official kitchen observer, Knute Fisher, the cooking team did well. We had food for 40 and 37 showed up. I even got a young father and his daughter to come in and join us since they had disappointedly missed an EAA ride event which was not this weekend. She took some of Jim Coupe's catsup.

For 2016 I will continue to coordinate the Safety Forums.
For 2016 I will be the Head Cook once a quarter.
We need a Head Cook volunteer for September and October:

Aug	- 40th Anniversary (no breakfast)
Sept	- _____
Oct	- _____

I have a checklist and it will take a newbie about 4 hours to shop and set up. (I now have it down to less than 3 hours.)

**Note: The club policy is to deliver leftover food from the dinners and breakfasts to a needy family.*

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President's Comments

President Maurice Gunderson could not be there but wanted all to be reminded of the upcoming MDPA 40th Anniversary on Saturday, August 6th.

MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Treasurer Elaine Yeary reported the club's account funds on hand.

Activities

John Barrella announced that the fly-out would be to Grass Valley Airport.



SAFETY FORUM
Moderator – Rich Johnson

Rich was reflective about a fuel flow ordeal that he encountered very recently enroute to the Phoenix area in his Cessna T210. He had recently received the aircraft back after an engine rebuild. He noted an initial loss of fuel pressure in the Kingman area but resolved the problem by turning on the fuel pumps Low Boost setting and continued on to Chandler AZ. Inbound 10 miles from Chandler while reducing speed and altitude a full loss of fuel pressure for his IO 520 engine was experienced. He initially declared an emergency with ATC and made preparations to find the closest landing area and prepare for an emergency landing. Once he turned to the site of the potential landing he started to diagnose the problem and elected to activate the electric fuel pump on the High Boost setting. This action restored fuel pressure to the engine and normal engine operation was restored. He canceled the emergency and continued on the short distance to Chandler. Once on the ground it was noted that the attachment bolt holding the mixture control mechanism to the engine fuel controller's mixture lever (required for fuel mixture control used for fuel mixture of rich/lean or idle cut off) was missing. Apparently it had gone missing some time during the flight and the engine was operating in a very lean configuration without him being aware of the problem, although high cylinder temperatures were noted during the flight.



We must look out for each other----an MDPA "safety culture."

MDPA FLYOUT TO GRASS VALLEY, SATURDAY, JUNE 4 2016

By John Barrella

The MDPA June trip was re-directed to Grass Valley (Nevada County) to take advantage of their airport open house. We only had 4 planes make the trek but we made the best of it.

The highlight was the tour of the Cal Fire Tanker base. We got to look up close at the tanker and spotter aircraft.



We spent some time talking with the base personnel as well. They were all expecting a busy fire season this year.

There was a number local aircraft owners that did low level fly-by's that was fun to see.

We were also treated to some outrageous demonstration flights by remote controlled



helicopter operators. All that with bar-b-que and cold drinks made for a real fine day.



Additional Note by John Potter

Had a very nice MDPA trip to Grass Valley. Upon return to Concord, left main gear inner tube ruptured and tire went flat instantly while taxiing. I had to be towed to parking. There was no damage to the tire itself so got new tube to complete the repair.

It is unexplainable for a tube that has been on the aircraft for about 122 tac hours. I estimate 46 takeoffs/landings. There was no evidence of folds or creases in the tube. (I usually get 450 to 600 tac hours per set of tires so this is worrisome.) I have the same type tube in the other tire since I replace tubes each time I get new tires.

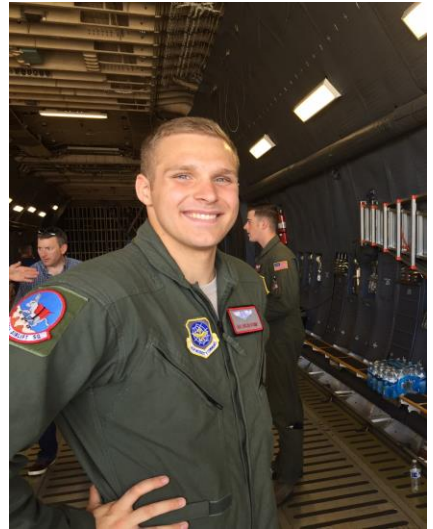
I shipped the damaged tube to Goodyear in hopes that they will provide an answer as to why this product failed. It is true that the product typically has a short shelf life. It certainly could have had very serious consequences beyond the inconvenience that I suffered.



FLYOUT TO TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, SATURDAY, JUNE 25 2016







MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, JUNE 17 2016, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell



Maurice making announcements with John and Jude facing camera



Our speaker, Col. Bill Condray of the Commemorative Air Force



CAF's Navion



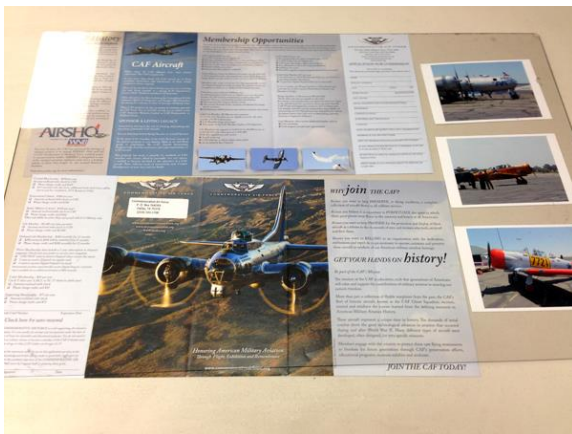
Information from the CAF



Jude, Maureen, Diane and Patti. Right. Pierre's guest, Pierre, DeWitt and Stew



Everyone interested in the speaker except his wife who has heard it all before, so she decided to enjoy the fabulous dessert!



Information from the CAF



Speaker has everyone's attention



Look what you missed – perfectly cooked prime rib!



Little Man

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
HISTORIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY
EVERYONE WELCOME!



Buchanan Field Clubhouse –
200 Sally Ride Drive Concord
For details visit the Mount Diablo Pilots
Association @ www.MDPA.org

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

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

MDPA Board Members:

President - Maurice Gunderson
Treasurer - Elaine Yeary
Secretary - Maureen Bell
Programs/Guest Speakers - Pierre Bidou
Website/Dinner - Robert Torrey
Facilities - Scott Achelis
Activities/Flyout – John Barrella

Non-Directors:

Safety Meetings – John Potter
Past President – David Thacker
Newsletter/Social Media - Natasha Doktorova

**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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