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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

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

November

- 2** Board Meeting
- 5** Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout to Chico
- 18** Dinner Meeting

December

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

MDPA 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & REUNION SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016

by Maureen Bell

Our 40th anniversary turned out to be a great success, thanks to the help of your board and local businesses. What a great display of prizes available, from Reno Air Race tickets and JetSuite flights to aviation fuel and dining at Magoo's Grill. Smiles were everywhere and three people decided they wanted to be a part of our group so they enrolled that evening and one more renewed their membership. Several members from way back were spotted amongst the crowd and it was interesting to discover how their lives had changed but they still wanted to come back and celebrate with us.

One highlight of the evening was the arrival of a CALSTAR helicopter and what a surprise when they landed and out comes an all-female crew!! Where was our photographer then, he must have been dancing to the band.

All in all, a great evening. It was good to see so many new people and with the help from so many businesses on the field, it was a great feeling of coming together for the benefit of all.





Some of the local aircraft on display



Beautiful evening to sit outside listening to the band.



John P. giving the history of the club.



Brian Enbom & Diane Cole, former presidents of MDPA



Large group showing lots of smiles



Several long time members, Steve Kennedy, Cathy Roberts, Jerry Alves, Ralph Davis and Rich Roberts, lower right hand corner.



Dick Gebhardt, Rich Johnson, Jim Coupe. Duane Allen, Bob Lively, Caren Johnson and our Tower Chief, Charles Deavers.



Maurice handing a winning prize to Maureen.



DeWitt Hodge, another lucky winner



Marielle Moyer, one more winner



Maurice with the final prize, souvenirs from OshKosh



Brian Enbom donated a part of our history back to the club



Rich Johnson, John & Jude with Scott Davis – looks as if someone won a prize in that group.



Pete Monillas with his band



Natasha, Jerry trying to hide dessert & Vadim



End of a perfect evening



MDPA thanks all of the sponsors who donated very generous prizes for our 40th Anniversary and Reunion raffle. We had nineteen lucky winners!

Thank You Note

All I can say is "Thank you and other unsung heroes for a great get together". All the hard work from beginning to end is surely appreciated by others ... and certainly by me. I no longer have a plane and no longer a member ... but the memories of great times flying and knowing many who were present, and more who were not, give me much for which to be thankful that I yearned and learned to become a pilot.

















Stay well, keep the shiny side up and the dirty side down.

Ralph Davis

John Potter's Note

Our fabulous Head Cook / Breakfast & Safety Forum Coordinator John Potter read the following letter at the 40th Anniversary Celebration that he wrote back in 2001, 15 years ago, for 25th year Celebration – please see next page.

Dominic Aliano of Supervisor Karen Mitchoff's office presented MDPA this certificate on Saturday before our 40th Anniversary and Reunion. Maurice accepted it on behalf of all MDPA's Members, past and present.

Prize No 1		Reno Air Races! Two Reserved Seat Tickets with Pit Passes & One Day Close-In Parking Saturday, September 17, 2016 Donated by an MDPA Member
Prize No 2		Two Hours in PSA's Redbird Flight Simulator Donated by Pacific States Aviation
Prize No 3		Pitot Static Test For single system with Mode C or ADS-B Transponder Donated by Sterling Aviation
Prizes No 4,5,6,7		One Month Subscription to UPS's Pilot Services Access 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM, M-F Four Free Flight Simulator Sessions Discount 172 Checkout (\$129/hr) Participation in UPS's Seminars & Events September 1 - 30, 2016 (Four identical prizes!) Donated by United Pilot Services
Prize No 8		One Case of AeroShell Aviation Oil Your choice of W100, W100 Plus or 15W-50 Donated by an MDPA Member
Prize No 9		VIP Tour of the CCR Tower See CCR operations with the other side of those big windows. Date and time at mutual convenience. Courtesy of CCR Tower Personnel
Prize No 10		One Round Trip Concord - Burbank on JetSuiteX's luxurious Embraer Jets. Donated by JetSuiteX.
Prizes No 11,12		Dining at Magoo's Grill \$25 Gift Certificate (Two identical prizes!) Donated by Magoo's Grill of Pleasant Hill
Prize No 13		25 Gallons of 100LL AvGas Donated by Pacific States Aviation
Prize No 14		One Single Engine Airplane Oil Change Donated by Pacific States Aviation
Prize No 15		An IPC or Two Hours with a CFII in Sterling's Redbird Flight Simulator Donated by Sterling Aviation
Prize No 16		San Francisco Giants -vs- Pittsburgh Pirates Two Club Level Seats August 15, 2016
Prize No 17		Two Day Rental of a 2016 Mercedes-Benz Donated by GoRentals KCCR
Prize No 18		One Single or Twin Pitot Static Test Donated by Pacific States Aviation

2001

MDPA Reflections - after 25 years!

John Potter, Past-President 1988

Incredible, 21/2 decades! Larry Hancock, the club founder, commented to me recently in a personal note that said that others at the time did not expect the club to last more than a couple of years. That caused me to think, "well---there really must have been a good reason, i.e. a "market niche", for the club's continued existence over the years.

I suppose it's too complex for me to figure out, but obviously there was a need at Concord for pilots to have a way to share their common bond. There's no on-field coffee shop and only an eclectic collection of dispersed, "comfy" hangers for that select few who have them where neighboring pilots can gather. Nevertheless, there is nothing to offer a common, central place to routinely gather.

MDPA monthly meetings in borrowed locations over the 1st fifteen years served that purpose, and most important of all, it provided a "muster list" and a newsletter. That was the key, I think---contact information, a way to communicate. We had a way to mobilize and to have a voice when something in our common interest was being threatened or needed attention. It has been a forum for debating the issues and for forming a consensus for at least going in the same direction. And yes, it was of course a gathering for "hanger talk", whatever that means to pilots (and it means a lot!).

All of that was invaluable to me in those early years. I could not hang around the field yet needed a place to talk-the-talk of aviation, especially as I moved slowly in the direction of ownership, a life's dream. Joining the MDPA crowd was the way to deal with that need. I now had a way to gather "intelligence information", a way to find out who the good instructors were, where maintenance could be reliably done and a way to talk about safety and the mistakes that we all seem to make. Moreover, it was a place where Jude could participate.

All that came to me clearly at the July BBQ gathering of the "clan", past and present. It struck me, that was a wonderful way to mobilize the start of the 25th year celebration and to get ready for the more formal recognition at the September dinner.

Warm Regards to all
John Potter

Aviation Oil at Wholesale Prices for MDPA Members.

MDPA Aviation Oil Program V1.0

Order by the Last Saturday, Pickup the following First Saturday

A New Benefit for MDPA Members

Those of us who do our own oil changes know that aviation oil is becoming more difficult to obtain locally, and shipping charges make it very expensive to buy from on-line merchants. MDPA has created a program for Members to purchase oil at wholesale prices, with delivery to the Clubhouse. This results in about 30 percent savings compared to on-line retailers.

We have AeroShell 100 Straight Mineral Oil, W100, W100 Plus, 15W-50, and Phillips X/C 20W-50, all in twelve quart cases. We may add more products depending on demand and your suggestions.

You can order any time. The Last Saturday of each month is the cutoff for orders for delivery on the following First Saturday. Delivery will be at MDPA's First Saturday breakfast at the Clubhouse.

To get started, go to the store link:

<https://store9799013.ecwid.com/>

The first time you place an order you will be asked to create an account. The software will ask for both delivery and billing addresses. Please input the address associated with your PayPal account in both places. Note that your purchase will be delivered to the Clubhouse, not to your PayPal delivery address.

This is a new program for MDPA, thus the designation V1.0. Please give it a try and let us know what you think, and of course let us know right away if you have any problems. Contact info for Maurice Gunderson: M - 415-810-4559, E - mauricegunderson@mac.com

We are ready to go!

Order by the Last Saturday - August 27

Pick up the First Saturday - September 3

Anticipated Questions

(Not yet "Frequently Asked" because we are just starting!)

Q: Can anyone use this service?

A: This service is provided by volunteer MDPA Members for the benefit of fellow current MDPA Members only. If you are not an MDPA Member, please join today. You will save your annual dues on the first two cases you buy each year.

Q: Can I purchase just a few quarts, or do I have to buy a full case?

A: We sell products by the full twelve quart case only.

Q: How do I pay? Do you accept cash or checks? Credit cards?

A: You pay using PayPal on line when you place your order. Credit cards can be used through PayPal. We do not accept cash or checks.

Q: How and when can I place my order?

A: Place your order any time using the special URL link provided above. The Last Saturday of each month is the cutoff for orders for delivery on the following First Saturday.

Q: Where and when can I pick up my order?

A: Orders will be available for pickup at the Buchanan Field Airport Clubhouse at MDPA's First Saturday Breakfast. Normally this is held at 9:00 AM on the first Saturday of every month.

Q: Can I have my order delivered to my address?

A: No. We are eliminating shipping costs to keep prices as low as possible.

Q: Can I pick up my order at the wholesaler?

A: Not at this time. In the future we may make this option available for large orders or drums.

Q: Since MDPA is a non-profit corporation, do we have to pay sales tax?

A: MDPA is a non-profit corporation, but we are passing the products on to individual Members who unfortunately are not tax exempt. MDPA pays sales tax on the wholesale price of the products we buy, and we sell the products to Members at no markup.



FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

HISTORIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Buchanan Field Clubhouse –
200 Buchanan Field Rd 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 Buchanan Field Road in Concord, California,
*do not send mail to the clubhouse address, use the USPS address instead:***

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