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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

March 2017

- 1 Board Meeting
- 4 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 17 Dinner Meeting

April 2017

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

May 2017

- 3 Board Meeting
- 6 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout
- 19 Dinner Meeting

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

Planned for 40 and 42 showed up. This was our second experience with a Cooking Team and it went very well except we ran out of food and more customers showed up so we had to fire up and start cooking again. The Head Cook job was divided up to three tasks, shopping, setting-up and a person in charge, Head Cook, to make sure that the food was ready on time and properly prepared. I really tried hard to stay out of the way and not interfere. Stewart Bowers stepped in and did the eggs over-easy, flipping in the air without breaking any yolks. He only had one catastrophe when the eggs had a mind of its own and went astray.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President’s Comments

President Maurice Gunderson provided a summary of the current programs for oil, fuel discounts and the coming new Web site, MDPA.org.

Director of Airports

Keith Freitas described the future repaving schedules for the runways.

MDPA Treasurer

Elaine Yeary noted that new members had signed up.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Paul Millner

Paul presented these items for discussion.

1. Not getting a full weather briefing before every flight - How do you get yours? Do you get the same briefing for IFR, VFR or just a local area flight?
2. Rushing through a preflight. What should be the minimum time? Do you do the same preflight for IFR as you would for VFR?
3. Doing an incomplete or no run-up. How long is it supposed to take? Is it going to be the same run-up for every type flight?
4. Multitasking while taxiing - do you do it?
5. Not using a checklist every time. What checklist do you use? (digital, paper, other...) Are you using the same checklist for IFR as well as for VFR?

Multiple sources of weather briefings was discussed and well as methods for getting it documented that a briefing was in fact conducted in the event a pilot gets challenged by the FAA. It was even mentioned that “screen shots” of the computer screen portraying weather information was one way to document. It was a lively information exchange that well exceeded the hour that is normally allowed.

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

FLY-OUT TO CASTLE AIR MUSEUM, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

Mike Harris and Cathy Shelton led the flyout after Breakfast and Safety forum to Castle Air Museum - a military aviation museum located in Atwater, California. The museum is adjacent to Castle Airport, a former United States Air Force Strategic Air Command base which was closed after the end of the Cold War in 1995. It is one of the largest aerospace museums displaying vintage aircraft in the western United States.







CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER PRESENTATION, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 2017, 6:30PM

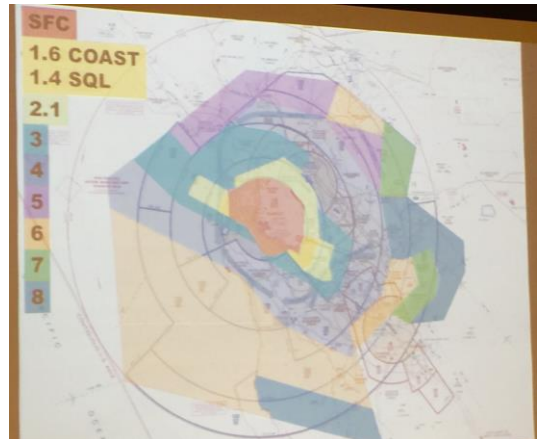
Renee Robinson was our Guest Speaker at February 17th, 2017 Dinner meeting. She recently attended an FAA presentation regarding proposed changes for the San Francisco Class Bravo airspace. Renee shared this information with fellow pilots for a group discussion and informed them of how to make comments to the FAA.



The SFO Class Bravo airspace is about to be completely redesigned. The Upside-Down Wedding Cake changes from right annular sectors to right p-gonal prisms! Is that a good thing or a bad thing?



Our presenter, Renee Robinson, has worked in the telecommunications field for over 20 years. During this time she has worked on systems for the Air Force, MCI, and the FAA. In her personal time, she flies as often as she can. With over 750 hours, she is currently on her third airplane which she flew to Oshkosh in 2015.





MDPA Members Only Benefits

*For details go to MDPA.org, log in as a Member,
and go to “Stores and Discounts.”*

MDPA Aviation Oil Program

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.

MDPA 100LL Fuel Discount at CCR

MDPA has established a 100LL Fuel Discount Program with Sterling Aviation at CCR. This new discount began January 1, 2017 and is available to Members every day.

Members receive a MDPA 100LL Discount Card shortly after joining or renewing. Show your card to the Sterling truck driver to receive the MDPA Discount. The card is **REQUIRED** every time. Your card will be valid through December 31, and a new card will be sent when you renew your membership every year. The old First Saturday discount that was available only one day each month has been discontinued.

This is a new program for MDPA. 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.

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
Vice President - - Pierre Bidou
Treasurer - Elaine Yeary
Secretary - Maureen Bell
Programs/Guest Speakers - Pierre Bidou
Facilities - DeWitt Hodge
Activities/Flyout – John Barrella

Non-Directors:

Safety Forums – John Potter
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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