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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

May 2017

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

June 2017

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

July 2017

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

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

Planned for 40 and 39 showed up. This was our 4th experience with a Cooking Team and it again went very well, no exceptions. The original “Head Cook” job was divided up into three tasks, shopping, setting-up and a person in-charge, i.e. the **Head Cook**. He was the person to make sure that the food was ready on time and properly prepared. Again, I really tried hard to stay out of the way and to not interfere. Volunteers stepped in and did their own eggs-to-order, just as it should be, except that our own “Executive Chef” snuck in and starting flipping eggs **surreptitiously!**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President’s Comments

President Maurice Gunderson was not able to attend but provided a note about the current programs for oil, fuel discounts and the new Web site, mdpa.org. The system is now on-line and the member’s section is available for those who have paid their dues.

Director of Airports

Keith Freitas was not present.

MDPA Treasurer’s Remarks

Elaine Yeary noted that a new member had signed up and dues collected.

Activities

There was no fly-out but there was a display of aircraft.

SAFETY FORUM

Moderator – Leslie Adams

Leslie brought to the table thoughts on her personal experiences as a pilot. Most of her hours have been in rental C-172s out of Livermore and also now Concord.

She posed the first question along with an observation---most pilots after licensing don't do a weight and balance before flight. She noted that many are so familiar with their aircraft that they do not consider it necessary and take for granted that they know the maximum allowances of their airplane.

She told of her experience at Columbia which is at a higher elevation and taking off with a full load and partial fuel on a hot day and the anxiety of getting airborne. Add to that the voices of the passengers urging her to proceed made it difficult for this low-time pilot to practice what she'd been taught.

In many cases shared by the pilots "get there it-is" played a role in many trips and was often a very large factor in whether to proceed with the flight or not. Of course that leads to the compounding of heightened anxiety.

In another case out of Napa marginal weather was a concern that it was beyond her experience and abilities to handle the challenges of low ceilings and wind conditions. Again anxieties were the biggest problem even though her trip was successfully completed.

Editor's Comment:

One seasoned pilot in a previous forum noted: "The outcome of a flight should never be in **doubt.**"

Well, I wonder, is that really relevant? The only way experience is gained and anxiety moderated is to successfully complete such trips. A pilot can only grow in experience and knowledge by overcoming **doubt** by good planning and taking on the challenge commensurate with their skill level. That means progressive and continued training, sometimes a little out of one's comfort zone. No matter what, the nature of flying will always include anxiety.

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

MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, APRIL 21 2017, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

April 21, 2017 turned out to be a great day. Nearly 80 people arrived at the clubhouse, not only for the great food but the thought of seeing two extraordinary men. First MDPA gave their first ever honorary membership to Dr. "Dick" Rihn who has been such a champion for our association over many, many years. Congratulations Dick and many thanks to his son and daughter for accompanying him. He was also presented an award by the president of EAA393, Bill Bower.

Honorary Member
A big Thank You to Gentleman Dr. Dick Rihn
MDPA's life-long friend and counselor on aviation safety
"A Pilot's-Pilot"
Since 1976 - Present



MDPA Honorary Member Proclamation

In accordance with the

MDPA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

“6. Honorary Members. The Board may designate individuals to be an Honorary Member for such duration as deemed appropriate. Honorary Members are not required to pay dues.”

The MDPA Board of Directors proclaim that Dr. Richard Rihn as its first Honorary Member and as such will no longer pay dues nor have any other meeting obligations.

The remarkable Dick Rihn gave us encouragement and leadership during a time of great turmoil when seeking a clubhouse as our first “home” in 1995. He was the peacemaker that allowed moving forward. He has been our long serving expert aviation safety counselor with his years of aerobatic experience, always lending reality in our Safety Forum deliberations on safe flight. He is well known in the EAA community as well.

Maurice Gunderson, President
Mt. Diablo Pilot's Association

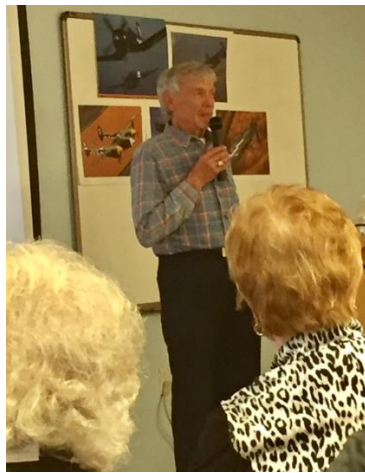


Bill Bower & Dr. "Dick" Rihn



Maurice Gunderson & Dr. "Dick" Rihn

Our speaker Willie Sharp, a former Navy and United Airlines pilot came next, with an engrossing story of his Crusader being shot down over Vietnam, his capture and escape all within 8 minutes on November 18, 1965. He was such an entertaining speaker no-one wanted him to stop and he was invited to return any time.



Our speaker with an outline of the radio communications as his Crusader is shot down.



Many thanks to Pete Monillas, Chet Robbins, and Maurice Gunderson for the great photos taken, so many in fact, that many names have to be omitted.









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:

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Vice President - - Pierre Bidou
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