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MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events

September 2018

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

October 2018

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

November 2018

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

MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018

By John Potter

“HANGAR TALK” HOUR

Rus Atkinson, the Head Cook, had almost enough cooks by the Wednesday deadline so I put out the word that we would have breakfast. We got cooks ---almost too many cooks! (That is why it is essential that volunteers

!!!!Register!!!!!!!

so that we can have the “right” number of people!)

Those that responded to the call:

- Rus Adkinson* – Head Cook
- Tony Tiritilli - Shopping
- Ed Neffinger
- Bill Darnell
- Ronnie Rolph - new
- Knute Fisher*
- Paul Milner*
- Jeff Klaus
- Eric Shuldt - EAA
- George Grech - Set-Up

*Those that **registered**.



We are now depending 100% on MDPA members to respond to the request for helpers that comes out a week before the Saturday Safety Forum by going to the MDPA website calendar and registering. As you can see above, we had too many helpers and many didn’t get a chance to participate. Failure to register means that we do not know how many will

show up and it waste people's time, even though it does get people out of the house and to the Safety Forum!

The "Head Cook" Team is divided into three tasks:

- **Head Cook** - Makes sure that the food is ready on time and properly prepared.
- **Shopping** - Get the food (usually at Costco and Safeway).
- **Set-up** - Prepare the kitchen and serving area for serving and store the equipment afterwards.



ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

MDPA President's Comments

Maurice Gunderson updated the track of EAA393 member John Koehler during his around-the-world flight in his homebuilt RV-9. Ed Neffinger added details of the trip since he has been following the day-to-day events of the flight. He commented that John had to leave the airplane in Hawaii in order to come home and get some parts before he could continue the journey.

Note: The MDPA website homepage has more information on the trip.

The MDPA summer BBQ is planned for 8/25/18 at the clubhouse.

Oil orders were available with lower pricing using a new bulk-ordering plan.

Maurice announced that with Scott Davis no longer being our Executive Chef that there is need for a "Dinner Coordinator." Please consider volunteering.

Note: The Historic Aircraft Display, when weathered out, is noticed by MDPA. For this to allow an exemption, the aircraft owner must have pre-registered the aircraft on the MDPA website.

Director of Airports Comments

Keith introduced Russell Milburn as the new Assistant Director of Airports-Operations. Russell (Rusty) replaced a similar position held by long time airport employee KC Coyle, which retired in 2011. Rusty worked 10 years at the Kirksville, Missouri Airport as an Operations/ARFF employee before coming to Contra Costa County. He has been with Contra Costa County for the last 10 years as an Airport Safety Officer III and IV before being promoted to the Assistant Director-Operations position. Rusty also holds an



FAA A&P Mechanics Certificate.

MDPA Treasurer's Remarks

Elaine Yeary was present and collected the breakfast donations. One new member paid dues, Ronnie Rolph from Seattle with an RV7.

Activities

Scott Davis briefed on the planned fly-out to the Concord Tower.

SAFETY FORUM

Keith Freitas introduced the new Concord ATCT Manager Bob Convery. Bob made a safety presentation regarding near accident at SFO between two commercial aircraft and the importance of read back communications. Bob has worked the past 20 plus years at Oakland Center in Fremont and Livermore Airport.

Tower Manager Bob Convery spoke about the conditions in which the tower would be non-operational (ATC zero) during normal business hours. He explained that this was a less-than-ideal situation but that it was necessary in the interest of safety due to fatigue mitigation for the controllers. He also said that they are working on limiting these outages by schedule adjustments and would do everything we could to minimize such occurrences.

Bob then chronicled the FAA's top 5 safety issues and highlighted one in particular. He explained that wrong-surface landings and runway incursions were on the rise and that it was a major safety concern at all airports but especially here at CCR. There had been 8 incursions for the previous 12 month period; 1 vehicle, 1 unauthorized departure and 6 with aircraft crossing the hold-short bars. Two of which were by the same aircraft.

He then showed a video that showed a commercial airliner almost taxi on to a runway (SFO) that was being used by a B777 on its takeoff roll. This was to illustrate that lapses in awareness can happen anywhere at any time and we all need to work as a team to reduce and eliminate such situations. He stated we must work together to insure that both pilots and controllers are communicating clearly.



Historical perspective from old CCR days – Guy Black

Guy had some points but since we ran overtime with the FAA session, they will be presented at the next opportunity.

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

MDPA SUMMER BARBEQUE & PARTY, SARTURDAY, AUGUST 25 2018, 6:30PM

by Maureen Bell

I guess we need to have more BBQ's at the clubhouse – 100 members and guests arrived for a fabulous feast and great entertainment.

Even though we are sad that our member Scott Davis has sold his great restaurant and will no longer be our executive chef, we cannot thank him enough for all the times he and his helpers have taken the time and energy to provide us with so many enticing dinners. Thank you so much Scott, we will never forget your help and your talents.



Our thanks also to Kimmie and Jennifer from PSA for tending the bar all evening – if ever you leave aviation you have a second career waiting!

Finally our special thanks to Kevin Kennedy, son of Steve and Diane, for keeping memories of all our meetings by taking so many photos throughout the years – great job Kevin.

Maurice Gunderson, our President, did wonders keeping track of attendees even though he was out of the country until the evening before. The remainder of our board did the set-up and clean-up of the clubhouse, which was no easy task with so many people attending – thank you all.











The band packing up at the end of a perfect evening.

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



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200 Buchanan Field Rd Concord
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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 Directors & Officers:

President - Maurice Gunderson
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**The MDPA clubhouse is located at 200 Buchanan Field Road in Concord, California,
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