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## MDPA BREAKFAST AND SAFETY FORUM, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

*By Tom Hammitt, Breakfast Coordinator*

### **MDPA Calendar Upcoming Events**

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#### **March 2020**

- 4 Board Meeting*
- 7 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout*
- 20 Dinner Meeting*

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#### **April 2020**

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

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#### **May 2020**

- 2 Breakfast, Safety Forum & Flyout*
  - 6 Board Meeting*
  - 15 Dinner Meeting*
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The first-Saturday breakfast last February 1<sup>st</sup> featured another great turnout among members for memorable hangar flying and an outstanding safety seminar. And, of course, breakfast cuisine par excellence, thanks to our volunteer cooks and members bringing side dishes.

An important goal for your humble BC is to bring some healthy diversity to the monthly breakfast menu, without abandoning any of our customary dishes. The concept is that offering some lighter, heart-healthy alternatives may attract more members than our 40-50 "breakfast regulars," bringing more people into the safety seminars and fly-outs. For the March breakfast (March 7<sup>th</sup>), one member has volunteered a fresh fruit salad, and your BC will bring a vegan side dish, in addition to our usual bacon, sausage, eggs (2 ways!), biscuits, gravy, grits, bad coffee, etc.

At the February breakfast, our president, Rich Cunningham, brought up the need to increase the breakfast donation, which has been \$5/member for decades. Apparently our groceries have run at a loss for some time. By near-unanimous vote of the members present, the donation was increased to \$10. Hopefully this will not be increased again for another few decades. It also was decided that volunteer cooks will be exempt from the donation.

Your BC asks that members understand this was independent of the plan to develop a broader menu. However, the increase will bring plenty of funding to reimburse members voluntarily bringing side dishes.

Speaking of which, the March 7<sup>th</sup> breakfast announcement should be in your in-box by now. Please, members who might care to bring a side dish, please notify the BC in advance at tomhammitt@astound.net. Thank you!

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **Director of Airports' Comments**

The Director of Airports discussed the following items:

- The Runway 14L/32R pavement reconstruction project is expected to start the week of April 13, 2020. Work will also include repairs to the concrete pads on Runway 01L/19R. The entire project require approximately 120 days
- Ground water testing, as required by the CA Water Board, is expected to start the week of February 24, 2020 and will continue for 3-4 weeks.
- FAA is reporting that the Class D airspace will be expanding from 2.8 miles to 4.1 miles on May 21, 2020.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> annual tenant and business marketing BBQ is planned for Thursday, May 7, 2020.

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

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### **MDPA DINNER MEETING, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020 @ 6:30PM**

*by Maureen Bell*

Great crowd at the annual crab feed last night and the food was delicious! Not only did we have fresh crab but, roast beef, chicken, salads and garlic bread!



Many thanks to our chefs, DeWitt and Maurice and their helpers Donna, Elaine, Rich, Joanne, Jim and Maureen.

Some of you may remember Don from our Christmas party – a Marine veteran from the VA Centre in Martinez who played the keyboard, well he came back and played for us last night. The first person who guessed the name of the songs he played received a surprise from his helper Darlyn.

Our thanks also to Jennifer and Tanya our friendly bartenders who spent their evening collecting donations for the club.



I saw many new faces last night and I wondered if it was because the dinner was held on a Saturday – I certainly noticed the traffic was so much lighter than on a Friday.



Hoping to see you all again at our next get together!





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- 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

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