

If it's in the Newsletter, it must be true...

# Maine Powerchute Association

## Newsletter

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### Christmas party

Well, the summer went by pretty quickly and autumn is almost over, so it must be time for our annual Christmas party and membership meeting again! I'm sure you all have the date marked in big red letters on your calendar or your smart phone, but in case your dog ate your calendar or your phone fell in the toilet, here's the information:

Date – Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Time – 3:00 PM  
Place – Great Wall Buffet  
Address – 1 Anthony Dr. Augusta  
Cost – probably nothing  
Dress – see below

As usual, due to the astute stewardship of our Treasurer extraordinaire, Bonnie, we have enough money from our membership dues (and from heavy betting on the Patriots) so the we can pay for the party from those funds (except for alcoholic drinks – hint – drink heavily BEFORE you get there :^)

Again as usual, we'll also have a picture show from the many photos our members took during the year (as edited), our membership meeting to discuss the past year and how we can make our club work even better next year, and of course our MPA Highlight video for the big finish. We usually end by 5:30 to 6:00. Actually, we get thrown out by 6:00.

And oh yeah – the buffet dinner is quite good also. And of course, the company of your fellow MPA members is priceless!

### Event wrap-up

Adventure trip – super event at Ft. Kent again this year. George and Kelly were great hosts as usual, and we had some excellent weather and flying opportunities. Had a tour of the historic parts of Ft. Kent, with a trip to my favorite venue, the training site for the US Winter Olympic biathlon and cross-country ski teams.

From Ft. Kent, we migrated to Presque Isle for another wonderful few days, with Paul Cyr as our host at his super grass trip. Always enjoy flying in that area with all the farm land. Good weather for flying again. We did a fly-by in sort-of a formation at a nearby town event, followed by a pretty good formation picture-taking fly-by. See highlights of that at our MPA party.



Bethel – the original plan for that event was in Milan, NH, but that venue wasn't quite ready for us so we moved it to Bethel. Nice turnout for that as well. Had a little excitement as Mike's engine quit during one of our trips, but he did a great job putting it down so nobody got hurt. Well, except for the plane – it wasn't as healthy as it was at the beginning of the trip. And luckily, we had a good crew of his fellow fliers there to help extract the plane from the bushes.

### Senior thoughts...

*I thought growing old would take longer.*

*When I say "the other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.*

### Annual fashion section

As a public service, we once again answer the question that comes up every year, “What do I wear to the MPA Christmas party?” So instead up spending a lot of money on the latest fashions, here are a few suggestions for clothes that you can make from stuff lying around your house.

For men, here are a few pictures to inspire you.



For women, it gets a little more complicated, but with some imagination, old pieces of clothing and stuff around the laundry room can be turned into a fashion statement. Here are some ideas.



### Dues due!

The Christmas party is also a great opportunity to pay your dues to Bonnie for 2019! The dues are a measly \$20, which hasn't changed since the year 1990 – what a deal. So what do you get for your hard-earned \$20? Ah, ah, ah - how about them Patriots?

OK, you really do get something. There's the Christmas party, of course, and the Newsletters to scintillate and challenge your mind and your good taste, and our award-winning web site (it's [www.mainelechutes.com](http://www.mainelechutes.com), in case you've been asleep for the last 20 years) to keep up with all our MPA activities and schedules, and of course my favorite, finally being able to belong to a club whose standards are low enough so it accepts even me.

The dues are due in January of each year, so if you forgot your wallet at the Christmas party, you can mail it to Bonnie Micue, P.O.Box 13, Warren, ME 04864.

### Annual meeting

An important part of MPA Christmas event is our membership meeting. This is a good time to bring up your suggestions for our future fly-in schedule, new places to visit, ways to improve club activities, how to recruit more (especially younger) members, safety issues, and any other suggestions you may have of general interest to our members. So think of some now and bring them to the meeting.

### Fun stuff

*If you're bored, go to the mall, find a great parking spot, and sit in your car with the reverse lights on.*

*If you're sitting in public and a person takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and quietly say "Did you bring the money?"*

*You know that tingly little feeling you get when you love someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.*

*Sometime someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and may change your life forever. These people are called cops.*

**Fashion advice continued...**

Of course, knowing what NOT to wear may be as important as knowing the opposite. So the pictures below give you an idea of what is considered inappropriate or too formal for our Christmas party.



**Winter flying**

For some weird reason, very very few of our MPA members engage in this delightful activity. Surprisingly, quite a few of these non-participants have skis fitted to their machines, just sitting in the basement waiting to be immersed in the snow.

Well, luckily, frozen lakes and snow covered fields are almost here. In the past, we've scheduled winter fly-in events, but alas, only the organizer showed up. So having learned our lesson, we're not scheduling any events for winter (i.e. ski events).

However, we will be having impromptu get-togethers in the winter, announced through our email messaging system. So go talk to your lonely skis and tell them there's hope yet.

While you're doing that, you might want to gather any and all warm clothes – pretend you're going snowmobiling. Except winter flights have a usual duration of 20 to 30 minutes, at which time ice cream headache and impending frostbite set in, and the urge to return to home base and warmth causes common sense to return.

On the upside, one more thing to check off your bucket list.

Note from experience: You never really appreciate warmth until you've gone winter flying in a powered parachute.

**Smile**

*Picked up a hitch hiker. Seemed like a nice guy. After a while, he asked me if I wasn't afraid he was a serial killer.*

*I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely.*

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*A recent article in the Bangor Daily New reported that a man, David Harper has sued the Eastern Maine Medical Center, claiming that after his wife had surgery there, she lost all interest in sex.*

*The hospital spokesperson replied that "Mrs. Harper was admitted for cataract surgery. All we did was correct her eyesight."*

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*Therapist: "Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?"*

*Patient: "To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers."*



***Safety advice: This is NOT appropriate clothing for winter flying.***

**The End**

There'll be no Newsletter until next year! Hey – no cheering!

