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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the August issue of the Flyer, I talked about the NTSB's current focus on the leading cause for fatal accidents in GA: Loss of Control Incidents. I'm sure everyone found it a compelling read. If you want to go back and review it quickly, please do. I'll wait.

As mentioned in the last sentence, I did make an appointment and flew with a local SMO flight school owner. The questions on the table for the day was this: are my personal flying habits and procedures as safe/thorough as I think they are or am I kidding myself? Do my habits indicate any tendencies that I might become a loss of control statistic? Am I doing anything that an experienced pilot would consider just plain stupid?

Without a doubt, it was an interesting day. We spent about an hour doing some prep work, flew to a few different airports around the area, and an in-depth debrief.

From what I could tell, he was relaxed and taking notes during the entire trip ... not a single white-knuckle moment, so it was good start. As we went through his notes in the debrief, just a few major themes came up.

First, he talked about the pilots his flight school sees who raise these same questions. These pilots also tend to ask how they can become better. These characteristics, and the people who also follow through, he believes makes safer pilots.

Next topic: staying ahead, staying ahead of both the airplane and within the overall flight environment, touching on a wide range of topics from the NTSB-related questions to getting ATIS as early as practical. He was happy with what he saw.

Last, though certainly not least, came his recommendations. I was pleasantly surprised that the list was short with just a few worthwhile suggestions. A little more of this, a little less of that, overall, just a few tweaks of some sound habits and flows.

What's the take-away from the day? Getting a reality check on our flying skills from someone you respect is good. Doing it with someone you're never flown with gives a fresh perspective. And getting a little confirmation that I'm not doing anything blatantly stupid when I'm in the left seat, a definite plus.

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**October Dinner Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 21st
Lulu's**

**6:00—Schmoozing
6:30—Dinner
7:30 —Speaker**

**This month's speaker is
Greg Lavendar,
Supervisor of Airport
Operations at VNY, who
will be speaking about
(what else?)
operations at VNY**

**Don't miss this—
this topic will enlighten all who
are based at VNY as well as all
who fly to VNY**

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carpool if you can**

**BOARD MEETING
Signature Aviation, VNY
Saturday Oct. 27th
10:00 am
We Have Donuts**

AIRVENTURERS APPLICANT CHECKLIST

DATE	APPLICANT	SPONSOR	FEE	DINNER MEETING		FLY-IN	
				co-host	add'l	co-host	add'l
2/16	Landi	Eisenberg	Y	Y	Y	Y	
12/16	Brend	Frangos	Y	Y	Y		Y
3/18	Schmitt		Y		Y		
4/18	LaPook	Eisenberg	Y		Y		
5/18	Balady	Savage	Y		Y		
5/18	Klein	Cheer	Y	Y	Y		Y
5/18	Murthy	Eisenberg	Y		Y		Y
5/18	Baines	Eisenberg	Y		Y		
8/18	Abramson	Salmon	Y	Y			Y
9/18	Frankel	Eisenberg	Y		Y		

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2018 CALENDAR

	DINNER	BOARD	FLY-IN DATE	DESTINATION	HOST
OCT	21	27	????????	Prescott, AZ	Klenner
NOV	18	24	10	China Lake	Rainey
DEC	1	29		Holiday Party 	Stewart

FIESTA—50 Airventurers and applicants attended the September Fiesta at the Rifkin's home in Agoura Hills. The weather was perfect and margarita-maker Yoni Boujo did a spectacular job ... I never saw a dry glass. Thanks to all who brought wonderful desserts. Very few were left uneaten. And I think all enjoyed the food from the taco truck, especially Richard Franco, who found a tiny little live worm in his pepper. No extra charge.



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One Day, Saturday Nov 10

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5,700 RUSTY PILOTS AND COUNTING...

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) reports that more than 5,700 rusty pilots have regained currency through its [Rusty Pilot](#) seminars.

Since its inception in 2014, the Rusty Pilots program has held 704 seminars attended by 23,206 pilots, many of whom were not technically “rusty,” but found the refresher training helpful.

Rusty Pilots participants attend seminars held in their local areas to get up to speed on changes that have occurred in the aviation world since they last flew. Then they fly with a local certificated flight instructor until they have accomplished a flight review and are good to act as pilot in command again — no checkride involved, AOPA officials note.

Rusty Pilots seminars are free to AOPA members and are offered nationwide with new dates and locations added regularly, association officials note. The next one in our area is at Lodi Airport on Saturday, November 3rd and another at McClellan-Palomar Airport on Saturday, November 10th

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To a certain degree, this turns the typical CFI relationship on its head. This isn't about asking for specific knowledge or techniques or a flight review or training for a rating. Instead, it's making a claim of a level of proficient and competence, then challenging the CFI to find weak points.

It was an interesting and worthwhile afternoon. Give it a shot.

Tim Cashin, President

LUNCH FLY-IN—Cliff Busick picked a beautiful day for our first-in-a-long-time-after-board-meeting lunch fly-in. The destination was Little Bakersfield, where they have a surprisingly good airport restaurant, and it was a nice chance to exercise the airplane. Too bad more Airventurers didn't take advantage of no fires, no TFR's and no weather to participate—maybe next time.



A LITTLE HUMOR

Q: What do you call the operation to remove one's tonsils?

A: A tonsillectomy

Q: What do you call the operation to remove one's thyroid?

A: A thyroidectomy

Q: What do you call the operation to remove one's appendix?

A: An appendectomy

Q: What do you call the operation to remove one's gallbladder?

A: A cholecystectomy

Q: What do you call the operation to remove part of one's brain?

A: A lobotomy

Q: And what do they call the operation to turn a woman into a man?

A: An addadictomy

The board of directors, acting as the nominating committee, has submitted the names of the following members to be considered for office for 2019. Election of officers will take place at the November dinner meeting, and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

President	Tim Cashin
Vice-President	Cliff Busick
Secretary	Toni Scharff
Treasurer	Judy Rifkin

Four additional directors will be elected by the newly elected board. In addition, there are openings for committee chairmen—fly-ins, dinner, speaker, membership, sunshine, safety and any temporary chairs that are deemed necessary. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let any board member know. Both spouses of a paid membership are eligible to serve on the board, except that a non-licensed spouse may not hold the office of President or Vice-President.



We are happy to report that Evan Binn and Devera Harris are both on the road to recovery.

IMPORTANT DATES IN...

October	
21	Dinner Meeting
27	Board Meeting
TBA	Prescott fly-in
November	
10	China Lake Fly-In
18	Dinner Meeting & Election
24	Board Meeting
December	
1	Holiday Party & Installation
29	Board Meeting

PROPOSED FLY-INS FOR 2019

(not carved in stone and subject to change)

Month/Nts.	Location	Hosts
Jan./1	Sedona	Baines
Feb.	Palm Springs	Murthy
Mar./1	Las Vegas	Rifkin/Klein
Apr.	Harris Ranch	Cashin/Murthy
May/2	Grand Canyon	Busick/Boujo/ Balady
June/1	Lake Tahoe/ Carson City	LaPook
July	Picnic	Samojen
Aug.	Oceano	
Sept./3	Yellowstone	Cashin/ Abramson
Oct.	Santa Ynez	Murthy
Nov./1	Bisbee	Punt/Balady
Dec.	Holiday Party	