



# DEBRIEFING

**Flight Safety is Everybody's Business**

## The Lighter Side

At this festive time of year I thought it appropriate that we lighten things up - enter the sideline of Master Warrant Officer (MWO) Mark Sabad. MWO Sabad works in our Maintenance Cell and he diligently reads all the flight safety occurrence reports filed in the Flight Safety Information System. (FSIS). These reports record everything from the horrendous, to the scary but always the eye-opening.

These excerpts were written by UFSOs across the country and periodically they capture the lighter side of Flight Safety. I have culled a few FSIS quotes from the MWO's collection for this month's Debriefing. Enjoy and happy holidays!

- ...three sparrow type birds suddenly appeared in front of the aircraft. One bird turned left and another turned right and both did not strike the A/C, however, one of the birds did not turn....
- While walking underneath aircraft, tech's head came into contact with Lower TACAN antenna. Corner of antenna cracked.
- During a SAR Tech parachute jump from 2,000 feet AGL, the main parachute canopy came out of the deployment bag in a useless mass.
- ...with the assistance of a group of Bedouins and their donkey cart, moved the crew....
- A/C KIO & RTB VFR WFI.
- However, during the incident, several vehicles were struck, as well as a baby carriage, with a baby in it. The carriage was lifted into the air with the baby still in it. The baby and one other person received rope burns.
- Fumes in aircraft: fumes detected in aircraft 3.5 hours into crew training flight. Fumes were detected by AESOP at station. Fumes were strongest near forward lavatory.
- ...inadvertently contacted forward horizontal stab surface with his left temple....



- Bird strike: Short final pigeon struck aircraft.
- Investigation revealed that the rag, a Kim Wipe, had been left in door 64L after carrying out SI C-14-404-000/NS-043. The rag had logged nine hours of flight time before being removed.
- A third directive of: "I HAVE F!@##\$% control" was given.
- A dedicated technician was not available....
- During inverted flight, two pens and a flashlight floated into the cockpit. One pen was secured airborne. Following landing, three pens and one flashlight were recovered.
- Armament - SAR Tech failure.
- A closer inspection of the meat in the sandwich revealed that the meat inside was green and gray. The sandwich was later taken to the flight safety office where it was also proved to have an extremely offensive odour.
- Description - During first intercept backseat passenger started to become airsick. He started to throw up during the second intercept, and continued until landing. Investigation - The passenger was taken to hospital in an ambulance and released. The quick release fitting (T handle) was contaminated and replaced.



**Happy Holidays!**