

Do we know what we don't
know?

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We don't know what we don't know

- How do we find out what we don't know?
- Knowledge is safety – educate yourself
- Success does not teach us to be safer – only failures
- Learn from the mistakes of others – You won't live long enough to make them all yourself
- Share your knowledge and close calls with others
- Do we do enough reading and research into why others have made mistakes?

False Safety

- The most dangerous part of flying is the driving to the airport – NOT TRUE!
- Every landing you can walk away from is a good landing – NOT TRUE!
- Staying current and take a dual flight with instructor every year is NOT enough to stay safe.

Risk Management

- You can only manage the risks you know
- Do we know the risks and ignore them?
- Know the limits of your knowledge and ability, and respect the limit!

Action Items

- Use available resources to gain knowledge and learn from mistakes of others:
 - Discussion groups such as RAS newsgroup
 - Newsletters
 - NTSB
 - Books
 - Magazines (Soaring Magazine October issue!)
- Should we establish a single resource of safety related info?

Action Items

- Get more specific training before flying in ridge, wave, XC, contest, or doing acro and low passes
- Learn to recognize and recover from unusual attitude (stall, spin, spiral dive)
- Always keep a way out, and a landable field within reach