

- If you travel over any remote areas, you should have some basic camping equipment (sleeping bags, maybe a tent). You can use this to make camping in the airplane more comfortable. (Dave)
- You don't have to call the relatives at 1 AM. You can call them the next morning to refresh before heading home. (Dave)
- When you're tired, take the less convenient easy VFR airport over a more convenient IFR approach. (JP, Dave, and Doug)
- Clear skies and calm winds can bite you with overnight fog regardless of the forecast, especially with any body of water nearby. (JP and Tom)
- The Area Forecast Discussion might hint at hazards (fog, thunderstorms, etc.) that weren't included in the TAF because they were only low probability. (JP)
- Check out local knowledge and comments. KLVK's FBO notes that the airport is "outside the Bay Area fog belt." (Doug)
- KAPC has excellent approaches to 200 AGL and there's a good chance of getting in. It's on the way to KLVK, so listen to the ASOS as you approach and divert, if needed. (Catherine and Mark)

*"I've had to break out of a lot more airports than I've had to break into."— Dave*

- Landing sooner makes for better harmony in the airplane with tired kids. (Mark)
- A tired pilot might overlook the steep climb gradient required if there's a missed approach at KAPC. (Ryan)
- Even if you could see the beacon and runway lights at KNVO from above, you could lose all visibility in mist right before landing. (Doug and Mark)
- Sacramento Executive (KSAC) or another airport in that area might be better than KSMF. (Ryan and JP)
- You can ask ATC if there have been any successful approaches recently at area airports to help in decision-making. (JP)
- The scattered 300 layer at KOAK before departure was a clue that fog had become more likely. A close check of the weather before launching for home—and making a plan for where to divert—would have been a good choice. (Dave, Mark, and Ryan)
- The old adage to "wind your watch" before taking action can be harder when your watch says 1 AM. (Ryan)

## EXPERT CHOICES

2 Tom, Catherine, Mark

4 JP, Doug, Dave

