



**Bakersfield Composite Squadron #121**



**60-Second Safety Advisor #12**

### **Pre-Flights Aren't Just for Pilots**

Before a pilot even pulls an airplane out of the hangar, they will check for weather conditions along their planned flight path, any temporary flight restrictions, and any special notices from the FAA. After having gathered that information, they will do a complete walk-around to check the overall condition of the airplane, and they will visually check the fuel and oil levels. If everything checks out, they will taxi to the runway, but before they accelerate down the runway to take flight, they will conduct another pre-flight safety check, which includes instrumentation, engine condition, etc. While the same rigor may not be required to take a trip in your car, some level of "pre-flight" may save your life or at least save you from the inconvenience of a breakdown. If there is any question about weather or road conditions call 1-800-427-7623 to get up-to-date highway information, check the mechanical condition of your vehicle, carry water, food and blankets in the trunk, let somebody know when to expect you at your destination, and have a cell phone with you in case you get delayed or have problems. It is important for all of us to recognize and manage risk with appropriate planning and safety checks. If everything looks good - "you are clear for take-off!"

