**Sunny Swift**

“Picture the airfield traffic”

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*It’s Sunday, and a wonderful summer’s day. Sunny and George are in the briefing room, getting ready for his training flight.*

*It’s going to be a very busy day. The landing traffic pattern will be very challenging and potentially dangerous.*

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*And off they fly. Then, after finishing the flight practice, George and Sunny are back 10NM south of the airfield. They listen to the radio communication exchanges with Hanglar Info.*

*Hanglar Info Delta Juliett Papa, right downwind runway 11.*

*Hanglar Info Delta Echo Romeo, approaching red school building.*

*Hanglar Info Delta Echo Sierra Charlie, 5 min south, request landing information.*

*Delta Sierra Charlie, Hanglar Info, runway 11 in use. QNH 1019, watch out for gliders and three more aircraft in the pattern.*

*Wow, some traffic! I can see the Piper approaching the school building, but where are the others?*

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*Why not use the conspicuity device in the aircraft, to help identify the other traffic?*

*Yes, this can help, but only to build a picture before approaching the airfield, close to the airfield and joining the pattern. Watch outside. See and avoid prevails. Keep checking your blind spots.*

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*Don’t enter a traffic pattern without having an accurate mental picture of the situation in terms of the traffic. Follow the traffic pattern and the circuit altitude closely. Communicate your position and intention accurately, and don’t hesitate to hold if necessary.*

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