

AirVenture 2026 Forum - Pilot Biases that Contribute to VFR into IMC

Weather-related accidents continue to result in the highest number of annual General Aviation (GA) fatalities. In many of these accidents pilot biases (e.g., plan continuation bias) played a role their decision-making. In this session we will review and discuss a few common biases and review accidents where pilot bias influenced their decision to continue a flight into hazardous weather. Additionally, we will review tools and techniques available to aid the pilot in identifying, assessing, and mitigating weather-related risks.

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A message from the National FAASTeam Manager

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