

AOPA Air Safety Institute Safety Seminar at the Sun N Fun Aerospace Expo

In this harrowing real pilot story, a routine flight turns fatal as a father and son rely on their familiarity with the region's terrain, despite the intense mountain turbulence and sinking ceiling on one chilly November day following a weekend adventure.

Join the AOPA Air Safety Institute as we explore how the allure of a familiar route can lead to a critical lapse in judgment and underscore the dangers of complacency in the cockpit.

ASI's Real Pilot Stories allow pilots to share their encounters with dilemmas so others can benefit—while comfortable on the ground—from lessons learned the hard way in flight.

This event is part of the SUN n' Fun Aerospace Expo and does not require pre-registration. This listing is for FAA WINGS CREDIT ONLY.

Event Details

Thu, Apr 16, 2026 at 10:30 EDT
Sun n Fun Aerospace Expo /
Lakeland Linder International
Airport

3875 W Pipkin Rd.
AOPA Tent
Lakeland, FL



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Important—While the seminar is free, there is an admission and parking fee for the Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo. For details, go to: <https://flysnf.org/tickets/buy-tickets/>

Use 3875 W Pipkin Rd, Lakeland, FL 33811 for GPS, which will get you to Lot 1 General Parking (main entrance). The AOPA Sun 'n Fun tent will be located on Laird Blvd. across from the FAA building. The AOPA program pavilion is at the rear of the AOPA tent. Signs will be present to guide you.

This event is first come, first served with 135 chairs available.

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