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# VFR into IMC

# Intro

- AOPA Video
- Risk Factors
- Weather Planning
- In-Flight Risk Management
- Recovery Techniques

# AOPA Video

**Three Seconds, Three Choices**

# Risk Factors

- Passengers
- Night
- Terrain
- Long Flights
- Stats from Nall and GAJSC
  - An accident caused by rule breaking is 4x more likely to be fatal than one caused by a mistake

# Weather Planning

- “I only fly on nice days”...really?
- Big to Small
- Visibility and haze, or ceilings?
- In flight weather
- TAF and METAR limitations
- Flight Service, or self-briefing?

# In Flight Risk Mgt

- Are you an optimist or a pessimist? Will it really get better?
- Have a Plan B
- Two strike rule
- Technology and datalink wx

# Recovery

- That transition thing
- Turn around or climb?
- Autopilot?
- Where are you? Who do you talk to?

# Training

- Initial: time under foggles vs “holy crap”
- Recurrent: put yourself in the situation (with a safety pilot)



# Points to Ponder

- Everyone here wants to be a safe pilot
- No one here is immune to error
- VFR flying is a great way to enjoy the sky, but like any other aspect of flying it deserves respect