

# Real-World IFR - Plan Smarter Fly Safer - Gary Reeves- Chicago 99s Aviation Expo 2026

## Event Details

This 3-hour session distills 20 years of real-world IFR cross-country experience into practical techniques that make IFR easier, safer, and far less stressful. You'll learn proven planning and in-flight strategies that reduce amendments, radio calls, workload, and surprises—while avoiding the common errors behind most IFR checkride failures and real-world accidents.

Must-attend training for IFR students, instructors, and active IFR pilots who want true mastery—not minimums.

**Sat, Jan 31, 2026 at 09:00 CST**

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**Gary “GPS” (Guy in the Pink Shirt) Reeves, ATP, CFI, CFII, MEI, 2019 FAA National Instructor of the Year, is one of the most experienced GPS/avionics for single-pilot IFR instructors in the world.**

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