

Coffee with Controllers

Join us for an insightful forum exploring Human Performance and Pilot-Controller interactions, drawing from General Aviation Joint Safety Committee (GAJSC) and FAA studies on human factors identified in general aviation accident investigations. We'll provide a high-level overview of human performance issues that may impact piloting and guide you to additional resources on FAASafety.gov.

Whether you're a student pilot, a seasoned professional, or simply curious about the dynamics of air and ground traffic management, this event offers a unique opportunity to engage with professional air traffic controllers at DuPage Airport (Class D). Gain valuable insights and best practices for flight and ground operations and discover how human factors influence the communication and instructions provided by ATC, TRACON, and Center Controllers. Highlighted by Topic of the Month - Angle of Attack Awareness.

Event Details

Sat, May 2, 2026 at 09:00 CDT

DuPage Airport (KDPA), West Chicago, Illinois

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Main Terminal Flight Center, 3rd FL
Conference RM

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Due to the enthusiastic discussions that ensue this event is scheduled for approximately 3 hours

GPS Map to DuPage Airport (KDPA) Main Terminal, Flight Center. Request directions to the 3rd Floor Conference Room

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