

## VMC Club Pilot Safety for VFR Pilots - Go-Around and Beyond

This month's scenario follows a VFR flight into a small airfield, where the cruise is uneventful — but the approach is not. As the airplane moves from descent to short final, localized conditions begin to challenge the plan. The question quickly becomes: do you continue, go around, try again, or head somewhere else?

This interactive discussion will focus on the judgment required when a stabilized approach begins to fall apart and the landing no longer feels like the right choice.

We'll dig into:

- the difference between reported winds and what you may actually encounter on approach
- the mental shift from “I’m landing” to “I’m going around”
- what comes after the go-around, including whether to re-enter the pattern or divert
- how fuel, runway requirements, and fatigue can shape that next decision

### Event Details

**Tue, Apr 28, 2026 at 19:00 CDT**

**Cottonwood Airport (1C8)**

5105 Auburn Street  
EAA Chapter 22 Hangar  
Rockford, IL



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