

A Different Approach to Autopilot Training and Use - 2025 NW Aviation Conference

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Many pilots have upgraded old autopilots or installed new flight control systems during avionics upgrades. But the way we learn to use autopilots and flight directors—especially in the GA world—doesn't prepare pilots to use these tools effectively. Indeed, we often overlook the role flight control systems can play in modern IFR training. Join me for a fresh look at how to incorporate autopilots and flight directors in training and everyday use.

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