

Avoiding Loss of Control - 2025 NW Aviation Conference

Catherine will discuss common ways pilots run into trouble in the pattern and offers tips for recovery and avoiding loss of control. Topics of discussion include pilot-induced oscillations, wake turbulence upsets, and stalls at low altitudes. Cavagnaro's specialty is training pilots to recover from dangerous flight conditions, particularly aerodynamic stalls, when an aircraft's wings stop providing lift because they've been angled too steeply. After an airplane experiences a stall, it goes into a spin—corkscrewing toward the ground—and that's where Cavagnaro comes in, teaching pilots the techniques necessary to right their aircraft and live to fly another day. Pilots from all over the world—including military pilots, airline pilots, and flight test pilots—come to train with Cavagnaro in Sewanee.

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Event Details

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Washington State Fair Events Center

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