

# Slow Flight Is Slipping Away - 2025 NW Aviation Conference

Many private pilots are quietly losing proficiency in slow flight—the very regime where loss-of-control accidents kill. Infrequent flying, limited maneuver practice, and a confidence level that doesn't match actual skill have created a hidden erosion in stick-and-rudder fundamentals. This session proposes a solution: aerobatic training and tailwheel flying. Aerobatics teaches you to live at the edges of the envelope—to feel the airplane communicate through buffet, control pressure, and energy state—until slow flight feels like home rather than a hazard. Tailwheel flying demands precise coordination and airspeed control on every single landing, building reflexes that transfer directly to any aircraft. Together, they don't just restore slow-flight proficiency; they transform your relationship with the slow end of the airspeed indicator.

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## Event Details

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**Washington State Fair Events Center**

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