

Hangar Talk Saturdays (KVNY) Catalina

Thinking about flying to Catalina? There's more to the trip than simply pointing the nose toward the island. From over-water planning and changing coastal weather to the unique runway, terrain, and airport environment, Catalina's "Airport in the Sky" (KAVX) offers an unforgettable experience—but one that rewards good preparation and sound aeronautical decision making.

This seminar follows the entire Catalina experience from preflight planning through arrival, ground operations, and the flight home. Learn practical techniques for route selection, weather evaluation, aircraft performance, runway slope considerations, communications, go-around planning, survival equipment, and risk management. Along the way, Richard Mend will share practical lessons learned from years of flying throughout Southern California to help make your next Catalina trip safer, easier, and more enjoyable.

Event Details

Sat, Aug 1, 2026 at 09:00 PDT

LA Flight Academy

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Easy access from Balboa Blvd. Plenty of free parking. Seminar length approximately 2 hours.

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