

FAASTeam Western Pacific Region presents:

# Taildragger Safety: Taming the Swerve

Controlling taildraggers on the ground is more difficult than controlling tricycle gear airplanes. But the necessary skill, adequate to most conditions, is readily attainable. Its a matter of controlling taildraggers whether operating on or near the ground, in gusty, high wind situation or taking a local flight in benign conditions. Skill in handling a tailwheel in all situations, without the propeller protection of a nose wheel, increases measurably the risk of expensive damage. It's the unexpected gust and the consequent swerve that will trap the untrained or complacent taildragger pilot. Obtaining the advanced skills needed is difficult, since it can be hard to find appropriate conditions under which to learn and practice. It helps, however, to know ahead of time what to do when high winds or gusts prevail and have a plan to avoid being caught off-guard. The goal of this presentation is to introduce you to the skills that will save you and your aircraft when the unexpected happens. The presentation is also suitable to newly minted taildragger pilots and to those who aspire to a taildragger endorsement.

**Directions:** From HWY 1 Exit on Airport Blvd and head North on Airport Blvd. Make a left Turn on Aviation Way (0.7Mi from HWY 1) and destination will be on the airport side.

## Event Details

**Wed, Apr 30, 2014 - 7:30 pm**

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