

Flying Across the US-Part 1

Four months after receiving his pilot's license, SCFC member Bob Turcott embarked on a multi-week, around-the-country solo flight. In this presentation, Bob will cover topics such as reasons to consider making such a trip; suggestions for low-hour pilots to develop the necessary proficiency; useful gear; cool airports; his worst decisions; helpful attitudes; and a few life lessons that were encountered along the way.

Anyone who pushes heavy objects, e.g., planes, risks Achilles tendon rupture, especially if done in a thoughtless way. Unfortunately, this is what Bob experienced, 2,800 miles from home. Since the consequences of this injury are severe, even potentially career-limiting for pilots, Bob will review this clinical entity in detail. Bob will discuss how pilots can reduce the risk of tendon rupture while moving a plane.

Event Details

Sat, Jan 24, 2026 at 12:00 PST

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Part 2 will cover the rescue of the plane stranded 2,400 NM from KSQL and the planning that went into that flight.

The seminar will be in-person at the San Carlos Flight Center, 795 Skyway Road, Suite A in San Carlos. San Carlos Flight Center is on the southwest side of the airport and there are no transient aircraft parking spots on the field other than the Transient Parking adjacent to the SQL Terminal Building. If you plan to fly in for the event, please be aware that we have no parking spots and that you'll need to walk 0.7 miles around the airport from airport Transient Parking to our offices.

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