

Real Mechanics Debunk Pilot Maintenance Myths

Is it a myth, an urban legend, fact, or fiction? Face it, as pilots we have heard our fair share of what not to do when it comes to airplane and engine operations. Among these are when rotating the propeller by hand, always rotate it clockwise or never rotate the propeller clockwise. Which is it and why?

San Carlos Flight Center Charles Rudolf, Maintenance Manager and IA will help clear the air when it comes to some of these common myths. He will share the real truth behind subjects such as why you shouldn't run the starter beyond the time limit specified, how to determine if a nick in the propeller is going to be an issue, is there such a thing as having too much oil, and many more.

Event Details

Sat, Feb 14, 2026 at 12:00 PST

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Charles earned his A&P in 2021 after attending AIM in Fremont and started working at the San Carlos Flight Center. He obtained his Inspection Authority, IA, in 2024. He enjoys the challenge of working on a variety of airplanes. More importantly, he enjoys sharing his knowledge about airplane systems and engines with pilots.

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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