

Flying Safely at Night

On November 1st, Daylight Savings Time will end, and with it comes early nightfall. For those of us who work a regular 9-5 schedule, early nightfall means an increase in night flying time. How current are your night skills? Maybe it's time to focus on what is different between day VFR and night VFR flight.

Obviously, less ambient light adds challenges for anything requiring eyesight. This includes preflight inspection, taxi safety, obstruction avoidance, IMC recognition and avoidance, cockpit resource management, and a number of other things. Most familiar to pilots is probably the differences in landing. The sight picture of a normal approach to a runway is very different with reduced external visual cues from night.

Event Details

Wed, Oct 28, 2026 at 19:00 PDT

San Carlos Flight Center

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Portable Office (Classroom)

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Night flight brings with it reduced ATC workloads, often calmer winds, cooler temperatures that help performance, and the ability to spot traffic from further out. Your decision about flying at night can be aided by attending a Night Flying Refresher seminar like this one.

The seminar will be in-person at the San Carlos Flight Center, 800 Skyway Road in San Carlos.

Note: Construction is occurring at 795 Skyway Road so the seminar will be in the portable classroom just past 795 Skyway Road.

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