

Crosswind Landing Excellence Forum

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About 50 people attended the crosswind landing excellence forum at Sun 'n Fun 2008 in Lakeland, Florida.

The presentation highlighted some important facts about crosswind landing accidents:

- 1) Crosswinds are the #1 weather related cause of accidents every year.
- 2) 25% of every GA insurance claim \$ goes to crosswind landing accidents.
- 3) There is a pain and trauma cost to the high number of accidents.

Why crosswinds are so tough to master:

- 1) It is the hardest thing to do in General Aviation
- 2) Practice duration is very limited
- 3) Testing is limited
- 4) Knowledge is limited
- 5) Opportunity is limited
- 6) Instruction is limited
- 7) Currency is limited
- 8) Rudder skill is limited

The following tips were explored:

- 1) Point your nose with your toes
- 2) Manage bank angle
- 3) Method defined
- 4) When to slip
- 5) Don't bank downwind
- 6) Good posture
- 7) Approach Fast, Land Slow
- 8) Stay near the ground
- 9) Centerline
- 10) Use Steep Approach
- 11) Go around clues

The crosswind landing simulator from Xwind was highlighted and explained.

The presentation and tips were sent via email to attendees that were interested.

We had a great time!