



*Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group
Aviation Safety Seminar
July 12, 2023*

I. Call to Order

RTAG President Karen Inda called to order an Aviation Safety Seminar for the Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group at 5:30pm on July 12, 2023, at CAP Headquarters, 2890 Vassar St., Reno, NV 89502. Some attendees joined via Zoom. Snacks and cold drinks were served for those who attended in person.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was not conducted. The following officers and directors were present.

Karen Inda - President
Mark Stiving - Vice President
Sue Moon-West - Secretary
Jordan West - Treasurer
Karla Werning - Director
Trygve Inda - Director
Tom Dyer - Director
Michael Cleveland - Director

III. Joe Rajacic AQP on "Why Pilots Have Problems Doing a Go-Around"

Improperly performed go-arounds are the 4th leading cause of general aviation fatalities. This is a critical maneuver, often performed when conditions are unsuitable. It requires recurrent training. Some causes of the improper go-around are: limited exposure in training, lack of situational awareness, over-focusing on the landing, failure to recognize unstable approaches, bad weather, or pressure to complete the landing. All of this can add up to a resistance by the pilot to perform the procedure.

The solution is to have a standard operating procedure (SOP) for when you will go around. With the SOP in mind, brief yourself before coming in for a landing about which conditions will cause you to go around and how you will perform the go-around if they occur. Say the briefing out loud.

More statistics: Only 3% to 5% of unstablized approaches result in a go-around. One in ten go-arounds go bad. The solution is more practice and more training.



It's important to understand how aerodynamic forces affect the plane during the go-around. The increase in power causes an increase in tail-down force, which leads to a nose-up moment. Pilots must anticipate this while practicing with an instructor. You can always practice at altitude where the risk is lower.

Joe shared videos of successful and unsuccessful go-arounds. Don't get your currency by bouncing down the runway. You can always go around.

VI. Announcements

The Nevada Wing of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is participating in Wreaths Across America. This is a nationwide effort to put wreaths on the graves of veterans each December. Plenty of CAP cadets volunteer to place wreaths at the VA Cemetery in Fernley, but CAP is requesting help from RTAG members in two ways: purchasing the wreaths and removing the wreaths in mid-January. For more information about Wreaths Across America, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org. If you would like to help, please contact Michael Cleveland, RTAG's Liaison to Outside Groups, at mclevel248@aol.com.

V. Adjournment

Karen adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.
Minutes submitted by Sue Moon-West.