



# Peaks to Pavement

APPLYING LESSONS FROM THE BACKCOUNTRY

## AOPA SAFETY SEMINAR

**Date**

**Thursday, April 11, 6–9PM**

**Topic**

**Peaks to Pavement: Applying Lessons from the Backcountry**

**Location**

**Sweet Aviation, Smith Field Airport (SMD)**

Join us for a free BBQ cookout and AOPA Air Safety Institute Seminar!

Flying in the backcountry is an exciting and rewarding challenge with little room for error. It's an exacting environment that demands sound decision-making, stellar stick and rudder skills, a thorough understanding of the weather, and an intimate knowledge of the airplane. Whether you're a seasoned backcountry flier or a flatlander, you'll enjoy this new seminar, which delves into conditions, challenges, and accidents unique to backcountry flying. Together with your seminar leader, you'll examine lessons learned to fly safely in any operating environment.

Please register by email to [rachel@sweetaviation.com](mailto:rachel@sweetaviation.com), or for more information, call us at **(260) 267-5505**.



**One lucky guest will get to experience flying a true backcountry airplane fully loaded with amazing STOL capabilities, a powerful engine, and big tires! Aviat Husky demo pilot Matt Hofeldt promises to keep you feeling safe while you enjoy his fun and passionate approach to backcountry flying adventures.**

This Husky will be on display all evening, with opportunities to sit in it and take a photo.

### Speaker Bio



**Tom Curran** started flying at Seattle's Boeing Field in 1978 and holds ATP, CFII/MEI, and float ratings. His early exploits included instructing in Florida and Alaska. After college, he helped produce Alaska's first aviation system plan and several airport master plans. Tom later joined the USAF and served as an instructor and evaluator pilot in the F-15C and B-1B. His "day jobs" included commander of a B-1B squadron, director of a NATO Air Operations Center, and deputy director of the Department of Defense's Joint Unmanned Aircraft Systems Center of Excellence. His credentials include degrees from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the Florida Institute of Technology.

# REGISTRATION

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