

From The Left Seat

by Michael Baraz

Do It Right!

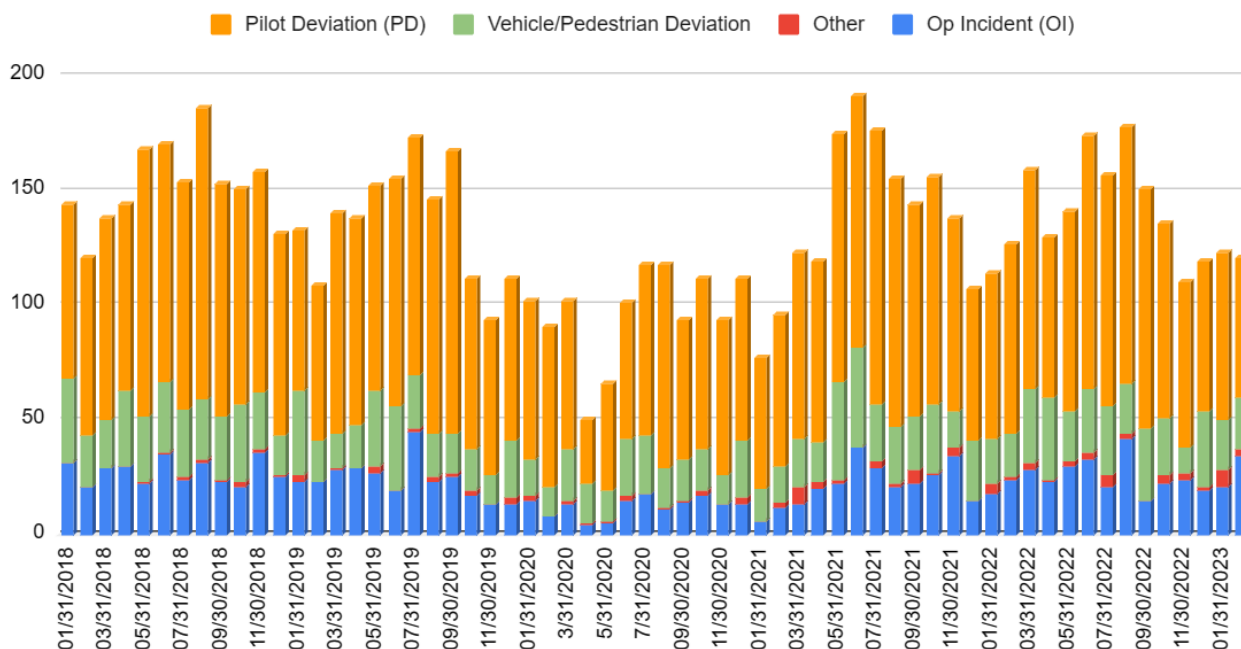
Unless you've been living on some distant tropical island, you surely have heard about several near miss events. Since the beginning of this year alone, [there have been eight near misses](#). Some have been scary close and the lives of hundreds of people nearly ended.

These near misses are part of the bigger category of *wrong surface operations*, which includes landing or taking off, or taxiing on the wrong runway or taxiway. In other words, being on some piece of pavement doing something somewhere that isn't approved or correct. I doubt there is a pilot who hasn't done this at some point, and luckily, with most of these pilot errors, as in life everywhere, the consequences were just a bit of humble pie... usually.

This has been a problem since there was more than one airplane at the same airport. We've been training to avoid them since we first got into an airplane. In each of the old Practical Test Standards (PTS) runway incursions and taxi problems were topics in the *Special Emphasis Areas* section. It is all over each of the *Airman Certification Standards (ACS)*. And, it is a required topic in each flight review.

This can be one of the easier problems to solve, so why are there an **average of these wrong surface operations every day**? And year-to-year, as the graph below shows, we aren't fixing this problem.

Wrong Surface Operations



The persistence and lack of progress made me curious. So I chose the topic for last month's CEPA safety meeting to hear perspectives and raise awareness. We had a great discussion. The top reasons we named for this happening are:

1. Loss of situational awareness
2. Lack of focus due to complacency or its opposite rushed
3. Expectation bias
4. Ego

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Board meets at Atlantic FBO 1011 S Wolf, Wheeling
 Safety/IMC Club Harper College Learning & Career Center,
 1375 S Wolf, Pros Hts **START TIME FOR ALL— 7:00 pm**

Wednesday April 5	Board Mtg	Michael Baraz	Atlantic
Wednesday April 26	Safety Mtg	Aaron Barclay	Harper College - Prospect Hts
Wednesday May 3	Board Mtg	Michael Baraz	Atlantic
Wednesday May 24	IMC Club		Harper College - Prospect Hts
Wednesday June 7	Board Mtg	Michael Baraz	Atlantic
Saturday June 24	Run/Runway CEPA Booth		KPWK
Wednesday June 28	Safety Mtg		Harper College - Prospect Hts
Wednesday July 5	Board Mtg	Michael Baraz	Atlantic
Wednesday July 12	Scholarships Dinner, IMC		TBD
August	No Board Mtg		
Wednesday August 23	IMC Club	Rob Mark	Harper College - Prospect Hts
Wednesday September 6	Board Mtg	Michael Baraz	Atlantic
Wednesday September 27	IMC Club	Rob Mark	Harper College - Prospect Hts
Wednesday October 4	Board Mtg	Michael Baraz	Atlantic
Wednesday October 25	AOPA Update Safety Mtg	Kyle Lewis	Harper College - Prospect Hts
Wednesday November 1	Board Mtg	Michael Baraz	Atlantic
Wednesday November 29	CEPA Annual Meeting & IMC	Michael Baraz	Harper College - Prospect Hts
December	No Board Mtg		
Wednesday December 20	Holiday Party	TBD	TBD

Welcome our new members

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Chicago Executive Pilots' Association Newsletter is published monthly This organization was formed in 1986 as a forum for the users of Chicago Executive Airport (formerly Palwaukee) and as a conduit for information from the users to the governing body and from the governing body to the users. Our mission is to promote the safety of operations and continued development of Chicago Executive Airport in a fraternal environment with the pilots, users and community. Membership is open to users of Chicago Executive Airport who support the goals and objectives as stated in the bylaws. Dues are \$40.00 annually and include newsletter.

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Although Dr. Schneidman is a long time CEPA member and supporter, he is offering these services independently of CEPA.



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Program **Post**flight Briefing 3-22-23

Our IMC Club meeting in March was well attended and our newer guests were accommodated in a classroom well appointed for our purposes. Our President, Michael Baraz, a CFI/CFII, made his presentation and led the discussion on the topic "Night TakeOff from PDX".

Most of people in attendance participated in an active debate on the situation presented and discussed the reasons why.

Thank you Michael, thank you Harper, thank you to Program Chair Rob Mark, and thank you to all of our members and guests who attended and participated. We learn from each other. Please join us next month to hear from a pilot/Tracon Controller.



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April 26 Safety Program **Pre**flight Briefing

AARON BARCLAY " ATC FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A CHICAGO TRACON CONTROLLER"



Chicago Approach ATC veteran, Aaron Barclay, is an air traffic controller and a flight instructor. As such, he has extensive experience on both sides of the radar scope.

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PAPA SAFETY AND SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The NEW scholarship applications for 2023, which include for the first time a "home airport" flight training award, have been posted on our website www.pwkpilots.org

If you have financial need, a clear and achievable aviation goal, and live in Illinois, please look at the requirements and if, you qualify, apply.

Our **Academic Scholarship** continues for students who live in Illinois and attend an institute of higher education as Sophomore, Junior or Senior in Illinois.

Our **Flight Training Scholarship** has been added to assist students taking their training at an approved PWK based flight training facility.

We look forward to receiving your applications and helping to advance your path in aviation.

The state based aviation schools and the airport based flight schools have been notified.

Do It Right

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Many of us now have fantastic technology in our cockpits, even if it's just an iPad. But knowing how to use the tech and knowing how to use it well is another matter. We were all taught to have our airport diagrams on our laps. And maybe, to not just write down your clearance, whether electronic or paper, but to draw on them, and visualize what you're going to do so you can identify hotspots, intersections, hazards, and all the gotchas!

We have improved technology but the results have not improved. At the end of the day, these are human factor problems. And even just saying that should tell us, it really doesn't take much to fix them. First things, put your ego in your back pocket.

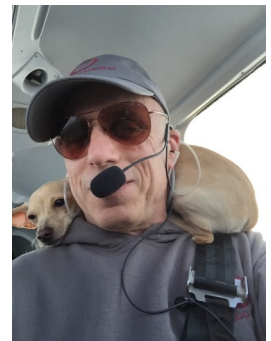
1. Don't accept a clearance that you aren't completely able to follow. If given a land and hold short clearance and you don't know the available runway length, ask first, to be sure that you can stop completely in that distance.
2. While inbound, if you're told to expect a specific runway, whether IFR or VFR, and you've briefed and mentally ready to land, then ATC gives you a chance, take what time you need to brief; don't be rushed, get delay vectors or do a 360 or a hold... know what you need to know, including after landing with a different taxi route.
3. If anything isn't clear, ask ATC to repeat, and if it takes four times to get it right, so be it.
4. Ask for progressive instructions. And if the ground controller is busy, don't try to be "nice" and hope you'll figure it out on your own because they might be a lot busier unsnarling a mess you made by making the wrong turn!
5. If you're not sure if you've gotten a clearance to land or takeoff, ask. Controllers sometimes get grouchy when you do this, oh well, better than a phone number to copy.

I would be surprised if I wrote anything here you don't already know, including how often this occurs and how serious the consequences. But here are the numbers, wrong surface operations are caused by pilots 67% of the time; and of that number, GA pilots (us!) are responsible 75%.

There is no problem that you can't make worse by being hurried and impulsive. Professional crews have each other as a control. And for you, as a single pilot, your control is self-control. That's more than twice as hard. Slow it down, think through the situation, evaluate your readiness, and pause or decline if necessary. That is the professional way.

Unfortunately, the people who attend our safety seminars, and you the people reading this, are a self-selected audience who are already much more safety-minded than many of our pilot colleagues. Invite one to the next meeting.

But, above all, when plans change, slow down, ask questions, and do it right!



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