

VFR INTO IMC

According to the AOPA Air Safety Institute, the classic VFR-into-IMC accident has a few recurring themes. They include:

EXPERIENCED VFR-ONLY PILOT

Perhaps after several hundred hours, some pilots feel they no longer have to play by the rules, including those requiring an IFR clearance.

NO WEATHER BRIEFING

The weather doesn't really matter if you're going anyway and a briefing is only going to bring more bad news.

WELL-EQUIPPED AIRPLANE

Many of us know a non-instrument-rated pilot flying a well-equipped airplane who always seems to circumnavigate the bad weather and find his destination, perhaps with an autopilot's help.

