

ComancheZOOM for Thursday, May 1

## **Special Topics part 2: Preparing for the “Impossible Turn”**

In this Zoom we are continuing the April 24 Zoom on Special Topics. Check out the recordings of this lively discussion focusing on something every pilot should think about:

- deciding to try the so-called “Impossible Turn.”

These low altitude maneuvering Zoom topics have literally saved lives. Early in the ComancheZOOM history, a pilot called after a Zoom to say that the information we shared made the difference in a real-world emergency. That’s the kind of impact this community can have. This Zoom was not offered for Wings Credit.

The Zoom opened with a review of questions and answers from the April 24 Zoom, which in turn led to more discussion lead by Dave Schober, with George Richmond chiming in. Pete Morse also showed a visual of a typical glider launch pilot pre-plan for “What if?” – runway decision points and landing plans if the rope breaks or the tow plane develops problems. The decision plan is fully applicable to powered aircraft.

Pilots know that it pays to be prepared - even better to have practiced maneuvering skills at altitude. We did not present this Zoom as instruction, only concepts and suggested actions to consider. Contact your local CFI/II for real instruction. We plan to put together a more concise Zoom in future on this same subject, but with FAA cooperation and Wings credit.

Pete Morse for ComancheZOOM

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To see/hear May 1 recordings click on a link below:

- <http://meetings.northeastcomanche.org/zoom/2025-05-01/video.mp4>
- <http://meetings.northeastcomanche.org/zoom/2025-05-01/audio.mp4>

The Chat files contain many helpful comments. To read them click on these links:

- <http://meetings.northeastcomanche.org/zoom/2025-05-01/chat.txt>

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