

# Roundtable Notes: Mississippi Mix Up

- You could add that you are following a Cessna and ask who that traffic is. You're telling them that there's specifically a Cessna in your view. (Sarah and Richard)
- Controllers won't tell you about traffic that has no remote chance of being a factor. Yet you may think it's a factor just because you see it on a cockpit display. (Kevin)
- If you see a conflict brewing, you could "ask" the controller about it by offering a resolution. Like, "Tower, do you want us to extend downwind for that traffic on the opposite direction base?" (JP)
- When you change frequencies from Approach to Tower, let them know where you are, in addition to your call sign, just to ensure there's no confusion. (JP)
- Remember that any transmission beyond the required reports leaves less time for Tower to relay critical information to other aircraft, and could add to confusion. (Wally)
- Step one when things seem amiss is to see if you're the one misunderstanding something—before you try and give other people information. (Richard)



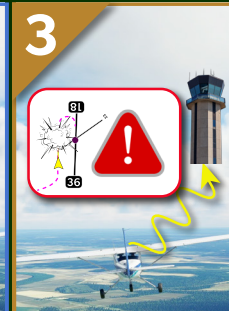
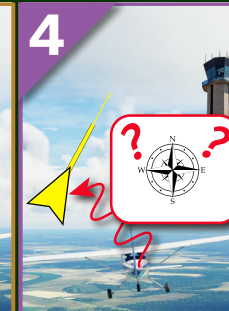

*"As a Tower controller, I had VFR pilots report positions that were absolutely not correct on a daily basis." — Kevin*

- Sidebar conversations on Tower frequency comes off as unprofessional. (Sarah)
- Build a mental picture of traffic in the pattern and on the airport property. You'll be more likely to see potential issues and will be able to provide correct information. (Kevin and John)
- Tower instructions sound like a guarantee of separation, but it's still ultimately on you to "see-and-be-seen." Also, busier towers give fewer traffic calls. (John)
- It's more important to say something in a building situation rather than worrying about saying the right thing. (Richard and Kevin)
- Listen to tower communications on a handheld (or LiveATC) to learn the typical pattern at a towered airport. (Wally)
- If you're uncomfortable with a situation at a towered airport, just tell the controller you need to depart the pattern. (Kevin)

## CHOICES BY EXPERT

John .....	2
Kevin.....	2
Wally.....	2
Richard.....	2*
JP .....	2
Sarah.....	2*

(\*choice with a caveat)

<p><b>1</b></p>  <p>Don't say anything. Tower will see the Cessna approach the pattern the wrong way, if that's what's about to happen.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <p>Contact Tower and ask the controller if the aircraft you're following is Cessna 7HS.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>  <p>Contact Tower and tell the controller you think Cessna 7HS is about to enter the pattern the wrong way.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <p>Contact Cessna 7HS on tower frequency and ask them whether they're really north or south of the airport.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>  <p>Contact Cessna 7HS on tower frequency and tell them you think they're about to enter downwind against the traffic flow.</p>
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