

EAA Chapter 59 Simulator Scenario for May 2026 IMC/VMC/Safety Club Meeting

A challenging Circling Approach, not at the beginning, but at the end.

Time to get some instrument currency, so you and your safety pilot decide to shoot the approach into Marlin T15. Marlin is a challenging airport even in VFR conditions, but you want to take advantage of the low ceilings and improve your proficiency.

There is only one published approach and you can shoot it as either a VOR or GPS, but it is a circling approach only either way. However, you can choose from several IAFs. The wind strongly favors runway 35, so how do you plan to handle the final approach segment?

Current METAR:

T15 091700Z AUTO 33015 2SM OVC10 23/20 A2992 RMK A02

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Select the scenario “IMC Club – May 2026”.

When the scenario starts, you are over the ACT VOR IAF, at 3000 MSL, heading 060 at 120 Knots. Approach responds “Cleared for the VOR/DME (or) GPS-A approach”.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH: When can you descend below the MDA? Do you have to fly a Left Hand pattern?

