



OPPOSITES ATTRACT!



Airplane Wingtips Attract:



Fence Posts

Trees

Road Signs

Yes it's true. Fixed objects are attracted to moving objects, wood is attracted to metal, etc. Taxiing aircraft are subject to impact damage because of fixed object radar that actively attracts different metals AND wood to moving airframes. Imagine this: Your airplane is in motion; everything is perfect and BOOM... you have been attacked by a fence post, a tree, or one of those pesky service road signs. How dare they not yield to you?

Recommendation: At a minimum, always have the skilled PIC looking outside the aircraft during taxi. They have been trained to ward off these attacks. If others can keep their eyes outside also, it can almost make the aircraft invincible. This is a key part of "Crew Coordination" and CRM.



And this just in: These little blue gremlins are starting to run towards aircraft too!

😊 Stay tuned: In the next edition we'll share with you what to do when the runway gets pulled out from underneath you like a carpet!