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Josh, regarding the accident at Neosho, Mo I really don't know why the aircraft turned right when I was attempting a left turn.

Here is what I think happened. When I pushed on the left rudder pedal I inadvertantly caught the right toe brake. The photos show that the rudder was fully deflected left. My thinking is while commanding a left turn with the rudder pedal, my left foot caught the right toe brake which overpowered the left turn action on the nosewheel and caused the aircraft to veer right. That is the only explanation I can think of as to why the aircraft turned right.

A contributing factor was the narrow taxiway (about 33 feet wide). Normally, as part of my taxi check, I turn left and right to check the ball on the inclinometer and that the heading indicator is showing a proper turn. I couldn't do this on the narrow taxiway. Had I been able to do the turn checks, I would have had my left foot on the left rudder pedal and my right foot on the right rudder pedal. If my left foot was touching the right rudder pedal, I would have known that immediately. Not an excuse, just an explanation. I've been flying since 1959 and I'm pretty sure I know my left foot from my right.

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