

Ezy Cross Countries

- **Interactive discussion of our best practices**
- **Audience participation is required**
- **I'll cover what I've been doing & what's worked best for Me**
- **I don't plan to include a lot of the normal distance / weather planning or web site information, but if you have special processes please bring them up**

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- **Within a little over a year I had flown my Long to:**
- **Every State in the Continental United States**
- **Every Providence of Canada (except Newfoundland) & includes the North West Territories & even into Mexico**
- **I've circled the Statue of Liberty, been over the Grand Canyon a bunch of times, watched the Fourth of July fireworks from the air, etc.**
- **I've had three total engine failures (which I'm not proud of)... One in the Long-EZ**

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- **Always stay open to changes: Route, Weather, Schedule**
- **ATC can be your friend, know how/when to use them**
- **Night operations - stay safe (your not allowed to do them in Canada without having a IFR license (for a reason))**
- **On Top - do it wisely.. not too low of ceiling below.. VFR in large quantities somewhere not too far away**
- **Have a back-up navigation system - things fail when you need them the most**

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- **Mountains -**

A. I Follow Roads vs. Direct

B. Altitude is your Friend

- **Equipment / Provisions**

Small Tent, Sleeping Bag, Air mattress, Peanut butter & Jelly Sandwiches, water, i.e. survival food

PLB, Oxygen, Relief Tube/Bottle, Warm/Electric Clothes

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- **Equipment / Provisions**
- **Oil, Tools, nose wheel, ignition pick-up, Spare prop boxed ready to ship, whatever is unique/hard to find for your aircraft**
- **Carry Central States / Hole in the Wall
Addresses / Phone Numbers**

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- **Back Seater Comfort:**

Turn the Oxygen on early - my wife uses it at 9K up

Warmth- cold legs

GPS for the rear-seater makes the trip more fun

Toe cutouts in Pilots back seat for foot / ankle comfort (Long/Veri/Bear)

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- **Weather and Fuel are the TWO BIG Killers**
- **The only time you can have too much fuel on board is when your on fire**
- **I've left the plane & gotten on an airliner, never be too proud**
- **In bad weather BIG Airports are your friend**

ATC, Hotels, FBOs, Assistance - Calgary is Amazing!

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- **New in-cockpit weather systems**
- **I have the ADSB-in (Stratus) & ForeFlight.. Weather Mapping, TFRs, Traffic**
- **I always have back-up navigation (iPad, iPhone, Garmin GPS, etc)**

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- If your going to Oshkosh, do a lot of planning
- Have copies of all arrival/departure info & study them
- Pre-enter Lat/Long of reporting points (if your GPS data doesn't have them)
- I like to arrive at a nearby airport like Waukesha to pre-stage the day before planned arrival, that way I can launch at sunrise and arrival is made MUCH easier
- Make up a sign where you want to park, that you can show to the ground taxi assistance personnel, so they know where you want to go

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- **Stay Safe & Have FUN**
- **Leave your options open**
- **Prepare for what might be possible at all times & stay flexible for route, schedule changes**
- **Don't push weather too far & keep plenty of fuel on board**