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Subject: Re: Canada?

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Dave KlainHere's a question for you experienced Canada hands - what do I need for travel to Canada in my plane? I know about CANPASS, passports, customs sticker, etc. according to the AOPA website I also need a radio license, but when I follow the links, the FCC site is confusing. Do I need a radio station license (made out for the plane)? A radiotelephone operators license for me? Both? Can anyone walk me through exactly why I need to get to be legal?

thanks and Happy New Year?

Dave

Dave

Hope the following is helpful. Apologies in advance if some of the stuff is obvious. Please don't hesitate to call me anytime..

- i. You have to file an outward EAPIS leaving the U.S.A. Not just an inward prior to entering the U.S.
- ii. CANPASS requires 2 hour prior notice. I always call rather than fax. Manitoba west 250-363-0222. Ontario east 905-679-2073. The CBSA officer will want the full name of everyone onboard as it appears on their passport as well as DOB. There is no outward CANPASS requirement leaving Canada.
- iii. There is a legal requirement for liability insurance in Canada and you need to carry proof of that coverage with you. I think it's 300K per seat but not 100% sure.
- iv. If you fly further than 25 nm from departure airport in Canada, you need to either file a flight plan with flight service or leave your itinerary with a responsible person. You can't hop in your airplane and just "go" if it's more than 25 nm. ATC will open your flight plan in Canada and will also close your flight plan after landing if you request it.
- v. Airspace is a little difference. In southern Canadian airspace you cannot fly VFR about 12,500 without clearance from ATC.
- vi. My understanding is that you require a restricted operators certificate to use a VHF radio in Canada (marine or aviation) but I have never heard of anyone being asked to provide one.

Cheers

Mike

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