

ComancheZOOM for January 6, 2022

**TOPIC: IFR Flight Briefing** – with George Merriam.

When was the last time you really briefed a proposed flight, from departure to arrival? Do you rely on your infallible memory of flights you have done in the past? Do you usually fly VFR, maybe without filing a flight plan?

If you end up filing IFR, do you have all your ducks in a row? Do you really understand the weather along the route? Are you prepared to fly an approach with the current approach plates at your fingertips? What if ATC gives you something unexpected – like a different runway?

What should you do (have done) to be ready?

George Merriam goes through all the pre-flight planning using an example flight from Westfield MA (BAF) to Reading PA (RDG), going around the NYC Class B and dealing with some weather concerns. He uses ForeFlight to make the plan, accessing its many features to check the enroute weather and other concerns. He also uses several other weather sources to dig deeper into possible conditions, checking for expected weather, headwinds, cloud tops and icing.

There are a number of weather resource links listed in the Chat text for your use.

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- <http://meetings.northeastcomanche.org/zoom/2022-01-06/video.mp4>
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