

ComancheZOOM for Thursday, May 4, 2023

Topic: In-flight / pre-flight problems: Now what?

Sometimes our plans to fly are scrubbed due to weather concerns or other obligations, but from time to time it is our trusty Comanches that are having a bad day.

We have all had them: equipment degradation or failure in flight or problems discovered on the ground during preflight, perhaps while away from our home airport. What do we do now?

If we are on the ground, do we go ahead and fly? Do we know how or where to get the problem fixed? Is our aircraft still airworthy / legal to fly?

If we are flying, can we continue to our planned destination? Is that decision safe or even legal? Do we advise ATC? Do we declare an emergency?

Learn from these pilot experiences and others:

- Brad Woolsey : Voltage regulator failure ferrying a Cessna.
- CJ & Steve : #3 cylinder oil return line chafing/leak - preflight
- CJ, Pete Morse : Vacuum pump failure (in flight or on startup).

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