

Great Lakes Region Audio Transcript (2:26)

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Detroit TRACON

Pilot-“N4218D, we’re critically low on fuel.”

Eberhart-“Gulfstream 115, turn right heading of 125”

Pilot-“125, 115”

Eberhart-“Who’s critical on fuel?”

Pilot-“Bonanza 4218D critical on fuel. Any chance we can get vectors to, uh, Pontiac please. And maybe, I don’t know if you can get us low enough but whatever we’re trying doesn’t seem to be working.”

Eberhart-“Bonanza 18D, turn right, right turn heading 200.”

Pilot-“Right turn of 200, 18D”

Eberhart-“Are you declaring emergency fuel?”

Pilot-“Affirmative”

Eberhart-“Bonanza 18D roger. Bonanza 18D turn right heading of 220, maintain 3000.”

Pilot-“220, 3000 feet, 18D. My instruments don’t seem to be working here. Any chance you can vector us low enough to see the airport?”

Eberhart-“I can’t, uh, my MVA out there is only 2,700, 18D. You can descend and maintain 2,700 now.”

Pilot-“2700, 18D”

Eberhart-“18D descend and maintain, you are declaring an emergency, descend and maintain 2000.”

Pilot-“2000 feet, we are too, 18D. Current heading is 260.”

Eberhart-“Sir, fly heading of 240, sir, 240.”

Pilot-“2000 feet and 240, left turn.”

Eberhart-“That’s good. 18D this will be a no-gyro surveillance approach to the Pontiac Airport. I will start and stop all turns.”

Pilot -“Thank you sir.”

Eberhart-“18D turn right”

Pilot-“Right turn started”

Eberhart-“Right turn”

Pilot-“Turning right”

Eberhart-“18D stop turn”

Pilot-“Stopping turn”

Eberhart-“18D the airport will be, uh, one o’clock, two o’clock in 4.5 miles”

Pilot-“One-Two o’clock in 4.5 miles, I’m looking”

Eberhart-“18D, descend and maintain 1400”

Pilot-“1400, 18D”

Eberhart-“18D Pontiac Tower advises clear to land on Runway 27 left.”

Pilot-“Cleared to land 27 left, 18D. Distance to the airport?”

Eberhart-“18D you are four miles from the airport. N18D turn right, N18D turn right.”

Pilot-“Uh, ok, runway in sight for 18D. We’re heading straight for the approach end.”

Eberhart-“18D roger, cleared to land runway 27 left, you are also cleared for a visual approach to Runway 27 left. Contact Pontiac Tower now at 120.5 unless you just want to stay on this frequency.”

Pilot-“Ok, 120.5, will do. Thanks for your help.”

Eberhart-“See ya sir.”