

TRANSCRIPT: NEW ENGLAND REGION

KEVIN PLANTE: November five-one-five-one lima, Portland, go ahead.

N5151L: I need some radar advisories. I'm in the clouds and I'm VFR.

PLANTE: Five-one lima, we can help you with that. Uh, say type aircraft.

N5151L: One-five-two.

N5151L: My transponder's not working. Can you pick me up?

PLANTE: Five-one lima, no problem. Say position.

N5151L: We're near the Fryeburg Fair.

PLANTE: If you're near Fryeburg you very well could be between some hills and stuff. Uh, I don't see anybody in the vicinity of Fryeburg on my radar right now.

PLANTE: If you do some climbing, uh, I'll probably be able to pick you up on the radar. It's actually just, just starting to pick up a target now just by Limington. Uh, might that be you?

N5151L: Going around in circles?

PLANTE: Uh, at your present altitude I do show an obstacle at eleven o'clock and two miles. The altitude of that is two thousand six hundred.

N5151L: I'm gonna... I'm in the clouds now so I, I'm going to use the instruments.

PLANTE: November five-one lima, very good. And you're comfortable using, uh, the instruments?

N5151L: Um, I'm okay. I haven't been in this condition before but I'm okay.

PLANTE: November five-one lima, very good. Are you, uh, IFR rated?

N5151L: No, I'm not.

PLANTE: November five-one lima, well I do have an instrument rating so at least one of us does. We'll get you through this.

PLANTE: If you'd like to, uh, if you'd like to come towards Portland I can get you in here also. Entirely up to you.

N5151L: Yea, please do. That'd be great.

PLANTE: November five-one lima, how you doin'?

N5151L: Uh, I'm doin' good. I think we're, uh, nice and calm up here. Really calm.

PLANTE: November lima, very good. I had a couple of pilots say that earlier so, uh, I suppose it's a good day for this, right?

N5151L: Oh yea. Yea, I needed some practice anyways. It's been twenty years so this is good. I'm happy.

PLANTE: Five-one lima, roger. Well you got three commercial pilots sittin' here in the radar room with ya, so we'll get ya down no problem.

PLANTE: Uh, when ya get in close to the airport I'm gonna give you radar vectors to line you up on final and I'll give you suggested altitudes on the descent and, uh, basically I'll be able to just use the radar and talk you down on final to, uh, almost simulate a non-precision approach.

N5151L: That should not be a problem.

PLANTE (to unidentified controller): Five-one lima I'm gonna set him up for surveillance approach to Runway One-Eight. If you could get me a bunch of runway lights and flashers for One-Eight that'd be awesome.

UNIDENTIFIED: Yup, will do.

PLANTE: Thanks.

PLANTE: November five-one lima, tell me what you're lookin' at.

N5151L: It's definitely an optical illusion up here.

PLANTE: Looks like we have you kinda doing circles out there. Um, I just need to figure out a way to get you on a heading and have your wings level on that heading.

N5151L: I'm getting a little disoriented and losing altitude...

N5151L: OK, I gotta tell ya right now, I am diving. OK, I'm under the clouds right ...

PLANTE: Five-one lima, if you're under the clouds and you can maintain visual then, uh, do that.

N5151L: Well I'd love to keep my eyes on the ground and I can see the ground right now at one thousand four hundred.

N5151L: Currently I have lakes on my right-hand side.

PLANTE: Five-one lima, yup that's off to your right side by about, uh, three or four miles is Sebago Lake.

N5151L: OK...the 202 bears...bears off to the (inaudible) should I follow the 202 right over?

PLANTE: Five-one lima...affirmative. The, uh, if you're following the 202 right now, just off your right side should be the town of, uh, Windham and Little Sebago Lake but we'll get you southbound on that and then, uh, bring you in that way.

N5151L: Uh, just to clear up a little confusion, I'm going over a circle, a traffic circle, so the road goes four directions and I'm taking the one that looks most straight through.

PLANTE: Five-one lima, that's perfect. Yea, you wanna stay to the left coming from that way and, uh, that will bring you into Portland. That's...so you're over Dorm right now.

N5151L: It's gettin' pretty hazy out here but I can still see OK.

PLANTE: Five-one lima, roger, and if we at least keep you over that road, if it does get hazy and you do need to continue to, uh, descend below the clouds, if eventually you wind up needing to land on that road, at least we can get you down that way.

N5151L: Uh, we've got highways in different directions here. Can you please, uh, give me some direction? I think I'm hitting 95.

PLANTE: Five-one lima, you're just coming over it. If you make a slight right turn on Route 95 and follow it, uh, it'll be southbound.

PLANTE: So, in another mile here I'm gonna...you'll look outside your left window and you'll see Runway One-One of Portland.

N5151L: OK, we're just getting some big socks out here. Looks like our time is just barely gonna get us in there.

PLANTE: Five-one lima, roger, and, uh, like I said, you're almost there. Just a little bit of a home stretch right now.

PLANTE: Another half a mile here on the highway, you're gonna look out your left window and you'll see the approach lights for Runway One-One.

N5151L: Ok, I've got it all covered now. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Nice job.

N5151L: Alright we're down, five-one lima, and we have made arrangements over at Northeast, I just need to find out how to get there.

PLANTE: Five-one lima, no problem at all. You can contact ground now, one-two-one point nine and they'll get ya over to Northeast.

N5151L: One-two-one point nine, thank you so much.

PLANTE: No problem at all. Glad I could help and we could get you down safely.