



DC-3 World Rally 2005 flight WR 05-06.

This is our European flight, and sadly the last of this year's World Rally flights. This flight is culled from yet another suggestion from Mark Beaumont to whom I am again indebted.

It is based, with just a touch of artistic license, on a true Standard Instrument Departure (SID) from Sion Airport in Switzerland to a Standard Arrival Route (STAR) to Pisa Airport in Italy.

Although Sion Airport is situated at what is relatively quite a low altitude, the only way out is to climb and climb. The flight ascends to fifteen thousand feet in a constant climb which is rather hard work for the DC3 and requires constant attention to the engines to ensure a good transition over the mountains.

I have added a holding pattern during the climb which I have adapted purely for this flight. For how to handle a 'true' holding pattern visit :-
<http://www.avsim.com/geoffschool/holding.htm>

Once crossed over the mountains it is a slow descent to the West coast of Italy and to Pisa for a STAR approach and a leisurely ILS approach to the runway.

The final approach to Pisa is based on true approach procedures and I have endeavoured to provide the weather to necessitate your sticking to procedures.

Have fun and enjoy the flight.

Don't forget to check fuel levels and payload before departure.

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