



Second Annual Velocity Fly-in Scheduled for Friday, May 17th 1996!
Sign up now to guarantee a room at the Coconut Cove!

by Rick Lavoie

Bahamas: Approval Process for Experimental

Judy and I have flown to the Bahamas three times during the past 12 months. We have their system figured out for Experimental Aircraft entry procedures. It is no big deal, as long as you give them exactly what they want. The sample letter to the right is Step 1. If you will be mailing it, do it at least a few months in advance. By fax, two weeks should be fine, but the sooner the safer! Be sure to make copies of all the attachments listed in the letter and send them! If one item is missing, you will be denied and that will delay the entire process big time! After you have faxed it, wait about 1 week and call 809-377-7281 X303 to see if your approval is ready. Ask for Mrs. Deveau of the Civil Aviation Dept. She may have you speak with the Director to answer a few questions, so be prepared when you call. It is possible that if you don't call, you may receive you approval anyway. I believe in the squeakie wheel theory in this case.

If you plan to depart from Ft. Pierce, the FBO there will prepare your paperwork for you. Call Ft. Pierce Air Center at 407-489-2285. They will send you a form to fax back to them.

The second annual 1996 Velocity Bahamas Fly-In is scheduled from Friday, May 17th, with departure on Tuesday, May 21st. Make your reservations early by calling Pam or Tom at Coconut Cove 1-809-336-2659. Feel free to alter (early or late departures) the schedule to fit your needs.

You do not have to fly in a Velocity to attend. You just need to be part of the Velocity family (builder, etc.). Renting a Cessna or whatever is fine.

For particulars on room types, etc., please refer back to articles in Volumes 1 thru 3.

Fax To: 809-377-5288
15 March 1996

Mr David Marsh
Mr. Peter Noad
U.K. Civil Aviation Authority
Nassau International Airport
Nassau, Bahamas

SAMPLE

Dear Mr. Noad & Marsh:

I am writing to obtain permission to fly my experimental certified aircraft to the Bahamas on 20 May 1995. I plan on flying to and staying at the Coconut Cove resort in George Town, Great Exuma Island for a one week vacation. I will be flying over with a group of "Velocitys" for our second annual Bahamas Convention to George Town.

Purpose of Flight:	Pleasure (Velocity Aircraft Convention)
Date of Proposed Entry:	17 May 1996
Port of Entry:	George Town
Manufacturer	XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX
Model:	Velocity RG
Serial #	DMO #XXX
Registration Marks:	N
Equipment:	
Engine	Lycoming IO360
Last Annual Inspection:	<Date of here>

Attached are the following copies of my pilot and aircraft documents:

- Pilot's license
- Medical certificate
- Airworthiness Certificate & Statement of Limiting Conditions
- Aircraft Registration
- Aircraft Log book entry to verify my last annual inspection
- Insurance Certificate (showing Bahamas coverage)
- Radio Station License
- Two contacts in the event of an emergency (friends / relatives)

Please contact me as soon as possible if you require anything else. I look forward to receiving your approval. If possible, please fax my written approval.

Sincerely,

(your name, address, city state zip)
(Phone #)
(FAX #)