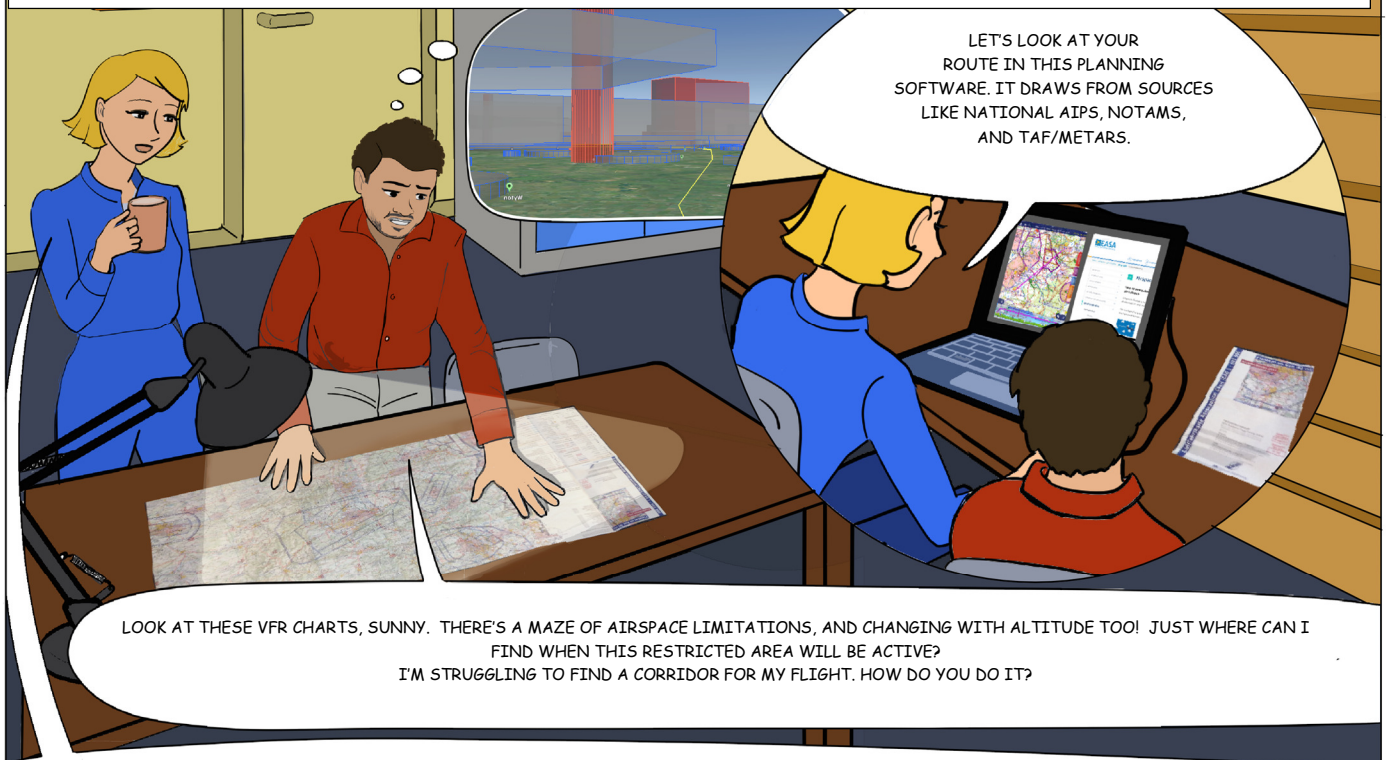




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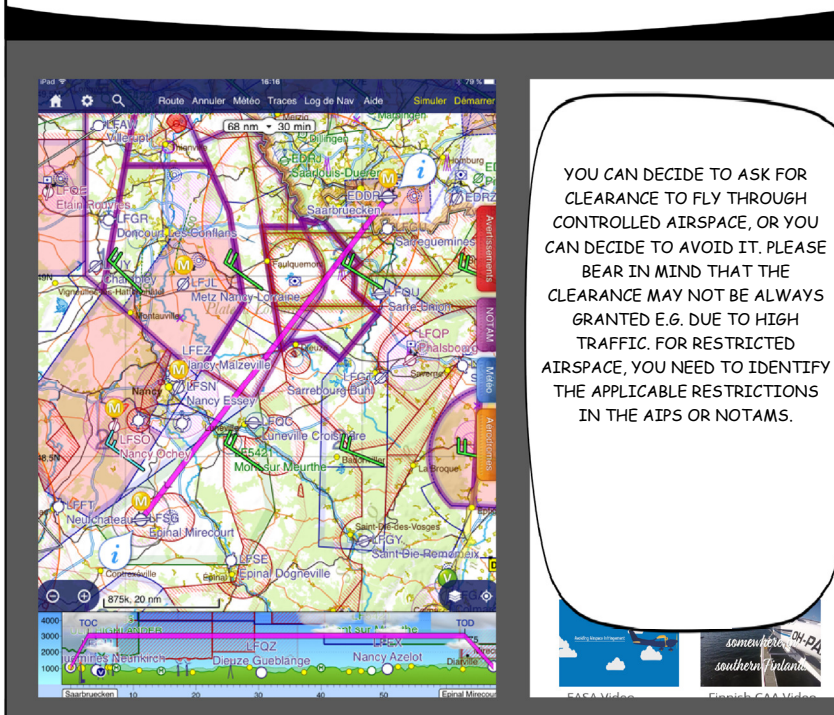
"AIRSPACE COMPLEXITY" (PART I)

PIERRE IS PLANNING A FLIGHT ACROSS THE BORDER FROM GERMANY TO FRANCE.
IT'S A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE FLIGHT.

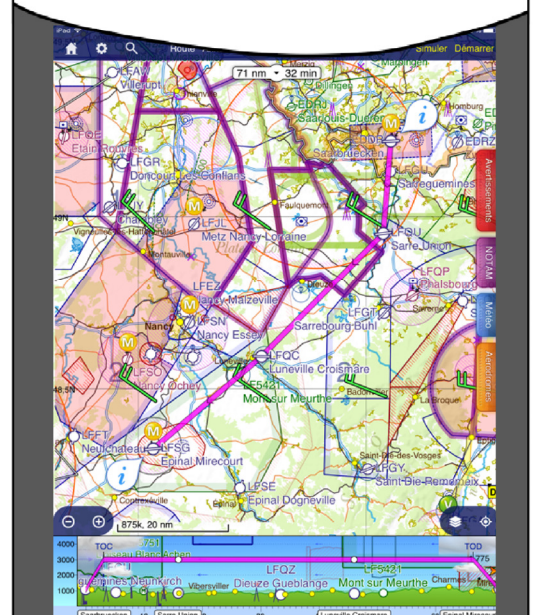


YES, IT'S NOT EASY IN EUROPE. BUT THERE ARE SOME TOOLS THAT CAN HELP VISUALIZE ALL THE INFORMATION, AND TO DEFINE A STRATEGY FOR THE FLIGHT.

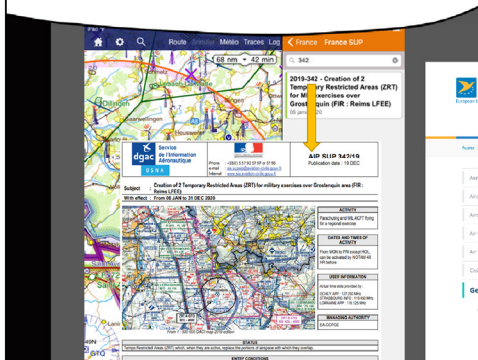
WITH THE CROSS SECTION, I CAN VISUALIZE IT IN 3D.
MY ROUTE IS GOING THROUGH CONTROLLED, RESTRICTED AND RESERVED AIRSPACE.



AS YOU PLAN TO FLY DURING THE WEEKEND, A LOT OF THE RESTRICTED AIRSPACE WILL NOT BE ACTIVE. THE PLANNING SOFTWARE NORMALLY ALLOWS YOU TO FILTER THIS (THE WEEKEND MAP). SEE, THE SITUATION IS A BIT CLEARER... LET'S MAKE SOME MINOR CHANGES TO REDUCE THE COMMUNICATION WORKLOAD...



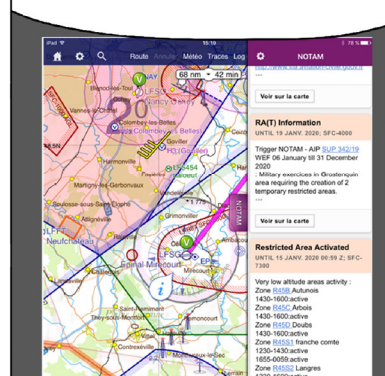
WE STILL HAVE TO CHECK A FEW RESTRICTED AREAS. THE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE AIP, THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES NORMALLY PUBLISH THEM ON A DEDICATED WEBSITE, BUT MANY NAVIGATION APPLICATIONS PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS TO ALL THE INFORMATION FROM THE APPLICATION.



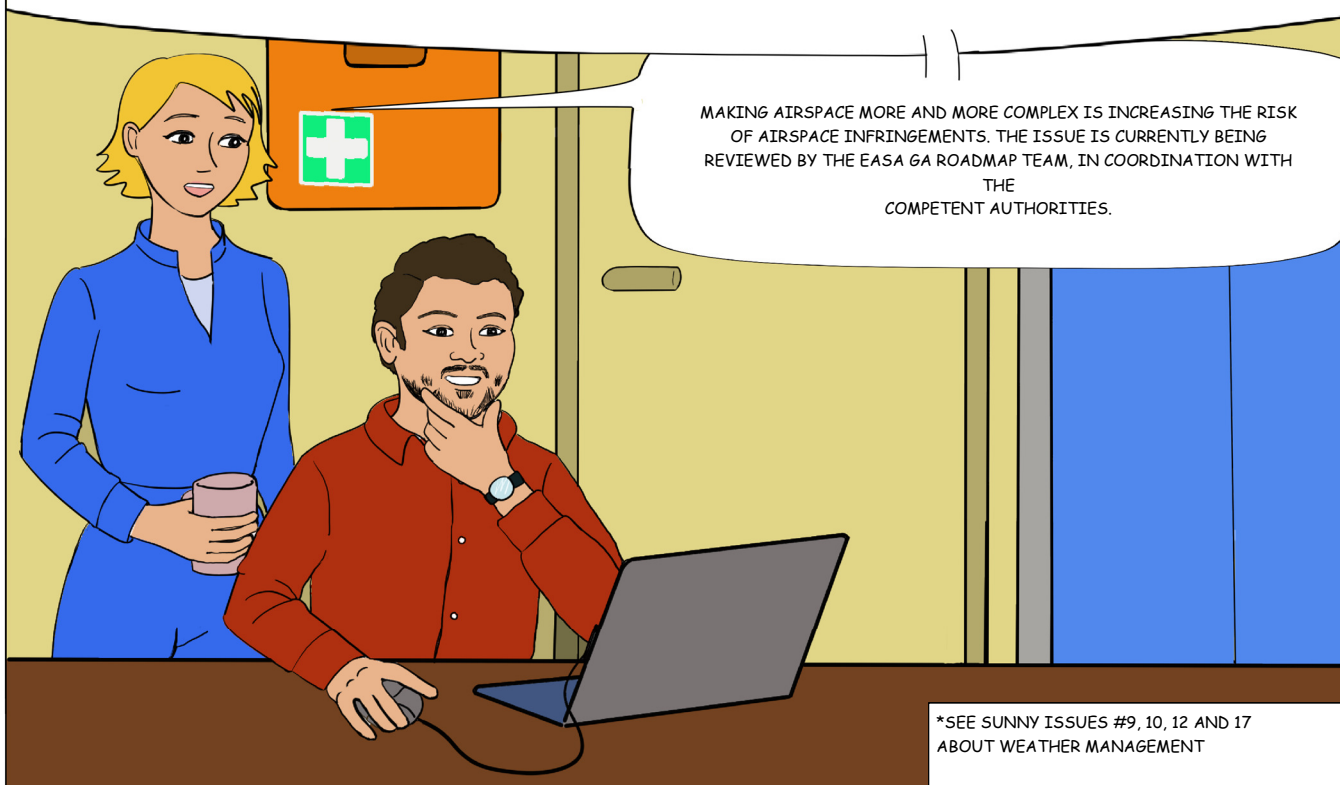
IF YOU DECIDE TO FLY BELOW 3 800 FT, YOU WILL AVOID LFR97 AND THE TMA "LORRAINE". LFR97 INFORMS US ABOUT GLIDING ACTIVITY. IF YOU NEED TO FLY HIGHER, YOU NEED CLEARANCE FROM LORRAINE ON 119,125



SOME RESTRICTED AIRSPACE IS ACTIVATED BY NOTAM. NOTAMS ARE PUBLISHED ON AIP WEBSITE, BUT ONCE AGAIN, GOOD NAVIGATION SOFTWARE PROVIDES EASIER ACCESS TO NOTAM INFORMATION, BY FILTERING THE ITEMS APPLICABLE TO THE ROUTE.



BUT REMEMBER THAT THINGS NEVER HAPPEN AS PLANNED... YOU MIGHT HAVE TO FLY BACK ON MONDAY, AND MORE RESTRICTED AIRSPACE VOLUMES WILL POP-UP, OR THE WEATHER MIGHT FORCE YOU TO FLY A DIFFERENT ROUTE AT A DIFFERENT ALTITUDE. REVALIDATE YOUR STRATEGY THE DAY BEFORE AND JUST BEFORE THE FLIGHT, AND DON'T HESITATE TO PREPARE ALTERNATE ROUTES CORRESPONDING TO DIFFERENT SCENARIOS!*



*SEE SUNNY ISSUES #9, 10, 12 AND 17 ABOUT WEATHER MANAGEMENT

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE, WE WILL DISCUSS THE TACTICAL ASPECTS OF AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT DURING A FLIGHT. STAY POSTED!

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