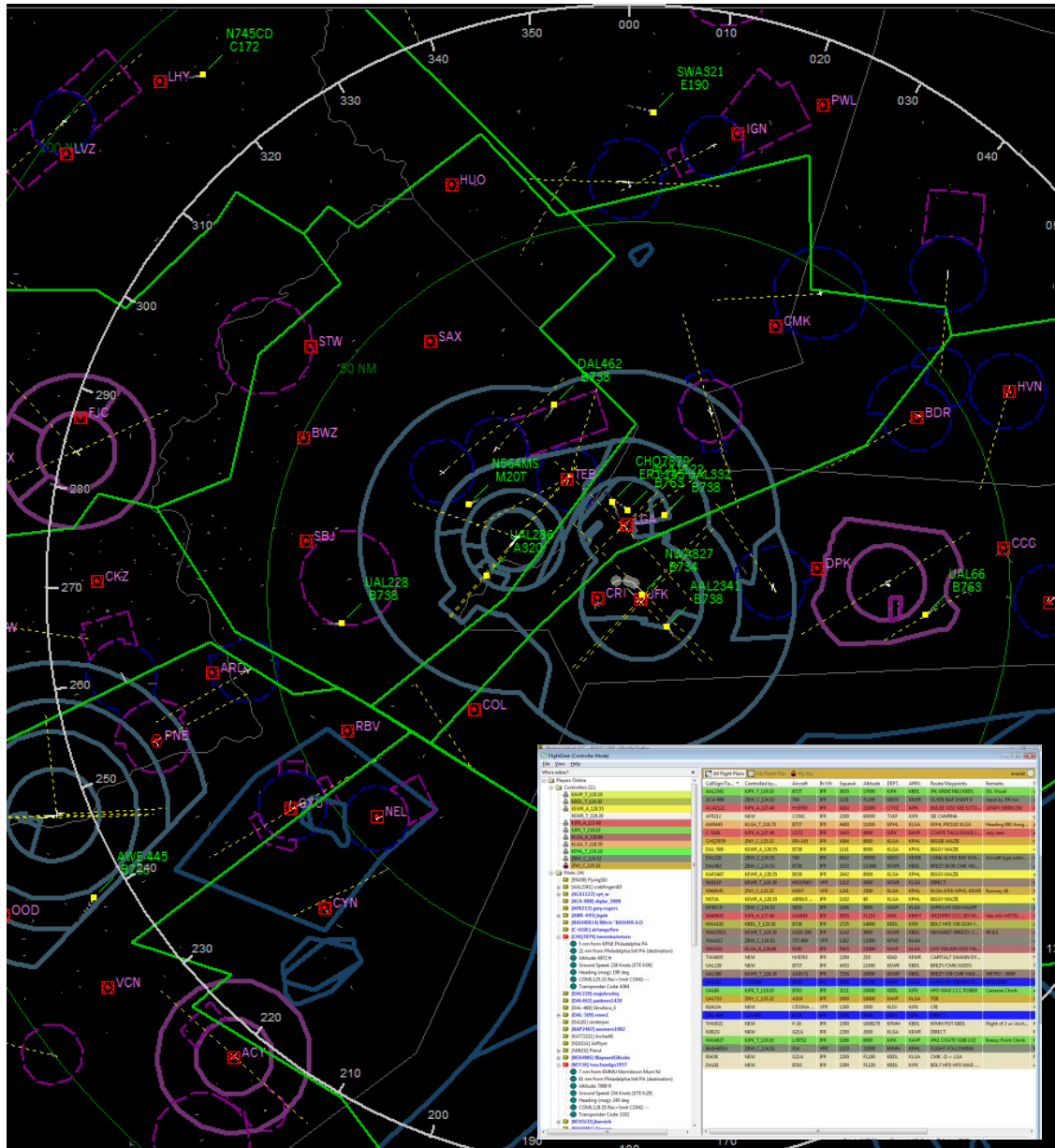# New York Hyper Tension convention

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If you visited the website on April 1 between 12:30am and 12:00pm ET, you will have noticed a April Fools' Day prank. **In all seriousness, Boston Virtual ATC is as alive and well as ever; that was an April Fools' Day prank and nothing more. Thanks (as always) for your membership and support. I hope to see you in the skies of SoCal!**

By the way... if you liked the joke, it was Evan's idea (evanet). Otherwise, Scott (Falk781) contrived the whole thing, and angry e-mails should be sent to sharethecockpit@bostonvirtualatc.com.

The New York Hyper Tension Convention

Thank you to all pilots and controllers who participated in the New York Hyper Tension Convention in March! The event was a fantastic success that saw several pilots and controllers online for 5 or more hours.

We maxed out with 38 pilots in FlightDesk, and had 20+ pilots online in the server for more than eight hours!

Keep your eyes peeled as details of future NYHTCs will be announced in the May edition of the Logan Informer.

California Getaway: Events Update

Hopefully you've been enjoying the magnificent scenery and airports of California during our getaway to the Los Angeles ARTCC. As a special treat, we'll be holding six (6) special events during our two-week getaway (two of these have already gone past with great success). The events are listed below with their respective dates and times for your convenience. Don't forget, we'll be holding a Regional Circuit between KLAX and KSAN on a special date and time this week. See you in the SoCal skies..

Domestic Journey: KDFW (Dallas/Fort Worth) to KABQ (Albuquerque)
~~Thursday, March 26 at 7pm ET~~

Regional Circuit: KLAS (Los Angeles) and KLAS (Las Vegas)
~~Tuesday, March 31 at 8pm ET~~

Domestic Journey: KABQ (Albuquerque) to KLAX (Los Angeles)
Thursday, April 2 at 7pm ET

Regional Circuit: KLAS (Los Angeles) and KSAN (San Diego)
Sunday, April 5 at 4pm ET ← Special Date & Time

Regional Circuit: KLAS (Las Vegas) and KSAN (San Diego)
Tuesday, April 7 at 8pm ET

Domestic Journey: KLAX (Los Angeles) to KSFO (San Francisco)
Thursday, April 9 at 7pm ET

Pilot Tip of the Month

When given a controller assigns a turn, begin the turn *immediately* and make your turn with 30° of bank (manually or using the bank limiter on your autopilot)

If you wait to make your turn, especially on turns to intercept an approach, you might end up flying through the final approach course. Especially during a long approach clearance, make any assigned turn immediately, even if this means turning before a controller has finished reading the full instruction.

We Need Your Help!

You may have seen that we have included a Donate button on BVA's home page. Running BVA is expensive: the servers alone cost about $1,200 a year (click here to download our budget). The budget is formatted as a forecasting running balance. You will see that we will run out of money in May. None of our hardworking controllers draws a salary; not even a tip!

There are people who have spent literally hundreds of hours organizing events, fixing problems in the website, and researching real life aviation manuals to make our operation as real as possible. The flow of new members has been steady. We welcome a bigger community but that growth brings more expenses. As we grow, new software will have to be written; we'll have to rent more powerful equipment and contract better network bandwidth. We need you to help us fund a better organization.

Our goal is to be self-sufficient for at least two years so that we can run moderate fundraising drives. We are aware that it's very difficult to ask for money during a recession but the reality is that we are $2,400 short of our fundraising goal. Please consider all the enjoyment you get out of BVA and consider whether that enjoyment is worth $15 a quarter ($5/month). Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Please note: if you receive an error while attempting to use the "Donate" button, you probably have the browser cookies disabled. In Internet Explorer, you can enable cookies for paypal by selecting 'Tools'>'Internet Options', 'Privacy', 'Sites', right clicking on "paypal.com" and selecting 'Allow'.

Los Angeles International Airport Scenery Enhancement

Thanks (again!) to TrystanV, Boston Virtual ATC is proud to present its members with an enhancement to the default scenery for Los Angeles International Airport (KLAX). This scenery upgrades parking and fixes several out-of-place or missing taxiways. There is also a full list of gate assignments and parking diagrams.

We recommend downloading and installing this update before flying with us in SoCal (if you haven't already downloaded it from the website). Links to both the diagrams as well as the scenery are available below. The scenery may be installed automatically or automatically. Enjoy!

KLAX Scenery Enhancement: Installation Files, Readme, and Gate Assignments
KLAX Airport Parking

Where Should I Fly During the Getaway?

There are hundreds of incredible airports to fly into and out of in the SoCal area and Los Angeles ARTCC. Help out your pilots by posting some of your favourite locations on our special "2 Weeks in SoCal" forum here:
http://www.bostonvirtualatc.com/dnn/LinkClick.aspx?link=161&tabid=161