



Community Updates

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Here are some of the upcoming events and activities happening in August that you should know about. Where applicable, we've provided links to the website or forums where you can find more information on topics of interest.

A new version of Live ATIS is now available. If you've logged in to Live ATIS since July 5, you may have noticed that the program automatically updated you to the latest client. No action is required, other than to continue using Live ATIS and [letting us know](#) if you experience any technical difficulties.

A new Challenge event, focused on instrument approaches and holds, is scheduled for Saturday, August 9 from 10am to 1pm ET (in response to member feedback about offering events at varying times). We hope you'll join us on the Saturday morning for the "Chance Challenge". Visit the [Challenge](#) page for more information about the event.

Around the middle of the month, we'll be launching our Member Survey. Every two years, we complete a member satisfaction survey to gather ideas and feedback to continue making our community even better. The survey link will be posted on our website and forums as well as the September Logan Informer.

Our next Getaway takes us to Northern California for the end of the month. This 7-day event will feature a Regional Circuit, bad weather Challenge, and of course all of the terrain and scenery that the NorCal area is known for.



Cape Air Virtual >> Pilot of the Month

This month, Cape Air Virtual recognizes the pilot who had the most air traffic control handoffs. For July, that pilot is Dana ('teacher_dad'), who had over 60 handoffs! Congratulations, Dana! Next month's Pilot of the Month will be awarded based on best pilot rating.

Pilot Tip of the Month

Using the Member TeamSpeak

Being a member of Boston Virtual ATC entitles you to use the Member TeamSpeak. Whether flying in the server and using it for coordination or just hanging out with other members, the Member TeamSpeak Server is there for all to use.

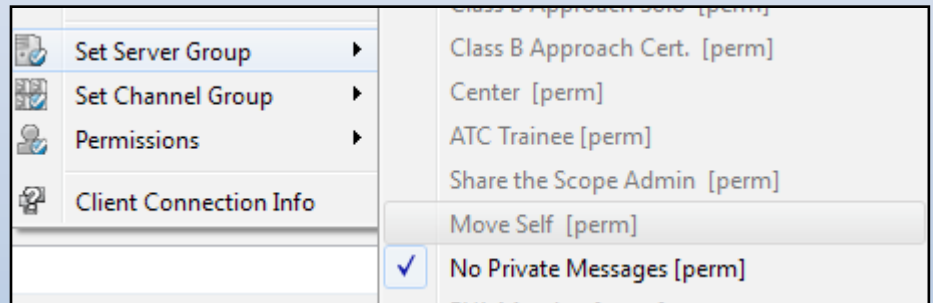
Of course, it's important to remember that critical phases of flight like takeoff and landing are just that, and require the full attention of the pilot in command. Members are encouraged to use the 'Sterile Cockpit' channel whenever full attention to the aircraft is required.

Another way to help limit distractions on TeamSpeak is to add the 'No Private Messages' server group to your account. This tag prevents users from sending you a private message (note that users can still respond to messages you have sent them).

To set this feature:

1. Right-click on your username
2. Select 'Set Server Group'
3. Select 'No Private Messages' from the list

To undo the change and allow users to send messages, simply remove the 'No Private Messages' tag from your username in the same way it was added.



Regional Circuit



Wednesday, August 6
(8-11pm ET)

KATL (Atlanta) &
KTYS (Knoxville)

Our controllers fully staff two airports and provide complete ATC coverage for flights between the two; pilots are encouraged to file preferred routes and can expect multiple handoffs and busy frequencies throughout the event

Domestic Journey



Thursday, September 18
(8-11pm ET)

KAMA (Amarillo) &
KDFW (Dallas Fort-Worth)

The Domestic Journey provides BVA pilots with the opportunity to enjoy medium-haul flights across North America with air traffic control coverage from gate-to-gate.

Pack the Pattern



Saturday, August 16
(2-4pm ET)

KGVT (Greenville)

Pilots are encouraged to fly into the event or fly IFR or VFR circuits of a busy Class Bravo airport, with full ATC coverage for the entire evening (including Clearance, Ground, multiple Tower and Approach controllers, and maybe even a Center!)

Fly-In



Sunday, August 3
(1-4pm ET)

New York Lakes
(KBGM, KELM, and KITH)

Tower (Local) Controllers will feature several small airports designed for General Aviation aircraft. Fly IFR or VFR within controlled airspace; general aviation aircraft (anything from a Cessna to a LearJet) are preferred.

Challenge



Saturday, August 9
(10am-1pm ET)

Chance Challenge
KPVD (Providence)

BVA's Challenge event will test your piloting skills in the realistic atmosphere of BVA. This event is about exercising your multi-tasking ability in challenging and unfamiliar situations—something pilots have to do all the time.

Getaway



August 23 - 30

Northern California
(KFAT, KRNO, KSFO, KSMF)

BVA's Getaway Event takes pilots and controllers for a change of scenery, and features various airports across North America. Join BVA as we 'Getaway' to explore new airports and destinations

Controller of the Month

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Each month, one member of our controller community is selected by ATC Instructors for special recognition for outstanding performance and ongoing dedication. As essential frontline service providers, controllers play the most important role in ensuring the satisfaction and enjoyment of our membership.

This month, the ATC Instructors recognize **Brandon ("flyingreferee")** as Controller of the Month. A controller here since the beginning

of the year, Brandon has progressed quickly in his training and recently achieved a Class C Tower certification, allowing him to provide local services to VFR and IFR aircraft within the immediate vicinity of smaller airports. Throughout his training, the ATC Training Staff has noted Brandon's technical proficiency. It's clear he puts in the effort to study our extensive written training materials well before his actual on-frequency sessions begin. He is known for consistent improvement throughout each session, and his dedication to the program and its demanding requirements is the reason for his continued success.

