



Events in February

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This February promises to be a busy and exciting month for special events on our server.

On February 7 and 8, join us from 1-4pm ET for a Pilot Ratings Program Challenge: multiple sectors of Boston Center (ZBW) will be staffed each day to provide coverage for Pilot Ratings Program (PRP) flights. Each of the 20 PRP challenge flights can be attempted with the ATC Coverage we'll have online.

On Saturday, February 21, we'll hold our second Virtual Landing Competition at Ohio State University Airport (KOSU) in Columbus, Ohio. Look for more information about the event, including the format, to be posted on the Challenge page later this month.

At the end of February and into March, we're heading west for a Getaway in Chicago Center (ZAU). The 9-day event features a Pack The Pattern at Midway (KMDW) and a Regional Circuit between Milwaukee (KMKE) and O'Hare (KORD).

Of course, you can always find regular air traffic control online nearly every day on the ATC Timetable.



Cape Air Virtual >>

Pilot of the Month

This month, Cape Air Virtual recognizes the pilot who had the highest pilot rating. For August, that pilot is Lou ('BigBadLou'), who had an average pilot rating of 110.66. Congratulations, Lou! Next month's Pilot of the Month will also be awarded based on best pilot rating. At least 5 flights are required.

Late Night Tuesdays

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Each Tuesday, BVA offers extended air traffic control beyond our normal peak operating hours. Look for ATC to begin at, or extend beyond, 11pm ET each Tuesday. Late Night ATC provides an additional opportunity for members whose schedules or locations make participating in our regular peak hours ATC availability a challenge.

Late Night Tuesdays take place in our regular home airspace, with ZBW either signing in at 11pm ET, or continuing from that time,

until 2am ET. On days where we have evening events (8-11pm ET), Late Night Tuesdays will take place in event airspace.

Many of our air traffic controllers have embraced the Late Night Tuesday concept, and last Tuesday we had 6 controllers online past 11pm ET, including ZBW, ATC at KBDL, KBOS, and a fully-staffed KBOS.

Remember, you can check the [ATC Timetable](#) to see the latest listing of planned air traffic control availability throughout each week, including which controllers will be staffing ATC for later flights on Tuesday evenings.

Pilot Tip of the Month

Noise Abatement at Nantucket Airport

Nantucket Airport (KACK) is a popular destination for our pilots, particularly for VFR arrivals and departures during summer months. Given its status as a tourist destination, Nantucket Airport has created specific flight procedures to help minimize noise and disruption to those living or vacationing on Nantucket Island.

BVA's controllers simulate the noise abatement procedures that are in effect at Nantucket to the extent practical, and we encourage pilots to be familiar with the procedures. In particular, pilots should be familiar with the reporting points and common VFR routes around the island.

For example, when landing Runway 24/30, arrivals from the north are usually told to enter the right base via "Third Point" (unless Tower gives an alternate route). Sometimes, aircraft landing on Runway 33 might be told to follow the eastern shoreline of the island when making a downwind.

We encourage BVA members to learn more about [Nantucket Airport's Noise Abatement Procedures](#) and view the full [VFR Aircraft Corridors Map](#).



Regional Circuit



Wednesday, February 4
(8-11pm ET)

KMCI (Kansas City) &
KSTL (St. Louis)

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, March 26
(8-11pm ET)

KTPA (Tampa) &
KSAV (Savannah)

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



Monday, March 2
(8-10pm ET)

KMDW (Chicago Midway)

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



Saturday, May 16
(3-6pm ET)

Pacific Northwest
(CYXX, KBLI, and KPAE)

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, February 7
(1-4pm ET)

Pilot Ratings Program
ZBW ARTCC

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



February 28 - March 8

Chicago
(KORD, KMDW, KMKE, KMSN)

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.

In January, the ATC Instructors recognize **Jason ('Warhead2113')** as Controller of the Month. Jason is relatively new to our air traffic

control training program, having recently completed his "over the shoulder" certification to work the Class B Ground. Jason joined the community with little aviation experience, but his hard work and dedication have paid off over the past few months. Jason can regularly be found studying SOPs and instrument procedures, asking questions, and creating his own quick reference guides and memory aids.

Thank you Jason for all of the extra effort you have put into becoming a great controller. We look forward to your Tower training soon.

