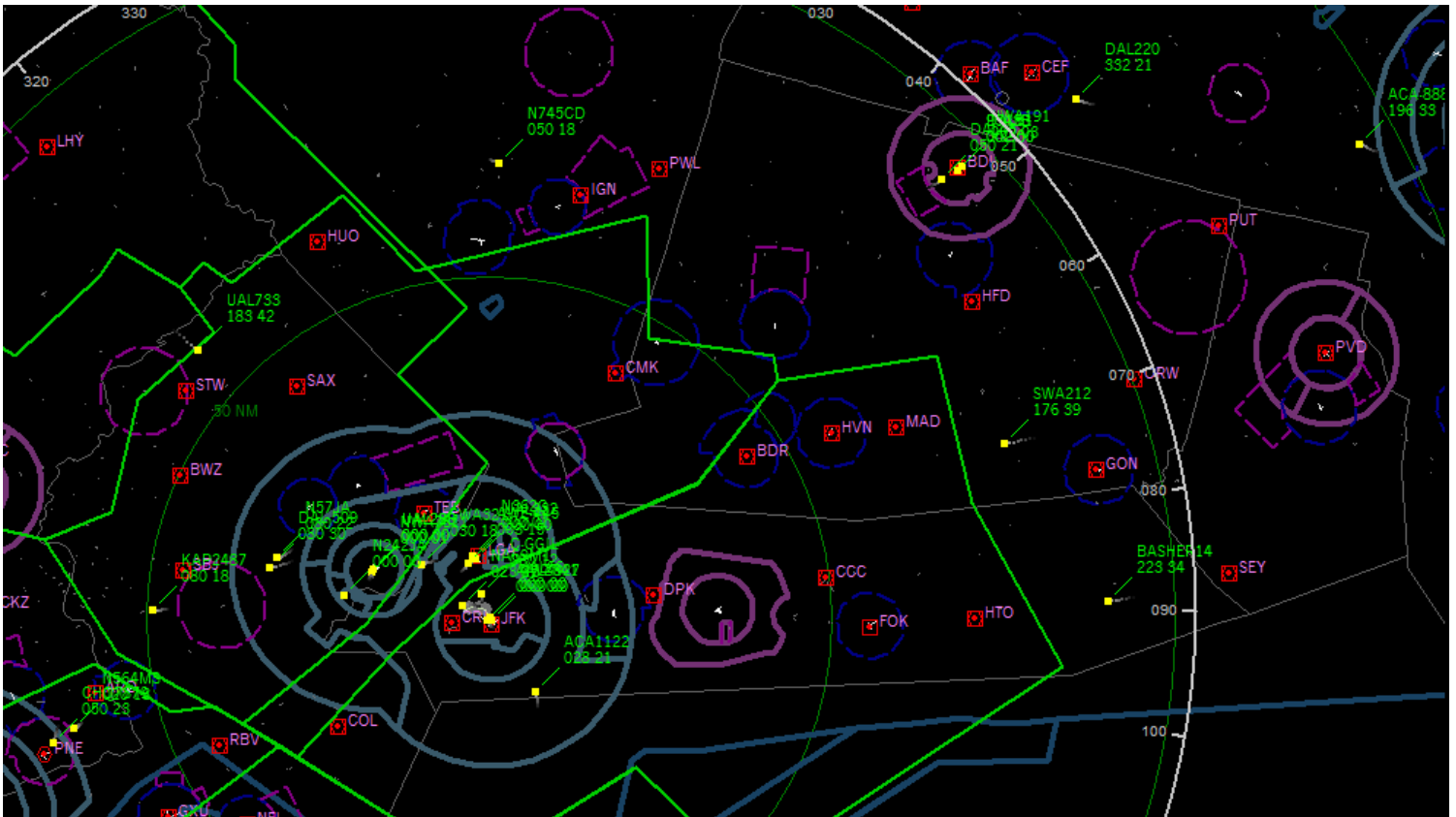## Boston Virtual ATC's Logan Informer | Issue #7: July 1, 2009

Hyper Tension Convention

Stweaver321, 135boomer, Skruface_X, konan009, highflyer34, bcarter755, Airfliyer, nsfd627, superchief57, and twominuteturn...

... all have one thing in common: they've signed up for the Hyper Tension Convention

BVA pilots fly between KBOS, KBDL, KPHL, KLGA, KEWR, KJFK, and KAVP as 11 controllers look on during the last Hyper Tension Convention in New York in March. The next HTC, also in New York, is July 19 at 4pm ET.

In March, 38 pilots packed the skies over New York keeping the intensity and blood pressure high for more than four hours. Don't miss your opportunity to sign-up for a departure slot in the HTC today on the website (don't worry, you can still fly without one if you want).

CLICK HERE TO SIGN-UP FOR A PREDETERMINED ROUTE FOR THE HTC ON JULY 19 at 4PM ET

Why are we asking pilots to sign-up to fly the HTC? Signing up to fly in the Hyper Tension Convention is not required; however, we encourage pilots to pick a set of routes and departure airport to ensure the traffic is evenly spaced out across the entire event. This way, pilots depart from across the Northeast and apply equal pressure across all of our controllers.

What happened last time? The HTC was an incredible success in March because we had 23 'structured pilots' sign-up for a predetermined set of routes and they all flew their routes! On top of that, we had more than 10 drop-in pilots who hadn't signed-up to keep things interesting. The more pilots fly their routes, the better the traffic will be for everyone... and the more drop-in "bonus" pilots we'll have to top it all off!

Which controllers will be online? Just like the event in March, we're featuring the New York ARTCC this month with both ZNY and ZBW online, supported by three New York Approach controllers as well as local controllers at Kennedy, LaGuardia, Newark, Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, and Bradley. The next event will feature the same concept in a new locale.

Where can I find more information? How do I sign-up? All the information about the event is listed on our website's "New York Hyper Tension Convention" page. You can sign-up yourself by following the instructions on the page or e-mail operations@bostonvirtualatc.com with your Pilot # (your name will be added to the page for you).

Pilot Tip of the Month

ATIS information for controlled airports is now available through FlightDesk's browser!

ATIS information is now located in a much more convenient location—FlightDesk! When you first login to FlightDesk, click the "Connect to BVA" link in the "Browser" window, and then look for the "ATIS" link on the navigation bar.

Flight for the Fight Delayed

Due to the server issues we experienced throughout the month of June, the Flight for the Fight has been delayed to August 2, beginning at 4pm ET. Click here for more information.

Scenery Page

BVATC is pleased to inform you that we are now providing airport scenery updates for airports used in our events. These updates are intended to make our events smoother by matching the runways and taxiways in FSX with their real-world counterparts. In other words, the BVATC updates will result in MSFS airports that more closely match the current airport charts. For those of you that rely on the stock GPS, terminal waypoints and approach procedures are often included in the updates as well.

We have created a new page at our website dedicated to these airport updates, accessible from the navigation bar on the left of all pages (click here to view). On this page, you'll find the airport scenery downloads along with a forum for discussing airport scenery related topics. It would be a big help if you would report problems or discrepancies at airports that we'll be having events at in the forum included on that page. This includes both the stock airports as well as the BVATC airport updates.

Since BVATC controllers will be giving instructions based on the current airport charts, it is very important that all members install these airport updates prior to flying in a BVATC event. The scenery updates are kept pretty minimal and performance will generally not be noticeably impacted. Furthermore, automatic installers are included with all of the files, so installation normally takes less than one minute (manual installation is also available).

Events Update

BVA has a number of exciting events coming up, including a Hyper Tension Convention in New York (this July), as well as the "Flight for the Fight" in August. The list below outlines the basic concept of each event as well as the date, time, and location of the next event. Don't forget, full details about each event can be found on the BVATC Events page of our website.

REGIONAL CIRCUIT

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

Next Event: **Tuesday, July 7 (8-11pm ET)**

Location: **KORD (Chicago) & KIND (Indianapolis)**

DOMESTIC JOURNEY

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.

Next Event: **Thursday, August 6 (7-11pm ET)**

Location: **Edmonton (CYEG) 🍁 to Billings (KBIL)**

PACK THE PATTERN

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!)

Next Event: **Thursday, July 2 (8-10pm ET)**

Location: **Boston International Airport (KBOS)**

GENERAL AVIATION FLY-IN

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.

Next Event: **Thursday, July 23 (8-11pm ET)**

Location: **Dallas-Fort Worth**

HYPER TENSION CONVENTION

The HTC aims to create the most intense experience for pilots by squeezing eleven controllers into a small airspace, encouraging pilots to sign-up for a departure slot, and keeping blood pressure as high as possible for as long as possible.

Next Event: **Sunday, July 19 (4-8pm ET)**

(pilot sign-up is available now – CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR DEPARTURE SLOT TODAY!)

Location: **New York**

GETAWAY

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

Next Event: **July 3-10, 2009**

Location: **Northwestern United States**

FLIGHT FOR THE FIGHT

This special, one-time event asks pilots to come out in full force to stimulate traffic and benefit a good cause. Pilots fly routes around the Northeastern US and receive credit for each flight. The credits are tallied at the end of the event, and one anonymous BVA member donates the money to the Susan G. Komen For the Cure Breast Cancer Society; A matching donation is then made to BVA.

Event Date: **Sunday, August 2 (4-8pm ET)**

Location: **Boston, Albany, and Burlington**

Did You Know...?

There are several 'hidden' click-spots on the BVA homepage that provide shortcuts to information about the events including downloadable flight plans and the preferred routes. Just click on one of the two click-spots on the graphic to the left of the main News Feed on our homepage that will open up pop-up windows with all the information you need.

There is more in the latest version of FlightDesk than any other. With the addition of a browser pane to FlightDesk, BVA members now have access to more content than ever before. Wondering what the three-letter code for your airline is? Considering what you should put in the "Aircraft Type" box (hint: it's not "BARON")? Do you know what that equipment suffix on the end of the aircraft type means? You can find all this information (and more) in FlightDesk's browser window.

To access the new content, simply click on the "Connect to BVA" link in FlightDesk's "Browser" tab and use the table of contents to browse through HelpDesk content.

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Who's online?

Players Online
  Controllers
  Pilots (3)
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    [FDX837] jolly07
    [UAL362] Pierul
  Observers (7)
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    evanet
    jolly07
    pierul
    ProATC223
    skyblazer3
    TinyMindsage25

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http://www.bostonvirtualatc.com/downloads/FlightDesk1.0/WelcomeToFD/Main/

Welcome To FlightDesk

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FSX Server Status: **ONLINE** | Server P... ...: ORD3! | Server Time: Real-World EDT

HelpDesk >> Welcome!

Welcome to HelpDesk, a guide for using and enhancing FlightDesk, as well as general tips for flying and filing your flight plans. Use this page, as well as the links at the bottom of each section, to help you navigate through these help files. All pages were created by Pierre ("Pierul") Bonnet.

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From East to West: July's Getaway features Seattle & Vancouver

Join us from July 3-10 along the beautiful northwestern coast of the United States and Canada for our Pacific Northwestern getaway. For the first time in our history, the event will feature "Center" controllers from both sides of the border, with Seattle Center (ZSE) covering the featured airports of Seattle and Portland (Oregon) and Vancouver Center (ZVR) covering Vancouver, Victoria, and Kelowna (British Columbia). Of course, you won't be restricted to the featured airports, and we encourage pilots to take advantage of the opportunity to explore the mountainous Pacific coastline. As usual, en-route and terminal controllers will cover all airports within their airspace (not just the featured fields).

As you know, charts for Canadian airports are not available from AirNav. However, a link to all the charts you'll need in the Vancouver Flight Information Region (an "FIR" is the Canadian equivalent of an ARTCC) can be found on the "Getaway Details" page of our website. While some procedures in Canada differ, chances are good you'll do just fine with the knowledge you already have so take a bold step forward into the great wide North during our getaway to the Pacific Northwest.

The Pacific Northwest Getaway | Seattle & Vancouver | July 3-10, 2009

The getaway will not feature any special events, but look for our controllers to staff both featured and non-featured airports on both sides of the border. Preferred routes, frequencies, and downloadable flight plans are all available from the "Getaway Details" page of our website. Download links for the Canadian charts (don't forget, all US charts are available from www.airnav.com), as well as the preferred routes, are also linked below.

Please note that the server will be set to real-world Pacific Time, so we should get a little more sunlight for some of the late-night flights along the west coast as well. While this week's Regional Circuit does not feature airports in the Getaway region, we will be coming back to the pacific northwest for a reprise on Tuesday, July 14 for a cross-border Seattle & Vancouver Regional Circuit.

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PDX: SEA HELNS4	- N/A -	PDX: YVR J5 SEA HELNS4	PDX:DISCO DIGGN V165 OLM	PDX: LW V354 YDC J503 SEA HELNS4
YVR: PAE GRIZZ3	YVR: BTG J1 SEA PAE GRIZZ3	- N/A -	YVR: YYJ PENDR	YVR: MERYT J508 BOOTH
YYJ: SEA V495 YYJ	YYJ: BTG J1 SEA V495 YYJ	YYJ: YVR APASS2	- N/A -	YYJ: MERYT J508 BOOTH
YLW: SEA J503 YDC V354 LW	YLW: BTG SEA J503 YDC V354 LW	YLW: JANEK VIDRI	YLW: YVR J487 LYTON WTMAN	- N/A -

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