Help BVA Advertise!

Phil ('Ferrari308guy')
BVA Administration Team

Now that BVA can no longer benefit from the free advertising that GameSpy provided, the community has begun to rely on its membership to help spread the word to others so that we can continue to attract new members and grow. In order to facilitate word-of-mouth communication about BVA, we have created a new Media page on our website that provides a flyer and additional promotional information about the community.

Particularly if you live in the Northeastern region of the United States, you can help our community grow by printing out copies of the flyer and posting them in local airports or flying clubs. However, be sure to get permission from the owner or operator first. You can also help by talking to friends, pilots, and enthusiasts about the potential of flight simulation and the role that places like BVA can play in the development of future pilots.

In order to get an idea whether or not these flyers are effective in helping the community gain new members, please let us know when and where you post a flyer by sending a quick e-mail to philc@bostonvirtualatc.com.

Helping to promote our community requires minimal effort but can make a lasting and positive impact on the community. So, if you have a few spare minutes this coming weekend, consider visting BVA's Media page, printing out a few copies of the flyer, and taking a drive to your local airport to help spread the word about this community that we all enjoy!

June 22 - Training Day

Evan ('Evanet')
BVA Administration Team

If you have ever felt like you don't have the knowledge, skill, or currency to participate on our server, this event is for you! While it's called a Challenge, it'll be the exact opposite. In this special event for new members (located at the home airport of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University), we're slowing things down and simplifying to give those of us who want to be part of the community but aren't quite prepared or current enough a chance to join one of our events.

This is a new member event that comes from one of the suggestions we received from members in a recent survey. It's designed to be as welcoming as possible, with additional ATC staffing and a set of training controllers who will be prepared to explain instructions and provide feedback when requested. Controllers have been instructed to talk more slowly than normal, and will be providing all aircraft with extra spacing. We'll also have extra frequencies open, so the amount of transmissions won't be quite as intense as usual.

We'll have plenty of opportunities for you to ask questions as well as a set of experienced members on hand who can jump into the aircraft and help with anything from flying VFR closed traffic to a DME arc instrument approach.

Please view the Challenge page the BVA website full event details!

Cape Air Virtual >> Pilot of the Month

Each month, Cape Air Virtual recognizes the pilot who has the most hours for the airline. For May, that pilot is Nick ('cessna53996'), who has flown a total of 25.1 hours!

Pilot Tip of the Month

Staying Up to Date

Whether you use the most complex add-on aircraft or you like to puddle-jump in the default Cessna 172, ensure that the navigation data—the waypoints, navaids, and terminal procedures—you use is up to date. For example, the FAA recently decommissioned the BDL VOR, which also impacted the airspace structure in the vicinity of the airport. While you won't find the VOR on any real-world charts, FAA's 2006 data still shows the VOR in working order and you can actually track it.

Fortunately, there's a free set of updates you can find that will ensure the fixes, navaids, and even the magnetic variation data in your copy of FSX are up-to-date. This free update even decommissions the BDL VOR so it's as non-existent in FSX as it is in real life. There is also an excellent payware source for keeping the data in your add-on FMS current. For more information, view the thread on our forums with more information about how to update your navigation data.

Regional Circuit

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Tuesday, June 4
(8-11pm ET)

KBOI (Boise) & KTWF (Twin Falls)

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

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Saturday, June 15
(1-4pm ET)

KLAS (Las Vegas) & KPHX (Phoenix)

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

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Sunday, June 2
(4-6pm ET)

KISP (Long Island)

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

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Saturday, July 13
(2-5pm ET)

Boulder Mountains (KSUN and KTWF)

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

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Saturday, June 22
(1-4pm ET)

Training Day
KDAB (Daytona Beach)

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

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To Be Announced

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

Evan ('Evanet')
BVA Administration Team

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, our ATC Instructors recognize **Josh ('TheNavyReapers')** for outstanding dedication to the ATC program. Despite his remote geographic location "across the pond", Josh has managed to control more hours than anyone else on the ATC roster. Even more importantly, many of those hours have been at "off-peak" times. We've recently seen Boston Approach online in East Coast mornings and afternoons, meaning members who prefer to fly during the day have that option. Josh has also begun training at the Center level, the highest possible level of controlling, requiring the most focus and dedication to achieve. Thank you Josh...points!

Max ('ameri767300')
Screenshot of the Month Coordinator

E ven though he been a finalist for every sceenshot competition since the contest's inception, Evan has always managed to come up short and go home empty-handed, but not this month! By a whopping single vote, **Evan ('Evanet')** has squeaked his way through to victory in BVA's May Screenshot

Competition. Congratulations, Evan! Displayed below, his shot is a Cape Air Beechcraft Baron on short final in some brilliant evening light. Click HERE to see the forum thread containing all of the competition's entrants.

If you missed this month's competition, then get in on the fun for June! Click HERE for details about the June Screenshot Contest.