



See You at FlightSimCon!

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BVA Administration Team

FlightSimCon 2015 is just two weeks away! This June 13-14, more than 40 BVA members will be gathering at the New England Air Museum for North America's largest flight simulation conference.

It's not too late to register! Tickets for the conference are just \$60 for the entire weekend, and include access to the New England Air Museum. Registration is open online until June 10 (after that, on-site registration will be available for \$40/day).

For those who aren't able to attend the event in person, please join us online! Boston Center, along with Bradley Approach, Bradley Tower, and Norwich Tower will be all staffed throughout conference hours (10am-5pm on June 13 and 10am-3pm on June 14). Traditionally, FlightSimCon is one of the busiest weekends of the year on our server. If you aren't able to make it to the conference

in person, please help us showcase how busy, professional, and realistic our community can be by flying and controlling all day on Saturday and Sunday!

For those who are attending the event in person, there are more than 20 flight simulation organizations confirmed to attend, including Aerosoft, A2A Simulations, Dovetail Games, GoFlight, Jetline Systems, LiveATC, PMDG, PC Pilot, and many more! A wide variety of flight simulation and real-world aviation experts are speaking at the event such as YouTube personality Frooglesim, PMDG CEO Robert Randazzo, Aerosoft CEO Winfried Diekmann, and FlightSim.Com Founder Nels Anderson. BVA members Captain Tony Vallillo, Sim-Pit Builder Tom Gauvin, CFI John Padua, and Administration Team Member Evan Reiter will also be speaking.

Check out the ATC Timetable starting on June 8 to see the full ATC roster during the event, and [visit our forums](#) or the [FlightSimCon website](#) for more information on the conference.

Updated 'Featured Airports Scenery Enhancement'

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BVA's 'Featured Airports Scenery Enhancement' has recently been updated! The package includes airports in our ZBW and ZNY airspaces (except KBOS, which has its own installer). The most recent version of the package includes several airports previously packaged as Airport Updates, as well as new releases KACK, KPWM, KISP, KBDL, and KOXC.

Existing members will need to first uninstall the previous version of this enhancement before downloading the new one. Please [visit our forums](#) for instructions.



Pilot Tip of the Month

Transponder Operations

The FAA recently released SAFO 15006 encouraging general aviation pilots and commercial operators to operate transponders in Mode C, and enable ADS-B Out, whenever an aircraft is on a movement area or airborne. This applies at all airports, whether or not the airports are equipped with the ASDE-X ground radar system. Pilots no longer need to check the verbiage on the airport diagram to determine whether or not to operate the transponder on the ground.

For all airports, the FAA suggests that pilots select the transponder mode which allows altitude reporting and enable ADS-B (if equipped) during pushback, or when entering a movement area. If equipped, pilots should select the TCAS to TA or TA/RA when entering the active runway. Upon arrival, pilots should ensure the transponder remains in altitude reporting mode until arriving at the gate, or exiting a movement area.

More information about the change is included in [FAA SAFO 15006](#).



Regional Circuit



Tuesday, June 2
(8-11pm ET)

KALB (Albany) &
KACK (Nantucket)

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

Pack the Pattern



Tuesday, June 23
(8-11pm ET)

KBDL (Bradley)

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!)

Challenge



Sunday, July 12
(1-4pm ET)

The Hump
Himalayan Mountains

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.

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 ('brainstorm1')** as Controller of the Month. Brandon is working toward becoming

Domestic Journey



Thursday, July 16
(8-11pm ET)

KSAV (Savannah) &
KCHA (Chattanooga)

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.

Fly-In



Saturday, June 6
(2-5pm ET)

Northeast
(KBAF, KBDL, KHFD, KOXC)

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.

Getaway



August 14-23

Southern California
(KLAS, KLAX, KPSP, KSAN)

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



Screenshot of the Month

Max ('Ameri767300')
BVA Administration Team

Congratulations to **Dave ('jivebiscuit')** for winning BVA's May Screenshot of the Month Contest! Displayed below, is a beautiful shot depicts a Cessna 206 Stationair descending through a storm system into Atlantic City, New Jersey.

If you missed this month's competition and are interested in submitting a screenshot, stay tuned to BVA's forums for an announcement regarding our next Screenshot of the Month Contest, which will take place in May.



Major Update to our Forums

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Our forums were recently updated to the latest version of phpBB. The new version includes several improvements to both the layout and functionality of the board.

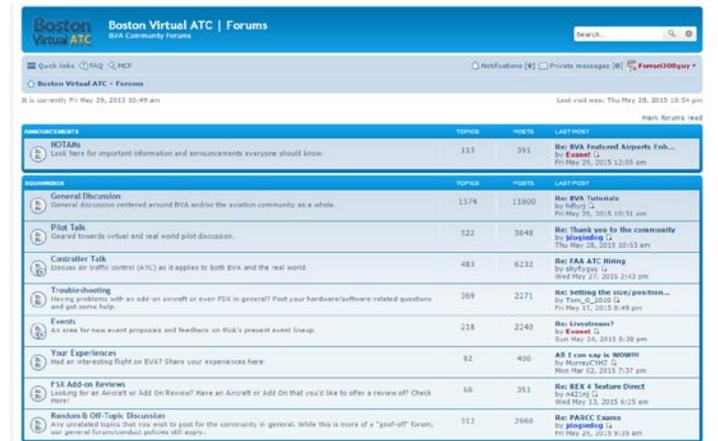
Amongst other changes, members will notice a more intuitive menu or 'breadcrumb' system at the top of each page, easier access to common links, and more logical menus for notifications, private messages, and your own profile and user control panel.

Please take a few minutes to [look around the new board](#) and, as always, let us know if you have any questions about the new functionality or notice an issue with the upgrade.

In case you haven't been on our forums recently, **please remember that the forums require a separate registration.** If you aren't able to login, you may need to [Register](#) using your BVA Username and website password.



Cape Air Virtual >>
Pilot of the Month
Each month, Cape Air Virtual recognizes the pilot who has the most flights. For May, that pilot is Dave ('Dave483'), who has 39 flights! Congratulations, Dave!



Announcements	topics	posts	Last post
NOTAMS Look here for important information and announcements everyone should know.	113	391	Re: BVA Featured Airports Feb... by Kajper12 Fri May 26, 2016 12:03 am
Discussion	topics	posts	Last post
General Discussion General discussion centered around BVA and/or the aviation community as a whole.	1574	11900	Re: BVA 'Welcome' by Kajper12 Fri May 26, 2016 10:31 am
Pilot Talk General towards virtual and real world pilot discussion.	522	3848	Re: Thank you to the community by jivebiscuit Thu May 26, 2016 10:53 am
Controller Talk Discuss air traffic control (ATC) as it applies to both BVA and the real world.	483	6232	Re: FAA ATC Hiring by shuffrey Thu May 26, 2016 2:43 pm
Troubleshooting Having problems with an add-on aircraft or even FSX in general? Post your hardware/software related questions and get some help.	269	2271	Re: Setting the size/position... by Tamm Wed May 25, 2016 6:49 pm
Events An area for new event proposals and feedback on BVA's present event lineup.	218	2240	Re: Livestream? by Evanet Thu May 26, 2016 6:38 pm
Your Experiences Had an interesting flight on BVA? Share your experiences here.	82	400	AR I can say is WOW!!! by m4210 Wed May 25, 2016 6:25 am
FSX Add-on Reviews Looking for an Aircraft or Add On Review? Have an Aircraft or Add On that you'd like to offer a review of? Check here!	64	351	Re: BEK 4: Seattle Direct by m4210 Wed May 25, 2016 6:25 am
Random & Off-Topic Discussion Any unrelated topics that you wish to post for the community in general. While this is more of a "post-off" forum, our general forum/website policies still apply.	312	2668	Re: PIREC Exams by jivebiscuit Fri May 26, 2016 9:25 am

