

# 2 Weeks in SoCal

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The first-ever New York Hyper Tension Convention will be on **March 22 at 4pm ET**

| Local /General Aviation Traffic   Start Time: 4:00pm ET |                    |                  |                  |                                       |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Pilot #   | Description        | Starting Airport | Pilot Name       | Route(s)                              |
| 1   | NY GA Pilot        | KLGA #1          | Pierul           | Local Hops to KEWR,KJFK,KLGA Airports |
| 2   | NY GA Pilot        | KLGA #2          | HerrHeinrich     | Local Hops to KEWR,KJFK,KLGA Airports |
| 3   | NY GA Pilot        | KEWR             | abowles1         | Local Hops to KEWR,KJFK,KLGA Airports |
| 4   | NY GA Pilot        | KJFK #1          | ChrisKJXN        | Local Hops to KEWR,KJFK,KLGA Airports |
| 5   | NY GA Pilot        | KJFK #2          | TangoSierraRoger | Local Hops to KEWR,KJFK,KLGA Airports |
| Circuit Pilots: Departures   Start Time: 4:15pm ET      |                    |                  |                  |                                       |
| Pilot #   | Description        | Starting Airport | Pilot Name       | Route(s)                              |
| 6   | NY Departure Pilot | KLGA (Route A)   | 135bomer         | Circuit: to KPHL and back to KEWR     |
| 7   | NY Departure Pilot | KLGA (Route A)   |                  | Circuit: to KPHL and back to KEWR     |
| 8   | NY Departure Pilot | KLGA (Route A)   |                  | Circuit: to KPHL and back to KEWR     |
| 9   | NY Departure Pilot | KJFK (Route E)   | flyin305         | Circuit: to KAVP and back to KLGA     |
| 10  | NY Departure Pilot | KJFK (Route E)   | highflyer34      | Circuit: to KAVP and back to KLGA     |
| 11  | NY Departure Pilot | KJFK (Route E)   | FSATC            | Circuit: to KAVP and back to KLGA     |
| 12  | NY Departure Pilot | KEWR (Route C)   |                  | Circuit: to KBDL and back to KJFK     |
| 13  | NY Departure Pilot | KEWR (Route C)   | my_merc          | Circuit: to KBDL and back to KJFK     |
| 14  | NY Departure Pilot | KEWR (Route C)   |                  | Circuit: to KBDL and back to KJFK     |
| Circuit Pilots: Departures   Start Time: 4:00pm ET      |                    |                  |                  |                                       |
| Pilot #   | Description        | Starting Airport | Pilot Name       | Route(s)                              |
| 15  | Arrivals into NY   | KBDL (Route D)   | stweaver321      | Circuit: to KJFK and back to KAVP     |
| 16  | Arrivals into NY   | KBDL (Route D)   | Boeing-Cessna101 | Circuit: to KJFK and back to KAVP     |
| 17  | Arrivals into NY   | KBDL (Route D)   |                  | Circuit: to KJFK and back to KAVP     |
| 18  | Arrivals into NY   | KPHL (Route B)   | JoJoMugz         | Circuit: to KEWR and back to KBDL     |
| 19  | Arrivals into NY   | KPHL (Route B)   | Jester604        | Circuit: to KEWR and back to KBDL     |
| 20  | Arrivals into NY   | KPHL (Route B)   | tim228           | Circuit: to KEWR and back to KBDL     |
| 21  | Arrivals into NY   | KAVP (Route F)   | RMM1             | Circuit: to KLGA and back to KPHL     |
| 22  | Arrivals into NY   | KAVP (Route F)   | broncos77        | Circuit: to KLGA and back to KPHL     |
| 23  | Arrivals into NY   | KAVP (Route F)   | records43        | Circuit: to KLGA and back to KPHL     |

As of 4:00pm ET on March 5, there are only **5 slots left** for the New York Hyper Tension Convention (although everyone, including pilots who have not signed up, is welcome to fly the event).

In preparation for the event, antacid tablets are being sent to our controllers across the New York ARTCC.

Come out and see what the tension and stress of the New York area is like. The first-ever NYHTC will be **March 22 at 4pm ET**.

To claim one of the few remaining pilot sign-up spots, [visit our website](#).

# Controller Feedback

## Let Us Know How We're Doing!

There is now a "Controller Feedback" page on the website. If you have positive comments or constructive criticism for our air traffic controllers, simply fill out the form on our website. You can choose whether your comments are visible to the controller, and your name or BVA ID are never visible to anyone reading your comments. You can also send general comments about the air traffic control program. Special thanks to TrystanV for the idea and UAL8654 for the implementation. The form is linked in the navigation bar of the Boston Virtual ATC website.



The screenshot shows the 'Boston Virtual ATC Feedback' form. At the top, it says 'Boston Virtual ATC Feedback' with a logo of a tower. The form has a yellow background and a spiral notebook border. It contains several fields: 'Controller: [Please Select a Controller] \*', 'Rating: [Please Select] \*', 'Which ATC position was this controller operating? [Please Select] \*', 'User ID: [text input]', and a checkbox 'Select One' with the text 'I would (or would not) like the comments below to be visible to the controller.\*'. Below these is a large 'Comments:' text area. At the bottom, there is a 'Send Feedback: [Submit]' button and a note '\* Denotes a Required Field'.

## Pilot Tip of the Month

### Controlling the Ramp

Starting and shutting down the engines are always at the discretion of the pilot. Where necessary, pushback onto a 'ramp' is also at the discretion of the pilot, however pilots are never authorized to pushback onto a taxiway without authorization from a controller. Listen carefully to controllers: sometimes they will tell you to "advise ready to push", but sometimes you'll only hear "advise ready to taxi". In this case, as long as your pushback won't take you onto a taxiway, you can push at your discretion.

## Boston Airport Scenery Released!

The latest version of the Boston Airport Enhancement (Version 4.2) is now available for download from the BVA Website. The enhancement includes continued progress along Taxiway "M", updates to the North and South cargo ramps, enlarged taxiway signs, and improved ramp markings and lighting. It is important that all BVA members download this update, because, without it, you will have a lot of trouble taxiing around KBOS.

Special thanks to TrystanV for his tireless efforts creating the updates. As well, Trystan would like to thank Ross (Roscoe\_P\_78) and Kyle (HoagieFlyer) for their help testing the scenery, and Barry (BLW1) for help resolving some of the technical issues and contributing to some of the new additions.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD BOSTON V. 4.2](#)





# Get Ready For 2 Weeks in SoCal...

Southern California features some of the most beautiful scenery and airports in the world... and BVA is taking you there for two weeks, free of charge (except for electricity and the internet). In addition to two Regional Circuits and Boston Virtual ATC's featured airports (Los Angeles, San Diego, and Las Vegas), pilots will have access to several other commercial and GA airports covered by Socal Approach and Los Angeles Center.

KLAS | KSAN | KLAX | KSBA | KVNY | KRAL | KSNA | KBUR | KMSO | KLGB |  
KCRQ | KAVX | KEMT | KHHR | KOXR | KCMA | KSEE | KONT | KWHP | KGCN  
... just to name a few!

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## Los Angeles International Airport (KLAX)

LAX is the primary airport serving the second-most populated metropolitan area of the United States: Los Angeles. It is also the fifth-busiest airport in the world serving almost 62 million passengers in 2007. LAX is the hub for United and Alaska, a focus city for American and Southwest, and an 'international gateway' for Delta. The airport also handles more non-connecting passengers than

any other in the world. There are 87 domestic and 69 international destinations served from KLAX. Before the 1930s, existing airports used two-letter abbreviations based on the weather station at the airport (in the case of KLAX, this was "LA"). When the number of airports in the US started increasing rapidly, the designations became three letters, so "LA" was expanded to "LAX" (this is where the "X" in several airports' identifiers comes from). The letter itself has no specific meaning (same for KJAX and KPDJ).

| Airport Information   | Airport Frequencies   |
|---|---|
| <b>Identifiers:</b> LAX/KLAX<br><b>ARTCC:</b> Los Angeles (ZLA)<br><b>Elevation:</b> 125 ft.<br><b>Time Zone:</b> UTC -8<br><b>Airport Class:</b> Bravo | ATIS: 135.65<br>Clearance Delivery: 121.40<br>Los Angeles Ground: 121.75<br>Los Angeles Tower: 133.90 |

**San Diego International Airport (KSAN)**, also known as Lindbergh Field, is a joint civil-military airport located three miles northwest of the central business district and about twenty miles north of the International Border at Tijuana Mexico. KSAN is the busiest single-runway commercial airport in the United States carrying about 50,000 passengers a day. The airport also occupies the smallest land footprint of any large commercial airport in the United States. Lindbergh Field is a focus city for Southwest Airlines but is named in honor of being the city from which Charles Lindbergh began the journey that would ultimately become the first solo transatlantic flight in addition to the place where the *Spirit of St. Louis* was built.



The vast majority of takeoffs and landings are from east to west, offering dramatic view of the city’s skyscrapers, Petco Park (the home of the San Diego Padres), the San Diego Zoo, and the soaring, curving, Coronado Bridge. Under Santa Ana wind conditions, operations are reversed and weight limits are imposed on aircraft due to the terrain. Because there is only one ILS for the airport (Runway 9), aircraft must land on Runway 9 but depart from Runway 27 during conditions of extremely poor visibility (due to terrain). The airport serves 42 non-stop destinations, including 30 round-trips each week to KLAX by United Express and American Eagle.

| Airport Information  | Airport Frequencies   |
|--|---|
| <b>Identifiers:</b> SAN/KSAN<br><b>ARTCC:</b> Los Angeles (ZLA)<br><b>Elevation:</b> 17 ft.<br><b>Time Zone:</b> UTC -8<br><b>Airport Class:</b> Bravo | ATIS: 134.80<br>Clearance Delivery: 125.90<br>Lindbergh Ground: 123.90<br>Lindbergh Tower: 118.30 |



**McCarran International Airport (KLAS)** is a focus city for Allegiant Air, Southwest, and US Airways. The airport was named after former Nevada Senator Pat McCarran. As of September 2008, Southwest Airlines operated more flights out of McCarran than at any other airports. McCarran is also (not surprisingly) one of the few airports to allow gambling both landside and airside, and features more than 1,300 slot machines throughout the airport.

| Airport Information  | Airport Frequencies   |
|--|---|
| <b>Identifiers:</b> LAS/KLAS<br><b>ARTCC:</b> Los Angeles (ZLA)<br><b>Elevation:</b> 2181 ft.<br><b>Time Zone:</b> UTC -8<br><b>Airport Class:</b> Bravo | ATIS: 132.40<br>Clearance Delivery: 118.00<br>Las Vegas Ground: 121.90<br>Las Vegas Tower: 119.90<br>Las Vegas Approach: 125.90 |



Airport Information and Images: <http://www.wikipedia.com>