



FlightSimCon 2015

Evan ('Evanet')

BVA Administration Team

Boston Virtual ATC is proud to be participating in and sponsoring FlightSimCon 2015. This year's edition of the conference promises to be the biggest and best yet.

FlightSimCon is an annual aviation and flight simulation conference held near KBDL at the New England Air Museum (just outside of Hartford, CT). Surrounded by the Museum's impressive collection of over 70 vintage and present-day aircraft, FlightSimCon will be a great chance to meet fellow BVA members and administrators in person!

The centerpiece of the conference is BVA's setup of pilots and controllers, who bring their own equipment and fly and control live at FlightSimCon. In addition to several desktop simulator setups, BVA member Tom ('Tom_G_2010') will be bringing his "sim-pit" (built from a full-size Cessna 172 fuselage) to the conference for attendees to try out.

In addition to the flying and controlling, FlightSimCon attendees will be able to meet exhibitors and vendors including A2A

Simulations, Jetline Systems, Sennheiser Aviation, FlightSim.Com, AirDailyX, Sky Blue Radio, and many others. Door prizes donated by Just Planes and Wilco Publishing will be given away to attendees throughout the event.

The conference also includes several engaging seminars from FSX and aviation personalities.

BVA encourages our members to make the trip to KBDL and support the conference. Many BVA members will be flying in on Friday to give ourselves a bit more time to get to know each other. We encourage members to stay at the preferred hotel (Sheraton Bradley), which offers exceptional views of the airport.

If you are planning to attend the event, ensure to sign-up for the FSX Demonstration Team and bring your sim setup to the conference (there is no additional cost for participating in the FSX Demonstration Team). If you aren't able to bring your own setup, there will be plenty to do, and plenty of sim setups you can fly!

For more information about FlightSimCon or to register, visit the website: www.flightsimcon.com. We look forward to seeing you again, or meeting you, this June!

Screenshot of the Month

Max ('Ameri767300')

BVA Administration Team

Congratulations to **Cody ('Bluewarrior4185')** for winning BVA's February Screenshot of the Month Contest! Displayed to the right, his shot is a first hand view of an Embraer ERJ145 climbing out during sunset on a beautiful evening.

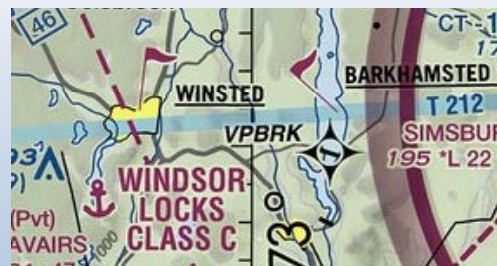
Click [HERE](#) to see the forum thread containing all of the competition's entries. Stay tuned to BVA's forums for announcement regarding our next Screenshot of the Month Contest, which will take place in March.



VFR Reporting Points

A magenta flag symbol on an aviation sectional represents a VFR reporting point. These points are defined to assist in communicating location between pilots and controllers. The defined reporting points represent landmarks that controllers are aware of, so referencing the landmark in an initial call can be helpful in identifying your position.

"Bradley Approach, Cessna 172 N1833V, 3,500', over Winsted, request to transition the Class Charlie airspace eastbound."



Regional Circuit



Tuesday, March 3
(8-11pm ET)

KMKE (Milwaukee) &
KORD (Chicago O'Hare)

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



Sunday, March 14
(2-5pm ET)

Landing Competition
(KOSU)

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
(KMDW, KMKE, KMLI, KORD)

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. As essential frontline service providers, controllers play an important role in ensuring the satisfaction of our membership.

For February, the air traffic control team recognizes **Josh ('jdogiedog')** as Controller of the Month. Josh was recommended to the Instructor team by a number of fellow controllers as one of the best recent "new hires". Before starting in the ATC program,

he spent several days listening to LiveATC.net and our own controllers, asking questions and clarifying instructions. He has since progressed very quickly through our initial training program. Thanks Josh, and welcome aboard!



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Pilot of the Month

This month, Cape Air Virtual recognizes the pilot who had the highest pilot rating. For February, that pilot is Keith (KAP1582), who had a 108.5 pilot rating! Congratulations, Keith!

