

# Boston Virtual ATC Events



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## **BVA's Flight for the Fight: Sunday, June 21 at 4pm ET**

BVA's Economic Stimulus Package is here: an anonymous member has offered to help our community and a prominent Breast Cancer charity. With the help of BVA's top-notch pilots and controllers, we can 'stimulate' traffic, funds, and help out a worthwhile cause.

On **Sunday, June 21 (from 4-8pm ET)**, six controllers across the Northeast will login at Boston, Albany, and Burlington. Pilots are encouraged to fly with or into the Boston ARTCC, and **for each flight that a pilot completes, \$1 will be donated to "[Susan G. Komen for the Cure](#)"**, the global leader of the breast cancer

movement. This charity has invested more than \$1 billion since its inception in 1982, and works together with breast cancer survivors and activities to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all, and energize science to find the cures for breast cancer.

*The "Fight For The Flight" will take place on **Sunday, June 21** from 4-8pm ET, and feature six controllers (BOS\_CI, BOS\_G, BOS\_T, BOS\_A, ALB\_T, BTV\_T, and ZBW\_C) across the Boston ARTCC.*

*Pilots generate \$1 for each flight. Controllers generate a \$0.10 credit for every pilot they talk to.*

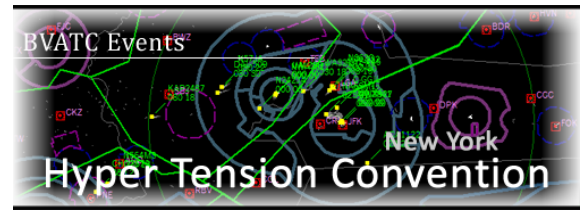
We need BVA pilots to come out in full force to raise as much money as we possibly can to support this charity! Fly as many trips as you can with ATC between Boston, Albany, and Burlington, and **generate a \$1 credit for each flight**. Given a four hour window to fly as many trips as you can between our featured airports in Boston Center, we should be able to raise hundreds of dollars to support breast cancer research! Furthermore, pilots will receive an additional credit for every single Ground, Tower, or Approach controller they talk to during their flight. At the end of the event, the

*KBOS, KBTW, and KALB will be staffed for the event. However, pilots are welcome to 'fly in' to ZBW from afar, or depart any other airport covered by Boston Center. More flights means more money for breast cancer, so spread your wings of hope and join us on June 21!*

total number of pilot and controller credits will be tallied, and that amount will be donated directly to "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" by a generous BVA member who has decided to remain anonymous. A matching donation will also be made to BVA. While this event costs nothing but time for our members, it offers us the ability to make a meaningful difference in someone's life while doing what we love—flying and controlling at BVA!

## New Events

Check out our recently-updated events page of the website (look for the “[BVATC Events](#)” link on in the navigation bar) for more information about some new events. Click any of the event images (like the one to the left) to view more information about a specific event including which controllers to expect and to download preferred routes. There’s even a calendar of events that allows you to receive a notification via e-mail for the next event!



**Hyper Tension Convention** → Thanks to your support during the Hyper Tension Convention, this event is about to become a part of our regular event rotation, and will be held once every quarter (about once every three months). The next “HTC” will be held in New York, and details (as well as the pilot sign-up) are available on the events page. Simply click on the HTC image about halfway down the page to view more information about the event and sign yourself up.

**GA Fly-In** → Okay, it’s not really a new event, but we haven’t had one for awhile, so it qualifies. BVA is bringing back the popular “General Aviation Fly-In” event, which will travel around North America in search of the most popular general aviation destinations across the United States. Pilots are requested to fly general aviation aircraft (anything from a Cessna 152 up to a business jet) and enjoy the beautiful scenery that you can’t see from thirty thousand feet. Look for Center or Approach controllers to overlook the entire event and provide IFR and Flight Following services.

**Pack the Pattern** → BVA is also proud to re-introduce the “Pack the Pattern” event, designed to replicate the intense traffic surrounding some of the world’s busiest airports. Pilots are asked to fly VFR or IFR circuits of Boston, but fly-ins from around the world will also be accepted by Center (try to time your flights to arrive during the busiest portion of the event; be prepared for a long final!). The first event will feature multiple Tower and Approach controllers, as well as Clearance and Ground.

## There’s Some New ‘Scenery’ in the Forums

Do you have suggestions for new airports to enhance in our next round of scenery upgrades? Suggestions for version 5.0 of KBOS? Post your suggestions and feedback in the new “Scenery” section of the [BVA Forums](#). Or, contact Trystan (our scenery designer) directly at [trystanv@bostonvirtualatc.com](mailto:trystanv@bostonvirtualatc.com) with your ideas.

# Upcoming Events

BVA has a number of exciting events coming up, including a Hyper Tension Convention in New York, as well as the “Flight for the Fight”. 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 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, May 5 (8-11pm ET)**  
Location: **KMIA (Miami) & MYNN (Nassau)**



## 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, May 7 (7-11pm ET)**  
Location: **KSFO (San Francisco) to KSEA (Seattle)**



## 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, May 21 (8-10pm ET)**  
Location: **Boston International Airport (KBOS)**

### Pilot Tip of the Month

Check out some of these helpful links suggested by fellow members...

[Radio Communication](#) (suggested by asomers1982)

[Talking on the Radio](#) (suggested by asomers1982)

[How to Fly a Hold](#) (suggested by leadbottom1)

Do you have some helpful flying-related links? Would you like to write for the Logan Informer? E-mail us at [communications@bostonvirtualatc.com](mailto:communications@bostonvirtualatc.com).



## 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, June 4 (8-11pm ET)**

Location: **Southern Florida**



## 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)

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: **June**

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, June 21 (4-8pm ET)**

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

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