



Cleared for the Cause

\$1 to charity and BVA for every flight plan filed this weekend



Non-stop Boston Center from 11am May 4 to 11pm on May 6
[Click here to find out more and download the livery](#)

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BVA Administration Team

We're just a few days away from launching one of our most exciting and unique events. Starting Friday, Cleared for the Cause features 60 continuous hours of Boston Center (11AM ET on Friday until 11PM ET on Sunday). All day and all night we'll be staffing up airspaces in the Boston ARTCC. And the best part is, it's all for a good cause! Each flight plan filed generates \$1 while every frequency change to a new ATC facility generates an additional \$0.10. At the end of the event we'll total up the money and donate half to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The other half will go to support BVA's server expenses. That's right: the best way for you to help BVA and a worthy charitable organization is to get in an airplane and fly on our server!

Last year, 141 individual pilots took part in the 60 hour event, flying for a combined 298 hours, filing 851 flight plans, and raising

over \$2,000! This year, we think we can do even better. So pick a time, day or night, and spawn in to our session with your favorite aircraft and do what you love: fly with BVA's realistic controllers! As you can see from our website's [Cleared for the Cause](#) page, we'll have many other controllers online throughout the event. You can also find out more about the charity, download the Cleared for the Cause repaint for the Level-D Boeing 767 (only members with that payware add-on will be able to view the livery), and view the full schedule on that page.

As far as we know, BVA is the only ATC community to offer 60 non-stop hours of Center. Just like the real-world Boston, we'll be running the night configuration (land Light Visual 33L, depart Runway 15R). In fact, in one of the overnight periods last year we had more pilots land at KBOS than the real-world airport did. So let's prove once again that BVA is the best flight simulator community on this planet: join in any time this weekend and fly!

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.

For April, our ATC Instructors are happy to recognize **Alex ('pilotalex91pf')** who recently achieved his Class B Tower Solo rating. Alex has shown immense dedication to our special events and regular evening ATC despite a busy personal schedule. He's

made consistent efforts to help out wherever he can with informal pilot and controller mentoring and getting controllers together for events. And on top of that, he always approaches controlling with a positive, ready-to-learn attitude. We look forward to welcoming Alex into our ATC Training Staff in the next few months once he passes his final exam and achieves a full Class B Tower rating.



Cape Air Virtual >> Pilot of the Month

Each month, Cape Air Virtual recognizes the pilot who has the most hours for the airline. For April, that pilot is Jean-Philippe ('Viking238'), who has flown a total of 36.8 hours!



Regional Circuit



Tuesday, May 8
(8-11pm ET)

KATL (Atlanta) &
KBHM (Birmingham)

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, May 31
(8-11pm ET)

KORD (Chicago) &
KBNA (Nashville)

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



Sunday, May 20
(2-4pm ET)

KBOS (Boston)

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



Sunday, June 3
(2-5pm ET)

Arizona
(KPRC, KFLG, and KGCN)

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



Wednesday, June 13
(8-11pm ET)

Bad Weather RC
(KJFK and KBOS)

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



July 13-22

Alaska
(PANC, PAFA, PAVD, PADQ)

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

Pilot Tip of the Month

Taxiing In

You've nailed the approach, greased the landing, and made a smooth turn off the runway. But the fact that you're on the ground doesn't mean your flight is over. Taxiing inbound, either to the gate or to the general aviation ramp, may seem like one of the most pointless phases of flight. But inbound taxi instructions are important. For one thing, there's often a Ground controller waiting for your flight to arrive. For another, you'll need to interact with other taxiing aircraft when you're on the ground—and you make their experience less realistic if you turn off your instructed route or just exit out of the game before you taxi in.

As with every phase of flight, listen carefully when ATC gives you inbound taxi instructions. Especially at KBOS, ATC will make an effort to send your aircraft to its real-world terminal or parking location. If you know the gate number or parking location you want, let the controller know as you turn off the runway. If not, just follow the instructions they give you carefully and you'll get where you should go. Because even after the perfect landing, your flight isn't over until you've smoothly parked your tin right on the "T".

