



## Help For FSX Fatal Errors

**Evan ('Evanet')**

BVA Administration Team

**H**aving trouble with fatal errors in FSX? BVA has a new guide designed to help you troubleshoot fatal errors in FSX. The guide asks a series of simple questions and offers solutions based on your specific circumstance. If you encounter regular fatal errors while flying online or in single player, check out our guide at [www.bostonvirtualatc.com/fatalerrors](http://www.bostonvirtualatc.com/fatalerrors). As always, don't hesitate to post feedback or questions on our forums!

When FSX encounters a fatal error, the program stops. The screen normally turns white and a message saying "A fatal error occurred." appears. The flight is gone and restarting the program is the only option. Fatal errors in Flight Simulator X are one of the most difficult technical issues to resolve but they can normally be fixed with patience and a bit of luck.

No fatal errors are caused by multiplayer servers like Boston Virtual ATC's. Fatal errors are always specific to the configuration of the user's FSX. That means that you can take action to resolve fatal errors whenever you want to. It is best to use the guide immediately after you have received a fatal error, with the error message on the screen (if possible).

### A Note From BVA's Administration...

If you joined the community after January 1, 2013, you should have received an e-mail with a link to complete a survey on your "new member experience". The e-mail was sent out on April 13, 2013.

This short, 5 minute survey will help the community streamline the information presented to new members about how get started with our community. If you are a new member, please check your e-mail for the link and complete the survey as soon as possible. Your feedback is important to making our new member experience as good as it can possibly be. The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

We look forward to receiving your feedback!



*Cape Air Virtual >>*

*Pilot of the Month*

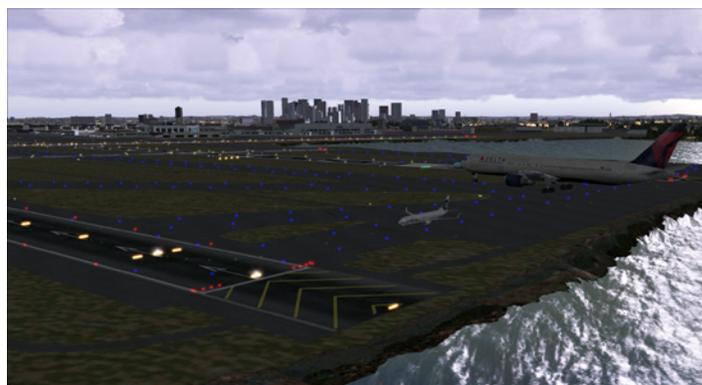
Each month, Cape Air Virtual recognizes the pilot who has the most hours for the airline. For April, that pilot is Pierre ('pierul'), who has flown a total of 37.2 hours! Congratulations, Pierre!

## Flight SimCon 2013 Presentation Online!

**Tom ('tofutwitch11')**

Social Media

**F**or those of you who weren't able to attend Flight SimCon 2013 in person and also were not available to watch the live video feed online, you're in luck! BVA's YouTube channel now features a recording of Evan's ('Evanet') presentation from the convention, entitled "The Artificial Horizon". His talk, which lasts for approximately an hour, focuses on his journey with BVA and the future of Flight Simulator multiplayer now that GameSpy is no longer available. For those members who are interested, the presentation can be viewed [HERE](#). Enjoy!



## Regional Circuit

Rc

Tuesday, May 7  
(8-11pm ET)

KRNO (Reno) &  
KSFO (San Francisco)

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

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Saturday, June 15  
(1-4pm ET)

KLAS (Las Vegas) &  
KPHX (Phoenix)

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

Pp

Thursday, May 23  
(8-10pm ET)

KYIP (Willow Run)

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

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Saturday, July 13  
(2-5pm ET)

Boulder Mountains  
(KSUN and KTWF)

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

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Saturday, June 22  
(1-4pm ET)

Training Day  
Location To Be Determined

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

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April 24 - May 11

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

## Controller of the Month

### Evan ('evanet')

BVA Administration Team

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.

Keep your shirt on—this month, the ATC Instructors are happy to recognize one of the newest members of our team, **zploch (Zac)**,

as Controller of the Month. Although he's only in month two of ATC training, Zac has been identified as an excellent student. He has passed his first two ratings (Class C Ground and Class B Ground Solo) in one session each, both times receiving positive feedback from the mentors involved on his preparedness and ability to learn quickly. Zac is a good team player who works well with other controllers, is happy to give up some control to let another controller work with him at the airport, and coordinates well with colleagues. He has also sought out additional training from Instructors to ensure that his performance meets or exceeds our standards. All in all, a model of an excellent student and new ATC team member.



## Screenshot of the Month

**Max ('ameri767300')**

Screenshot of the Month Coordinator

International (KTPA) to Nantucket (KACK). Click [HERE](#) to see the forum thread containing all of the competition's entrants.

**C**ongratulations to **Max ('Ameri767300')** for winning BVA's April Screenshot of the Month contest! Displayed below, his shot is a Carenado Beechcraft King Air cruising from Tampa

If you missed this month's competition and are interested in submitting a screenshot next month, stay tuned to BVA's forums for the May Screenshot Contest announcement.



### Pilot Tip of the Month

#### Talk Before You Pause

**W**e know life happens. You're on final and the phone rings. Mid-descent and you need to answer the door. The dog decides she has to go out—now—never mind that you have an aircraft full of people waiting to takeoff. BVA does allow pilots to pause their session at any time when requesting to enter a hold or asking for a few minutes off frequency isn't practical.

However, this privilege comes with a responsibility—before you pause in controlled airspace, talk to the controller and request it!. Controllers are basing separation on the idea that you will continue your last assigned instruction until getting a new one. If you pause, it may mean having to vector or clear an aircraft around you. And if the controllers are lining you up on final approach, having to do that can be a real challenge.

So the next time you find you have no choice but to pause, make a quick transmission on frequency—even something as simple as "Boston Approach, N32R, pausing, emergency" without waiting for a response is fine in the most critical situations. Just let us know first...that way we can help! Of course, when the situation isn't as urgent, we encourage you to request a hold or vectors for delay while off frequency (it's all the more realistic).

By the way, if you find FSX pauses constantly when you change windows to look at a chart or answer a FlightDesk message, click "Options > Settings > General" and un-check "Pause on task switch". That will ensure FSX keeps moving while you're looking at a different window.

