

Boston Virtual ATC

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Happy Birthday Boston Virtual ATC!

In celebration of our second anniversary, Boston Virtual ATC is proud to present our second “Boston Tea Party”, which will feature air traffic control across the Northeastern half of the United States, extending as far North as Montreal FIR in Canada, and as far south as ZDC (Washington Centre) in the United States. The event takes place **Sunday, November 2 (on our 2nd anniversary) beginning at 5pm ET.**

The event will feature ATC across the United States, featuring Boston (HI and LO), New York, Washington, Cleveland, and Montreal Centers. Local control will also be provided at several ‘focus’ airports including KBOS, KLGA, KJFK, KDCA, KCLE, and CYUL. However pilots will be free to fly wherever and whenever they like, and en-route controllers will operate local control at airports not featured as ‘focus airports’ during the event.

The celebration of our accomplishments represents an outstanding commitment from our controllers. The plan is to feature 18 controllers, operating in 5 ARTCCs across two countries. A Flight Services frequency will also be operated to provide assistance filing flight plans (all plans will be filed via FlightDesk v. 1.0) as well as to provide weather information to pilots.

For more information about this event and to “RSVP”, check out the Boston Virtual Website, and our newly created “Boston Tea Party” section.

Pilot Tip of the Month

Keep in mind that an en-route controller with BVA (for example, BDL_A or ZNY_C) **controls not only Clearance/Ground and Tower at KBOS but also Clearance/Ground and Tower for every single Class C (“Charlie”) or D (“Delta”) airport in their airspace.**

If, for example, Boston Center is online (ZBW_C_124.52_maveric) and you are looking to depart VFR from KACK (Nantucket, a Class D airport), you would still contact Boston Center before you even started to taxi. This applies to any and all airports within the Boston ARTCC (airspace), to both VFR and IFR aircraft!

Events of BVA

Our redesigned events program continues this week with the *Regional Circuit* between Reagan (KDCA) and Philadelphia (KPHL) on **Tuesday from 8pm ET**. Dates for our other events, including the *Domestic Journey* (KDTW to KBOS), *GA Fly-In* (Los Angeles ARTCC), and our *Dance in New York* are listed below!

BVATC Events

Regional
Circuit

Our Regional Circuit remains the cornerstone of our events program. Despite the success of varying the dates of the Regional Circuit, this event will once more resume a more regular weekly schedule on **Tuesday nights**.

BVATC Events

Domestic
Journey

Our first-ever Domestic Journey will be KDTW → KBOS, and will be held on Thursday, October 16; 7pm ET
Fly a real-world route one-way from KDTW to KBOS with full local and enroute control every step of the way.

BVATC Events

General Aviation
Fly-In

The redesigned GA Fly-In event will take place in the Los Angeles ARTCC, featuring KVMY (Van Nuys) on Sunday, October 26; 5pm ET
Look for local control and SOCAL Approach online covering famous GA airports.

BVATC Events

Dance in
New York

Our last Dance in New York was a great success! We hit play again on Saturday, November 15; 6pm ET
The event will include New York Approach, local control at KJFK, KLGA, and KEWR, and might even include an ARTCC or two ...