



Flight SimCon 2015: June 13-14 at the New England Air Museum

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Flight SimCon 2015 will be held on June 13-14, 2015 at the New England Air Museum (NEAM) in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, next door to Bradley International Airport (KBDL). The decision to continue hosting the event at the museum was made in light of the extensive positive feedback that was received about the venue, location, and accommodation of last year's event.

Flight SimCon is an aviation and flight simulation conference designed to bring flight simmers and pilots together in an interactive way. The social forum features BVA members who bring their own FSX setups live to the museum to demonstrate FSX flying and controlling in person. During last year's SimCon,

which ran concurrently with a BVA event in the region, conference attendees were able to view and use the BVA setup in real time, visit with exhibitors, participate in breakout sessions, and enjoy tours of the Embraer facility on the airport as well as the FAA's Bradley Tower and TRACON.

To read more about the experience of Flight SimCon 2014, please check out our [July 2014 Logan Informer](#). The Informer includes pictures and stories from last year's event, which was attended in person by more than twenty BVA members.

Please note that the Flight SimCon website is under construction. Information about the 2015 event will be posted shortly.

We hope to see an even bigger BVA presence at the event this year and look forward to seeing you in June!

Complete Our Member Survey Before September 15

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Thank you to the more than 100 members who have already completed our 2014 Member Satisfaction Survey! For those who have yet to do so, please [take a few moments to complete the survey online](#) before September 15.

BVA regularly asks members for feedback in an effort to continuously improve our services. The survey is available for new members, active or occasional users, and former participants. Completing it will take approximately 10-15 minutes and all feedback will remain anonymous.



Cape Air Virtual >>
Pilot of the Month

This month, Cape Air Virtual recognizes the pilot who had the highest pilot rating. For August, that pilot is Dave ('davedog330'), who had a 113.65 rating over 12 flights! Congratulations, Dave! Next month's Pilot of the Month will also be awarded based on best pilot rating.

The member survey is conducted once every two years. The Administration Team uses the survey to plan events and make improvements to the community.

Training Day: September 21, 2-5pm ET

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If you've been waiting to build up the courage to get on frequency or just want a bit of a slower-paced event to practice something new, this one's for you! Training Day is an event designed for new or returning members in which controllers slow down and simplify instructions and provide additional spacing to help student pilots get the practice needed to become regular members. Mark your calendar for 2-5pm ET on Sunday, September 21.

Located at the home airport of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Training Day will provide a great introduction (or re-introduction) to the community for those who may feel like they don't have the knowledge, skill, or currency to participate on our server on a regular basis.

As during our last Training Day, many of our experienced members were sharing aircraft and demonstrating flight procedures that ranged from VFR closed traffic to DME arc-based instrument approaches. In addition to having experienced members on hand to help, controllers have been instructed to talk more slowly than normal and will be providing all aircraft with extra spacing. We'll also have extra frequencies open, so the amount of transmissions won't be quite as intense as usual.

There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and learn. Please view the [Challenge](#) page of the BVA website full event details! The page includes the simple instructions new or returning members need to complete in order to take part in this event.



Regional Circuit



Thursday, September 4
(8-11pm ET)

KAUG (Augusta) &
KBOS (Boston)

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, September 18
(8-11pm ET)

KAMA (Amarillo) &
KDFW (Dallas Fort-Worth)

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, October 19
(2-4pm ET)

KLAS (Los Angeles)

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, October 5
(1-4pm ET)

Virginia
(KROA, KLWB, and KLYH)

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, September 21
(2-5pm ET)

Training Day
Daytona Beach (KDAB)

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



November 1-9

Caribbean
(TJSJ, TNCM, TIST, and TISX)

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 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 the month of August, the ATC Instructors recognize **Danny ('kofmandanny')** for his efforts to date on Class C Ground. Danny

has been consistently near or at the top of the list of ATC activity, having controlled almost 50 hours this month. But it's not just quantity: Danny has also been recognized by our ATC Director as being a highly skilled controller that has "impressed him on multiple occasions".

Over the past few months, Danny has been at or near the top of the list of controller activity. Furthermore, he has been providing ATC during off-peak times, enabling members from multiple time zones to participate in air traffic control. Danny is currently training to work Ground at larger airports; we look forward to his continued development over the next few months.



Looking for Traffic

In most types of airspace, the pilot has the ultimate responsibility to remain separated from other aircraft. In many cases, air traffic control shares in or helps with this responsibility by pointing out known traffic to assist with separation.

A radar traffic advisory normally consists of five components, although some may be combined or omitted as appropriate:

1. The word "traffic"
2. The location of the traffic relative to your field of view (e.g., "2 o'clock")
3. The distance of the traffic
4. The direction the traffic is heading
5. The aircraft type and altitude, if known

Your response to a 'traffic advisory' from ATC is a factor in ensuring you are receiving the maximum benefit from the radar assistance that ATC provides. When advising "traffic in sight" or stating that you are looking for the traffic, ATC can react accordingly. For example, if you do not have the traffic in sight, ATC can provide additional information and position updates as needed.

Always be specific in response to a traffic advisory and clearly identify whether or not you have the traffic in sight. Simply stating your callsign may not provide clear information to ATC about whether or not you see the other aircraft. This could potentially prevent you from receiving updates from ATC on the aircraft's position.

Similarly, when requested to "report the airport in sight" in conjunction with a pending visual approach clearance or VFR instruction, a clear response such as "looking for the field" or "searching" is more helpful to identify that you are still looking for the field. Reading back "report field in sight" could easily be confused for "I have the field in sight" and may result in unnecessary transmissions.

60 Hours of ATC Returns This Fall

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Save the date: BVA's 2014 60 Hours of ATC event will take place on November 14-16. Beginning at 11am ET on Friday, November 14 and continuing through to 11pm ET on Sunday, November 16, Boston Center will be staffed for 60 hours straight in celebration of BVA's 8th year.

This event offers pilots from around the world and across North America the opportunity to fly with ATC at times that are

convenient for them. In past events, we've seen consistent traffic throughout the overnight period, with the west coast 'night owls' keeping things lively on the server until some of the east coast 'early birds' start up their engines in the morning.

Keep your eyes on the website and the Informer for more information on this event in the next few weeks.

