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Autumn Edition



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Fly UK is one the UK's leading virtual airlines. We have been setting the standard in virtual aviation for several years now and continue to do so throughout the life of the virtual airline. Fly UK has established itself as a caring virtual airline, one that puts all its members ahead of anything else.

We pride ourselves on having a diverse and widespread member base, we cater for anyone, of any age, race, gender and also skill level. Fly UK is a virtual airline that is here to be enjoyed by everyone.

It is our duty at Fly UK, to offer a professional and realistic virtual airline, that can be enjoyed by many a flight simulator enthusiast. If you like what you see, then why not join today and find out for yourself.



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...the story so far



Since it started back in 2004, Fly UK has gone from strength to strength, and is growing rapidly. At this time we have 490 Pilots from 43 different countries. This in itself is an achievement, one which we are proud to have achieved. In order to maintain a virtual airline that is loved by all its members we have to keep up with the ongoing demand for routes and a realistic and modern fleet. Fly UK operate to over 65 countries using a modern fleet of 115 aircraft. This maximises the choice that our members receive, and proceeds to make Fly UK a better virtual airline.

We are currently replacing the current 'Union Spirit' livery with a new more modern updated version, this removes the flicks from the front of the aircraft and adds much larger bill board style titles seen on many aircraft of real world airlines in service today.

Now as we enter the second half of 2007 it is our intentions to give the virtual airline a new face. We intend to revamp the current site, and also introduce a new look for Fly2, Fly UK's low cost subsidiary, by giving the fleet a new livery and also a new logo.



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Fly UK Staff Status: Senior Manager
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Favourite Real World Aircraft: Boeing 737
Favourite FS Commercial Aircraft: Level D 767
Favourite FS Airport to fly to: EHAM

Nearest International Airport: Birmingham Intl.
Occupation: Student

I was given FS2002 by my Uncle, however I never really took it very seriously and only really messed around with it occasionally. I then bought FS2004 a few months after it first came out and realised what an improvement it was on FS2002 and then I became hooked on Flight Sim. After a while of flying offline I ventured into the world of multiplayer flying and enjoyed a few good multiplayer sessions. In November 2006 I bought FSX and having a good spec computer can run it very well. At the moment I only use FSX and mainly do a lot of General Aviation flying because those are the only decent aircraft available for it. Although with the release of the Level D 767 for FSX I'm sure that will change!!

I'm 16 years old (born on 19th August 1991) and have just received my GCSE results. I enjoy going out with my mates and having a good laugh with them. I am a keen aviation fan both in the real and virtual world and I enjoy meeting other people with this same interests. I also enjoy gaming and designing/coding websites.

I started my Virtual Career at simairline.net in early 2005 as a pilot and over the space of a few months ranked up a good number of hours. The experience of being a pilot for them showed me how VA's add a lot to Flight Sim because before I had only really been flying to random places without any real structure to my flying and flight simulator operations.

I then joined Fly UK in October 2005 after finding it through a random Google search. I left simairline VA because I felt Fly UK had much more to offer and a much better setup and much better community. I went up the ranks quite quickly at Fly UK before I became staff - now holding the rank of Class A Captain with about another 100 hours to go before reaching ATP First Officer.

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I joined the Fly UK Staff Team in May 2006 holding the position of Cargo Operations Manager, with one of my first jobs being to re-do the entire Cargo Operations. Then in February 2007 I became the Senior Manager for the Web & Systems Department.

Here at Fly UK it is my job to make sure that our extensive and powerful website is kept up to date and working to make your experience of Fly UK's website as enjoyable and user friendly

It is also my job to liaise with the other staff members to create new systems and to expand the current systems that we have. I would like to see Fly UK grow and develop into an ever better Virtual Airline, holding its title of one of the UK's Leading VA's.

I would like to see Fly UK become more prominent on VATSIM and IVAO and maintain good relations with them to allow our pilots the best opportunities.

After getting my GCSE results in August I hope to move onto 6th Form and complete my A-Levels. Once I have completed my A-Levels I hope to get a job as a website designer/coder and look at the possibility of starting my own web design or web software company.

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...aircraft profile

boeing 757-300



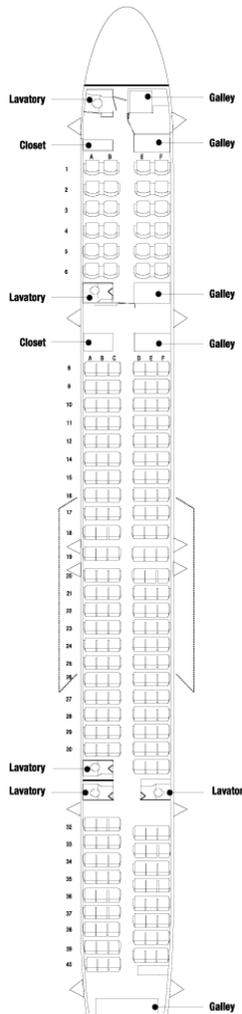
The Boeing 757 is a twin-engine short-to-long-range jetliner incorporating advanced technology for exceptional fuel efficiency, low noise levels, increased passenger comfort and top operating performance. The 757 offers other virtues as well, including great versatility by reducing airport congestion. It can fly both long- and short-range routes.

On Nov. 28, 2005, Boeing concluded the remarkable 23-year run of the 757 passenger airplane by delivering the final one to Shanghai Airlines. The airplane is the 1,050th Boeing 757. The 757 is one of seven commercial models that have sold more than 1,000 airplanes, and more than 1,030 of the 757s are still in service.

The 757-300 is now in operations with Fly UK, to operate on both medium and long haul flights, in both the Charter and Scheduled sector.

Payware version is available from PSS:

www.phoenix-simulation.co.uk



Overall Length - 54.47m
Height - 13.56m
Diameter - 3.54m
Wingspan - 38.05m
Wheelbase - 8.35m

Engines - 2x RB211 or 2x P&W 2043
Thrust Range - 191.7 to 195.1 kN
Passengers - 240 (typical)
Range - 3485nm (MTOW)
Cruise Speed - 0.80mach

MTOW - 122 tonnes
MLW - 79 tonnes
Fuel Capacity - 43,490 litres



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...a russian experience fly to moscow...



Moscow is the capital of Russia and the country's economic, financial, educational, and transportation centre. It is located on the Moskva River in the Central Federal District in the European part of Russia. Moscow has a population of 12.6 million which constitutes about 7% of the total Russian population. Historically, it was the capital of the former Soviet Union and the Grand Duchy of Moscow, the pre-state. It is the site of the Moscow Kremlin, which now serves as the ceremonial residence of the President of Russia.

Moscow's architecture and performing arts culture are world-renowned. Moscow is also well known as the site of Saint Basil's Cathedral, with its elegant onion domes, as well as the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the Seven Sisters, whose residence is the Danilov Monastery, which serves as the head of the Russian Orthodox Church. Moscow also remains a major economic centre and is home to a large number of billionaires; it is perennially considered as one of most expensive cities in the world. It is also home to many scientific and educational institutions, as well as numerous sport facilities. It possesses a complex transport system that includes the world's busiest metro system, which is famous for its architecture. Moscow also hosted the 1980 Summer Olympics.



15 times weekly flights to
moscow from heathrow,
check our schedules at...

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...moscow domodedovo



Moscow Domodedovo is Russia's busiest and most prosperous airport. It is the hub for Russian national airline, Aeroflot and is also hub to a range of other Russian airlines. Domodedovo (UDD) has been rather neglected on Flight Simulator, and a very good scenery package is available from IGfly.

<http://www.igfly.com/>



Fly to Domodedovo,
on the Boeing 757-300
from Heathrow.

Weekly flights...

08:55am , 11:45am and
22:50pm from EGLL !



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UKV1440 - Tom Hurrell

Since joining Fly UK in 2006, I've enjoyed every moment. Everything has impressed me, from the sheer quality of the fleet, the Huge selection of interesting destinations, the friendly and helpful community spirit, and the exciting events. I have been with a number of VA's in my time, but Fly UK has to be the best for me. If I had to single out a main advantage, it would have to be the tight knit, friendly community who are willing to help with any aspect of Flight Simming and related topics.



UKV1444 - Pat Scully

When I joined Fly UK in April 2006, I wasn't sure what to expect. I had been a member with a couple of larger VA's with mixed experience.

The way Fly UK has evolved in the last 12 months is amazing. Initially I wasn't sure about starting with Class E, but soon realised it was a fair system and the goal of achieving each new level maintained my enthusiasm.

The forums are an integral part of the success. You can have a laugh and a joke or discuss serous issues. A broad range of opinions are also guaranteed.

The In Flight Entertainment package is a perfect example of a VA that tries to deliver as much as possible to its community.

UKV1502 - Jason Nelles

My Experience at Fly UK has been quite eventful, but there has been fun all the way through. Its so good to find people that have the same interests as you and who are willing to help you no matter what your problem is.

Fly UK is my first VA and I wish I had joined sooner as I've never seen people as dedicated to something as our staff team. I would recommend Fly UK also I would recommend it to anyone that has FS as it is a continually growing VA!

the best variety of hits...



Skyhigh Radio, is the official radio station of the number one Virtual Airline, Fly UK. However it doesn't stop there !

Skyhigh Radio is also the official radio station to a number of virtual airlines from across the virtual skies, this widens the listener base and also creates an even larger community of like minded individuals who share the passion of flight simulation. Skyhigh Radio offers pilots from all its associated virtual airlines the chance to enjoy a great variety of music from many different artists and ages.

Tune in to find out more !

www.skyhighradio.co.uk

Get involved with your radio station, tune in today. Check out the schedules on the website.

DJ Spikey

Music your mum shouldn't hear !

The I.M.C

Club Classics

See yourself as a Skyhigh Radio DJ ?
Vacancies for new presenters are open now. Visit the website for more Information...

Skyhigh Radio, wouldn't be what it is, if it weren't for the presenters.

There is a varying schedule as to who is on the radio. However one of the fantastic presenters can be found online at most times.

Got a request ?

studio@skyhighradio.co.uk



Chart Shows



Requests



Competitions



It's your station,
get involved !



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...**why** fly with **Fly UK** ?

IVAO active, VATSIM active, large fleet, active community, competitions, training, 24/7 teamspeak, payware repaints, vPAX, rank scheme, awards, fsp, low cost ops, chopper ops, cargo ops, scheduled ops, charter ops, regional ops, tours, IBNet player, pilot status images, weekly events, message centre, detailed crew pages, reviews and offers, plus much more! ...

screenshot collection



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Want your screenshots in the next issues of Skyways?

Each issue we'll be including screenshot collections, if you would like yours to feature in the next edition, then all you need to do is post your screenshots in a forum thread, and send the URL link to adam.hillier@flyukva.com



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Operations, are the key to any successful virtual airline. Fly UK, like any other virtual airline relies heavily on the operations department to provide the members with a broad, realistic but most importantly, interesting route base. We strive to offer as much choice as possible to all our members and have decided to incorporate ideas and routes from real world carriers. This we feel maximises realism whilst offering a wide choice of routes.

With over 65 countries to fly to, Fly UK offers some of the most widespread and diverse routes available in the entire world of virtual aviation. This is an issue that we feel we must uphold in order to maintain our position as one of the UK's leading virtual airlines.



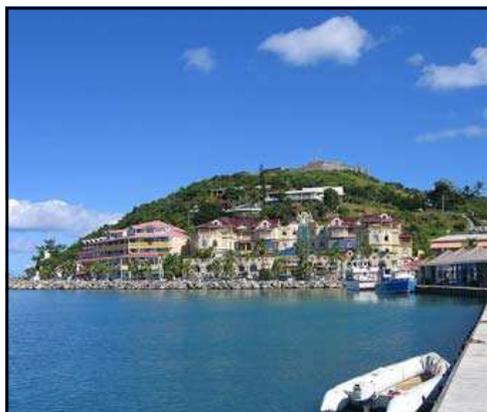
...Interesting Facts

29,000 Hours Flown,
4,200 Hours this Month,
Total of **15,700** Pireps Filed,
1,200 Pireps Filed this Month,
500 Pilots from **44** Nationalities



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...destinations life's a beach



With white sands, and clear turquoise water, St Maarten is a paradise of its own. As well as a spotters haven, St Maarten offers so much for everyone. For the adventurous ones there are such things including the 1500ft Paradise Peak, which gives a wonderful view over the island.

Flights are available to this wonderful destination out of London Gatwick.



Mallorca is the largest and by far the most popular of the Balearic Islands. With sun all year round it is also a very sought after holiday destination, in the winter as well as the summer. With miles and miles of golden beaches and a clear ocean, Mallorca has lots and lots to offer, including water sports of all kinds.

Charter flights from Manchester and Gatwick, call on the Island 4 times a week, and Fly2 have daily flights from Liverpool.



Las Vegas, the gambling capital of the world. This is officially the city that never sleeps, with an incredible array of entertainment, Las Vegas is a must for any self respecting traveller. If gambling isn't your thing, then you can always spend your time doing many other things, for example, playing gold, Las Vegas has a great choice of courses, to make sure that your trip is right on par!

Flights, twice weekly from London



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Here at Fly UK, we encourage all our members to fly online using either the IVAO or Vatsim networks. However we know that online flying isn't for some people, and so it was decided that an A.I package for Fly UK should be made. Our operations manager Matt Lewis undertook this task, and after 5 weeks of work, he had managed to repaint 14 aircraft for the package all of which were painted in the new 'Union Spirit' V2 livery. The aircraft have been obtained from a variety of places, but are mainly from all the well known, highly regarded A.I aircraft producers such as Project AI, AI Aardvark, Evolve AI and also FS Painter.

The package has been created exactly as the timetables state. The flights are set at the correct time, using the correct aircraft and registration. Not only that, but there are full A.I sets for Scheduled, Regional, Cargo, Low Cost and Charter routes. In total a whopping 115 aircraft have been added to the package flying an impressive 4184 routes. We hope that by making this A.I package available to our members, we can continue to run as one of the UK's leading virtual airlines, and continue to offer our members more than any other virtual airline.

It has also been decided that the A.I package will be updated fully whenever Fly UK change the timetables, so keep your eyes peeled for the winter routes.



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...web and systems backbone to fly uk...



It has to be said, that after the members themselves, the website is the most important part of the Virtual Airline. Four years of Fly UK has seen a number of different websites, from the original one where PIREPS's had to be added manually into the database, to the new ultra modern, user friendly one. Our website, uses some of the most advanced and most modern forms of computer coding, and it is this coding that runs behind the scenes, that brings you the Fly UK website as it is today. All the automated features require copious amounts of coding and work from our web and systems team. Fly UK is a Virtual Airline we want you to be proud of, and we strive to add as many new features as possible to make your lives here at Fly UK, all that bit easier. The good news doesn't stop there either. Fly UK are pleased to announce that they are currently in the process of coding a new, updated website which will be fully functional within the next few weeks!

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“Fly UK, are pleased to announce” plans for a new updated website

Latest Announcements

07 Jul 2007, 08:43	test again edit	Read More...
24 Jun 2007, 21:45	test	Read More...

Quick Links

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- [My Signatures](#)
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Quick Stats

Staff Team

<p>Name: Chris Sutcliffe Position: CEO Email: Click Here Pilot ID: UKV1121 View Profile</p>		<p>Name: Ian Cumming Position: Senior Manager Email: Click Here Pilot ID: UKV1126 View Profile</p>	
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chopper division

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The helicopter operations department here at Fly UK is going from strength to strength. We have now produced lots of missions and routes to be flown, due to the fact we have some fantastic new scenery to fly to.

If you are thinking about taking some Chopper Training here is a breakdown on the process. Firstly you go to the Helicopter ops page and press the 'request training' button. This button is connected to my E-mail so within 30 seconds I have it in my inbox, which will save you lots of time!

What I need you to do is download the FSNET / Gates.to program That's fsnet_110.zip. You then need to download the Base for the Choppers at Glasgow airport, You can get this from the download section on the website.

You need to have a joystick with twist grip. To operate the tail rotor, an essential part of the machine. You will also need to have the R-22 Fly UK model installed. I will then take you on an Introductory flight, This lasts about 30 mins after which all you need to do is practice until you think you can go for your checkride



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Choppers in the Fleet...

Robinson R-22 , MacDonnell Douglas MD-500, Eurocopter EC-135, Eurocopter EC-145, Aerospatiale AS-350, Bell 412, Agusta 109A and C, Bell 205 Huey, Boeing Vertol Chinook, Erikson S-64 Aircrane



We will be introducing new helicopters to the fleet in the future, Like the Sea King MK-3 for the S.A.R. role Sikorsky SH-3 Sea King in the passenger transport role. They are in the paint shop at the moment. We are introducing more jobs and are getting lots of scenery to work with. We have Oil platforms, VOR work sites, Road Traffic Accidents, Ships sinking, forest fires and much more. We also have a UK helicopter tour which is a total of 2000mls I am also working on more tours for the helicopters to do. So come on if you think you would like to try a different way of flying and add another string to your bow. Let us teach you the basics and the rest will fall into place.

IFR Flight Levels...



Whilst at the gate we calibrate the Altimeter to the local QNH pressure, this pressure can be read from METAR's on "The Eye" of IVAO or by looking at the ATIS ATC information, when the airport is being controlled. When calibrated the altimeter reads the height the airport is above sea level. After takeoff as we climb through Transitional Altitude, (TA) we recalibrate the Altimeter to Standard pressure 1013.25mb or 29.92inHg The Transition Altitude varies for each airport and can be found on Charts for each airport, again it is displayed in ATIS information for each Airport if being controlled on IVAO or VATSIM. Please note that Flight simulator thinks we all use 18,000 feet as Transitional Altitude, but this is the height commonly used in the USA and Canada, our levels here in the UK are a lot lower Typically 5,000/6,000 feet as our mountains are a lot lower.

As Altimeters don't show decimals we set standard pressure as 1013. When instructed or reporting heights whilst calibrated to "standard pressure" the height is always given in Flight levels such as FL060, FL180, then when in local pressure these are given in feet such as 6000 feet, etc.

"Remember... Below FL100 control speed to below 250Kts and landing lights ON."

Flight levels (FLXXX) are therefore based on the standard altimeter setting 1013.25 mb (hPa)

"In UNCONTROLLED airspace below FL250 we fly according to quadrant rules."

"In CONTROLLED airspace below FL250 we fly according to semicircle rules."

If flying IFR we presume real world rules apply?? in theory at least, the flight is ALWAYS controlled and semicircle rules apply.

If flying beacon to beacon (radio Nav) and/ or VFR only, and not in airways - then the quadrant rule applies.

The Quadrantal and Semi-Circular Rules require an aircraft to be flown at a cruising level appropriate to its magnetic track as shown below...

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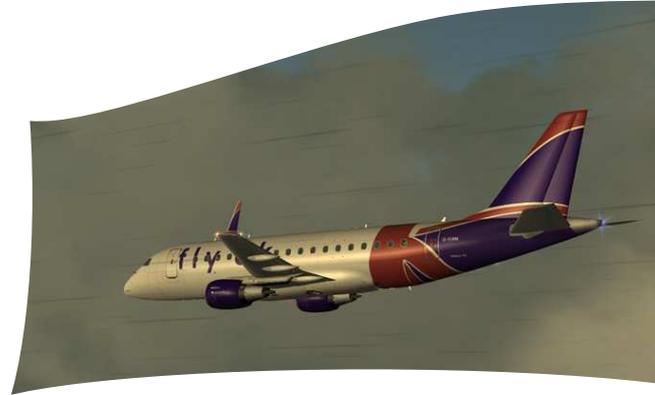
IFR FLIGHTS AT LEVELS

(Quadrant rules)

MAGNETIC TRACK

CRUISING LEVEL

000-089	ODD THOUSANDS OF FEET
090-179	ODD THOUSANDS OF FEET + 500
180-269	EVEN THOUSANDS OF FEET
270-359	EVEN THOUSANDS OF FEET + 500



IFR FLIGHTS AT LEVELS

(Semicircle rules)

000-179	ODD THOUSANDS OF FEET 27000 ft 29000 ft AND HIGHER LEVELS AT INTERVALS OF 4000ft
180-359	EVEN THOUSANDS OF FEET 28000 ft Next level 30000 ft is not used 31000 ft AND HIGHER LEVELS AT INTERVALS OF 4000ft

An aeroplane operating under the Instrument Flight Rules may cruise at a different level to those specified above when complying with instructions given by an ATC unit or with notified holding procedures.

To plan where to start your decent, this handy calculator is a useful tool:-
Descend from flight level FL 330 to Zero

$33 \times 3 = 99 + 10$ START DECENT AT 109 MILES OUT AT 1800 ft PER MIN

Descend from FL330 TO FL100 $23 \times 3 = 69 + 10$ THEREFORE DESCEND AT 79 MILES OUT 1800 ft PER MIN

On your descent passing FL100 its landing lights back on and speed restricted to below 250kts and then you need to look for the Transitional Level (TL), again this is in the ATIS report of a controller if your destination airport is manned. Unlike the TA which is static in value and can be found on charts the TL varies as the local pressure varies and so this has to be reported to you. If your airport is not controlled or you are flying offline, assume the TL is the same as the TA. On approach charts the TA is also shown as a circle around the airport, often at 10nm radius and this is a guide to be our crossing height as we pass over the imaginary line.

As you pass through the Transitional Level (TL) on your descent recalibrate your altimeter to the local QNH at your destination Airport ready for you approach and Landing.

fleet department



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Fly UK, operate a varied fleet of aircraft, ranging from small turboprops and helicopters, right up to the latest, most modern and most technologically advanced jetliners in service today. All our aircraft sport the new version two 'Union Spirit' livery and are all fitted with leather seats in all classes, as well as an in-flight entertainment system, second to none in the virtual aviation world.

It is our job at Fly UK, to choose, test and paint up the best possible freeware aircraft for your use, and to make sure that they fly just like the real thing. We also offer up repaints for some of the very best payware airliners available as well, such as the PMDG 737 series and also the Level D 767-300.

The current fleet is based upon what real world carriers operated and the routes they fly are also based up on real world operations to maximise realism.

To allow for as much choice as possible we have a fleet consisting of 14 varieties of aircraft, from the ATR-72 upto the Airbus A340-300. In total Fly UK operate 115 aircraft, on its routes.

As time goes on, some aircraft become outdated and it is necessary to replace them. Fly UK take this into account and we can reveal that in the near future, there may be plans to replace the ATR-72, and we can confirm that the A340-600 will be joining the fleet over the next few months !



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Fly UK is about community spirit, and there is no better way to get people together than to have an event. The Fly UK events department, is responsible for coming up with the ideas for these events, planning the events and organising the ATC. Fly UK try and have at least one event per week, with some weeks having more than one events.

There are a variety of different flights available for events, Regional, Charter, Scheduled and also Low Cost flights.

Over the next few months, the program of events will be as follows:

- 01st September : Heathrow - Geneva IVAO
- 08th September : Dangerous Airports Tour - IVAO
- 15th September : Charter flight Manchester - Verona IVAO
- 29th September : Cargo event Frankfurt - Stansted IVAO



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- 06th October: Dangerous Airports Tour - IVAO
- 20th October: Dangerous Airports Tour - IVAO
- 27th October: Charter flight to mark the end of the summer season - IVAO and VATSIM

There is no destination for the charter flight on the 27th of October as of yet, so there will be a poll in the forum for you to decide.

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There are also plans for a long haul event, which will be held later in the year, keep your eyes on the forum for more information on that event.

real world event manchester ringway



From the eye's of Sven & Jo Francis.



07:00, Texts to and from Jake and his driver arranging where to meet.

07:30, Set-off from sunny Burnley, well, cloudy Burnley and Liverpool according to the texts, but with any luck the sun will break through.

08:00, Half way to Manchester its time to phone Adam to make sure he heard the 4 alarms he set, together with the more texts to Jake, looks like we are all looking forward to meeting absolute strangers.

08:30, We arrive at the Manchester Aviation Viewing park, Take one look at the ticket prices and shudder, ask if the tickets are open so that we can come back in, NO!, and with a stroke of luck, Vivek phones Jo and says, 'I'm Here!', fantastic, back to the airport and away from these penny pinching swine's.

It all started off during the build-up to the event on Friday night, I had arranged to pick Vivek Vilay up at 08:30 once his British Airways flight had landed, Phone number swapping and planning the days activities carried on well into the night, after too many hours in-front the computer it dawned on me I'd better get a few hours sleep as we were now into the wee hours of Saturday morning.

01:00, Signals bedtime and the start of what will be a very long day, but one which we wont forget in a while.

06:30, It's alarm clock time, so we grab Breakfast and check teletext to see how Vivek's flight is doing, and Shock Horror! its delayed an Hour.



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09:00, Vivek's been picked up from arrivals and is safely onboard and whisked swiftly to the pub, first to arrive we look round and get a good viewing spot and settle for the day.... Planes come and go, people come and go, then the first of our clan to arrive, Jake Cresswell and his driver 'Jake', 3 is now 5 and new friends have been made. Next, Jo disappears inside the pub and comes back out with two cooked breakfasts, With the parking being £5 for 4 hours with £4 of that being redeemable on purchases, it's food time!

Next up its the arrival of Ken Hall, Andy Medley and our lord and master, MR CHRIS SUTCLIFFE!, as all these are well known members and I had their photos from the site, I crack a joke by saying there names to all the wrong faces with a massive smile but sadly the joke is lost on Chris, but, we soon start to get into the flow of Fly Uk, Fly Uk and err Fly Uk. Next up, two more suspicious lads, Chris Miley and Adam Hillier, an hour or so leads to the last three, Steven Oven, Mike o Brien and Ben Guest. Now, Steve found us fairly well, but looking back I can see a major issue in my eyes for any guest to a party, poor Ben stood round us for ages with us not knowing who he was, and vice versa for a time, Once introduced we all talked and spotted and talked some more, An awful lot of nothing was discussed and an awful lot of points were raised for us to look into.

But one thing is for sure, Friends were made, and everyone had a good time , I for one can't wait till next time, I'd like to say Hi and a big Thank-You to everyone who came to the event, who made an effort, and who came out of the day a little lighter in the pocket, but mentally stronger and wiser for the experience, to my new friends, Hi and Thanks.

I would encourage anyone who wants to get together to state your location and a good place to go to, Its well worth the time spent to see friends, but also I think it helps our airline to grow much stronger as we can talk face to face rather than just voice to voice.



Ok Jo's turn..... didn't quite go to plan, turning the alarm off and going back to sleep wasn't part of the scheme, then neither was teletext lying to us and telling us that Vivek was delayed, judging by the time he phoned us (errr.. 8.30) he landed perfectly on time.

Due to the parking restrictions now in place because of the Glasgow event, Sven had to throw me out of the car, I scurried off to Terminal 3 looking for someone that I had never seen before, luckily I found Vivek ok, then it was a case of phoning Sven to arrange where we could be bundled into the car without catching the eye of any nice Mr Policemen.

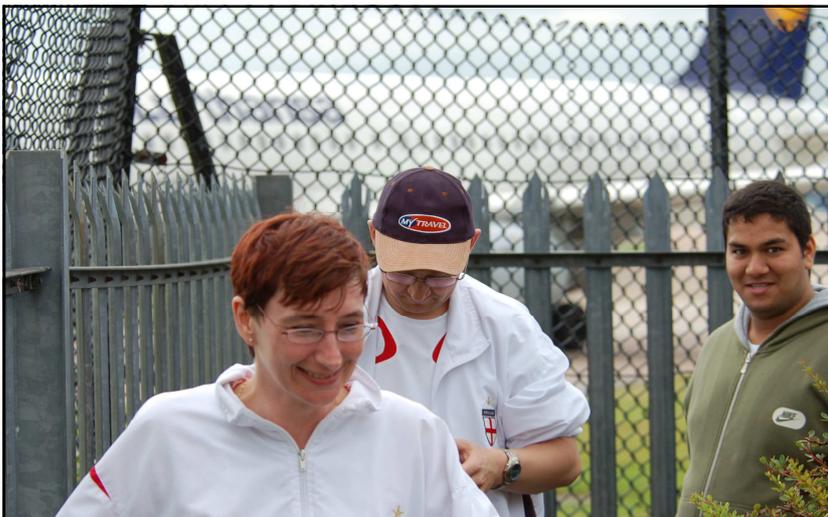
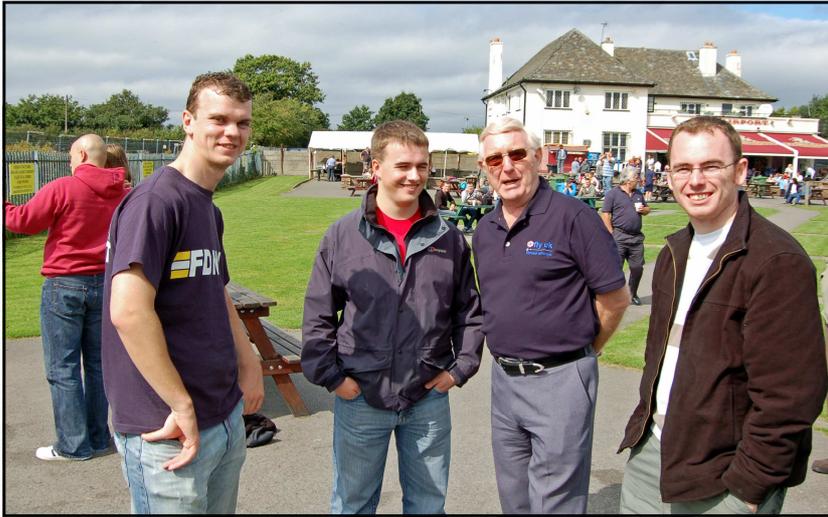
The breakfast was good, so I can fully recommend the fry up at the pub!

It was a good day and we saw lots of planes, (well you would at an airport), although everyone was too old to go on the bouncy castle (sad faces all round there!) and it seems that most of us have come home with a bit of sunburn (well it was either that or exhaust blast from the back end of a Virgin 747-400 as he turned onto the runway).

Apart from being the only female in the party, I had a good time, it was nice to put some faces to voices, and everyone was pretty much how I pictured them to be. A lot of fun was had, a lot of laughing took place, and I sure am looking forward to the next time we can all meet up.....and that time it will be nice to see some more of the wonderful pilots that we have in Fly UK.

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in aid of orbis
28th october

Fly UK are pleased to announce that we will be exhibiting at the World Flight Scotland, 2007 Scottish Charity Flightsim Show, taking place on Sunday the 28th of October 2007 in support of ORBIS and the Flying Eye Hospital



The event is being held at the Holiday Inn, Glasgow International Airport. The Holiday Inn is perfectly situated opposite the international arrivals hall at Glasgow International Airport. The event offers vendors and flightsim enthusiasts the opportunity to come together in support of an extremely worthwhile cause. The event is unique with all proceeds going directly to ORBIS. Entry to the event is free of charge and all we ask is that you consider making a donation to ORBIS.

Glasgow Airport is the busiest of Scotland's three main international airports. Over 40 airlines serve over 80 destinations worldwide. There are a number of low cost carriers operating from the airport, with good road and rail links. Visiting the event could not be easier.

ORBIS is an international development organisation that works to eliminate avoidable blindness in developing countries where at least 90 percent of the blind and visually impaired reside. The World Health Organisation estimates that 37 million people worldwide are blind - 28 million unnecessarily.

“every minute a child goes blind”

“come and show your support”

Event Date: Sunday, 28 Oct 2007
Event Time: Opens 10.00 Am Sunday morning.
Location: Academy - Holiday Inn Glasgow Airport
Price: Free Entry



Accommodation: There is a special event room rate at Holiday Inn, Glasgow Airport of £75 per twin room including full cooked Scottish breakfast, members simply need to quote ORBIS when booking via reservations on +44-870-4009031

sim reviews...

münster osnabrück

german airports 2

Aerosoft strikes again with yet another superb rendition from the German Airports Team. This time we are treated to a life-like creation of EDDG/FMO Münster Osnabrück one of the smaller Regional Airports in Germany. Situated between the two towns of Münster and Osnabrück, the airport is at elevation 160ft, has a single runway (07/25) some 2170m / 7120ft in length with ILS in both directions, DME and NDB support. In 2006 the airport registered 41,549 movements consisting of 1,557,965 passengers and 12,708 tonnes of freight.

Continuing in the tradition of the German Airport Series, Münster Osnabrück is featured with its latest and up to date layouts, buildings, objects, runways, taxiways, lights, and navigation aids. Just like the real life airport. As always, the German Airports Team has achieved a product of superb quality and realism without compromising frame rates. The GA Team have also included the Dynamic Airport Enhancement Services Lite Edition by Oliver Pabst (as was the case in my earlier review of GA-2 Cologne Bonn). Numerous moving vehicles on the apron and the nearby `Autobahn` make for a very lively atmosphere yet despite this whole range of objects, details and features, frame rates remain excellent. The overall effect is a hive of activity just buzzing with the day-to-day necessities of re-fuelling, re-victualing, baggage transfers and passenger handling.

Features include:

- Photo realistic ground textures,
- All airport buildings and institutions,
- Excellent night effects,
- Realistic runway and taxiway lighting,
- Numerous scenery effects...

System requirements:

Microsoft Flight Simulator 2004 (Version 9.1),
Pentium 2 GHz, 512 MB RAM, Graphic card with
64 MB RAM, Sound card, Install Size: 146 MB.

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The download and installation is simplicity itself - the only "work" involved was the movement of the three items installed to the FS9 Scenery library. The instructions stated that if the German Rivers scenery is installed then the EDDG files should be moved to be on top of the rivers' files. The files to be moved were "AES Lite for GAP-EDDG, GA-2 EDDG/FMO and GA-2 EDDG/FMO LC".

One more item - must not forget this one! Run the FSNav Database (if you have FSNav installed) so that all the dots join up! I have to say that the GA team have excelled themselves. Not only in daylight but at night time, too! Lighting effects are just superb - right down to the service vehicles running about doing what they have to do!



The use of a high definition aerial photograph for ground texturing means that, as with Cologne-Bonn, the airport melds seamlessly with the surrounding ground textures. So natural, that the overall result could have been painted by Constable! It is amazing that such strides have been made with texturing that we are no longer faced with scenery that has been either stuck on or nailed to the ground!!! We really are in the realms of "as real as it gets". Included in the download and deposited on your hard drive is a manual in PDF format containing all of the charts for EDDG together with some tips on obtaining the best from your system when using this scenery package. Other than elect NOT to install "static" aircraft I have not made any alterations to the programme or within my FS-settings and, with all sliders at maximum (except AI traffic at 50%), I am enjoying frame rates at 29+ (locked at 30). All in all an excellent product !

Price & Star rating: £7.45 \$14.85 Euro10.95
Sim-reviews awards 5-5 Stars

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hannover

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I have to say that I was incredibly impressed with this scenery. My system was a little below recommended specifications to run it with the traffic and all the settings turned up, but I did it anyway. Occasionally my frame rate dropped to 10fps but that was still flyable. When I ran it with the settings Aerosoft recommended and without the extra traffic it ran fine.

I did a fair bit of taxiing around and overflying, and several approaches and departures during the day and at night, and I found the software worked well, and also merged into the surrounding terrain very nicely indeed. I use Ground Environment Pro and FS Global, and often add-on airports look like they have been stuck on top. Hannover was extremely well blended in.

I thought the traffic on the nearby autobahn was a nice touch too, especially at night when all the moving traffic has lights.

In fact, the whole airport looks great at night too, especially on final approach. The runways and main taxiways are well lit and well defined, and the taxiway markers are clear and easy to read, day or night.



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The documentation that comes with the software is clear and easy to understand. Installation and removal is straightforward, and you have the option to install with or without the static traffic. If you use AI traffic software, then install Hannover without static traffic to avoid possible conflicts.



As well as the obvious information you would expect with software such as installation instructions etc., there is a lot of information both historical, current and technical about the Airport itself, which was interesting and useful.



Also supplied is a full set of Airport Charts, including Parking Assignments, SIDs, STARs and Final Approach charts. They are very clear, and in English and German throughout. If you fly online, charts are generally a necessity, so it is nice to have them supplied with the Airport Scenery, to save having to hunt around on the Internet.

Overall I found the software excellent, and if the rest of the German Airports Series is up to this standard, then they are all well worth having.

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