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Welcome to the first edition of our fresh and exciting new magazine 'Skyways'!

"Ladies and Gentleman, on behalf of Fly UK Virtual Airways a very warm welcome to our first edition of Skyways, the new magazine newsletter. As you begin reading the magazine it is important that you are comfortable, free from distraction and may we remind you all mobile telephones must be switched off, and remain switched off for the entire read. May we have the next few seconds of your full attention to highlight several features of our Skyways magazine. Each edition there will be 3 profiles (staff, hub & aircraft) located at the beginning of the magazine, these profiles will be followed by a selection of articles in regards to Fly UK and flightsim. If at any time during the read you think of any ideas for articles for our magazine please do not hesitate to contact a member of the staff, by sending us an email. Full details and more explaining the features of Skyways can be found in the contents list located to the left of this page. Please now ensure you are relaxed and sat in a comfortable position, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you an enjoyable read of Skyways, from Fly UK."

Skyways will be released from time to time with the aim to keep members updated with what's happening and all the latest news as well as different staff, hub and aircraft profile each edition and latest airline statistics from the Fly UK systems.

This edition of Skyways was created by Chris Hulme (Marketing Coordinator) and Chris Sutcliffe (CEO).

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This Edition's Staff Profile

Name

Chris Sutcliffe

Age

16

Location

Bradford (Bingley), United Kingdom

Nearest International Airport

Leeds Bradford International Airport

Occupation

Student

Hobbies

Travel, Web Design, Music,

Favourite Real World Commercial Aircraft

Boeing 757-200

Favourite FS Commercial Aircraft

PMDG 737-600

Hopes for Fly UK in the Future

Basically, just to continue to grow and improve and offer a realistic virtual aviation experience second to none.

Future Hopes for Myself

Go and do some travelling, see the sites, and the girls of course! Return back home make some sort of career in the travel industry, I would really like to run my own company, but we'll see what happens. If in the future I do happen to acquire a few million pounds then you may see Fly UK for real!

Real World Experience

As well as flight sim, I also want to make a career in the travel industry and I have had some real world experience.

- 2 Hours trial lessons in Robin 200 Training aircraft, of which I was in control for quite a while!
- 2 Weeks work experience at Leeds Bradford International airport, working in a variety of departments, the best I thought was airside operations!! However I also found interesting to go behind the scenes and see the day to day running of the airport as an actual company.
- 1 Weeks work experience at Jet2.com head office, very interesting to find out exactly how a low cost airline operates (quite scary actually!)
- And also, not so glamorous 1 weeks work experience in Lunn Poly Travel Agents. Ill say no more about that.
- My uncle also works at London Heathrow when I was a very, very little kid got the chance to have a look around Heathrow airside, obviously this been before the extreme security measures in place nowadays.



Left:
Fly UK CEO
Chris Sutcliffe

Virtual Career

I started out at Jet2 Virtual as webmaster and also was involved with the operations and structuring of the VA, however after designing the whole website, the CEO decided he did not want to set the virtual airline up, so the site never went live!!

After this I moved to an organisation that was called VA World Alliance,, here I was webmaster once again and had a management role but this idea completely flopped due to the lack of input from higher management. I then joined Thomsonfly Virtual as a pilot, was made webmaster (again!), and after a few months made Vice CEO, together with the CEO we both made huge success at Thomsonfly Virtual we had over 80 active pilots in 2 and a half months, I really enjoyed my time at Thomsonfly, learnt lots and gained some very valuable experience, was a great challenge trying to provide a good service with minimum resources. Thomsonfly later closed when both

Contact Chris Sutcliffe

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Chris has temporarily stepped down as CEO due to other commitments however is still working as Senior Manager with us here at Fly UK.

Next Editions Profile...!
Vice CEO – Gareth Richardson

This Edition's Hub Profile

London Gatwick

EGKK Staff

Hub Manager: Ian Cumming
Senior Manager: Gaz Richardson

Airport Information

Airport Code: LGW
ICAO Code: EGKK
Number Of Runways: 2
Number of Terminals: 2
Passengers Per Year: 30 million
Serving Airlines: 80
Destinations: around 200

About Gatwick

Gatwick is the second largest airport in the UK and the sixth busiest international airport in the world. It serves 80 airlines with over 200 destinations.

Its development strategy for the future focuses on the airport's expansion as a single runway, two terminal airport, as it grows to handle around 40 million passengers a year by 2010/2011

Frequencies

ATIS: 136.525
Tower: 124.255
Delivery: 121.950
Ground: 121.800
Fire: 121.600

Runways

ILS CAT III 8R 110.90
ILS CAT III 26L 110.90

Fly UK Gates @ LGW

North Terminal:

Gates: 53,54,56,57 for heavy/medium aircraft.
Gates: 551,552,553,554 for small aircraft.

South Terminal:

Gates: 1-10 Pier 1 for small aircraft

Top 4 Routes from London Gatwick

10	FLY301A	Airbus A320	EGKK	LEPA
6	FLY327A	Boeing 747-400	EGKK	WMKK
6	FLY328A	Boeing 737	EGKK	EDDF
5	FLY301B	Airbus A320	LEPA	EGKK



Left:
UK2000 EGKK
Scenery (Payware)

Number of Fly UK Gatwick Routes

Total Flights: 68
Total European Flights: 24
Total International Flights: 34
Total UK Domestic Flights: 10



Above:
EGKK Parking Chart

Feb Destination of Month Awards

February Destination of the Month:
LICJ Punta Raisi , Sicily

- 1st - UK1151 Mark Young
- 2nd - UKV1136 Doug Mason
- 3rd - UKV1160 Warren Harper

Congratulations to all pilots and the best of luck for next month.

Next Editions Hub Profile...!
Leeds Bradford International Airport

Contact London Gatwick Hub
Email: egkhub@flyukva.com

This Edition's Aircraft Profile

Boeing 757 - 300

Background Info

The Boeing 757-300 is the stretched version of the successful 200 variant. The aircraft has 240 seats and was built and aimed at the European charter market.

The aircraft began development in the 1990's and was launched at the Farnborough Air Show in 1996.

When looking at the -300 compared with the -200 the main and obvious difference is the 7m extra fuselage. The lower freight capacity is also increased by 40%>

Another feature of the 757-300 is its new interior which is based on that developed for the Next Generation 737 models. Features include a new sculptured ceiling, larger overhead bins, indirect overhead lighting and vacuum toilets.

The 757-300 includes the dual rating with the larger Boeing 767 aircraft so pilots could be flying the 757 on European routes one day and then transatlantic routes the next.

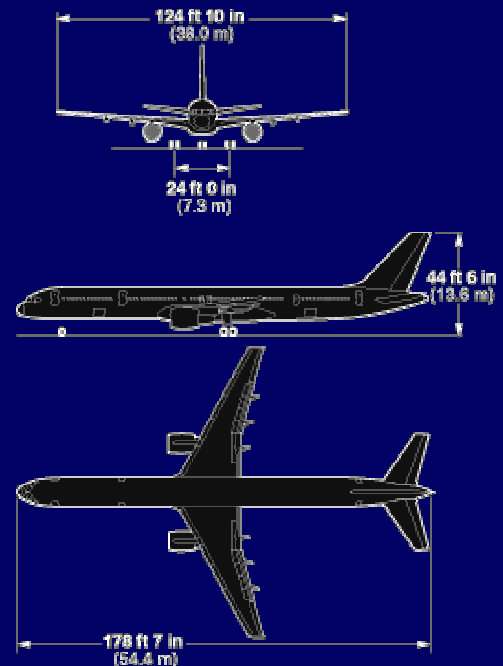
The 757-300 shares the 200's wings, tail and powerplant options, although the -300 features strengthened structure and landing gear to cope with the increased weights, new wheels, tyres and brakes and a tailskid.

The 757-300 first flew on August 2 1998, with certification in January 1999, and entry into service (with launch customer Condor) in March 1999.

The -300's 27 month development program from final configuration to planned first delivery is the fastest for any Boeing airliner (the 777-300 took 31 months for example). Other early customers were Icelandair, Northwest, American Trans Air, Continental, and JMC Air.



Left:
Fly UK Virtual
Airways Boeing
757-300 Aircraft



Aircraft Downloads

Remember all our aircraft can be downloaded from AVSIM.com simply go to the file library and search for flyukva



Forums are at the heart of every virtual airline community. Be part an active member of the Fly UK community and join the forums today!

<http://www.cjsgroup.com/ivision>

January Statistics!

First of all, we would like to thank everyone who was flying in January with Fly UK. We could not of asked for more! January was our first month of operations under our new way of operating and re-structure which happened throughout December 2004. The results have been amazing, below are the statistics collected by our brand new pilot roster system database taken at the end of January 2005.

January 2005 Airline Statistics

Total Combined Hours Flown: 2390.98

Total Hours Logged: 674.64

Total Pireps Filed: 229

Total Pilots: 72

EGNM Total Pilots: 24

EGKK Total Pilots: 34

EGLC Total Pilots: 14

Total EGNM Flying Hours: 581.76

Total EGKK Flying Hours: 1456.33

Total EGLC Flying Hours: 352.89

Overall Top 10 Pilots for January (Based on Flying Hours)

Pilot Number	Name	Hub	Total Hours
UKV1136	Doug Mason	EGKK	387.50
UKV1131	Beau Lyman	EGKK	323.62
UKV1128	Ryan Rumberger	EGLC	202.75
UKV1130	George Shepherd	EGKK	182.75
UKV1134	Mark Morton	EGKK	151.90
UKV1123	Gareth Richardson	EGKK	115.14
UKV1126	Ian Cumming	EGKK	74.39
UKV1121	Chris Sutcliffe	EGNM	72.50
UKV1132	Charlie Baker	EGNM	69.40
UKV1135	Simon Wilkinson	EGNM	59.50

Leeds Bradford January Statistics

Total Combined Hours Flown: 581.76

Total Hours Logged: 218.21

Total Pireps Filed: 115

Total Pilots: 24

London Gatwick January Statistics

Total Combined Hours Flown: 1456.33

Total Hours Logged: 417.90

Total Pireps Filed: 98

Total Pilots: 34

London City January Statistics

Total Combined Hours Flown: 352.89

Total Hours Logged: 7.70

Total Pireps Filed: 7

Total Pilots: 14

Most Popular Routes!

Our new system can also tell us which are Fly UK's most popular routes, the routes that most of our pilots fly. Below are the most popular routes in January 2005 for each hub.

Leeds Bradford Hub

5. FLY266B > EGNM – EGPE
6. FLY200A > EGNM – LFPG
7. FLY207A > EGNM – LOWI
8. FLY207B > LOWI- EGNM

London Gatwick Hub

5. FLY301A > EGKK – LEPA
6. FLY301B > LEPA – EGKK
7. FLY304A > EGKK – LXGB
8. FLY305A > EGKK – BIRK

London City Hub

Due to a few start up problems with our EGLC hub, no stats were recorded for January.

Did You Know?

Fly UK Virtual Airways is one of the only virtual airlines to have its own in flight kneeboard.

Check it out on the services section of our website.



February Statistics

After the high amounts of activity in January, we expected atleast the same amounth of pireps and hours for February... and that's exactly what we got! Once again thanks to everyone for their continued activity elts keep it up.

February 2005 Airline Statistics

Total Combined Hours Flown: 3196.05

Total Hours Logged: 852.87

Total Pireps Filed: 352

Total Pilots: 107

EGNM Total Pilots: 47

EGKK Total Pilots: 35

EGLC Total Pilots: 25

Total EGNM Flying Hours: 1290.41

Total EGKK Flying Hours: 1539.55

Total EGLC Flying Hours: 366.09

Overall Top 10 Pilots for February (Based on Flying Hours)

Pilot Number	Name	Hub	Total Hours
UKV1136	Doug Mason	EGKK	463.82
UKV1131	Beau Lyman	EGKK	351.82
UKV1128	Ryan Rumberger	EGLC	208.25
UKV1130	George Shepherd	EGKK	205.05
UKV1123	Gareth Richardson	EGKK	192.54
UKV1134	Mark Morton	EGKK	151.90
UKV1149	Neil McAllistar	EGNM	117.72
UKV1183	Martin Beddow	EGNM	104.70
UKV1137	Gary Rickwood	EGNM	88.60
UKV1123	Ian Cumming	EGKK	87.79

Leeds Bradford February Statistics

Total Combined Hours Flown: 1290.41

Total Hours Logged: 474.23

Total Pireps Filed: 218

Total Pilots: 47

London Gatwick February Statistics

Total Combined Hours Flown: 1539.55

Total Hours Logged: 324.24

Total Pireps Filed: 110

Total Pilots: 35

London City February Statistics

Total Combined Hours Flown: 366.09

Total Hours Logged: 17.20

Total Pireps Filed: 15

Total Pilots: 25

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Leeds Bradford Hub

1. FLY200A > EGNM – LFPG
2. FLY204A > EGNM – LEHAM
3. FLY204B > EHAM – EGNM
4. FLY207A > EGNM- LOWI

London Gatwick Hub

1. FLY301A > EGLC – LEPA
2. FLY328A > EGLC– EDDf
3. FLY329A > EGKK – EGPF
4. FLY329B > EGPF – EGKK

London City Hub

1. FLY405A > EGLC – EGAC
2. FLY409A > EGLC– EGNT
3. FLY400A > EGLC – ELLX
4. FLY402A > EGLC – LSZH

Did You Know?

Fly UK Virtual Airways began operations in April 2004, meaning Fly UK will be 1 year old in April 2005!



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If it was any more realistic, we'd have to pay you

Fly UK Livery in Times Gone By

Although Fly UK only started in April 2004, there have been various variations of the Fly UK livery, one of our major problems when starting up was that we had problems finding a painter to paint our full fleet in the same livery; this page looks back at some of the liveries from the early months of Fly UK.

April – July 2004

Alex Mottershead was appointed Fleet Manager in the early days of Fly UK when we set up, this livery (right) was our very first, and was painted on 3 of our 5 operational aircraft at the time. The livery was painted and designed by Alex. However some managers felt this livery did not give the right fresh modern image of Fly UK as they had hoped. So the search continued for another livery...



Left:
Fly UK Virtual Airways first ever livery on our Airbus A320

Boeing 777

In May 2004 a Boeing 777 in Alex's Fly UK livery was painted however this aircraft never actually entered operation on Fly UK flights as managers decided they wanted to keep things slightly more realistic and not announce a brand new 777 in the second month of the airline!



Left:
Fly UK Virtual Airways first ever livery on a Boeing 777.

July 2004

In July, we held a contest open to anyone in the Flight Sim community, all people had to do, was submit their design for a Fly UK Livery. After a design was picked, we finally found someone willing to paint our fleet, Darren Walsh painted the new design on a POSKY Boeing 757-300 (G-FLYU). This aircraft went straight into operation replacing our previous Boeing 757-200 G-UKAI. However, this was the only aircraft painted in this livery, due to some problems at the time, plans for the rest of the fleet to be painted in the new livery (which we were all quite pleased with!) fell through and we were left with 4 out of 6 aircraft painted in different liveries. Again we were back to the drawing board and the search continued to find yet another painter...



Above: G-FLYU B757-300 in second Fly UK livery!

September 2004

Lee Appleby and Kenny Dowling set about designing and painting a new livery and painting it on all the Fly UK Fleet. After a few designs and ideas both Lee and Kenny painted the entire Fly UK Fleet in a fresh new modern 'British' livery. The whole fleet was painted by the end of September. This superb livery is what is in operation today on all Fly UK Aircraft.



Left:
Today's Fly UK Livery on our Boeing 737-300 (G-FLYK)

Destination Talk

As of course you know, Fly UK operate to an exciting variety of worldwide destinations. Over the coming months, we will be monitoring the statistics of routes, how many people fly each route and how often. Our aim is to strengthen our route network; the introduction of our new Glasgow Hub may see slight changes to some hub timetables to ensure our choice of destinations is spread across route network appropriately. We also hope to introduce more flights with more than just 1 leg, for example in direct flights, which stop over at an airport. So keep an eye on your hubs timetable...!



Destination: Palma

Explore Palma, Majorca's cosmopolitan capital with a pedestrianised old town of winding back streets, shops and cafes at its heart.

Situated on a magnificent 16-mile bay. Palma's old town is full of historic palaces, art galleries, shops and cafes, concentrated around Passeig d'es Born.

The Banys Arab Moorish baths (c/CanSerra) are still in use and nearby are the 13th century cathedral La Seo, whose interior was designed in 1902 by surrealist Catalan artist Anton Gaudi, and the Almudaine Palace (Carrer Palau Reial). The Museo Pilar I Joan Miro, set on a hill in Marivent with wonderful views over the city. Is dedicated to the Catalan artist Miro who lived and worked in Palma for 30 years until his death in 1983.

For more great views, climb up to Bellver castle, overlooking the town. A stroll along the waterfront will bring you to restaurants and designer shops. If you fancy a swim, catch the no. 15 bus from Placa Espanya to S'Arenal de Morella, a long and popular sandy beach. The best place for serious walking is the Sierra de Tramuntana and the north of the island, but anyone can enjoy a few hours stroll along the costal paths.

Look in Avinguda del ReiJaume III for designer boutiques and high street stores. The new plaza Bendinat mall west of Palma has stylish shops, cafes and beauty parlours. Explore Palmas streets around Placa Joan Carlos 1 and Placa Major for individual shops, or sample local handicrafts at Passeig per l'Artesania. The Baratillo flea market is held on Saturdays on the Avenguda Gabriel Alomar.

Calle Apuntadores has restaurants to suit all budgets, from tapas bards such as Pinchos to more substantial restaurants. The highest concentration of high-class restaurants (and matching prices) is in Portals Nous, but if you just want a beachside café then head for the lively Palma Nova.

Thanks to Jet2.com for their permission to include this article from their Jet Away In Flight Magazine.



Above: Cathedral at night.



Above: Balearic Islands



All Eyes on London Gatwick timetable!

There have recently being an addition of several new routes operating from London Gatwick including International routes and new UK domestic routes.

Leeds/Bradford Gliding Club

The LBA Gliding Club is a group of Leeds/Bradford pilots that have registered to become part of the group and are be available to fly the exclusive routes that are designed for gliders.

Registration

Pilots that wish to register to become active in the Glider Club can fill in an application form on the EGNM hub page.

Only pilots that are part of the club are available to fly the exclusive routes in the Glider section of the EGNM timetable page. This membership is only valid while you are active at Leeds/Bradford Hub.

Meetings

Meetings will be held once monthly and has to be attended by all members of the club as the next months online flying, offline flying, routes and Met will be issued during the meeting. Only pilots who notify me through email egnmhub@flyukva.com 2 days before the event will be excused. This will also be a time when I will issue promotions to pilots who have passed the AGE (see below)

Training

Training in the Scheibe 25C will be given to any pilot that requests it by contacting egnmhub@flyukva.com with your pilot details.

Online Tests

Due to the skill required to launch correctly, find and soar thermals and then do a flare to land on one wheel the ASH 25 glider and the winch launch software that comes with it will be limited to the Advanced Glider pilots. Any pilot can register (again, by emailing egnmhub@flyukva.com asking for one) for a test flight and promotions will be issued at the monthly meetings. The online session would probably consist of:

1. Correct start up and taxi to and hold short of the active runway
2. Go through the complete checklist for engine checks, only so many can be completed virtually so a read through can be done over TS
3. A correct back track down the runway if necessary before departing
4. Climb and maintain 3500-3800ft and fly on the direct headings I give
5. Fly a correct circuit starting on a downwind, base and finals
6. Flare to land and a no brake roll and taxi
7. Stop at a GA parking slot and do a correct shut down

All of the points after reaching 3500ft will be conducted with the engine set at 1800RPM to give a correct glide ratio, so get practicing!!

The aircraft that we operate or motor gliders that make use of the disused runway (9-27) at Leeds. The GA parking slots on the left hand side of Runway 32 is the storage area for the aircraft. The gliders are be:

[Scheibe 25C-Falke](#) (nose wheel)
[Scheibe 25C-Falke](#) – G-LIDE (tail wheel)

Downloads on EGNM Hub Page!



Fly UK up-to-date

Don't have time to constantly read our website/forums and keep up with all that's happening? Well here is all the latest news from Fly UK...

Over the last few months quite a lot has been happening here at Fly UK, mostly within our management team as we strive to offer all our members a high quality professional experience in virtual aviation. This page contains all the latest news from the last few months, most of our news you will see posted on our website or in the forums, so keep a look out on the site!

January 2005

New Manager > Paul Ainsworth joined our management team as a Senior Manager.

Pilot Roster System > Improved to include a new pilot logbook.

New Aircraft > The newly repainted Fly UK Dash 8 Q400 was released for download and operation. Painted by Ian Cumming.

IFC 2005 > Fly UK has acquired a stand at the International Flight Sim Convention 2005 at Blackpool. Come along and see us if you are attending the show this summer. Details in forum soon!

Activity > Managers praise pilots as Fly UK announce January as the most active month ever since April 2004.

February 2005

Members > Fly UK reaches 100-member point once again!

Forums > Updated with new sections, all members encourage to join, if you have not already please do!

Inactive > A number of inactive pilots were removed due to them not filing at least 2 pirs per month and not responding to several emails.

Staff > Chris Hulme appointed as Fly UK Marketing Coordinator.

Screenshot Contest > Now running in our forums, submit your best screenies into the contest!

ATC Pilot Training Event > Was organised for a Sunday in February and was extremely successful, watch the online events page as a series of training events will be available soon.

March 2005

Staff Changes > Gareth Richardson become Acting CEO as CEO Chris Sutcliffe temporarily stands down due to other commitments.

Aircraft > A340-313 enter fleet for LGW international operations!

LBA Hub > LBA Gliding Club launched!

LGW Hub > New routes utilizing new A340 added!

Our Plans for Fly UK

We are always working on new projects to keep members interested and enjoy our virtual airline, below are just some of the projects, ideas and plans we have for Fly UK.

Here we come... Glasgow!

EGPF BAA Glasgow airport was recently announced as Fly UK's newest hub. Operations will commence early April 2005 featuring a variety of new destinations for members to explore. Watch the forums and press office for more updates....!

Online Events Program

At the moment our only events are those hosted by UK ATC which take place on Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are aiming to add new online events hosted by Fly UK which will begin early April 2004. If you have any ideas for events please post them in our forum!

Offline Events Program

We appreciate that not all our pilots fly online, so we are organising an event which can be flown either offline or online. It will be some sort of tour which involves flying different legs using different aircraft, awards will be given to those who complete the tour. More details coming soon, the tour will begin mid April!

Chopper Division

We are still planning on opening a Fly UK Chopper Division, which will hopefully be launched sometime in the summer. We are currently looking for people interested in helping out with this division. Email flyukva@hotmail.com if you are.



2005 Member Screenshot Competition

Open to members of all hubs!

The screenshot contest is open to all Fly UK members from any of our hubs. We are looking for the best screenshots, so get snapping and try and catch Fly UK aircraft in their finest moments, get involved with Fly UK and show off your skills to the other members!

We want to see as many people getting involved as possible.

Closing Date for entries: EXTENDED > April 9th

The winner will be then announced shortly after the closing date, Fly UK senior managers will be the judges and pick out in their opinion the top 3 screenshots.

Please read the following if you are going to enter:

- All entries must be in .jpg format
- All entries must be Fly UK related (not featuring any other airline aircraft)
- All entries must be no larger than 800 x 600 pxls.
- All entries must be uploaded to the forum thread above titled 'Post Your Entries Here'
- You are only allowed to enter a maximum of 2 screenshots per person, no more!

The top 3 screenshots will be used for new Fly UK banners, and featured on pages on our website as well as in Skyways magazine!

Need help with taking screenshots? Check out our help and support section in the forum! Also, ask any questions in the specific forum thread regarding the contest.

Some of the entries so far:



We are always looking to establish links with flight sim and virtual aviation organisations, if you would like to become associated with Fly UK send us an email flyukva@hotmail.com If you are interested in advertising in the next edition of Skyways contact flyukva@hotmail.com

Kind Regards, Chris Hulme – Marketing Coordinator

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