

### **28/08/2011 - 09.00z - Doing it all again**

We are back for Simfest 2011. This years trip is going to be in aid of Dreamflight.

We will be bringing back the live webcam with 24 hour sound, the chat room and all the videos and blog updates you can put up with!

This years sim is even better than ever! Thanks for everyones support over the past 4 years.

### **14/11/2010 - 11.00z - Final Donation Count**

We have raised £3792.00 this year for JDRF and thank all of our supporters. This means we have raised £13,850.50 for Charity over the last 4 years. Bring on Simfest 2011!

### **07/11/2010 - 11.00z - We have arrived!**

We have finally arrived in Sydney after an excellent last flight.

Heres till next year!

Check back here over the next few weeks as we publish more videos and pictures from this years event.

Cheers!

The Simfest UK Team

### **07/11/2010 - 00.47z - We performed a CAT I Approach to YPDN**

### **06/11/2010 - 22.28z - Various Flightdeck Pics**

### **06/11/2010 - 17.26z - Last Few Legs**

We are just leaving Singapore heading for Bali, then onwards to Australia.

### **05/11/2010 - 22.00z - Enroute to Dubai**

We have 11 flights left and only 36 hours until our arrival in Sydney. Everyones having a great time.

Thanks for everyone who has supported us this year.

### **04/11/2010 - 18.23z - Anyone got a spare Engine?**

Talk about jinxing it...

On approach when we got the Go-Around instructions from the the F/O said "ahhh we wont need that".. so when on approach it was all looking a bit hmmm hairy, we didn't go around when we really should have.

We had a rather firm touchdown on the left engine... so we are just finding a replacement engine and 4 new tyres before heading north through Europe.

### **04/11/2010 - 15.19z - Cairo**

We've arrived at Cairo and got some great views of the pyramids. Although we almost died whilst... taxing to the gate and were horrified to see another aircraft flying straight towards us. I think someone had mistaken the taxiway for the runway. (gulp!).  
Oh well, we survived. Onwards Greece.

#### **04/11/2010 - 13.00z - Through Africa**

Mark and Ralph are enroute to Cairo. We have really had a great time in Africa, onwards to Europe!

#### **03/11/2010 - 16:40z - Into Africa**

Ralph, Simon, Ron, and Rob have been flying all day across the Atlantic and have just arrived in Namibia.

Everything has been running smoothly.

We are so pleased with our charity fund raising so far that we have decided to up our target to £4300. If we can get to this target we have beat our total from 2008.

So if you have been enjoying our webcams and webchat we would be grateful if you could make a donation online at [www.justgiving.com/simfest2010](http://www.justgiving.com/simfest2010).

We have currently raised over £13,400 for charity over the past 4 years.

Thanks again.

#### **03/11/2010 - 00:28z - The Night Shift**

Steve, Matt and Gary are currently crossing South America overnight and hope to be in Rio by 0430z for Ralph, Simon and Matt to head off to the Ascension Islands.

#### **02/11/2010 - 22:41z - Round and Round**

After 45 minutes of holding we are finally on the ground at La Paz. We are just preparing for departure.

#### **02/11/2010 - 18:00z - Donations exceed Target**

We just went over our charity target amount of £3,000. Thanks to everyones generosity and support we have now raised in excess of £13,000 over 4 Simfest events. Truly staggering and humbling.

#### **02/11/2010 - 17:19z - Simfest Technology Centre**

As our webcam viewers will know we operate the Simfest Technology centre during world flight which look after the following:-

- Website
- Webcams
- Blog
- Web Chat
- Creating our Blog Videos
- Dispatching the aircraft
- Organisational Changes

Any generally anything else that needs doing to keep Simfest running.

We started off with a fully automated roster system but have gone back to 1950's technology.

**02/11/2010 - 17:14z - Departing Quito**

We departed Quito exactly on time and are expecting to arrive on time.

During departure Captain Benson navigated us perfectly over the top of a volcano

**02/11/2010 - 13:00z - Dispatch**

We walked into the Simfest Dispatch Centre of excellence and found a (not so) speedbird left by the CAT III crew.

**02/11/2010 - 09:00z - Mexico**

Steve and Ralph executed a most professional flight from Houston to Cancun. It was smooth, calm, early, unrushed, perfect take off and landing. High praise all round from everyone. (Ed - Ralph wrote this)

**02/11/2010 - 0431z - Journey through the Americas**

Canada came and went, and gave everybody some top quality control whilst they were there. Gary and Matt have flown over night down through America to Houston, Texas. Despite being nearly an hour behind schedule Yesterday Evening, the Flight Crews have performed exceptionally well to now give us an hour in hand. The next flight to Cancun is not scheduled to leave until 0640z. Onto another day.....Ralph and Steve are up next.

**01/11/2010 - 2237z - Canada here we come**

Despite being an hour late, we are now back on time to land in Regina at 23:01, only 10 mins late. Currently enjoying a 110kts tailwind at 37,000 ft. On another note, we have just discovered that this website has had over 1 million hits this week, an astonishing number!

**01/11/2010 - Enroute to Seattle**

SFO was extremely busy and coupled with a few minor aircraft system problems we departed about an hour late.

We should be able to catch up the time on the next few flights.

We plan to do a complete reboot of the aircraft computers when we land so will be offline for about 10 minutes during the reset.

Hope you are enjoying the webcams.

**01/11/2010 - 13:30z Flight Report from WF1003**

In the cruise at 37000 feet over the Pacific, inbound to the City by the Bay. Queue Tony Bennett song. Mark and Kris in control.

**01/11/2010 - 1019z Flight Report from WF1002**

Gary and Steve had a most enjoyable flight which was the longest leg at 6:40 minutes.

Ralph stepped in for an hour so Gary could get some sleep before landing.

ATC was excellent all the way across. We used CPDLC for Air traffic reports.

Landed on 08L, we are now parked up and waiting for Mark and Nigel to arrive to take us to San Fran!

**01/11/2010 - 0117z**

We have uploaded a video of our departure from Sydney

**01/11/2010 - 0010z**

FDX081 is keeping us company 1000ft above.

**31/10/2010 - 2250z**

We managed to push back 30 minutes early and are estimating an arrival time of 02.08 which is 42 minutes early. We are slower than some of the other aircraft so wanted to get a nice head start.

We had over 50 people watching on the webcams. Thanks for your support!

Time for a cup of tea we think!

**31/10/2010 - 2139z**

After the F/O found the push to talk switch we finally have our clearance, good start!

**31/10/2010 - 2106z**

Webcams are live!

**31/10/2010 - 1740z**

With 5 hours to go we cant wait any longer so to avoid the rush for fuel we have got the fuel tanker loading fuel at the moment. Capt Ralph for some reason if trusting Garys flight planning and so we are loading up 16,500kgs of fuel. Also check out our new video.

**31/10/2010 - 1115z**

With less than 12 hours to go we have added a live chat feature to the webcam page so we can answer any questions you have about simfest.

We also hope that the thunderstorms stay away from Fiji, although on the plus side there is a nice jetstream forming along our route to give us a great tailwind.

**30/10/2010 - 1500z**

We think we have left pilot training a little late!

**28/10/2010 Few Days to Go**

Checkout the teaser video on the home page of the website. we have also had an amazing amount of donations today and thank all of our supporters.

**26/10/2010 New Video**

We have uploaded a video of us doing a quick circuit or 2 at Manchester Last Night.

**26/10/2010 Upgrades**

Today we finished off fitting our new CDU's which now gives us 3 fully functional CDUs (well we are a BBJ after all!)

Here is a picture of us parked up at Manchester

**25/10/2010 7 Days To Go**

With less than a week to go we are tidying up some loose ends before we embark on this years world flight. The last crew training sessions are being completed and going very well.

Remember you can follow us on [twitter.com/simfest](http://twitter.com/simfest)

**20/10/2010 Purchase your seats!**

You can now purchase a jumpseat, suite or cabin seat via the donate now page.

**19/10/2010 Less Than 2 Weeks to Go!**

Preparations are well and truly underway for this years world flight. We are updating the website with all the live tracking information.

Here is a Highlight of whats to come:-

- Live Hd Webcams
- Moving Map
- Flight Board
- Live Instruments

**15/09/2010 Watch Us**

We have been running some tests on the webcams for this year. We will be showing a HD webcam with full streaming sounds from the cockpit. You will even be able to listen to air traffic control. The webcams will be live from the 31st October.

**01/09/2010 - Join In**

We have been busy working on our flight planning systems. We are planning to have a downloadable Flightplan, Loadsheet, Briefing Document, Charts and Scenery for each destination. These will be uploaded at least 1 hour before each flight so you can fly along with us. For an example please see [here](#)

**29/08/2010 - Simulator Testing**

Preparations for this years event are well underway. Every Saturday leading up to the event we will be flying the simulator on various testing and training flights to ensure we are ready for this year. We have been busy uploading videos and pictures to the website, facebook, and youtube. Use the images on the right to follow us on social networking sites for the most up to date information as world-flight unfolds.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be flying a BBJ2 giving us excellent range and performance.

The webcams promise to be the best yet, so alongside our flight tracking programs we promise a week of must watch viewing.

Look out for us on VATSIM as BAW37C.

**02/08/2010 - 1200z - 10th Anniversary**

The team cannot wait for this years world flight. We will be recreating the original November 2000 route.... this is going to be the best year yet!