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FOUNDERS MESSAGE

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter! A special welcome goes out to our newest members who have recently joined us—we're delighted to have you on board.

October was a milestone month for us, with 24th October marking our busiest day on record, seeing over 20 movements within a single 24-hour period. This achievement reflects the energy and dedication of our community, and it's something we can all be proud of.

Our membership continues to grow steadily, now standing at 168 members, with at least 76 consistently active. These numbers are more than statistics—they represent the commitment, passion, and teamwork that make our VA such a vibrant place to be.

As we expand and develop, our focus remains on meeting the needs of our members wherever possible. On behalf of the team, we want to thank each of you for your loyalty, time, and dedication. It's your contributions that keep us moving forward.

We hope you enjoy this second edition of our newsletter and find it both insightful and engaging.

Connor Sullivan & Connor Rowe
Founders
Euroscot & Air Scotland Virtual



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IMPORTANT UPDATES

EVOM sections 1.7, 6.5 and 6.6 updated in relation to external VA advertising and investigation rights – [here](#).



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RECENT AWARDS

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate the follow members on receiving awards! Also read below for a little bit about our nominees!



BRAIN FORDYCE – EUS0121

"My name is Brian Fordyce, though most people know me as Haggis or Flying Haggis. I'm 32 (soon to be 33), a proud husband and dad of three, living a happy-go-lucky life where aviation is my passion and Edinburgh Airport is my happy place. Being on the autism spectrum means I like things done my way — checklists included — which my best mates Jordan and Nathan find both stressful and hilarious, but they always keep me right. I first got into flight simming with FS2004, returned with MSFS 2020 on Xbox, and eventually upgraded to PC for MSFS 2024, thanks to my friends' encouragement. Together we braved VATSIM, which was nerve-wracking at first but quickly became a game-changer. That journey led me to EUROSCOT, where I stumbled across some funny conversations and discovered a new home full of welcoming, helpful people with a great sense of humour."



BEN – EUS0162

Ben (EUS0162) may have only joined us on the 2nd of November, but his impact has been immediate and inspiring. In just a short time, he's embraced the Euroscot spirit wholeheartedly—flying extensively across our network, from Naples and Abu Dhabi to Orly, Prague, and a range of domestic routes. His dedication and enthusiasm have not only strengthened our brand presence but also uplifted the community around him. For his outstanding commitment and sky-high spirit, Ben is a truly deserving recipient of the "Head in the Clouds" award!



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LIVERY UPDATES

Hi all

We're pleased to announce that our entire fleet is now complete! With every aircraft now represented in our hangar, the next phase begins — a full livery cleanup and enhancement project.

Over the coming weeks, myself and Jordan will be refreshing and refining each aircraft livery to ensure consistent quality and a more polished, professional look across the fleet.

This process may take a few weeks to complete, but the results will be well worth the wait. We appreciate your patience and look forward to rolling out the improved liveries very soon.

In the meantime, here's a recap of my latest work.

- Working closely with Linus (EUS0106) to develop liveries for our XP users. So far, the BAe 146, Zibo 738, Airbus A320 SL/WL and the A320 neo are complete and have been added to our Hangar. [Click here](#). XP liveries will be uploaded here and not on our Flightsim.to as we currently do not have an account to support X-plane.
- Overhaul of ATR 72-600 completed and uploaded.
- Overhaul of B737-800 completed and due to be uploaded very shortly.
- Air Scotland Cargo aircraft created however will be updated shortly.



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OUR NEW WEBSITE

We're proud to unveil the new www.euroscot-virtual.co.uk, a complete redesign and rebuild of our public site. This transformation was sparked by a major change in the vAMSYS API — the system that powers our flight data, destinations, and pilot operations. For non-tech readers, an API is like a bridge between systems. When vAMSYS upgraded theirs, it meant we had to rebuild our side of the bridge from scratch to maintain secure, reliable access.

This wasn't a simple patch job. It was a full-scale reconstruction, led by Sav (EUS0037) and Connor S (EUS0001), who worked tirelessly to ensure every element was secure, scalable, and ready for the future. With so much under-the-hood work required, they seized the opportunity to refresh the look and feel of the site too.

Destinations Section: Now dynamically powered by vAMSYS, this page showcases our active routes and airports in real time.

Live Map: A visually enhanced version of our previous map, now featuring VATSIM ATC coverage for added immersion. IVAO integration is coming soon.

Live METAR Feeds: The homepage now displays real-time weather reports for key airports, helping pilots plan effectively.

Modern, welcoming design: Cleaner layout, improved readability, and a more intuitive experience for visitors and pilots alike.

But the biggest change isn't just what you see — it's what you don't. The new site is built on a robust, modular structure that positions us perfectly for the upcoming vAMSYS API V3, which promises exciting enhancements like:

Improved data access and performance

Expanded endpoints for aircraft, schedules, and pilot stats

More secure authentication and streamlined integration

Greater flexibility for custom VA features and automation

This rebuild ensures we're not just compatible with the future — we're ready to lead it.

Also, we would like to pass our thanks to Robert T – EUS0122 who provided his professional assistance and consultation with some website complexities.

We'd also like to thank Sav and Connor S, for their dedication. This is a major milestone for us, and we're excited to keep building from here.

FESTIVE LEAVE: 15 DECEMBER – 15 JANUARY



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As the festive season approaches, we're extending a well-earned break to our dedicated staff team from 15 December to 15 January. This short leave of absence from VA duties is designed to give our volunteers time to recharge, celebrate, and enjoy the holidays without the pressure of daily commitments.

No Impact to You, Our Members

We're working hard behind the scenes to ensure that weekly events and a fresh route update are published in advance, so your flying experience remains seamless and engaging throughout the festive period.

Support Continues

All emails and urgent queries will be forwarded to our on-call team, with Connor S and Connor R remaining available to oversee operations, maintain the website, and respond to any critical issues.

Staff May Still Fly or Socialise

While official duties will pause, staff members are welcome to continue flying or joining community events informally. This break simply allows them the freedom to step back from responsibilities if they wish.

We believe in transparency and teamwork, and we're proud to support our staff with this seasonal pause. Thank you for your continued loyalty and enthusiasm — we can't wait to see what the new year brings!



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ROUTE AND FLEET UPDATES

Greetings!

As many of you will have noticed, there have been several changes to our fleet and routing over the past few weeks. Some of these have been subtle, while others a little more significant—all designed to bring you a more authentic, “real world” experience.

We've introduced specific destinations for the A21N and B738M, making better use of their range and capacity compared to the CFM and -800 variants.

B738M Updates

From Edinburgh (EDI): EGKK, EDDM, LEAL, LPPT, LOWI, LSGG, EPWA, EIDW, EINN, LHPB, GCTS, ESSA, EKCH (from PH) **From Glasgow (GLA):** EGKK, BIKF, LEMG, LOWW, GMMX, GCFV, ENVA

A21N Updates

Now operating to EGKK, GCFV, LGAV, EDDM, LEAL, EPWA, ESSA, LOWW, GCTS, LKPR

Both aircraft types will also serve EFRO during the winter schedule.

We've been deep into the winter programme for a while now, and we hope you're enjoying the new destinations! This schedule will continue until roughly March/April 2026, after which we'll transition back to the Summer Schedule!



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ROUTE AND FLEET UPDATES CONT...

Regional Adjustments

We've also made changes to the smaller props and regional jets. For example, ATRs were previously scheduled to Spain and Scandinavia—clearly not realistic—so we've streamlined routes to better reflect real-world operations.

ATR: Now focused on domestic and Irish routes

E195: Operating a selection of EUS services, like Lufthansa's deployment

Avro: Adjusted to more suitable short-haul routes

Admittedly, there was a lot of copy-and-paste work in Excel to get this all sorted, so a few errors may have slipped through. If you spot anything unusual, please let us know by emailing either Lewis or Sam, and we'll address it in the next routing update.

Destination of the Week (DOTW)

We're excited to introduce Destination of the Week, featuring both a short-haul and a long-haul option:

Short-haul DOTW: +150 points

Long-haul DOTW: +300 points

Bonus: Each week, an additional 150 points will be awarded at random across both pools

Around Christmas, we'll also add a festive DOTW, including Rovaniemi and Ivalo, giving you another chance to earn extra points while enjoying some seasonal flying.

Thank you all for your continued enthusiasm and support - we can't wait to see where your next flights take you!