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And more...



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Introduction

Dear Readers,

I believe this is our best issue yet. Reviews and more! ☺ Remember, we probably will put in most articles and screenshots sent to us at planeprogramer@gmail.com . Sorry for the delay- Forgot to upload it :/

Happy Flying!
Nicholas LaFrazia

About Cover Picture:

Secret Island Race

Me looking around.

Note to people spamming my Gmail -

It's called Google spam filter.

News from the Publisher

JS is looking for developers.

All types of aircraft developers at a skill level that have completed at least two uploads to a flight sim site or one upload of a complete original aircraft. Contact me at planeprogramer@gmail.com . You will get info on some of our projects. Please send in the email your name and some of the files you have created.

Blog

If you missed the Jan issue read this:

JS, what's JS? Its AES' new name, Jetway Simulations. And it is the name of our new blog. We have decided to use wordpress. It will have updates and info on our projects, and info on the magazine. The site is still under construction but there is much you can do. It has available positions from which you can help us. Some of our pages sound completely random including their content but they are clues to our project that is completely different from any add-on for flight simulator that has ever been made. There has been one remotely like it before, but this one will be completely different. ☺ Oh, yea the link: <http://jetwaysim.wordpress.com>

Note – Freeware Corner and flight of the month are not in the magazine until we receive user submissions.

News Tidbits

In case you havn't realized it yet, FSX came out in 2006.

Microsoft Flight Simulators have been released every two years. This year is 2008. Expect leaks or news released of FS11 within the next few months and a release this fall. – This is ridiculous, I still use 04 more than FSX.

Eagle Air Charter

How Eagle Air Charter Became the most unique Virtual Airline in flight simulation's history.

The first few sentences on Eagle Air Charters website are a description of their airline in a nutshell: "Welcome to Eagle Air Charter Virtual Airlines! We do things a little differently around here, such as no schedules, over 40 aircraft in the fleet, operations all over the world, and an emphasis on fun and adventure. In this VA, none of flight simulation's 20,000+ airports are off limits! From Alaskan bush hops to around-the-world charters, Arctic expeditions, clandestine operations, or even just the occasional airline route, we do it all. If you're looking for a different way to fly, check us out. Have a look around and join up. Our Eagles Are Soaring! "

Unlike other VA's, EAC does not have a scheduled route system. The only time they fly on a scheduled route is when they are flying a charter for other airlines. The assignments can be as subtle as dropping off mining equipment in Colorado, and as exciting as picking up a CIA agent from deep inside China. Assignments also pertain to real world events, such as flying sports teams to the playoffs, or flying storm chaser routes through hurricanes. At Eagle Air Charter every flight is something different. While most VA's have pages and pages of rules and regulations, EAC pilots enjoy a freedom rarely found in the world of virtual aviation. The sheer variety of assignments alone offer pilots more ways to fly than anyone else in the business. If you are interested in joining please see their website at <http://www.flyeagleaircharter.com> .

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more than 40
different types of
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Gadget Reviews

We decided to review several gadgets

Garmin etrex VISTA HCx

The etrex is a great GPS for people with little or no experience using GPS. It is simple but can do much more than most other GPS on the market in the same price range. You can add waypoints directly from the GPS along with a plethora of other functions. Heres a few to give you an idea of the diversity of functions:

- Adjustable Brightness Levels
- "Sleep" mode
- Clock
- Battery Level Indicator
- Directions Text
- Main menu with Windows like UI
- "Search" feature
- Proximity Alarm
- Calander w/ moon position and tides
- Calculator
- Stopwatch
- Customizable Interface
- Altitude
- Games
- Speed
- Time to Waypoint
- (To name a few)



The etrex also comes with a cable to connect it directly to your computer. Using an included CD you can view where the GPS has been and many other variables. You can buy special data cards from Garmin with maps that you want to use. When you have a data card you can purchase maps from the included software and download them directly to your GPS. Aeronautical maps are also available. You can also add “Geocaches” to your GPS directly from the Garmin website. The etrex VISTA HCx is an excellent GPS for just about everyone and everything.

iPod Touch

The iPod touch. The better version of the iPhone, without the phone or the bulk. No phone means no 1000 per month service fees. And it slashes the price in half. The touch can do almost everything the iPhone can do, with these exceptions:

- Phone, as mentioned above
- Camera, The iPod touch is way too thin to accommodate any size of camera
- Email/Text Message (actually, there are ways to do this for free online and from an app on the touch – see below)



The touch (bottom) is much thinner than the larger iPhone

If you have an early model with firmware V1.1.1 you can download applications, games and more. Currently they come with version 1.1.3 installed, which prohibits this. There is a very complicated process that will allow you to revert to V1.1.1 but this requires a Mac, extensive programming knowledge, and that everything on your iPod will be erased. But sometime soon Apple will release a version 1.1.4 update, which will allow you to install 3rd party apps that were made using an SDK made by Apple. But now there is V1.3 so you can do everything the

iPhone can except the phone and camera . And now for the list of stuff the touch can do but the iPhone can't . (iPhone update now, some of these invalid)

- Youtube, watch videos on the go
- Get info on songs currently playing at Starbucks, and purchase and download them

And now for some features they both have:

- Calculator
- World Clock
- Calender/organizer
- Contacts
- Music w/ album art
- Download from iTunes directly to iPod
- Watch videos on large screen
- Browse Photos
- Use the internet on a WiFi connection

If you add the price, features, and size together, the iPod touch is much greater than the iPhone.

-Article was written before V1.1.3 and so some stuff messed up when attempting to be fixed. It has this really cool gps like feature now.

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Next Month!

Wanted!

If you have a story that you would like to have featured or a freeware item that you would like reviewed or discussed please send it in an E-Mail to planeprogramer@gmail.com

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