



Quarterly Report to the VATSIM Executive Committee January 21, 2012

VATUSA:

All ARTCC staff vacancies have been filled. There are many ARTCCs looking to greatly enhance their Mentor/Instructor staff. Many currently have openings for instructional staff.

VATUSA continues to host some of the network's largest events. FNOs continue to draw large amounts of traffic, and the upcoming Super Bowl and Cross the Gulf events should be huge hits.

New Sign-ups to VATUSA are down considerably from last quarter. ATC staffing remains consistent. Promotions are consistent with previous quarters, however of important note, is that promotions to C1 have increased immensely. The number of instructors in the Division have decreased.

VATCAN:

Participation in VATCAN's ATO program continues to be huge, with many pilot ratings being given.

VATCAN is looking forward to implementing new pilot ratings.

New sign-ups for VATCAN are down very slightly this quarter, as are ATC promotions.

VATMEX:

We are still looking at increasing traffic levels and ATC staffing within VATMEX.

VATMEX reports no staff vacancies and no pending or outstanding issues.

New sign-ups have increased over last quarter, as have promotions. Staffing is down slightly.

VATCAR:

VATCAR staffing levels have also been quite good in the previous quarter.

New sign-ups have decreased slightly over last quarter.

VATCAR would like to welcome Leemar Yarde as the new Division Director!

There are several major staff vacancies within VATCAR, including the Deputy Division Director position, Assistant Training Administrator, Deputy Events Director, and Hit Squad Coordinator.

VATCAR's Iron Mic competition continues to draw staffing and traffic, with many more larger events scheduled.

Statistical Membership Data

VATUSA

New sign-ups this quarter: 1,574

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 16,024

S1: 615

S2: 796

S3: 456

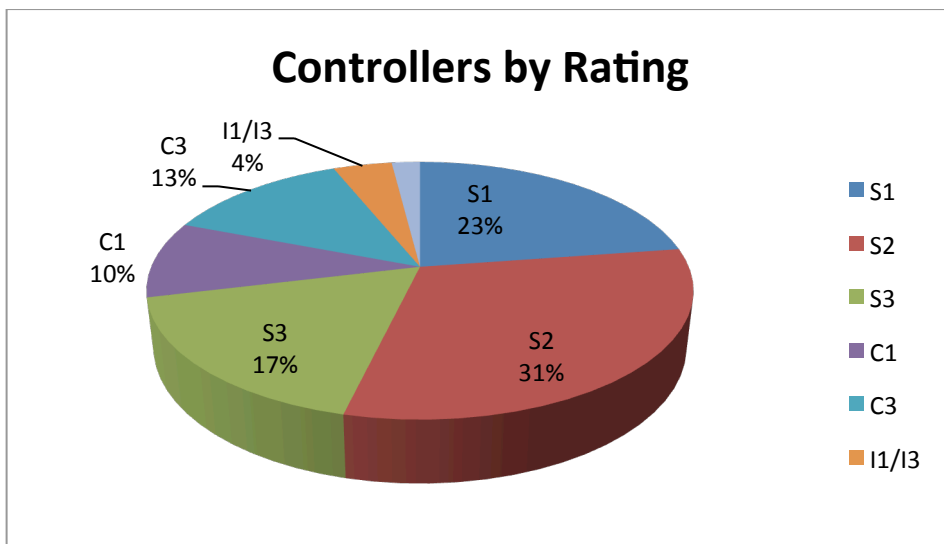
C1: 280

C3: 347

I1/I3: 106

Other: 52

Total Controller Force: 2,652



New sign-ups this quarter: 203

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 2,383

S1: 98

S2: 57

S3: 60

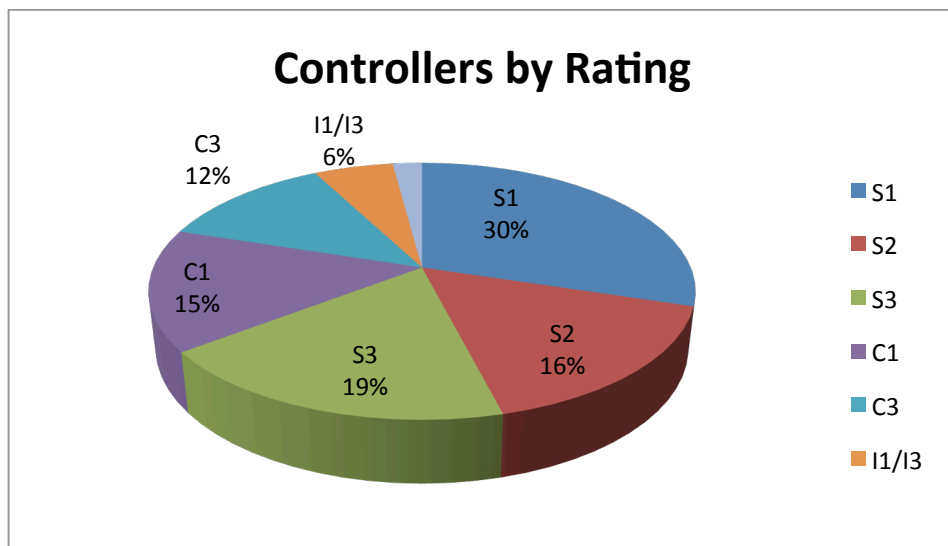
C1: 49

C3: 43

I1/I3: 19

Other: 7

Total controller force: 333



VATMEX

New sign-ups this quarter: 65

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 539

S1: 5

S2: 16

S3: 24

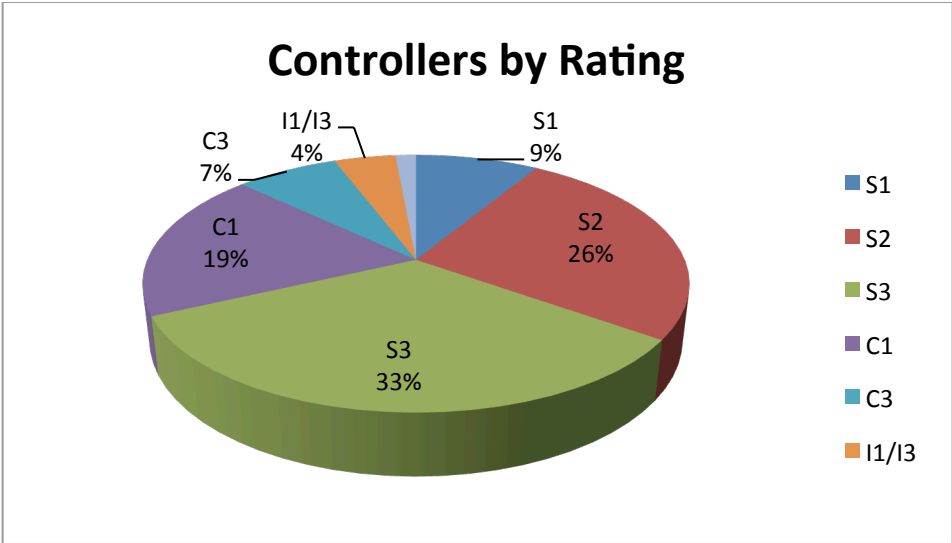
C1: 12

C3: 10

I1/I3: 3

Other: 0

Total Controller Force: 70



VATCAR

New sign-ups this quarter: 107

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 806

S1: 33

S2: 28

S3: 33

C1: 43

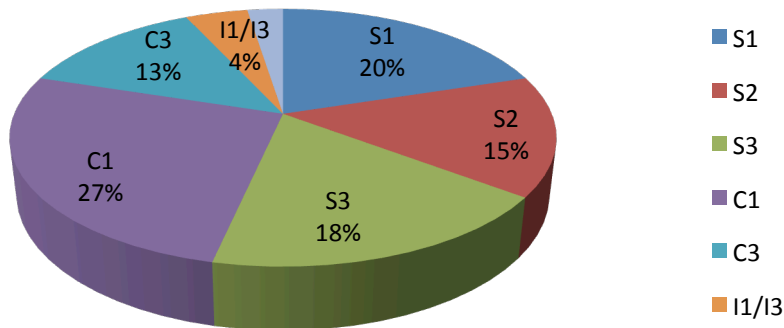
C3: 19

I1/I3: 5

Other: 4

Total Controller Force: 165

Controllers by Rating



Training

All divisions have seen a slight decrease in controllers and sign-ups during Q4 2011. Controller promotions are steady across the board. All Divisions have met or exceeded established VATNA training goals and continue to perform at an acceptable level in regards to controller training, however VATNA is looking at revising certain criteria, and creating Region-wide promotion guidelines, in cooperation with other Regions. VATNA is considering hiring a Membership Manager in support of the new guidelines. This will be discussed at the EC Meeting.

We have welcomed new GRP resolution concerning the S1/S2 ratings. VATNA is hoping that Divisions embrace the new concept.

VATNA is working on a survey for its members, specifically relating to training and efficiency, and another survey targeting inactive members. At this point, it is only technical details that are preventing the survey from going live. VATNA has plans to work with VATEUD to complete the survey and produce worldwide results that can be applied to VATSIM as a whole. Expect to see a VATSIM-wide survey soon.

Concerns

VATNA continues to monitor the issuance of ratings.

VATNA and the Executive Committee have joined discussion with the Board of Governors regarding many issues on the network, particularly many related to controller training. We are hoping to work together with the BOG to produce several improvements over the existing systems and methods. Talks are still in process and should be resolved soon.

The new S1 rating scheme should be an improvement over previous systems, and should aid in the general training/promotion process. We hope to follow this up with future changes.

Another important issue in VATNA is pilot quality. VATNA and EC are directly in contact with The Founders in hopes of finding a reasonable resolution to the decrease in pilot quality, and increase in problem qualities on the network.

Airspace and Procedures

No updates in Airspace and Procedures have taken place within VATNA this quarter. We are please, however, to announce the opening of ASEA_FSS, in the Asia Region. This is hopefully something our visiting controllers will take advantage of.

Other

VATNA is pleased to announce that 441 of its members have received pilot ratings. This is up from 362 last quarter. VATNA and VATEUR combined hold over 95% of all pilot ratings issued on the network, with VATNA itself accounting for 55% of the total ratings. Nice job!