



Quarterly Report to the VATSIM Executive Committee August 25, 2012

VATUSA:

All major ARTCC staff vacancies have been filled. There are many larger ARTCCs looking to greatly enhance their Mentor/Instructor staff. Many currently have openings for instructional staff. There are also several Webmaster, Events Coordinator, and Facility Engineer jobs available.

VATUSA continues to host some of the network's largest events. FNOs continue to draw large amounts of traffic. Of notable interest are a lot of upcoming events featuring some of the smaller airports, lesser-traveled airports.

New Sign-ups to VATUSA are down considerably from last quarter, however this is expected, as sign-ups are always higher in Q1 following the "holiday rush". ATC staffing remains consistent. Promotions are consistent with previous quarters, however of important note, is that promotions to C1 have increased immensely. ATC sign-ups have also increased, despite the lack of new members. The number of instructors in the Division have decreased considerably as well.

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.

ATC Sign-ups have increased over last quarter. Stay tuned for new events!

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

VATCAR:

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

New sign-ups have decreased slightly over last quarter, though ATC sign-ups have increased.

There are still several major staff vacancies within VATCAR. Four of the nine Division positions remain open, and 1 ARTCC ATM position.

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: 1,562

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 15,079

S1: 641

S2: 766

S3: 416

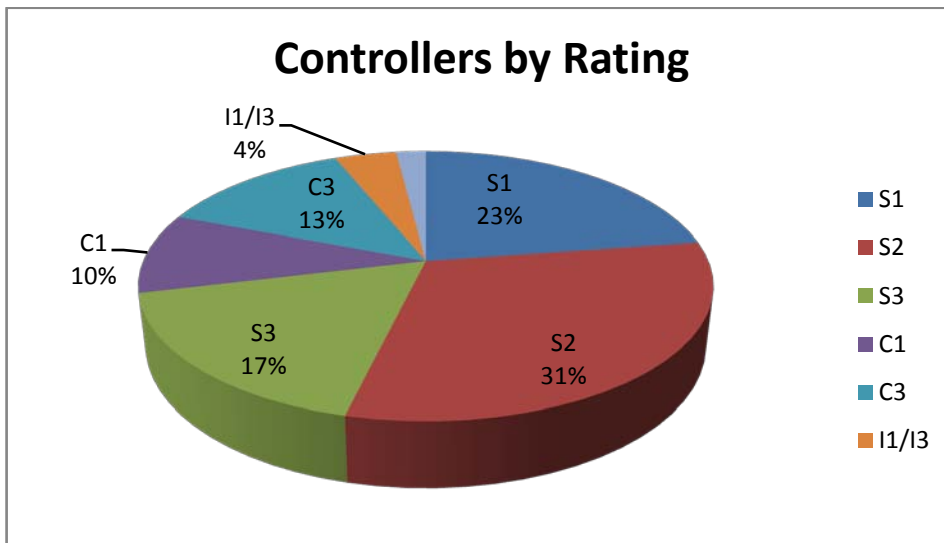
C1: 296

C3: 325

I1/I3: 98

Other: 51

Total Controller Force: 2,593



VATCAN

New sign-ups this quarter: 203

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 2,208

S1: 100

S2: 49

S3: 53

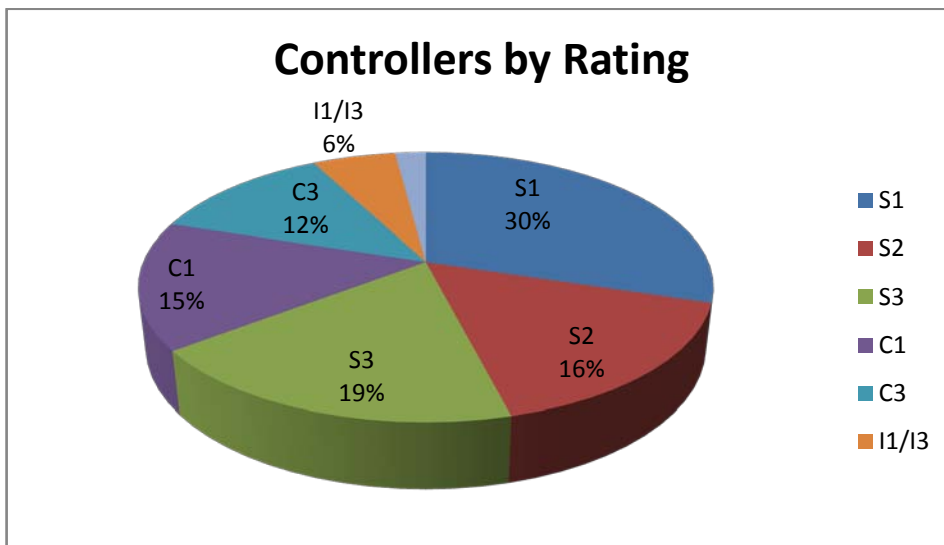
C1: 51

C3: 37

I1/I3: 19

Other: 7

Total controller force: 316



VATMEX

New sign-ups this quarter: 62

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 529

S1: 7

S2: 14

S3: 24

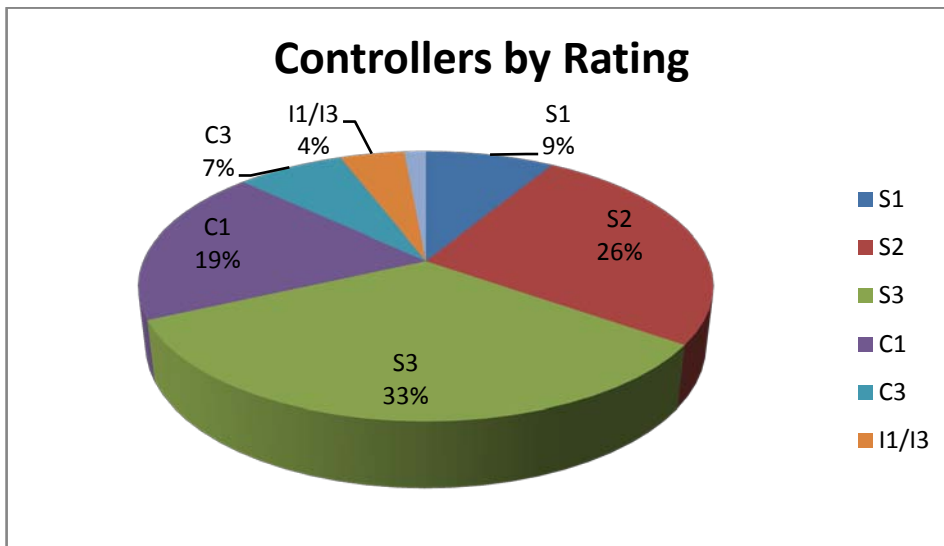
C1: 10

C3: 9

I1/I3: 4

Other: 0

Total Controller Force: 68



VATCAR

New sign-ups this quarter: 93

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 834

S1: 41

S2: 24

S3: 28

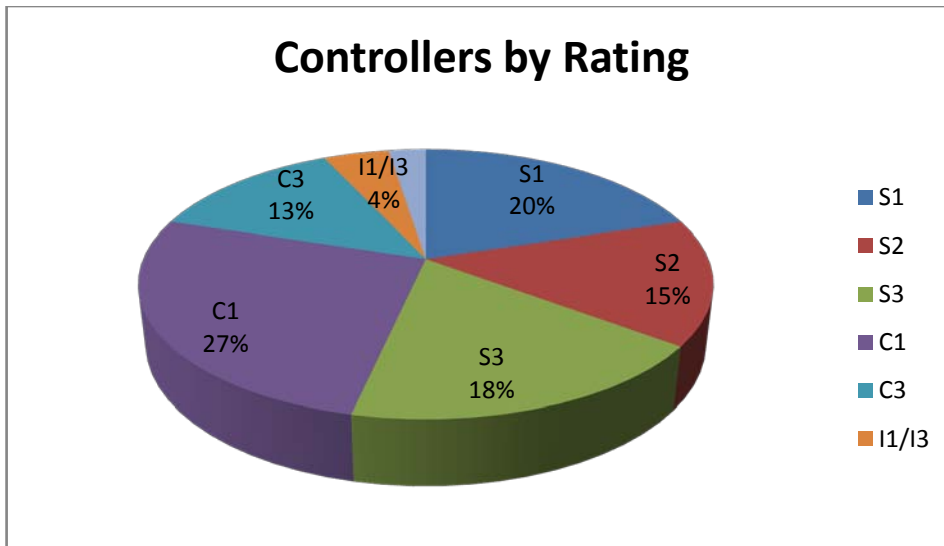
C1: 49

C3: 18

I1/I3: 6

Other: 4

Total Controller Force: 170



Training

All divisions have seen a slight decrease in overall sign-ups during Q2 2011, as is generally the trend, however, controller sign-ups have increased across every Divisio. Controller promotions are steady across the board, with a slight increase in promotions to higher levels; S3 and C1. 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.

We have welcomed new GRP resolution concerning the S1/S2 ratings. VATNA is hoping that Divisions embrace the new concept. Testing is currently underway for the S3 rating, with hopes for C1 to start shortly thereafter.

Concerns

VATNA continues to monitor the issuance of ratings, and has been so far satisfied with the results.

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. -- UPDATE --

Airspace and Procedures

No updates in Airspace and Procedures have taken place within VATNA this quarter.

Other

VATNA is pleased to announce that 546 of its members have received pilot ratings. This is up from 441 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!