smartCARS 3.3 Update - February 2025

TFDi Design is scheduling a mandatory update to the smartCARS 3 client. Here's what you need to know:

Installation

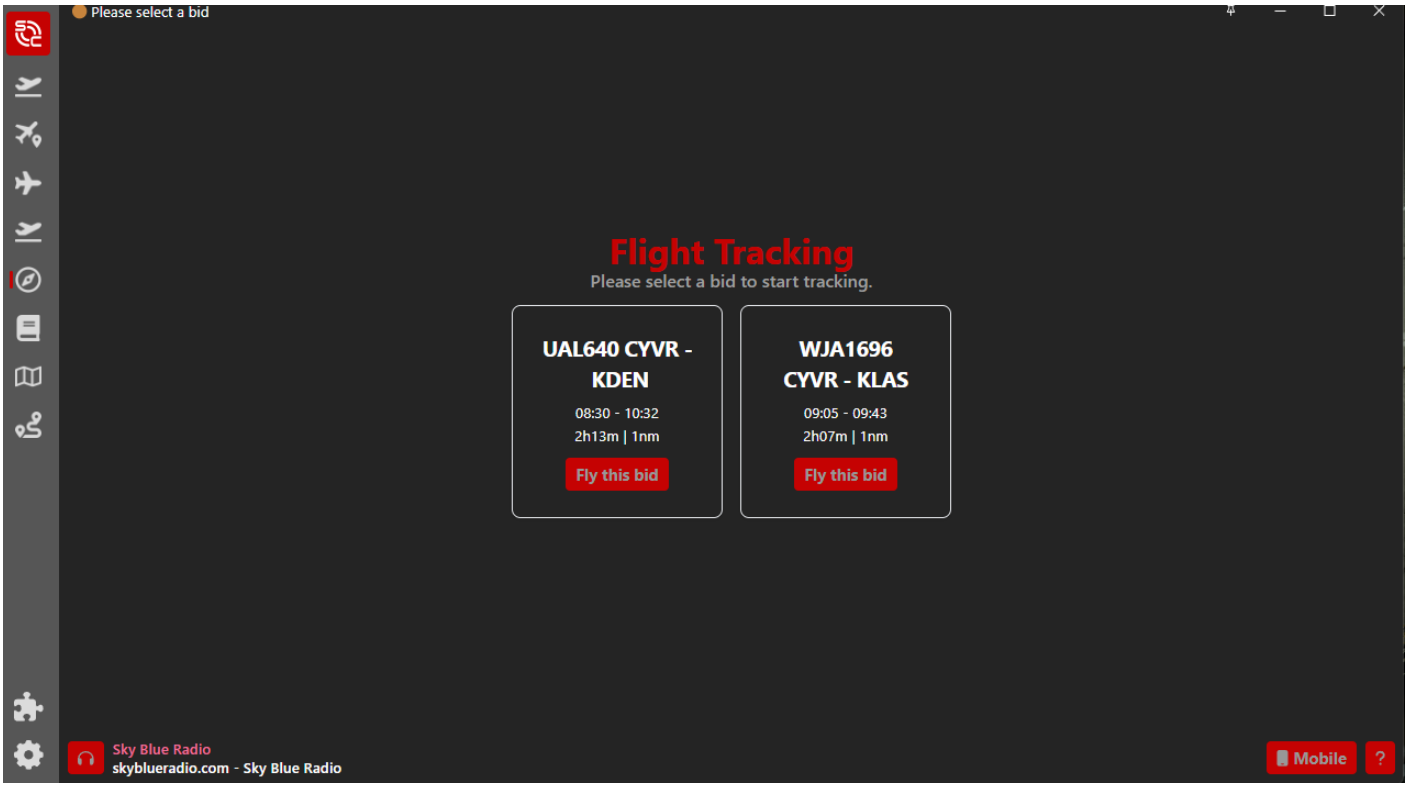
Once the update is available, the next time you launch smartCARS 3, it should prompt you to install the update.

> **Note: This version of smartCARS 3 removes the dependency on FSUIPC.**
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> If you wish, you may uninstall FSUIPC from your system, unless other tools or add-ons you utilize require it.

> **This also means that Flight Simulator 2004 (FS9) is no longer supported!**
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> If you are unable to upgrade and wish to continue flying for Canada Air Virtual, please reach out to the Staff Team.

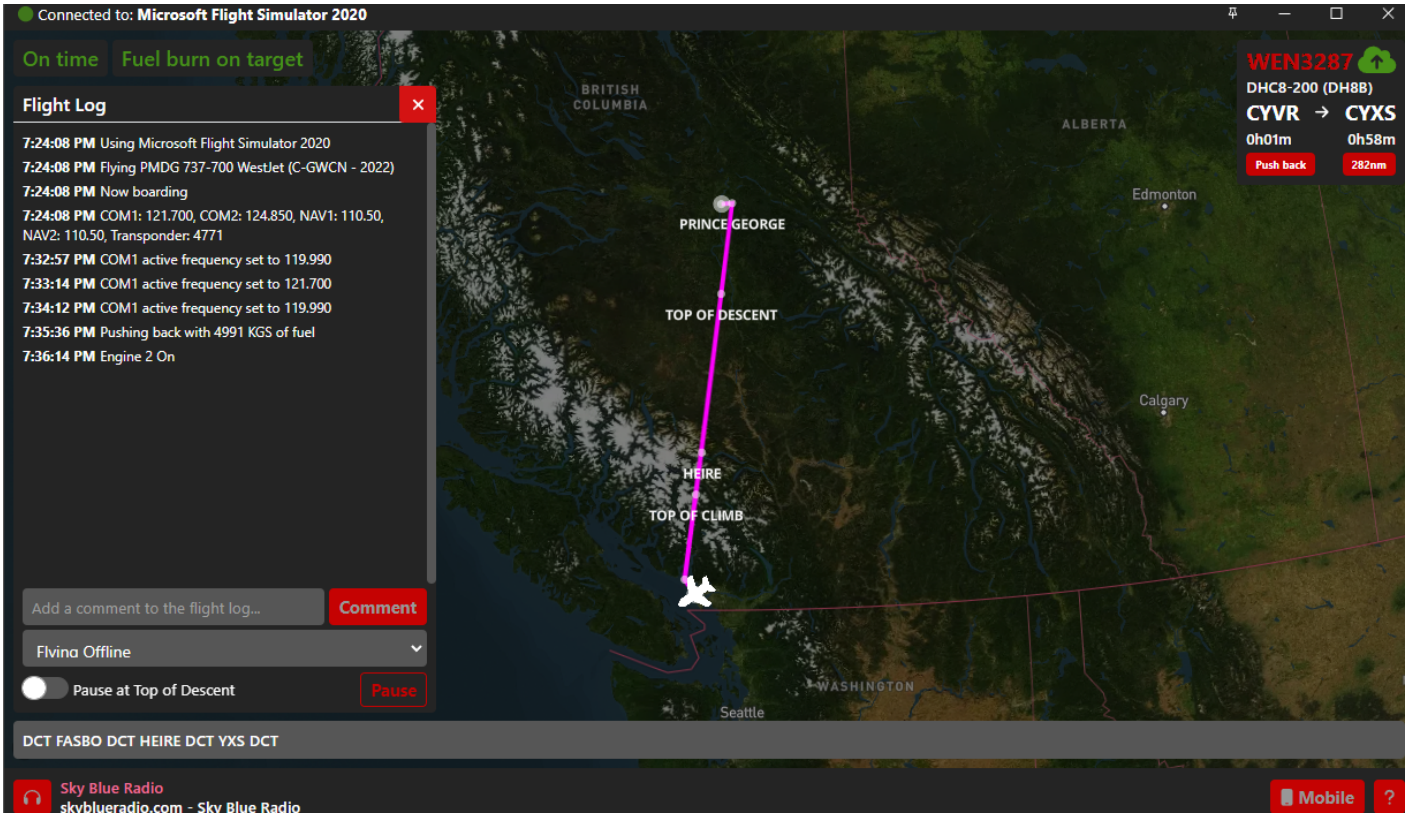
New Features

This new version will detect your airplane location and simulator connection and automatically start a flight if the criteria are correct, such as location in the sim. In case of multiple possible matching Dispatches, you will be presented with an option to pick the flight you're going to fly.



Changes

The Flight Tracking screen will now display your flight on a 3-dimensional globe. You can open the left side pane to view the tracking data that is being recorded in the flight log. This is also where you can enter comments or choose to Pause at Top of Descent.



Canada Air Virtual Custom Plugins (Flight Center, Live Map)

Our custom plugins are fully compatible and have been tested with this new version. There are no changes or issues anticipated here.

Official Change Log

Note, crossed out items do not apply to us as we use custom functionality:

> The changelog is as follows:
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> - - Added: Automatic flight tracking (with a valid bid)
> - - Added: Always present cancel button to flight tracking page
> - - Added: Remote SimConnect settings
> - - Added: Ability to cancel/attempt to file PIREP after simulator connection loss in-flight
> - ~~- Added: Flight start request system for VAs~~
> - ~~- Added: Ability to edit selected aircraft on bid~~
> - - Added: Always-on-top button/functionality
> - - Added: Enhanced, map-based flight tracking experience
> - - Added: Display of simulator connection status
> - - Added: [smartCARS Pro only] Flight generation system
> - - Added: Discord link on home/profile page (customizable by community)
> - ~~- Added: Suggested flights system~~
> - - Added: Ability to change aircraft via flight tracking page
> - ~~- Added: "View on Map" button on bid flights~~
> - - Fixed: Not properly detecting valid response to TFDi Design flights/create attempt
> - ~~- Fixed: Aircraft box on bids page not selecting originally scheduled aircraft by default~~
> - ~~- Fixed: Aircraft selection during bid not being retained~~
> - - Fixed: Logbook filtering
> - - Fixed: Poor loading performance on logbook
> - - Fixed: Notification padding on profile page
> - **- Changed: Discontinued use of FSUIPC**
> - - Changed: Removed chat system
> - - Changed: Tracking ID is now sent as UUID to community API cancel endpoint
> - - Changed: Loosened access control on local API
> - - Changed: Improved smartCARS map backend code
> - - Changed: Improved logbook performance
> - ~~- Changed: Reworked flight center bids layout~~
> - - Changed: Revamped backend code
> - - Changed: Running as administrator is now possible after a prompt
> - - Changed: Reduced mobile button size/text

- - Changed: Improved flight search UI
- - Changed: Improved logbook UI

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