

VIRTUAL

# Thunderbirds

## In The Loop

Winter 2011



Welcome to the first issue of "In The Loop". The Virtual Thunderbirds Quarterly Newsletter.

### Video Release

- Saturday April 16 look for a new video released in 1080p available also on YouTube and Vimeo

### New Additions to Website

- Video (1080p HD)
- 1920 x 1080 Wallpapers

Watch for the Next Issue of our Newsletter due out **tomorrow**

- Team Updates
- More Videos
- VTB5 Dr. Sky Interview
- 2011 Training Season

### Members of the Virtual Thunderbirds attend the 2011 Consumer Electronics Show in support of Thrustmaster

2011 brought new opportunities for the Virtual Thunderbirds to act in support of corporate sponsor, Thrustmaster, as they attended the 2011 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada. Virtual Thunderbird team members Allen Hartford and Todd MacLeod were on hand for the four-day convention as product demonstration specialists for Thrustmaster's latest gaming platform, the HOTAS Warthog. Product demonstration was accomplished through the use of SC Simulations' A-10 cockpit demonstrator and Eagle Dynamics' latest software release, DCS: A-10C.



The Consumer Electronics Show takes place every January in Las Vegas, bringing virtually every major electronics manufacturer under one roof for a week of business development and product demonstration. CES, produced by the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA)®, is the world's largest consumer technology trade show. More than 140,000 industry professionals and over 2,700 companies attended the 2011 International CES. More than 30,000 attendees came from outside the United States, with the show attracting more than 80 international delegations.

Thrustmaster was awarded the 2011 CES Design and Engineering Innovation Award for the HOTAS



Warthog, and by virtue of this award, received numerous visitors interested in seeing the HOTAS Warthog in action. Attendees were afforded the opportunity to fly with Allen and Todd while learning more about HOTAS Warthog and the Virtual Thunderbirds. Visitors included a number of aviation professionals, from active duty and reserve

aviators, to professional aviation photographers. Numerous visitors were familiar with virtual aerobatics and the Virtual Thunderbirds. Approximately fifty attendees per day were offered the opportunity to fly, and time between visits was filled with Allen and Todd flying and demonstrating the finer points of DCS: A-10C.

Supporting Thrustmaster at the 2011 Consumer Electronics Show was another great opportunity for the Virtual Thunderbirds to interact with members of the community and our corporate sponsor, Thrustmaster. The strong professional relationship between the Virtual Thunderbirds and Thrustmaster has evolved over the past twelve months, and the Virtual Thunderbirds look forward to additional public demonstration opportunities in the coming months.



### Additional Mod work completed

During the past several months Blaze from the Virtual Patriots Jet Team (VPJT) has provided updates to the VTB comm cart, pilot model, missile rails, exhaust nozzle as well as other additions to our F-16CJ model. You will see more of his work in future videos and screenshots.

