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**AirNav RadarBox™ 2008  
Manual**

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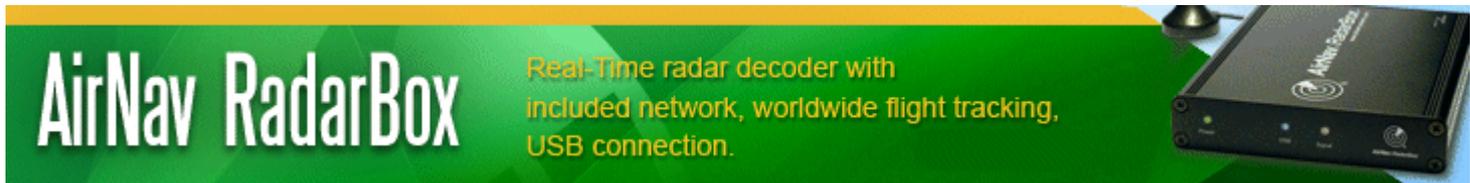
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# 1. Welcome



## Welcome to the worlds most Advanced Real-Time Radar Decoder

AirNav RadarBox is the closest you can be to real world aviation without leaving your chair thanks to next generation Radar decoding. By decoding ADS-B (Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast) signals, you will be able to see on your computer what Air Traffic Controllers see on their screens. Flight number, aircraft type, altitude, heading, speed are all updated each second. RadarBox employs the award winning software interface developed by the world's leader in flight tracking and monitoring solutions, AirNav Systems.

AirNav RadarBox is equipped to be used in locations all over the world. 3D multi-window maps with worldwide coverage contain more than 200 thousand geographic points included. Airports, runways, VOR, NDB, FIX, cities, roads, airways and elevation data.

### How does it work?

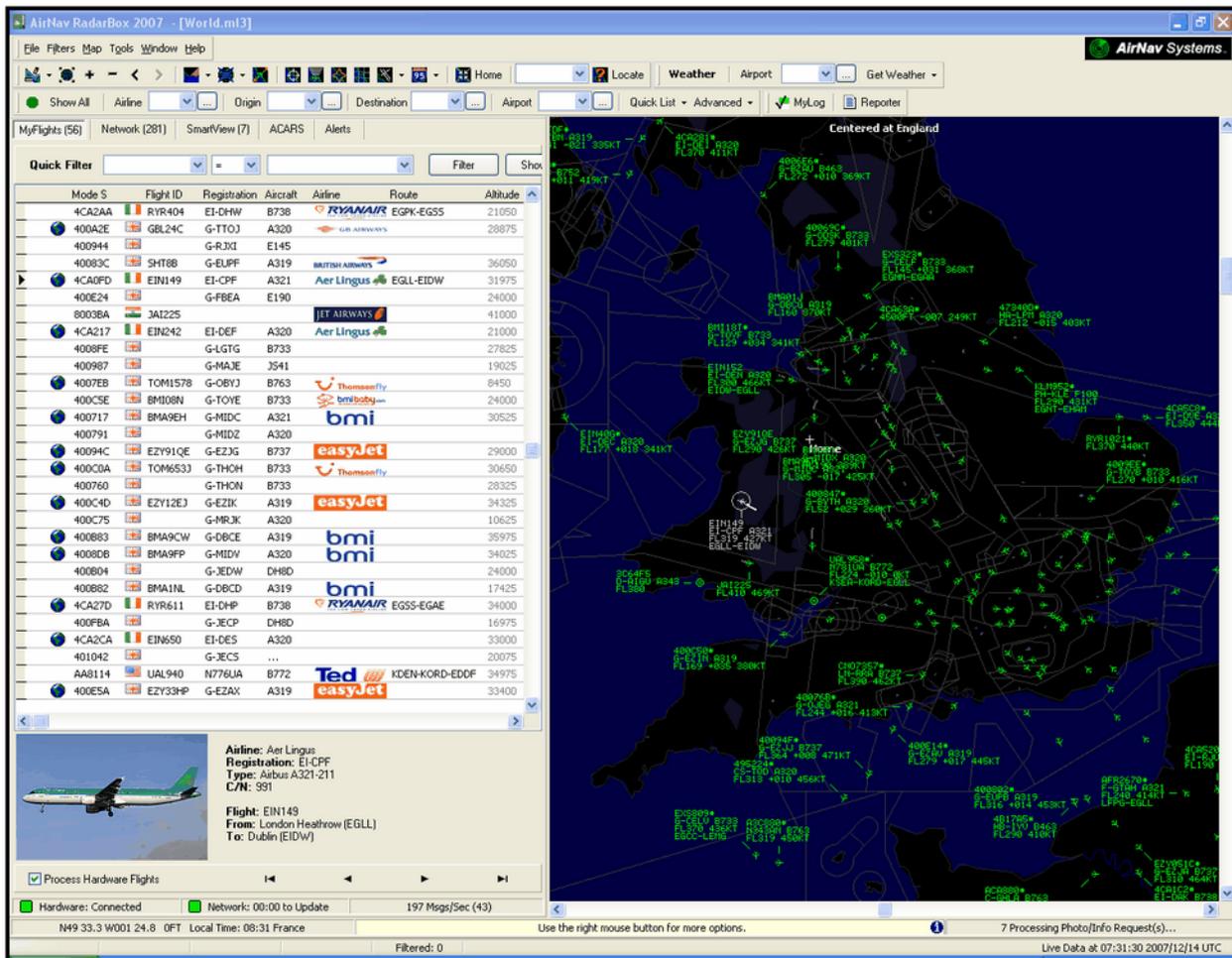
1. Install the software from the CD
2. Connect the AirNav RadarBox to your computer using the USB cable provided
3. Start Tracking flights in real-time!

### RadarBox Network

AirNav RadarBox Network is an unique feature that allows you to view data received by other RadarBox users all over the world.

It is the first worldwide flight data network ever developed. You are experimenting with cutting-edge technology.





## 1.1. Main Features

### AirNav RadarBox - Main Features



**Hardware:**

- Real-Time Radar ADS-B decoder
- Superior receiver sensitivity
- No need for an external power supply
- Plug-and-play USB connection
- Light weight easy to carry aluminum box

**Software:**

- Track flights in real-time
- Second by second updates on flight number, aircraft registration, altitude, speed, heading and vertical speed
- Real-Time retrieval of aircraft details including registration, company, aircraft type
- Based on the award winning AirNav Systems 3D multi-window map interface
- Easy plug and play USB connection - no complex time consuming setup
- ACARS Decoder interface
- 5 minute delayed flight data sharing on port 7879
- Data sharing output in add-on compatible format is available on Port 40004
- Automatically Imports Outline Files (.out)
- Real-Time photos of all tracked aircraft
- Real-Time weather information
- Export data and generate reports
- Share screen shots or send logs automatically to your friends
- MyLog feature: log all and share with your friends all the aircraft you receive
- Alert generation for specific aircraft or in-range flights
- Radar player to review airspace recordings
- Editable callsign database included: know the origin and destination of each flight
- 160 thousand flight number database included

**Maps:**

- High definition worldwide map layer
- Worldwide aviation data included (Airports, Runways, VOR, NDB, FIX, airways and ATC boundaries)
- More than 1 million map locations including detailed shore lines, country boundaries and cities
- Quick locate feature
- Worldwide elevation data

**Requirements:**

- Microsoft Windows
- PC with 400 Mhz processor (higher recommended)
- 128 MB RAM
- One Available USB Connection
- 50 MB Hard Disk Space Available for Installation
- CD-ROM Drive

**Package Contents:**

- RadarBox Hardware Unit
- USB Cable
- Antenna
- Quick Installation guide
- Setup Wizard CD with RadarBox Software

Visit [AirNav RadarBox Homepage](#) for more information and Screen Shots.

## 1.2. ADS-B Background

### ADS-B Background



Putting it in a simple form, AirNav RadarBox consists of a hardware receiver that decodes ADS-B data and sends it to your computer where a software processes it and shows it on 3D interface. Received data may be shared between users using the AirNav Systems RadarBox network. This way you will be able to see data received from users all over the world.

### **What is ADS-B?**

Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (also called ADS-B) is a system by which airplanes constantly broadcast their current position and altitude, category of aircraft, airspeed, identification, and whether the aircraft is turning, climbing or descending over a dedicated radio datalink. This functionality is known as "ADS-B out" and is the basic level of ADS-B functionality.

The current ADS-B system was developed in the 1990s though its lineage dates back to the 1960s. It relies on data from the Global Positioning System, or any navigation system that provides an equivalent or better service. The maximum range of the system is line-of-sight, typically less than 200 nautical miles (370 km).

The ADS-B transmissions are received by air traffic control stations, and all other ADS-B equipped aircraft within reception range. Reception by aircraft of ADS-B data is known as "ADS-B in".

The initial use of ADS-B is expected to be by air traffic control and for surveillance purposes and for enhancing pilot situational awareness. ADS-B is lower cost than conventional radar and permits higher quality surveillance of airborne and surface movements. ADS-B is effective in remote areas or in mountainous terrain where there is no radar coverage, or where radar coverage is limited. The outback of Australia is one such area where ADS-B will provide surveillance where previously none existed. ADS-B also enhances surveillance on the airport surface, so it can also be used to monitor traffic on the taxiways and runways of an airport.

ADS-B equipped aircraft may also have a display unit in the cockpit picturing surrounding air traffic from ADS-B data (ADS-B in) and TIS-B (Traffic Information Service-Broadcast) data derived from air traffic radar. Both Pilots and air traffic controllers will then be able to "see" the positions of air traffic in the vicinity of the aircraft, and this may be used to provide an ASAS (Airborne Separation Assurance System).

Airborne Collision Avoidance Systems may in the future also make use of "ADS-B in", supplementing the existing TCAS collision avoidance system by what is called 'hybrid surveillance'.

Airbus and Boeing are expected to include ADS-B out (i.e. the transmitter of information) as standard on new-build aircraft from 2005 onwards.

## **1.3. What Will I See?**

### **What Will I See?**

The ADS-B equipment which generates the signals which are detected and displayed by RadarBox, are fitted to most modern airliners and cargo aircraft. ADS-B is not yet mandatory, but as airspace becomes even more crowded, much more use will be made of such modern technology to enhance flight safety. Aircraft with full ADS-B will show in the RadarBox aircraft list and on the map screen.



**Why can I see aircraft in the list but they do not appear on the map?**

Some aircraft, although they are fitted with ADS-B equipment, do not transmit their position. Without position information, it is impossible to display the aircraft on the map. In the example below, the first 2 aircraft in the list have ADS-B equipment, but they are not transmitting position information. However, it is still possible to see the identity and type of the aircraft and their altitude. The last 2 aircraft are transmitting full position information (shown by the Globe in the first column) and will appear on the map. Note that military aircraft will often show in the aircraft list, but for security reasons, do not transmit their position.

▶	43C083		AAC781	XW899	GAZL		770
	43C1E6		ZJ265	AS50			1370
	4CA19C		RYR92WF	EI-CSX	B738		30775 331
	4CA56F		RYR8206				24000 325

**What will not show on RadarBox?**



Older aircraft, or small light aircraft and helicopters might not be fitted with ADS-B equipment and so will not appear in the aircraft list or on the map screen. See [Tracking Military Aircraft](#) for more information.

## 2. Getting Started

### 2.1. Installation

#### AirNav RadarBox 2008 - Installation

**DO NOT CONNECT THE HARDWARE USB CABLE TO YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE**

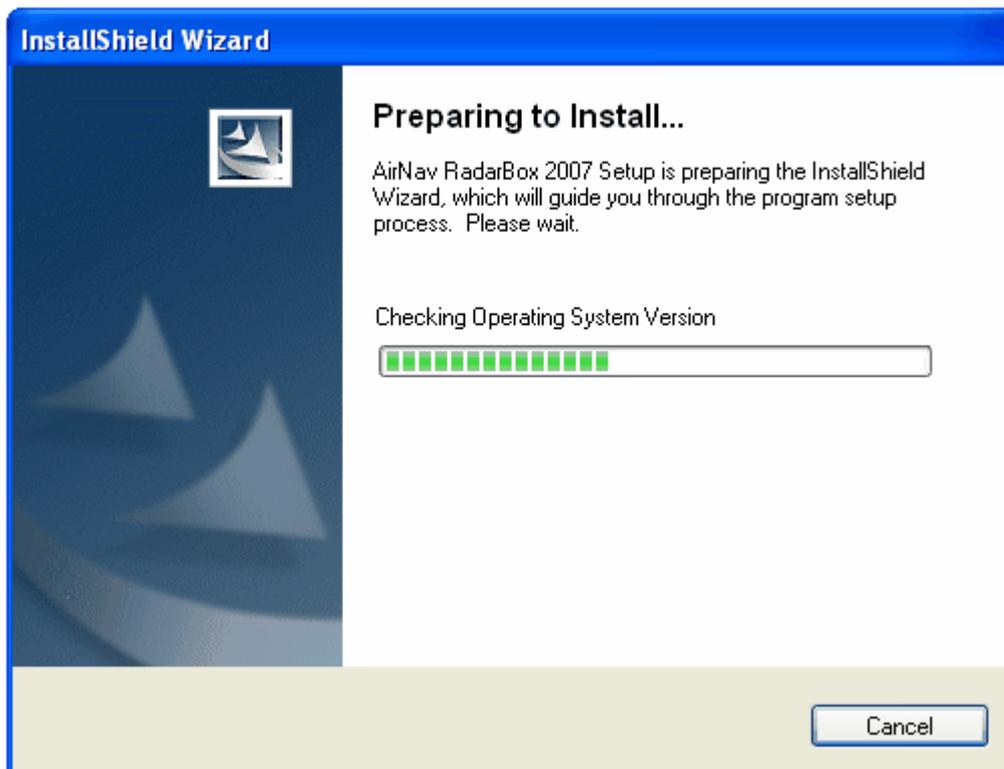
If you need any help during the installation process visit [AirNav Systems support page](#)

The AirNav RadarBox system is made up of two parts.

- The hardware - consisting of the receiver, antenna and USB cable
- The software - delivered on CD or downloaded as an update from the AirNav website

**You must install the software first.** Once the software installation is complete, you can then install the hardware. RadarBox uses device drivers supplied on the CD. It is vital that these drivers are installed, otherwise RadarBox will not function. Follow the below steps to correctly install RadarBox and start tracking flights in real-time on your computer. For help in troubleshooting the driver installation, see the [Troubleshooting](#) section.

**1. Run the setup.exe** file located on the root folder of the provided CD. Follow registration instructions paying special attention to the User Agreement.

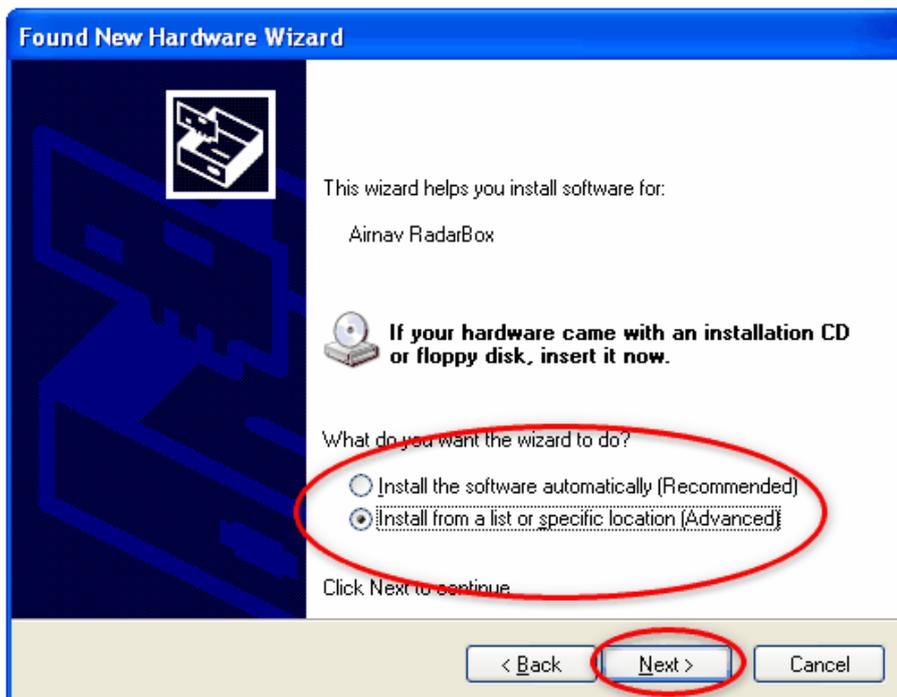


2. After the software installation is complete **connect the USB cable from the hardware to your computer**. Windows will detect that AirNav RadarBox is connected.

3. When the below windows appears, under "Can Windows connect to Windows Update for software?" select "**No, not at this time**". Click "Next".

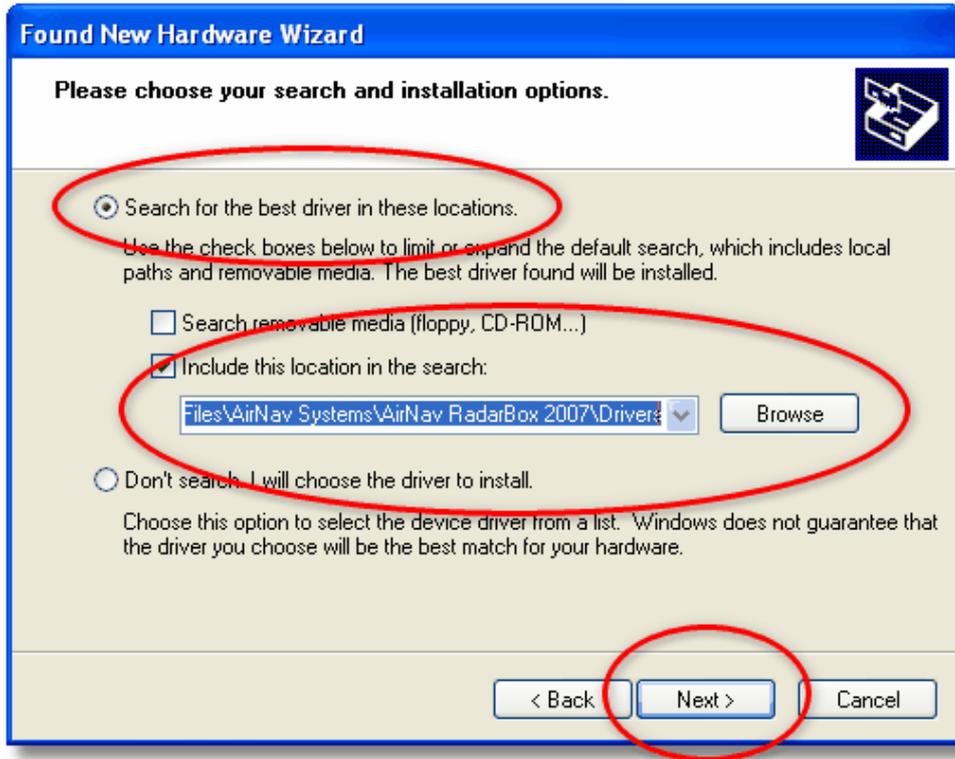


4. Under "What do you want the wizard to do?" select "**Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)**". Click "Next".



5. Select **"Search for the best driver in these locations"** and then select **"Include this location in the search"**. Browse for the folder that contains RadarBox drivers. It is located on a folder named "drivers" that is inside the folder where AirNav RadarBox software has been installed.

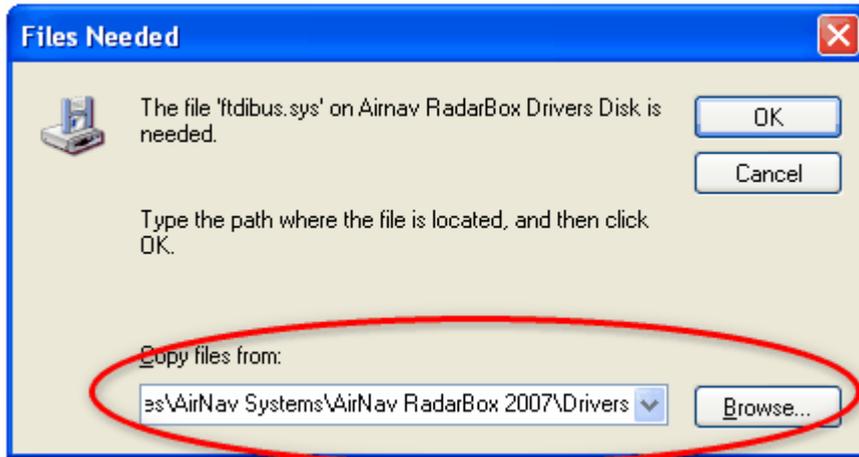
The standard location of the AirNav drivers is **"C:\Program Files\AirNav Systems\AirNav RadarBox 2008\Drivers"**. Click "Next".



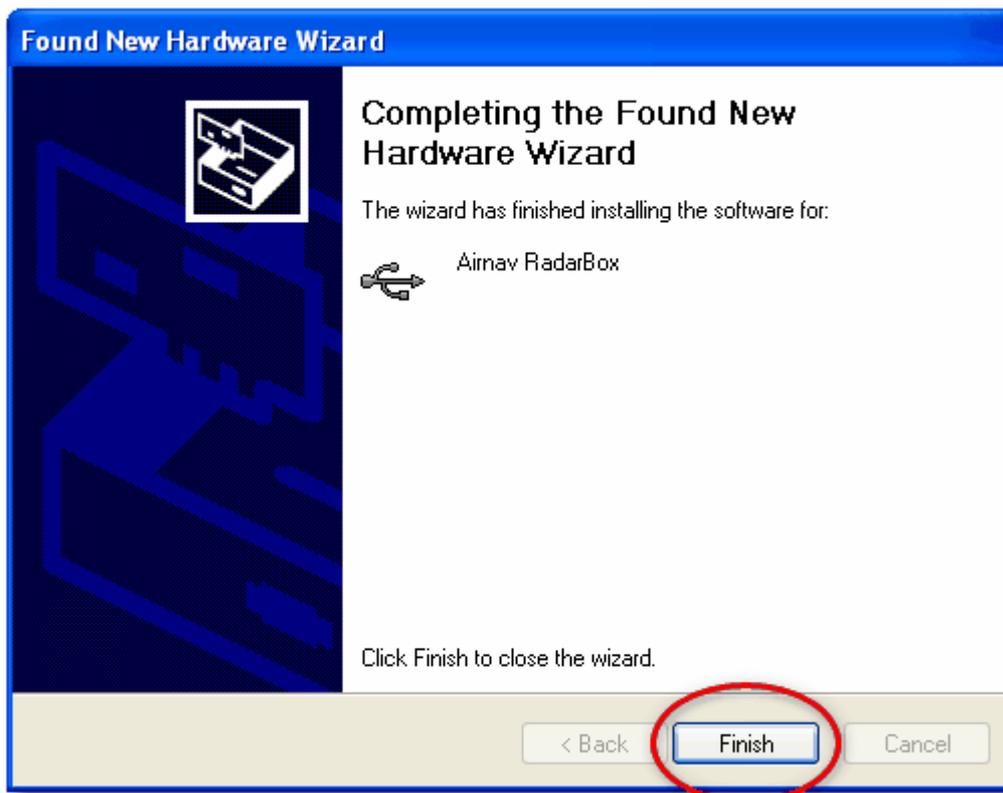
5. Driver installation will start. If the window below appears click **"Continue Anyway"**.



6. If the window below appears select again the RadarBox driver folder, usually located at: "**C:\Program Files\AirNav Systems\AirNav RadarBox 2008\Drivers**". Click "OK".



7. That's it! The hardware has been installed successfully. **Click the "Finish" button.**



## 2.2. Hardware Guide

### Hardware Guide



In this section you will find the meaning of the three hardware lights (LED) that your RadarBox hardware contains.



### **Normal Operating:**

Under operating normal conditions (hardware connected to your computer, drivers correctly installed and software running) the green light will be always on, the blue light will flicker on each time data is being transferred from the hardware to your computer and the white light will flicker on each time there is data being received from aircraft.

### **Green LED:**

This is the most important light. When on it means that hardware is properly powered. AirNav RadarBox hardware uses power from your USB connection. There is no need for external power or batteries. In normal conditions this light should always be on. If it is not on, there may be a problem with your USB cable. See [Troubleshooting](#) for more help.

### **Blue LED:**

This LED indicates the status of the USB connection as shown below. Note that under normal conditions (hardware on, drivers installed and software working) the blue light will blink anytime data is being transferred by USB between the hardware and your computer.

- **Blue LED Blinking at a one time per second:**

When the blue LED blinks on for half a second and off for half a second, this indicates that the hardware is being powered by the computer but there is no valid connection between them. This could indicate the USB driver is not installed correctly or because there is a problem with your USB cable. For more information on how to properly install the drivers please go to the [Installation section](#) and the [Troubleshooting section](#).

- **Blue LED Blinking Quickly (approximately five times per second)**

The hardware is properly connected to your computer (USB controller working) but the AirNav RadarBox Driver is not installed or not working. For more information on how to properly install the drivers please go to the [Installation section](#) and the [Troubleshooting section](#).

- **Blue LED Off**

If the light is permanently off (and the green light is permanently on) then the hardware is ready to start working and the AirNav RadarBox software is not yet started.

- **Blue LED Blinking one time per second**

Hardware properly connected to your computer and AirNav RadarBox software is working but no flights are being received. By default the light will always blink at a one time per second rate. If you would normally expect to see traffic, check that your antenna is connected.

### **White LED:**



The white LED Blinks whenever a mode-S signal is received from an aircraft and decoded with success. The more this LED blinks the more information is received from aircraft. In highly congested airspace areas this lights will be on 95% of the time! During the test period the development team has received more than 50 mode-s messages per second.

## 2.3. Antenna Positioning

### Antenna Positioning

RadarBox comes with a small magnetic base antenna and this antenna has been selected for its excellent performance when used with the hardware receiver and AirNav software. Correct positioning of the antenna is essential in order to gain maximum performance as ADS-B signals are transmitted in the 1090 MHz Ultra High Frequency band, which is eight times higher than VHF aircraft voice communications. At this frequency, signals travel by "line of sight" and are affected by any obstructions such as buildings, trees and hills. This means that if anything comes between you and the aircraft, then that aircraft will probably not be displayed by RadarBox. In order to achieve maximum performance and to ensure good range and coverage, the following points should be noted:

- The RadarBox antenna is not an internal antenna.
- The antenna should ideally be positioned outdoors and clear of obstructions.
- The higher the antenna, the better the performance.
- Performance is enhanced by a "ground-plane" which is simply a metal disk the size of a CD or larger. Attach the magnetic antenna to the center of the disk
- The longer the feed cable, the poorer the performance.

**Whilst RadarBox can work perfectly acceptably with the antenna sitting on a window ledge, you should always try to find the highest and clearest position. A skylight window is an ideal location for the antenna. If you have RadarBox installed on a laptop computer, then you will be able to move the laptop, RadarBox and antenna to find the position that gives the best performance. An external antenna connected by a long feeder cable can improve performance, however, the advantage of the high antenna can be completely overcome by losses in the cable. If you wish to use a long feeder cable, you must use high quality, low-loss cable. Note that such cable tends to be thick, inflexible and expensive.**

A signal pre-amplifier may improve RadarBox performance, however, the amplifier must be capable of working at 1090 MHz. The performance of a poorly sighted antenna will not be improved by a pre-amplifier. It is recommended that you experiment with the standard RadarBox antenna before considering an external antenna and/or a pre amplifier. Moving the antenna only a small distance can make a significant difference in performance. Remember that height is everything, but not at the expense of a long 'lossy' feeder cable.

Use the Maximum Range Polar Diagram to see how well you have positioned you antenna. Clear the polar diagram before starting this test - File | Preferences | General | Clear/Reset Polar Diagram.



Leave RadarBox running for at least 30 minutes to allow the polar diagram to build up.



## 2.4. Quickstart Tutorial

### AirNav RadarBox 2008 - Quickstart Tutorial

This set of step by step instructions will guide you through the most important application features.

Note: information between [...] means that the command mentioned can be found in AirNav RadarBox 2008 Menus. Example: [Tools]Internet[Download Updated Data Now] points you to click on Tools menu, Internet topic, Download Updated Data Now subtopic.

#### Step by Step Tutorial

**1- Start the software** using the windows Shortcut created on your Start Menu or Desktop.



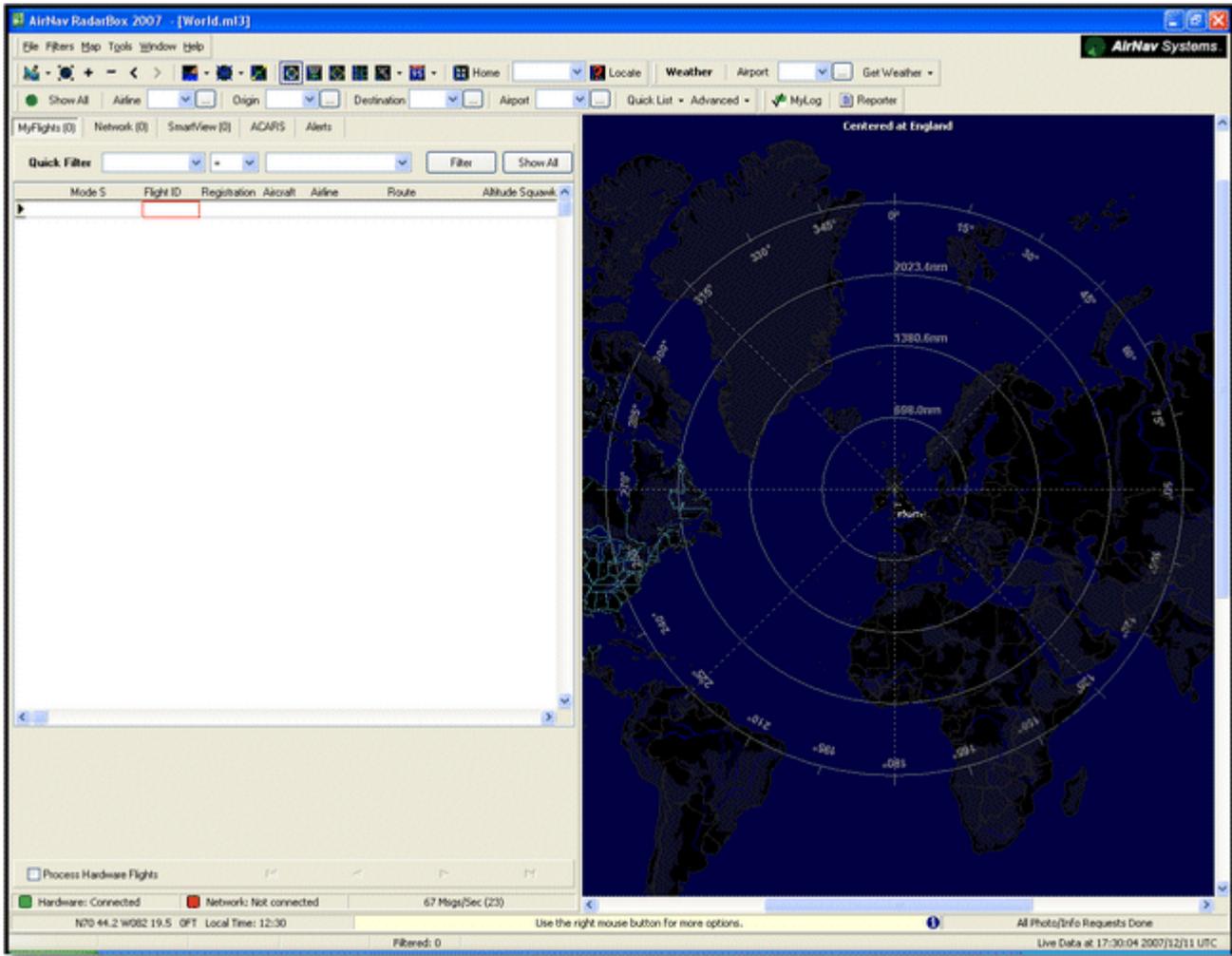


2. The Welcome Window will be shown. **Enter your Username and Password then click the "Start" button.** You can 'tick' the Remember password checkbox to save you having to type your details every time you start RadarBox. The connection to the Hardware will be started and if you are a subscriber of AirNav RadarBox Network feature, the software will try to download network data.



3- The first time you run RadarBox, the main software window with a world map will be shown as illustrated below. Dynamic 3D maps are one of AirNav RadarBox 2008 most important features. You are now going to explore some of the capabilities.

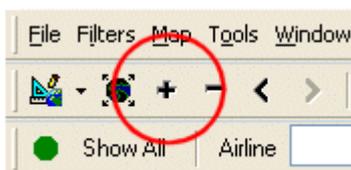




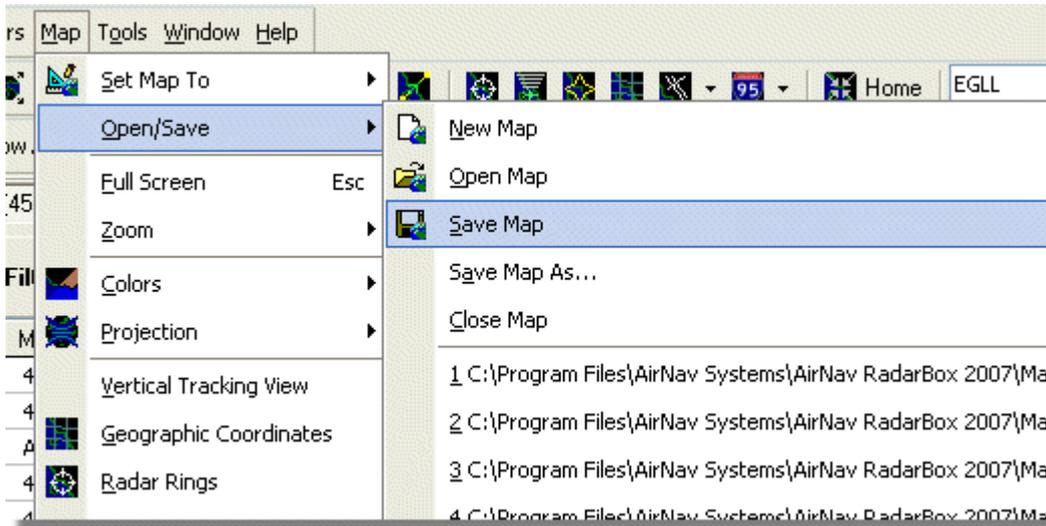
**4-** First task: you will center the map at your home location, zoom in and save it as your default map. To center the map at any location let's use the "Locate" feature. It easily centers the map on any airport, city or navigation facility all over the world. Imagine you are located near London Heathrow Airport. **Enter "EGLL" in the locate box.** This box is at the top of the main screen as on the screen shot below. After this **click the Locate button.** The map will now be panned so that London appears at the center.



**5-** Now **Zoom in** until more detailed view of the London area is shown. You can do this by clicking the zoom in button on the map toolbar. The easiest way to pan/zoom your maps is by using your mouse buttons. Left click anywhere in the map and 'drag' the map to the desired location.

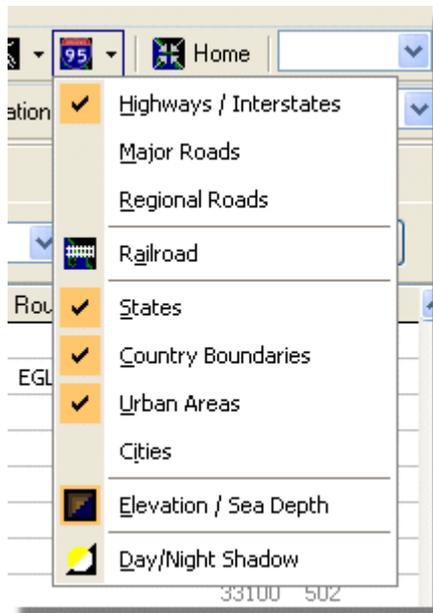


**6- Save your map** by going to [Map | Open/Save | Save Map]. **Answer Yes** to the "Are you sure you want to overwrite your default map file?". This map will be the one that will be always shown after the application is started.

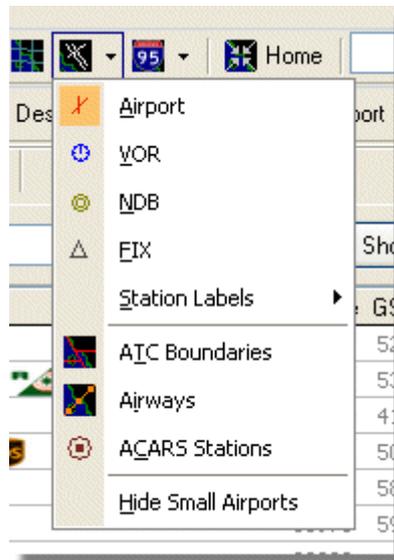


**7-** All map functions are located on the map menu or on the map toolbar on the top of the main window. You can also right mouse click over any map to access map functions in a faster way, including setting you home location. On these menus there are several map layers that you can choose to be hidden or visible. This includes aviation related layers (airports, runways, NDBs, VORs, FIXes as well as airways and ATC boundaries). There are also general interest layers like roads, geographic coordinates, cities and elevations. See the [Maps Toolbar](#) section for more information on working with maps.

**General Map Layers**



**Aviation Map Layers**



**8-** Now let's have a look at the RadarBox Interface panel. This is where all the action will take place. It is divided into 5 tabs.





- **MyFlights:** where all the flights received using your hardware will be shown. A grid will show as many flight details as possible, from aircraft registration to flight route. Photos and aircraft details will appear on the bottom of this tab.
- **Network:** all AirNav RadarBox Network flights (received from other RadarBox users) will be shown on this tab.
- **SmartView:** Selected aircraft list, chosen by registration or flight ID
- **ACARS:** flights received from AirNav ACARS Decoder interface will be shown here.
- **Alerts:** you could receive an email each time a specific registration is received by your decoder. Other types of alerts are available.

9- In addition to the 5 tabs, you can also access the MyLog and Reporter functions.



- **MyLog:** a collection of all live flights received by your RadarBox will appear on this tab (Network flights are not recorded in MyLog). Data can be imported and exported from the MyLog Tools menu.
- **Reporter:** an easy interface for you to share your reports with other mode-s users.

10- At the bottom of the RadarBox interface notice the connection status. You can monitor here if the hardware is properly connected to your computer and to the RadarBox Network.

11- To connect to RadarBox Network and see flights being received by other users first check that you have your RadarBox unit connected to your computer. After this be sure you are connected to the internet. If both conditions are met go to the Network Tab on the RadarBox Panel Interface and check the "Get Flights From RadarBox Network" check box.



For more features refer to the following topics in the Help/Manual:

- [Creating Alerts](#)
- [Creating Reports](#)
- [Using Filters](#)
- [Monitor Airport Movements](#)
- [Flight data Recorder / Playback](#)



## 3. Using RadarBox

### 3.1. AirNav RadarBox Network

#### AirNav RadarBox Network

##### Introduction

AirNav RadarBox Network is a unique feature that enables you to view data other RadarBox users are receiving all over the world. It is the first worldwide flight radar flight data ever developed. You are experiencing new technology never used before.

How does it work? Each AirNav RadarBox user can share their live data with other users. Live data will be processed and after passing some validation algorithms it is then stored in a queue for upload to the AirNav server. Data is then uploaded 5 minutes after it has been received. On our server we have a powerful application called "AirNav Network Server" which processes up to 10000 flight messages per second at peak periods. Data is then organized and properly processed and an output file is created. Each connected client will then automatically download the updated list of network flights. This list often has more than 500 flights worldwide and the list is growing daily as more users install RadarBox and share their data.

You will be able to track flights over Europe, North America, Asia, South America and more: in other words you will be able to see flights wherever there is a RadarBox user.

Please note that for security reasons, data received from the RadarBox network is delayed by 5 minutes. So what you see on the screen is the position of the aircraft 5 minutes ago. This does not apply to the live data received directly from your RadarBox hardware decoder which is real-time and shows the actual position of the aircraft.





### How does the map display work with a mixture of Live aircraft and 5 minute delayed Network data?

Although it sounds confusing at first, the 5 minute delay of Network data has little effect on the overall display of aircraft. Aircraft which are close to the RadarBox receiver will be displayed 'live' in their actual position and without any delay. Depending on your location and antenna position, you can expect to see live traffic out to 150 miles or more from your location. Beyond your live reception range, you will see Network traffic from other RadarBox users who are sharing data. Because Network traffic is further away, the 5 minute position delay is of little significance. Occasionally, you may see an aircraft "jump" a few miles as it transfers from Network data to Live data and comes into your area of live reception. When the aircraft leaves your reception area, it will once again become a Network track. If you receive a flight live on your RadarBox and this flight information is also available on the data download from the network, then your live flight



information will be given priority for display and the network data will be ignored. Network traffic can be displayed with "\*" on the data tag to differentiate live and Network traffic.

**What details will I see for each flight?**

▶ 22:41:46	22:40:46	 <b>Cruise</b>	400A15	 EZY6796	G-EZKA	B737		38000	482
22:43:41	22:43:41	 <b>Climb</b>	4006EA	 XLA5773	G-XLAB	B738		36250	513
22:43:41	22:43:41	 <b>Climb</b>	4009A8	 EZY1JN	G-EZJN	B737		37975	471

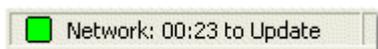
For each flight you will see:

- ACARS sign showing if the flight has any ACARS messages (for more information, go to [ACARS Decoder interface](#))
- Globe sign: when shown position information is available so the flight is being tracked on the maps
- Status: flight status information
- Mode S: the mode S code for this aircraft
- Country flag: the flag of the country where the aircraft is registered
- Flight ID: the flight number/callsign for this flight
- Registration: the tail number of the aircraft
- Aircraft: type of aircraft in ICAO (4 character) code
- Airline logo: the logo of the airline that operates this flight
- Altitude: altitude in feet
- GS: ground speed for the flight in Knots
- Hdg: the heading of the aircraft from 0 to 359 degrees (0=North, 90=East, 180=South, 270=West)
- VRate: vertical rate of climb or descent in feet per minute
- Route: origin and destination airports if the route is recognised by the RadarBox database

**Connecting to the Network**

To connect to AirNav RadarBox network you need to have your RadarBox hardware connected to your computer. Open the RadarBox Interface if it not already open, go to the Network tab and check the "Get flights from RadarBox Network" check box.

Look at the the bottom of the RadarBox Interface panel to confirm the connection status. Network data is downloaded every 30 seconds.



Note that you will have to be a registered user of the software and have an active AirNav RadarBox account to be able to receive network flights.

You can do this from the main menu [RadarBox | Network Account Information]

To subscribe to AirNav RadarBox Network please visit [AirNav RadarBox Order page](#)

**New users have free access to the network during the first year.**

## 3.2. Aircraft Details Autopopulate

### Aircraft Details Autopopulate



RadarBox is provided with an extensive database which includes details of a large number of aircraft. However, new aircraft are always being registered and these might not be included in the database. The diagram below shows a mixture of aircraft, some with full registration and type details and some which have these details missing. The first 6 aircraft in the list and the last 2 have full registration and type details. Please note that the Flight ID (callsign) is programmed by the crew in the cockpit, so if this is missing, it is because it has not been entered by the flight crew. If there is no Flight ID, then it is not possible for RadarBox to display the Airline logo.

In the list there are 3 aircraft that do not have type or registration showing, but the Mode S codes are correctly detected by RadarBox as 40107A, 401229 and 401294. When you left-click on one of these unpopulated aircraft lines, RadarBox will connect to the online database and if a record for this aircraft exists, the registration and type will be auto-populated. The internal RadarBox database will be updated at the same time and a photo of the aircraft will be downloaded if set in the [Preferences](#).

400A5A		G-ZXZX	LJ45			21000
400A95		GSM6BE	G-GSPN	B733	flyglobespan	34000 271
400B8C		GSM738P	G-SAAW	B738	flyglobespan	40975 555
400E09		VIR.24	G-VFIT	A346	KLAX-EGLL	21875 567
400EC3			G-MAJV	JS41		15700
400F41			G-MAMD	BE20		
40107A						16250
401229						25200
401294						34000
43C083		AAC781	XW899	GAZL		770
43C1E6			ZJ265	AS50		1370

### 3.3. Creating Alerts

#### Creating Alerts

One of the most important features of AirNav RadarBox is that you can program the software to trigger alerts for certain circumstances. For example, you can have the program to automatically send an email message when British Airways flight 272 is received. The Alert feature can be accessed on the RadarBox Interface. If it not shown open it from the program menu [ Tools | Interface | Show/Hide].



MyFlights (39) Network (308) SmartView (19) ACARS Alerts

Condition

Activate Alerts for Network Flights

**Mode-S**  
e.g. 40040C or A22E\*  
43C\*

**Registration**  
e.g. G-BNLU or N92\*  
G-FAST  
G-VIIC

**Range**  
Any flight that is within a 50  
Nautical Mile radius of the location below  
Lat Long  
In case you don't know the Lat/Long of the location type the location name (Airport, VOR, NDB or City) and click the "Find Lat/Long" button below  
ENTER LOCATION NAME...  
Find Lat/Long Home

**Flight ID**  
e.g. BAW202  
BA292  
BAW292

**Aircraft**  
e.g. B744 or A32\*  
A38\*

**Squawk**  
e.g. 7700  
7700  
7600

Type of Alert

**Play a Sound** C:\Program Files\AirNav Systems\AirNav RadarBox 2007\data\vd00 Browse...

**Show a Notification Message**

**Send an Email to the following addresses:**

**Execute a file**

Alert Log

Clear

Hardware: Connected Network: 00:01 to Update 125 Msgs/Sec (21)

## How does it work?

The alert feature is divided in two parts:

- Conditions that will trigger an alert
- Type of Alert

There are five types of conditions to trigger an alert:

- Mode-S: when an aircraft with a specific mode-s has been received an alert is triggered
- Registration: when a specific registration is received
- Range: when a flight is less that a defined number of miles from a specified location
- Flight ID: to trigger an alert when a defined flight number is received
- Aircraft: when an aircraft type appears on the system
- Mode 3A "squawk" code



There are four types of alerts

- Play a Sound: a sound is played when an alert is triggered. The sound file can be specified using the browse key
- Show a notification message: a windows notification window opens on the bottom right corner of the screen
- Send an email: an email is sent to a specific email address
- Execute a file

If you wish Network traffic to trigger an alert, tick the "Activat Alerts for Network Flights" box.

Note that you can use wildcards to specify conditions. For example if you want your computer to play a sound whenever a British registered aircraft has been received enter G-\* in the registration condition (all the British registered aircraft registrations start with a 'G-').

On the bottom of the Alert tab you will also see the alert log box. This will keep a log of the alerts sent for you to check.

### **Example of an Alert**

Let's imagine we want an email message to be sent to "[johnsmith@email.com](mailto:johnsmith@email.com)" whenever British Airways flight 272 is received.

- 1-** Check the Flight ID check box to activate this type of alert condition
- 2-** Type 'BAW272' on the aircraft alert box
- 3-** Check the "Send an Email to the following addresses:" option
- 4-** Type the email address on the email address box
- 5-** That's it. When flight BAW272 is first received by the system an email address will be sent to the specified email address.

## **3.4. MyLog Database**

### **MyLog Database**

RadarBox includes a highly flexible SQL database which records all Live aircraft detected by the receiver. Network data is not recorded.



The screenshot shows the MyLog application window. At the top, there are navigation buttons: 'Grids', 'Reporter', and 'All Photos'. Below these are 'Refresh', 'Quick Filter' (with dropdown menus), 'Filter', and 'Show All' buttons. There are also 'From Date' and 'To Date' input fields, and buttons for 'Today', 'Yesterday', 'Last Week', and 'All Time'.

The main section is titled 'Aircraft (6565)'. It contains a table with columns: ModeS, Registration, A/C Type, A/C Name, ModeSCountry, Airline, FirstTime, LastTime, and Comment. The table lists various aircraft, including G-SJMC, 400C09, 401229, 4CA2D8, 400807, 4005AF, C01734, A698E0, 400C42, 40114C, 4008E6, 400419, and 4CA125.

Below the aircraft table is a section titled 'Flights for Selected Aircraft (7)'. It contains a table with columns: Callsign, Route, MsgCount, StartTime, and EndTime. The table shows seven flight records for the selected aircraft MYT064, all with a MsgCount of 356 and a time range from 20080120084840 to 20080120084840.

On the right side of the window, there are two photo thumbnails of the aircraft G-SJMC, each with the registration 'G-SJMC' written below it.

At the bottom of the window, it says '6565 Aircraft shown' and '7 Flight(s) shown'.

Aircraft are displayed in a grid, and the following information is available:

- Mode S code
- Registration
- Aircraft type (ICAO short name)
- Aircraft name in long format
- The Mode S country for that aircraft
- Airline
- First date and time the aircraft was detected in the format 200712011255 - Year/month/day/hour/minute/seconds
- Last date and time the aircraft was detected
- Comments entered by user

When the aircraft is selected by clicking on the appropriate line, all the flights recorded for that aircraft are shown in the lower portion of the MyLog window, and the photo or photos for that aircraft are shown to the right.

### MyLog Quick Filter

Flights can be searched by using the Quick Filter above the aircraft grid. For example, to find all Singaporean aircraft, select Registration = 9V-\* picked last week.



The screenshot shows the MyLog software interface. At the top, there are navigation buttons: 'Grids', 'Reporter', and 'All Photos'. Below these is a 'Quick Filter' section with a dropdown menu set to 'Registration', an equals sign, and another dropdown set to '9V-\*'. There are 'Filter' and 'Show All' buttons. Below the filter is a date range selector with 'From Date' (2008021900000) and 'To Date' (20080226235959), and buttons for 'Today', 'Yesterday', 'Last Week', and 'All Time'. A 'Refresh' button is also present.

The main section is titled 'Aircraft (10)' and contains a table with columns: ModeS, Registration, A/C Type, A/C Name, ModeSCountry, Airline, FirstTime, LastTime, and Comment. The table lists various aircraft registrations, with 9V-SFI highlighted in blue. To the right of the table are two images of a Singapore Airlines aircraft, both labeled '9V-SFI'.

Below the aircraft table is a section titled 'Flights for Selected Aircraft (11)' with a table containing columns: Callsign, Route, MsgCount, StartTime, and EndTime. It lists flight data for various callsigns, including SQC7334 and SQC7979.

At the bottom of the window, it shows '10 Aircraft shown' and '11 Flight(s) shown'.

### MyLog Tools

A number of options are available from the MyLog Tools Menu.

- **Import from SQB:** Imports data from an external database (For example BaseStation.sqb file)
- **Export to CSV:** Exports to a comma delineated file for import into MS Excel or MS Access
- **Populate:** Checks the online database and populates records in the data is available
- **Empty MyLog Tables:** Clears all records from the database
- **Close:** Closes the MyLog window

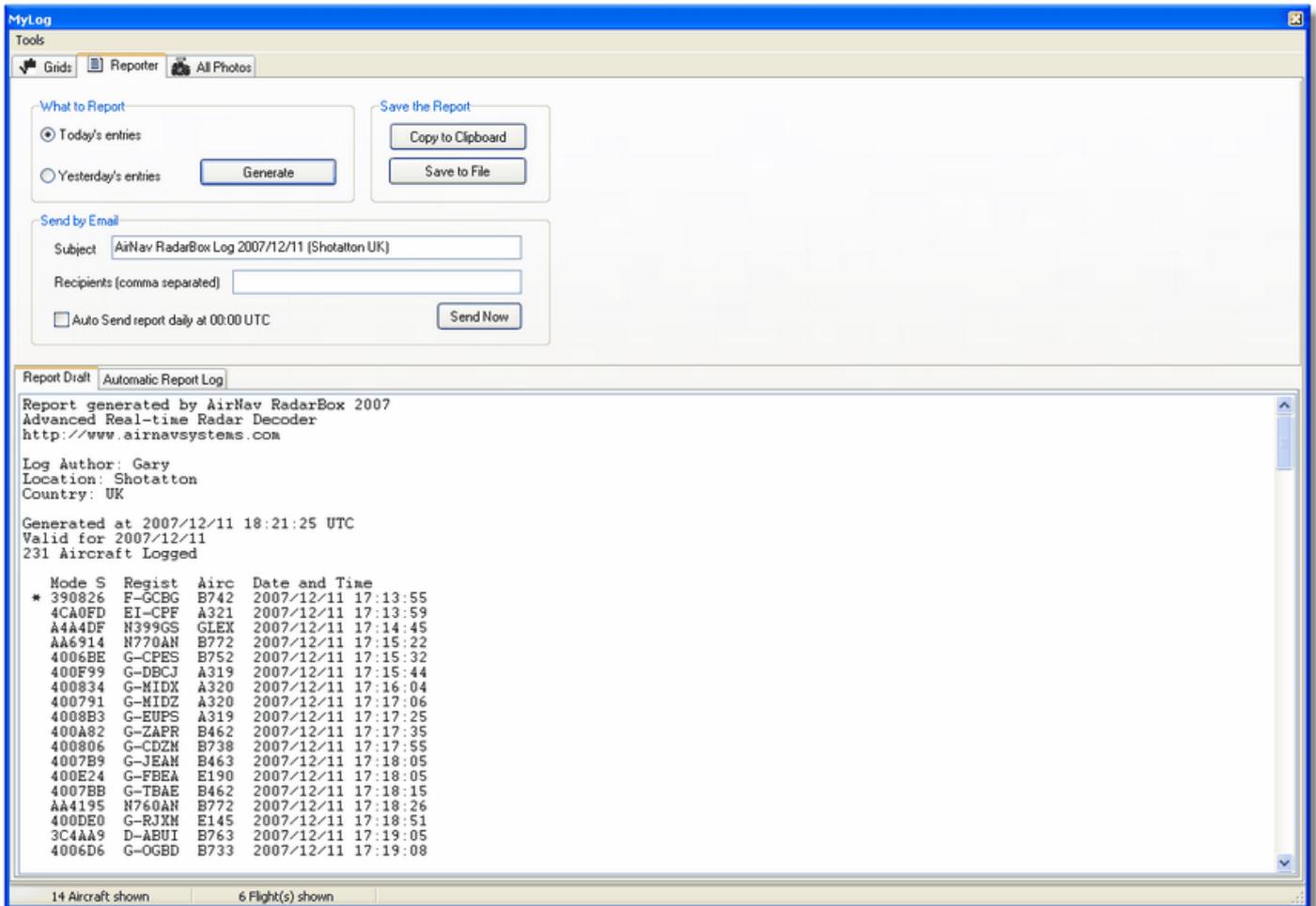
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	20071130073211	20071130072030	Boeing 747-412	B744	Singapore Airlines	76CE09	Singapore	9V-SPI
2	20060722082928	20060722082928	Boeing 747-412	B744	Singapore Airlines	76CE04	Singapore	9V-SPD
3	20060722090123	20060722090123	Boeing 747-412	B744	Singapore Airlines	76CDAD	Singapore	9V-SMM
4	20071201090649	20060722161939	Boeing 747-412F/SCD	B744	Singapore Airlines Cargo	76CCCB	Singapore	9V-SFK
5	20060723084736	20060723084736	Boeing 747-412	B744	Singapore Airlines	76CE0C	Singapore	9V-SPL
6	20071201004538	20060723131937	Boeing 747-412F/SCD	B744	Singapore Airlines Cargo	76CCCE	Singapore	9V-SFN
7	20060723162812	20060723162812	Boeing 747-412F (SCD)	B744	Singapore Airlines Cargo	76CCD1	Singapore	9V-SFQ
8	20071201080749	20071201075227	Boeing 747-412F/SCD	B744	Singapore Airlines Cargo	76CCC1	Singapore	9V-SFA
9	20071201101439	20071201101253	Boeing 777-212/ER	B772	Singapore Airlines	76CEC7	Singapore	9V-SVG
10	20071202095138	20071202094245	Airbus A340-541	A345	Singapore Airlines	76CCE4	Singapore	9V-SGD
11	20071202102438	20071202102330	Boeing 777-212/ER	B772	Singapore Airlines	76CEC6	Singapore	9V-SVF
12	20071202113118	20071202111754	Boeing 747-2D3B(SF)	B742	Jett8 Airlines Cargo	76A8A1	Singapore	9V-JEA
13	20071203105751	20071203105423	Boeing 747-412F/SCD	B744	Singapore Airlines Cargo	76CCCF	Singapore	9V-SFO
14	20071203113431	20071203113239	Airbus A340-541	A345	Singapore Airlines	76CCE5	Singapore	9V-SGE
15								



## 3.5. Creating Reports

### Creating Reports

AirNav RadarBox has an embedded report feature. This makes it easier to you send reports of received flights to your friends or to an internet mailing list. To access this feature use the Reporter Button, or MyLog | Reporter. Aircraft detected by your RadarBox receiver are listed in date/time order.



The screenshot shows the 'MyLog Reporter' window. It has a 'Tools' menu with 'Grids', 'Reporter', and 'All Photos'. The 'Reporter' tab is active. Under 'What to Report', there are radio buttons for 'Today's entries' (selected) and 'Yesterday's entries', with a 'Generate' button. To the right, under 'Save the Report', are 'Copy to Clipboard' and 'Save to File' buttons. Below, under 'Send by Email', is a 'Subject' field with 'AirNav RadarBox Log 2007/12/11 (Shotatton UK)', a 'Recipients (comma separated)' field, and an 'Auto Send report daily at 00:00 UTC' checkbox with a 'Send Now' button. The main area shows a 'Report Draft' for 'Automatic Report Log' with the following text:

```
Report generated by AirNav RadarBox 2007
Advanced Real-time Radar Decoder
http://www.airnavsystems.com

Log Author: Gary
Location: Shotatton
Country: UK

Generated at 2007/12/11 18:21:25 UTC
Valid for 2007/12/11
231 Aircraft Logged
```

Mode S	Regist	Airc	Date and Time
* 390826	F-GCBG	B742	2007/12/11 17:13:55
4CA0FD	EI-CFF	A321	2007/12/11 17:13:59
A4A4DF	N399GS	GLEK	2007/12/11 17:14:45
AA6914	N770AN	B772	2007/12/11 17:15:22
4006BE	G-CPES	B752	2007/12/11 17:15:32
400F99	G-DBCJ	A319	2007/12/11 17:15:44
400834	G-MIDK	A320	2007/12/11 17:16:04
400791	G-MIDZ	A320	2007/12/11 17:17:06
4008B3	G-EUPS	A319	2007/12/11 17:17:25
400A82	G-ZAPR	B462	2007/12/11 17:17:35
400806	G-CDZM	B738	2007/12/11 17:17:55
4007B9	G-JEAM	B463	2007/12/11 17:18:05
400E24	G-FBEA	E190	2007/12/11 17:18:05
4007BB	G-TBAE	B462	2007/12/11 17:18:15
AA4195	N760AN	B772	2007/12/11 17:18:26
400DE0	G-RJXM	E145	2007/12/11 17:18:51
3C4AA9	D-ABUI	B763	2007/12/11 17:19:05
4006D6	G-OGBD	B733	2007/12/11 17:19:08

At the bottom, it shows '14 Aircraft shown' and '6 Flight(s) shown'.

### How to send a report

#### 1- Select Data to include in the report

First you need to specify the data range for the report, the choices are today's entries or yesterday's entries.

#### 2- Generate the Report

Click the generate report button. Once the report is generated you will need to specify what you want to do with it.

#### 3- What to do with the report

- Copy to clipboard
- Save to file as a .txt file
- Send by email

#### Example of a generated report:



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**www.airnavsystems.com**

Report generated by AirNav RadarBox 2008  
Advanced Real-time Radar Decoder  
<http://www.airnavsystems.com>

Log Author:  
Location: Shropshire  
Country: UK

Generated at 2007/12/06 14:45:43 UTC  
Valid for 2007/12/06  
33 Aircraft Logged

Mode S	Regist	Airc	Date and Time
15407C	RA-82044	A124	2007/12/06 14:36:45
400F99			2007/12/06 14:36:46
40075F	G-THOL	B733	2007/12/06 14:39:36
4CA243	EI-DCM	B738	2007/12/06 14:39:45
400B23	G-MAFI	D228	2007/12/06 14:39:45
AA66F9			2007/12/06 14:39:45
4004CE	G-DOCF	B734	2007/12/06 14:39:56
400892	G-GFFJ	B735	2007/12/06 14:40:15
4010EB			2007/12/06 14:40:41
400AF8	G-EZDC	A319	2007/12/06 14:41:15
40073C	G-BYGD	B744	2007/12/06 14:41:15
400989	G-MAJG	JS41	2007/12/06 14:41:16
400FDC			2007/12/06 14:41:35
40100A	G-JECR	DH8D	2007/12/06 14:41:52
400F26	G-MAJZ	JS41	2007/12/06 14:42:25
400806	G-CDZM	B738	2007/12/06 14:42:26
43C1E6	ZJ265	AS50	2007/12/06 14:42:26
4D2024	9H-AEN	A320	2007/12/06 14:42:35
8960DD	A6-EBV	B773	2007/12/06 14:42:45
400E74	G-VFIZ	A346	2007/12/06 14:42:55
400A2E	G-TTOJ	A320	2007/12/06 14:43:15
400A34	G-CELB	B733	2007/12/06 14:43:15
4CA293	EI-DEM	A320	2007/12/06 14:43:25
400834	G-MIDX	A320	2007/12/06 14:44:01
4CA201	EI-DCD	B738	2007/12/06 14:44:35
4006B1	G-BYGA	B744	2007/12/06 14:44:55
400943	G-EMBV	E145	2007/12/06 14:45:05
A4BD1F	N404ST	F900	2007/12/06 14:45:05
4008E4	G-MIDU	A320	2007/12/06 14:45:15
40079D	G-WOWE	DH8C	2007/12/06 14:45:25
400877	G-EUPG	A319	2007/12/06 14:45:25
43C1E7	ZJ266	AS50	2007/12/06 14:45:35
400A78	G-JEDR	DH8D	2007/12/06 14:45:40

New Aircraft entries have the symbol \*

--- End of Report ---

**Note:** If you require more specific data, use MyLog and the Quick Filter before exporting data via the Tools menu.

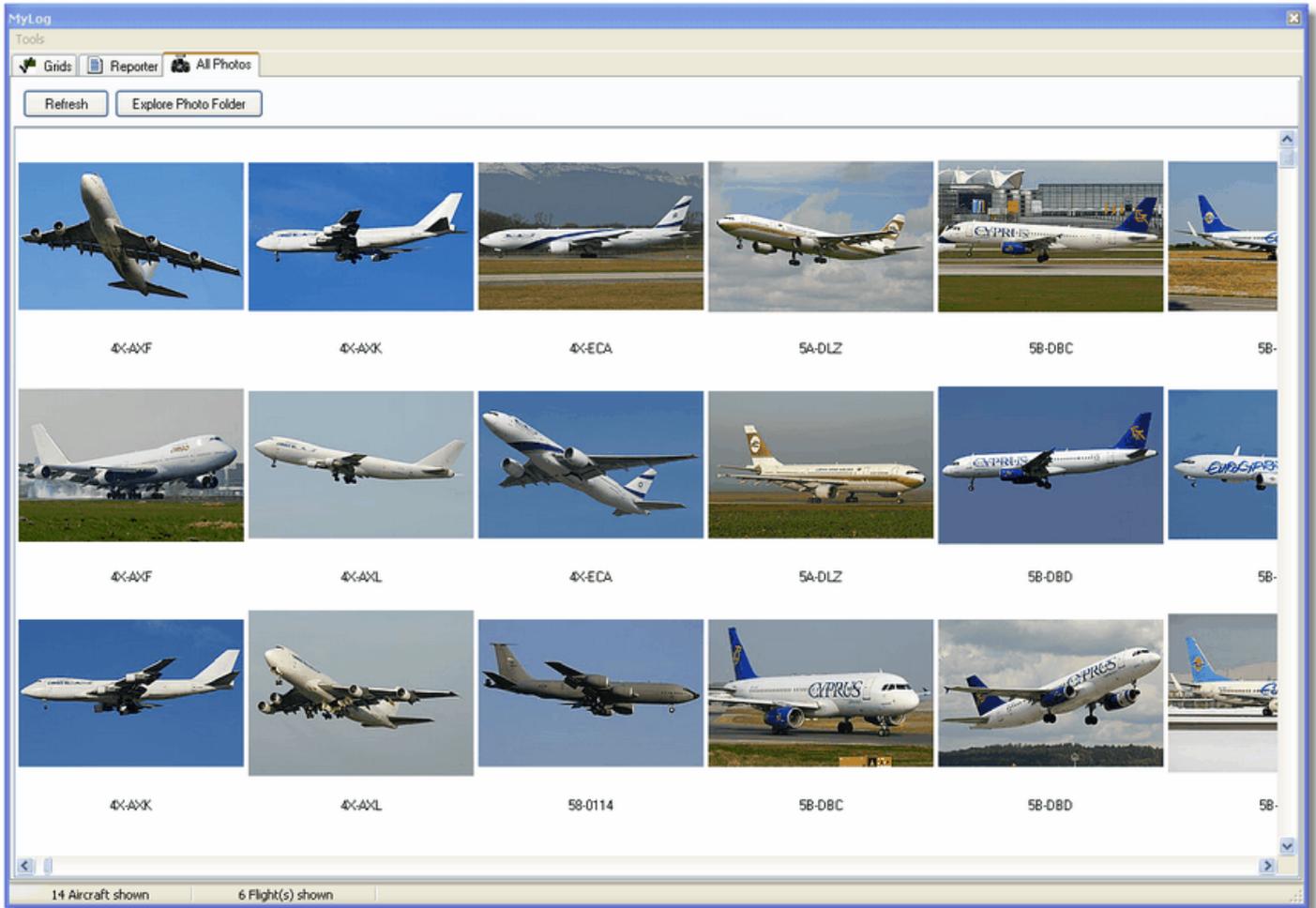
There is a very popular internet mailing list where mode-s users change experiences and logs at Yahoo Groups. It is called the "Mode\_S" group. You can send log reports by email to show other users what you have been received. To do so send an email to "[Mode\\_S@yahoo.com](mailto:Mode_S@yahoo.com)" (you need to be subscribed to the group for your message to be accepted). You can subscribe at <http://groups.yahoo.com/>

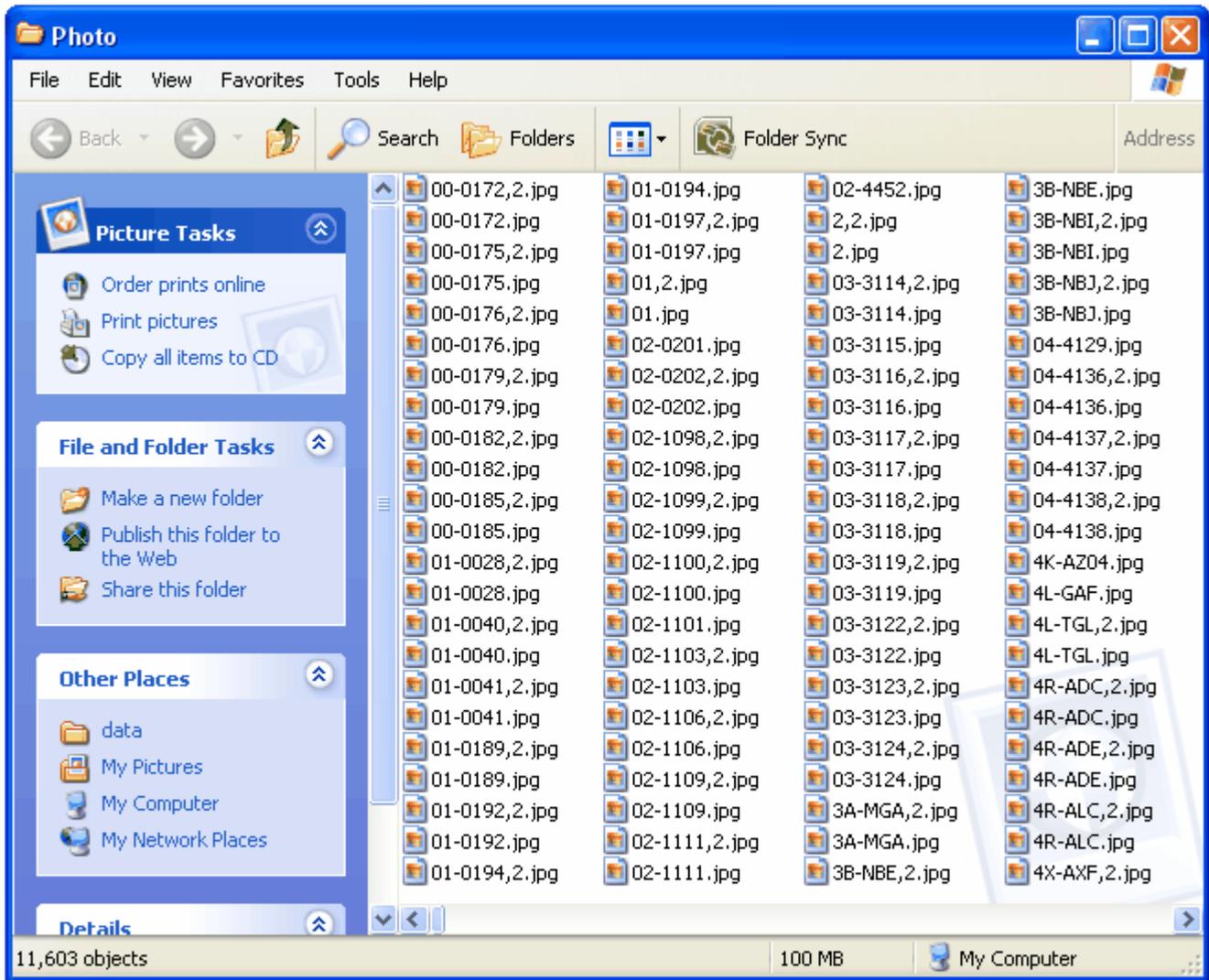


### 3.6. Viewing Aircraft Photos

#### Viewing Aircraft Photos

You can view all the aircraft photos in the MyLog database by selecting the All Photos tab. Aircraft are displayed in alphabetical order by registration.





Note that aircraft pictures are saved in jpg format by registration, for example G-BNLI.jpg and when the 'Download 2 Photos for each Aircraft' option is set in Preferences, the second photo will be saved in the format G-BNLI,2.jpg

## 3.7. Using Filters

### Using Filters

You can choose what aircraft to be displayed on the map by using the filters utility. It can be accessed on the filter toolbar at the top of the application main screen. Advanced filters are also available by clicking the "Advanced" filter tool button.

To specify a filter type the filter condition on the white filter boxes and click the filter tool button just left of it so that it is in the down (checked) condition. This means that the filter is active.

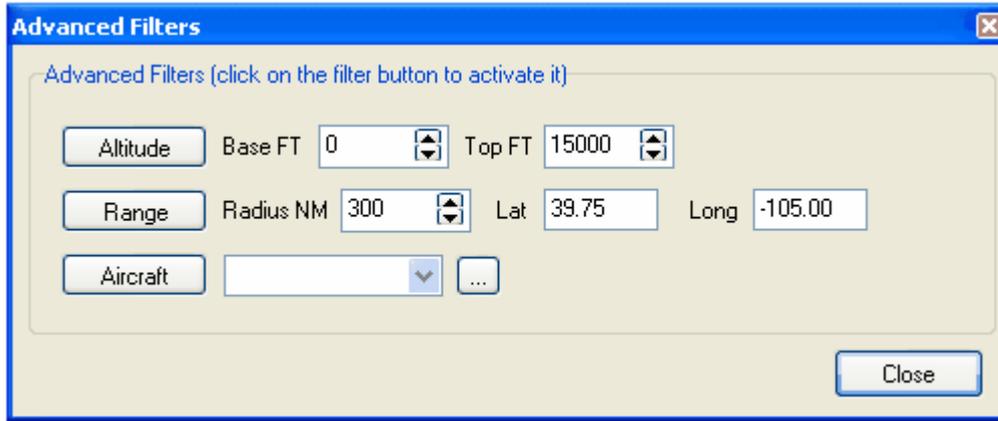


There are four type of filters available:



- **Airline:** show only flight of a specific airline (ICAO - 3 letter - code of the airline)
- **Origin:** show only flights from a specific airport (ICAO or IATA - 4 or 3 letter - code of the airport)
- **Destination:** show only flights to a specific airport (ICAO or IATA - 4 or 3 letter - code of the airport)
- **Airport:** show only flights that arrive or depart from a specific airport (ICAO or IATA - 4 or 3 letter - code of the airport)

There are three types of advanced filters available:



- **Altitude:** show only flights which altitude is between the values specified
- **Range:** show flights that are below a specified range of a specific location
- **Aircraft:** show only flights operated by a certain aircraft type

You can specify negative filters. Negative filters are those that show all aircraft not including the ones that match your negative filter. See the example below.

Note that if you do not know the airline, airport or aircraft codes to specify on filters you can always click the "..." button.

### Filters Examples

- **Example 1 - show only Lufthansa flights:**

Type 'DLH' on the airline filter white box and click the 'Airline' button. 'DLH' is the ICAO code for Lufthansa.

- **Example 2 - show only flights from Los Angeles airport:**

Type 'LAX' on the origin filter white box and click the 'Origin' button. 'LAX' is the airport code for Los Angeles.

- **Example 3 - show only activity for London Heathrow:**

Type 'EGLL' or 'LHR' on the airport filter white box and click the 'Airport' button.

## 3.8. SmartView

### SmartView

SmartView is a very useful tool which allows you to follow specific aircraft or airlines.



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Select Airports:  ... Center  Auto Set QNH (Last Q1006)

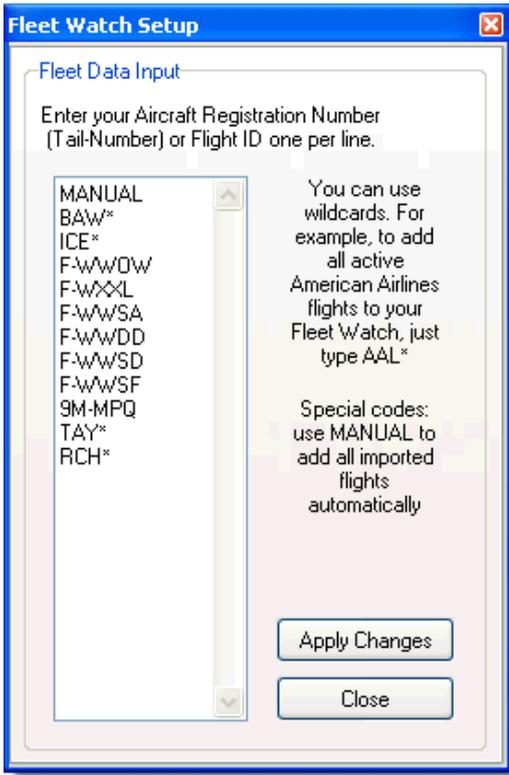
**METAR**  
 2007/12/08 08:50  
 EGLL 080850Z 19009KT 160V230 9999 SCT041 06/03 Q1006

**TAF**  
 2007/12/08 05:04  
 TAF EGLL 080504Z 081212 18015G25KT 7000 RA BKN014  
 TEMPO 1216 4000 RADZ BKN008  
 BECMG 1618 25018G28KT 9999 SCT025 PROB30  
 TEMPO 1824 9000 -SHRA  
 BECMG 2124 25013KT

**Fleet Watch**  
 Show Only Fleet Watch Flights on Map

Mode S	Flight ID	Registration	Aircraft	Airline	Route	Altitude
400A26	BAW853	G-EUUR	A320	BRITISH AIRWAYS	LKPR-EGLL	10300
4006C7	BAW93	G-BZHB	B763	BRITISH AIRWAYS	EGLL-CYYZ	33000
400804	BAW302	G-EUPD	A319	BRITISH AIRWAYS	EGLL-LFPG	8600
400402	BAW208	G-BNLC	B744	BRITISH AIRWAYS	KMIA-EGLL	9000
400980	BAW890	G-EUUE	A320	BRITISH AIRWAYS	EGLL-LBSF	26050
400802	BAW8EG	G-EUPB	A319	BRITISH AIRWAYS		35000
400775	BAW165	G-VIIX	B772	BRITISH AIRWAYS	EGLL-LLBG	20275
4004DE	BAW9	G-BNWN	B763	BRITISH AIRWAYS	EGLL-YSSY	15775
400937	BAW726	G-EUOB	A319	BRITISH AIRWAYS	EGLL-LSGG	22675
400AFC	BAW41AM	G-EUXD	A321	BRITISH AIRWAYS		2165

Click on the Setup button to open the Fleet Watch Setup input window. Individual aircraft registrations, or airline ID can be entered with "\*" being used as a wildcard to allow groups of aircraft to be seen. Click Apply Changes to activate. When the SmartView tab is selected (see above) only those aircraft that meet the criteria in the Fleet Watch Setup window will show in the Fleet Watch aircraft list. If you select Show Only Fleet Watch Flights on Map, then all other flights will be filtered out

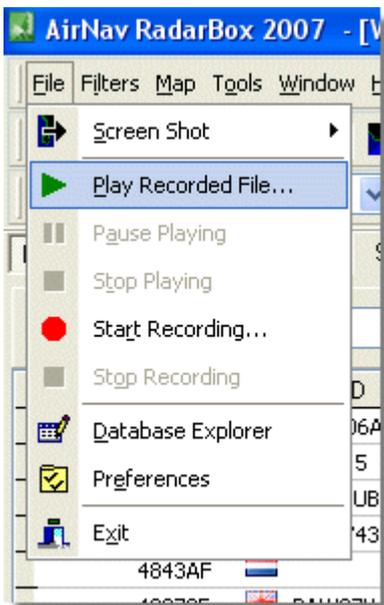


### METAR, TAF and Auto QNH Settings

Also available at the top of the SmartView window, is the Select Airport option. This allows weather for a specific airfield to be displayed and for the map to be centered on that airfield. The QNH (atmospheric pressure at airfield level, adjusted to mean sea level) can also be set for the selected airfield.

## 3.9. Flight Data Recorder/Playback

### Flight Data Recorder / Playback



The flight data recorder feature enables you to record and playback flight movement files. This feature is accessible on the File menu.

Flight data files contain a Mode-S message on each line. Their extension is .rbl.

Data on each line is in comma-separated format and has the following fields:

- \$PTA: Always present and identifies a mode-s message
- Date/Time in format yyyyymmddhhnnss
- Mode S HEX Code
- Callsign
- Altitude in feet
- Groundspeed
- Track
- Vertical Rate in feet per minute
- Airspeed
- Latitude
- Longitude

**Examples:**

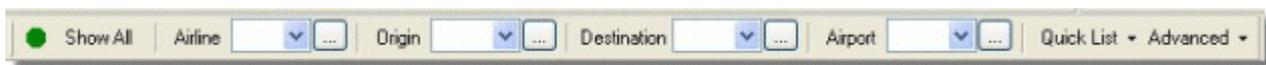
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$PTA,20070516163432224,40056E,TOM287Q,,,,,,,,,,,,,  
$PTA,20070516163432739,C076F0,,39000,,,,,38.9736,-8.3035,A,,,,,  
$PTA,20070516163420739,C076F0,FCA923C,,,,,,,,,,,,,  
$PTA,20070516163420802,495288,,,231.5,328.8,-2432,,,,,,,,,,,,
```

## 3.10. Monitor Airport Movements

### Monitor Airport Movements

It is simple to monitor all arrivals and departures to or from a specified airport.

1- On the Filters toolbar (shown below) enter the code of the airport you want to monitor in the Airport box. If you do not know the code, click the '...' button to specify the airport by name.



2- Click on the "Airport" button. It will now remain checked.

Flights to the selected Airport will show green. Flights from the selected airport will show red.

3- If at anytime you want to monitor all the airspace again, click the "Airport" button to uncheck it.

4- The "Origin" and "Destination" buttons can be used in the same way to view specific flights to and from an airport.

**Note:** Not all flights have a route displayed. The Monitor Airport Movements function will not work for flights without route details.





## 3.11. Connecting to AirNav ACARS Decoder

### Connecting to AirNav ACARS Decoder

#### Introduction

AirNav RadarBox can work in conjunction with AirNav ACARS Decoder (Decoder is a separate program available from AirNav). This way you will be able to see ACARS messages for the flights you are tracking. AirNav RadarBox is the first radar decoder application ever to have an ACARS interface included. Data is passed from AirNav ACARS Decoder to AirNav RadarBox using a simple Windows DDE (Dynamic Data Exchange) interface. Select 'Connect to AirNav ACARS Decoder' in the RadarBox ACARS window.

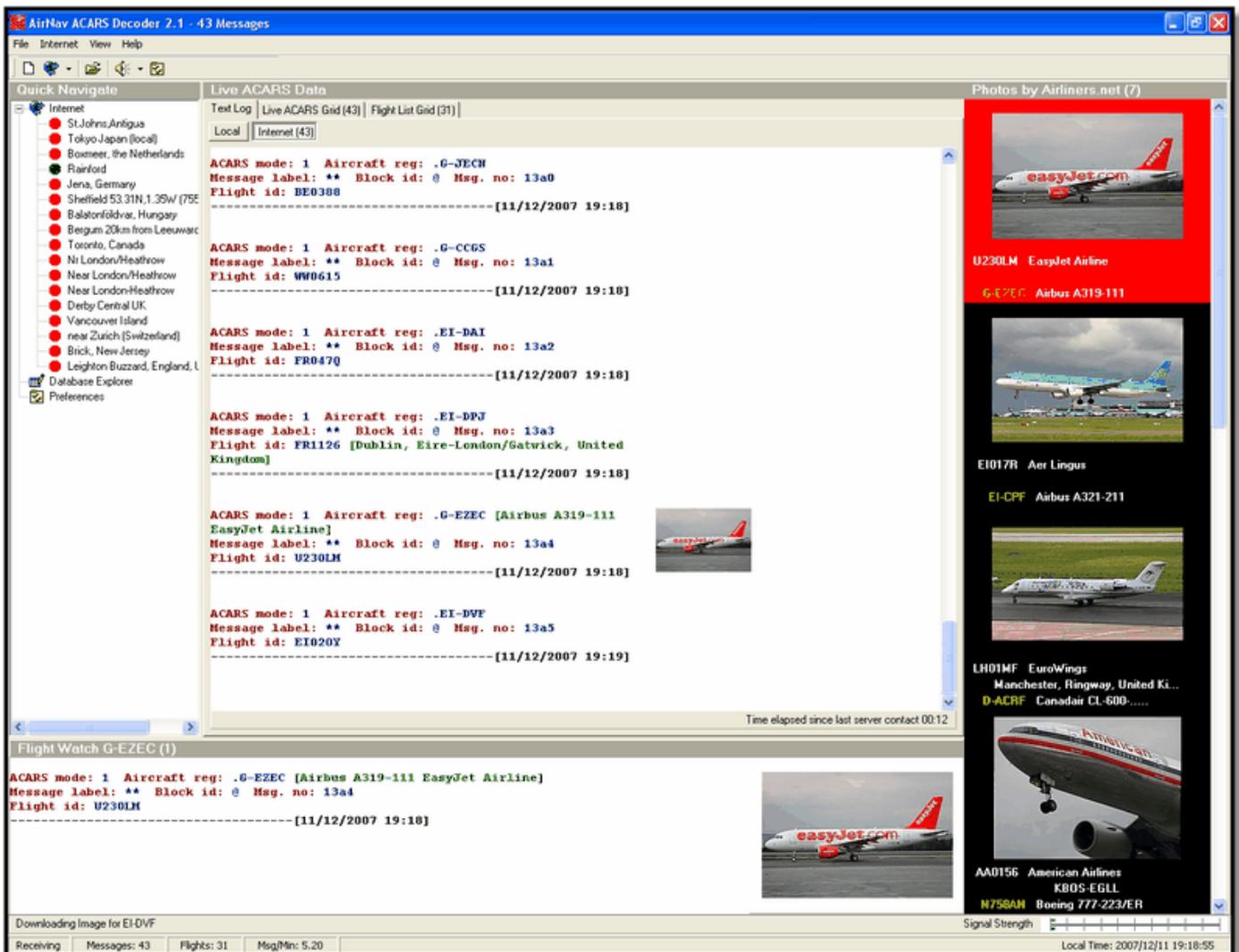


	<b>Airline:</b> British Airways <b>Registration:</b> G-BNLZ <b>Type:</b> Boeing 747-436 <b>C/N:</b> 27091/964	<b>Message Content:</b> SBS-1 position report N52.72449E-1.28616 FL25700 ft./8431 m.
	<b>Flight:</b> BA0085	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connect to AirNav ACARS Decoder		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hardware: Connected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Network: 00:27 to Update	138 Msgs/Sec (26)

For more information on ACARS please read the bottom of this topic.

### Connecting to AirNav ACARS Decoder

When you start AirNav RadarBox it will detect if AirNav ACARS Decoder is running and if that is the case, connect to it automatically. If ACARS Decoder was started after RadarBox, then Select 'Connect to AirNav ACARS Decoder' in the RadarBox ACARS window.



The screenshot shows the 'AirNav ACARS Decoder 7.1 - 43 Messages' window. The main area displays 'Live ACARS Data' with a list of messages. Each message includes the ACARS mode, aircraft registration, message label, block ID, message number, and flight ID. For example, one message is for aircraft G-EZEC (EasyJet) on flight U230LM. The interface also features a 'Quick Navigate' sidebar with various location filters, a 'Flight Watch' section for G-EZEC, and a 'Photos by Airliners.net' gallery on the right showing images of various aircraft like the EasyJet Airbus A319-111 and American Airlines Boeing 777-223/ER.



**What details will I see for each flight?**

All the flight details received from AirNav ACARS Decoder will be shown on the RadarBox Interface, ACARS Tab.

Received	Flight ID	Registration	Aircraft	M	Lbl	Blc No	U/D
20071201 154928	NW0053	<b>N807NW</b>		1	**	@ 2042	Downlink
20071201 154928	BA0177	<b>G-BYGF</b>		1	**	@ 2043	Downlink
20071201 154935	LH0412	<b>D-AIKJ</b>		1	**	@ 2044	Downlink
20071201 154943	EI0672	<b>EI-DEF</b>		1	**	@ 2046	Downlink
▶ 20071201 155003	KL1549	<b>PH-OFO</b>		1	**	@ 2047	Downlink

For each flight you will see:

- Received: time of message reception
- Flight ID: the flight number / callsign for this flight
- Registration: tail number of the aircraft
- Aircraft: type of aircraft in ICAO (4 character) code
- M: ACARS Mode
- Lbl: message Label
- Mode S: the mode S code for this aircraft
- Blc, No: block ID, and message number
- U/D: if the message is an uplink or downlink

**What is ACARS?**

ACARS ([A]ircraft [C]ommunication [A]ddressing and [R]eporting [S]ystem) is a digital data link system transmitted via VHF radio which allows airline flight operations departments to communicate with aircraft in their fleet.

This VHF digital transmission system, used by many civilian aircraft and business jets, can be likened to "email for airplanes," as the registration of each aircraft is its unique address in the system developed by aeronautical radio giant ARINC (Aeronautical Radio, Inc.). Message traffic is routed via ARINC computers to the proper company, relieving some of the necessity for routine voice communication. With ACARS, such routine items as departure reports, arrival reports, passenger loads, fuel data, engine performance data, and much more, can be requested by the company and retrieved from the aircraft at automatic intervals. Before the advent of ACARS, flight crews had to use VHF voice communications to relay this data to their operations on the ground.

The ACARS system is comprised of the following elements:

- 1-** The Airborne Subsystem, onboard the aircraft, which consists of the:  
 Management Unit - Receives ground-to-air messages via the VHF radio transceiver, and also controls the replies.  
 Control Unit - The aircrew interface with the ACARS system, consisting of a display screen and printer.
- 2-** The ARINC Ground System, which consists of all the ARINC ACARS remote transmitting/receiving stations, and the ARINC computer and switching systems.
- 3-** The Air Carrier C2 (Command and Control) and Management Subsystem, which is all the ground based airline operations departments such as operations control, maintenance and crew scheduling, linked up with the ACARS system.

Messages can be categorized in two ways: "Downlinks" which are those ACARS transmissions which originate in the aircraft, and "uplinks" are those messages sent from the ground station to the aircraft.



A typical series of ACARS transmissions will look something like this example of United 767-300ERs departing from Washington Dulles International (IAD):

**ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N651UA**  
**Message label: QF Block id: 1 Msg. no: M82A**  
**Flight id: UA0978**  
**Message content:-**  
**IAD2241FRA**

-----[05/08/1997 22:41]

The message label QF refers to an ACARS OFF report/message. The nose gear struts are now retracting, and the ACARS system duly notes this event as the off time. Departure airport and destination station are noted to the left and right of the OFF time respectively.

**ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N651UA**  
**Message label: SA Block id: 2 Msg. no: S82A**  
**Flight id: UA0978**  
**Message content:-**  
**OLS224151V**

-----[05/08/1997 22:41]

In this example, we see a downlink response to an uplinked weather report, sent by crew request or automatically by the flight operations.

ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N651UA

**Message label: H1 Block id: 3 Msg. no: D89A**  
**Flight id: UA0978**  
**Message content:-**  
**#DFBE13C24651'''''''''' 8 5972240T0**  
**132202 294 25103269 220**  
**1440 947 520 97418600250107179 5341565144173014923812143 262528 11**  
**0201**

-----[05/08/1997 22:42]

**ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N651UA**  
**Message label: H1 Block id: 4 Msg. no: D89B**  
**Flight id: UA0978**  
**Message content:-**  
**#DFB89 0 0 0 661 147 47**  
**A6F00398000080000D2A000000000000000000002A3**  
**B4F4039C8000080000D2A000000000000000000002A3**  
**1440 950 536**

-----[05/08/1997 22:42]

In this series of two messages, we see a takeoff (TO) engine performance report.

**ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N651UA**  
**Message label: H1 Block id: 5 Msg. no: D89C**  
**Flight id: UA0978**  
**Message content:-**  
**#DFB97418853250111173 5541565144173614933782162 261527 15**  
**0201 89 -2 0 0 671 146 27**  
**A6F4039C8000080000D3200000000000000000000423**

-----[05/08/1997 22:42]

**ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N651UA**



**Message label: H1 Block id: 6 Msg. no: D89D**  
**Flight id: UA0978**  
**Message content:-**  
**#DFB**  
**B4F08398000080000D3200000000000000000000423**  
-----[05/08/1997 22:42]

The engine performance data continues to be downlinked in the above three transmissions.  
ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N651UA

**Message label: 5Z Block id: 7 Msg. no: M83A**  
**Flight id: UA0978**  
**Message content:-**  
**/R3 IADFRA 0978-05 IAD**  
-----[05/08/1997 22:44]

This is a downlink response to an uplinked HOWGOZIT report (shown below), which is a United Airlines flight data report format:  
ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N658UA

**Message label: RA Block id: J Msg. no: QUHD**  
**Flight id: QWDLA~**  
**Message content:-**  
**10978-23 HOWGOZIT**  
**UA978 IADFRA**  
**IAD 2214/2249 887A**  
**SWANN 2259 37 849**  
**BROSS 2301 37 839**  
**OOD 2307 37 815**  
**RBV 2312 37 801**  
**ACK 2337 37 757**  
**WHALE 2354 37 728**  
**BANCS 0108 37**  
-----[23/07/1997 22:51]

Waypoints are shown in the left-hand column, just below the OUT and OFF times from IAD. OUT refers to doors closing on the aircraft at the gate, and OFF refers to time of departure as outlined above. ETAs at the waypoints along the route are shown in the middle column, requested/expected flight level next and fuel remaining figures are shown in the right hand column.

**ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N651UA**  
**Message label: \_ Block id: 0 Msg. no: S87A**  
**Flight id: UA0978**  
-----[05/08/1997 22:44]

This is a frequent message on the ACARS screen, a signal that the aircraft is in the process of receiving uplinked messages.  
ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N651UA  
Message label: H1 Block id: 4 Msg. no: D90A

**Flight id: UA0978**  
**Message content:-**  
**#DFB/PIREPUA.E22C246510978KIAEDDDF 8 5972250CL**  
**122 DATA NOT AVAILABLE**  
**38.9850 -77.46532241 1757 18.0324 14**



**39.0942 -77.51132243 6802**

-----[05/08/1997 22:50]

**ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N651UA**  
**Message label: H1 Block id: 5 Msg. no: D90B**  
**Flight id: UA0978**  
**Message content:-**  
**#DFB 7.5332 13**  
**39.1518 -77.22502247 11805 -4.3307 17**

-----[05/08/1997 22:50]

These two messages are position and weather data downlinked from the aircraft automatically to the ground station.

**ACARS mode: 2 Aircraft reg: .N642UA**  
**Message label: H1 Block id: 9 Msg. no: F39A**  
**Flight id: UA0970**  
**Message content:-**  
**#M1BPOSN39092W076136,SWANN,215516,230,GOLDA,215624,BROSS,M21,28214,958/TS2155**  
**16,100897B166**

-----[10/08/1997 21:55]

This is a good example of a position report along the aircraft's flight route. In this case, United flight 970 is a North latitude 39.09.2 and West longitude 76.13.6, which happens to be the waypoint named SWANN, and they were over SWANN at 2155.16 UTC, at FL230 (Flight Level 230 or 23,000 feet), and they are estimating next waypoint GOLDA at 2156.24, next position BROSS. Outside air temperature is a minus 21, wind 282/14.



## 4. Menus, Windows and Toolbars

### 4.1. Toolbars

#### 4.1.1. Shortcut Keys

##### Shortcut Keys

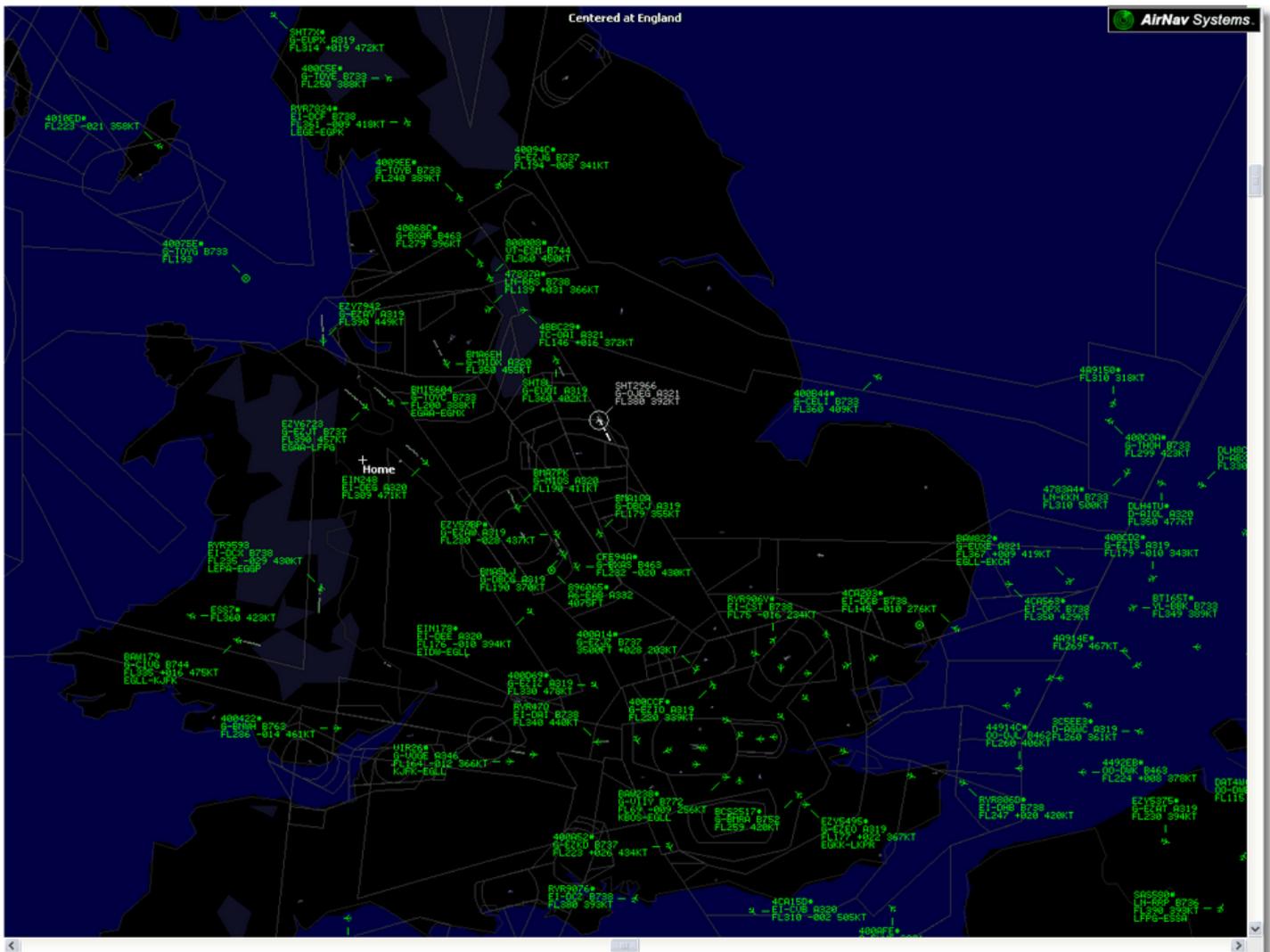
AirNav RadarBox 2008 use can be easier by using shortcut keys.

**F1** – Opens help file in the appropriate topic

**F9** – Automatically avoids Flight Label Overlap

**F10** – Automatically avoids VOR/NDB/FIX/Airport Label Overlap

**ESC** – Opens Full Screen Mode



## 4.1.2. Maps Toolbar

### Maps Toolbar



This Toolbar provides methods of editing the current map view.

Icons (from the left to the right):

- Set map to
- Resize map to full window extents
- Zoom in
- Zoom out
- Zoom Back
- Zoom Forward
- Pre-defined Map Colors (you can define them in the preferences window)
- Map projections
- Pan Map with Active Flight
- Radar Rings
- Mode-S Signal Maximum Range
- Maximum Range Polar Diagram
- Geographic Coordinates Grid
- Airport/VOR/NDB/FIX and other navigation facilities
- General map labels (routes, railroad, elevation)

Please note that you can access other map features by clicking your right mouse button over the map.

### Working with maps

AirNav RadarBox 2008 new graphical approach gives you the chance to use one of the most sophisticated map interface currently available in any flight tracking application.

Map functions are available through the map toolbar, or by using your right mouse button over a map. You may zoom, resize, and change the projection type, fit to screen and hide/show map layers using the map toolbar. The easiest way to edit a map is using your mouse buttons.

#### Pan and Rotate

- 1- Hold down your left mouse button
- 2- Move your mouse until you move the map to the desired location

#### Resize

- 1- Hold down your right mouse button
- 2- Move your mouse to resize the map as desired

See [Custom Outline Maps](#) in the Advanced Users section for information on displaying custom maps.

### Avoid Label Overlap

You can avoid aircraft labels being overlapped. This can be done automatically or manually.

#### Automatically:



Click Track menu, Avoid Label Overlap or F9.

All calculations, label rotation and resizing will be made in order to find the best way each label should be displayed.

**Manually:**

- 1- Move the mouse cursor to an area over the label you want to resize.
- 2- Hold the Shift Key down and at the same time move the mouse. The label will move to where the mouse cursor position.
- 3- Release the Shift key. The label will remain with its current direction and size.

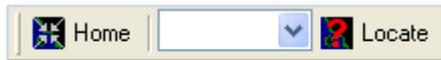
**VOR/NDB/FIX/Airport Label overlap avoidance:**

Just press F10.

Overlapped labels will be moved or sized for label overlap avoidance.

### 4.1.3. Location Toolbar

#### Location Toolbar



It is easy to locate anything on a map.

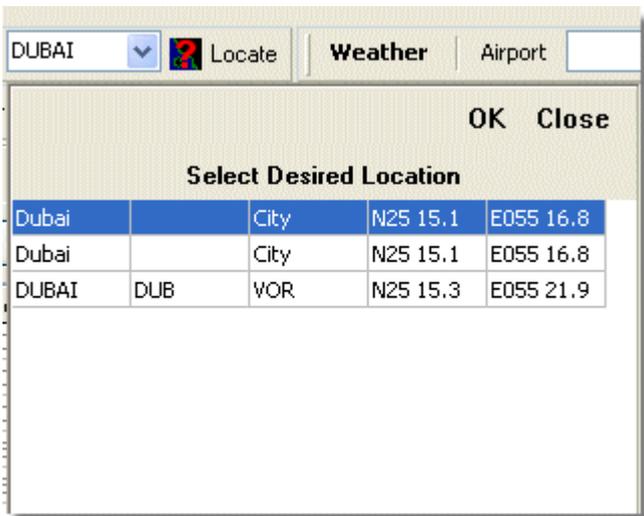
Items to locate include:

- Airport
- VOR
- NDB
- FIX
- City

To locate an item type the item name on the locate white box and then click the Locate button. If more than one item matches the a drop down window will appear for you to select the correct item.

• **Example 1: locate the city of Dubai on the Map:**

Type Dubai on the locate white box and click Locate



• **Example 2: locate Miami airport on the Map:**

Type KMIA (airport ICAO code for Miami) on the locate white box and click Locate

#### 4.1.4. Weather Toolbar

##### Weather Toolbar



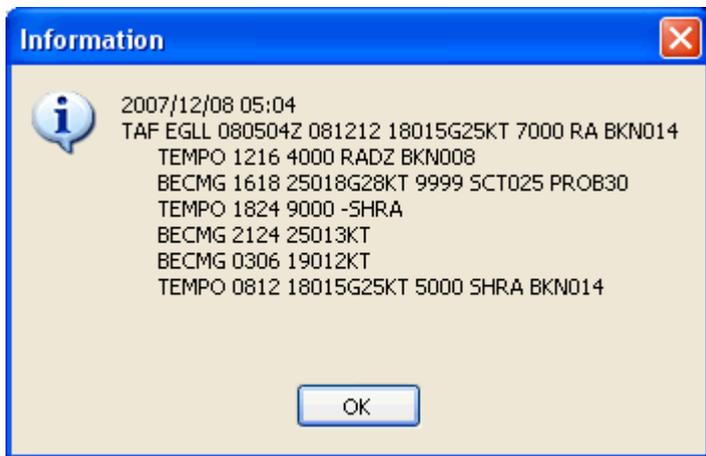
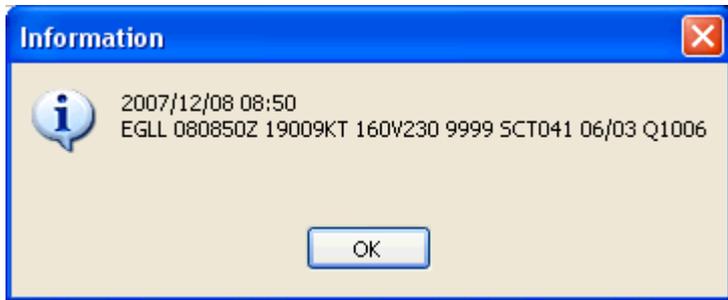
This feature enables you to quickly find airport weather conditions. Information is retrieved in real-time from NOAA (the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Organization).

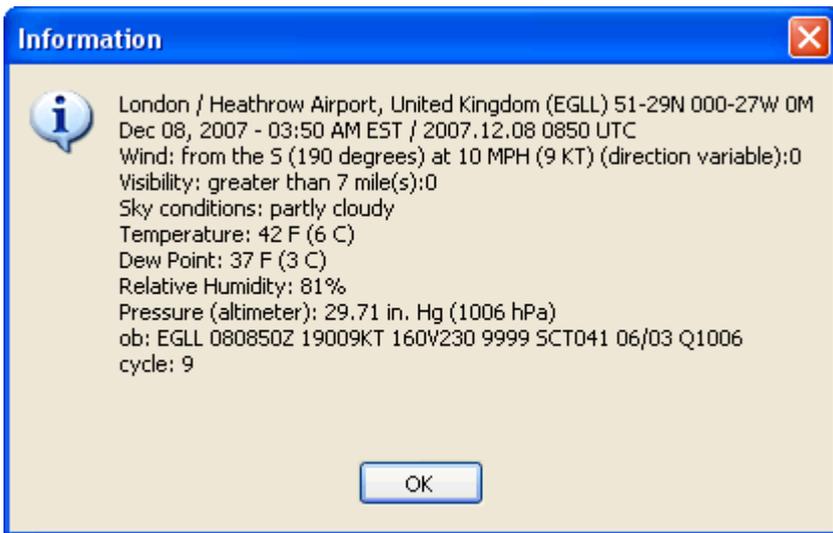
Information will be given in the following three formats:

- METAR
- TAF
- Decoded METAR

Type the airport ICAO code (4 letter) in the white box and select the type of report you want from the drop down "Get Weather" tool button.

If you do not know the airport code click the '.' button and type the airport/city name.





## 4.1.5. Filters Toolbar

### Filters Toolbar



The filters toolbar allow you to select what flights are shown on the map.  
By default all the flights will be shown.

For more information on how to use filters please go to [Using Filters](#) section.

## 4.2. RadarBox Interface

### 4.2.1. MyFlights

#### MyFlights and Network Tabs



MyFlights (38) | Network (354) | SmartView (13) | ACARS | Alerts

Quick Filter [ ] = [ ] [ ] Filter Show All

	Mode S	Flight ID	Registration	Aircraft	Airline	Route	Altitude	Squawk	Company
10111 0100	400F26		G-MAJZ	J541			10000	6025	Eastern A
	40076B	SHT2966	G-OJEG	A321			38000		Monarch
	400941	SHT8L	G-EUOI	A319			36000		British Air
	4CA215	EIN248	EI-DEG	A320			22425		Aer Lingus
	400E38		G-JECN	DH8D			25000	4456	Flybe - Bi
	400834	BMA6EH	G-MIDX	A320			28775		BMI Britis
	4009FB	EZY6723	G-EZJT	B737		EGAA-LFPG	39000	6307	EasyJet /
	400E37		G-JECM	DH8D			24000		Flybe - Bi
	4008E6	BMA7PK	G-MIDS	A320					BMI Britis
	400926	VIR18	G-VFOX	A346		KEWR-EGLL	39000		Virgin Atl.
	4CA24E	RYR9593	EI-DCX	B738		LEPA-EGGP	14975	5351	Ryanair
	AE1234	RCH478	03-3123	C17			34000	6401	USA - Air
10111 0100	400A6A	EZY30LM	G-EZEC	A319			34025	5472	EasyJet /
	4CA0FD	EIN17R	EI-CPF	A321			32000	3246	Aer Lingus
	400934	SHT7X	G-EUPX	A319			39000		British Air
10111 0100	400A12		G-CELY	B733			28000		Jet2 (Ch)
	400A25	BAW81BL	G-EUUP	A320				5525	British Air
	400E5B	EZY7942	G-EZAY	A319			39000	2207	EasyJet /
10111 0100	400F99	BMA1QA	G-DBCJ	A319			12750		BMI Britis
10111 0100	4CA1BA	RYR47Q	EI-DAI	B738			34000	4404	Ryanair
	4CA24C	RYR9076	EI-DCZ	B738			14975		Ryanair
	4CC2AD	ICE454	TF-FIV	B752		BIKF-EGLL	39025		Icelandair
	400983		G-MAJA	J541			19500	7026	Eastern A
	4CA593		EI-REL	...			17000		Aer Aran
	40060A	WOW487	G-WOWC	DH8C		EGNM-EGGD	19000		Air South
10111 0100	4CA281	EIN27V	EI-DEI	A320			18000	7623	Aer Lingus
	400B4D		G-VUEA	C550			14750	2762	Untitled
10111 0100	4006BE		G-CPES	B752			16850	5422	British Air



**Airline:** Monarch Airlines  
**Registration:** G-OJEG  
**Type:** Airbus A321-231  
**C/N:** 1015  
**Flight:** SHT2966

Process Hardware Flights

This is probably the most important areas of the software after the map display. Here you can view detailed information on each flight being received.

- **The MyFlights Tab** shows local flights received by your hardware.



- **The Network Tab** shows flights received worldwide by other users hardware

At the top you have a [Quick Filter](#) function. By default the filter is turned off and all flights are shown.

The following data for each flight appear on each column:

- **Changed:** Last Time (UTC) the flight was changed
- **Tracked:** Last Time (UTC) tracking information was received
- **ACARS Icon:** shown if the aircraft is also being received on ACARS
- **Globe Icon:** shown if the flight is being shown on the map
- **Status:** status of the flight (NA means not available)
- **Mode S:** Aircraft Mode-s HEX Code
- **Flag:** Country flag of the aircraft registration
- **Flight ID:** Flight Callsign
- **Registration:** Registration (tail number) for the aircraft
- **Aircraft:** Aircraft type in four letter format
- **Airline Logo:** Logo of the Airline
- **Altitude:** Altitude in feet
- **GS:** Ground Speed in Knots
- **IAS:** Indicated Airspeed in Knots (rarely available)
- **Hdg:** Heading
- **VRate:** Vertical rate in feet/minute
- **Company:** Airline Name
- **Route:** Origin/Via/Destination in ICAO (4 letter) code
- **Flying Over:** Region the flight is overflying
- **Latitude**
- **Longitude**

You may choose which columns are seen on the grid on the Preferences panel.

You may order data by clicking on the title of each column.

At the bottom of the grid you will see detailed aircraft and flight information including a photo or photos of the selected aircraft. (Your computer must be connected to the internet to download aircraft photos, but once the photo has been downloaded by RadarBox, it will appear even if you do not have an Internet connection - useful for operating RadarBox from a laptop at an airport). Click on the photo to see a larger picture. This feature is a result of a partnership between AirNav Systems and Airliners.net, the world's biggest databank of Airline photos. As the picture search is done by registration, the picture you see is of the aircraft being received.

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**Show MyLog Entries**





- **Aircraft:** Aircraft Type
- **M:** ACARS Mode
- **Lbl:** Message Label
- **Blc:** Block ID
- **No:** Message Number
- **U/D:** Uplink or Downlink

Note: AirNav ACARS Decoder is available at AirNav Systems homepage and enables you to decode in real-time ACARS messages

### 4.2.3. MyLog

#### MyLog Tab

The screenshot shows the MyLog application window. At the top, there are navigation buttons: 'Grids', 'Reporter', and 'All Photos'. Below these are search and filter controls, including a 'Quick Filter' dropdown, 'Filter', and 'Show All' buttons. There are also date selection buttons: 'From Date', 'To Date', 'Today', 'Yesterday', 'Last Week', and 'All Time'. The main area is divided into two sections:

**Aircraft (6565)**

ModeS	Registration	A/C Type	A/C Name	ModeS/Country	Airline	FirstTime	LastTime	Comment
40057F	G-SJMC	B763	Boeing 767-31K/ER	United Kingdom	MyTravel Airways	20071130071926	20080120084840	
400C09	G-THOG	B733	Boeing 737-315	United Kingdom	Thomsonfly (Britannia Airways)	20071130071926	20080224182353	
401229	G-FBEF	...	Embraer ERJ-190-20...	United Kingdom	Flybe - British European	20071130071927	20080207092723	
4CA2D8	EI-DLL	B738	Boeing 737-8AS	Ireland	Ryanair	20071130071927	20080224145131	
400807	G-CDZL	B738	Boeing 737-804	United Kingdom	Thomsonfly (Britannia Airways)	20071130071927	20080224123721	
40054F	G-BVZI	B735	Boeing 737-5Q8	United Kingdom	Bmibaby	20071130071928	20080225153848	
C01734	C-FIUL	B773	Boeing 777-333/ER	Canada	Air Canada	20071130071928	20080222065213	
A698E0	N524MC	B742	Boeing 747-207B(SF)	United States	Atlas Air	20071130071928	20080222053842	
400C42	G-EJAR	A319	Airbus A319-111	United Kingdom	EasyJet Airline	20071130071929	20080224170145	
40114C	G-CEDK	...	Cessna 750 CitationX	United Kingdom	750-0252	20071130071929	20080217114415	
4008E6	G-MIDS	A320	Airbus A320-232	United Kingdom	BMI British Midland	20071130071929	20080225160929	
400419	G-BUSJ	A320	Airbus A320-211	United Kingdom	British Airways (GB Airways)	20071130071929	20080217091324	
4CA125	EI-CNB	B462	British Aerospace BA...	Ireland	Air France (CityJet)	20071130071930	20080225154259	

**Flights for Selected Aircraft (7)**

CallSign	Route	MsgCount	StartTime	EndTime
MYT064		356	20080120084840	20080120084840
MYT064		356	20080120084840	20080120084840
MYT064		356	20080120084840	20080120084840
MYT064		356	20080120084840	20080120084840
MYT064		356	20080120084840	20080120084840
MYT064		356	20080120084840	20080120084840
MYT064		356	20080120084840	20080120084840

At the bottom of the window, it says '6565 Aircraft shown' and '7 Flight(s) shown'. On the right side, there are two photo thumbnails, both labeled 'G-SJMC', showing the aircraft on the tarmac.

[MyLog](#) is a unique feature where you can maintain a list of all received aircraft. In other words it's your received aircraft collection.

At the top you can use any of the quick filters available to easily look at data. The Explore Photo Folder button opens the folder where aircraft photos are stored in Windows Explorer.

The Aircraft Grid columns show:

- **Mode S:** Aircraft Type



- **Registration:** ACARS Mode
- **Aircraft Type:** ICAO Code
- **Aircraft Name:** Long format
- **Mode S Country:** Registered country for that code
- **Airline:** Airline Name
- **First Time Received:** Date and Time the aircraft was received for the first time
- **Last Time Received:** Date and Time
- **Comment:** User comment

The Flights Grid Columns shows details for the selected aircraft in the Aircraft Grid:

- **Callsign:** Callsign recorded for that aircraft
- **Route:** Route from RadarBox database if known
- **Message Count:**
- **Start Time:**
- **End Time:**

One or two pictures of the selected are shown on the right (dependant on Preference settings).

## 4.2.4. Alerts

### Alerts Tab

MyFlights (39) | Network (308) | SmartView (19) | ACARS | Alerts

**Condition**

Activate Alerts for Network Flights

**Mode-S**  
e.g. 40040C or AZ2E\*

**Registration**  
e.g. G-BNLU or N92\*

**Range**  
Any flight that is within a 50 Nautical Mile radius of the location below  
Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_  
In case you don't know the Lat/Long of the location type the location name (Airport, VOR, NDB or City) and click the "Find Lat/Long" button below  
ENTER LOCATION NAME...  
Find Lat/Long Home

**Flight ID**  
e.g. BAW202  
BA292  
BAW292

**Aircraft**  
e.g. B744 or A32\*  
A38\*

**Squawk**  
e.g. 7700  
7700  
7600

**Type of Alert**

**Play a Sound** C:\Program Files\AirNav Systems\AirNav RadarBox 2007\data\vd00 Browse...

**Show a Notification Message**

**Send an Email to the following addresses:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Execute a file** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alert Log**

\_\_\_\_\_ Clear

Hardware: Connected | Network: 00:01 to Update | 125 Msgs/Sec (21)



One of the most useful features of AirNav RadarBox is the ability to send an email message, receive a pop-up notification or a sound warning each time a specific aircraft, flight id, airline, etc is received. This is accomplished in the Alerts Tab.

Detailed information on how to setup your custom Alerts can be found at [Creating Alerts](#)

## 4.2.5. Reporter

### Reporter Tab

The screenshot shows the 'Reporter' tab in the AirNav software. It includes sections for 'What to Report' (Today's or Yesterday's entries), 'Send by Email' (Subject, Recipients, Auto Send), and a 'Report Draft' section displaying a sample report. The report lists 231 aircraft with columns for Mode S, Registrations, Aircraft IDs, and Date/Time.

Mode S	Regist	Airc	Date and Time
* 390826	F-GCBG	B742	2007/12/11 17:13:55
4CA0FD	EI-CPF	A321	2007/12/11 17:13:59
A4A4DF	N399GS	GLEX	2007/12/11 17:14:45
AA5914	N770AN	B772	2007/12/11 17:15:22
4006BE	G-CPES	B752	2007/12/11 17:15:32
400F99	G-DBCJ	A319	2007/12/11 17:15:44
400834	G-MIDX	A320	2007/12/11 17:16:04
400791	G-MIDZ	A320	2007/12/11 17:17:06
4008B3	G-EUPS	A319	2007/12/11 17:17:25
400A82	G-ZAFR	B462	2007/12/11 17:17:35
400806	G-CDZM	B738	2007/12/11 17:17:55
4007B9	G-JEAM	B463	2007/12/11 17:18:05
400E24	G-FBEA	E190	2007/12/11 17:18:05
4007BB	G-TBAE	B462	2007/12/11 17:18:15
AA4195	N760AN	B772	2007/12/11 17:18:26
400DE0	G-RJXM	E145	2007/12/11 17:18:51
3C4AA9	D-ABUI	B763	2007/12/11 17:19:05
4006D6	G-OGBD	B733	2007/12/11 17:19:08

Using the Reporter feature you can share with your friends details on which aircraft you are receiving with AirNav RadarBox.

To properly use this feature you have to generate a report. Do this by selecting which date range you want (Today's entries or Yesterday's entries) and then click the Generate button. Then you can opt to save your report (by copying it to the Windows clipboard or by saving it to a file).

A Draft of the generated report is shown on the "Report Draft" tab. You can change this tab by editing directly inside the software. After entering the subject and recipient email for the report, click the Send Now button to send it to your friends. There is also the option to automatically send the report at midnight daily.

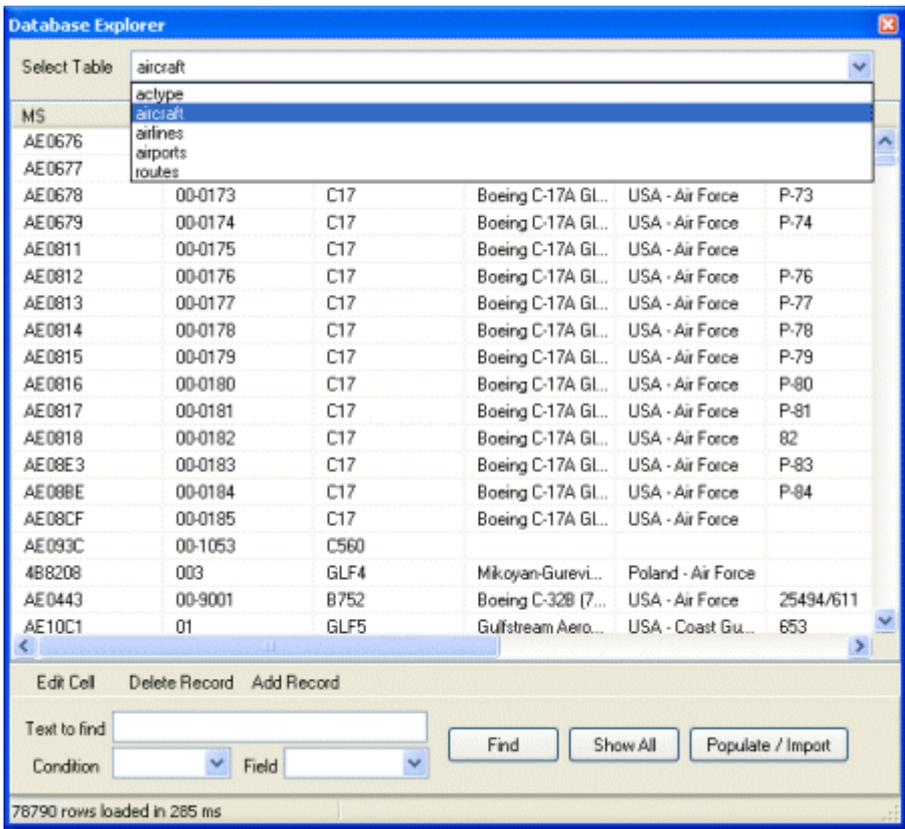


You can check which reports have been automatically sent in the "Automatic Report Log" tab.

See [Creating Reports](#) for further details.

## 4.2.6. Database Explorer

### Database Explorer



AirNav RadarBox comes with 4 accurate aviation tables.

- **Aircraft Type**
- **Aircraft**
- **Airlines**
- **Airports**
- **Routes**

You can browse, search and edit database settings using this Window.

At the bottom left of the Database Explorer Window the total number of records on the current active table is shown.

The aircraft section of the database is automatically populated when new aircraft are detected (Internet connection required)



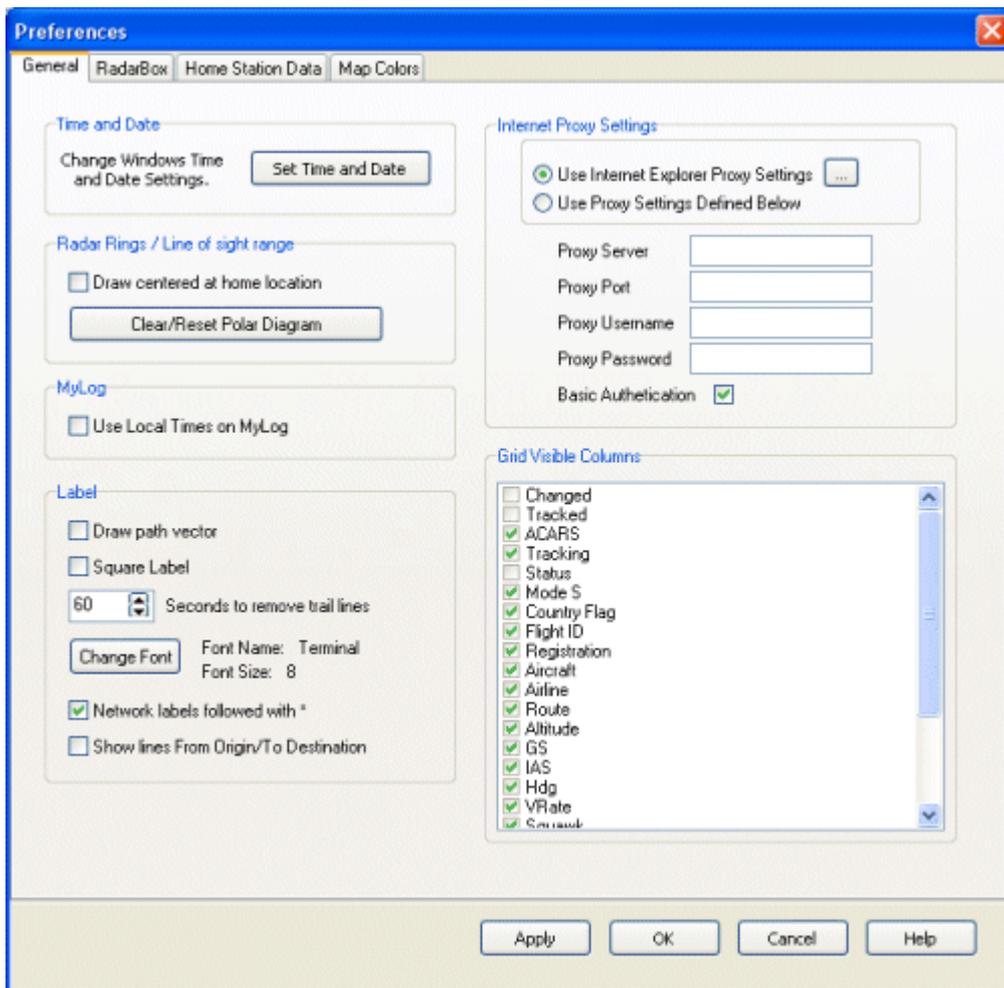
## 4.2.7. Preferences

### Preferences

You can customize the way you want the application to work. This is done in the Preferences Windows accessible through the File menu.

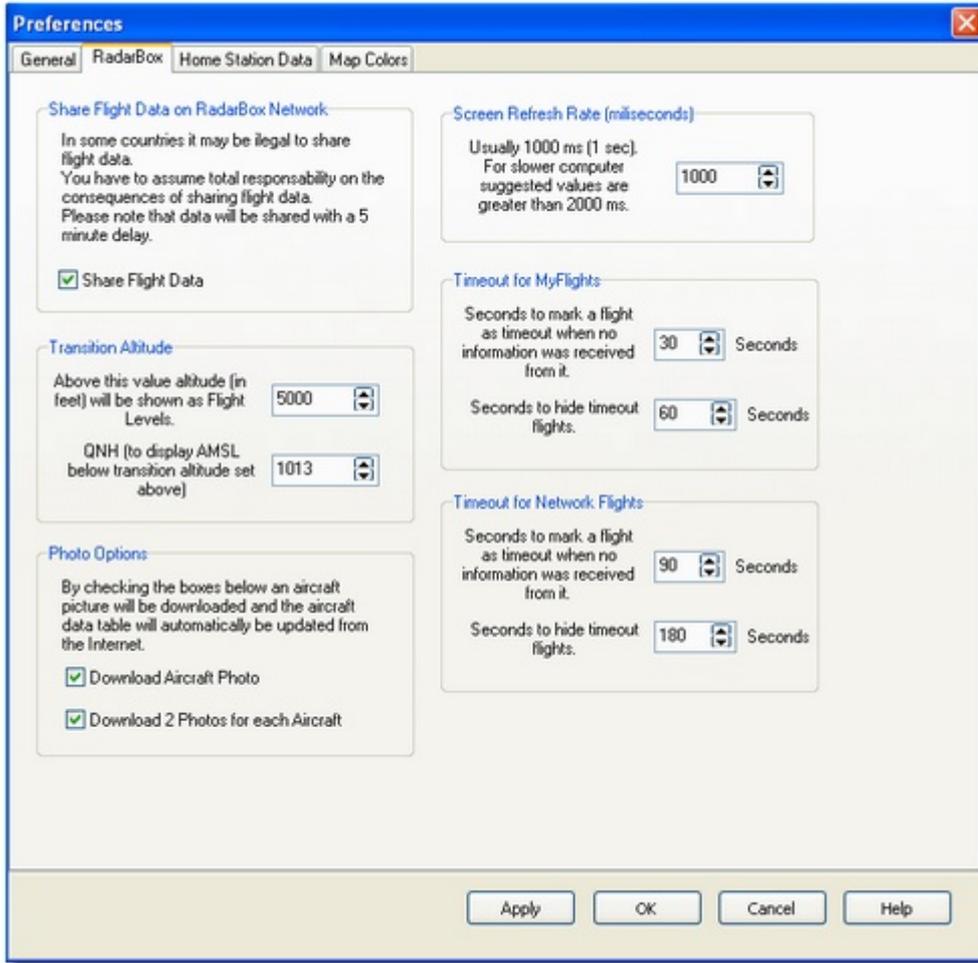
This window is organized into 4 tabs:

- **General**



- **Set Time and Date:** opens Windows Time/Date properties box
- **Radar Range Rings:** draw centered at Home location
- **Clear Reset Polar Diagram:** Reset the diagram before testing a new [antenna location](#)
- **Use Local Times on MyLog**
- **Aircraft Label Settings:** type, size, prediction vectors and trail line and other settings for the map display
- **Internet Proxy Settings**
- **Grid Visible Columns:** choose which columns are visible in the MyFlights and Network grids

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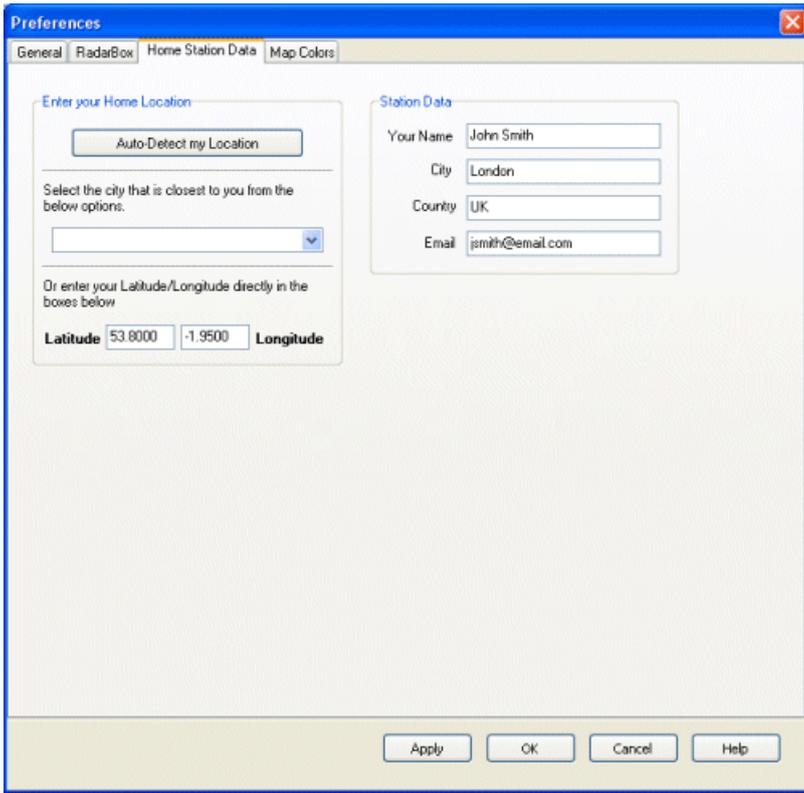
- **Share Flight data on RadarBox Network:** check if you want other users to see flights you are receiving
- **Transition Altitude and QNH:** Set this so above this altitude Flight Levels are shown (instead of 9000ft FL90 is shown)
- **Photo Options:** several options so you customize the way photos are downloaded from the internet
- **Screen Refresh Rate:** Map screen update rate, increase time to decrease loading on the PC
- **Timeout for MyFlight:** timeout flights will be shown in a different color
- **Timeout for Network Flights:** timeout flights will be shown in a different color

**Note:** See [Timeout Settings](#) in the Advanced Users section for further details on settings.

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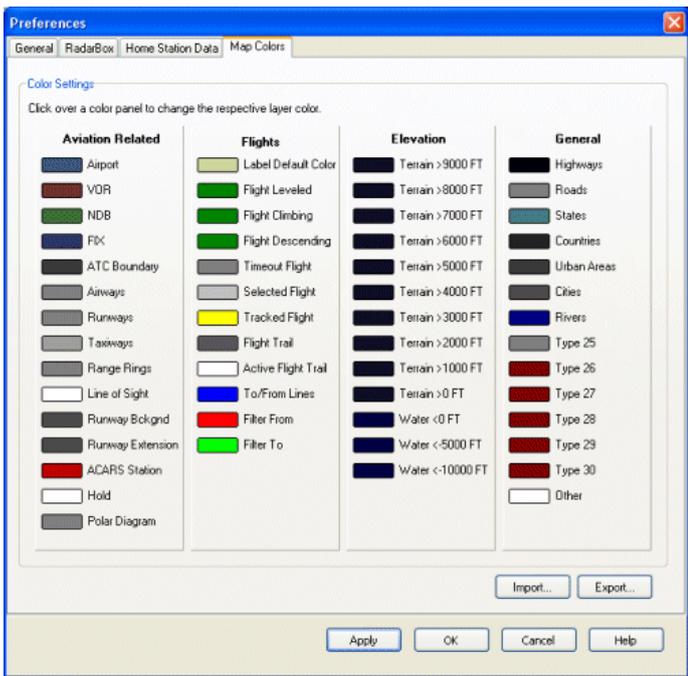
- **Home Station Data**





- **Home Location:** so when you click the Go to Home button on the main window this is properly centered
- **Station Data:** details of your station which will be included on the Report/Exported Log features.

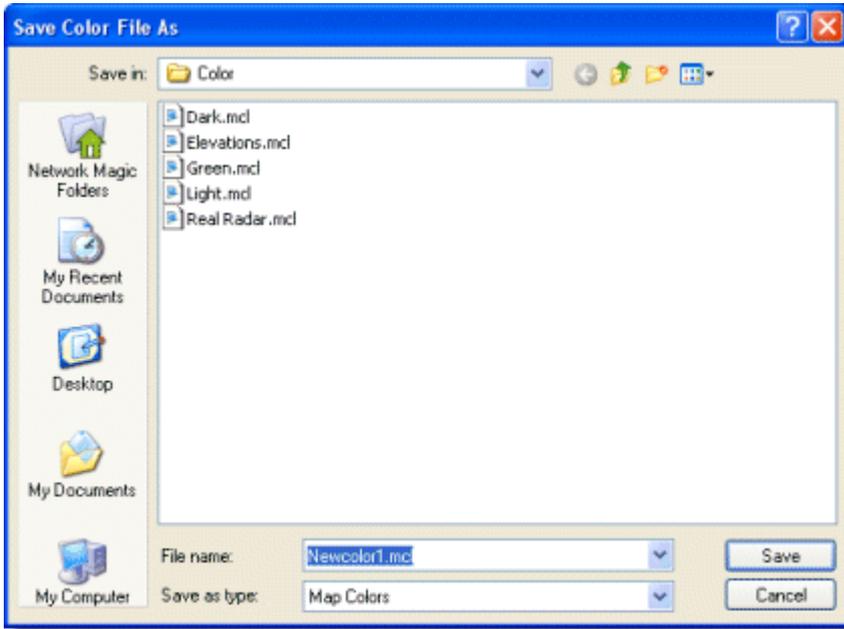
• **Map Colors**



- Customize the way maps are drawn. Left click on the color panel to change a map color.



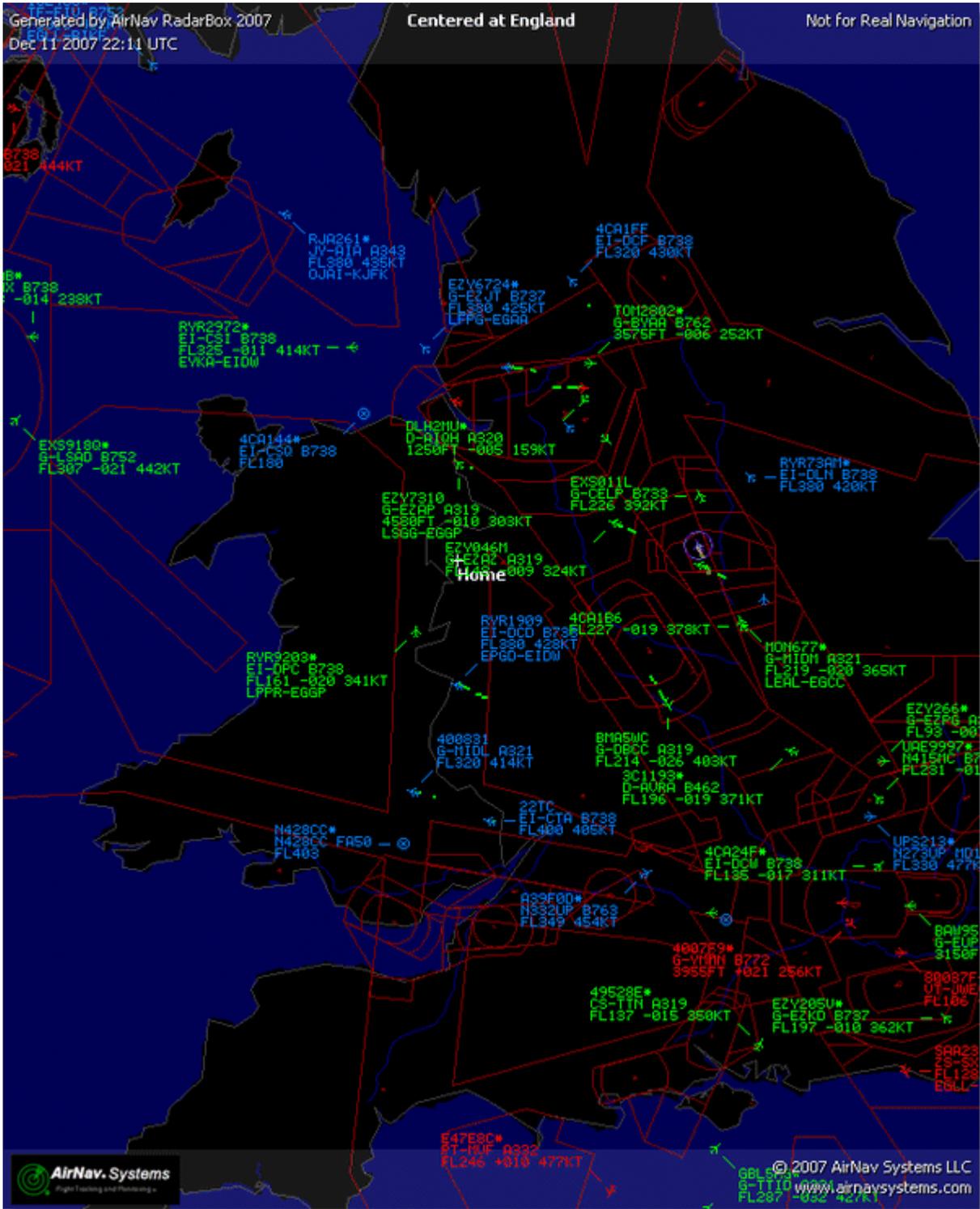
- If you wish to save your color settings for later use, use **Export** to save the settings file in the AirNav RadarBox 2008/Color directory.



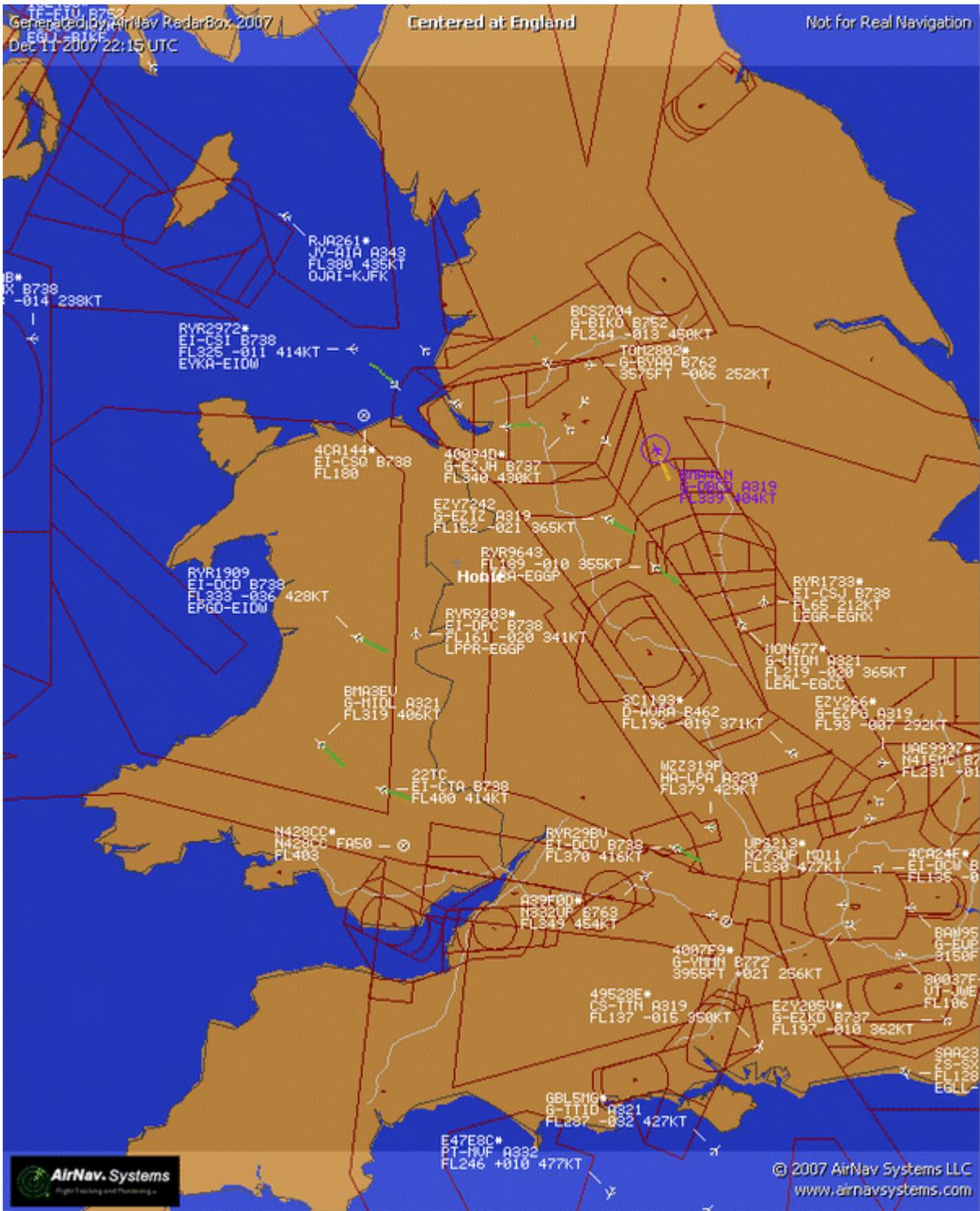
- Your custom color settings will then appear in the Map Toolbar drop-down list.



Note that you can share your settings with a friend by sending them the .mcl file





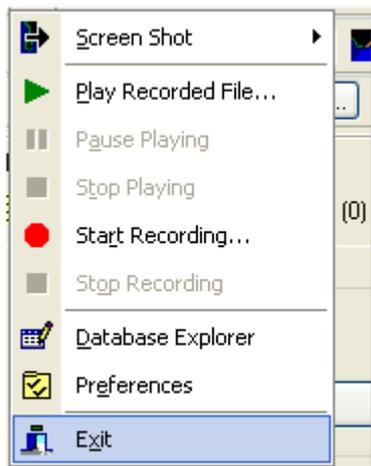


## 4.3. Menus

### 4.3.1. File

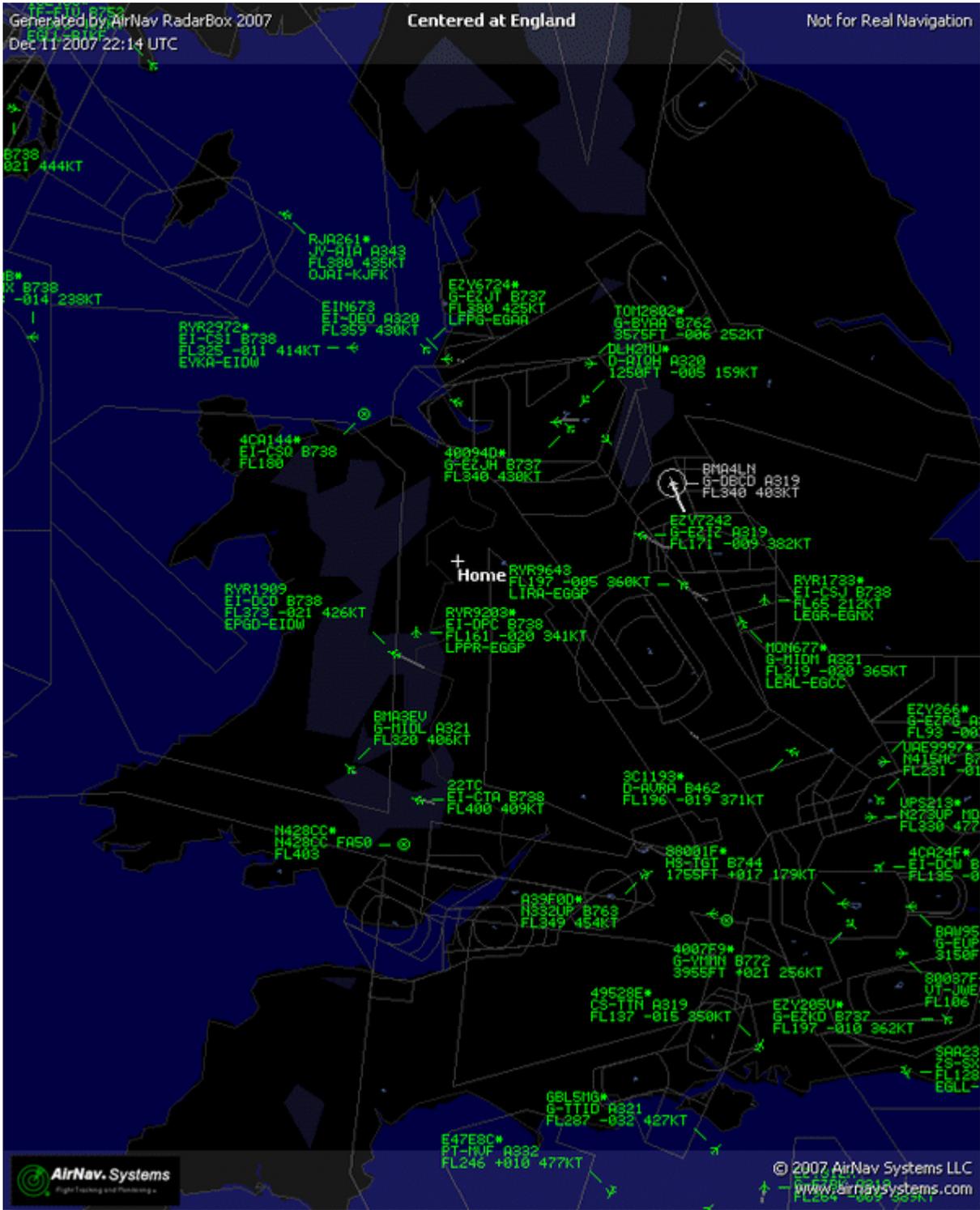
#### File Menu





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**Screen Shot:** Create, Save, Share and Explore Screen Shots.



**Play Recorded File:** See the [Recorder/Replay](#) section

**Database Explorer:** See the [Database Explorer](#) section

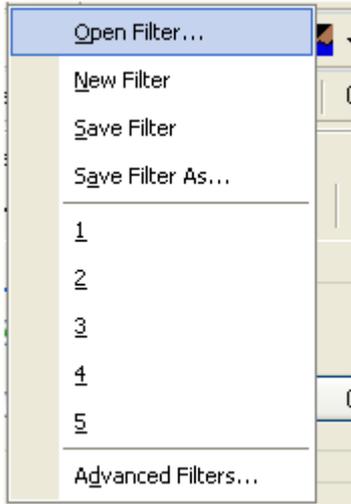
**Preferences:** Opens the preferences window. [Click here to learn more](#)

**Exit:** Closes AirNav RadarBox 2008



## 4.3.2. Filters

### File Menu



You can select which data you want to be seen on the map.  
For more information on filters, please read the [Using Filters](#) section.

**New Filter:** Clears the filter being used and creates a new one.

**Open Filter:** Reads a Filter file saved in a file and loads it into the active view.

**Save Filter:** Saves the current Filter file to disk using the current Filter name.

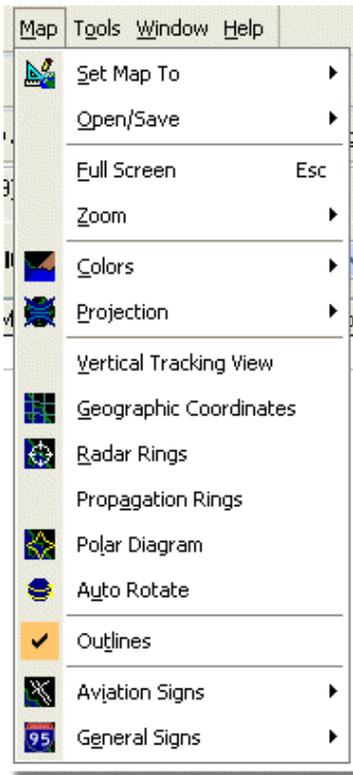
**Save Filter As:** Saves a filter in a specified file.

**Advanced Filters:** Opens the Advanced Filters Window

## 4.3.3. Map

### Maps Menu





**Set Map To:**

Quickly pans and zooms the active map to a desired location.

**Open/Save:**

New, Open and Saving map functions.

All other map functions are self explanatory.

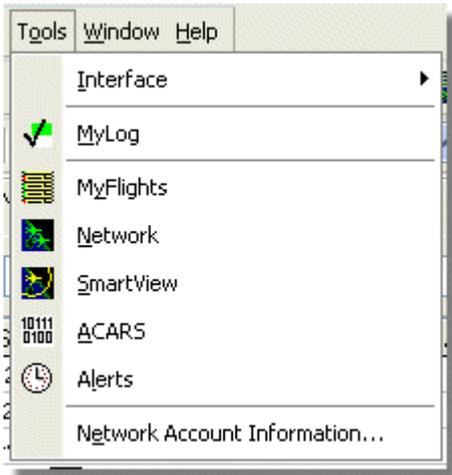
More than 500 thousand map features are available, aviation and non-aviation related.

For more information on **AirNav RadarBox 2008** maps please go to the [Maps Toolbar](#) section.

### 4.3.4. Tools Menu

#### Tools Menu





In this menu you can access the most important **AirNav RadarBox 2008** features.

**Interface:** Choose to whether the RadarBox Interface should be visible and where on the screen it you want it to be placed.

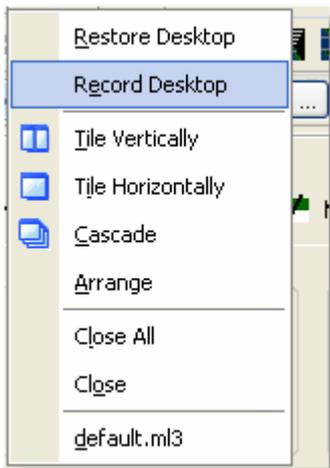
**MyLog:** View Mylog

**Visible:** Quick access to RadarBox Interface tabs

**Network Account Information:** Information on your account usage. An Internet connection is required.

## 4.3.5. Window

### Window Menu



**Tile Horizontally/Vertically:** Puts all the open windows tiled horizontally/vertically (map or vertical tracking windows).

**Cascade:** Rearranges all opened windows (map and vertical tracking) in AirNav RadarBox 2008 so they overlap.



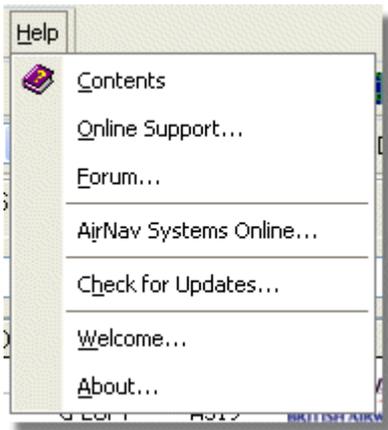
**Arrange Icons:** Arranges the icons of minimized forms so that they are evenly spaced and don't overlap.

**Close All:** Closes all map and Vertical Tracking opened windows.

**Opened Windows:** A list of all currently opened maps.

## 4.3.6. Help

### Help Menu



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#### **Contents:**

Opens Help File Contents.

#### **Online Support:**

Get support in less than 24 hours using our online support ticketing system.

#### **AirNav Forum**

Join the online AirNav community to discuss RadarBox and learn from other users.

[AirNav Forum](#)

Show unread posts since last visit.  
 Show new replies to your posts.  
 Total time logged in: 6 days, 10 hours and 10 minutes.

Search

AirNav Systems Forum / AirNav RadarBox / AirNav RadarBox Discussion

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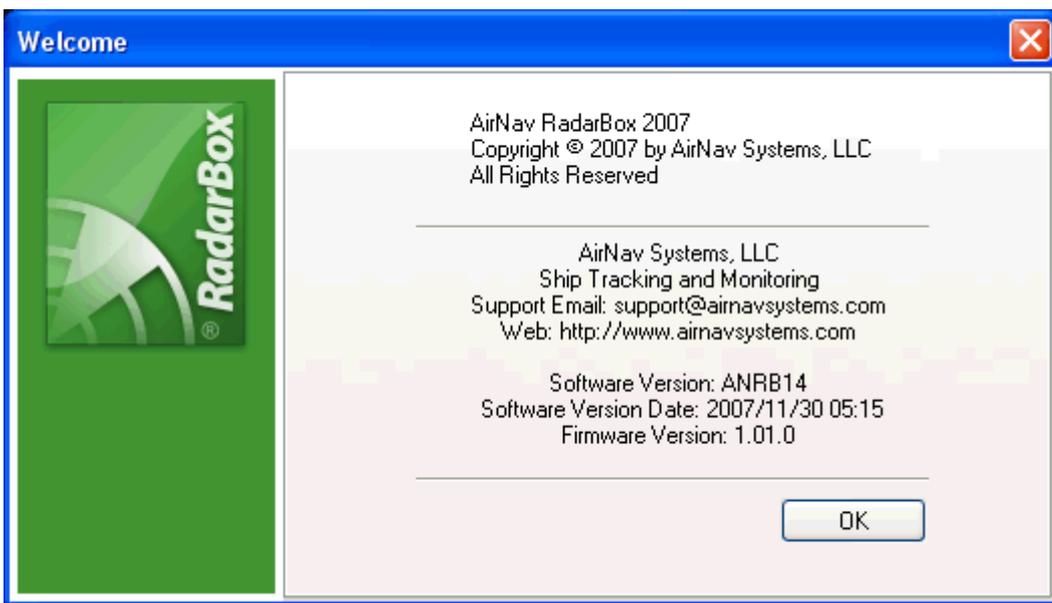
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3 Members and 2 Guests are viewing this board.				
<b>Support Queries</b>	AirNav Support	8	1236	November 15, 2007, 07:21:26 pm by jmhayes
<b>New Real-Time Network Location Map</b>	AirNav Development	1	703	October 23, 2007, 07:52:44 pm by doro
<b>AirNav RadarBox in the Press!</b>	AirNav Support	0	571	August 16, 2007, 11:31:04 pm by AirNav Support
<b>Addons</b>	AirNav Support	0	802	August 01, 2007, 12:09:46 am by AirNav Support
<b>Screenshot Forum</b>	AirNav Support	0	576	July 31, 2007, 12:04:01 am by AirNav Support
<b>Purchase/Billing Enquiries</b>	AirNav Support	0	805	June 14, 2007, 08:23:18 pm by AirNav Support
<b>Sandbox Test Topic</b>	AirNav Support	0	591	June 14, 2007, 08:04:14 pm by AirNav Support
<b>Rules</b>	AirNav Support	0	719	June 14, 2007, 05:10:09 pm by AirNav Support
Version 1.4 to start Beta Testing today	AirNav Development	8	175	Today at 05:08:33 pm by mardeklark
Routes	FFM	3	150	Today at 02:38:10 pm by AirNav Support
setup help needed	defoon333	4	68	November 30, 2007, 10:09:32 pm by fgqg
AirNav ShipTrax - Something Totally New	AirNav Development	4	157	November 30, 2007, 10:00:16 am by DaveG
South Africa	mardeklark	6	164	November 29, 2007, 05:22:00 pm by Allocator
Basic question...sorry « 1 2 »	b744	23	588	November 27, 2007, 10:26:05 pm by fgqg

**AirNav Systems Online:** Check for program updates and news.

**Check for Updates:** If you are connected to the Internet, click here to download program patches/updates.

**Welcome:** Opens the AirNav RadarBox 2008 Welcome Window.

**About:** Opens the program about box with author information. Displays the current software and firmware version information.

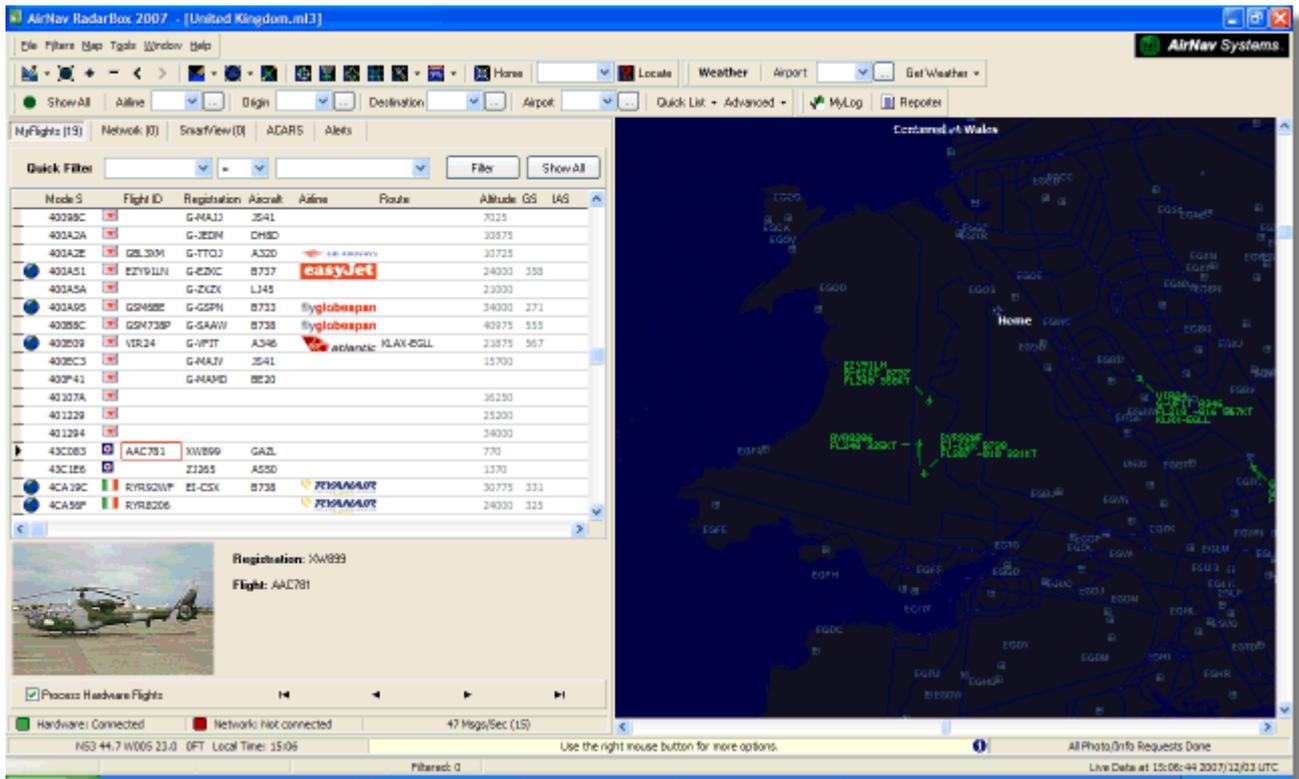


## 5. Advanced Users

### 5.1. Tracking Military Aircraft

#### Tracking Military Aircraft

Military aircraft do not normally transmit position information, however, they do sometimes show up in the MyFlights aircraft list.



In this example, two military aircraft are being picked up, but are not shown on the map as no position information is being broadcast. However, it is possible to see the registrations of the aircraft and their height. In this example, the RadarBox Mode S data file has been modified to allow a military bitmap to be shown in place of the country flag. See [Displaying Special Country Flags](#) for more details.

401229						25200
401294						34000
▶ 43C083		AAC781	XW899	GAZL		770
43C1E6			ZJ265	AS50		1370
4CA19C		RYR92WF	EI-CSX	B738		30775 331
4CA56F		RYR8206				24000 325



**Registration:** XW899

**Flight:** AAC781

Process Hardware Flights

## 5.2. Displaying Special Country Flags

### Displaying Special Country Flags

**WARNING** - This section covers alterations to the RadarBox systems files. Changes you make might prevent RadarBox from functioning correctly, or might stop it from working altogether. In the worst case, be prepared to uninstall and reinstall RadarBox to recover your original settings.

However, having said that, this is reasonably simple to get working. Please note that this will only work with the LATEST version of RadarBox software. These instructions assume that you are running Windows XP. These modifications have not been tested with Windows Vista.

Quick Filter  =

Status	Mode S	Flight ID	Registration	Aircraft	Airline	Altitude	Hdg	Route
<b>Climb</b>	400F01	EZY7115	G-EZBG	A319		26825	152	EGGP-LEAL
NA	400FEA		G-RJXO	E145				
<b>Climb</b>	401078	EXS258	G-LSAH	B752		27325	170	LEPA-EGNM
<b>Cruise</b>	40109D	GSM42				38000	010	LPPR-EGPD
NA	43C07D		XW847	XW847	GAZL			
NA	43C0D7		AAC 600	XZ304	GAZL			
NA	43C1E6		ZJ265	AS50				
Timeout	47801D		LN-RMS	MD81				
<b>Descend</b>	4CA0BC		EIN16A	EI-CPC	A321		31000	138
NA	4CA17C		RYR216A	EI-CSV	B738			141
NA	4CA226		EI-DCJ	B738				
<b>Cruise</b>	4CA300		RYR1987	EI-DLT	B738		38000	317 LFRS-EIDW
<b>Timeout</b>	4CA4ED		RYR9693				20250	006
NA	4CA563							
▶ NA	AE059C		60-0350	K35R				

How does this work?

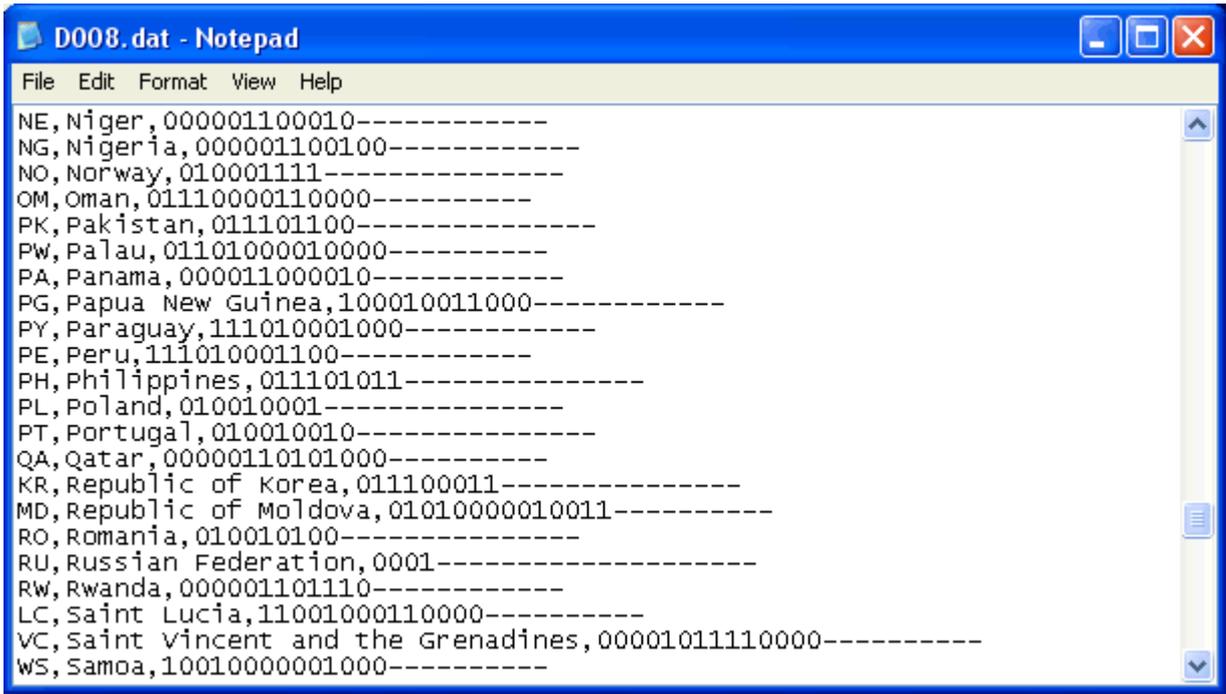


The RadarBox D008.dat (AirNav RadarBox 2008/Data directory) file contains the aircraft Mode S allocations plus wild cards in the form:

UK,United Kingdom,010000-----

where UK represents a UK.BMP flag in the Data/Flags directory

**Below:** A section of the D008.dat file opened with Windows Notepad



United Kingdom is the description

and 010000----- is the 24 character Mode S Binary version of the 6 character Hex code (with wildcards for the) UK.

All UK Mode S codes start with Bin 010000 (a sweeping generalization, but you get the idea!)

When RadarBox detects a Mode S Binary 010000 then it shows the UK.BMP in the aircraft list.

However, British Military aircraft codes are a block within UK allocation, starting with 0100001111, so a line in the D008.dat as follows, will "trap" these:

RA,RAF,0100001111-----

and now codes starting with this will show the RA.BMP flag - . Putting the 2 lines together you can see how it works.

```

RA,RAF,0100001111-----
UK,United Kingdom,010000-----

```

The same principle applies to the US military codes, but as there are more allocations, it's a bit more complicated:

```

UF,US Mil 5,101011011111011111001---
UF,US Mil 4,10101101111101111101----

```



```
UF,US Mil 3,10101101111101111111-----  
UF,US Mil 2,1010110111111-----  
UF,US Mil 1,1010111-----  
US,United States,1010-----
```

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### **Instructions on how to modify the D008.dat File**

**1.** Shut down RadarBox

**2.** Use MS Explorer to navigate to the RadarBox Data directory, the default should be:

C:/Program Files/AirNav Systems/AirNav RadarBox 2008/Data

**3.** Make a copy of the D008.dat file and rename it (for example D008.dat.org) so you can revert to the default settings if you need to. If you can't see the file extension (.dat), you will need to go to Tools/Folder options/View and untick "Hide extensions for known file types".

**4.** Using Windows Notepad, open the original D008.dat file (not the one you have just saved as a copy) and you will see that the file is in this format but has many more lines:

```
AF,Afghanistan,011100000000-----  
AL,Albania,01010000000100-----  
DZ,Algeria,000010100-----  
AO,Angola,000010010000-----  
AG,Antigua and Barbuda,00001100101000-----  
AR,Argentina,111000-----  
AM,Armenia,01100000000000-----  
AU,Australia,011111-----  
AT,Austria,010001000-----  
AZ,Azerbaijan,01100000000010-----  
BS,Bahamas,000010101000-----
```

**5.** Copy the following line and insert it in the D008.dat file above the UK line:

```
RA,RAF,0100001111-----
```

So that the appropriate bit of the .dat file looks like this:

```
TM,Turkmenistan,01100000000110-----  
UG,Uganda,000001101000-----  
UA,Ukraine,010100001-----  
AE,United Arab Emirates,100010010110-----  
RAF,RAF,0100001111-----  
UK,United Kingdom,010000-----  
TZ,United Republic of Tanzania,000010000000-----
```

**6.** Copy the following lines and insert them above the US line in the .dat file:

```
UF,US Mil 5,101011011111011111001---  
UF,US Mil 4,10101101111101111101---  
UF,US Mil 3,10101101111101111111-----  
UF,US Mil 2,1010110111111-----  
UF,US Mil 1,1010111-----
```



So the appropriate section of the .dat file now looks like looks like this:

```
TM,Turkmenistan,01100000000110-----  
UG,Uganda,000001101000-----  
UA,Ukraine,010100001-----  
AE,United Arab Emirates,100010010110-----  
RAF,RAF,0100001111-----  
UK,United Kingdom,010000-----  
TZ,United Republic of Tanzania,000010000000-----  
UF,US Mil 5,101011011111011111001---  
UF,US Mil 4,10101101111101111101----  
UF,US Mil 3,1010110111110111111-----  
UF,US Mil 2,1010110111111-----  
UF,US Mil 1,1010111-----  
US,United States,1010-----  
UY,Uruguay,111010010000-----  
UZ,Uzbekistan,01010000011111-----  
VU,Vanuatu,11001001000000-----
```

**7.** Click "Save" in notepad to save the modified D008.dat file. Points to note here:

- the number of "-" characters is vital. Every Mode S Hex code (111010010000-----) MUST be 24 characters in length.

- make sure that you don't insert any blank lines or spaces when you are inserting the new lines.

- the D008.dat file MUST be saved as a txt file (so don't use Word or Wordpad any other program) and it must be named D008.dat and NOT D008.dat.txt which might happen if you use "Save as". Look at the file in Explorer to make sure the name is correct.

**8.** Right click on this image and choose "Copy" and paste it into your favorite graphics editor.



The picture must be saved as a bmp to the c:/Program Files/AirNav Systems/AirNav RadarBox 2008/Data/Flags directory and must be named RA.BMP

Same again for this one, but this time it must be saved as UF.BMP



**9.** Close Notepad and run RadarBox. Wait for a Brit Mil or US Mil aircraft to be picked up either as live or network traffic and you should see the Mil flag in the aircraft list if you have the Flags set to show in Preferences.

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## Displaying Other Flags

Although this has only covered 2 new flags, the principle can be applied to display flags for any group of aircraft, or for individual registrations. All you need is the Mode S Hex code, Windows Calculator to convert the Hex code to a Binary code and a bmp saved in the /Flags directory.

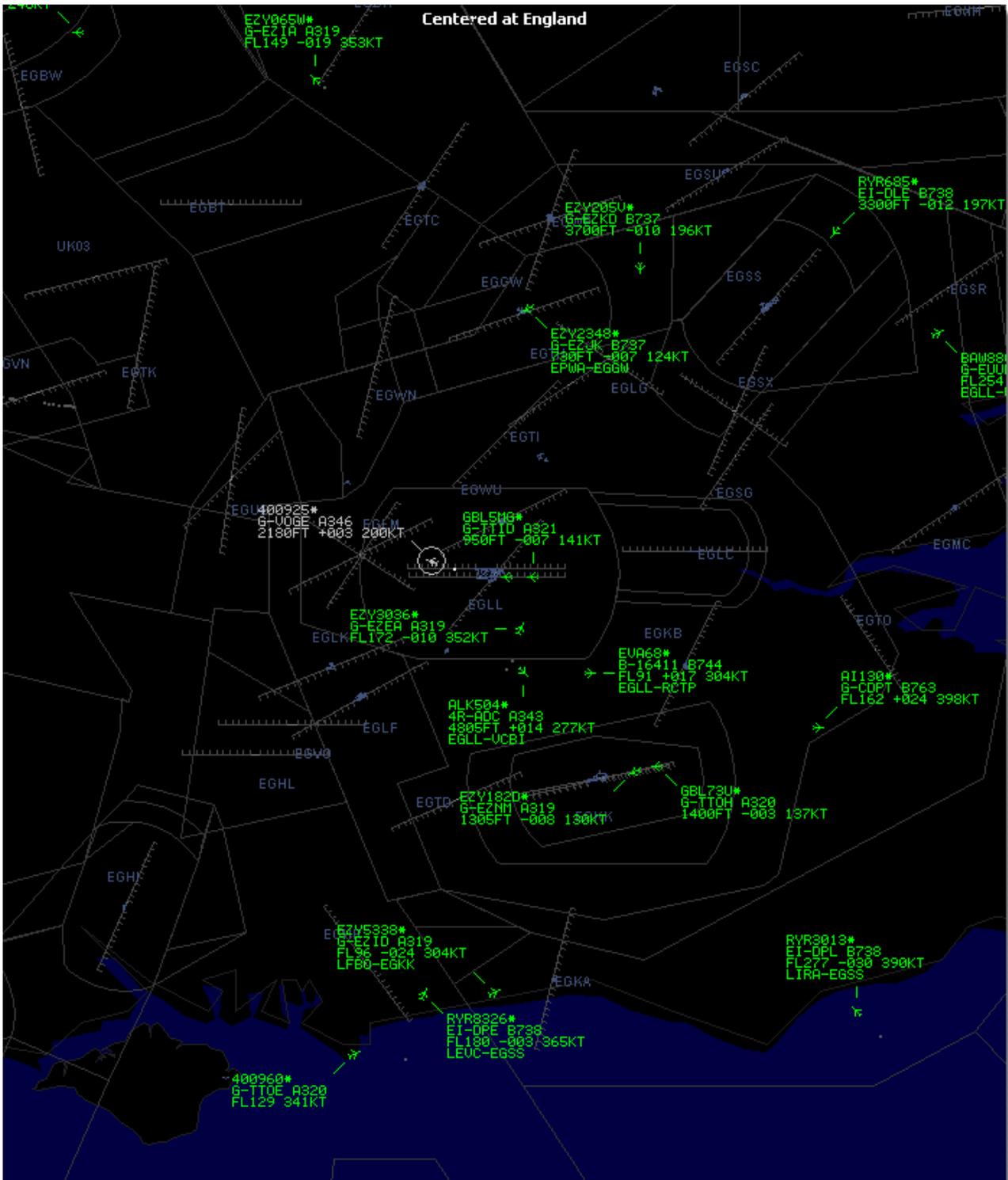
Military and Civilian Fags are available on [Bones Aviation Page \(SBS-1 Utilities\)](#)



## 5.3. Custom Outline Maps

### Custom Outline Maps

Outline files are used to draw maps on the RadarBox map screen. Maps can consist of airways, airspace or airfields.

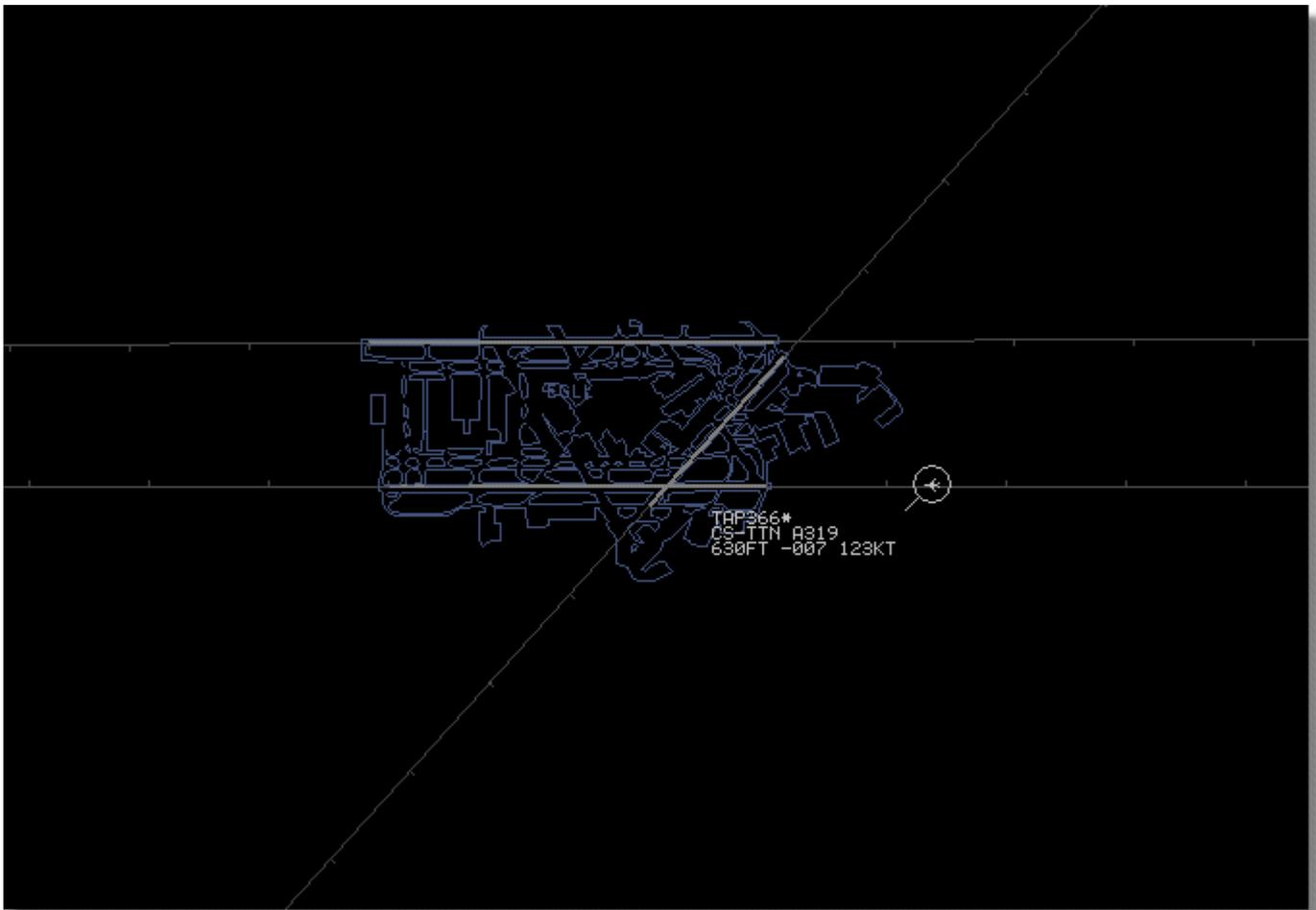


Once you have downloaded or created outline files:

- 1.) Go to your RadarBox 2008 folder (Usually however dependant on your drive name C:\Program Files\AirNav Systems\AirNav RadarBox 2008)
- 2.) **Create a new folder called "Outlines"**
- 3.) Open that folder and place your outlines files in there
- 4.) Close RadarBox if it is open and start RadarBox again

The outlines should now be displayed on your map. If they do not appear go to the Menu Map and click Outlines. If you cannot see the outlines, make sure you have not changed the color to that of the background in Preferences | Colors.

To hide Outlines, go the RadarBox Map Menu and untick Outlines or delete the specific outline file from the Outlines folder.



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Airspace and airfield outline files are available at [Bones Aviation Page \(RadarBox Utilities\)](#).

## 5.4. Data Output on Port 7879 and 40004

### Data Output on Port 7879 and 40004



The data received by RadarBox is available over port 7879 to use for external applications however the data is delayed by 5 minutes for security reasons (Note: the data you view on the software is not delayed).

The feed works the following way:

1- Flight messages are received in real-time from the decoder.

2- Selected/relevant messages are added to a queue with a an attached time stamp. Not all messages are added because many of them are irrelevant (imagine you have a flight being tracked with all the information available: aircraft type, lat/long, altitude - if a message containing only the Mode-s hex code of the aircraft is received it is not added to the queue as it adds no info to what the software already has all the information regarding that flight). If for example a change in altitude or V/S is received the message will, of course, be added to the queue.

3- There is a timer permanently checking the queue for messages older than 4 minutes 59 seconds. If there are messages in this condition, they are deleted from the queue and added to the output port.

XML is used for easy compatibility with all possible programs (XML is the world reference in data exchange).

The message output Format is as below:

```
<MODESMESSAGE>
  <DATETIME>20070622141943</DATETIME>
  <MODES>400F2B</MODES>
  <CALLSIGN>BAW134</CALLSIGN>
  <ALTITUDE>120300</ALTITUDE>
  <GROUNDSPEED>451</GROUNDSPEED>
  <TRACK>234</TRACK>
  <VRATE>0</VRATE>
  <AIRSPEED></AIRSPEED>
  <LATITUDE>-14.1102</LATITUDE>
  <LONGITUDE>-31.5789</LONGITUDE>
</MODESMESSAGE>
```

To see the raw data output, Run Telnet, then type "open localhost 7879". Data sharing output in add-on compatible format is available on Port 40004



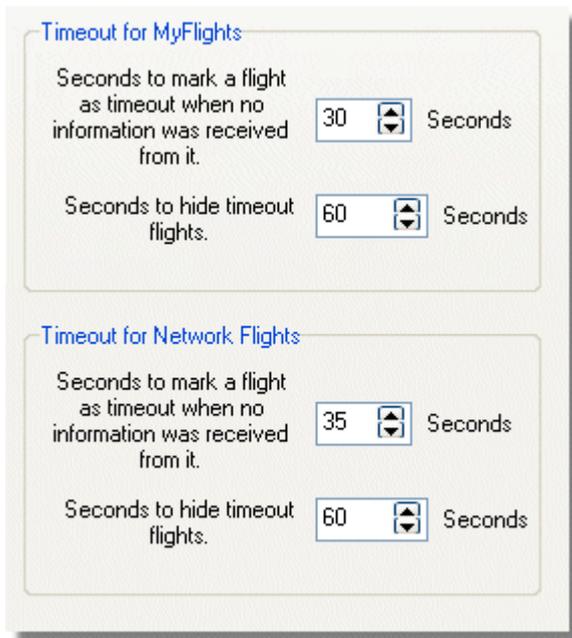
```
Telnet localhost
<MODESMESSAGE><DATETIME>20071208143425</DATETIME><MODES>400791</MODES><CALLSIGN>
BMA7EU</CALLSIGN><ALTITUDE>26225</ALTITUDE><GROUNDSPEED>376</GROUNDSPEED><TRACK>
299</TRACK><VRATE>1536</VRATE><LATITUDE>51.7786</LATITUDE><LONGITUDE>-2.1290</LO
NGITUDE></MODESMESSAGE><MODESMESSAGE><DATETIME>20071208143427</DATETIME><MODES>4
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<LONGITUDE>-1.4558</LONGITUDE></MODESMESSAGE><MODESMESSAGE><DATETIME>20071208143
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ALTITUDE><GROUNDSPEED>462</GROUNDSPEED><TRACK>156</TRACK><VRATE>0</VRATE><LATITU
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## 5.5. Timeout Settings

### Timeout Settings

The RadarBox Timeout settings are accessible from the Preferences | RadarBox menu.



The Timeout settings are arranged in 2 groups, MyFlight settings and Network Flight settings. The Timeout settings can significantly affect the way that RadarBox performs and can improve or confuse what is displayed.

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### Timeout for MyFlights

MyFlight aircraft are live tracks detected by the RadarBox hardware in real time. The aircraft are displayed on the map in their actual positions. When aircraft are in areas of good reception, their position will be updated regularly, dependant on what you have set as the Screen Refresh Rate. Users normally set a refresh rate of between 1 and 4 seconds.

When an aircraft is at the edge of reception cover, sometimes it will not be detected when the screen refresh is due. If the aircraft is not detected, then it will be marked for timeout after the set time expires. The aircraft will still be visible in the aircraft list and on the map until the end of the setting in the 'Seconds to hide timeout flights'. If you set the timeout to 30 seconds and the hide after timeout to 60 seconds, then the aircraft will be removed from the list and the map after 90 seconds. If the aircraft is detected during this time, then the timeout is canceled until the aircraft fails to be detected and then the process starts again.

It can be seen from this, that the MyFlights timeout settings can be adjusted to produce the best 'picture' for the live traffic you are detecting. If the settings are too long, then aircraft will be "frozen in space" long after they have flown out of cover. Too short, and aircraft will disappear and reappear producing a confusing display.



### **Timeout for Network Flights**

Network flights have their own timeout settings and these are more critical than those for MyFlights. Network data is only downloaded every 30 seconds and is also updated on the map every 30 seconds. Because the network data has to be processed from a number of different providers (other RadarBox users sharing data), it can result in some plots being missed. If the timeout setting is set to less than 30 seconds, then every network flight will timeout before the next data refresh. If the setting is too long, then flights which are no longer providing information will be frozen for an extended period before they are finally hidden after the 'seconds to hide' time. If aircraft that have flown out of cover (either landing or flying to an area where there is no RadarBox network coverage) are not being hidden, then reduce the hide timeout setting.

Both the MyFlight and Network Flight timeout settings need careful thought to produce the best 'picture'. Experiment with these settings to see what is best for you.

Testing has shown that the figures in the diagram above work well - 30 seconds and 60 seconds for MyFlights and 35 seconds and 60 seconds for Network Flights.



## 6. Troubleshooting

### 6.1. Hardware Connection

#### Hardware Connection Problems

Please refer to the [Hardware Guide](#) for the function of the LED lights on your RadarBox receiver.

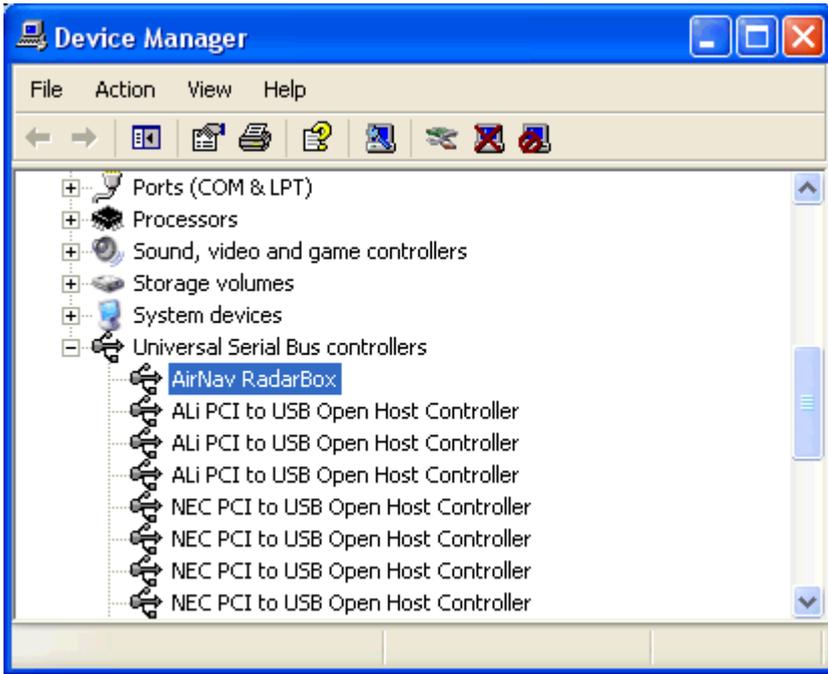
When RadarBox is run, the program will attempt to connect to the hardware receiver. Look at the hardware connecting light at the bottom of the RadarBox screen. If the light is green then the hardware is connected and you will see aircraft on the map and in the MyFlights aircraft list.



If the light is red, then the hardware receiver is not connected correctly. Note: You will not be able to receive Network data if the hardware receiver is not connected.

- Check that the RadarBox hardware receiver is connected to your computer using the supplied USB cable.
- If the supplied USB cable is connected correctly, try a different cable. Note, not all USB cables are the same, some cables might not work with RadarBox.
- Check the LED lights on the hardware receiver to see what the lights are indicating. See the [Hardware Guide](#).
- Check that you have inserted the USB lead into the same computer USB socket that you used when installing RadarBox.

If the hardware connection light is still red, check the Device Manager accessible via the Windows Control Panel | System menu. Under Universal Serial Bus Controllers, look for the AirNav RadarBox driver. If the driver is not present, you will need to reinstall the driver.



To see the version of the RadarBox driver you have installed, right click the Driver in the Device Manager and select Properties.



For further assistance, contact AirNav Support at [support@airnavsystems.com](mailto:support@airnavsystems.com)

## **6.2. Network Connection**

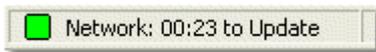
### **Network Connection Problems**

See the [AirNav RadarBox Network](#) section for a description of the network function.

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#### **Connecting to the Network**

To connect to AirNav RadarBox network you need to have your RadarBox hardware connected to your computer and your computer must have an Internet connection. Open the RadarBox Interface if not already open and go to the Network tab and make sure that the "Get flights from RadarBox Network" check box is ticked. Look at the Network connection status light at the bottom of the RadarBox Interface panel. Data is downloaded each 30 seconds.



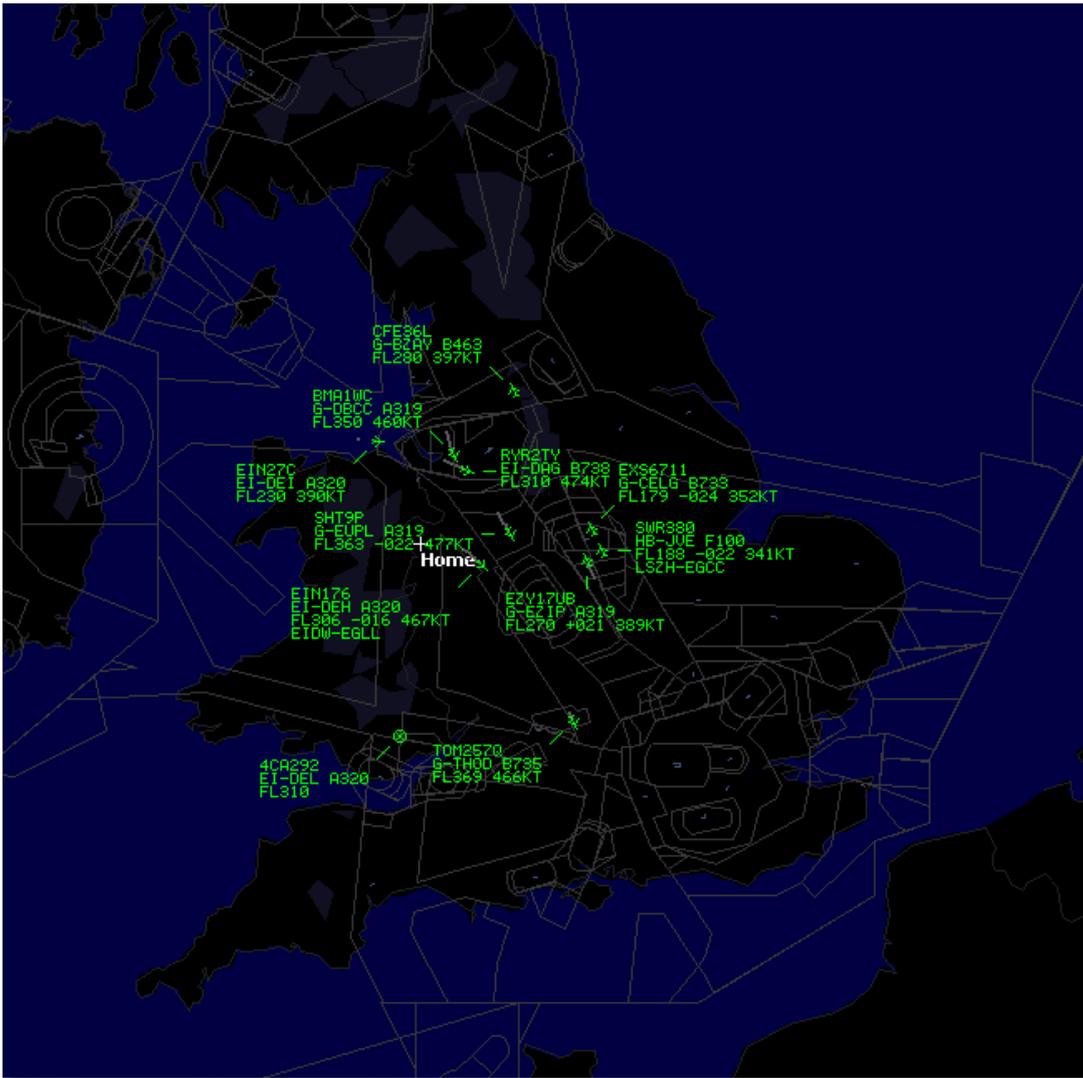
It is not possible to receive network data if your RadarBox hardware is not connected. Also, you will have to be a registered user of the software and have an active AirNav RadarBox account to be able to receive network flights. You can do this at the main menu [RadarBox | Network Account Information]

## **6.3. RadarBox Without an Internet Connection**

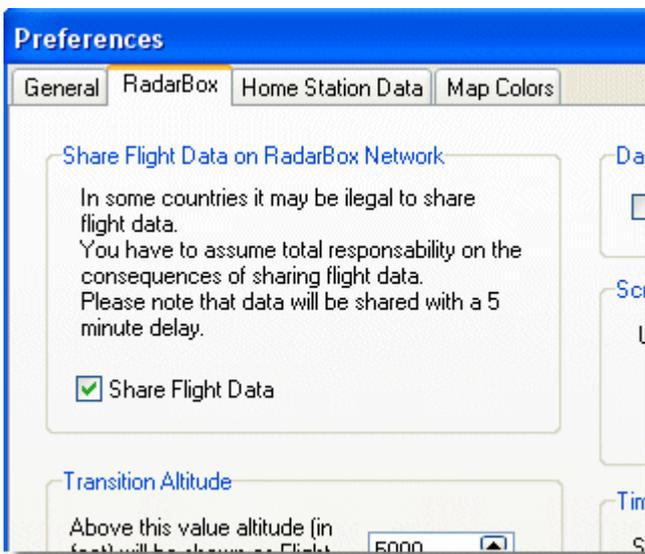
### **RadarBox Without an Internet Connection**

You can still see live flights without an internet connection, but only flights within "line of sight" of the RadarBox antenna will be detected. The maximum detection range for live flights is approximately 200 nautical miles.





If you experience slow running of RadarBox without an Internet connection, deselect **Share Flight Data** in the **Preferences** menu.



## 7. Registration and Logon

### 7.1. How to Order

#### How to Order

To buy **AirNav RadarBox 2008** please visit AirNav Systems web site at <http://www.airnavsystems.com> and click on the "Buy Now" link on the top.

There are several ways to order from Online Order with a credit card, to phone and FAX.

### 7.2. Logon Window

#### Logon Window

Welcome

AirNav RadarBox 2007

**RadarBox Connection**

Registration details

Username

Password

Remember Password

**Start** **Account** **Cancel**

**Demo**

Learn how to use the program with saved flight data.

**Start Demo**

Register Online and start using the program now  
[Click here to receive your password by email immediately](#)

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When you start **AirNav RadarBox 2008** you will be presented with a Logon Window.

Enter your registration details - available on the sticker on CD Cover shipped with the product.

#### For Example:

Username: PGANRB123456

Password: 987654321

If you are not a registered user you will be able to see a Demonstration of the program capabilities by clicking the "Start Demo" button.

For information on how to order **AirNav RadarBox 2008** please go to [How to Order](#)



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