

## SPOTTER

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**Tatiana Belyakova** : I fell in love with airplanes when I was a child. I used to spend the summers at our summerhouse under the landing lane of the Chkalovsky Airport. I always enjoyed looking at the sky and was fascinated with the snow-white birds. The aircraft landing on the Vnukovo Airport can be clearly seen from the window of my apartment in Moscow. In 2012, I followed my desire for photography, and buying an SLR camera and I started to take photos of aircraft. First, I took photos behind the fences of the Vnukovo and then I managed to attend the first spotting event at Domodedovo Airport. Presently, photography and



airplanes are a substantial part of my life. Needless to say, I had to learn about the new shooting techniques (i.e. pan shot) and buy long focus lenses to take the photos of the aircraft. Though I have not been involved with aviation photography for long, I observe an increase in the interest in spotting.





**Tatiana Belyakova :** Social networks bear great importance for observation, and training and improvement for the new generation. We are all following photos taken by our colleagues and help beginners in understanding camera settings, we give them clues in selecting proper lenses and recommend locations where they could take photos of the airplanes. Furthermore, I am always trying to support photographers from other cities and if I have time, I take them to interesting spots near the airports with my car.

**Tatiana Belyakova :** Airports have been inviting more and more people, and many new photographers wish to take part, yet the airports fail to meet all the applications, the capacity of an accepted group is usually 80 people. Vnukovo Airport holds spotting events only on the day of the launch and invites almost every photographer and offers them a day-

long photoshoot. Unfortunately, there are no official spotter platforms in Moscow or other cities. We all wish for the airports to hear our voices and offer us designated spotting locations where we could easily take photos of the aircraft.

