

Online Flight Website Debuted

Virtual Pilot Center™ provides services to both simulator and real world pilots.

(San Luis Obispo, CA) - FlightAdventures, a company formed to bridge the gap between simulator and real world aviation, have introduced their new web site at <www.flightadventures.com>. The site, called a Virtual Pilot Center™, is the first of its kind in the world. The Virtual Pilot Center (VPC) is designed to serve both simulator and real world pilots with a multitude of unique functions, including online flight instructors, and virtual "fly-ins" where virtual pilots and virtual air traffic controllers interact online. Complementing a strong community base of weekly hosted chats and moderated message boards, the new VPC will also produce an online magazine, plus links to general aviation services such as National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather data, U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved information via the Direct User Access Terminal (DUATs), and pilot safety information and notices from the FAA Aviation Safety Program (ASP).

Created by the author of Microsoft® Flight Simulator User Manuals

FlightAdventures and the Virtual Pilot Center are the brainchild of **Ben Chiu**, the prolific author of five Official User Manuals for Microsoft's Flight Simulator software products. Ben is an FAA Certified Flight Instructor and internationally known expert in flight simulation, who has also hosted the recently discontinued Microsoft Flight Simulator Forum on MSN and appeared as the Flight Simulator columnist for the MSN Gaming Zone.

The new site fulfills many needs. "The Virtual Pilot Center not only replaces the void left when MSN discontinued their former moderator and support base and the upcoming demise of CompuServe's FSFORUM," Ben explains, "but it is also a place for real-world pilots to get valuable flight services." As Ben points out, with flight simulation software gaining acceptance as a legitimate real-world flight training aid, the virtual and real worlds of aviation are merging. "The Virtual Pilot Center is a place for virtual pilots to have fun while learning more about aviation, and it is also a place for real-world pilots to become better aviators."

FlightAdventures is subsidiary of FlightVentures, Inc., a CA corporation formed to bring flight simulation to life. The company provides a host of aviation-related services to both simulator and real-world aviators. For more information, visit the web site at <www.flightadventures.com>, email founder Ben Chiu at <ben@flightadventures.com> or call (805) 595-9640 ext. 63.

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