

FSFORUM Lands New Home

After 10 years on CompuServe, distinguished flight simulation forum re-opens at FlightAdventures.com

(San Luis Obispo, CA) - FlightAdventures, a premium aviation/flight simulation service, announced today that one of the flight simulation industry's original and most respected online forums has re-opened on the company's VPC (Virtual Pilot Center™) website. FFSFORUM had been with CompuServe Information Service (CiS) since May 1991, but following an acquisition of CiS by America Online (AOL) the forum was closed in November.

FSFORUM is widely recognized as the first and oldest online forum for flight simulation users. Mike Greenwood, former systems operator (sysop) for FFSFORUM on CiS said, "At one time, the message rate for FFSFORUM was greater than all other forums combined on CiS." Greenwood indicated that at its peak, FFSFORUM would receive 1,000 messages a day. The loss of this forum came as a shock to many long-time members, and its re-opening with FlightAdventures has been greeted with enthusiasm.

Original file library and sysops retained

Content and leadership are integral elements of any online community, and both have survived the move virtually intact, greatly assisting in maintaining continuity. FlightAdventures founder and President Ben Chiu confirmed that his company has acquired both the FFSFORUM library -- over 2.6 gigabytes of flight simulation files -- and most of the former CiS sysops.

"The merger of FFSFORUM with the Virtual Pilot Center is a coup for FlightAdventures," said Chiu. "In one stroke, we believe we have built on our foundation to become the preeminent web site for flight simulation pilots anywhere in the world."

The new FFSFORUM is now open to the public, and can be accessed at
<<http://www.flightadventures.com>>

FlightAdventures is a subsidiary of FlightVentures, Inc., a CA corporation formed to bring flight simulation to life. The company exists to provide the highest level of flight simulation experience so real world flight skills can benefit. FlightAdventures operates the Virtual Pilot Center™ (VPC), which 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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