Virtual Airline CEO Questionnaire

Thank you for participating in our VA CEO interview for the Virtual Airline List. Depending on the editor this word document it will be published on the social network and our website:

Please take your time answering the questions.

1.   Can you tell us a bit about yourself? For example; how old you are, what your background with flying in general is and what brought you to creating your own Virtual Airline.

My Name is Freddie Charlesworth, and I am the owner and technician for FlyReverence. I come from West Yorkshire, England. I've been passionate for flying from a young age. I flew my first light aircraft aged 12, A Slingsby T67 Firefly (An Ex RAF trainer), an experience I will cherish for the rest of my flying career. A couple years down the line (2017) I've commenced my formal PPL training, flying the Piper Warrior (PA28-161), with the aim to going Commercial as a career. I've been associated with Simulation from an age earlier than that, but the flying I was doing then wasn't so structured (inverting a King Air 350, things like that!) Over the past two years I've formed up my flying and have flown a multitude of aircraft. From flying the 737-BBJ3 to the Tornado GR4. I've been a member of a few VA's, my most notable service being to that of Jet2virtual.com. I also take a staff role there as Chief Operations Officer (2nd in command). This experience mainly gave me the idea to form something new,fresh and innovative. And that idea would be FlyReverence.

2.   When did you start your Virtual Airline?

FlyReverence began in May of 2017. We have racked about 110 hours up to the time of this article (September 2017). However, the roster has been made up of two other Managers of Jet2virtual.com. Our next phase is to invite the community to join us!

3.   Do you consider your Virtual Airline successful?

For us, We only have a vision of success, with the VA still being in it's infancy. Our vision is to deliver a platform what accommodates both a professional atmosphere with one that is laid back and that pilots shall enjoy being a part of. We don't want to turn away newer, less experienced pilots. However we are pitched to those who know what they're doing relatively well and want to be in an environment of like minded members. However, we do also want to combine this to accept those newer and less experienced pilots who can seek experience from us.

4.   What is your most interesting experience with your Virtual Airline, what has happened that makes you think so?

For me, this has to be the whole setup process, it was a rewarding challenge to build our website and modify it accordingly to suit our needs. It's truly a case VA's don't just build themselves overnight. They take graft and resilience. I have the PHPvms forum to thank for the great knowledge base they have.

5.   Did you have any bad experiences with your Virtual Airline?

So far, I'm glad to say we haven't. The process as of now has good rather well. However, we don't know what the future will hold for us.

6.   What do you think of your Virtual Airline's flow of new and leaving VA pilots? Is there something you do to attract more pilots? And why do you think some pilots leave your Virtual Airline?

We as a VA want to use our model as attraction to newer pilots. This is that we are a Chartering Airline, we operate a full 757 fleet at current, with plans to expand in due course. We consider all our decisions carefully, to provide a service with variety of operations but also to a high standard. If anyone wants to fly and support us, it's only what they deserve to have in return.

7.   What types of planes does your Virtual Airline use and do you have all the custom liveries available for your VA?

We fly the 757 series. With currently 3 757-300s (2 of which are in a full F configuration, as well as one standard Y configured aircraft)

We also fly a single 757-200SF.

The current Fleet List:

G-REPA 757-351 109 Capacity (F Configuration)

G-REPB 757-33N 73 Capacity (F Configuration)

G-REPC 757-300 260 Capacity (Y configuration)

G-REFA 757-2SF Special Cargo Configured

We aim to build a 'Swiss Army Knife' of a fleet. Having an aircraft for as many operational purposes as we can, our fleet progression shall be realistic, so our fleet won't just build up over a short amount of time.

As for repaints, we have this in development, with REPB,REPA fully finished and ready for use. The newer aircraft (REPC,REFA) will also be painted soon, in time for new additions to our roster we hope to see.

8.   Does your VA fly on a network? If so, what do you think about it? Do you feel it supplements the general flying experience, what do you think of the network in general and is it required for your pilots to fly on this network?

We do promote flying on both the major networks (IVAO/VATSIM), I personally feel it keeps your flying sharper given that you have an increased responsibility to operate your aircraft skillfully and safely to comply with other traffic and Air Traffic Control Services When Avalible.

9.   Do you use any flight tracking software? If so, which one, and are you happy about the service it provides? Would you like to improve it for example?

We currently use kACARS. This software delivers well as an ACARS, very simple and does the job of delivering data for the PIREP. We are in the phase of adding a secondary ACARs in the form of Hoppie's ACARS client. This external client is very exciting as it basically emulates a real ACARS system of an FMS. It can be used to send position reports, receive load sheets, receive takeoff and landing data along with a whole host of other features. It works along side a dispatcher who operates through FlightSimSoft's TOPCAT to obtain this data. It will be functional and another alternative for pilots truly striving to go 'As real as it gets'.

10.   Do you make use of the offers some developers / distributors have for Virtual Airlines? Do you think these developers / distributors have good offers? And does it fit your Virtual Airline policy?

I believe that the VA community is strong and bonded very well. The developers out there working to support and build on the community truly do a great job, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant their work is. It all combines to make what we have Avalible today. Giving anyone a shot at making their own VA.

11.   Does your Virtual Airline have a custom made internet web page or do you use, for example, PHPVMS and equivalents? Are you happy about your VA's web page?

Our page is satisfactory, I believe it does the job of looking clean and unprofessional with good site accessibility. As with any VA or Site, we are always looking to future ways of improvement to our site, feedback is always greatly benifical in this process.

12.   And lastly, what are your expectations for your Virtual Airline in the coming twelve months?

My expectation is to hopefully build a pilot base that involves pilots from a variety of places but also experience. We hope to develop strongly and refine our platform to truly give the very best to those who deserve just that. We also look forward to possibly working with others to build the wider community. We hope to see you joining the ranks of FlyReverence.

Please send this questionnaire to admin@va-list.com so we can review it and post it on the Virtual Airline List and social network.

Kind regards,
The Virtual Airline List team