## **EXECUTIVE CLASS**

## JACK LEE, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, 4REFUEL

The head of 4Refuel, a fuel-management company based in Langley, B.C., is continually on the move. How often do you fly in an average year? "Around 25,000 miles a year, typically the equivalent of about once around the world every year. One year, I think I went to the moon and back - I'm glad I don't have to do that any more."

Where do you stand on the carry-on versus checked baggage question? "I think there should be a minimal amount of

carry-on. It ticks me off that people have their mini-suitcases so you don't have room for your briefcase. It's a real irritation. They have to have a shoehorn to leverage their case into the overheads. I think there should be more regulations about that." How do you usually spend your time in the air? "Most of the time on the airplane, I relax more than I work. So I get as much leg space as I can, I'll just take reading materials with me journals or an entertaining book."-

Anything you've learned about making flights more enjoyable in your years of travel? "I think with the miles I fly, it's learning the system. For instance, if I'm flying alone. I'll fly business or first-class, but if I'm flying with people, I've got built-in entertainment and I'll go in economy. Also, I got really frustrated with Air Canada and now most of our staff fly WestJet or any airline but Air Canada. Nearly everybody's had a bad experience with Air Canada, with

basically their indifference, so we



only fly with them out of necessity. . . . WestJet makes you feel like real human beings, and as much as flying can be, it's

Any suggestions on how airlines might make more efficient use of their fuel so they can lower airfares? "I don't think airlines can use biofuel, so I can't recommend that. The advice we often give to clients in transportation is to reduce idling - I can't see that airlines aren't already doing that for maximum efficiencies. Of course, they have their fuel surcharges, so they whack us anyways."

a real pleasant experience."

— Bert Archer