## DAVID J. COWAN, SR.

## Writing | Marketing | Photography

## Expert at expanding market share and delivering revenue Recognized for entrepreneurial spirit and drive

Aging hippie, biker, road-warrior, philosopher and sage with four plus decades of entrepreneurial executive experience in profit and non-profit businesses seeks multiple affiliations to sell freelance articles and blog posts relating to healthcare, cancer care, health insurance, holistic healthcare, integrative healthcare, motorcycle travel, road travel, US destinations or other topics that might be assigned and accepted.

**Summary:** A writer-business person who is forward thinking, creative, and determined. I have a wealth of knowledge and research skills from years of small and medium business management.

- Expanded market penetration using Internet marketing, SEO, and website development to drive revenue
- Key player in the growth of a non-profit to help cancer patients and caregivers with resources and support
- Experienced in profit and non-profit business sectors with business expertise in underwater recreation, videography & photography, TV broadcasts, web commercials, healthcare

## Core Skills:

Writing / Editing / Web Development / Internet Marketing / Strategic Marketing / Sales & Operations Management / Account Management / Consultative Sales / Customer Service / Training / Building National & Local Alliances / Teamwork

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

## Freelance Writer

- Write fiction or nonfiction prose such as short stories, articles, blog content, descriptive and critical analysis works
- Develop concise content in the areas of road travel, motorcycle adventures, American history, health, healthcare, health insurance, holistic and integrative healthcare, and developing business organizations
- Conduct research in the cancer community, cancer care and design web content
- Follow appropriate guidelines for copy re-writes for completed work
- Shoot photographs to serve as art in my stories

## **OPERATIONS MANAGER / FUNDRAISING / MARKETING** Ali's Alliance Inc., Jupiter, FL

Manage the daily activities of a non-profit to establish an online directory of resources for cancer patients and care givers. Led web development, fundraising, 10 to 20 contractors/vendors and 30+ volunteers.

- Expanded online directory from 2,500 resources to 18,000<sup>+</sup> providers; oversaw creation of original website
- Increased year-over-year donor base by 200% to 300%: more than doubled contributions during best year
- Built alliances with corporations, academia and government including Scripps, VITAS Healthcare (nationally and locally), Advanced Medical Therapeutics, FAU, and the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

# DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING / OPERATIONS MANAGER2008 - 2011Palm Beach Videography & Photography, Jupiter, FL2008 - 2011

Marketed and sold customized-web-based promotional videos, product photography, and website design.

Specialized in promotional web-based and cloud-based videos for web commercials and TV broadcasts. Developed client proposals, facilitated sales presentations, negotiated contracts, and managed subcontractors.

- Expanded marketing effort in South Florida and increased account base by 10% to 15%
- Leveraged SEO to increase web traffic; developed 50+ web-based videos
- Developed and marketed through web store a product line serving the autism,

Alzheimer's, Dementia communities

## SALES & LEASING CONSULTANT Ed Morse Honda, Riviera Beach, FL

Met and or exceeded sales quotas monthly for 3.5 straight years selling new and pre-owned vehicles. Supported national and local marketing campaigns, built strong relationships with customers, and drove repeat business.

- Ranked in the top 10% (#1 or #2) in a successful South Florida dealership
- Sold an average of 200 cars per year for 3 successive years

• Won the Silver Sales Associate Award during 1<sup>st</sup> year of hire and the Sales Olympic Award 2 times during tenure

2011 - Present

2004 - 2008

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## SALES & MARKETING MANAGER / OPERATIONS MANAGER

Florida Dive Training Inc., Jupiter, FL

Ran entire operation. Established and implemented a strategy to target customers in northern cities (Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Washington, DC) interested in certifications and Caribbean dive trips.

- Doubled revenue year-over-year (YOY) from 1998 to 2001; rebuilt business after 9/11 to double digits YOY
- Certified 800+ divers in 23 recreational certifications and 7 technical diving certifications
- Led the way in Internet marketing: developed a website / participated in online forums to expand business

### **OPERATIONS MANAGER / SERVICE MANAGER**

54 West Coachworks, LTD, Chapel Hill, NC (repair of VW, Audi, Porche, Saab, Volvo, BMW)

Managed operations, sales, marketing, service, inventory, hiring and supervision for a start up car repair shop.

- Increased sales to approximately \$1M in less than 5 years
- Marketed business using the Internet including discussion boards/forums on AOL to drive name recognition
- Capitalized on newly released Internet services, EBay (1995) and Craigslist (1995), to sell used car parts

### **EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Bachelor of Arts - University of Colorado, Denver, CO Diploma in Film Making - Palm Beach Film School, W. Palm Beach, FL

#### COMPUTER SKILLS

Apple Final Cut Pro, Adobe: Premier/Photoshop/Acrobat, Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint

#### **CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Medical:** Medic First Aid, Basic Life Support, CPR Instructor Trainer **Diving:** Technical Diving Instructor Trainer, Recreational Scuba Diving Instructor Trainer

#### **CAMERA EQUIPMENT EXPERTISE**

SONY TRV 900, Panasonic HMC 150, Panasonic DVX 100 A, Nikon D90

#### MILITARY

U.S. Marine Corps (Repair and Calibration of Aviation Test Equipment and Avionics)

1998 - 2004

## 1992 - 1997