

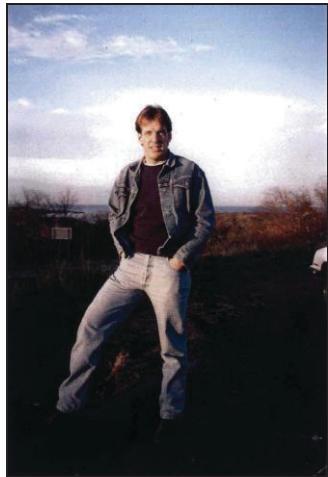
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The **NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION**, a tax-deduction organization, was founded in 1995 by air crash survivors and family members. We welcome all who support our Founding Mission: *To raise the standard of Safety, Security, and Survivability for Aviation Passengers and to Support Victims' Families.*

We Remember Gary R. Box, FDNY, May 12, 1964 – September 11, 2001



Gary R. Box, FDNY



Gary and Kathleen



Photo was taken when Gary Box was called to duty on September 11, 2001

Thank you to Kathleen Box for Sponsoring our Newsletter in memory of her husband. We Remember and Honor Gary, all the uniformed emergency responders who died, and all those whose lives were forever changed on September 11, 2001.

Representing our members worldwide,
Matt Ziemkiewicz NADF President, and Emergency Responder on 9/11



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September 2010

Join us October 8 – 10, 2010 for a special **NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION** meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel, Arlington/Pentagon VA from Friday evening through Sunday 1:00 pm.

Only \$99 per night for the hotel, including breakfast, \$10 registration includes lunch and more, and \$30 for the Saturday Awards Dinner. Everyone is welcome!

Special Guests and Speakers:



Deborah Hersman

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chair, and long time friend to family members. We will have an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about important safety issues.



Bob Jensen, President and CEO

Kenyon International www.KenyonInternational.com
Jensen will talk about lessons learned in the area of family assistance, what has changed, and update us on domestic and international assistance. Check their website for an overview of their excellent global services for air crash survivors and family members.



Christine Negroni, Aviation Journalist

Christine Negroni has worked with CBS News, PBS, CNN, and now with **“New York Times.”** While covering aviation she has had a firsthand look at government interactions and more. Her excellent work often focuses on the human impact of these crashes. Author of *“Deadly Departure.”* (see the center Book pages)
Host of her very newsworthy BLOG, and good friend to our members
<http://ChristineNegroni.blogspot.com>



Jeff Skiles

Co-Pilot on USAir 1549, the **“Miracle on the Hudson”**
Congratulations to the family members from Continental Express/Colgan 3407 who recently passed H.R.5900 the “Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act.” Jeff has been a great help to family members and helped to pass this legislation for Aviation Safety.
NADA/F has also been working with Jeff on an important FAA Rulemaking working group, established as a result of the passage of H.R.5900.

(Turn the page for more exciting guests!)

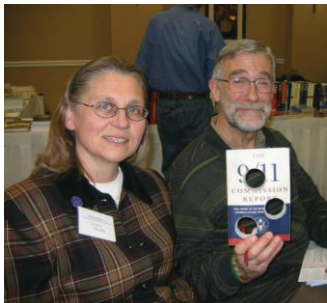


Mary Schiavo Aviation Attorney

Former Inspector General (IG) of the U.S. Department of Transportation, and Founding Member and friend to *NADA/F*

In 1996, as IG, Mary had a choice to keep her job in government, or tell the truth about ValuJet. She chose to tell ant not cover-up ValuJet.

Mary Schiavo has been the attorney most active in discovery regarding 9/11. We applaud her work to continue expose the truth.



Coleen Rowley and Ray McGovern
Security Experts.

Coleen Rowley will be remembered as the “Minneapolis FBI agent,” the first 9/11 whistleblower, a 2002 TIME Magazine Person of the Year, and to our family members as a great and respected friend.

Ray founded and organized “Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity” ten years ago. Their goal is to keep us safe and their work continues.



NADA/F Representatives on the FAA Rulemaking Committees:

Bob Rendzio, President of Safety Research Corp of America www.SCRA.net and President of SE chapter for ISASI, International Society of Air Crash Investigators.

Ray Holanda, retired from NASA, Research, and author of: “A History of Aviation Safety: Featuring the U.S. Airline System.”

Learn more about their many contributions to aviation safety.

Gabe Bruno,
FAA Whistleblower and recently organized the
“**FAA Whistleblower Alliance**”
(photo Martha Bruno, Monica Gabrielle and Gabe Bruno).

Arnie Korotkin
Arnie has helped family members for nine years with his Email “List Serve” to various groups who receive daily News briefs specific to their interests. Arnie realized that family members had a “need to know.” Welcome to Arnie and Joyce!



Most important! We will have time to hear from **YOU** our members -- family members and experts -- about your concerns, priorities, and what is important to you. This year we also plan to have video available if you would like to record a message for YouTube, our website, or for your own use.

The list is growing! There are serious concerns that we must address: family support, disasters and incidents of commercial commuter flights, icing, aviation security, aviation whistleblower protection, what we need to know to keep our family safe from medical helicopter crashes, and always the need for “**One Level of Aviation Safety.**”

A Great Hotel for only \$99 a night and \$10 for lunch and more. Call the **DoubleTree Hotel** (703) 416-4100 and request the **NAD** rate of only \$99 including breakfast. Registration is only \$10 for lunch, and \$30 for the Saturday Awards Dinner.



For UPDATES about the Meeting, Speakers and Guests stay in touch with Jillian Gustafson on Twitter:
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To receive our *NADAF* Email News send your Email address to GADunham@aol.com We only send one or two emails a month.

Letter from the President – We hope to see you in October! How you can help!



This is a busy time for *NADA/F* and we are proud of the work that we are doing. Recent actions include:

- ** Required Child Seats** -- We may finally be able to move forward a Founding Goal of **required child restraint seats for children under the age of two.**
- ** H.R.5900** the “Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act” is historic legislation passed by CO3407 family members. *NADA/F* is working long and hard serving on an FAA Working Group in support of H.R.5900.
- ** September** we look forward to participating again with the **Family Assistance Conference** for www.AAAE.org the American Association of Airport Executives.

We are also looking forward to the October 8-10th meeting and hope to see you there. We have a terrific program including YOU, our members, experts, and speakers and guests that support our goals for aviation safety and security. Together we will learn more about these important issues and more, and share time with our terrific members.

Together we will continue to raise the standard of Safety, Security, Survivability , and Support for victims’ families, but we need your help too. **Please consider a tax-deductible membership donation of \$20 per person per year, or as much as you are able to afford, to the NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION to help us continue our important work on our Founding Goals: We appreciate your generosity to NADF for the past 15 years, which has helped us accomplish our goals and grow, but there is more work to do, and we hope that we are able to count on you.**

Matt Ziemkiewicz, President
PlaneSafe@gmail.com

Please consider putting a check in the mail, or
Contribute via credit card online at our
website: www.PlaneSafe. Thank you!

Contribute

Child Safety. A child restraint seat is the safest place for a child under the age of two in flight.



Vicky Morris Young and Jan Brown.
Since UA232 July 19, 1989 Jan has been
the voice for required child seats in flight.

Great news! August 11, 2010 the NTSB Board Chair Deb Hersman released a Safety Recommendation (A-10-121 - 123) to request that the FAA require separate seats and restraints for every person, including children under the age of two.

The NTSB again demonstrated their commitment for child safety in aviation. Child restraint seats have been required for cars for almost 30 years, yet the FAA has not mandated required Child Restraint Seats for children under the age of two in commercial planes.

The NTSB has requested required child seats for decades, but in 2006 the FAA closed the Safety Recommendation, refused to mandate child seats, and at that time the NTSB removed required child seats from their Aviation “Most Wanted” Safety List.

The new recommendation is an important step forward. The car seat technology has come a long way toward adapting to airplanes, and the SAFETY benefit has been there for decades. There is also a problem with people bringing 3 and 4 year old children on as lap babies, which is **unsafe** and inconvenient for all passengers

There are so many surcharges for baggage, pets, etc., and it is time for every person to have their own seat, to ensure the safest transportation for every person.

If you would like to help encourage the FAA to mandate the highest standards of child safety let us know at Planesafe@gmail.com

Our website may be helpful to you: www.PlaneSafe.org Visit **SAFETY, Safer Children** for links to safety devices for children in flight, recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and more.

H.R. 5900 “Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement” August 2, 2010

CONGRATULATIONS and Thank You to the family and friends from Continental Express/Colgan 3407, the Buffalo disaster on Feb.12, 2009, who have worked so hard to pass this historic aviation safety legislation. The legislation addresses Part 121 (regional commuter airlines, air cargo) pilot training and increases the current 250-flight hour minimum for hiring to 1,500 hours for new hire First Officers (FO, co-pilots) effective August 2013. The legislation also provides that, “*The FAA Administrator may allow specific academic training... to be credited toward the total flight hours.*” Therefore, we have FAA Rulemaking.

In response to H.R.5900 the FAA established the ARC FOQ, Aviation Rulemaking Committee, First Officer (FO) Qualifications., *NADA/F* has been a member organization of FAA ARAC (Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee) for over ten years, and we are proud that *NADA/F* is one of nine organizations on this ARC FOQ. The ARC must consider and address: minimum pilot certification, the minimum flight hours experience for new hire First Officers, should academic training substitute for flight experience, if so, how much, and more.

The legislation also strengthens PRIA, the Pilot Record Improvement Act, passed by our founding members in 1996. *NADA/F* very much supports strengthening PRIA, which can also be discussed by the ARC FOQ Working Group.

We expect to know more by the time of our October Meeting about how the provisions of H.R.5900 will be enacted by the FAA. Our goal is to ensure compliance with the highest standards of Aviation Safety. The CO3407 family members have worked long and hard on H.R.5900 for over a year, and the provisions of the Bill must be maintained.

Bonnie Rind – We need higher standards for International Commercial Aviation



Bonnie Rind, NADA/F Board Member

From Newton MA
Bonnie@InvestigateUdom.com

Bonnie lost her brother Stefan Woronoff, age 42, on Orient Thai “One-Two-Go” flight 269 September 16, 2007 in Thailand.

Check out her website to learn more about Bonnie’s work to bring family members together and to expose the enormous unsafe aviation practices in foreign countries. **If you have not signed the petition please do so!**
www.investigateudom.com

Bonnie has done so much, but also more work to do. We are all proud of the work she has done, and the respect she receives from friends, family and government officials.

The following Email update explains just some of her investigation, work, and accomplishments.

Hi -- Almost three years ago, over 6,000 people signed my petition for a proper investigation into the crash of Orient Thai’s “One-Two-Go” OG269 on September 16, 2007. Some of those who died, and some who were harmed, were our loved ones. Here’s an update on that crash and subsequent investigation.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) conducted an investigation and wrote a report for the Thai Government. I received that report via a Freedom of Information Act request and have posted it on the website: <http://www.investigateudom.com/>. The NTSB determined that wind shear DID NOT cause the crash. They found the flight crew was untrained and unskilled. They found that no one was flying the aircraft at the time it struck an embankment on the side of the runway. Further, they found the flight crew was vastly over flying time limits for the week and for the month. These are some of the systemic causes of the crash. Another way of looking at the cause is indifference to human life and suffering, and hubris.

One fact NTSB did not document was the fraudulent flight data NTSB received from the Thai government and Orient Thai. We already knew the flight hours were fraudulent from watching the Australian exposé and seeing the head of the Thai government’s aviation department agree. With a bit of help from friends, I was able to obtain the true flight hour documents and provide them to NTSB. This information changed the course of the investigation for the NTSB and makes clear the deliberate duplicity of the Thai government and Udom Tantiprasongchai, the CEO of Orient Thai “One-Two-Go” Airlines.

For nearly a year after the crash, nothing at Orient Thai changed. Udom continued to fly aircraft with pilots who falsified their check ride certificates, pilots who were flying hours beyond the legal limits, and pilots who were inadequately trained and supervised.

Eventually, the U.S. Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) insisted some penalty and retraining be applied, and Thailand temporarily revoked Orient Thai’s “One-Two-Go” Aircraft Operating Certificate. The “retraining” included senior members of the Thai government and was conducted in exotic Spain rather than local Hong Kong. During the final month without an Aircraft Operating Certificate, Orient Thai’s “One-Two-Go” resumed flying passengers internationally. You or someone you know may have been on their aircraft, while it was officially grounded by the Thai government!

More recently, the Thai Government gave Udom Tantiprasongchai yet another Aircraft Operating Certificate for yet another budget airline called **Thai Air**. Unfortunately, one must wonder if the name isn’t an attempt to confuse the budget-conscious tourist into believing he has booked a cheap flight on the trusted, higher quality airline named **Thai Airways**.

Thank you for your support over these years. Safe travels. Warmly, **Bonnie Rind**

Here is what I have very painfully learned: If a country doesn’t have a free press, then don’t rely on its infrastructure: airlines, trains, security, police or hospitals.

Join us! NADA/F Annual Meeting – October 8 – 10, 2010
Welcome The Honorable Deborah A. P. Hersman,
Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board as Keynote Speaker

Additional speakers will be announced, and we will have a most interesting program, plus socializing from early morning to late at night. We welcome survivors and family members who have lost loved ones in recent crashes and long ago, aviation experts from government and the private sector, government officials, journalists and professionals working for aviation safety and security will also join us. We hope that YOU will be there, too!

October 8 – 10, 2010 – DoubleTree Hotel – Arlington VA/Pentagon Close to Washington National/Reagan Airport
Free shuttle bus to/from Washington National/Reagan Airport, and close to the subway. **Reserve now!**

Only \$99 per night, including breakfast for the special NADA/F rate. Request the \$99 per night rate for *National Air Disaster Alliance*, rate code is **NAD**. Call (703) 416-4100 (or call NADA/F). \$99 is available for Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday nights

Alternate hotels next door: Embassy Suites (703) 979-9799 or Marriott Residence Inn (703) 413-6630.

The 9/11 Pentagon Memorial has been dedicated and is a pleasant walk from the hotel, and an impressive memorial.

\$10 Registration includes Saturday lunch, Sat. and Sun., beverage breaks during the meeting, and Annual Meeting Packet. Saturday dinner is additional \$30.

MEETING SCHEDULE...
For Early Arrivals! Friday evening at the hotel, informal socializing/dinner/whatever!

Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Program.

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM Social Hour – 7:00 PM Awards Dinner at the Rooftop Dining Room with a terrific view of Washington DC. Reception with cash bar, and Dinner will be \$30 per person.


Sunday 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM meeting

Let us know if you would like to have Child Care available at no charge, and let us know ages of the children.

FREE REGISTRATION to those who have a Letter to the Editor published regarding aviation safety or security. If possible, please mention NADA/F or www.PlaneSafe.org Registration fee waived if you send us a copy of your published letter, or, registration will be refunded when you bring your published letter!

Questions? Suggestions? Contact Gail Dunham
(888) 444 – 6232 or Email: GADunham@aol.com



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NEW! Meeting Reservations may be done online with credit card: www.PlaneSafe.org click on Contribute enter the amount, and in the last box note \$10 for registration, \$30 for dinner and how many people, or mail this form.

Mail Registration: Make checks payable to the NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION and mail to the following address: 2020 Pennsylvania Ave NW #315, Washington DC 20006-1846

✓ Yes. I will attend the Annual Meeting, Saturday-Sunday, October 9 – 10, 2010!

Registration fee of \$10 per person for the Annual Meeting includes Saturday lunch, Annual Meeting Packet, and all activities. Saturday dinner is additional.

I have enclosed \$_____ registration fee for _____ people to attend (\$10 per person) and Confirm _____ number of people to attend Saturday lunch.
I have enclosed \$_____ for _____ people to attend Saturday dinner, \$30 per person.
I have enclosed \$_____ (optional) \$20 per person, per year, for NADA/F Year 2010 Membership.
I have enclosed \$_____ (optional) contribution to help with NADA/F’s work for 2010, and contributions for the Annual Meeting expenses are also appreciated.
Total \$_____ Thank you!

Meeting is scheduled from 9:00 AM Saturday through 1:00 PM on Sunday.

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Please advise if you are planning to arrive on Friday evening _____

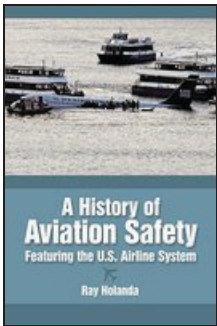
BOOKS Thank you to the authors and members who have so generously donated their books to NADF

Some books may be purchased directly from *NADF* with a **tax-deductible donation that includes shipping/handling in the U.S.** Checks may be sent to *NADF*, or purchase online through the [Contribute](#) link -- check the amount and note the book title(s) in the last box. Additional **BOOKS on our website under Resources**. Thank you to the authors for their excellent work!



If you purchase BOOKS from www.amazon.com please go to www.PlaneSafe.org and click on the [Amazon](#) logo on our Homepage or BOOKS page, and *NADF* will receive a modest commission from Amazon, at no extra cost to you.

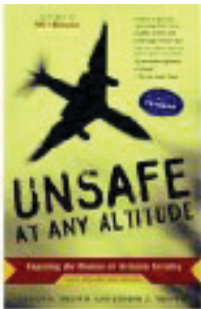
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**A History of Aviation Safety:
Featuring the U.S. Airline System**
by Ray Holanda

From 1926 to the present a history of aviation dedicated to those who have contributed to the safety of the U.S. airline system.
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Failed Terrorism Investigations,
Scapegoating 9/11, and the Shocking
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Joseph J. Trento

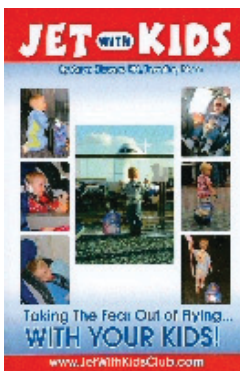
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**Thinking like a TERRORIST:
Insights of a Former FBI
Undercover Agent**
by Mike German

Author spent 12 years undercover, penetrating and living with terrorists groups. This book sold out at our last meeting when we met Mike German. Now in a soft cover edition.

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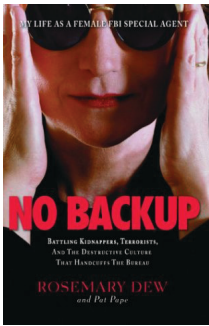


by Anya Clowers

Take the Fear out of Flying with your kids! Offers helpful updated information on child safety in flight.

<http://www.jetwithkids.com/>
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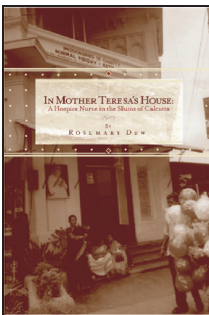


NO BACKUP

My Life as a Female FBI Special Agent. Battling Kidnappers, Terrorists, and the Destructive Culture that Handcuffs the Bureau
by Rosemary Dew

(Amazing True Stories!)

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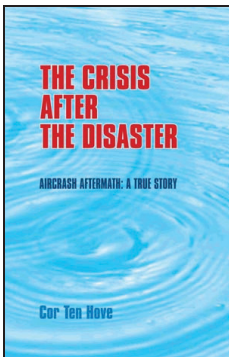


**In Mother Teresa's House:
A Hospice Nurse In The
Slums of Calcutta**

"Life is lived forward but only understood backwards..."

by Rosemary Dew

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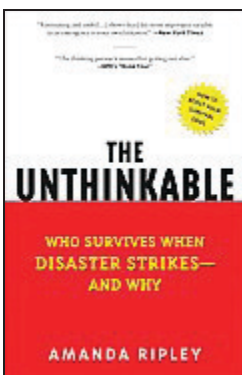


The Crisis After the Disaster
Aircrash Aftermath: A True Story

by Cor Ten Hove
CorTenHove@hotmail.com

A survivor from Martin Air 495, Dec. 21, 1992, Faro, Portugal traces the stages he and others went through for 12 years after the crash.

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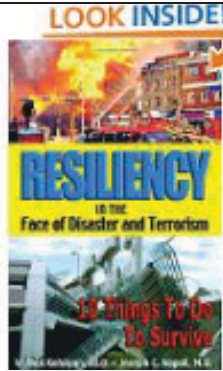


The UNTHINKABLE:
Who Survives When Disaster
Strikes – and Why

by Amanda Ripley

TIME Magazine contributor, who writes about human behavior, risk, and education reform, among other things. Amanda has traveled the world studying disasters, and the *Unthinkable* is published in 15 countries.

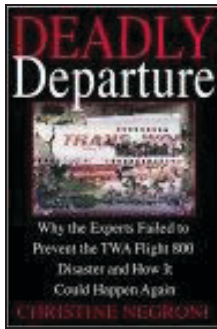
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DEADLY DEPARTURE

Why the Experts Failed to Prevent the TWA flight 800 and How it Could Happen Again

by Christine Negroni

Check BOOKS on our website for more information, and join us to welcome Christine to our meeting.

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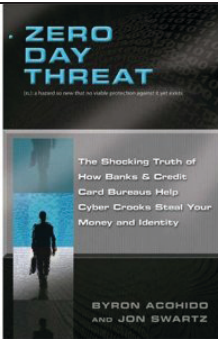


Flying Blind, Flying Safe

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by Mary Schiavo

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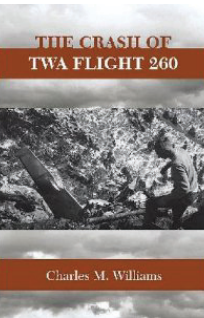


ZERO DAY THREAT:

The Shocking Truth of How Banks and Credit Bureaus Help Cyber Crooks Steal Your Money and Identity.

by Byron Acohido and Jon Swartz

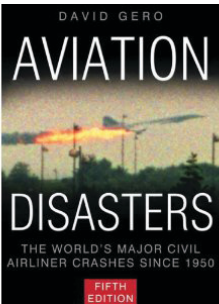
We remember Byron Acohido's Pulitzer Prize winning series on the 737, and his latest work is of interest to us all. \$20 from *NADF*



The Crash of TWA Flight 260
by Charles M Williams

Williams was an emergency responder and one of the first on the scene **February 19, 1955**. After a lifetime unraveling the enigmas of the flight, including interviews with family members, his work was published Aug 2010.

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Aviation Disasters
by David Gero

A large hard bound reference book of the world's major civil airliner crashes since 1950. Gero is an expert in the field of aviation reference books.

This book will be Silent Auction at the October meeting, plus a few other surprises at Silent Auction.

Following are just a few of the additional BOOKS from *NADF* Go to Resources on our website for BOOKS link.

"Desired Track" by James Gollin & Robert Allardyce - The Tragic Flight of KAL flight 007, Sept. 1, 1983, Vol 1, 2 and map \$30
"The Long Nights of Mourning" by Janis Ost, who experienced the loss of five family members on Alaska 261, Jan.31, 2000.

This powerful and thoughtful book deals with sadness, anger and shock in a healthy way.

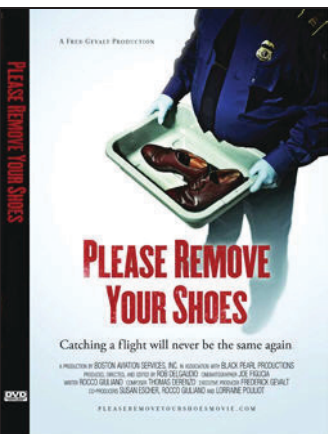
"Danger in the Air" by Captain Brian Power-Waters XIII. \$10 from *NADF*. Captain Power-Waters has written a series of paperback books about individual aviation events. <http://www.brianpowerwaters.com/>

"Letters Home" by Greg Bass. A fictionalized account of September 11th told in a series of letters. \$10 from *NADF*

"Swissair Down" A pilot's view of the crash at Peggys Cove, by Don Ledger - Swissair 111, September 2, 1998 \$20 from *NADF*

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Please Remove Your Shoes is a revealing documentary about broken government process. It is also an empathetic story about a half dozen public servants who try to fix it. And it is a familiar topic to all of us who have flown in the last fifteen years: the security routine at the airport, first the FAA and now the TSA.

"a damaging documentary..." CNN

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"Excellent 4 stars"

Kam Williams, Syndicated Columnist

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The DVD is available from *NADF* for a \$20 tax-deductible donation, or go to <http://PleaseRemoveYourShoesMovie.com>