

Greetings!

Join us the weekend of September 29-30th for NADA/F's 7th Annual Meeting! Our fore-runner, the International Air Disaster Groups (IADG) met for the first time Oct. 17, 1992, so this will be the 10th meeting for our organizations.

Many of us have said that the best part of the Annual Meeting is renewing old friendships, connecting with new members, and the great conversations and fun that we have from morning 'til night. I always enjoy our introductions on Saturday morning, when we learn more about each other. We are a very interesting group with an amazing amount of energy. As survivors, family members, aviation professionals (active and retired), government officials, members of the press and media, young and old, we learn that we have common goals and want to make a difference for the future.

There is so much to share! This year some of our Guest Speakers will talk about how air crash investigations have changed, what we have learned during the 1990's, and the tools and momentum that we have today to make a difference in the future.

The Internet has had a tremendous impact on air crash reporting, record keeping, communicating with each other, and more. Presentations and materials will help us maximize our effectiveness with the Internet for the future.

The weekend includes optional FAA and government meetings on Friday, including the "behind the scenes security tour" of Washington National Airport (primarily Friday afternoon).

On Monday our *Family Support Team* program will be an opportunity to talk about how family support was managed in the past, and improvements for the future. Throughout the weekend we look forward to sharing with you exciting updates about our *Family Support Team*, and the work NADA/F and others are doing toward better support for victims' families.

Bill Kauffman (Aerospace Professor from the Univ. of Michigan), and Jim Hurd (TWA 800) have been representing NADA/F on the FAA Fuel Tank Inerting group. As I write to you, the group is completing its work, and will soon present recommendations about preventing another center wing tank explosion, such as the one that caused the crash of TWA 800. Bill and Jim will be able to share with us how our participation has made a difference, from "inside the FAA!" We have ten people representing NADA/F on FAA Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committees (ARAC), including a position and vote on the Executive Committee, the Issue Groups, and participation in the important working groups that are closed to the public. We look forward to expanding our role! Saturday and Sunday includes our Guest Speakers, and Special Surprise Guests, recognition for those who have made a difference, our business meeting when we adopt NADA/F's Goals for 2002, elect NADA/F Board Members, and more. To learn more turn the page, and watch for updates on our website. Everyone is welcome!

Gail Dunham, President

MISSION: To raise the standard of safety, security, and survivability for aviation passengers and to support victims' families.



Request the special \$99 rate for NADA/F. Space is limited.

For hotel reservations please call the DoubleTree directly, (703) 416-4100 or (800) 222-TREE.

Name _____ Address, City, State Zip Code _____ Phone, Fax, Email _____ Other Information _____

Meeting is scheduled from 9:30 AM Saturday through 5:00 PM on Sunday, plus 8:30-9:30 AM both days for Continental Breakfast and Socializing, and Saturday dinner.

Total \$ _____ I have enclosed \$ _____ as a contribution to help with NADA/F's work. (Thank you!)

I will attend the Monday Family Support Team (FST) Workshop Yes _____ No _____

I will attend the Friday Meeting at the FAA. Yes _____ No _____

I will attend the Friday Washington National Airport Security Tour. Yes _____ No _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for people to attend Sunday lunch, \$18 per person.

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I have enclosed \$ _____ registration fee for _____ people to attend.

Registration fee is \$40 per person, includes Continental Breakfast Saturday and Sunday and Annual Meeting Packet.

(Optional activities Friday and Monday).

Yes. I will attend the 7th Annual Meeting, Saturday-Sunday, September 29-30, 2001!

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Questions? Suggestions? Contact the Annual Meeting Co-Chairs: Joan Pontante, Email: japontante@juno.com (315) 593-3279, or Audrey Uiozas, Email: jauad@mediaone.net (954) 783-4598

Registration fee will be refunded if you bring your published letter!

aviation safety, and please mention NADA/F or www.PlaneSafe.org

NEW! FREE REGISTRATION to those who have a Letter to the Editor published regarding

\$99 hotel rate, and early registration helps us to plan the events.

Learn more about what you have experienced, and using our knowledge toward helping others in the future. Annual Meeting events are offered at cost, or less. Please reserve as soon as possible to confirm the special

Monday - 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM - Optional Family Support Team Crisis Response Workshop -

of Washington DC. Guest Speaker(s) to be announced.

Saturday Evening 6:00 PM Social Hour - 7:00 PM Dinner at the Rooftop Dining Room with a terrific view

Alternatives include the hotel coffee shop, or Starbucks in the hotel.

Optional lunch. Pentagon Room with a wide variety of choices served via Buffet.

9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Annual Meeting - Saturday and Sunday with break for lunch 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM.

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8:30 to 9:30 AM - Saturday and Sunday, Continental Breakfast and socializing, included with registration

feet in a private dining room at the hotel.

NEW! Friday night optional dinner for those who arrive early. \$18 per person, 7:00 PM, a casual full buf-

government meetings and will keep the website updated as we receive confirmations.

Airport. Meetings are expected to be scheduled after 1PM in the afternoon. We have requested additional

For early arrivals there are optional Friday meetings at the FAA and a Security Tour of Washington National

Meeting Schedule

Jim and Rosemary Shellberg

I believe that this is what you are doing here today. Rather than writing your loved ones names in a book you have written them on marble. You are showing the world that they are not forgotten—43 years later and they are not forgotten.

"We find comfort in realizing that no one, whom we have truly loved, is ever lost to us. We carry them with us in our hearts, and in our thoughts. We dream their dreams, and uphold their ideals. They remain a part of all we dare and all we do. And they live on in the ideas and values, preferences and pleasures, which they imparted to us. The placing of their names in this Book, is not our way of remembering them. It is merely our way of reminding the world that we have not forgotten them."

About a month ago, Jim and I went to Oklahoma to visit our son's memorial that his colleagues had erected at the University of Oklahoma. On the way home, we stopped in Carthage, Missouri to see the Precious Moments Chapel. During this visit we learned that Sam Butcher, (the creator of Precious Moments figurines), had lost his son in an auto accident. He dedicated a room in his chapel to his son's memory. On the wall, above a book of remembrance, was a plaque that really struck me. I think it might be nice to share with you on this occasion because I think the sentiments are appropriate.

We are here to give the support of the Alliance and hope you will help us to carry the work forward so that we can help and support for all victims of air tragedies.

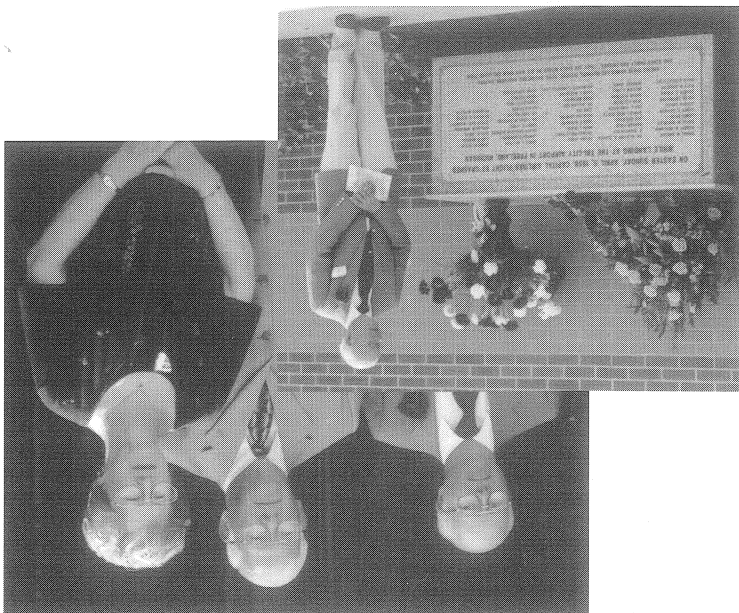
- To ensure the flying public that the highest standards of aviation safety are established and in effect.
- To promote and establish mandatory post crash planning in all realms of the airline industry.
- To implement and maintain a dedicated team of NADA members to provide family and survivor advocacy

So that leads me to into our second reason for being here. We are representing NADA, the National Air Disaster Alliance. Our mission is to raise the standard of safety, security and survivability for aviation passengers and to support victims' families. We are based on the following principals:

Good Afternoon. My name is Rosemary Shellberg, and this is my husband Jim. We would like to thank Bill Reid for inviting us to speak on this momentous occasion. You are probably wondering why I was asked to speak. There are two reasons. The first one is that we are one of you. We lost our son David, aged 25, on October 31, 1994 with the American Eagle flight 4184 that crashed in a cornfield in Roselawn Indiana. There were 68 souls lost on that flight. The families of 4184 experienced difficulties in terms of where we could place a memorial as you did. The tenant farmer would not agree to terms for the purchase of the crash site. We also were helped by having compassionate people, like Bill Reid. Our angels were a widow, her son, and daughter. They petitioned the Indiana county to get permission to erect a memorial at the side of the road. We have found that many other people like them have come forward to honor our loved ones and help us adjust.

Jim and Rosemary Shellberg, founding members, represented our NADAF family members at the memorial. Their comments have meaning to all of us.

Left to right: Bill Reid, Jim and Rosemary Shellberg



Bill Reid thanked others and said they were "the guiding light" to help achieve the dedication.

"It has been almost two years since this project began and now it is reality. It has been over 43 years since the tragic crash of the Capital Airlines Viscount and that is time enough to go without some kind of remembrance of the victims. Today, the accent is on remembering those who passed away. This is truly a time of healing and rejoicing, knowing the memorial to Flight 67 is permanent and will be a lasting commemoration to the 47 names inscribed on it."

Bill Reid and others did a number of important things to personalize the memorial service, such as giving people the opportunity to make comments in memory of their loved one(s). Reid also collected photos of the passengers and copied them to display together on a memory board. The dinner that followed was a special time for fellowship of the group.

Bill Reid - Email: Highflight@aol.com (989) 893-2765

June 30, 2001 Dedication of the memorial in memory of Capital Airlines flight 67, April 6, 1958...