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Dear Member of NADA/F,

I am writing to you as a fellow member of NADA/F, and as a member of the Board. I know that you care deeply about our work to ensure safety, security, and survivability for the flying public. I hope you will help me in helping our organization achieve its goals in 2001.

I am making a challenge to you which, with your acceptance, will help us do just that. As you know, we all appreciate the work of each other. Unfortunately, having spent my career working in not-for-profit organizations, I know all too well that it takes money to do just about anything. Well, in light of that - while I'm not prepared to give up the store just yet - I am prepared to make my annual contribution. Why am I writing to you about my gift? Because I am prepared to match, dollar-for-dollar, every dollar which you contribute by March 1, up to a total of \$2,000. If, for example, you contribute \$100, then I will contribute \$100, etc.

I hope you will accept this challenge and send your gift today. Just by knowing that we have the funds to get us through the beginning of the year -- without daily financial concerns -- will help us all (not to mention Gail, our President!) to feel confident that we WILL make great strides in improving the safety, security, and survivability of the flying public in 2001. I do this in memory of my daughter, Jill, who lost her life at age 32 on TWA Flight 800, July 17, 1996. I do it so that others may never experience such a loss. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
*Janice*

P.S. Please, read about our work, progress, and plans in this newsletter... then, make me pay!!!

Please NOTE that your contribution, payable to the National Air Disaster Foundation, will be tax-deductible.

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

**SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS' FAMILIES...**

**Crisis Response Team Training**

Monday-Friday, February 19-23, 2001 - 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM  
Washington DC - Only \$100 to cover training materials

Special Rate is for current 2001 paid-up NADAF members. Annual dues is \$20 per person.

For over 25 years NOVA \* National Organization for Victim Assistance, has offered services and training for victims of crimes and other crises. Those who complete the training are able to become part of NOVA's national CRT program and possibly work with disaster professionals in their own area after a disaster, or possibly work with NADAF members after an air crash, to offer direct support to victims' families.

Organizations have expressed an interest in using our members as volunteers after an air disaster. If called to help, we understand that transportation and hotel expenses will be covered, and we look forward to working with many groups.

Crisis Response Team Training includes: Orientation to Crisis Response Teams, Crisis Reactions, Acute Stress Factors, Short-Term and Long-Term Reactions, Crisis Intervention and Death Notification, Cultural Perspectives, Age Perspectives from child to elder responses, Case Studies, Stress Reactions of Caregivers, and much more. NADAF members who participated last year found the training excellent. NOVA also emphasizes that how people are treated initially after a disaster has a direct correlation to the trauma suffered long after the crisis. The week of friendship also gave participants a chance for bonding and renewing our strength to help others after the tragedies that bring us together.

To guarantee a place in the class, please send \$100 to cover training materials to the NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION. This is a special rate for NADAF members. This does not include travel, hotel, or meals. If you are not a 2001 member of NADAF please include the \$20 per person for annual membership. Training will be held at the Madison Hotel, 15<sup>th</sup> and M Streets, NW, Washington DC, 20005. Group rate for NOVA and NADAF members is only \$15 per night. Call (202) 862-1600 or (800) 424-8577 for hotel reservations and ask for the NOVA 12K rate.

Special thanks to NOVA for making this opportunity available to us, and to NADAF/Board Member Jim Hurd for working with NOVA to coordinate the training. If you have additional questions, please contact Jim Hurd at (410) 551-0459, or call NADAF directly at (888) 444-6232.

Space will be limited so please reserve as soon as possible! Let us know if you are interested in future training.

NOVA is also offering training June 11-15th at Boulder CO for their usual \$300 fee.

For the Boulder location training, call NOVA registration direct at (202) 232-6682. There will be fewer participants focusing on air disaster assistance at this location, however, Colorado may be more convenient for you. Same excellent program and training.

**More Opportunities for Training for Family Support...**

Victims, Inc., The Joan Ellis Victims Assistance Network, Rochester, NH and Brentwood, NH. Training will begin in March, consisting of 8 Saturday sessions, and the training is free. If you would like to apply for training and volunteer service please call (603) 335-7777

Victims, Inc., began training Trauma Intervention Volunteers in 1993, and training is offered for those in the New England area who want to volunteer to assist victims or family members in the NH area, at fires, explosions, fatal and serious injury crashes, suicides, robberies, drownings, missing persons, industrial and recreational accidents, sudden infant deaths, and more. No previous medical, legal, or psychological experience is necessary. Victims, Inc. also offers a Grieving Assistance Program for Students!

Special thanks to Dr. Melvin Prostko, one of our excellent speakers at the Annual Meeting, for helping us network with Victims, Inc.

**ANNOUNCING...  
NADAF's NEW FAMILY SUPPORT TEAMS  
FILLING A NEED...**

NADAF/F has been approached about providing volunteers to offer direct support for victims' families after an air crash. In response to these requests, we are currently preparing to fill a unique gap in assistance in this time of extreme need. While the Red Cross provides mental health counselors and spiritual counselors, our trained Support Team Escorts will be trained to listen, provide privacy, and help meet the myriad of needs -- ones our volunteers have themselves experienced -- in this time of tragedy and confusion.

It is critical to remember that survivors (including family members) are normal people, having normal reactions, to an abnormal event. NADAF/F Family Support Team (FST) volunteers share a unique bond. We are part of a 'Club'... a 'Club' we never wanted to join. We are now ready to pool our experiences and the strength we have shown, and put them to work.

Our goal is to ensure that survivors and victims' families have their short and long term needs met after an aviation disaster. We will not be doing mental health, spiritual, or legal counseling. We will be helping people with what needs to be done, when it needs to be done.

If you have an interest in participating as a Family Support Team escort with NADAF/F you will need to commit to special training provided through NADAF/F or your local Red Cross chapter. Remember, if and when you might ever be called upon, rapid response will be critical. Volunteers with conversational ability in foreign languages are especially welcome. See more in this newsletter about training opportunities.

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Saturday, March 3, 2001 - United 585  
10<sup>th</sup> Memorial, Colorado Springs, CO

We will gather at the memorial crash site at Widefield Park about 9:30AM and have brunch/lunch following at the Broadmoor Hotel. Everyone is welcome. Contact Gail Dunham (215) 793-0553 or GADunham@aol.com for additional information. One of the NADAF/F goals for 2001 is that the NTSB revise the UA585 Final Report to reflect the true Probable Cause of UA585, which was announced March 24, 1999 at the USAir 427 Final Hearing. The public record is now overwhelming that the true probable cause was the 737-rudder reversal. Recent conversations with the NTSB indicate that the Board is moving in the right direction. We will keep you posted!  
Gail Dunham

**FEBRUARY 23, 2001 - 7:07PM - 11PM - ANNUAL OSTRICH WATCHERS BALL - CAVANAUGH FLIGHT MUSEUM - Addison Airport - Dallas TX**

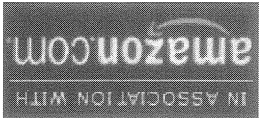
**Special Guest Speaker: Byron Acohido, Pulitzer Prize winning Aviation Journalist now with "USA Today."** \$50 per person for Reception and Dinner. Black tie optional.

The purpose of the Ostriches Anonymous Association (OAA) is to promote aviation safety by sponsoring the Anonymous Annual Ostrich "Head in the Sand" Award, "The Oliver." Last year's Oliver was, "We haven't had enough fatalities in air cargo operations to justify TCAS!" (TCAS is Traffic Collision Avoidance Systems) This statement, like many of the Oliver sightings, represents true "Head in the Sand" Award thinking.

It was great to meet the OAA President, Bob Besco, a very entertaining speaker, at our Annual Meeting. The OAA Ball is a fun event and everyone is welcome. Perhaps you would like to offer your sightings for "Head in the Sand" Awards during 2001. Our Vice President Carole Rietz is also a member of OAA and she hopes to qualify for a "Ruffled Feathers Award" this year!

For more information call (214) 468-0830, or Email oaa@proport.org or check the website: <http://www.proport.org/oa>

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