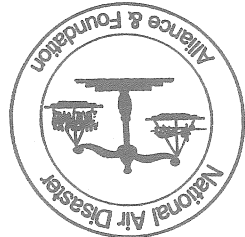


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Dear Friend,

Just yesterday I heard the news, "JAL Jumbo Jet Hits Lamp Post." Last week it was, "Air Travel Delays Turn Epidemic," "KLM 747 Engine Parts Land on the Beach," and "143 Dead in Gulf Air Crash." Unless we act, and act fast, it is going to get worse, before it gets better.

I encourage you to attend NADA/F's 6th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29th, to learn from our guest speakers what is really going on, and what YOU can do about it! You will also benefit from the opportunity to speak with aviation experts, and get to know our wonderful members--family members of crash victims, survivors, aviation professionals, journalists, and others. (See Pages 6-7 for more details about the meeting).

You can share in NADA/F's pride that the FAA has invited our organization to recommend people for appointment to their FAA Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committees (ARAC), in addition to our appointment to the FAA ARAC Executive Committee! ARAC is no longer a private club for the airline industry. The doors of the FAA have now been opened to NADA/F's members, and we hope YOU will want to become involved. In fact, if you can be in Washington DC on Friday afternoon, October 27th, the day before the Annual Meeting begins, I invite you to attend our special Orientation Meeting with the FAA. Criteria for serving on one of their committees are having a technical expertise, and/or a desire to serve. We will be a voice for SAFETY NOW!

Our organization has come a very long way since 1995, but there is so very much more to do. We have experts to guide us. We are on the right path. But, we need your help. Join us at the Annual Meeting and find out ways in which you can make a difference, so that others may not have to experience a loss such as so many of us have. And, please, send NADA/F a tax-deductible contribution today, to help us affect change in the safety of our airlines! Thank you so much.

Yours truly

Gail Dunham
President

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

Join NADAF at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Meeting!

Fri, Oct. 27, 2000, approximately 2-4PM. Optional for those attending the Annual Meeting.

NADAF has been approved by the FAA to recommend representatives to their FAA Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committees (ARAC), plus NADAF has been given a position on the Executive Committee (also called ExCom). The ExCom members include Chairs from the Issue Groups, FAA Legal and Administrators, and three other positions, including the NADAF member representing family members and the traveling public. ARAC has an Executive Committee, 12 Issue Groups, and 30-40 Working Groups, plus a few other Issue Groups, which report directly to the FAA.

Decision making at the FAA is often done through the ARAC committees. Last year NADAF was successful in having one appointment approved, so far this year seven have been approved, and more are pending. Our volunteers have agreed to cover their own transportation expenses. Most Issue Groups meet quarterly, and some groups meet for a pre-determined length of time, such as one year, to complete their task. Meetings are usually held at the FAA in Washington DC, or sometimes in Seattle WA. People may participate in person or by email. When someone participates via email they are still expected to participate with written comments. If someone chooses to participate in person and cannot attend a meeting they may participate via conference call, however, one still needs to be prepared to participate in as many meetings in possible.

Five of us recently met with the FAA ARAC leadership in Washington DC for an Orientation Meeting. We learned that air safety recommendations must comply with multiple government levels of other laws, and that 28 federal statutes require a cost benefit analysis for the recommendations. When it was explained that the FAA must also include a cost benefit analysis for small businesses, Bill Kauffman, NADAF representative on the ExCom, said they should include a cost benefit analysis of the impact a crash has on a family, because a family is also a small business. We gave them something to think about! Then Audrey Ulozas learned that the Air Cargo Group had an important "non-controlled fire" recommendation stuck in cost benefit analysis for three years! Audrey is pushing hard to get this requested A.D. (Airworthiness Directive) moving. We can make a difference!

There are more opportunities for volunteers if you would like to make this commitment. It is important to attend an Orientation Meeting now or in the future to be an effective member and make the best use of your time. The next Orientation Meeting with the FAA is scheduled for the Friday afternoon before the Annual Meeting for those who are in Washington DC early, and everyone is welcome. We would have liked to let you know sooner about this possible meeting, but we just learned of the opportunity.

We can all be proud that the following NADAF appointments were approved:

- ✓ Executive Committee: Bill Kauffman, Ph.D., Aerospace Professor at University of Michigan, and Guest Speaker at last year's meeting in Detroit. Kauffman will also be joining us at the Annual Meeting. Kauffman's concerns are the regulatory failures that cause air crashes.
- ✓ Fuel Tank Inerting Harmonization Working Group: Bill Kauffman and Jim Hurd, from TWA 800. Newly organized working group as a result of the TWA 800 probable cause.
- ✓ ATSRAC (Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee, also called Aging Aircraft): Gary Slater, Ph.D. Department Head and Aerospace Professor at University of Cincinnati. Ed Block continues to represent NADAF on a number of the Working Groups.
- ✓ Emergency Evacuation Issues Groups: Matthew Ziemiakiewicz, and Jim Hurd, both from TWA 800. Transport Airplanes and Engines Issue Group, and Cargo Standards Harmonization Working Group: Audrey Ulozas, from Fine Air 101 air cargo crash.
- ✓ Executive Committee Alternates: Paul Smith, retired Air Force Lt.Col., from Valujet, and Tom O'Mara, NADAF Vice President, and also from UA232.

Often NADAF members view the FAA as the problem, however, we welcome the opportunity for participation and access to information. The FAA ARAC website is: <http://www.faa.gov/avr.armhome.htm>. If you would like to represent NADAF as a member of one of these groups, and attend meetings, or monitor their work via email, please let us know.

Help! We need a volunteer to coordinate the paperwork and telephone coordination with the FAA for this project: technical expertise is not necessary. This is an opportunity to make a difference!

If you decide to attend the FAA ARAC Orientation Meeting on Fri., Oct. 27th, we must have a confirmation in advance for security reasons, and so the FAA can prepare for the meeting. Everyone is welcome, but call to reserve your spot, (888) 444-6232.

NADAF Corporate Business – Membership

Everyone is welcome to be on our mailing list, however those who make a financial donation of \$20 or more, per person, per year, are corporate members able to vote on bylaw revisions, election of officers, and more. Corporate members receive a mailing before the annual meeting notifying them of requests for bylaw changes, and the opportunity to vote by proxy if one will not be at the meeting.

Proposed Bylaw Changes: We have two excellent

bylaw changes received from members to share with you. One recommendation is to delete the word

“commercial” from our mission statement, because we work with people from all types of aviation disasters.

Second, there is a request to change our name or

become “also known as” (AKA) **PlaneSafe**, or

www.PlaneSafe.org. We are in transition and focusing more on our website name, however, there are costs associated with the change.

We have no paid staff, and 90% of the donations for our budget go directly to cover communication costs—

telephone, fax, printing, postage, website expansion, and more. Your financial support is important to the

success of NADAF. If you have not made a donation in the year 2000, please do so as soon as possible so that you will be included in our corporate business mailing.

Additional donations are also much appreciated to cover our increased operating expenses this busy year.

Gail Dunham, President

Next Newsletter – Memorial Tributes

We look forward to sharing with you various ways that our members have honored their loved ones with memorials, and ways that individual air crash groups have organized on their memorial dates. If you have a short story to share with us please let me know. Your financial donation to NADAF in memory of a loved one, is another way to honor someone. *Gail Dunham*

Fort Van Zeist, The Netherlands – The trial is scheduled to resume the end of Sept. for those accused of bombing Pan Am 103 over 11 years ago. The average age of a passenger was only 27 years old. The Families of PA103 have worked ceaselessly for justice, and the trial is a result of their perseverance. Our thoughts are with them during this difficult time. You can follow the trial news on the following:

<http://law.gla.ac.uk/lockerbie/> or the PA103 Family website is: <http://web.syr.edu/~vpa103/>

Sunday, September 24, 2000 – 7PM Eastern Time

Tentative date for the “Discovery Channel” TV

Documentary: “On the Inside: The Disaster Team.”

Video copies of the program are available for personal use only for \$19.95, plus \$3.95 for handling. Call

800-762-2189 for information.

Books Online! Our

Book Shelf is being constantly updated with information about books

that are of interest to our members. Our link with

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another way that you can help us raise money. Go to our website: <http://www.planesafe.org> and

click on **BOOKS**, scroll to the bottom, and click on Amazon.com to place your book orders.

Special thanks to Mary Kahl for her help with Books! Mkahlicul8@aol.com

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To call or email a NADAF Board Member, go to our website and click on

Who We Are, and then **Board Members**.

Would you like to write a Letter to the Editor? Click on **NEWS** and Letter to the Editor for a

printable list of the 200 largest newspapers in the U.S.

If you would like to work with NADAF's website team, please let us know! GADunham@aol.com,

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Dan is also our helpful Webmaster!

Aviation Websites:

Alaska Air 261 <http://www.alaska261.org/>

Air France 4590 – Concorde News

<http://www.guardianunlimited.co.uk/concorde/>

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