

Many thanks to our Annual Meeting attendees who courageously traveled far and wide to support our goals of plane safety and security. After NINE-ELEVEN (September 11th), your help is needed more than ever before.

Joan Pontante and Audrey Ulozas, Annual Meeting Co-Chairs



John Goglia, NTSB Board Member, is a rare champion for the truth – more people in government and the industry should follow his common sense leadership! Thank you John!

Paul and Susan Smith, Carole and Art Rietz, with John Goglia. The Award was generously endowed in memory of their sons Jay Smith and Howard Rietz, from ValuJet.

Special thanks also to the Smith's and Rietz's who make a difference in so many ways.

NADF Aviation Safety Award to John Goglia!

Family Support Team (FST) Activated!

NADA/F's Family Support Team (FST) was invited to participate with support for victims' families at the Pentagon's Family Command Center, at the Sheraton Hotel. We were able to participate in a very unique and well-organized Joint Family Assistance Center directed by the U.S. Dept. of Defense. Our role grew each day, and the short-term support was completed on October 11th at the Pentagon Memorial Service.

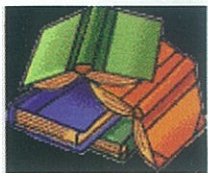
NADA/F will continue to help with short-term and long-term support for victims' families wherever needed.

Special thanks to our volunteers: Larry Siebert, Joan Pontante, Jim & Cindy Hurd, Linda Silver Bufano, Frederick Clemens, Tom & Jeanette Eilers and Barb Skudlarick



Barb Skudlarick, Tom Eilers, Joan Pontante, and Jeanette Eilers, with Lynda Carter "Wonder Woman", another special volunteer for the families from the Pentagon crash.

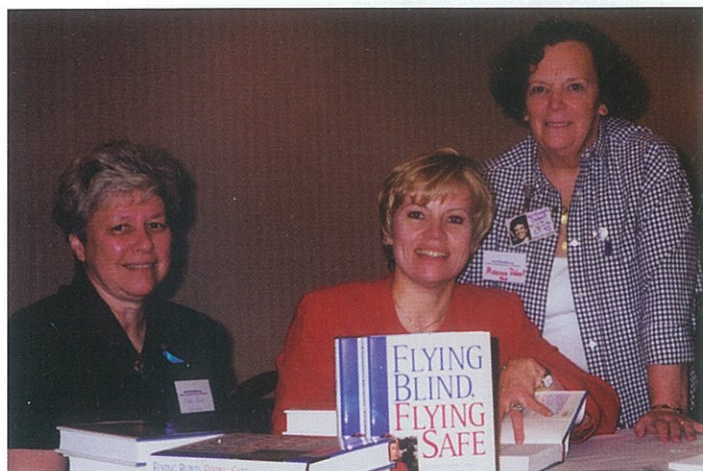
**Thank you to our 2001 Book Donors,
our Newsletter Sponsors!**



We have had an overwhelming response to our request for book donations prior to the Annual Meeting. The *NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION* thanks the following

authors & publishers for their generous tax-deductible donations to *NADF* of books, cassette tapes and CD's:

Robert Allardyce, Desired Track Vol. 1 & 2
Nattanya Anderson, Broken Wings
Barbara Bartocci, Nobody's Child Anymore
Simon Bennett, Human Error – by Design?
4 Walls 8 Windows, Incident at Sakhalin by Michel Brun
Emily Dee, Souls on Board and
War Against Silence After Trauma
Dr Kenneth Doka, Living With Grief After Sudden
Loss, Living With Grief: Children
Adolescents & Loss and
Children Mourning, Mourning Children
35 Ways to Help a Grieving Child from The Dougy Center
Diana Fairechild, Jet Smarter
Bereavement Pub. Inc. Food for the Soul: A “Best of
Bereavement” Poetry Collection, Andrea Gambill, Ed.
David Gero, Aviation Disasters, Military Aviation
Disasters, and Flights of Terror
Jill Werman Harris, Remembrances & Celebrations
Henry M Holden, Women in Aviation
Stephen Levine, Healing Into Life & Death
Stephen & Andrea Levine, The Grief Process:
Meditations for Healing (2 tapes)
Anne McCracken and Mary Semel,
A Broken Heart Still Beats
Rosemary Mild, Miriam's Gift
John Nance, Blind Trust and Final Approach
Belleruth Napaterek, music by Steven Mark Kohn
from Health Journeys, Healing Trauma (tape)
Christine Negroni, Deadly Departure
Gary Pomerantz, Nine Minutes, Twenty Seconds
Maria Kennedy Shriver, What's Heaven?
Joanne Shortley-Lalonde, Widowed Without Warning



Mary Schiavo, with our BOOKS Editors Mary Kahl and Maureen Dobert

Jerry Schemmel; Chosen to Live
Rodney Stich, Unfriendly Skies, Defrauding
America and Drugging America
Judy Tatelbaum, The Courage to Grieve
Kelly Walker; Dancing on the Ark, Loss of Soul,
Loss of Soul tape, Icons of Hope tape,
Alive Again tape, River Ash tape, River Ash CD
and All My Life CD

Rodney Wallis, Combating Air Terrorism
Andrew Weir, The Tombstone Imperative
Alan Wolfelt, Ph D, Helping Your Grieving Heart:
100 Practical Ideas, Helping Your Grieving Heart: 100
Practical Ideas for Kids, Helping Your Grieving Heart:
100 Practical Ideas for Families, Friends & Caregivers,
Helping Your Grieving Child's Heart: 100 Practical
Ideas for Families, Friends & Caregivers, Healing
Your Grieving Heart for Teens, Healing a Teen's
Grieving Heart and The Journey Through Grief

These donations help us continue to educate our members, lend support, & also raise funds to defray communication costs through mailings, newsletters and the Internet. *NADA/F* appreciates all the important work these contributors do as authors and advocates.

Thank you for your friendship and continued support.

BOOK Editors: Mary Kahl & Maureen Dobert

PS Members can still obtain copies of many of these books. The purchase will be a tax-deductible donation to *NADF*. Contact Mary Kahl at MKahlcu18@aol.com or (724) 864-0026 for availability.

Check the BOOKS section of the *NADA/F* website. Many books (often difficult to find) are still available from *NADF* for a donation. Others can be purchased from Amazon.com

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To order books from Amazon.com remember to go to *NADF's* website first, www.PlaneSafe.org, and link to Amazon.com *NADF* receives a small commission from Amazon.com when linked from our website, at no additional cost to you. This is another way to help us grow.

“Flying Blind, Flying Safe,” by Mary Schiavo, is in demand, and sold out at bookstores!

Special thanks to Mary for her generous donation to *NADF* of a limited number of hardbound, signed copies. For fastest service send \$20, payable to *NADF*, directly to Mary Kahl, 1917 Victoria Lane, Irwin PA 15642. (724) 864-0026. **Your tax-deductible donation will help *NADF* with our work to promote safety and security—and you will enjoy the book!**

Mary Schiavo is now a successful Aviation Professor, Attorney, and America's #1 Aviation Safety Advocate. In 1996, Mary, as Inspector General of the Dept of Transportation, was forced to make a choice between telling the truth or assisting in the cover-up of ValuJet. Mary was the only person in Washington DC to tell the truth and truly represent the families who lost loved ones, and the traveling public.

LETTERS FROM HOME AND ABROAD . . .

From England, William and Linda Beckett send their deepest sympathies to all those families who have lost loved ones in the aviation crimes of September 11th



We were advised that an important meeting of FAA ARAC's Cabin Safety Harmonization Working Group intended to be held in Seattle September 26-27th had been cancelled.

It came as no surprise to us however, that NADA set an example to the rest of America by holding your conference, and setting such a brave example by continuing the work of promoting the highest standards of aviation safety and security. Leadership, from yourselves, and your colleagues, working to make NADA a voice for all of us can only have achieved this. Your courage has been matched by all delegates attending and by the impressive list of presenters.

Those who have not had to shed tears through loss cannot understand the suffering we are exposed to - and nor should we expect them to. However, the events of September 11th have brought an understanding of grief closer to everyone throughout the civilised world, not just in America. Loss of life may now be felt by those we have challenged and a realisation that change is essential may now be possible.

Some 12 years ago, we trod the path up to the mountain ridge in Japan, and said that it would not be possible to achieve real change through the efforts of SCI SAFE in the UK, or IREI Air Safety in Japan without the involvement of an equivalent organisation in the U.S. Several disasters then occurred in the U.S., which led to the subsequent formation of NADA.

In a very short period of time, you have achieved a status and reckoning unmatched anywhere in the world or, for that case, in history. You have not disappointed us and nor will you, but please never forget that your commitment, drive, courage and achievement carries the tears of all those bereaved families throughout the whole world.

You will have our love and support forever.

Linda & William Beckett

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Jersey City Fire Department, NJ from Matt Ziemkiewicz, Supervisor of Fire and Emergency Services Communications Command Center, and Fire Department Training Academy Instructor.



Matt Ziemkiewicz also represents NADA/F on the FAA ARAC Occupant Safety and Airport Certification Issue Groups. Matt lost his sister Jill on TWA 800.

September 28, 2001

Dear Friends,

Colleen and I are unable to get down to Washington DC to the annual meeting. Following the horrific event of the World Trade Center (WTC) attack, I have been actively involved in coordination of Emergency Response efforts, in addition to having Colleen's uncle and three friends still missing. We are still in a high threat level of security, still in a State of Emergency, mandatory extra tours, 12-hour days, cancellation of all days off, and quite frankly I am simply needed here.

I was at my desk in Jersey, across the river and in the shadows of the WTC, when I saw both planes hit the towers on September 11th. We sent units to NYC to assist FDNY and lost one of my men in the first collapse. We find ourselves going to more funerals each week than we ever imagined possible, sometimes 2 or 3 a day. Our unit is still rotating tours with FDNY, and working at the ground zero site.

As I sit here in the WTC Emergency Operations Center, I cannot help but to dwell on the magnitude of the death and destruction that did not have to be. I cannot express the frustration I am faced with, knowing that the industry and government "dropped the ball."

Please express my support and convey the message that our mission, to promote safety and security, is needed now more than ever. The public is outraged and demanding change. I am outraged and demanding change. The momentum is there, and we need to get out there publicly so our collective efforts are focused in a productive way.

Thanks,

Matt

MRZ329@aol.com

SEEN & HEARD at the ANNUAL MEETING . . .

JOURNALISM AWARD TO DAVID EVANS



Eileen Evans, June Marsh, Barb Skudlarick, David Evans, Mary Kahl, Carole & Art Rietz, and Susan & Paul Smith

The Journalism Award, endowed by Corboy & Demetrio, was presented to David Evans, Editor of "Air Safety Week" by Carole Rietz:

"It is a pleasure to offer the following in praise of David Evans and his work – Character, Integrity, Researcher, Accurate, very precise use of the language, Stewardship, and presents to the industry another point of view – the passengers' view!"

David's remarks were a highlight of the weekend and included the following:

"The award belongs to the families who have dedicated your lives to improving aviation safety. The fact that you are at the table (with the FAA and the industry) is making a difference. I am proud to salute you. . . there is no better organization that yours!"

"After every aviation disaster it is the same cycle. Hearings. Debate. Call for Studies. Recommendations. Crisis fades from the headlines and we are back to business as usual. We need to avoid that cycle again, and NADA/F is the only organization to push for that sustained and balanced level of attention to the regulation hassles."

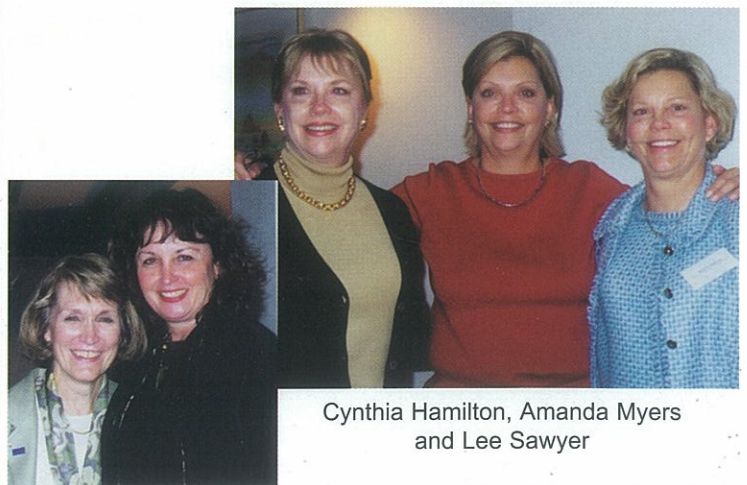
Dr. Gerald Dillingham, Director Civil Aviation at the General Accounting Office www.gao.gov
Special thanks to Dr. Dillingham for joining us at the meeting!



Audrey Ulozas, Mary Schiavo, Joan Pontante, Ken Mead and Gerald Dillingham



Jim Hurd, Paul Smith, Maureen & Ken Dobert, Peter Goelz, John Sargeant, Anna Jaskolska and Dale Smith



Jan Lohr and Dr. Carol Pollard

Cynthia Hamilton, Amanda Myers and Lee Sawyer

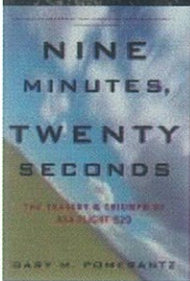
"I salute your tireless effort, such as passing the Family Assistance Act . . . if it weren't for you we would still be waiting for smoke detectors in the cargo hold . . . and thanks to you (and others) airlines were not able to put in more seats in lieu of emergency exits. NADA/F weighed in first!

Face the future with determination and resolve . . . follow the very precepts of your mission to restore confidence in the system."

Ken Mead, Inspector General, Dept of Transportation
(<http://www.oig.dot.gov/>)



Ave Bransford, Betsy and Ken Mead



"NINE MINUTES, TWENTY SECONDS" by Gary M. Pomerantz, recently released, tells the story of the Tragedy & Triumph of ASA Flight 529

Kim Collins, Arlene Miasel, Audrey Ulozas and Barbara McFann (relatives of crew members)

Captain Ed Gannaway was honored as the first recipient of the ASA 529 TRIUMPH Award, an ordinary person who performed an extraordinary feat towards aviation safety.

"We are here today with a prestigious award to honor the memory of an outstanding individual who, in the face of death, was fearless in his endeavors to perform an extraordinary feat toward aviation safety.

Six years ago, Capt. Ed Gannaway was the pilot of a commuter plane that left Atlanta with 29 passengers aboard. The propeller on the left engine had broken off and from that moment until the plane went down in a hayfield near Carrollton GA, those 29 passengers had 9 minutes and 20 seconds to prepare for the impact that would either end their lives or change them forever. Due to the veteran pilot's experience in aviation, 19 of the passengers survived and live to tell their stories.

Therefore, it is with great honor to announce the first TRIUMPH Award in memory of Captain Ed Gannaway, and in memory of Atlantic Southeast Airlines Flight 529 that went down on August 21, 1995 in Carrollton GA."

Arlene Miasel (mother of the Captain who piloted Comair 3272, also an Embraer commuter aircraft)

Family Support Team (FST) at the Pentagon




Barb

Tom & Jeanette, Barb, **Bonnie Carroll from TAPS**, and Joan

"We can be proud as American Citizens that our Dept of Defense provided such a special safe haven for families who had suffered such horrific losses. They were protected and provided with honest information on a daily basis. NADA/F's FST was able to provide support for many family members and work with the other agencies to provide the highest level of services."

If you would like to volunteer for FST please give me a call. YOU, our members, are what makes FST a much respected and requested air disaster resource.
Barb Skudlarick, VP, and FST Director (360) 371-4108
MazamaJoe@cs.com

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If you feel the government and industry are not moving fast enough to give the people the best airport security in the world this statement is for you!

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Safety Denied** 
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**SAFETY . . . NADA/F REQUESTS EMERGENCY ORDER
for Required Child Restraint Seats for children under 2**

As a consequence of Sept. 11th pilots are now permitted to take immediate response to possible in-flight dangers, and may put the plane into unusual attitudes, such as near-acrobatic maneuvers, pulling high-G's, both negative and positive, or a combination of control inputs in order to dislocate and thwart any threat.

Currently children under 2 can travel as "lap children," which places them at risk of becoming human missiles during any sudden changes in the plane's position. It is unconscionable that infant seats should be ignored. While every item on the plane, including coffeepots and pets, must be secured, and are safer than our infants.

Child restraint seats have been required since 1982 for children traveling in cars at 50-60 mph, a fraction of the 500-mph flight speed.

As a follow-up to our September 28th FAA meeting, and in light of these increased risks, we are asking the Department of Transportation (DOT), the FAA, and the President, to approve a long overdue, much needed, common sense mandate that ALL passengers, including infants, be protected with a safe seat restraint.

If you would like to help with this action let us know! Contact your U.S. Senator and representative in Congress and tell them to support the Emergency Order Requiring Child Restraint Seats for ALL Children.

Janice Lohr (surviving F/A, UA 232, 7/19/89)
JaniceLohr@aol.com (847) 884-8350 and
Tom and Jeanette Eilers (Tom is a survivor from UA 232)
SirHondo@aol.com (847) 446-5358

For additional information visit the website:
www.PlaneSafe.org/Safety/SaferChildren.htm

Wed. January 9, 2002 – 5th Memorial for Comair 3272

Roselawn Memorial Park, LaSalle MI, close to the Detroit Airport, weather permitting. Accommodations at the Holiday Inn, (734) 242-6000, Monroe MI, special rate of \$65 per night for Comair memorial. Contact: Arlene Miasel (952) 440-6929, myangeldann@aol.com or Donna Parenteau, (810) 493-9343, astro98@earthlink.net

**December 21, 2001, 1:30 PM - PanAm 103 Memorial,
The Cairn at Arlington Cemetery**

HEADLINE Aviation News updated daily on our website

S.B 1450 Passed 9/21/01 The "Airline Stabilization Bill," and also called the "Aviation Bailout Bill," can be viewed at: www.PlaneSafe.org/legislation/
Look to www.PlaneSafe.org for additional information about "NINE-ELEVEN" legislation as it becomes available.

Update on FAA ARAC Rulemaking

NADA/F is the only member organization of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committees (ARAC), representing the traveling public, with over 15 members on various Issue and Working Groups, plus a seat on the Executive Committee. Meeting schedules are changing rapidly, as one might expect since 9-11, and our representatives are active and working hard for aviation safety and security.

ARAC is part of the decision making process at the FAA. To learn more about the Office of Rulemaking check www.faa.gov/avr/armhome.htm

To learn more about ARAC and NADA/F's role, check the NADA/F Newsletter for Sept., 2001

SECURITY . . .

If you would like to submit comments about aviation security, please forward written comments to the following as soon as possible:

U.S. House of Representatives
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee – Subcommittee on Aviation

David E. Schaffer, Counsel
2251 Rayburn Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Email: David.Schaffer@mail.house.gov

- ✓ Send a copy of your comments to your own Member of Congress and U.S. Senator. Find them via www.house.gov and www.senate.gov
- ✓ Also send your Testimony as a Letter to the Editor! Go to: www.PlaneSafe.org and click on **NEWS** to go to a list of the 200 largest newspapers in the U.S.

For additional information contact:

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John King (978) 851-9478 jking1@mediaone.net, or
Audrey Ulozas (954) 783-4509 juaud@mediaone.net

NADA/F works with ICISF (International Critical Incident Stress Foundation) and supports their dedication to the prevention and mitigation of disabling stress through education, training, and support services.

For additional information call ICISF at (410) 750-9600 or www.icisf.org/ or contact Barb Skudlarick, FST Director, (360) 371-4108 MazamaJoe@cs.com
ICISF 2-day or 4-day classes are scheduled at the following locations.

November 15-18, 2001 Wenatchee WA

✓ Barb and NADA/F members will be participating.

December 6-9, 2001 Great Falls MT

January 10-13, 2002 Pittsburgh, PA

January 24-27, 2002 Atlanta GA

February 7-10, 2002 Boise ID

February 21-24, 2002 Cleveland OH

March 14-17, 2002 St Louis MO

March 21-24, 2002 Anchorage AK

April 11-14, 2002 New Orleans LA

✓ (Updates will also be posted on our website).



Dear Friend,

We need your help now more than ever before. Working together we have made a difference, but we need your help to make a sustained difference for the future.

Eighty percent of our direct donations are used for communication expenses—mailings, copy costs, telephone and website, while Board Members generously cover their own transportation expenses. The problem is that the need is greater than ever before, and our expenses are doubling, and more. Our website needs expensive expansion to handle the increased volume, our phone is non-stop, our printings are much larger, more frequent, and the volume grows each day.

NADA/F is recognized as the largest aviation safety organization in the world, representing victims' families, aviation professionals and the traveling public. We are responding to our new members, plus the media and public's need for information about our work, and what must be done for the future. While our role is increasing, the demands on our limited resources are also increasing.

A membership donation of only \$20 per person, per year, is most appreciated, includes our new blue/gold pins, and helps cover the costs of members' mailings. However, please consider a larger donation during this time of need. A \$2,000 donation will sponsor a newsletter mailing, and a \$10,000 donation will be held in our NADF Trust, to endow our work for the future, while only the interest will be spent for operating funds. All donations are specifically to meet our Mission statement and founding goals: **Safety, Security, Survivability and Support for Victims' Families.**

A \$100,000 donation will guarantee the NADF office in Washington DC for one year — most important at this critical time, or feel free to contact us about a stock donation, or a Charitable Remainder Trust, which provides tax advantages for the donor, and a future contribution to our work.

We are hearing that \$1 billion has been raised to hopefully provide financial assistance to the families impacted by NINE-ELEVEN (Sept. 11th). However, NADA/F is the only non-profit working to prevent these devastating disasters and provide **Support for Victims' Families.** The best way to honor those lost is to have the best aviation safety and security in the world.

Yours truly,

Gail Dunham, President

P.S. NADA/F is the collective voice for aviation safety and security. Your tax-deductible donation will help us be heard!



✓ YES! I want to support the work of the NATIONAL AIR DISASTER ALLIANCE/FOUNDATION

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to the NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION (NADF) A 501 (c)(3), to educate and advocate for aviation safety, security, survivability and support for victims' families.

___ \$20 per person, per year **membership** ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$500 ___ Other Donation
___ \$2,000 To sponsor a Newsletter Printing. (In memory of _____)
___ \$10,000 For the NADF Endowment. The principle will be held in Trust, and the interest income will ensure NADF's work for the future (In memory of _____)

___ \$100,000 Yes! I will support the NADF office in Washington DC for one year!

___ I wish to make a gift of stock or through a bequest. (We will contact you).

___ Additional donation for the NATIONAL AIR DISASTER ALLIANCE, our companion group, not tax-deductible, but donations are used for specific legislative actions.

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Please remember NADF if your employer or local United Way has a matching gifts program.

Thank you for your generous gift at this important time! Together we are making a difference!

SAVE the DATE! 8th Annual Meeting will be Sept. 28-29, 2002 at the DoubleTree, Pentagon City.
 For suggestions, questions, and offers to help contact Joan Pontante (315) 593-3279
Japontante@juno.com and/or Audrey Ulozas (954) 783-4598 juaud@mediaone.net



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Left to right, top, down: Tom O'Mara, Ken & Maureen Dobert, Mary Kahl, Jim Hurd, Joan Pontante, Tom & Jeanette Eilers, Jeff Josefson, Barb McFann, Gail Dunham, Susan Smith, Barb Skudlarick, Audrey Ulozas, Kim Collins, Janice Watson, Arlene Miasel

Additional photos: Bob Monetti & Janice Watson, Marie Anderson, Larry & Helen Siebert, Babette Levin, and others inside the newsletter.

Awaiting photos for: Rich Anderson, Linda Silver Bufano, Carmen Roberts, and Laura Sawyer (Additional Board Member information and photos available on the website)

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