



# NATIONAL AIR DISASTER ALLIANCE / FOUNDATION

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## 4TH ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26-27, 1998 AT THE HOLIDAY INN, NATIONAL AIRPORT, ARLINGTON/CRYSTAL CITY VA

\$10 per person registration fee will include Sunday morning full buffet breakfast. Registration checks payable to the *NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION* will be tax deductible, and should be mailed to our Washington DC mailing address listed above.

\$30 per person for Sunday lunch, 1pm. Mary Schiavo, former Inspector General of the US Dept. of Transportation, and author of "*Flying Blind, Flying Safe*," will be our Keynote Speaker.

We have reserved a block of rooms for only \$89 per night, single or double. This rate will be available until September 11th, or as long as the rooms are available, whichever comes first. For room reservations please call the hotel directly at 1-800-483-7870.

*The meeting will convene at 1 pm on Saturday, and conclude Sunday about 5 pm. Guest speakers include:*

**DAVID EVANS** - "*Air Safety Week*" - Managing Editor, Aviation Group, Phillips Business Information. Evans has over 20 years of experience reporting on international and domestic military and transportation events. His journalism and television experience includes a series in 1989-90 about the "geriatric airliner," and much more.

**EDWARD BLOCK** - Formerly, the wiring and cable expert with the Department of Defense. Fifteen years ago Block uncovered the fatal flaw that probably caused the TWA800 disaster. A newspaper editorial stated: "Whistle-blowers like Ed Block deserve a hearing-for our own good as well as theirs." You will enjoy meeting Ed Block and the Alliance is honored to offer him that "hearing" for everyone's benefit!

**HEIDI SNOW** will update us on the Air Crash Support Network, and we always have opportunities for everyone to share information about their activities.

**MARY SCHIAVO** - Keynote Speaker for Sunday Lunch. Author of "*Flying Blind, Flying Safe*." Schiavo will also be receiving a special safety award to honor her years of hard work on behalf of the passengers and airline employees. Join us to say thank you and learn more about what we can do to promote aviation safety.

**CAROLYN COARSEY—RADER, PH.D** - Psycho—Therapist and expert for over 12 years in post—accident trauma after aviation disasters. Her work was motivated by her own loss on Delta 191, Aug., '85. Over 30 airlines are using her materials and her next goal is to make materials available to survivors. We will all learn more about survival tips for day-to-day living, as well as training to help ourselves, and to help others in the future.

**Additional surprise guests are expected during the weekend! Join us! Everyone is welcome!**

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

September, 1998

Dear Friends,

We hope that you will join us in Arlington, VA, on Saturday and/or Sunday, September 26-27, 1998, for our 4th Annual Meeting. We look forward to fellowship with old friends, as well as an opportunity to welcome new members. Everyone is welcome. So many people are touched in so many ways by an aviation disaster that we have become a very diverse group, including aviation professionals in pursuit of improved safety.

Many of us will arrive on Friday evening, or Saturday morning. We will officially convene at 1 pm on Saturday with personal introductions, guest speakers, and shared information from the group. Saturday late afternoon there will be a poolside/garden reception and time to visit. Sunday morning the meeting will begin at 9:30 am for election of 1999 officers, and adopting our 1999 goals. Last year all suggested goals reflected our four S's: safety, security, survivability, and support of families, and all actions were adopted unanimously. Everyone is free to submit their ideas! Sunday lunch will be followed by presentations from Mary Schiavo, Keynote Speaker, and Carolyn Coarsey—Rader. There will be plenty of time for questions and our usual lively discussions! Saturday/Sunday evening will also be a time for informal gathering. The 1998 Board Members will be staying in Washington, DC through Tuesday.

We have worked hard to keep the cost low, and we were fortunate to receive donations to cover most of the meeting expenses. The low \$10 registration fee includes a buffet breakfast on Sunday morning.

We have been an active Board during 1998, attending Memorial Services and remembering those lost on UA585, ValuJet 592, TWA800, NW255, and US427. Please let us know if any of your groups have future Memorial Services planned and we will help any way possible. We have also been busy building our organization, and sharing our goals with the US House Subcommittee on Transportation, government and private agencies, the industry, and our friends in the printed and visual media.

We have raised our voice about unsafe aviation practices such as:

- The FAA's low 82.5% compliance with the NTSB "Most Wanted" Safety Recommendations.
- The unnecessary FAA delays in implementing Safety Recommendations. We believe "Safety Delayed in Safety Denied."
- The need for infant child restraint seats on board aircraft.
- The need for proof of actual 90 second evacuations before aircraft are certified.
- The need for cargo smoke detectors and fire suppression equipment—without a five year wait.
- Our opposition to Certification of low cost, upstart airlines that will rely on unsafe, antiquated equipment and only the lowest cost personnel.

I want to add a special thank you to the many people who have helped NADA/F grow since 1995. The 1998 Board has been true to the founding Mission. In the future we will continue to be a voice of reason and common sense in pursuit of aviation safety, security, survivability, and support of victims' families. Join us in September at the Annual Meeting, and/or November at our first fundraising dinner dance in Phoenix, AZ. We look forward to seeing you or hearing from you.

Yours truly,  
Gail Dunham  
President

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## MISSION:

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## WHAT WE ARE:

The National Air Disaster Alliance & Foundation were organized in 1995 when family members and survivors from various air disasters joined hands to form a cohesive and formidable force, to effectively address the grievances of all whom have been affected by these devastating tragedies.

We are based on the following principals:

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

## WHO WE REPRESENT.....

We represent survivors, those who have lost loved ones, aviation professionals, and those impacted by over thirty aviation disasters, including, but not limited to the following:

US Air 427	United 232
US Air 1016	United 585
US Air 405	Delta's ComAir 3272
Pan Am 103	American Eagle 4184
US Air 5050	US Air 1274
United Express 5925	British Airtours-K28M
SilkAir 185	DutchAir-MP495
British Midland	American Eagle 3379
Northwest 255	TWA 800
ValuJet 592	Korean 007
US Air 1493	Korean 801
LanChile Charter	Japan Airlines 123
NW Airlink 5719	Avianca
United 811	Eastern 401
Mexicana	Delta 191
Delta Commuter	CT-43, Croatia,
Training Flight	U.S. Air Force 737

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- June 8, 1995 - Charter meeting in Pittsburgh PA.
- Aug. 1, 1995 - Incorporated in Washington DC as the National Air Disaster Alliance and National Air Disaster Foundation.
- Aug. 2, 1995 - Families met with NTSB Chair Jim Hall, DOT Secretary Pena, 10 major airlines, Air Transport Association and Amtrak to present 14 issues and recommendations on airline treatment of surviving families.
- Nov. 11-12, 1995 - First Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh. Agenda: Push for Family Advocate legislation.
- May 11, 1996 - ValuJet Disaster - Alliance in contact with NTSB within hours after accident concerning families. Direct support by "Angel of Mercy" with families.
- June 11, 1996 - NTSB final report of AA Eagle 4184. Chair Hall publicly supported the role of the Alliance and Foundation.
- June 19, 1996 - Presented proposal for legislation to U.S. House Subcommittee on Aviation. "Best prepared presentation to committee in past 15 years," per Congressman.
- July, 1996 - *New York Times* article stated, "a newly formed special interest group."
- July 17, 1996 - TWA800 Disaster - Worked with NTSB regarding treatment of families.
- July 30, 1996 - U.S. House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure introduced the Family Assistance Act of 1996 Regarding Aviation Disasters to broaden the powers of the NTSB and the Family Advocate.
- Sept. 5, 1996 - Presented testimony on draft legislation.
- Sept. 6-7, 1996 - 2nd Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh PA.
- Sept. 17, 1996 - Family Assistance Act of 1996 - Legislation passed the U.S. House by 401-29.
- Oct. 9, 1996 - President Clinton signed legislation into law.
- Three of our Board Members appointed by DOT Secretary Slater to Task Force to develop guidelines for airlines in disaster response.
- Oct. 25-26, 1997 - 3rd Annual Meeting in Akron OH.
- Mar. 18, 1998 - Presented safety recommendations adopted at the Annual Meeting to the U.S. House Subcommittee on Aviation.
- April 27, 1998 - NADA/F Board Members met with American Red Cross leadership to discuss family assistance after aviation disasters.
- Sept. 26-27, 1998 - 4th Annual Meeting scheduled for Washington DC.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!


*Saturday, November 14, 1998  
Semi—Formal Dinner Dance to Honor the  
National Air Disaster Foundation  
Special Guest, Mary Schiavo  
at the Moon Valley Country Club  
Phoenix, Arizona*

*\$65 per person  
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Donations needed for the Silent Auction*

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Yes. I want to attend the 4th Annual Meeting, Saturday-Sunday, September 26-27, 1998, at the Holiday Inn, National Airport, Arlington, VA. *Registration fee is \$10 per person.*  
I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ registration fee for \_\_\_\_\_ people to attend.  
I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people to attend Sunday lunch, \$30 per person.  
*Checks payable to the National Air Disaster Foundation are tax deductible.  
Additional donations are always welcome.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone, Fax, Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Airline, Flight, Date, Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Air Disaster:  
Survivor \_\_\_\_\_ Relative/Friend of Victim \_\_\_\_\_  
Aviation or Disaster Assistance Professional \_\_\_\_\_

 *For hotel reservations please call the Holiday Inn directly, 800-483-7870*

Please add my name to the mailing list \_\_\_\_\_

