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5TH ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2-3, 1999 AT THE HILTON SUITES, DETROIT MI – DETROIT METRO AIRPORT

\$10 per person registration fee, \$20 per person after September 17th. Registration checks payable to the *NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION* will be tax-deductible, and should be mailed to our Washington DC mailing address.

\$20 per person, per day, for lunch on Saturday and Sunday, 12:30 PM, checks also payable to the *NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION*.

Hilton Suites is holding a block of rooms for only \$84 per night, single or double, including a full buffet breakfast. This rate will be available until September 17th, or as long as the rooms are available, whichever comes first. For room reservations please call the hotel directly 734-728-9200, or 1-800-HILTONS, and mention you are requesting the *NATIONAL AIR DISASTER ALLIANCE & FOUNDATION* rate.

THE MEETING WILL CONVENE AT 9:30 AM ON SATURDAY, AND CONCLUDE SUNDAY ABOUT 5 PM.

HONORED GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

CAROLYN COARSEY—RADER, PH.D –9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Saturday. Expert in post-accident trauma after aviation disasters. Dr. Coarsey-Rader's work was motivated by her own loss of a loved one in August 1985. Her materials are used by over 45 airlines and Carolyn will update us on the progress of family assistance during the past year. She will also talk about how we can help others after an air disaster, as well as helping ourselves, and explore steps to establish a healing environment for those impacted by an air disaster. *Everyone is welcome!*

MARY SCHIAVO - Author of "*Flying Blind, Flying Safe,*" and former Inspector General of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. Mary just returned from a book promotion tour in Japan and other international travel. We always look forward to her latest research on air safety.

EDWARD BLOCK - Former wiring and cable expert with the Department of Defense. We look forward to learning more about how Ed is representing *NADA/F* as a member of the FAA Aging Transport Committee. He also wants to share how other members could represent *NADA/F* on the FAA Advisory Rulemaking Committees.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF OUR AIR SAFETY PANELS FOR SAT. AND SUN. AFTERNOON WILL INCLUDE:

ROBERT ALLARDYCE, author of "*Desired Track.*" Allardyce was a TWA 747 Flight Engineer in 1983 when KAL 007 was shot out of the sky. He could not understand how the crew could have made such a mistake so he began investigating. Allardyce will share information learned through years of researching government documents and talk about "*KAL 007: The Anatomy of a Cover-Up.*"

WILLIAM KAUFFMAN, University of Michigan, Professor of Aerospace Engineering, will share his years of research on air disasters concerning the human trauma and the political lobbying and regulatory failures. Kauffman is also a long-term proponent for improved airline security.

ADDITIONAL GUESTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

*Saturday evening reception 5 – 7 PM at the hotel. Sunday morning business meeting.
Please let us know if there is something that you would like included. Join old and new friends!*

✈️ NADA/F PARTICIPATION IN THE AGING TRANSPORT SYSTEMS GROUP

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board and the general membership of NADA/F for their unanimous endorsement of me to participate in the Aging Transport System Rulemaking and Advisory Committee. I also want to thank Jane Garvey for meeting with NADA/F's President and approving the NADA/F request for my appointment. This action was cited as a NADA/F goal for this year and it has resulted in some terrific accomplishments for air safety.

This Committee created in the wake of the Gore Commission Report on aging aircraft systems (wiring) was to deal with the maintenance, inspection, design, reporting, and revision of manuals. In this regard, at the first meeting on Jan. 20, 1999, I made a recommendation that the ATA Task Group that had been formed in 1998 specifically include the wire type in their ongoing inspections. I then had to insist that I be included in their subcommittee, and the other one as well, tasked with reviewing the Service Problem Reporting Documents. This issue was hard fought by the industry and only after my formal presentation on "Wire Types and Why They Matter," and with some well placed media attention (magazine, newspaper, and television), on June 23, 1999, they finally voted to create a subcommittee to deal exclusively with the issues of wire types. This is a monumental achievement in that the official FAA/Boeing line was always maintaining that "wire is wire," This of course is not true regarding service life protections and flammability concerns.

In addition, at the July 13-14th meeting I called for an action item to deal with a policy on resetting of circuit breakdown of Kapton wired aircraft (as in Swissair 111). The FAA must respond to this request by October 1999.

The point of these efforts is that we can make a difference if we choose to get involved. Anyone interested in helping me ride shotgun on these "industry packed" FAA Aviation Rule-Making Advisory Committees (ARAC) should forward their résumé with a letter of intent to the NADA/F President. There are over 30 FAA ARAC committees. Each usually meets in Washington DC about every three months and individuals cover their own travel expenses. NADA/F is looking for volunteers to recommend to these important committees.

I again thank everyone for their support for my appointment and for allowing me the opportunity to make a difference. I look forward to giving you a complete update at the Annual Meeting, and sharing additional research about the problems with wiring and cable in aging commercial aircraft today.

Sincerely,
Edward B. Block



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

✓ If you would like to help in any way with **coordinating the Annual Meeting** let us know!

📅 **NADA/F Board Members!** Board members are elected at the annual meeting and you are welcome to volunteer your service for a year or more. We need help in many areas--let us know if you would like to become involved.

📖 **"Book Beat" Volunteer!** We need a volunteer to coordinate books and book information that we would like to have available for sale at the annual meeting.

We also need someone to create a **Book column** for the website and newsletter. There is quite a bit of information available about new and old air safety books, and wonderful counseling books available. As this column grows a "perk" may be an occasional donated book to be reviewed.

✓ Air safety research is needed in many areas.

We rely on volunteers to help with the work, and on financial donations to cover our operating expenses. Please call if you are able to help out. *Gail Dunham, 215-793-0553*

CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

Baltimore MD, October 18-22nd, Holiday Inn Baltimore South, just off 695. Rooms are \$72 a night. Only \$50 per person registration fee to cover materials. A five-day training for people who would like to be trained for possible service following an air disaster. *Please call Jim Hurd for additional information, 410-551--0459. Everyone is welcome!*

📖 WEBSITE NEWS

<http://www.planesafe.org> NADA/F Updates – also online soon, a NADA/F Discussion Board.

UAL232 Message Board

<http://members.aol.com> Then go to <http://members.aol.com/ual232link/page/message.htm>

Register to receive FAA and NTSB press releases and safety recommendations via Email.

<http://www.faa.gov> To register go to Office of Public Affairs, Washington Hdqtrs., Scroll down to Subscribe to Mail list.

<http://www.nts.gov> To register go to: About the NTSB New! Email Distribution. The full US427/737 report is also available on the NTSB website, over 300 pages.

<http://armbbus.faa.gov> Learn more about FAA ARAC Committees.

<http://delbri.com/oa/> Promotes air safety and risk awareness in a humorous way.

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✓ Yes. I want to attend the 5th Annual Meeting, Saturday-Sunday, October 2-3, 1999
at the Hilton Suites, Detroit MI Metro Airport.

Registration fee is \$10 per person. \$20 per person after September 17th.

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

I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ people to attend Saturday lunch, \$20 per person.

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Make checks payable to the *NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION* and mail to the Washington DC address above.

Additional donations are much appreciated to help cover meeting costs.

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✓ Please add my name to the mailing list _____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! UPCOMING ACTIVITIES!

Monday, August 16, 1999 – 12th Anniversary of Northwest 255 – Detroit, MI

For additional information please contact Tony Zanger, 734-457-4171.

Thursday, September 2, 1999 – 1st Anniversary of Swissair 111 – Nova Scotia, Canada

For information call Lanita Hausman, 816-333-3766, or via email at Lhaus1963@aol.com

Wednesday, September 8, 1999 – 5th Anniversary of US Air 427 – Pittsburgh, PA 6:30 PM

Memorial Service at Sewickley Cemetery. Get-togethers are planned from Tuesday, 8:00 PM through Wednesday, 10:00PM. *Contact Kristi Lamanca Gerhart, 540-772-3283.*

Sunday, September 12, 1999 – Country Picnic– Kettle Moraine Ranch, Eagle, WI - 1 PM to 7 PM

15th Annual Country Cookout and live Country Western Band - Funds raised will benefit the Jeff Gagliano Memorial Fund (First Officer AA4184) and other charities.

For additional information please call Al & Cindy Gagliano, Jeff's parents, 414-594-2122.

Tuesday – Thursday, September 14-16, 1999 – Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

“Wats:on?” The Jill Watson’s Festival Across the Arts. Jill was a passenger on TWA 800. Everyone is welcome. *For more information please contact Jill's mother, Janice Watson, 561-362-5888.*

Sunday, Halloween, October 31, 1999 – 5th Anniversary of American Eagle 4184

Roselawn, IN *For additional information please contact Kim Collins 724-457-2586.*

Saturday, December 11, 1999 – 5th Anniversary of American Eagle 3379 – Raleigh, NC

Accident date is December 13th, however families plan to gather on Saturday.

For additional information please contact Jeff Josefson 401-885-2039.

Let us know if your would like to coordinate information for your anniversary or local event, and we will add the information to the list.

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