The NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION, a tax-deduction organization, was founded in 1995 by air crash survivors and family members. We welcome all who support our Founding Mission: To raise the standard of Safety, Security, and Survivability for Aviation Passengers and to Support Victims' Families.

We Remember Gary R. Box, FDNY, May 12, 1964 – September 11, 2001

Gary R. Box, FDNY
Gary and Kathleen
Photo was taken when Gary Box was called to duty on September 11, 2001

Thank you to Kathleen Box for Sponsoring our Newsletter in memory of her husband. We Remember and Honor Gary, all the uniformed emergency responders who died, and all those whose lives were forever changed on September 11, 2001.

Representing our members worldwide,
Matt Ziemkiewicz, NADF President, and Emergency Responder on 9/11

Join us October 8 – 10, 2010 for a special NATIONAL AIR DISASTER FOUNDATION meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel, Arlington/Pentagon VA from Friday evening through Sunday 1:00 pm.

Only $99 per night for the hotel, including breakfast, $10 registration includes lunch and more, and $30 for the Saturday Awards Dinner. Everyone is welcome!

Special Guests and Speakers:

Deborah Hersman
National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chair, and long time friend to family members. We will have an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about important safety issues.

Bob Jensen, President and CEO
Kenyon International www.KenyonInternational.com
Jensen will talk about lessons learned in the area of family assistance, what has changed, and update us on domestic and international assistance. Check their website for an overview of their excellent global services for air crash survivors and family members.

Christine Negroni, Aviation Journalist
Christine Negroni has worked with CBS News, PBS, CNN, and now with "New York Times." While covering aviation she has had a firsthand look at government interactions and more. Her excellent work often focuses on the human impact of these crashes. Author of "Deadly Departure:" (see the center Book pages)
Host of her very newsworthy BLOG, and good friend to our members http://ChristineNegroni.blogspot.com

Jeff Skiles
Co-Pilot on USAir 1549, the “Miracle on the Hudson”
Congratulations to the family members from Continental Express/Colgan 3407 who recently passed H.R.5900 the “Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act.” Jeff has been a great help to family members and helped to pass this legislation for Aviation Safety.
NADA/F has also been working with Jeff on an important FAA Rulemaking working group, established as a result of the passage of H.R.5900.

(Turn the page for more exciting guests!)
Mary Schiavo  Aviation Attorney  
Former Inspector General (IG) of the U.S. Department of Transportation, and Founding Member and friend to NADA/F

In 1996, as IG, Mary had a choice to keep her job in government, or tell the truth about ValuJet. She chose to tell the ant not cover-up ValuJet.

Mary Schiavo has been the attorney most active in discovery regarding 9/11. She founded and organized “Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity” ten years ago. Her goal is to keep us safe and their work continues.

NADA/F Representatives on the FAA Rulemaking Committees:

Bob Rendzio, President of Safety Research Corp of America www.SGRA.net  and President of SE chapter for ISASI, International Society of Air Crash Investigators.


Gabe Bruno, FAA Whistleblower and recently organized the FAA Whistleblower Alliance!  
(photo Martha Bruno, Monica Gabrielle and Gabe Bruno).

Arnie Korotkin  
Arnie has helped family members for nine years with his Email “List Serve” to various groups who receive daily News briefs specific to their interests. Arnie realized that family members had a “need to know.” Welcome to Arnie and Joyce!

Vicy Morris Young and Jan Brown.  
Since UA232 July 19, 1989 Jan has been the voice for required child seats in flight.  Babies, which is unsafe and inconvenient for all passengers.  There are so many surcharges for baggage, pets, etc., and it is time for every person to have their own seat, to ensure the safest transportation for everyone.

Vicky Morris Young and Jan Brown.

Most important! We will have time to hear from YOU our members – family members and experts – about your concerns, priorities, and what is important to you. This year we also plan to have video available if you would like to record a message for YouTube, our website, or for your own use.

The list is growing! There are serious concerns that we must address: family support, disasters and incidents of commercial commuter flights, icing, aviation security, aviation whistleblower protection, what we need to know to keep our family safe from medical helicopter crashes, and always the need for “One Level of Aviation Safety.”

A Great Hotel for only $99 a night and $10 for lunch and more. Call the DoubleTree Hotel (703) 416-4100 and request the NADAF rate of only $99 including breakfast. Reservation is only $10 for lunch, and $30 for the Saturday Awards Dinner.

For UPDATES about the Meeting, Speakers and Guests stay in touch with Jillian Gustafson at Twitter:  
http:// twitter.com/planesafe  
To receive our NADA/F Email News send your Email address to GDunnham@aol.com. We only send one or two emails a month.

Letter from the President – We hope to see you in October! How you can help!

This is a busy time for NADA/F and we are proud of the work that we are doing. Recent actions include:

- ** Required Child Seats – We may finally be able to move forward a Founding Goal of required child restraint seats for children under the age of two.
- ** H.R.5900 the “Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act” is historic legislation passed by CO3407 family members. NADA/F is working long and hard serving on the FAA Working Group in support of H.R. 5900.
- ** September we look forward to participating again with the Family Assistance Conference for www.AAAF.org  the American Association of Airport Executives.

We are also looking forward to the October 8-10th meeting and hope to see you there. We have a terrific program including YOU, our members, experts, and speakers and guests that support our goals for aviation safety and security. Together we will learn more about these important issues and more, and share time with our terrific members.

Together we will continue to raise the standard of Safety, Security, Survivability, and Support for victims’ families, but we need your help too. Please consider a tax-deductible membership donation of $20 per person per year, or as much as you are able to afford, to the National Air Disaster Foundation to help us continue our important work on our Founding Goals: We appreciate your generosity to NADA/F for the past 15 years, which has helped us accomplish our goals and grow, but there is more work to do, and we hope that we are able to count on you.

Matt Ziemkiewicz, President  
PlaneSafe@gmail.com

Please consider putting a check in the mail, or Contribute via credit card online at our website: www.PlaneSafe, Thank you!

Child Safety. A child restraint seat is the safest place for a child under the age of two in flight.

Great news! August 11, 2010 the NTD Board Chair Deb Hersman released a Safety Recommendation (A-10-121 - 123) to request that the FAA require separate seats and restraints for every person, including children under the age of two.

The NTSB again demonstrated their commitment for child safety in aviation. Child restraint seats have been required for cars for almost 30 years, yet the FAA has not mandated required Child Restraint Seats for children under the age of two in commercial planes.

The NTSB has requested required child seats for decades, but in 2006 the FAA closed the Safety Recommendation, refused to mandate child seats, and at that time the NTSB removed required child seats from their Aviation “Most Wanted” Safety List.

The new recommendation is an important step forward. The car seat technology has come a long way toward adapting to airplanes, and the SAFETY benefit has been there for decades. There is also a problem with people bringing 3 and 4 year old children on as lap babies, which is unsafe and inconvenient for all passengers.

For your dinner reservations please call (703) 416-4100, ext. 279, or email NADAF Registration by August 10.

NADA/F has been a member organization of FAA ARAC (Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee) for over ten years, and we are proud that NADA/F is one of nine organizations on this ARC FOQ. The ARC must consider and address: minimum pilot certification, the minimum flight hours experience for new hire First Officers, should academic training substitute for flight experience, if so, how much, and more.

The legislation also strengthens PRIA, the Pilot Record Improvement Act, passed by our founding members in 1996. NADA/F very much supports strengthening PRIA, which can also be discussed by the ARC FOQ Working Group.

We expect to know more by the time of our October Meeting about how the provisions of H.R.5900 will be enacted by the FAA. Our goal is to ensure compliance with the highest standards of Aviation Safety. The CO3407 family members have worked long and hard on H.R.5900 for over a year, and the provisions of the Bill must be maintained.
Hi — Almost three years ago, over 6,000 people signed my petition for a proper investigation into the crash of Orient Thai’s “One-Two-Go” OG269 on September 16, 2007. Some of those who died, and some who were harmed, were our loved ones. Here’s an update on that crash and subsequent investigation.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) conducted an investigation and wrote a report for the Thai Government. I received that report via a Freedom of Information Act request and have posted it on the website: http://www.InvestigateUdom.com. The NTSB determined that wind shear DID NOT cause the crash. They found the flight crew was untrained and unskilled. They found that no one was flying the aircraft at the time it struck an embankment on the side of the runway. Further, they found the flight crew was vastly overflying time limits for the week and for the month. These are some of the systemic causes of the crash. Another way of looking at the cause is indifference to human life and suffering, and hubris.

One fact NTSB did not document was the fraudulent flight data NTSB received from the Thai government and Orient Thai. We already knew the flight hours were fraudulent from watching the Australian exposé and seeing the head indifference to human life and suffering, and hubris.

Not only did the NTSB not document the fraud, they also did not investigate the fraud. They should have.

Eventually, the U.S. Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) insisted some penalty and retraining be applied, and Thailand temporarily revoked Orient Thai’s “One-Two-Go” Aircraft Operating Certificate. The “retraining” included senior members of the Thai government and was conducted in exotic Spain rather than local Hong Kong. During the final month without an Aircraft Operating Certificate, Orient Thai’s “One-Two-Go” resumed flying passengers internationally. You or someone you know may have been on their aircraft, while it was officially grounded by the Thai government!

More recently, the Thai Government gave Udom Tantiprasongchai yet another Aircraft Operating Certificate for yet another budget airline called Thai Air. Unfortunately, one must wonder if the name isn’t an attempt to confuse the budget-conscious tourist into believing he has booked a cheap flight on the trusted, higher quality airline named Thai Airways.

Thank you for your support over these years. Safe travels.

Warmly, Bonnie Rind

Here is what I have very painfully learned: If a country doesn’t have a free press, then don’t rely on its infrastructure: airlines, trains, security, police or hospitals.

Bonnie Rind, NADA/F Board Member
From Newton MA
Bonnie@InvestigateUdom.com

Bonnie lost her brother Stefan Woronoff, age 42, on Orient Thai “One-Two-Go” flight 269 September 16, 2007 in Thailand.

Check out her website to learn more about Bonnie’s work to bring family members together and to expose the enormous unsafe aviation practices in foreign countries. If you have not signed the petition please do so! www.InvestigateUdom.com

Bonnie has done so much, but also more work to do. We are all proud of the work she has done, and the respect she receives from friends, family and government officials.

The following Email update explains just some of her investigation, work, and accomplishments.

Join us! NADA/F Annual Meeting – October 8 – 10, 2010
Welcome The Honorable Deborah A. P. Hersman,
Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board as Keynote Speaker

Additional speakers will be announced, and we will have a most interesting program, plus socializing from early morning to late at night. We welcome survivors and family members who have lost loved ones in recent crashes and long ago, aviation experts from government and the private sector, government officials, journalists and professionals working for aviation safety and security will also join us. We hope that YOU will be there, too!

October 8 – 10, 2010 – DoubleTree Hotel – Arlington VA/Pentagon Close to Washington National/Reagan Airport
Free shuttle bus to/from Washington National/Reagan Airport, and close to the subway. Reserve now!

Only $99 per night, including breakfast for the special NADA/F rate. Request the $99 per night rate for National Air Disaster Alliance, rate code is NAD. Call (703) 416-4100 (or call NADA/F). $99 is available for Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday nights. Alternate hotels next door: Embassy Suites (703) 979-9999 or Marriott Residence Inn (703) 413-6630.

The 9/11 Pentagon Memorial has been dedicated and is a pleasant walk from the hotel, and an impressive memorial.

$10 Registration includes Saturday lunch, Sat. and Sun., beverage breaks during the meeting, and Annual Meeting Packet. Saturday dinner is additional $20.

MEETING SCHEDULE...
For Early Arrival: Friday evening at the hotel, informal socializing/dinner/whatever!
Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Program.
Saturday Evening 5:30 PM Social Hour – 7:00 PM Awards Dinner at the Rooftop Dining Room with a terrific view of Washington DC. Reception with cash bar, and Dinner will be $30 per person.
Saturday, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM meeting
Let us know if you would like to have Child Care available at no charge, and let us know ages of the children.

FREE REGISTRATION to those who have a Letter to the Editor published regarding aviation safety or security. If possible, please mention NADA/F or www.PlaneSafe.org Registration fee waived if you send us a copy of your published letter, or, registration will be refunded when you bring your published letter!

Questions? Suggestion? Contact Gail Dunham (888) 444 – 6232 or Email: GADunham@aol.com

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Registration fee of $10 per person for the Annual Meeting includes Saturday lunch, Annual Meeting Packet, and all activities. Saturday dinner is additional.

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Total $ ____________

Thank you!

Meeting is scheduled from 9:00 AM Saturday through 1:00 PM on Sunday.

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The Crisis After the Disaster Aircrash Aftermath: A True Story by Cor Ten Hove CorTenHove@hotmail.com A survivor from Martin Air 495, Dec. 21, 1992, Faro, Portugal traces the stages he and others went through for 12 years after the crash. Autographed - $15 from NADF

The UNTHINKABLE: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes – and Why by Amanda Ripley TIME Magazine contributor, who writes about human behavior, risk, and education reform, among other things. Amanda has traveled the world studying disasters, and the Unthinkable is published in 15 countries.

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RESILIENCY in the Face of Disaster and Terrorism A Helpful Pocket Guide 10 Things To do To Survive by V. Alex Kehayian, Ed.D. and Joseph C Napioli, M.D. Mental health professionals for many years, and especially impacted by their work after 9/11. Excellent book by excellent doctors!

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“Desired Track” by James Gollin & Robert Alliance - The Tragic Flight of KAL flight 007, Sept. 1, 1983, Vol 1, 2 and map $30


“Danger in the Air” by Captain Brian Power-Waters XIII. $10 from NADF. Captain Power-Waters has written a series of paperback books about individual aviation events. http://www.brianpowerwaters.com/

“Letters Home” by Greg Bass. A fictionalized account of September 11th told in a series of letters. $10 from NADF

“Swissair Down” A pilot’s view of the crash at Peggy’s Cove, by Don Ledger  - Swissair 111, September 2, 1998 $20 from NADF

The Crash of TWA Flight 260 by Charles M Williams Williams was an emergency responder and one of the first on the scene February 19, 1955. After a lifetime unraveling the enigmas of the flight, including interviews with family members, his work was published Aug 2010.

$20 from NADF

Aviation Disasters by David Gero A large hardbound reference book of the world’s major civil airliner crashes since 1950. Gero is an expert in the field of aviation reference books.

This book will be Silent Auction at the October meeting, plus a few other surprises at Silent Auction.

Thank you to the authors and members who have so generously donated their books to NADF

Thank you to Brian Sullivan, Bogdan Dzakovic, Steve Elson, Frank Puello, P. Jeffrey Black, Jeffrey Dervning, Director Fred Gsvalt, and the Producer Rob Delgado for their work to promote Aviation Safety and Security.

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October 5th, 2013. When the TSA hired a firm to spy on travelers at JFK Airport, the resulting video was made into a documentary that is now available on DVD.

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