

9th Annual Meeting was Saturday and Sunday, October 18-19, 2003

At the 9th Annual Meeting, we learned more about who financed the terrorist attacks on 9/11/01, the enormous frustration and injustices that confront 9/11 family members, the serious problems with contracted aircraft maintenance, how to cope with the personal toll a disaster takes on us all, and more. For a re-cap of the meeting read on, or check www.C-SPAN.org for the following:

"Terrorism and Aviation Security," National Air Disaster Alliance, Program #178717.

C-SPAN was showing the Saturday program of our Annual Meeting in multiple parts. Videotapes may be purchased from www.C-SPAN.org

Special Guests for Saturday afternoon included:

Keynote Speaker: **Ronald L Motley**, Esq., Lead attorney for Burnett vs. Al Baraka Investment, the lawsuit to bankrupt the terrorists. There are now over 5,000 Plaintiffs, family members from 9/11. The attorneys have spent millions on discovery and the research is on-going worldwide.

Related Articles:

"Litigating Terror: Tobacco Lawyer Takes on Saudis in a Sept. 11 Suit" Allegations of al Qaeda Links

Wall Street Journal, December 12, 2002

"A Nation Unto Himself" Intruders in the House of Saud

Fighting the War on Terrorism
New York Times, March 14, 2004

Survivors and family members have a "need to know" and search for the truth, and this was an opportunity to receive the most up to date information on the lawsuit to hold those accountable who financed 9/11. The lawsuit should make us all safer on the ground, and in the air!

- **Mary Schiavo**, Active in discovery regarding 9/11 and serving on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for September 11, 2001 Tort Litigation. Former Inspector General U.S. Dept of Transportation (1990-96).

We must also hold the aviation industry and our government accountable for 9/11. We always welcome Mary's participation and appreciate her support for victims' families.

- **Coleen Rowley**, a Special Guest at the 2003 Annual Meeting, spoke in her personal capacity. Ms. Rowley, FBI agent in Minneapolis, was one of three "TIME" Magazine "Persons of the Year" for 2002.

Related Articles:

For an edited version of Rowley's 13-page letter to FBI Director Mueller, May 21, 2002

Click here <http://planesafe.org/calendar/ColeenRowleyFBIImm2Mueller52102.pdf>

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"The Special Agent"

TIME Magazine, December 30, 2002

Click here. <http://planesafe.org/calendar/ColeenRowleyTime1202.pdf>

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Balancing Civil Liberties with the Need for Effective Investigation

By Coleen Rowley, January, 2004. CAL2003MtgRowleyCivilLiberties

Click here.

"FBI Whistleblower Retires" AP December 31, 2004 **Click here**

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"Former FBI Agent Addresses Civil Liberties and Investigations" Jan 23, 2005

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- **Gerald Dillingham**, Director of Civil Aviation, GAO (General Accounting Office), assessed where we are two years after 9/11 with regard to aviation security, assessed the future challenges, and the GAO agenda for safety/security studies and reports. For information about the GAO go to www.gao.gov. Go to **GAO Reports**, click on **Terrorism and Airport Security Reports** from 1980 to present.

Additional Special Guests and Speakers were:

- **John Goglia**, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Board Member.
- **Jim Hall**, former Chair of NTSB
- **Alan Levin**, "USA Today" Journalist
- **Bogdan Dzakovic**, Aviation Security Expert
- **Bertrand des Clars de Beaumets**, Aviation Safety Expert - "How long a road to the end of fuel tank fires?"
- **Gunnar Kuepper**, Expert in Emergency & Disaster Management - Update on level of preparedness for the credible threats to passenger airline terminals.
- **Monica Gabrielle** from Skyscraper Safety brought us up to date on her work and accomplishments since 9/11.
- **William Rizzo**, Psy.D., shared the results of his survey of family members offered at last year's meeting, and research about history of support services following air crash disasters.
- **Regina Asaro**, MS, RN, CT, Author of "Mental Health Matters" in NADA/F Newsletters, with fifteen years experience supporting families who have experienced traumatic loss.

Friday, October 17, 2003

- **2:00 pm - 4:30 pm** For early arrivals, afternoon lobbying. We distributed to Senators and Members of Congress posters of the history of 823 hi-jackings from 1970-2001, and a letter listing what the elected officials can do to truly make us safer. We gathered at an office very close to the House and Senate office buildings, and returned to the hotel from there.
- **7:00 pm** Optional dinner at the hotel.

Saturday, October 18, 2003

- **8:30 am - 9:30 am** Continental Breakfast
- **9:30 am to 12:00 pm** Introductions, and a time to learn more about each other
- **12pm - 1:00 pm** Lunch at the hotel is included.
- **1:00 - 5:00 pm** Saturday Forum: "Terrorism and Aviation Safety: How did we get to 9/11, and what is being done to make us all safer?" Also speakers focusing on aviation safety and security.
- **5:30 pm - 7:00 pm** Reception at the rooftop dining room
- **7:00 pm on. . .** Dinner, Speakers, Awards and Recognition to those who have made a difference

Sunday, October 19, 2003

- **8:30 am - 9:30 am** Continental Breakfast
- **9:30 am to 1:30 pm** Guest Speakers and discussion: Contracted aircraft maintenance, preventing fuel tank explosions (such as the probable cause of TWA 800) child safety, and Support for Family Members. Brief NADA/F Business meeting: Election of 2004 Board Members, financial report, and adopting Goals 2004.
- For those who stayed, our Irish Tenor Trio capped off a fun Sunday evening with "Oh, Danny Boy." Thanks to Tom O'Mara, Jack Murphy, and Kerry Felski for the great entertainment!