

The 2008 Air Charter Safety Symposium

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The charter industry's most important annual safety event



February 19-20
NTSB Training Center
Ashburn, Virginia



Developing a Healthy Safety Culture

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

**Noon – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH
WALK-THROUGH OF TWA 800**



**9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
OPENING REMARKS**

James K. Coyne, President
Air Charter Safety Foundation

Charlie Priester, Chairman
Air Charter Safety Foundation

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

WHAT IS A HEALTHY SAFETY CULTURE?



Robert Sumwalt, Vice Chairman
National Transportation Safety Board

Robert Sumwalt, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and well-known safety expert, will kick off the program by defining a healthy safety culture. Sumwalt was a pilot for 24 years with Piedmont Airlines and then US Airways, logging over 14,000 flight hours and earning type ratings in 5 aircraft before retiring from the airline in 2005. He served on the US Airways Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA) Monitoring Team and was a member of Air Line Pilots Association's (ALPA) Accident Investigation Board from 2002 to 2004.

10:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:35 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

**AN OVERVIEW OF RECENT PART 135
ACCIDENTS – WHAT WENT WRONG?**

Peter Devaris, Safety Analysis Branch Manager
Federal Aviation Administration

Hooper Harris, Accident Investigation Division Manager,
Federal Aviation Administration

Some charter aviation accidents make front page news, while others go virtually unnoticed. Learn about recent Part 135 accidents, the contributing factors and final causes, and the frequent ties between accidents and safety culture.

**11:50 a.m. – Noon
TWA 800 BRIEFING**

Paul Schuda, Associate Managing Director, Training Center
National Transportation Safety Board

This short session includes a briefing of TWA 800, the Boeing 747 that exploded mid-air and crashed on July 17, 1996 in the Atlantic Ocean after departing John F. Kennedy International Airport. All 230 people on board were killed. A reconstructed portion of the TWA 800 fuselage is housed at the NTSB Training Center as an educational tool for accident investigators and aviation safety professionals.

The Symposium provides a rare opportunity for attendees to learn the value of reconstruction in the prevention of future accidents. The reconstruction is not available to the general public, but may be viewed by attendees as part of the educational experience. NTSB's Paul Schuda will conduct tours during the lunch hour.

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**OUTER SPACE LESSONS FOR EARTHSIDE
SAFETY – NASA'S SICK SAFETY CULTURE**



James Oberg, Space Consultant
NBC News

Oberg had a 22-year career as a space engineer in Houston, where he specialized in NASA space shuttle operations for orbital rendezvous. Following the Columbia disaster in 2003, Oberg coined the term "sick safety culture" in reference to NASA's flawed safety culture. Here he will discuss NASA's biggest accidents, how the past complacent culture of the agency led to the disasters, what the agency is doing to make improvements and how to apply those lessons to your "earthside" operation.

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO SAFETY
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

**Don Arendt, Flight Standards Certification and
Surveillance Division**
Federal Aviation Administration

**Jacqueline Booth-Bourdeau, Chief Technical and
National Programs**
Transport Canada

Don Gunther, Senior Director, Safety and Compliance
Continental Airlines

A strong safety management system, or SMS, is an integral part of a healthy safety culture. In this session, Transport Canada and FAA SMS experts Jacqueline Booth-Bourdeau and Don Arendt give an overview of SMS. Booth-Bourdeau discusses the SMS experiences of Canadian charter operators, Don Gunther shares the Continental Airlines' knowledge of implementing an SMS, and Arndt examines the future of SMS in the U.S.

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN, AND FRIENDS

Clyde's Willow Creek Farm

Join us at a Washington, D.C. favorite – Clyde's – for drinks, dinner, and great conversation with your industry friends and colleagues! Clyde's Willow Creek Farm was not yet on the drawing boards in the early 1980s when Clyde's Restaurant Group purchased a number of antique heavy timber buildings that were destined for demolition. These structures were disassembled and put in storage, with no clear plan for their use. When the opportunity arose for a new restaurant at Broadlands, just west of Dulles Airport in Loudoun County, Virginia, it became an ideal chance to combine the historic pieces to create a restaurant that is truly unique.

Don't miss this opportunity to catch up with old friends, or make new ones!

7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

**8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
CUSTOMER PANEL**

Michael Scheeringa, President
Flight Options

Jim Christiansen, President
NetJets Aviation

Steven Hankin, President/ CEO
Sentient Flight Group

What do the biggest charter aviation consumers think about safety? What do these companies expect from the operators that provide their supplemental lift or fulfill their charter aviation obligations? Attend this session to learn how you can become – or remain – the charter supplier of choice for these big buyers!

**9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
TOOLS YOU CAN USE**

Dave Hewitt, Sr. Vice President, Safety and Compliance
NetJets International

Dennis Keith, President and CEO
Jet Solutions, L.L.C.

Peter Stein, Base Manager/Chief Pilot - MKE
Johnson Controls, Inc.

Developing a healthy safety culture can take years, but top industry safety professionals Dave Hewitt, Dennis Keith, Peter Stein, and others will provide valuable tools you can take home to improve your operation's safety culture today! These tools include risk assessments, threat and error management, and an overview of the new Air Charter Safety Foundation audit standard.

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK

**10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
TOOLS YOU CAN USE (CONTINUED)**

John Grillo, President
Executive Fliteways, Inc.

Russ Lawton, Director, Safety and Security
National Air Transportation Association

A single audit standard has long been desired by the air charter industry. The Air Charter Safety Foundation has developed such a standard over the past year, with the assistance of several of the industry's largest and most respected operators. In this session, Russ Lawton and John Grillo discuss the Air Charter Safety Foundation audit standard and Executive Fliteways' recent experience of the audit process.

**11:45 a.m. – Noon
CLOSING REMARKS**

James K. Coyne, President
Air Charter Safety Foundation

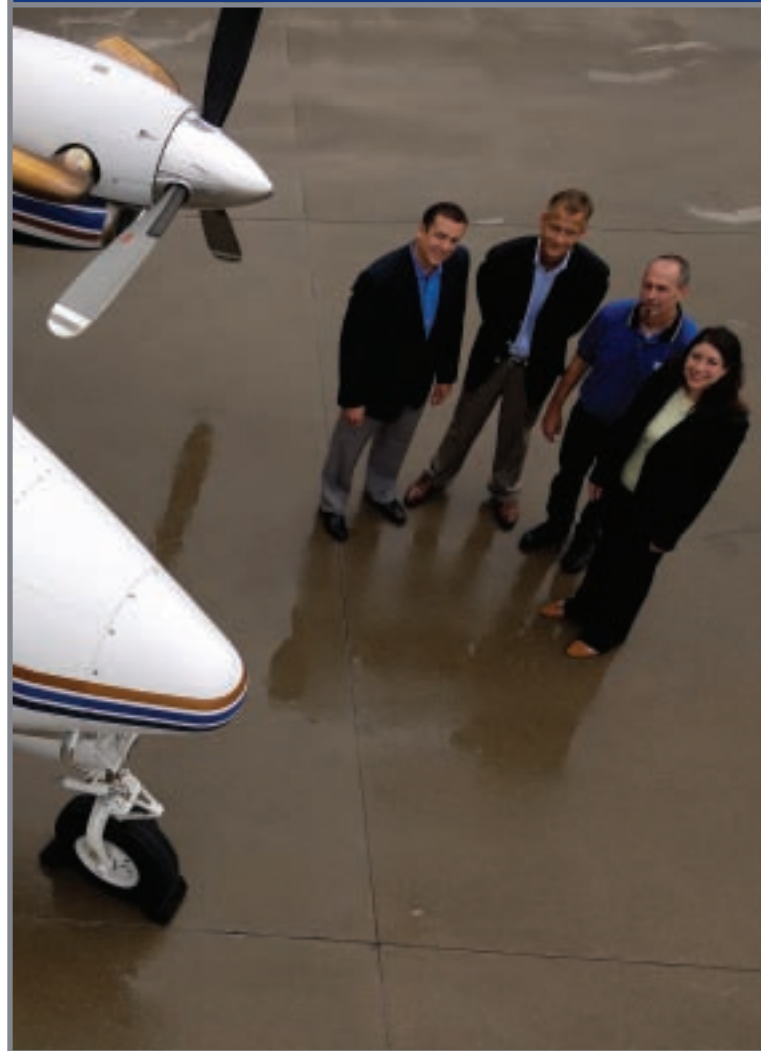
Charlie Priester, Chairman
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**12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
ACSF BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
(by invitation only)**

Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles
14750 Conference Center Drive
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

Lunch provided at Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles. Transportation provided from the NTSB Training Center to Westfields.



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Transportation will be provided to and from the Embassy Suites Dulles-North, Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, and the NTSB Training Center. Transportation will also be provided to dinner on February 19 and to Washington Dulles International Airport at the conclusion of the event on February 20.