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THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The changing face of aviation safety was exemplified in two events which occurred at the NTSB this week.

First, the Regional Airline Association had it's annual convention in St Louis. I met with the CEO's from these airlines to discuss the constant need for positive focus on aviation safety as they build their industry. Given the significant growth of regional aviation, it is critically important that planning and training for safety be job one.

Secondly, Dennis Jones returned from the African nation of Ghana, where he forwarded the President's

initiative of Safe Skies for Africa. The increasing need for the safety of American passengers and aircraft of U.S. manufacture overseas requires vigilance toward the same issues that we face domestically.

Safety advocacy and the use of our "bully pulpit" for safety was also exemplified by Congressional Staff Day at the NTSB Academy, which was hosted in partnership with the Aviation Safety Alliance.

Once again, the message is clear. The pursuit of safety is something we all must be relentless about.

Ellen Engleman Conners

NTSB Conducts Industry Training



Dan Bower (RE) demonstrates the capabilities of the Video Animation Laboratory to attendees of the Aviation Industry Training Program

The NTSB conducted an Aviation Industry Training (AIT) course this week at it's Washington, DC headquarters. The two-day course provides an overview of the NTSB's accident investigation process, from the Go Team launch and on-scene activities to the issuance of Safety Recommendations. Training was also given in the role of Board Members, Public Affairs and Transportation Disaster Assistance during the investigation.

The program is designed for companies who might be party to an aviation accident investigation.

Chairman Supports Safety Outreach

Chairman Ellen Engleman Conners spoke to the Chief Executive Officers from the Regional Airline Association (RAA) during their annual convention in St Louis on April 27th. The Regional Airline Association (RAA) represents U.S. regional airlines and the suppliers of products and services that support the industry.

The Chairman's addressed the issue of safety in the growing regional airline industry, whose total passenger emplanements have increased 12% since 2002.

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Government and Industry Affairs

The Office of Government and Industry Affairs worked with the Office of Research and Engineering this week on two new NTSB outreach products. The first is a new flyer designed by **Christy Spangler** to give audiences a "snapshot" of NTSB's budget request and current workload by modal office. The second is an electronic status report to Congress on all NTSB 2003 accident investigations. The report will be delivered on CD ROM and was designed by **Vince Harris**.

Special thanks to Christy and Vince for a great job!

NTSB Staff Attends Meetings in Africa

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of the Republic of Ghana convened an organizational meeting of government airworthiness officials from Western Africa to address aviation safety issues on the African continent. **Dennis Jones (AS)** addressed the council as part of the President's Safe Skies for Africa initiative. The goal of this program is to promote sustainable improvements in aviation safety and security in Africa, and to create the environment necessary to foster the growth of air transportation between Africa and the United States.

While in Ghana, Dennis also briefed officials from the U.S. Embassy and promoted the NTSB Academy.



Dennis Jones (far left) meets with aviation officials from West Africa during a visit to Ghana

Congressional Staff Day Meets with Success



Jim Wildey (RE) gives a tour of the NTSB Academy laboratory to guests at Congressional Day at the Academy

On Friday, April 30th, the Aviation Safety Alliance partnered with the NTSB to host a Congressional Staff Day at the NTSB Academy. **Julie Beal** briefed attendees on the mission of the Academy and **David Clark** provided tours of the 72,000 square foot facility. **Dan Campbell** gave a comprehensive briefing on the five-year investigation into the crash of TWA 800, and **Jim Wildey (RE)** added a presentation on the metallurgy and structures sequencing aspects of the accident.

Attendees were also given tours of the Academy's Living Laboratory, which houses the reconstruction of the aircraft.