



THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Friday, July 11, 2003

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Safety can never take a holiday. Along with the celebration with family and friends of the independence of our great Nation, more than 560 families received a phone call hearing of the death of a loved one in a transportation accident. The loss felt by each individual family is unique and cannot be dulled by statistics or generalities.

The unique role of the NTSB focuses on determining probable cause of accidents throughout transportation modes. Our mission,

however, is to take this knowledge, develop recommendations, and aggressively pursue their implementation in order to reduce the number of transportation deaths in the future.

I am proud that the NTSB is on duty 24/7, 365 days a year in support of safety. I want to thank the employees in the regions, in the communications center, and throughout headquarters for their continued diligence and dedication.

Ellen G. Engleman

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NTSB Works Through Another Busy Holiday Weekend

Another very busy Fourth of July Weekend. Thank you to all of the regional Air Safety Investigators who launched during the holiday hours.

This year's holiday was one of the worst for total number of fatal and significant aviation accidents, but the NTSB regional offices handled it well.

The NTSB launched on ten aviation accidents.

1. Fly Baby collided with ground while maneuvering. **Corky Smith** investigating from our Atlanta Office.
2. Dassault Falcon 50 overran runway in Carlsbad and went down embankment. **Jeff Rich**

investigating from our Los Angeles Office.

3. Cessna 182 hit mountains in Aqua Dulce, California. **Howard Plagens** launched from our Los Angeles Office.
4. Globe GC-1B crashed on landing in Truckee-Tahoe, California. **Jeff Rich** investigating from our Los Angeles Office.
5. Beech C-23 crashed in Yellow Pine, Idaho. **Dennis Hogenon** launched from our Seattle Office.
6. Beech A36 crashed in Wenatchee, Washington. **Kurt Anderson** launched from our Seattle Office.

7. Cessna 421 crashed on approach in Sitka, Alaska after reporting open cargo door. **Larry Lewis** launched from our Anchorage Office.
8. Beech BE-35 crashed near Middlesboro, Kentucky. **Steve Demko** launched from our Parsippany, New Jersey Office.
9. PA-34-200 crashed into a pond near Montauk, New York after takeoff. **Bob Gretz** launched from our Parsippany, New Jersey Office.
10. Cessna 172S crashed near McKinney, Texas while maneuvering on training flight. **Aaron Sauer** launched from our Texas Office.

NTSB ALL HANDS MESSAGES



Online Travel Manager Help Available

A new tool is available for online help for DOI/NBC's Travel Manager. It is offered as an alternative to telephone calls and for requesting support during non-duty hours. The online help requires registration, and instructions are available on the travel web page at http://inside/financmat/travel/TM_HELP_DESK.doc.

On the Hill...

The House Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies is meeting July 11th to mark-up the NTSB's FY2004 Appropriations Bill.



NTSB BOARD MEMBERS WORK TO IMPROVE RAIL SAFETY



Mark Rosenker tours METRA's maintenance facility in Chicago.

Vice Chairman Mark Rosenker and Special Assistant **Tom Doyle** traveled to Chicago to observe the nation's largest freight classification yard, the Belt Railway, as well as METRA - the second largest commuter rail. They were joined by NTSB regional staff **Cy Gura** and **Dick Hipskind** to discuss METRA's commuter fleet while touring METRA's maintenance facility in Chicago.



Member Goglia discusses track reconstruction issues in California.

Member Goglia met with Union Pacific Railway Company representatives to discuss track reconstruction issues which resulted from the NTSB's investigation of a train derailment in Commerce City, California.

NTSB SUCCESSES

Office of Aviation Safety— The Los Angeles Regional Office briefed Members Goglia and Healing on five accident investigations.

Office of the Academy— Dr. Barry Strauch (MS-10) will join Dr. Ron Fisher, Professor of Psychology at Florida International University, to teach "Advanced Interviewing Techniques for Accident Investigators" at the Academy from November 17-18, 2003. See the complete course description at <http://www.nts.gov/academy/CourseInfo/IM401.doc>

STATE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Wisconsin PFD Use Legislation – The Vice Chairman, accompanied by **Bill Gossard**, testified before the Wisconsin Assembly Natural Resources Committee on behalf of A.B. 297, a measure to require children age 12 and under to use a personal flotation device.

Pennsylvania DUI Legislation – The Pennsylvania House unanimously approved H.B. 4, legislation on hard core drinking drivers, on July 7. It also approved S. 8, which was amended to be consistent with H.B. 4, except that the ignition interlock provisions had been removed.

Louisiana Governor Signs Child Safety and Boater Education Bills – Governor Foster signed legislation (H.B. 713) that establishes occupant protection standards for all children under age 13. The measure includes a booster seat requirement for children under age 6 or under 60 pounds. Member Carmody testified on behalf of this measure in April. The new law takes effect on January 1, 2004.