



## The Chairman's Corner

Friday, March 19, 2004

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As warm weather finally approaches, it's time to think about spring cleaning for safety. If you're a boater, make sure that your life jackets are in good working order, and ensure that you have enough for everyone — especially children. As you ready your car for spring vacation and weekend road trips, it's very important to check tire pressure along with your regular review of brakes, fluids and hoses. Weekend travel is always in an atmosphere of great expectations and fun. But remember, seat belts, child seats and booster seats are safety tools that ensure a safe and fun family adventure.

Back home, when you're checking your basement and garage, ensure that hazardous materials are securely stored — and in proper containers. If you're cleaning out the garage, remember to properly dispose of hazardous materials to ensure that neither children, pets or the environment are harmed.

Safety is a good daily habit throughout the year and especially important as we begin to renew our spirits after a very long winter.

New NTSB Courses  
now available!

See page two  
for course dates, titles  
and tuition fees.

*Ellen Engleman Conners*

### New E-Government Initiative Supports Congressional Communication

National Transportation Safety Board

#### ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION STATUS REPORT



In 2003, 39 NTSB Aviation Safety Investigators investigated approximately 2,059 general aviation (GA) accidents and incidents. Each month, the Safety Board releases final reports on those GA investigations via our aviation accident database. Beginning this month, the NTSB will provide each congressional office and transportation related committee with a report detailing accident investigation releases by state.

“We are pleased to initiate this new outreach program for Members of Congress and their staff,” said Chairman Ellen Engleman Conners. “We hope that this tool will be helpful to them when their constituents call for information and updates on accidents in their districts.”

To support electronic government initiatives, the report will be emailed. It will include the date and city of the of the accident, and there will be a link to our public website, which not only includes these most recent investigations, but also contains information back to 1962 about civil aviation accidents.

## NTSB ALL HANDS MESSAGES



There was a brief interruption of service to travel manager during an internet shutdown last week which may delay some processing of travel vouchers. Please review any claims for timeliness and let Steve Goldberg's office know of any extended delays.

The three standard types of aviation accident reports — preliminary, factual and briefs, will soon be available to the public on the NTSB website. They will be created on demand and displayed in a PDF format. Deployment is being scheduled.

### On the Hill...

Chairman Engleman Conners met this week with Chairman Ernest Istook and Congressman Jim Oberstar to discuss the NTSB FY 2005

Budget submission and update them on the NTSB's advocacy and outreach initiatives. The Chairman also met Jim Coon, the new staff director for the House Aviation Subcommittee.



Derrek Hofrichter, Member Dick Healing, Task Force Chair Brigadier General Robert Dickerson, Kevin Quinlan and United States Marine Corps Safety Director Colonel Buck Dewey at the Private Motor Vehicle Task Force meeting

### NTSB Meets With DOD to discuss Motor Vehicle Safety

**Member Dick Healing, Kevin Quinlan (OSR) and Special Assistant Derrek Hofrichter** attended the Defense Department Private Motor Vehicle Task Force meeting held at NTSB headquarters March 18 -19, 2004. The task force reports to the Department of Defense Safety Oversight Council, and is part of the Defense Department's effort to achieve a 50% reduction in avoidable fatal accidents by the end of FY05.

## NTSB ACADEMY—NEW COURSES!

The NTSB Air Cargo Safety Forum, scheduled for March 30-31 is "sold out" with 160 attendees currently enrolled. The Forum will be available on the NTSB website as a tape-delayed webcast. Check [www.ntsbgov](http://www.ntsbgov) for additional information.

New classes are available for sign-up! You may register on-line at [www.ntsbgov](http://www.ntsbgov) via the "Academy" link.

- Aviation Industry Training for Airline Professionals, April 29-30. Tuition \$100.00
- Aircraft Accident Investigation, May 10-21. Tuition \$2,000.00
- Marine Accident Investigation, May 10-21. Tuition \$2,000.00
- Advanced Interviewing for Accident Investigators, July 13-14. Tuition \$450.00
- Overview of NTSB Marine Accident Investigation Process, July 21-22. Tuition \$100.00
- Transportation Disaster Response—A Course for Emergency Responders, August 10-12. Tuition \$350.00
- Accident Site Photography, August 13, Tuition \$250.00
- Survival Factors in Aviation Accidents, October 18-21. Tuition \$495.00
- Aircraft Accident Investigation, October 25—November 11. Tuition \$2,000.00
- Marine Accident Investigation, October 25— November 5. Tuition \$2,000.00