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FALL SYMPOSIUM IN ORLANDO

What: Annual ADF Safety Symposium 2003
When: October 12 thru 14, 2003
Where: Renaissance Worldgate Hotel, 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL, located 23 miles from Orlando International Airport (& 1 mile from Disney World)

The 2003 Symposium Presentations and Discussions will feature:

- The FAA's View on the Safety Aspects of Positive Operational Control
- Airline Perspective of Operational Control
- Industry, Government and Institutional Viewpoints on Operational Control
- Exhibits to demonstrate how to enhance Operational Control
- Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Dispatch Profession
- Guest Speakers from all over the industry: Aviation Historian Donna Corbett; NTSB Vice Chairman (Ret.) Robert Francis; FAA Security Coordinator; the ever-popular Dr. Phil from OSU; and many, many others
- Special Guest Speaker: Congressman John Mica (invited)

The room rate is \$64 per night, plus tax. You can extend your stay for up to three nights before or after the Symposium for the same rate (based upon room availability). Numerous restaurants are within walking distance of the hotel. For more hotel information see www.renaissanceworldgate.com.

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The hotel offers complimentary scheduled transportation to and from Walt Disney World theme parks (based upon availability and limited to vehicle occupancy restrictions). You can also arrange for complimentary transportation to the Lake Buena Vista Factory Outlet Mall by contacting the hotel guest services desk.

Shorts:

- Information provided to the FAA from a voluntary Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) is protected from public disclosure, including disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act or other laws. This designation is intended to encourage participation in the ASAP and wider sharing of ASAP information with the FAA.
- Northwest Airlines has applied for an exemption to allow a crew to be on duty for more than 16 hours during 24 consecutive hours. The proposed exemption will be used in a one-time operation to conduct a part 121 supplemental operation in an attempt to set an around the poles world speed record flight in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight at Kitty Hawk.
- FAA gives Poland and Bulgaria IASA rating of Category 2. The countries do not comply with international safety standards set by ICAO.
- U.S. Sec. Of Transportation announces \$6M for safety at PHL; \$21.6M for Alaska airports.
- To check out a NOTAM or other airport information, here's a link to FAA's NACO (formerly NOS) site. Just type in the identifier of the airport, and a .PDF file will appear.

This link is being added to the ADF weather page.

http://www.naco.faa.gov/ap_diagrams_acc.asp

The site also has:

VFR Chart Bulletins
DACs Change Notice
TPP (IAP) Change Notice
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Chart User's Guide

ATPAC UPDATE by Frank Hashek

The ADF was represented at the July 2003 FAA ATPAC (Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee) meeting. The following items of interest to Dispatchers were among the AOCs (Areas of Concern) discussed:

Local NOTAM Distribution, AOC 90-14

The FAA is continuing with the NSTS (NOTAM Short Term Solution) as a bridge to the OASIS system for the FSSs. OASIS is not fully funded, only about 20 of about 60 systems have funding. The looming FSS privatization debate is affecting progress on this issue and the funding. NAATS has requested that the FAA's Gary Bobick brief this issue at the October meeting in Washington.

PIREP Distribution, AOC 97-1

There was some discussion of the timelines of PIREPs. The chair remarked that dissemination issues seem to affect the timeliness of the availability of PIREPs to the users. There was discussion of workload issues and how they affect the ability of controllers to enter the PIREPs into the system. There was additional discussion of the need to enter PIREPs into the system to confirm actual and forecasted WX. This AOC was deferred until the October meeting.

Discrete ARFF Frequency for Flight Crews, AOC 108-3

The FAA stated that their research showed that all 661 Part 139 airports are in compliance with the AC 150/5210-7C in that they either have a discrete frequency allocated or will clear and make available a frequency when the situation requires. This AOC was closed, action complete.

WAAS

Dan Hanlin, the FAA WAAS program manager briefed the committee on progress implementing the WAAS system for navigation. Full capability is expected to be online by 2007, using presently existing commercial satellites. The FAA is cooperating with Mexico on this program. Below are two URLs, one for the FAA's GPS website and one for the FAA's WAAS website:

<http://gps.faa.gov/sitemap/index.htm>

<http://gps.faa.gov/programs/waas/waas.htm>

Direct Clearances AOC 112-1

This AOC concerns direct clearances when an airport and VOR have the same name. This has become an issue with the use of FMCs and can result in a flight going to a point and on a route that the controller had not intended. The Executive Director advised that Jeff Williams is looking into this AOC. AOC deferred pending FAA's response.

General Comments

RNAV/RNP procedures are the wave of the future. They are planned to increase both capacity and safety. The FAA is establishing a separate office within itself to develop and implement with these procedures. Jeff Williams is presently acting head of this office. He is expected to brief ATPAC in these issues in October.

ADF members with concerns on air traffic procedures are requested to submit them to Frank Hashek or Amar Murthy at the following eMail addresses:

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 October 12 –14, 2003
 Orlando/Kissimmee, FL

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Winter 2004 Business Meeting  
 February 7-9, 2004  
 Atlanta, GA

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Spring 2004 Business Meeting
 May 1-3, 2004
 San Diego, CA

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 July 24-26, 2004  
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**2004 Symposium
&
Fall Business Meeting**
 October 3-5, 2004
 Las Vegas, NV

See www.dispatcher.org for more info.

WHO Are the ADF Delegates?

Here is a list of your ADF Delegates. Not everyone has one, but if you are employed by any of the listed entities, please be sure to let your delegate know that you are interested in ADF activities. Your delegate is there to answer questions, inform you of ADF activities, and to bring your comments to ADF meetings. WE WANT YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND FEEDBACK! Use these people!

See Page 6 for a full description of ADF Delegate duties.

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American Airlines	John	Plowman
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Atlantic Southeast Airlines	Victor Scott	Stacy
Casino Express Airlines	Kevin	O'Brien
Colgan Air / US Airways Express	David	Rose
Continental Airlines	Diana	Gaeta
Delta Air Lines	Kevin	Thompson
Delta Air Lines	Mark	Hopkins
Express Jet Airlines	Andre	Tchouamo
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Japan Airlines Operations	Joseph	Gutierrez
Jetsgo	Marc	Belzile
Mesaba Airlines	Chris	Dahn
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Pacific Aviation Corporation	Kenneth	Drake
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Trans States Airlines	John	Cox
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USAirways	Don	Wright
USAirways	Ted	Christie
World Airways	Peter	Clough

NASA Human Factors Symposium by Jim Jansen

On June 10-11, at the request of the NASA Human Factors Group, I attended and made a presentation at their Emergency and Abnormal Situations in Aviation Symposium. As the name suggests, the focus of the presentations was how emergency and abnormal situations are dealt with and how mistakes can happen under stressful conditions. The Symposium was attended by members of NASA, aircraft manufacturers, ATA, ALPA, colleges and universities, APFA, ADF, NATCA, Eurocontrol, FAA, U.S. military, computer manufacturers, NTSB and several airlines.

On the first day, we heard presentations from NASA, Boeing, ALPA, ATA and the Aerospace Psychology Research Group in Dublin, Ireland. The topics included an in-depth analysis of the FedEx DC10 crash at SWF, improving and standardizing aircraft quick reference handbooks, emergency checklists, crew procedures, safety audits, perceptions in emergencies and abnormal situation and discussions on workload and coordination during periods of stress.

The second day we had presentations on the roles of different groups in emergency and abnormal situations. These presentations included, ATC (Europe), cabin crews, maintenance, dispatch (my presentation), current practices for training and a presentation from NASA on the studies and projects currently underway by the Human Factors Group.

My presentation on dispatch focused on the role of the dispatcher as the "one-stop source of information" for all the groups involved in emergency and abnormal situations.

On Thursday, I took advantage of my presence in Santa Clara to arrange a meeting with NEXTOR at U.C. Berkeley. NEXTOR is the acronym for National Center of Excellence for Aviation Operations Research. This group is comprised of several "think tank" groups located at Berkeley, M.I.T., Univ. of Maryland and one or two other centers of higher education. They are involved in several research projects for the government (mainly the FAA), and I thought it might be beneficial to open a line of communications with them. I spent the afternoon meeting with Scott Simcox the Research Development Director, Mark Hansen, Associate Professor Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Co-Director of NEXTOR, and Avijit Mukherjee Graduate Research Assistant and PhD candidate. They were very anxious to show me their current project involving opportunities for dynamic rerouting of aircraft using probabilistic weather forecasts. We spent several hours discussing the role of the controller, pilot and dispatcher, and I was able to offer them some insight on the decision making process the dispatcher goes through in selecting routes, alternates and fuel requirements. We also got into a discussion on operational control issues and the pros and cons of rerouting aircraft based on a forecast of convective activity. This discussion included the economic ramifications associated with reroutes and the impact to schedules.

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Open ADF Officer Positions for 2004

ADF accepted nominations for the positions of **President, Treasurer, First Vice President (Operations) and Fourth Vice President (Administration)** beginning with the spring business meeting in Shannon, Ireland. See Business Meeting Agenda (see right) for nominees received as of publication.

If you or someone you know is interested in stepping up to the plate for your profession, please send your nomination to ADFBoard@dispatcher.org.

From the ADF By-Laws:

ARTICLE VI. Elections

Nominations for Officers will be made from the regular membership of ADF at large.

OFFICERS: shall be elected for a two (2) year term commencing January 1st of the respective year and shall serve alternating terms of office as follows and henceforth will be elected for a two year term.

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President

Treasurer

First Vice President (Operations)

Fourth Vice President (Administration)

NOMINATIONS: will be opened at the second meeting of the election year.

ELECTIONS: will be held at the last regular quarterly meeting of the election year [at the Annual Symposium in Orlando, FL on Oct.12, 2003] by those members of the council in attendance by secret ballot.

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Business Meeting Agenda for October 12th in Orlando, FL

1. Officer Reports
2. Nominations for Officers/vote (secret ballot if more than one nominee), received so far:

President

Nominees - Ted Christie & Giles O'Keefe

Treasurer

Nominees - Mike Timpe

First Vice-President (Operations)

Nominees - Joe Cook

Fourth Vice-President (Administration)

Nominees -

3. Vote on By-laws Changes.

Review of by-laws changes.

- Article IV, Section 2, amend number of members of Board of Directors to 8. Redefine positions in Section 3 to reflect those 8 positions.
- Article VIII, Section 2, amend first sentence to state "...officers and employees." Also amend title of section to state "Compensation of Officers and Employees".

Article VII, Section 6, delete or minimize.

4. 125/135 ARC Rreport - Jeff Rehaluk/Norm Joseph
5. Jumpseat issue - Don Wright
6. New Business



Aviation Weather Solutions

What Does an ADF Delegate DO?

The following information is found in the ADF by-laws.

DELEGATES & ALTERNATES: shall be selected by their respective Carrier or Organization.

Guidelines of Duties & Responsibilities of the Airline Delegate

The ADF Delegate should:

Be a member in good standing with the Airline Dispatchers Federation by being current in membership

Disseminate the ADF Newsletter and other information to the ADF members

Attend Business Meetings and/or Symposiums, if possible

Become familiar with the ADF Bylaws

Encourage membership within their airline and/or collect membership dues

Forward Dues to ADF Treasurer

Advise ADF VP of Membership Total number of dispatchers in the office (51%)

Request and Issue New Member Packets within their airline

Advise ADF Membership Services of any member address change

Advise ADF Membership Services of any change in membership status i.e. Retiree s etc

Invite the ADF board to attend airline Dispatch meetings to address any airline concerns

Advise and encourage airline involvement with the many ADF projects

Coordinate the hotel and meeting arrangements for local business meetings

Represent the views or concerns of their airline to the ADF

The delegate is the communication link between airline members and the ADF board. Passing information and concerns to and from the airlines members and the ADF board. Although this position at times requires personal dedication and work, delegates such as you are the essential ingredient in the ADF agenda of educating our industry partners to the roles, requirements and responsibilities of the [Certificated Dispatcher].



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We encourage and welcome submission of news items of interest from the ADF membership. You can submit items via e-mail to us, written in article format or simply send me a link to the information of interest. Either way, please send your information to Frank Hashek at: FHashek@dispatcher.org

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Long Distance Operational Control

Aviation Rulemaking Committee Updates by Jeff Rehaluk

125/135 ARC Aug 19-21st in Washington DC
Attended by Norm Joseph and Jeff Rehaluk

The Operations group has approx. 50 work documents open at this time. All issues are presently being worked within the Operations group.

Alternate Airport, Extended Overwater Ops with Multi-engine aircraft and Take Off from Foreign and Military Airports: The primary focus on these issues will be to harmonize with FAR121/JAR ops as appropriate.

Cargo Jumpseat – added the reference to certificated dispatchers having the opportunity to access jumpseat. Airline Dispatchers Federation (ADF) has requested that Certificated Dispatchers be allowed to jumpseat which will result in increased situational awareness, as well as observation and educational benefits. Security verification procedures were also addressed.

Flight/Duty/Rest – initial discussion took place. A summit meeting on this specific issue is to be planned at a later date. Possible balancing of 121/121 Supp and 135 flight/duty/rest regulations were discussed. Certificated flight dispatchers were added as a group for which duty/rest time is a critical issue.

Again this is just a sample of the 50 issues that are open at this time.

The Steering Committee met August 21 in the after-

noon. Of note was an attempt made to pass a FAR135 on-demand limit of max 60-passenger configuration. This issue was opposed by the ADF, Delta and a Jackson & Wade, LLC. The Applicability Group will be discussing this issue again in November.

The Training Workgroup is working on Line Check and Simulator issues with possible FAR121 harmonization as able.

The Rotorcraft Workgroup has several issues such as IFR alternate requirements and visibility as the controlling criteria. Additionally, consideration is being given by the Workgroup to separate FAR 135 rotorcraft and powerlift flight operations.

The Airworthiness Workgroup is working on maintenance training record issues as well as maintenance duty/time rest issues.

Discussion will continue at the next ARC meeting for all of these issues.

The next meeting is in Washington Nov 18-20th with the Applicability Group meeting on the 17th. Note that from this time forward additional members will *not* be added to the workgroups.

Many thanks to Norm Joseph for all his efforts!!!



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ADF Safety Symposium 2003 In Orlando, Florida

Sunday October 12 2003

- 1000-1700 Vendor Setup in Salon B
- 1100-1800 Registration Outside Salon B
- 1400-1700 ADF Business Meeting in the Oleander Room (adjacent to Salon A)
(Officer Reports, Elections and Organizational Business)
- 1800-2000 **ADF Safety Symposium 2003 Welcome Reception** in Salon B

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Monday October 13, 2003

- 0730-0830 *Registration Coffee and Refreshments:*
- 0835-0840 Opening Remarks David Smith, President, ADF
- 0845-0915 Donna Corbett, Aviation Historian
- 0920-0950 Congressman John Mica (pending availability)
- 0955-1020 Robert Francis, Vice Chairman NTSB (Ret.)
- 1025-1035 Mike White, Avtec, Inc.

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- 1035-1105 *Coffee and Tea Break with the vendors.:*

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- 1110-1140 Dr. Barbara Burian, NASA AMES Research Center
- 1145-1300 **Awards Luncheon** in Salon E (Behind Salon A) Sponsored by:
- 1310-1340 Dr. Florian Jentsch of University of Central Florida
- 1345-1415 Jack May, Director, Aviation Weather Center- NWS
- 1420-1450 John Goglia, National Transportation Safety Board
- 1455-1525 Alexis Smollok, FAA Supervisory Special Agent
Civil Aviation Security Program Coordinator



- 1525-1555 *Iced Tea and cookies break with the vendors.* Sponsored by:

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- 1555-1655 Mike Wambsganss, President/CEO Metron Aviation, Inc.
- 1700 Closing Comments David Smith, President, ADF

Tuesday October 14, 2003

- 0800-0830 *Registration Coffee and Refreshments*
- 0835-0840 Opening Remarks, David Smith, President, ADF

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0845-0915 Steve Alogna & Bob Boetig, Mitre
0920-0955 Phil Smith, Ohio State University
1000-1020 Tim Cinello, PASSUR/Megadata
1025-1105 *Coffee and Tea Break with the vendors*

Drawings for prizes at every break

1110-1140 Russ Gold, Air Transport Association
1145-1205 Bob Commerce, President ALDA (Ret.)
1205-1315 **Lunch on your own**
1315-1355 Carl Grundmann, Joint Project Office, NASA
1400-1420 Lockheed Martin
1425-1505 John Sherameta Jr., Embry Riddle Aeronautical University,
Human Factors Group, Grad Student & Research Assistant

1505-1545 *Ice Cream Sundae Theme Break* *Sponsored by:*



1550-1640 Bruce Cameron, Air Traffic Control Systems Command Center
1645-1700 Closing Comments - Dave Smith, President, ADF

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Summary of the Denver ADF Summer Business Meeting

By Mark Hopkins

The ADF summer business meeting was held in Denver, CO. on 7/13/03. Opening remarks by President David Smith kicked off the meeting. Officer reports followed with summaries of ongoing events offered by Executive V.P. Jim Jansen, Treasurer Mike Timpe, and Director of Corporate & Industry Alliances Tracie Benson.

Several issues were discussed and acted upon including nomination of officers to fill terms expiring at the end of the year. These positions include President, Treasurer, V.P. Administration, and V.P., Operations. The issues of joint ADF/EUFALDA/IFALDA meetings was discussed and it was agreed that these summits should be held every three years. The next joint summit will be held in 2006.

The major area of discussion was the Part 125/135 rewrite. Norm Joseph and Jeff Rehaluk are representing the organization on the Steering Committee. Both made presentations regarding this very important development and it's potential effect on the industry.

Following a number of procedural matters the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting in MCO at the annual symposium 10/12, 13, 14.

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ADF membership is on a calendar year basis, so please renew for 2004 now. New membership applications submitted in the last quarter of the year will include membership for the following year (2004).

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If you prefer to mail in your application, please use the form available at this URL:

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For your convenience, an application is also included in this newsletter. See page 11!



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