



MOVING Forward

“This is certainly different,” you probably are saying to yourself as you page through this inaugural issue of *Aviation Safety World*. That change was initiated last year when Flight Safety Foundation’s Board of Governors declared that the Foundation was doing a great job of developing safety information, but that information was not getting out to enough people in the industry, especially people outside of the core safety community. It was decided that the seven existing publications would be merged into a new, modern publication, the journal you see today.

When we sat down to design this new publication, we knew it had to be as serious and as credible as its predecessors. Further, it could not retreat from any of the topics previously covered. But, beyond that, we were directed to make *Aviation Safety World* a more timely publication with a wider scope of information, arranged and displayed in a more reader-friendly manner. The design you see was largely developed by Production Designer Ann L. Mullikin who, after years of confinement in an outdated format and a palette that rarely departed from black and white, displayed her underutilized talent in developing the look and feel of today’s publication.

Next, we added some new features to expand the scope of information available to the safety community, including a new calendar of aviation safety events around the world. We will strive to make this comprehensive, but we need help from our readers to make this happen.

We also invite readers to tell us what they think about the safety topic of the day, recent events or anything else that has aviation safety as its central theme. We will publish these letters in our new AirMail section.

Further outside input will be invited from aviation leaders around the world in our new LeadersLog section.

In the belief that there is value in listening to different points of view, we have launched the InSight section, an occasional feature in which we present thoughts that may differ from mainstream safety community thinking.

This editorial page also is new, giving me a monthly opportunity to expose my weak, unorganized thinking patterns. I look forward to seeing what kinds of letters I can provoke with this page.

A news section will bring you brief items on safety-related events from around the globe.

Some of the other departments will be very familiar to readers of the now-departed *Flight Safety Digest*. ThreatAnalysis is a series looking at real-life safety risks, CausalFactors examines the details of an accident of particular interest, DataLink

will be our monthly statistics feature, InfoScan will review new books and other publications, with additional reviews of various safety-related web sites. And On-Record will provide accident details from recently-issued reports.

But the heart of this journal will be the feature stories in which our experienced and knowledgeable staff, supplemented by contributors, take a long, hard look at today’s safety issues. These will be presented in a slightly less academic manner than before, with a less-cluttered presentation and fewer end notes, but retaining that rich core of information so vital to this publication’s mission. Some of the lengthier pieces of information that used to fill *Flight Safety Digest* will be summarized in these pages, with directions to a place on the <www.flightsafety.org> web site where the complete document can be found.

We hope you find this new approach to aviation safety information useful. And, as I said earlier, we invite your comments. While we put a lot of work into creating *Aviation Safety World*, we do not pretend that it is a finished product. No publication that seeks to be a living part of an intellectually vibrant community can ever stay at rest, but must continually evolve to meet the changing needs of its readers.

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