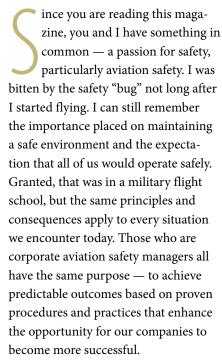
## Flight Safety Foundation and Me by SID BAKER

The sudden death of Sid Baker, vice chairman of Flight Safety Foundation's Corporate Advisory Committee, just a few days after he sent us the following column, was a sad shock to everyone who knew Sid. Recently retired as head of Kodak's flight department, Sid, 63, was already eager to take on new challenges. He will be missed by all who knew him and worked with him.



Most of us began our careers thinking we were the center of the operation. As we matured, we realized that the reason there is an aviation department is to facilitate the success of the company — not so we could fly airplanes! We cannot guarantee the company's success, but we can certainly enhance the chances of success by providing a rapid response to travel needs with the flexibility to modify schedules while

also operating safely and securely into many varied locations not served by our airline counterparts.

We eventually realized that we are part of a system larger than our individual companies, and that we can impact that system either positively or negatively. Flight Safety Foundation helps to make that impact favorable.

No other organization views aviation as a global operation involving manufacturing, operations, maintenance, air traffic control and regulation with a regional — as well as a universal — outlook on safety. The Foundation recognizes that not all aviation efforts are equal, with vast differences among regions, among operators and among controlling agencies. The Foundation offers a forum to address these varied safety issues in a nonpartisan manner, appealing to government agencies in all countries and offering suggestions, support and advice to those concerned with maintaining a safe air transportation system.

The Foundation offers a venue to meet and trade information with other aviation professionals. The Foundation represents our safety interests to



The Foundation is important to me and to you. It is important to our companies, it is important to our nations, and it is important to our global economy.

to enhance safety, which facilitates our

companies' drive to succeed.

We are the Foundation; it works through us and for us. I am proud to be associated with the Foundation and look forward to all we can accomplish in the future.

