



Brothers and Sisters,

After a three-year hiatus, we were able to return to Las Vegas for Communicating for Safety 2022. CFS continues to be the premier aviation safety conference. It brings together members of the aviation community including air traffic controllers and the other aviation safety professionals that NATCA represents, as well as many industry stakeholders, pilots, and FAA and other governmental leaders. The conference program features keynote speeches by aviation leaders, panel discussions, and breakout sessions.

To those that were able to attend the conference, we thank you for your participation and hope that you have already relayed valuable information received during the conference to your colleagues.

Those of you that were not able to attend, we hope that you will be able to attend and experience CFS next year.



In the NATCA Update, we will be recapping the entire conference, including panel discussions, speakers, awards presentations, and more. Today, we're highlighting our keynote speakers and panels. Click on the video links below to view presentations and learn more about what was discussed to help ensure that we continue to run the safest, most efficient airspace in the world as we expand and grow.

Stay tuned for the next issue of the NATCA Update where we will recognize the award winners honored during CFS 2022.

In Solidarity,

Rich Santa, NATCA President

Andrew LeBovidge, NATCA Executive Vice President
Chrissy Padgett, NATCA Safety Committee Chair
Tom Adcock, Safety and Technology Dept. Director



President Santa Welcomes Attendees to CFS



NATCA President Rich Santa delivered the opening keynote address for CFS 2022.

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NATCA Executive Vice President LeBovidge Highlights Mental Health Resources



NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge kicked off the second day of CFS with his address. LeBovidge discussed the importance of prioritizing mental health and how the Union can support members.

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Chrissy Padgett Kicks Off CFS General Session



NATCA National Safety Committee Chair Chrissy Padgett welcomed attendees to CFS 2022

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Tammie Jo Shults Recounts Heroic Recovery After Engine Failure



On Monday, Tammie Jo Shults, retired Southwest Airlines captain, author, and former naval aviator addressed CFS attendees. Shults received wide acclaim when, on April 17, 2018, she and her crew successfully landed a Boeing 737 after catastrophic engine failure and rapid decompression, saving the lives of 148 people.

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Michael Abrashoff Shares Lessons on Leadership



Former U.S. Navy commander, New York Times best-selling author, and leadership and teamwork expert Michael Abrashoff took the stage on Monday afternoon.

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Acting FAA Administrator Nolen Addresses CFS



Acting FAA Administrator Billy Nolen spoke to CFS attendees on Monday afternoon.

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David Seymour Showcases Recent Operations Advancements from American Airlines



American Airlines Chief Operating Officer David Seymour took the stage at CFS on Tuesday morning. Seymour shared lessons from his long career in aviation and leadership with our CFS attendees.

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Richard McSpadden: Pilot-Controller Communication is Key to Resolving Emergency Situations



AOPA Air Safety Institute Senior Vice President Richard McSpadden delivered his keynote address on Tuesday afternoon. He currently leads a team of certified flight instructors and content creators who develop and distribute free aviation safety material in order to advance general aviation safety industrywide

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I Want it All and I Want it Now: Technologies' Realistic Road Ahead

Moderators:

- NATCA Director of Safety and Technology Tom Adcock
- NATCA National Project Management Organization (PMO) Rep Dan Hamilton

Panelists:

- Raytheon Strategy & Business Development Executive Rachel Jackson
- Leidos Senior Vice President Fran Hill
- L3Harris Vice President of Strategy & Business Development Jim Eck
- FAA PMO Vice President Mark DeNicololo

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Working the Issues: A Template for Success

Moderators:

- NATCA Chief of Staff Dean Iacopelli
- FAA Air Traffic Services Vice President Jeffrey Vincent

Panelists:

- Delta Airlines Air Traffic Management Senior Manager Rob Goldman
- JetBlue Airlines Strategic Airspace Programs Manager Lee Brown
- FAA Central Service Area Director of Operations Hope Kubala
- NATCA Southern Regional Vice President Jim Marinitti

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Looking Ahead: Transforming the NAS to Meet New Challenges

Moderator: Former NATCA President Paul Rinaldi

Panelists:

- United Executive Vice President Chief Customer Officer Linda Jojo
- General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) President and CEO Pete Bunce
- FAA's Management Advisory Council and Former FAA Deputy Administrator Linda Daschle
- Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) President and CEO Brian Wynne
- American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) President and CEO Todd Hauptli

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No Train, No Gain: The Road Back

Moderators:

- NATCA National Training Representative Jamaal Haltom
- FAA Vice President of Safety and Technical Training FrankMcIntosh

Panelists:

- FAA Central Service Area Director of Operations Hope Kubala
- NATCA Southwest Regional Vice President Nick Daniels
- NATCA Dallas/Fort Worth TRACON (D10) FacRep Steve Prichard
- D10 Air Traffic Manager Nick Fannin

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Mistakes Happen: But They Don't Have to be Repeated

Moderator: NATCA National Runway Safety Representative Bridget Singratanakul

Panelists:

- AOPA Air Safety Institute Senior Vice President Richard McSpadden
- NATCA National Human Performance Representative Aaron Katz
- Corporate Pilot Sheri “Sharki” Kontra

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Aviation's New Frontier: Has the Jetson's Age Arrived?

Moderators:

- NATCA Director of Safety and Technology Tom Adcock
- FAA UAS Integration Office Deputy Executive Director Abby Smith

Panelists:

- Joby Aviation Head of Government Affairs Greg Bowles
- Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) President and CEO Brian Wynne
- Xwing Chief Technology Officer Maxime Gariel
- NATCA National Unmanned Aircraft Systems Article 114 Representative Will Hutson.

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Synthesizing the NAS: Aviation's New Frontier and Our Existing System

Moderator: Former NATCA Executive Vice President Trish Gilbert

Panelists:

- Airlines for America (A4A) Air Traffic Management and Operations Vice President Andy Cebula
- NASA Aeronautics Research Institute Director Parimal "PK" Kopardekar
- NATCA National Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Article 114 Representative Jimmy Smith
- FAA Director of Operations Planning and Integration Wendy O'Connor

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Pilot/Controller Panels

Panel #1 – Is it Active or Not: A Look at Special Use Airspace

Moderators:

- NATCA ATSAP Analyst Team (AAT) member Dawn Johnson
- NATCA National Recurrent Training Lead Richard Kennington.

Panelists:

- NATCA National Airspace Representative Josh Haviland
- Maryland Air National Guard 104th Fighter Squadron Chief of Training Major Jack “Queen” Ingber

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Panel #2 – Pilot-Controller Communication: Working

Moderator: NATCA National Recurrent Training Lead Richard Kennington

Panelists:

- NATCA National Safety Committee Pilot/Controller Liaison Brad Wilcko
- Air Line Pilots Association Airport & Ground Environment Subcommittee Chairman Jason Herman
- Cirrus Owners Pilots Association University Dean John Gressett

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Panel #3 – Reporting: How I Contribute to Safety

Moderator: NATCA ATSAP Analyst Team (AAT) member Dawn Johnson

Panelists:

- Allied Pilots Association (APA) and MD-80 Captain Mark Woodall
- NATCA ATSAP Analyst Erin Phelps

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