



## National Aviation Safety Foundation

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### The National Aviation Safety Foundation Announces Appointments to the NASF Board of Directors

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**JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA** - The National Aviation Safety Foundation announced the appointment of Barry L. Valentine and Cheryl A. Hardy to serve on its Board of Directors.

#### ***BARRY L. VALENTINE***

Barry L. Valentine has over four decades experience in aviation, government, and business and is currently Senior Advisor to the Wicks Group, an aviation legal and consulting firm in Washington, DC.

Prior to his current position, he was Senior Vice President for International Affairs for the General Aviation Manufacturers Association from 1999 to 2005. From 1993 to 1998 he held several top positions at the Federal Aviation Administration including Administrator (Acting) and Assistant Administrator for Policy, Planning, and International Aviation.

Mr. Valentine's extensive aviation background also includes having held the positions of Director of the Portland (Maine) International Jetport from 1987 to 1991 and Director of Aeronautics for the State of Maine from 1983 to 1987.

He has been an active pilot for over 50 years, having first soloed at the age of 16, and served as a pilot with the US Air Force from 1967 to 1972. He has logged over 3000 flying hours including 1000 hours of combat time. Mr. Valentine was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals for his outstanding service in Vietnam.

His business background includes having held the position of vice president and treasurer of Gleichman & Co, Inc., a major commercial real estate investment and development company, and he has been president and board member of several non-profit public service corporations.

Mr. Valentine has been active in political affairs at the local, state and national levels and was elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1976. In 1979 he was selected as District Manager for the 1980 Decennial Census in Maine and in 1983 served on the Maine Apportionment Commission. He served as Chief of Staff to the majority party in the Maine Legislature and was on the staff of the US Senate Majority Leader in 1991-1992.

Mr. Valentine has been active throughout his life in numerous professional, civic, and charitable organizations. He has served on the National Policy Review Committee of the American Association of Airport Executives, was Regional Vice President of the National Association of State Aviation Officials, and President of the Maine Airport Managers Association.

He has served on the Board of Governors of the Aero Club of Washington, the Board of Directors of the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Advisory Board of Women in Aviation International.

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Mr. Valentine received his Bachelors degree in Industrial Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and his Aeronautical Rating from the US Air Force. He holds a Commercial pilots license with Instrument, Multi-engine, and Seaplane ratings.

Barry Valentine and his wife Judith reside in Annapolis, Maryland

### ***CHERYL A. HARDY***

Cheryl A. Hardy is a resident of Deltona, Florida, and has been involved in the FAA's safety program for more than a decade. As the daughter of a naval aviator, she grew up in the hangars of Pennsylvania's Willow Grove Naval Air Station watching the Blue Angels practice their routines. Her interest in aviation was revitalized years later when she met her future husband, Hugh, a long time pilot himself. Getting into the cockpit with him was all it took for her to enthusiastically embrace the world of flight

As a lead representative in the FAA's safety program, the FAASTeam, she spends much of her time promoting the FAA Production Studios and the aviation safety message it delivers through its extensive palate of program offerings. As the Public Relations Representative for the studios she travels throughout the country to large aviation gatherings including AOPA Expo, AirVenture, NBAA and Sun 'n Fun, where she shares the safety program's goals with other interested aviators. As a trained graphic artist, she is responsible for producing the studio's promotional materials, books, websites and advertising campaigns.

Cheryl is a speaker with specialties in volunteer management. She is also a host of "Managing Safety", an aviation radio talk show, that brings interesting and informative interviews with aviation professionals, industry leaders and technology and news updates.

In her day job she has served for over 26 years as the Vice President of JaFic Association Management, Inc. a professional association management firm that oversees the day-to-day activities and organization of professional and nonprofit associations. Her duties include overseeing client accounts, designing and editing magazines, newsletters and other promotional material. She holds Bachelor of Science degrees in business management and commercial art from Florida Technical University.

She now serves as a mentor to volunteers joining the FAASTeam while training new crew members to work in various positions within the production studio. She also develops new strategies to foster growth of the production studio's efforts. Youth activities such as EAA's Young Eagles and the Boy Scout's aviation orientation program are also a priority for her. She is a member of AOPA, EAA, Women in Aviation and the National Aviation Safety Foundation.

Cheryl has received the 2007 FAA National FAASTeam Representative of the Year Award and the 2006 FAA Southern Region FAASTeam Representative of the Year Award. She was the 2006 FAASTeam Representative of the Year for the FAA Flight Standards District Office, Orlando and the 2002 Aviation Safety Counselor of the Year for the FAA Flight Standards District Office, Orlando.

The National Aviation Safety Foundation is a support group whose objective is to enhance aviation safety through educational programs at designated National facilities. During the year, in cooperation with the FAA, we provide extensive support for projects like the FAA Production Studios in Lakeland, perform safety seminars, and provide a wide dissemination of safety related information to all interested parties.

The National Aviation Safety Foundation is registered as an IRS 501(C)3 nonprofit corporation.

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