

SAFE FLIGHT

Presentation Title:

SAFE FLIGHT A pilot's approach to safety and risk management in the conduct of an overseas airline flight.

Abstract:

We've all gritted our teeth as we struggle through the interminable intrusions of airline passenger security screening, or yawned our way through that banal preflight tape recording of emergency exit locations. But have you ever thought of the hundreds of unseen risk management and safety measures that are implemented on every flight to ensure safe and efficient travel through the hostile environment at 35,000 feet. In his presentation, the speaker, a retired Boeing-777 Captain, will take the audience on a behind the scenes look at safety and risk management techniques employed in the conduct of a transoceanic flight. Learn what's going on behind the cockpit door to ensure your flight is safe and uneventful while you dine on rubber chicken and strain to hear Seinfeld re-runs.

Biography

Peter Lang began flying professionally in 1975 piloting the DeHavilland Twin Otter in northern Ontario, and later in the high arctic where he flew "off strip" in support of resource exploration, scientific study and Dew Line re-supply. In 1978 he was hired by Air Canada however during an industry wide slowdown in 1981 Peter left Air Canada and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force where he trained as a fighter pilot. As an air superiority and ground attack fighter pilot flying the CF-18, he intercepted Soviet bombers, developed tactics for attacking cruise missiles, flew sovereignty missions in the high arctic and was a squadron test pilot. In 1988 he returned to Air Canada where he has flown a number of different airliner types. Peter recently retired from the position of Captain on the Boeing 777 after 38 years with Air Canada.