



How I Survived a Continental DC-10 Plane Crash at LAX

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1. Why were you on Continental Flight going from LAX to Honolulu?
2. Was there anything different about that morning?
3. Why did you still get on the plane?
4. In your book, Fire Up Your Life! you say you changed your seat assignment at the last minute before boarding the plane. Why did you do that?
5. Take me through what it was like when you sat down on the plane. Did it seem different than previous flights?
6. Where you paying attention to the flight attendant?
7. From looking at the plane crash picture on your website (donnahartley.com) – the smoke, the flames.....how did anyone survive this? How did you survive it?
8. Were you injured?
9. When you were out of the plane and looked back at the wreckage, did it look like a movie?
10. Who is the first person you called after the plane crash?
11. Three days later, you went on to Hawaii to emcee the Miss Hawaii Pageant. How could you get back on a plane?
12. Two months later you were subpoenaed to appear before the National Transportation Safety Board. What was your reaction to that?
13. How did you change safety regulations?
14. How did you put your life back together after such an ordeal?
15. You are known for your brand of “firepower” -- You write about it, and speak about it internationally. How do you get people to fire up their lives?
16. What are the tips you would tell our listeners to improve their chances of surviving a crash?

Facts:

- NASA spent \$8.5M on a study about airline safety. The 24,000 pilots interviewed indicated an alarming number of near collisions and runway incidents. NASA has refused to release the results of the study for fear of alarming passengers and jeopardizing the airline industry.
- On March 1, 1978, Donna Hartley boarded a Continental DC-10 bound from LAX to Honolulu to emcee the Miss Hawaii Pageant. At a 167 mph it exploded on take off.
- She was a bulimic, struggling actress in Hollywood. Her mentor George that had predicted she would have three major life lessons to learn in her life. If she survived them she would inspire people. The plane crash was the first of those three events.
- Her testimony at the National Transportation Safety Board served to change airline safety regulations.
- Before she testified, she visited the injured passengers in the burn ward. It was their suffering that motivated her to waiver her right to sue the airline and fight for improved safety regulations.
- She gives travelers today safety tips on how to increase their chances of surviving a crash.
- For details of the plane crash click here <http://www.donnahartley.com/fireupyourlife/book.htm#read>