

GWBA A News

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GWBA A Continues To Grow

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Welcome to the June issue of the GWBA A News. Last week, GWBA A held its second general membership meeting, which had 56 attendees from across the Greater Washington aviation community. At the meeting, GWBA A President Bob Blouin reported that membership has grown to include 41 corporate members, 21 individual members, and 6 government agencies. Blouin also noted that in the last four months, GWBA A has grown into an organization that fills an obvious need for local representation in the Greater Washington area.

The featured speakers at the meeting were Jim Bedow and Hal Albert, who noted the importance of communication between the FAA and groups such as GWBA A to address local air traffic issues. In addition, Harry Houckes provided an update on NBA A's current initiatives, and Blouin noted that TSA has yet to issue the pending Interim Final Rule on general aviation access to Reagan National Airport (see below for additional details).

Upcoming Events:

On **June 16**, NBA A will hold a three-hour teleconference for NBA A members to discuss the recent IRS notice on the business use of aircraft (see below for additional details).

On **June 17**, Independence Air will be hosting the next Severe Weather Avoidance Program Q&A session with representatives of the FAA at Independence's training facility (515 Shaw Road, Dulles, VA) at 10am. No RSVP is required, but if you have any questions please contact David Emmanuel at (703) 650-6157 or david.emmanuel@flyi.com.

On **June 23**, the Honorable George Allen will keynote an evening to "Celebrate General Aviation!" The event will be co-hosted by the Washington Airports Task Force, Signature Flight Support, the National Business Aviation Association, and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, and will be held at the Signature Flight Support Hangar at Reagan Washington National Airport, 6pm to 9pm. As of this writing, GWBA A and the Washington Airports Task Force are continuing to work with TSA to allow general aviation aircraft to fly to DCA for static display at the event; GWBA A in particular has helped to recruit law enforcement officer to fly aboard the aircraft, as required by TSA. For more information, visit <http://www.washingtonairports.com/events/eupcoming.htm> or call (703) 572-8714.

On **October 10**, GWBA A will hold its first annual golf tournament at the International Country Club in Fairfax. Registration details, charitable benefactors, and sponsorship opportunities will be posted on the GWBA A website soon.

DHS Announces Plan to Re-Open DCA to General Aviation:

As has been widely reported, the Department of Homeland Security has announced that it has a plan to allow general aviation to return to Reagan National Airport, although the agency has stated that flights will not actually be allowed until 90 days after it has issued an "Interim Final Rule" setting out specific requirements. According to a DHS press release, up

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to 48 flights will be allowed per day, but – among other requirements – operators and crews will be required to register in advance; passenger and crew manifests will be required to be submitted 24 hours in advance; and a Law Enforcement officer must be aboard each flight. In addition, flights will only be allowed to depart from twelve “gateway” airports – Boston Logan; Chicago Midway; Houston Hobby; Lexington, Kentucky; Minneapolis/St.Paul; New York LaGuardia; Philadelphia; San Francisco; Seattle-Tacoma; Teterboro; West Palm Beach; and White Plains. While this plan is far from adequate to meet the needs of general aviation, GWBAA considers it to be an important first step.

Leesburg Airport:

Until August 1, 2005, Leesburg is closed to large aircraft in order to facilitate the repaving of the runway, and the instrument landing system and runway lights will be offline. The airport is also expected to be closed entirely for 1-2 days at the end of August for pavement grooving. For updates, carefully consult NOTAMs or call the airport at (703) 737-7125.

IRS Notice on Business Use of Aircraft:

The IRS recently published Notice 2005-45, “Deductions for Entertainment Use of Business Aircraft,” which provides guidance on the limits on the amount of trade/business expenses that may be deducted for the use of a business aircraft for entertainment/personal purposes. These limits were imposed by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, and were intended to override a 2002 court of appeals decision interpreting prior law. The NBAA has posted information about the limits at <http://web.nbaa.org/public/govt/jobs2004>. In addition, NBAA will hold a three-hour teleconference for NBAA members to discuss the notice on Thursday, June 16. NBAA members may register for the call by visiting <http://web.nbaa.org/member/govt/jobs2004/telecon.php>.

FAA Notice on Part 135 Inspections:

The FAA recently published Notice 8400.83, “Responsibility For Operational Control During Part 135 Operations and the Use of a DBA (Doing-Business-As) Name,” which requires Part 135 Principal Inspectors to ensure that certificate holders ensure operational control of flights conducted under their certificate. This notice largely was triggered by the February 2, 2005 accident at Teterboro Airport, which involved an aircraft operated by Platinum Jet Management that on the Part 135 certificate of another company. More information is available from the NBAA at <http://web.nbaa.org/public/ops/part135/8400-83guidance.php>.

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