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Still Time To Register for Next GWBAA Meeting

Next GWBAA Meeting in Annapolis on July 20th:

All Greater Washington area business aviation professionals are invited to a complimentary lunch briefing and tour of the ARINC facilities in Annapolis. GWBAA's President Bob Blouin; NBAA's Harry Houckes; and GWBAA Board members will be on hand to welcome attendees and to provide an update on GWBAA's activities and upcoming events. For additional details, please see the "Upcoming Events" section below.

FAA Proposes Training for Flying VFR Near D.C.

Special awareness training will be required for any pilot who flies VFR within 100 nm of the Washington, D.C. VOR if FAA adopts a proposed rule. The proposal, published last week, would apply regardless of the type of pilot certificate or where the flight originated. Pilots would be required to take the course once within six months of the rule's effective date.

According to FAA statistics, there have been more than one thousand incursions within the Washington, D.C. Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) since it and a flight-restricted zone were implemented in February 2003. All of the incursions were eventually determined to be inadvertent and only one led to the revocation of a pilot's certificate. No criminal charges were filed against any of the offenders.

Comments on the proposed rule are due September 5. The proposed rule can be found at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/06-5997.htm>. In addition, the proposed online course to be offered by FAA can be found at http://www.faasafety.gov/ALC/course_catalog.aspx?categoryId=11.

FAA Announces New FRZ Restrictions:

The FAA also has issued a new advisory for flights in the Washington, D.C. Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ). This advisory replaces the previous Notice to Airmen and sets forth procedures for operating within the FRZ. Also covered are operations at the "Maryland 3" airports that lie beneath the airspace. GWBAA's President Bob Blouin advised, "There are some minor modifications, none of which impact general aviation pilots or operations." The advisory also explains the procedures to be used in case of a transponder failure and alerts airmen of the consequences for those who fail to observe the procedures. The advisory is available online at http://www.faa.gov/media/Flight_Advisory_statement.pdf.

At the same time, U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS), the senior Democrat on the homeland security committee, sent a letter to DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff (dated June 22), asking him to address specific questions about the ADIZ, including whether it continues to be necessary given enhancements to aviation security. A copy of the letter to Chertoff has been posted by AOPA at <http://www.aopa.org/whatsnew/newsitems/2006/060627dhs-letter.pdf>.

FAA Proposes To Remove – and to Create - Obstructions:

AOPA also reports that FAA - which recently issued a proposal to enhance its Part 77 regulations for the preservation of navigable airspace - is now proposing to build an obstruction of its own in Frederick, Maryland: a 122-foot-tall radar tower on a ridgeline just 100 feet off the extended centerline for Runway 12. Among those opposing the proposal is U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD), who has written a letter to FAA Administrator Marion C. Blakely, asking for an explanation. Additional information about this development is available online at <http://www.aopa.org/whatsnew/newsitems/2006/060621md.html>. (Reminder: comments on FAA's Part 77 proposal are due on September 11, 2006; the proposal is online at http://dmses.dot.gov/docimages/pdf96/401410_web.pdf.)

Funeral Services for Scott Crossfield:

Funeral services for legendary test pilot Scott Crossfield, who died in an accident on April 19, will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on August 15, 2006 at 1:00pm. The Crossfield family wishes that donations be made to support the A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year Award, in lieu of flowers. Please send donations to Civil Air Patrol, Attention: Judy Rice, 105 South Hansell Street, Building 714, Maxwell AFB, Alabama 36112-5572. Please make the check payable to Civil Air Patrol and note on the check, "Scott Crossfield Teacher of the Year Award."

Mineta to Join Hill & Knowlton:

Former Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta has announced that he will join the public affairs firm Hill & Knowlton, Inc. as a vice president, effective July 24. The firm's chairman and CEO, Paul Taafe, has remarked that: "We feel enormously privileged to have a leader with Secretary Mineta's reputation and track record join us."

Regional News Roundup:

The Prince William County Board of Supervisors on June 25 voted to honor the late Delegate Harry J. Parrish by renaming the **Manassas Regional Airport** access road in his memory. Parrish was elected to the General Assembly in 1981 and served as chairman of the House Finance Committee. He died in March after becoming ill with pneumonia at the age of 84.



Joseph Varrone, Carroll County's airport administrator, met with the county commissioners on June 22 to discuss updates to **Carroll County Regional Airport's** master plan. Varrone said that the FAA requires that a dozen or so trees surrounding the airport must be removed. The county in June also rejected the sole-source \$400,000 bid from a contractor to upgrade the electrical systems of five corporate hangars because it surpassed the \$217,000 the county budgeted for the work two years ago. Airport Manager Dean Leister said that electrical specialists who already contract with the airport will work on the upgrade for a lesser, to-be-determined cost.

On June 14, Mayor Jeff Holtzinger and the Town of Frederick Board of Aldermen agreed to negotiate with Frederick Aviation Inc., to build a \$3 million, 25,000-square-foot corporate

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aircraft hangar at **Frederick Municipal Airport**. Frederick Aviation has proposed that the lease would be for 40 years and include an exclusive right to build hangars at the airport. Charlie Abell, the airport manager, said that amount of space could house between 10 and 12 corporate planes, with individual aircraft rents between \$2,000 and \$9,400 per month.

The Town of Leesburg's finance department is forecasting that **Leesburg Executive Airport's** deficit should be expected to grow, reaching \$41.8 million in 2011. Airport Commission Vice Chairman Dennis Boykin has stated that the airport overseers have plans to eliminate the deficit and have it become cashflow-positive within several years. Director Tim Deike said that plans for the airport include the construction of additional hangars.

Renovations to convert the former terminal building at **Salisbury-Ocean City/Wicomico Regional Airport** into a "business incubator" have been completed. Airport Manager Robert Bryant said that one reason the airport has encouraged the development is because it hopes to itself move into the county's sparse Airport Business Center industrial park. The Federal Aviation Administration will continue to occupy the former terminal's second floor. The building will be officially dedicated on July 18.



The Virginia Department of Transportation has finalized a 99-year lease of the Pocahontas Parkway in Richmond to the Australian company Transurban Group. As part of the deal, Transurban will build a connector to improve access from the toll road to **Richmond International Airport**.

Upcoming Aviation Events:

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- **September 24:** "Wings, Wheels & Ducks" fly-in at Stafford Airport, from 10am until 4pm. For information, call (540) 658-9313 or email info@staffordairport.com.
- **September 25:** Registration for players and sponsors is now open for **GWBAA's golf outing** at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course. Please fill out the registration form, which is available at <http://www.gwbaa.com/golfflyer2006.pdf>. In addition, information about the golf course is available at <http://www.herndonva.gov/HCGolf.html>. Herndon Centennial is a jewel of a course – and wait until you taste the bar-b-cue at lunch!
- **October 17-19:** NBAA 59th Annual Meeting and Convention, Orlando, Florida. See <http://www.nbaa.org/public/cs/amc/2006/> for details.

GWBAA Offers Online Benefits:

We are continuing to add member information for GWBAA's electronic membership directory – <http://www.gwbaa.com/directory.html>. This service is available to GWBAA members at

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Sally Hack, Jeff Agur, and Sandy Wirtz listen as GWBAA's President, Bob Blouin, makes an apparently funny point at the GWBAA booth during the recent NBAA Regional Forum.