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## Registrations Brisk For March 8th Safety & Security Standdown

### Time to Register for March 8th Safety Standdown Is Growing Short

Space is limited, so please complete and submit your registration form today; an additional copy of the form is available online at <http://www.gwbaa.com/standdown.pdf>.

Attached to this newsletter and also located at <http://www.gwbaa.com> is the agenda and registration form for the upcoming Safety Standdown. Bob Agostino, Director, Flight Operations for Bombardier and “father” of their Annual Safety Standdown will be the opening speaker. Other speakers include Bob Francis and Greg Feith, both formerly with NTSB; Jim Burin of Flight Safety Foundation; Ben Winfree of Fatigue Training; Jon Byrd of Coosa Valley Technical College; Susan Friedenbergh of Corporate F/A Training; and Rob Rottman of DHS.

GWBAA’s operations, safety, and security chairman, Jim Lumley, and his committee have put together an outstanding agenda for our event. Jim will be moderating the presentations, which will include: aeronautical decision-making, human factors in aviation maintenance, cabin safety and security, fatigue management and civil aviation safety and security for business aircraft operators.

#### Who Should Attend?

- Flight Department Managers and Pilots
- Safety Managers
- Schedulers and Dispatchers
- Maintenance Professionals
- Flight Attendants
- Security Managers

#### Thanks to the Following Companies for Supporting Our March 8th Event

- **Bristol Associates**, for lunch sponsorship
- **Bombardier**, for sponsoring Bob Agostino as our opening session speaker and providing two tickets to the June 30, 2007 IRL (Indy Racing League) race at Richmond International Raceway and an aircraft model as door prizes
- **Gulfstream**, for the afternoon break and an aircraft model as a door prize
- **ARINC** for the Proceedings
- **Sky Group Associates** and **NBAA** as “Safety & Security Supporters”
- **Signature Flight Support** for providing the venue

*Registrants must be present to win door prizes!*

## Bush Administration Budget Includes 'Toxic Mix' of User Fees and Huge Tax Increases for General Aviation

National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) President and CEO Ed Bolen issued the following statement concerning the fiscal year 2008 budget, released by the White House last week.

"The general aviation community has long stood at the forefront of efforts to transform the nation's aviation system to meet the needs of the future. We will continue to work with the FAA to make the next generation aviation system a reality.

"But it appears that, after more than a year of intense lobbying by the nation's big airlines, the White House has decided to introduce a budget that shifts airline costs to other segments of the industry and gives airlines more control over the air traffic system.

"NBAA and the rest of the general aviation community will oppose this toxic mix of higher taxes, new fees and airline control. The fact is, the current approach to funding and oversight of the aviation system is effective and efficient – there is no need for radical 'fixes' like those proposed in this budget.

"We are confident that the tens of thousands of small and mid-size businesses that rely on general aviation will have support from those who oppose new government bureaucracies and care about small and rural communities without good access to airline service."

## Interested in Joining the New Schedulers and Dispatchers Committee?

Some GWBAA members have shown early interest in volunteering to form a Schedulers and Dispatchers Committee. Please contact us via email at [info@gwbaa.com](mailto:info@gwbaa.com) if you want to play an active role forming the group.

## Regional News Roundup



The Washington County Board of Commissioners has agreed to purchase a residential property next to **Hagerstown Regional Airport** for \$300,000 in order to accommodate future development at the airport. The airport intends to seek a commercial tenant for the property, in the short term, or lease it for continued residential use.

The Ocean City Council gave a go-ahead for the solicitation of bids to extend both runways at **Ocean City Municipal Airport**. The council characterized the proposal as an "enhancement," but residents opposing the proposal argued that it was an expansion that would attract larger and heavier aircraft. FAA is currently conducting an environmental assessment of the proposal.

The Loudoun County Transportation/Land Use Committee met to discuss proposed revisions to the Crosstrail development near **Leesburg Executive Airport**. The developer – Peterson Cos. – has proposed to reduce the number of residential units as well as provide the Town of Leesburg an opportunity to purchase some of the property for future airport expansion. But the Town of Leesburg reportedly continues to be concerned that the plans would harm the economic viability of the airport, due to complaints from new residents



K & R Aviation, LLC, d/b/a Open Air, has been granted a Part 135 air carrier certificate to operate air-taxi service out of **Montgomery County Airpark**. According to a company press release, Open Air operates a fleet of new Cirrus SR22s, which emphasize both comfort features (leather, climate control, XM satellite radio and Bose noise-canceling headsets) as well as safety (the piston single comes standard with a ballistic parachute). Open Air also says one-way pricing will eliminate charges for deadheading aircraft and crew.

## Upcoming Aviation Events

- **March 8:** Mark your calendar for a half-day GWBAA Safety Stand Down; for additional details, see above.
- **April 14:** The 1st Semi-Annual National Capital Region Airline Collectible Expo will be held at Holiday Inn Washington Dulles Airport, from 8am-3pm. For more details, visit [http://www.specialtyexpo.com/Washington\\_IAD\\_Airline\\_EXPO.html](http://www.specialtyexpo.com/Washington_IAD_Airline_EXPO.html).

## GWBAA Offers Online Benefits

We continue to add member information for GWBAA's electronic membership directory – <http://www.gwbaa.com/directory.html>. This service is available to GWBAA members at no cost. Please contact Bob Blouin ([info@gwbaa.com](mailto:info@gwbaa.com)) if you want to post your company's information.

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