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Have a Safe Holiday and Prosperous New Year

GWBAA Members Welcome the Holidays



GWBAA's holiday event on November 30th^t was a big success. Over 50 business aviation professionals attended the reception, which also included the annual membership meeting. Everyone walked away with a door prize! Thanks to the following door prize sponsors: Aero Records & Title Co., Bombardier, Dassault, FBI, Gulfstream, International Jet Management, Jet Spares, Matinair, NBAA, Satcom Direct, Signature Flight Support, and Sky Group Associates. The membership meeting included a unanimous vote and a big thanks for the following individuals to serve two-year terms as Board members of GWBAA:

Bob Blouin – President
Mary Miller – Treasurer
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Jim Lumley – Director
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FAA Re-Authorization Update

General aviation representatives welcomed the news that Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) will serve as the new ranking member of the Senate Subcommittee on Aviation. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over a wide range of aviation issues including the multi-year reauthorization process for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), currently under consideration by Congress (but currently stalled) and focused on transforming the nation's aviation system to one based on "Next Generation" satellite technology. "We are pleased to learn that Senator Hutchison will be serving as the ranking member of the aviation subcommittee," said NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen. "The senator is very knowledgeable on aviation issues and has an in-depth understanding of general aviation."

Safety Standdown Planned for Spring of 2008

Planning for GWBAA's 2008 Safety Standdown will commence after the first of the year. Please send a note to info@gwbaa.com or call (202) 415-1512 if you are interested in assisting Jim Lumley (GWBAA's Operations, Safety and Security Chair) during this important planning stage.

FAA Comments on TFR Penalties

According to AOPA, FAA Acting Administrator Bobby Sturgell recently reassured pilots that accidental violations of a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) will not result in criminal penalties. Sturgell wrote a letter on November 26 to AOPA President Phil Boyer, stating: "I want to reassure you that pilots who commit inadvertent violations of TFRs protecting security airspace are not subject to criminal charges and fines under 49 U.S.C. 46307. The FAA will refer to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution only TFR violations of National Defense Airspace that involve knowing or willful conduct." This statement did not concern the Washington, DC ADIZ, but it is reassuring to pilots in the Greater Washington area, in which TFRs often are imposed around Camp David and other government sites and events with minimal notice.

FAA Offers Online IACRA Training

FAA is offering a free online training in Integrated Airman Certification and/or Rating Application (IACRA), the new airman application processing system that replaces Form 8710-1. The interactive IACRA training program lets a participant act out any role, from student to FAA inspector. For more information, please visit <http://www.FAASafety.gov/iacra>.

Regional News Roundup



ProJet, an aviation consulting and aircraft management firm, officially opened its new facility at **Winchester Regional Airport**. The building was completed in September, and a second hangar is expected to be completed in the spring; once completed, ProJet will have 26,000 square feet of space available for aircraft. Serena R. Manuel, the airport's executive director, noted that \$18 million recently had been invested in upgrades at the airport to accommodate larger aircraft and attract new businesses to the airport.

The Wicomico City Council plans to schedule a hearing on a proposal to spend \$210,000 to acquire 5.473 acres next to **Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport**. The land will allow future runway expansion and also enhance safety.

Carroll County Regional Airport is seeking a new airport manager. According to Cindy Parr, the county's chief of administrative services, the opening is not related to the proposed expansion of the airport. "The person would develop business potential looking at the existing airport," Parr said. "We don't know if the airport will be expanded or not." The county hopes to fill the position before the start of 2008. Until then, Jeff Topper, the administrator of the Office of Management Analysis (which oversees the airport) will serve as the acting manager of the airport.



In other Carroll County news, the county chief of staff, Steve Powell, has denied a variance request which would have allowed 3.75 acres of trees neighboring the airport to be harvested.

A 2002 obstruction study found that the trees should be removed in order to facilitate the safe operation of a new precision lighting system at the airport. However, the ruling noted that the trees could be removed if the county shifted the applicable conservation zone designation to a different section of the neighboring forest.

Easton Airport officially unveiled its new control tower on November 14. The \$2.4 million tower was completed in September, but the opening was delayed pending the installation of a telephone line linking it to Potomac Approach Control in Virginia.



Culpeper County officials are seeking a new architect for the proposed terminal at **Culpeper Regional Airport**. The county previously had tentatively selected Studio Ammons of Petersburg, but no contract was signed. The county plans to interview Evolve Architecture of Richmond, and Shriver and Holland Associates of Norfolk. The county still plans for the new terminal to open in the summer of 2009. As now planned, the terminal will be a two-story, 11,000 square foot building; the second floor will be left unfinished, to be completed as future demand may require.

Manassas Regional Airport has installed a video surveillance system designed by LenSec. According to the company the system integrates previously installed cameras on the airport perimeter and in the terminal with surveillance systems operated by other city organizations. It will also assist police, firefighters, and paramedics in responding to incidents at the airport.

The FAA has recommended the demolition of a historic farm near **Hagerstown Regional Airport**. The buildings at the Brumbaugh-Kendle-Grove homestead are less than 500 feet from the newly-extended runway at the airport. However, the buildings have been designated as a historic place by the Maryland Historical Trust, and local preservation advocates are demanding that the government abide by the Federal National Historic Preservation Act, which requires it to exhaust all other options before destroying historic properties. In other Hagerstown news, on November 30, the airport officially completed construction of the runway extension, which has extended it to 7,000 feet in length.



College Park Airport, the world's oldest continuously operating airport, will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2009. The College Park Aviation Museum has kicked off a fundraising drive to start construction to double its size as part of the celebration. The project is expected to cost \$14 million; Congress has allocated \$150,000 for the initial design work.

Montgomery County Airpark has announced that construction on the south apron is set to begin in March 2008. Design for phase II of the airport perimeter fence is also scheduled for next year.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **December 12:** The FAA Safety Team will sponsor a seminar on winter weather flying, "The Ice-Man Cometh!" at 7pm at Manassas Regional Airport. For more details, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=17117.
- **December 13:** International Aviation Club Holiday Reception at the Canadian Embassy. For details, visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/>.
- **December 14:** Aero Club of Washington and National Aeronautic Association's 60th annual Wright Memorial Dinner, honoring Capt. Eugene A. Cernan (USN-ret.) (the second man to walk in space and the last to walk on the moon). For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org>.
- **March 10-11:** Thirty-third Annual FAA Aviation Forecast Conference. For details, visit <http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences%5Fevents/aviation%5Fforecast%5F2008/>.
- **April 23-26:** Aircraft Electronics Association's 51st annual convention and trade show at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Washington, DC. For details, please visit <http://www.aea.net/Convention/DC2008/DC2008default.asp?Category=6>.

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