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Registration Continues for Fifth Annual GWBAA Golf Tournament

September 29 Tournament to Benefit Aero Club Foundation of Washington



GWBAA's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 29 at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course, starting at 7am. A continental breakfast and barbecue lunch are included, as are an assortment of prizes. The tournament benefits the Aero Club of Foundation of Washington, which funds programs in the District of Columbia that advance aviation education and help prepare tomorrow's leaders in the aviation and aerospace industries. To register, or for more information, visit <http://www.gwbba.com/golf.html>. (Sponsorship opportunities also are available!)

Potomac TRACON Hosts Tour for GWBAA

The Potomac TRACON meeting and tour on Tuesday, August 25th was considered very beneficial by the GWBAA members that attended. We are deeply grateful to all the people that allowed this to be successful – especially Operations Manager Bill Carver, who hosted the extensive question and answer session and tour.

The meeting started with an excellent PowerPoint overview of the mission and history of the Potomac TRACON and its consolidation from multiple former individual sites. Bill opened everyone's eyes with his fascinating presentation on the airspace structure and volume of traffic that is controlled on a daily basis. This spurred many questions about departure and arrival routes and gates, with numerous specific scenarios being worked through in detail. The Q&A portion of the forum ran much longer than anticipated.



GWBAA members didn't hold back with some tough questions. Many of the questions were answered to our satisfaction, although some were not. To their great credit, all of the FAA staff rolled up their sleeves and helped us to better understand why things that often appears illogical

to us as operators make sense in the bigger picture. Topics included traffic management from taxi-out to taxi-in, flow restrictions logic, arrival and departure routings, the SFRA impact, EDCT, and SWAP. This was an extremely beneficial session with nearly everyone in the room having significant input to the discussion. Even more worthwhile was that when issues were presented to the FAA that really had no logical explanation, Bill acknowledged the shortfall and committed to fixing them! Bill and his team are committed to improving efficiency and the user experience, and they took on every question with that level of dedication. GWBAA could not have hoped for a more satisfying result.



A special thank you goes to our NBAA GA Desk Representative, Jim McClay. Jim was a key contributor to the detailed operational discussion that took place. Jim's experience at the GA desk in the Command Center added great depth and experience to the passionate discussion. ARINC sent representatives as well, and they were able to add valuable input to much of the operational and planning portions of numerous topics that were discussed. [GWBAA also thanks member John Kelly for his preparation of this summary of the day's events.]

This was the first in a group of planned working meeting/tour events that GWBAA intends to host for the membership. We are fortunate to be in the proximity of a number of FAA facilities, and we hope to have the same level of interaction with many of them moving forward. If you were unable to attend this meeting you missed a terrific event. The Command Center is next on our list.

Additionally, GWBAA Safety & Operations Chairman, Jim Lumley, has volunteered to head up a special ATC Task Force. This task force will give GWBAA members an ongoing forum to address their ATC problems, frustrations and concerns. If you are interested in joining the Task Force, contact Jim Lumley at (443) 534-1219 or jpilot3@aol.com.

FAA General Aviation News



The current issue of FAA's bi-monthly publication for general aviation – simply titled “Aviation News” – is now available from the FAA website, at http://www.faa.gov/news/aviation_news/. The cover story is a profile of the annual Reno air races, but it also includes practical features on topics such as spatial orientation and in-flight electrical fires. The current issue also marks the 100th anniversary of College Park Airport, and includes a sidebar on the special requirements for flights to/from the airport; as GWBAA members know, it is located within the Special Flight Rules Area, or SFRA (formerly the Air Defense Identification Zone, or ADIZ).

DOT Releases SIFL Rates for Second Half of 2009

The Department of Transportation recently released the Standard Industry Fare Level (SIFL) rates for the period from July 1 to December 31, 2009. This data is needed when using the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) aircraft valuation formula to compute the value of non-business transportation aboard employer-provided aircraft. NBAA has made the SIFL data available at <http://www.nbaa.org/admin/taxes/personal-use/calculator>.

Regional News Round-Up

The Carroll County Board of Commissioners by a 2-1 vote approved plans to acquire land and apply for environmental permits which allow the extension of the runway and taxiway improvements at **Carroll County Regional Airport**. A federal environmental assessment released earlier this year found that the expansion would have no significant impact. The project is expected to cost \$72 million, including the acquisition of 100 acres neighboring the airport. Ninety-five percent of the cost would be funded by FAA grants, with the remainder coming from state/local funds and user fees.



Greg Larson, Business Development Officer at **Hagerstown Regional Airport**, told the *Herald-Mail* that one of the airport's priorities is to have a federally-certified aircraft maintenance technician school up and running at the airport by fall 2010. Larsen stated that four potential sites for the school have now been narrowed to a single preferred site.



Residents of Clinton, Maryland have objected to plans to rezone **Hyde Field/Washington Executive Airport**, which would allow the airport to be redeveloped for residential and commercial purposes. The opposition is based on the lack of roads and infrastructure, rather than specific support for the airport remaining open. Earlier this year, airport owner Nabil Asterbadi, told the *Washington Post* that the "airport had not been doing very well" due to post-9/11 security restrictions.

Manassas Regional Airport has announced that construction has or should soon begin on taxiway Delta, taxiway Kilo, the west apron south of the Tower, and the entrance to Dulles Aviation off taxiway Alpha. The airport also expects Federal stimulus money for work on the west apron, with construction to start in October.

NBAA recently posted a profile of **Leesburg Executive Airport**, including comments from Airport Manager Tim Deike, at <http://www.nbaa.org/ops/airports/jyo/>. Among other information, Deike notes that ten additional t-hangars and six business hangars are expected to be ready by 2010. In other Leesburg news, the airport held its annual open house at the end of August; the airport reports that it was a success, with the aircraft on display having included a B-17 Flying Fortress, and more than 5,000 attending.



The pilot of an ultralight Drifter aircraft was killed in an accident in Louisa County in August; he has been identified as Edward B. Toth, who worked as a pilot for Danaher Corporation out of Washington Dulles Airport. As always, please fly carefully.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **September 12:** Montgomery County Airport Association annual picnic and open house at Montgomery County Airpark. For more information, please visit <http://www.mcaa-md.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=109>.
- **September 15:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Giovanni Bisignani, Director General and CEO of IATA, at the Grand Hyatt. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/>.
- **September 16-17:** FAA workshop on "Future Flight Technologies: the Wings of NextGen" at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. For more information, please visit http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/2009_tech_workshop/.
- **September 19:** Essex Skypark annual wings and wheels fly-in. For more information, please visit <http://www.essexskyparkassn.org/essex/index.jsp>.
- **September 29:** Fifth annual GWBAA golf tournament at the Herndon Centennial golf course. For more information, please see above.
- **October 1:** The Royal Aeronautical Society, Washington Branch, will sponsor a panel discussion on "Integration of UAVs into the National Airspace System: Opportunities and Challenges" at the British Embassy. For more information, please visit <http://raeswashington.org/events.htm>.
- **October 3:** Wings, Wheels and Ducks at the Stafford Regional Airport, from 10am until 4pm. For more information, please visit <http://www.staffordrotary.org>.
- **October 4:** Air Traffic Control Association 54th annual conference at the Gaylord Resort and Conference Center in Maryland. For more information, please visit <http://www.memberservicecenter.org/irmweb/wc.dll/vaaleatca?id=vaaleatca&doc=events/event&kn=38>.

- **October 10:** 10th annual Culpeper Air Fest, from 10am until 4pm. For information, visit <http://web.culpepercounty.gov/CountyGovernment/Airport/tabid/108/ModuleID/800/ItemD/7/mctl/EventDetails/Default.aspx?selecteddate=10/10/2009>.
- **October 14:** AOPA "What Went Wrong?" safety seminar at 7pm the Hilton Washington North in Gaithersburg. For more information, please visit http://www.aopa.org/asf/seminars/seminar.cfm?FA=SS&SA=DisplayFacility&schedule_ID=4750.
- **October 16-19:** "Wings of Freedom" historical aircraft tour stop at Carroll County Regional Airport. For information, visit <http://www.carrollcountyairport.com/events.htm>.
- **October 20-22:** ACI Public Safety and Security Conference at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City. For information, visit <http://aci-na.org/conferences/detail?eventId=89>.
- **October 20-22:** NBAA's 62nd annual meeting and convention in Orlando, Florida. For more information, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/events/amc/2009/>.
- **October 22-23:** The American Bar Association Aviation and Space Law Committee forum on "Behind the Curtain: Insight into the Aviation Practice from Go-Team to Trial" at the Ritz Carlton. For information, visit <http://www.abanet.org/tips/aviation/events.html>.
- **November 1:** 32nd Gaithersburg Transportation Show at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. For more information, please visit <http://www.gserr.com/shows.htm>.
- **November 2:** National Aeronautic Association annual fall awards at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://www.naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=76>.
- **November 2-5:** Air Traffic Control Association 53rd annual conference at the Marriott Wardman Park. For information, visit <http://www.atca.org/annualconference.aspx>.
- **December 1-3:** International FAA Runway Safety Summit, co-sponsored by the American Association of Airport Executives, at the Omni Shoreham. For more information, please visit http://www.aaae.org/meetings/meetings_calendar/mtgdetails.cfm?MtgID=91107&ReclD=754.
- **December 3:** Airport Council International-North America international aviation issues seminar at the Fairfax Embassy Row. For more information, please visit <http://www.aci-na.org/conferences/detail?eventId=153>.
- **December 9:** AOPA "What Went Wrong?" safety seminar at 7pm the Sheraton Baltimore North in Towson. For more information, please visit http://www.aopa.org/asf/seminars/seminar.cfm?FA=SS&SA=DisplayFacility&schedule_ID=4745.
- **December 10-11:** Ninth Annual American Association of Airport Executives Aviation Security Summit at the Omni Shoreham. For more information, please visit

http://www.aaae.org/meetings/meetings_calendar/mtgdetails.cfm?MtgID=91205&RecID=683.

- **January 27:** ABA Forum on Air and Space Law Update Conference at the Ritz-Carlton. For more information, please visit <http://www.abanet.org/forums/airspace/home.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 Jol Silversmith (jasilversmith@zsrlaw.com) if you want to post your company's information.

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