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Planning Begins for Annual Safety Standdown

GWBAA to Hold 4th Annual Event at NTSB

GWBAA will host its 4th annual safety standdown at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia on Thursday, May 20; speakers will include Dr. Paul Schuda of the NTSB. More information will be made available shortly. Registration information is available at <http://gwbaa2010safetystanddown.eventbrite.com/>. If you'd like to volunteer to help in any capacity, please contact us at info@gwbaa.com, or visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/standdown.html>.

Regional News Round-Up



More than a dozen aircraft remain buried under the wreckage of three of the four hangars at Dulles Jet Center, which collapsed on February 6. Co-owner Michael Landow, of Bethesda-based developer Landow & Co., told WTOP that the stabilization process will take another two weeks before any of the aircraft can be extricated from the wreckage. Once the planes are removed, much of the current facility will be demolished and rebuilt, Landow said. "It won't be 'as good as new.' It'll be better. Look what happened when it was new."

Airport Manager Tonya Woodward reported to the advisory committee for **Culpeper Regional Airport** that the February snowstorms damaged 25 of 105 T-hangars, as well as taxiways and a communications antenna; that repairs are in progress.

The Ocean City Town Council has approved a \$11.9 million project to extend repave the runways, relocate a taxiway, and add lighting, among other improvements, at **Ocean City Municipal Airport**. In the repaving process, the main the east-west runway will be reduced in the length by a net 120 feet, in order to create a safety zone that complies with current FAA recommendations, even though the airport's master plan long had envisioned extending the runway instead. FAA is expected to pay for 95% of the project, which is scheduled to be completed in 2015.



The **Stafford Regional Airport Authority** has initiated the eminent domain process necessary to remove trees from private property neighboring the airport. The Authority determined that some of the trees on the property are too tall to allow safe operation of the all-weather landing approach. The authority wants an easement on the property, not the land itself; the owners previously rejected an offer of \$86,000 for the easement, arguing that the culling of the trees

would cause a change in the property's land-use status and thus a significant increase in their taxes.

Congressman Frank Kratovil and Senators Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin have announced that **Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport** will receive a \$1.175,000 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the expansion of its runway and other improvements.

On February 27, the pilot of a Beechcraft Bonanza was killed when the aircraft crashed shortly before landing at **Lee Airport**. March 4, the pilot of a Cessna T303 was killed when the aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff from **Louisa County Airport**. Additionally, on March 9 a Cessna 172 that entered restricted airspace around Washington, DC was forced to return to **Frederick Municipal Airport** by U.S. Coast Guard helicopters. As always, fly safely!

If you're aware of any news of interest to business aviation occurring around the greater Washington area, please let us know at info@qwbba.com.

FAA General Aviation Safety Briefing



The current issue of FAA's bi-monthly publication for general aviation – recently renamed as the “FAA Safety Briefing” – is now available from the FAA website, at http://www.faa.gov/news/aviation_news/. In line with the new title, the issue focuses on safety issues affecting general aviation, including advice for landing approaches; an article about how to avoid maneuvering flight accidents; and a reminder about the importance of using safety belts correctly. The new issue also includes a number of general reminders, including that there is a March 31 deadline for replacing paper pilot certificates with FAA's new plastic certificates.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **March 22:** The Aero Club of Washington at its monthly luncheon at the Capitol Hilton will feature Russell “Chip” Childs, President and COO of SkyWest Airlines. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org>.
- **March 24:** AOPA Air Safety Foundation seminar on “10 Things Other Pilots Do Wrong” at the Hilton in Gaithersburg, Maryland. For more information, please visit <http://www.aopa.org/asf/seminars/seminar.cfm?FA=SS>.
- **April 8:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring Randy Babbitt, FAA Administrator, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://www.naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **April 21:** AOPA Air Safety Foundation seminar on “10 Things Other Pilots Do Wrong” at the Crowne Plaza in Timonium, Maryland. For more information, please visit <http://www.aopa.org/asf/seminars/seminar.cfm?FA=SS>.

- **April 26:** The Aero Club of Washington at its monthly luncheon will Janet Napolitano, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org>.
- **April 28:** 9th annual National Chamber Foundation aviation summit and showcase at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC. For more information, please visit <http://ncf.uschamber.com/aviationsummit2010/>.
- **May 20:** GWBAA will host its 4th annual safety standdown at the NTSB Training Center; speakers will include Dr. Paul Schuda of the NTSB. More information will be made available shortly.
- **May 24:** 22nd annual Greater Washington Aviation Open, to benefit the Corporate Angel Network. For more information, please visit <http://www.gwao.org/2010-gwao-brochure.pdf>.
- **September 28:** Save the date for the sixth annual GWBAA golf tournament at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course.

GWBAA Offers Online Benefits

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