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FAA Announces D.C.-Area Flight Rule Changes

New Special Flight Rules Area Rules Effective on September 1



On July 1, the FAA announced changes to the “Special Flight Rules Area” (SFRA) that surrounds Washington, DC, effective September 1. Most notably, there are new procedures to be followed if a pilot loses radio contact with controllers while flying under visual flight rules, as well as new speed limit and radio-related requirements, and guidance allowing sport pilots to access the three airports within the SFRA. The complete Notices to Airmen setting out the changes are available at http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_0_9477.html and http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_0_9463.html.

Legislative and Tax Update Luncheon to Be Held on August 11

GWBA will hold a Legislative and Tax Update Luncheon featuring news and updates from Capitol Hill, Maryland, and Virginia on Wednesday, August 11 at Signature Flight Support’s facility at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Speakers are expected to include:

- Lisa Piccione, NBAA’s Senior Vice President for Government Affairs.
- Randall Burdette, Director, Virginia Department of Aviation
- Ashish Solanki, Director, Maryland Office of Regional Aviation Assistance

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The event flyer is available at <http://www.gwbaa.com/GWBAATaxLegislativeFlyer.pdf>; register to attend by visiting <http://2010gwbaaupdate.eventbrite.com>.

FAA Releases New Aircraft Registration Rules

FAA has released a set of sweeping revisions to its aircraft registration regulations. Over a three year period, FAA will terminate the n-number registrations of all aircraft registered before October 1, 2010, and will require the re-registration of each aircraft to retain U.S. civil aircraft status. FAA states that this is necessary for safety and security reasons; it estimates that approximately one third of aircraft registrations are no longer valid. New aircraft registrations will be valid for three years and registration certificates will include the expiration date. FAA will

cancel the n-numbers of aircraft that are not re-registered. For more information, visit the NBAA web page on aircraft registration issues, <http://www.nbaa.org/admin/registration/>.

Regional News Round-Up

Doug Carr – NBAA's Vice President for Safety, Security and Regulation – recently attended a meeting with TSA representatives and industry stakeholders to discuss how general aviation access to **Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport** can be improved. Carr noted that two reasons that operators decide not to fly there is that the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP) requires them to depart from specified "portal" airports and carry an armed security officer. NBAA reports that Brian Delauter, general manager of TSA's general aviation branch, will review the input received.

Landmark Aviation at **Charlottesville-Abemarle Airport** has announced that it is seeking the interest of aircraft operators and owners in its desire to develop a new corporate aviation hangar space adjacent to the current FBO terminal. For more information, please visit <http://www.gocho.com/airport/news/general-aviation-update-hangar-space-development-request/>.

In other Charlottesville news, construction has begun on a \$6 million runway expansion. The current runway is 6,001 feet long; the 800-foot expansion is expected to accommodate more flights in varying weather conditions. The first phase of construction includes relocating the airport's interior perimeter road and installing erosion and sediment control measures.

Hamilton Palmer is the new member of the **Stafford Regional Airport** Authority for Fredericksburg, replacing Mike Wood. Palmer told the *Stafford County Sun* that "I'm looking forward to working with the authority to help make the airport the economic engine it can be."

The *Washington Post* reported that the FAA is investigating a recent rash of "close calls" in greater Washington area airspace; in 2010, there reportedly have been 22 incidents in which aircraft under the control of Warrenton center invaded the airspace of other aircraft. "This spring we had several close calls that got everybody's attention," Robert Tarter, Vice President of Safety Services for the Air Traffic Organization, was quoted as saying, "and I think that's the thing that really keyed us into taking a look at some of the risks, [to] try to identify what we're missing." The FAA further stated that it would hold a meeting on August 17 in Washington between top management and safety experts.

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

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **August 11:** Save the date for the GWBAA Legislative and Tax Update Luncheon. See above for more details.
- **September 4-5:** "Thunder Over the Blue Ridge" air show in Martinsburg, WV, featuring the Thunderbirds, Golden Knights, and other performances. For more information, please visit <http://www.martinsburgairshow.com>.

- **September 11:** Virginia Air Show at Front Royal-Warren County Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.virginiaairshow.com>
- **September 18:** 6th Annual Fly-In, Car Show, Bike Show and Community Celebration at Stafford Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.staffordairport.com>.
- **September 18:** Wings and Wheels Fly-In at Essex Skypark. For more information, please visit <http://www.essexskyparkassn.org/essex/index.jsp>.
- **September 23-25:** 15th Annual Maryland Regional Aviation Conference in Columbia, Maryland. For information, visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org/conference>.
- **September 25:** 2010 Dulles Family Day & Plane Pull at Washington Dulles Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.planepull.com>.
- **September 30:** Save the date for the sixth annual GWBAA golf tournament at the 1757 Golf Club; for more information, please visit <http://2010qwbaagolf.eventbrite.com>.
- **October 9:** Air Fest at Culpeper Airport. For more information, please visit <http://web.culpepercounty.gov/CountyGovernment/Airport.aspx>.
- **October 23:** Airshow and Hangar Dance at Leesburg Executive Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.leesburgva.gov/index.aspx?page=76>.
- **October 24:** 55th Annual Air Traffic Control Association conference at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. For more information, please visit <http://www.memberservicecenter.org/irmweb/wc.dll/vaaleatca?id=vaaleatca&doc=events/event&kn=50>.

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