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Still Time to Register for the Safety Standdown

Sixth Annual Safety Event to be Held at NTSB Training Facility

The sixth annual GWBAA safety standdown will be held on May 16 (8am-4:30pm) at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, VA. GWBAA is pleased to announce that the keynote speaker will be author and former astronaut USAF Colonel **Mike Mullane**, who flew on three space shuttle missions and emphasizes the importance of “guarding against a normalization of deviance.” To register, please visit <http://2012gwbaasafty.eventbrite.com>. (Please note that the \$50 registration fee is non-refundable, but substitutes are welcome.)



Other agenda items for the standdown include:

- “Taking the Fear out of OSHA for Business Aviation” (Andreas Bentz, Chantilly Air)
- “EVAS – Emergency Vision Assurance System Demonstration” (Kurt Poruks)
- “Flight Plan for Excellence” (Jim Garland)
- “Crew Resource Management Briefing” (Shannon Forrest, FlightSafety)

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Regional News Round-Up

The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) has awarded of its annual Distinguished Service Award to **Mary Miller** – Signature Flight’s Support’s Vice President for Industry and Government Affairs, a well known-presence at DCA (and a former GWBAA board member). Mary has played a pivotal role in enabling the return of business aviation to Reagan National

Airport through TSA's DCA Access Standard Safety Protocol program (DASSP). NATA President and CEO James K. Coyne stated that Mary represents "the very best of what the general aviation industry has to offer when it comes to innovation and customer service."



The **Stafford Regional Airport** Authority has asked the county for a \$1.4 million loan to construct a new, permanent terminal building. The authority would repay the loan over 25 years. The remainder of the \$3.6 million cost would be provided by the Virginia Department of Aviation. Preliminary designs for the terminal were completed in 2009, but shelved for economic reasons. There currently is a waiting list for hangar space, which has grown since the county eliminated its personal property tax on aircraft in 2009; a new terminal is expected to assist in attracting additional corporate clients. You only get one opportunity to make a good first impression," Airport Manager Ed Wallis told the *Stafford County Sun*.

The new control tower at **Frederick Municipal Airport** is scheduled to begin operations on May 1; its operational hours will be 7am-9pm.

A project to extend Runway 16L/34R at **Manassas Regional Airport** from 5700 feet to 6200 feet is expected to begin in July and last through the end of November. During the construction, a displaced threshold will be in use, reducing the runway length to 5000 feet, and sporadic runway closures are likely.

Ocean City Municipal Airport hopes to complete its pending runway rehabilitation project before its annual air show (June 9-10). The \$2.4 million project is 90% funded with federal dollars, with the rest split between the state and municipality. Airport Manager Jaime Giandomenico told the *Salisbury Daily Times* that: "It's difficult, because there are intangibles like weather and there's always, like with any kind of big construction project, some variables, but I think we can do it."



A proposal to increase taxes on vehicles in Maryland, including aircraft, failed when legislators ended their session without taking any action on the bill (H.B. 1345). NBAA Regional Representative Harry Houckes explained: "this tax would have cost jobs and caused purchasers to base their aircraft in neighboring states with a lower tax burden. The tax would also harm MARYland's airports by driving business away from the state's FBOs, repair facilities and other small aviation businesses."

PHI Air Medical, which operates the "Air Care 4" medical helicopter, expects in May to relocate its operations from **Winchester Regional Airport** to **Front Royal-Warren County Airport**. Chris Shaffer, Business Operations Manager for PHI, told the *Northern Virginia Daily* that: "We did an analysis that showed the majority of our customers come from [the Warren County] area. We'll be able to get to patients quicker, which is going to give a better outcome to patients and customers."

On March 21, a Coast Guard helicopter intercepted an Ultimate 10-200 biplane that had violated the Washington, DC Special Flight Rules Area and escorted it to Stafford Regional Airport. 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@gwbaa.com. For links to news stories compiled by GWBAA, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/links.html>.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **May 3-5:** 17th Annual Maryland Regional Aviation Conference and the 2nd Annual Maryland Regional Festival of Flight at Hagerstown Regional Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org/conference>.
- **May 5:** "Operation Rain Check" tours of the Potomac TRACON in Warrenton, Virginia, with sessions available in both the morning and afternoon. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=43838 and http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=43840.
- **May 5:** The National Capitol Squadron's 10th annual hangar dance at Leesburg Executive Airport; GWBAA is a cosponsor. For more information, please visit http://www.nationalcapitolsquadron.org/site/index.php/components/com_aicontactsafe/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=185&Itemid=209.
- **May 10:** National Aeronautic Association Collier Dinner, awarding the 2011 trophy to the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. The event will be held at Signature Flight Support at National Airport, and a B787 will be present for tours. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=264>.
- **May 12:** 2nd annual open house and air show at Manassas Regional Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.marballc.com/2012airshow.html>.
- **May 14:** 24th annual Greater Washington Aviation Open golf tournament at the Lansdowne Resort. For more information, please visit <http://www.gwao.org/pdf/GWAO-2012-Brochure.pdf>.
- **May 15:** Aero Club of Washington luncheon featuring Michael Huerta, Acting Administrator of the FAA. For information, visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/luncheons.htm>.
- **May 15:** FAA Safety Team seminar "Reining in the Fatal Accident Rate" at 7pm at the Crowne Plaza Baltimore in Timonium, Maryland. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=43439.
- **May 16:** Hold this date for the sixth annual GWBAA safety standdown at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, VA. For more information, click [here](#).
- **May 18-20:** Open house and air show at Andrews Air Force Base. For more information, please visit <http://jsoh.org>.

- **June 7:** NBAA Business Aviation Regional Forum at Teterboro Airport; GWBAA will host a booth at the forum to highlight how membership can benefit community members from Philadelphia to the Carolinas. For more information about the forum, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/events/forums/20120607/>.
- **June 7:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Deborah Hersman, Chair of the NTSB, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx?eventId=485901>.
- **June 9-10:** Ocean City fifth annual air show. For more information, please visit <http://www.ocairshow.com>.
- **June 11-13:** NATA 2012 air charter summit at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly. For more information, visit <http://www.nata.aero/Event.aspx?page=1804§ionid=1449>.
- **June 20-21:** ATW's 5th Annual Eco-Aviation Conference & Awards Ceremony at the Renaissance Arlington. For information, please visit <http://atwonline.com/events/atw-s-5th-annual-eco-aviation-conference-awards-ceremony>.
- **June 26:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring Capt. Eugene Cernan, Commander of Apollo 17, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **July 16-17:** AAE and ALA legislative issues conference, at the W Washington Hotel. For more information, please visit <http://events.aaae.org/sites/120702/index.cfm>.
- **July 19:** International Aviation Club summer reception at the New Zealand Embassy. For information, visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx?eventId=486523>.
- **September 12:** Hold this date for the eighth annual GWBAA golf tournament at the 1757 Golf Club in Ashburn, VA. For more information, click [here](#).
- **September 15:** "Wings & Wheels" fly-in at Essex Skypark. For more information, please visit <http://www.essexskyparkassn.org/essex/index.jsp>.
- **October 1-3:** ATCA 57th annual conference and exposition at the Gaylord National Resort. For more information, please visit <http://www.atca.org/57Annual>.

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