

May 31, 2013

## GWBAA Holds Seventh Annual Safety Standdown

### Robert Sumwalt Addresses Diverse Audience at NTSB Training Academy



By all measures, this year's standdown was a success, with over 80 attendees and 10+ exhibitors from across the aviation spectrum. The event was held at the NTSB Training Academy in Ashburn, Virginia on May 17; the keynote speaker was Robert Sumwalt, a Member and former Vice Chair of the NTSB, who addressed the topic of "Managing Safety in 2013: Lessons Learned".

Other panels and presenters addressed "What Every Operator Needs to Know When Considering Supplemental/Charter Lift"; "Is It time to Tune Up Your Emergency Response Plan?"; "Top 5 GA Security Issues Facing Operators Today" and "Equip For The Future: What Flight Department Managers Need to Know". Medaire provided excellent CPR and AED training followed by certification. Additionally those interested were provided with a viewing of the TWA 800 reconstruction.

Copies of most of the presentations given at the standdown are now available from GWBAA's website, at <http://www.gwbba.com/standdown.html>.

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NBAA Regional Representative Harry Houckes and GWBAA President Paige Kroner also presented the NBAA Silk Scarf Award to Jol Silversmith, the Secretary and a Board Member of GWBAA and a Partner with the law firm of Zuckert, Scutt & Rasenberger, LLP. NBAA confers the Silk Scarf Award in an effort to honor outstanding business aviation community members and to inspire future aviators; it is given to individuals for special contributions to the business aviation community during their careers. For more information about the award, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/about/awards/silk-scarf/>.



## Regional News Round-Up

At least for now, the FAA has announced that it has adequate funds to keep contract towers open around the U.S., despite the effects of sequestration; earlier this month, FAA announced that the 149 towers slated for closure will remain in operation, at least through the end of fiscal years 2013. But the potential effects of sequestration on the FAA in the next fiscal year – which starts on October 1 – remain uncertain.

Wicomico County has approved a \$500,000 loan to the **Salisbury-Ocean City-Wicomico Regional Airport** to fund improvements and upgrades to hangars. The loan could be converted to a grant if certain targets at the airport are met – e.g., employment numbers and other milestones. “The complex was built some time ago and it is in need of leak-proofing the roof, windows and doors and repainting,” Airport Director of Administration Wayne Strausburg told *The Dispatch*.

The Culpeper County Board of Supervisors agreed to reduce the tax on aircraft from 63 cents to 4 cents per \$100 of value, in hope of attracting additional aircraft to **Culpeper Regional**

**Airport.** The Airport Advisory Board argued that if the tax was reduced, the airport could become self-sufficient through additional fuel sales and hangar rentals.

The foundation for the new terminal at **Stafford Regional Airport** has been completed.

A Rans S-6S kitplane which had departed from **Cambridge-Dorchester Regional Airport** crashed near Suffolk, Virginia on May 6, killing the pilot and passenger. A Piper Comanche crashed at **Charlottesville Albemarle Airport** on May 11, but the pilot and student aboard were unharmed. On May 31, a Cessna 177B bound for **Manassas Regional Airport** crashed into an apartment building in Herndon; the pilot and passenger were injured. 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](mailto:info@gwbaa.com). For links to news stories compiled by GWBAA, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/links.html>.*

## **GWBAA Golf Tournament Scheduled for September 18, 2013**

GWBAA will be hosting its 9th Annual Golf Tournament on September 18th at the 1757 Golf Club. The day begins with breakfast at 7AM and we hit the links at 8 AM for a shotgun start. The tournament will be scramble format so get your team ready to enjoy a day on the links that will benefit the Aero Club of Washington Foundation. Information and registration are available at <http://2013gwbaagolf.eventbrite.com>. If you are interested in joining the Golf Committee, please contact Dan Walker, [daniel.walker@flightsafety.com](mailto:daniel.walker@flightsafety.com). Help is needed securing sponsors, developing and executing contests, set up, and day of execution of the tournament.

## **Upcoming Aviation Events**

- **June 6-8:** 18th annual Maryland regional aviation conference in Ocean City. For more information, please visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org>.
- **June 11-12:** AAAE and USCTA Save Contract Towers Fly-In Workshop at the Holiday Inn Capitol Hill. For information, visit <http://events.aaae.org/sites/130703/index.cfm>.
- **June 17-22:** NBAA flight operations manual workshop (June 17-18), NBAA flight department management workshop (June 19-20), and NBAA flight attendant conference (June 20-22), at the Lowes L'Enfant Plaza Hotel. For more information, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/events/date/>.
- **June 15:** Become A Pilot Day at the Steven F. Udvar Hazy Center (National Air and Space Museum). For more information please visit <http://becomeapilot.si.edu>.
- **June 17-19:** NATA air charter summit at the Marriott Dulles. For more information, please visit <http://www.nata.aero/Event.aspx?page=2102>.
- **June 18:** National Aeronautical Association luncheon featuring the presentation of the Cliff Henderson Trophy to USAF Colonel Joe Kittinger at the crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.

- **June 20:** Committee for Dulles luncheon featuring John Potter, President and CEO of MWAA. For more information, please visit <http://www.committeefordulles.org>.
- **June 26:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Susan Kurland, DOT Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx?eventId=693567&EventViewMode=EventDetails>.
- **July 17-18:** Airport Consultants Council summer workshop on FAA/TSA regulatory initiatives at the National Airport Crowne Plaza. For more information, please visit [http://www.acconline.org/i/ACC\\_Events/SWS/c/e/sws/sws.aspx?hkey=9d480787-730e-41cc-9531-a16934fb7b34](http://www.acconline.org/i/ACC_Events/SWS/c/e/sws/sws.aspx?hkey=9d480787-730e-41cc-9531-a16934fb7b34).
- **July 22-23:** AAAE and ALA summer legislative issues conference at the W Washington, DC Hotel. For information, please visit <http://events.aaae.org/sites/130702/index.cfm>.
- **August 20-23:** Virginia Airport Operators Council annual conference in Hot Springs. For information, visit [http://www.virginiaaviationconference.com/Annual\\_Conference.html](http://www.virginiaaviationconference.com/Annual_Conference.html).
- **September 18:** Hold this date for the annual GWBAA charity golf tournament.
- **September 28:** Air show at Leesburg Executive Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.leesburgairshow.com>.

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