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FAA Reminder Re Runway Safety at IAD

Curbing Runway Violations at IAD and Beyond

Earlier this month, a Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting was convened at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) which discussed the problem of runway incursions by GA aircraft. According to the FAA, on a nationwide basis 75% of runway incursions involve GA aircraft. Dulles has seen a sharp rise in business aircraft operations since 9/11, due to the restrictions on operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) - and ongoing reconstruction of taxiways at IAD has made it especially important to check means notices to airmen (NOTAMs). For more information, please visit the NBAA's summary of the meeting at <http://www.nbaa.org/ops/safety/in-flight-safety/runway/20140604-dulles-meeting-emphasizes-need-to-curb-ga-runway-violations.php>.

Registration Open for GWBAA Golf Tournament

 GWBAA's tenth annual golf tournament, benefiting the Aero Club of Washington's charitable foundation, will return to the 1757 Golf Club in Ashburn, Virginia on September 11th. Sponsorship and golfer registration is available at <http://2014gwbaagolf.eventbrite.com>. (A networking session also will be held the evening of September 10th. Details on this pre-event tradition will be coming soon.) We look forward to another great day on the course for a great cause.

Dispatchers and Schedulers Update

GWBA will host a "Dispatchers & Donuts" social event at Dulles Jet Center (23800 Windsock Drive) on July 9, 8:30am-9:30am. Please RSVP to D.J. Skinner at dskinne1@bnticorp.com.

Jeppesen will sponsor a Business Aviation Dispatcher Recurrent Training Program at its HQ in Denver, Colorado on September 23-26. Tuition is \$975 per person. For more information, please visit <http://www.jeppesen.com/trainingregistration>.

Congressional Hearing on NextGen's Effects for Small Businesses

On June 11, the U.S. House of Representatives' Small Business Committee held a hearing on the effects of the FAA's NextGen program - most notably, that all aircraft be equipped with an ADS-B out transponder by 2020. Witnesses testified that the cost per aircraft would be approximately \$5,000, plus an additional \$3-4,000 in installation costs - but would have few if any benefits for the average GA operator. For more information about the hearing and the overall issue, please visit <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=373176>.

Regional News Round-Up



Stafford Regional Airport has submitted recommendations to the Stafford County Planning Commission regarding how land near the airport should be developed, to ensure compatibility. The airport has expressed concern about the planned density of the "Oakenwold" development on a nearby 232-acre parcel, which at its closest point is 3300 feet from the runway. The FAA generally recommends against residential development near airports. The County Planning Commission expects to further consider the development plans at its July 9 meeting.

Cambridge-Dorchester Airport has received a \$180,000 FAA grant, to study the removal of runway obstructions.



Talbot County will remove trees that the FAA has determined pose a hazard to pilots using the ILS at **Easton Airport**. The county plans to plant new trees elsewhere on the neighboring Mistletoe Hall property as mitigation. In other Easton news, the airport has received a \$1.2 million FAA grant to complete terminal construction.

GovPartners, LLC - a GWBA member - has announced that they are now offering market research services for the transportation sector within the greater Washington area. Cynthia Karnik, GovPartners' Customer Experience Officer, stated in a news release that: "Our objective results significantly contribute to improving the way our clients do business, increases the productivity of our client's vendors, and saves our clients' money, while improving the end users overall traveling experience. For more information, please visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPC9_iuwnyM.

On June 7, the Capitol and other government buildings were briefly evacuated after an aircraft entered restricted airspace. A recent study reports that on average, military aircraft are scrambled once per week to intercept aircraft in restricted airspace nationwide. As always, fly safely!

Upcoming Events

July 9: GWBA Dispatchers & Donuts social event at Dulles Jet Center (23800 Windsock Drive), 8:30am-9:30am. Please RSVP to D.J. Skinner at dskinne1@bnticorp.com.

July 24: Aero Club luncheon featuring John Garrison, President and CEO of Bell Helicopter, at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

September 11: Please hold this date for GWBAA's annual golf tournament at the 1757 Golf Club - details are now available at <http://2014gwbaagolf.eventbrite.com>.

September 20: Dulles Day 5K/10K Races. For more information, please visit <http://www.committeefordulles.org/5K.html>.

September 20: Essex SkyPark fly-in. For more information, please visit http://www.marylandregionalaviation.aero/_media/images/EssexWings&Wheels09-20-14.jpg.

September 26: Aero Club luncheon featuring John Pistole, TSA Administrator, at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

September 27: Airshow at Leesburg Executive Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.leesburgairshow.com>.

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