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Plan to Celebrate the Holidays with GWBAA

Holiday Party to be Held at Dulles Jet Center on Thursday, December 4



Please join us from 5:30pm-7:30pm on Thursday, December 4 at Dulles Jet Center (23800 Wind Sock Drive) for some holiday cheer and socializing. RSVPs to info@gwbaa.com are appreciated. Also, the event would not be complete without our annual door prizes. We have a few things in our "GWBAA Closet" to give away, but if you or your company want to provide a door prize, please email us at info@gwbaa.com.

Regional News Round-Up



The Board of Supervisors approved the issuance of \$2.6 million in bonds to fund the construction of new hangars at **Culpeper Regional Airport**. Six corporate and twenty-six general aviation hangars are to be built. The total project cost is \$4.7 million, but the rest will be funded by the state and previously-earmarked airport funds; no tax dollars will be used. Approximately 75 pilots are on the airport's waiting list for hangars. The new hangars are expected to generate \$285,000 in annual income - about \$25,000 more than the debt payments which will be due; overall, the airport budget is expected to be in the black.

The FAA routinely publicizes construction projects that may affect airspace around airports via its website (<https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/portal.jsp>). One pending proposal - to which GWBAA has been alerted by the Maryland Aviation Administration is for construction of a 168-foot antenna near **Frederick Municipal Airport** (<https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/searchAction.jsp?action=displayOEC&oeCaseID=219519622&row=5>). Generally, operators may want to familiarize themselves with the FAA website and monitor developments near airports of interest; the FAA does not have direct authority to prevent construction near airports, so input and objections from airport users are often important when proposals would affect the safe/efficient use of an airport.



On October 24, 2014 GWBAA participated in the annual ProJet Aviation Education Expo at **Leesburg Executive Airport**. GWBAA sponsored the award of a college scholarship check to one of the hundreds of area high school students in attendance - \$2,000 to Nathan Eschbach, a senior at the Career Technology Center (CTC) in Fredrick, Maryland. Nathan was chosen for his essay "The Influence of Aviation." As an 11th grader, he was part of the CTC team which won the Maryland state award for the national Real World Design Challenge for their agricultural drone design that could save the corn growing industry billions of dollars. Nathan has applied to Carnegie Mellon University and hopes to study aeronautical engineering.

A flight instructor based at **Frederick Municipal Airport** was killed in an accident on November 8. As always, fly safely!

Call for Speakers at NBAA Regional Forums

NBAA is looking for speakers at the educational sessions held at regional forums. In 2015, events will be held in West Palm Beach (February 19), Teterboro (June 25), and St. Louis (September 17). The deadline to submit ideas is December 15; for more information and to submit a proposal, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/about/rfp/2015-regional-forums-call-for-speakers.php>.

Upcoming Events

December 4: Please mark your calendar for GWBAA's holiday party at Dulles Jet Center.

December 10: Tour of the Potomac TRACON in Warrenton, Virginia, sponsored by GWBAA's schedulers/dispatchers committee, at 10am. Please contact D.J. Skinner at dskinne1@bnticorp.com to sign up or more more information.

December 10: International Aviation Club holiday reception at the Army and Navy Club. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/event-1796961>.

December 12: Aero Club of Washington Wright Memorial Dinner, awarding the 2014 trophy to test pilot Bob Hoover. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

December 13: The Virginia Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is conducting its annual Christmas Toy Airlift, at Richmond Executive Airport on December 13. For more information, please visit <https://viriniachapter99s.shutterfly.com>.

About GWBAA

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