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## GWBA Welcomes New President

### Greg Kinsella Selected to Lead GWBAA



The GWBAA Board is pleased to announce the election of a new President, Mr. Greg Kinsella. Based in Northern Virginia, Mr. Kinsella is currently the Vice President of Business Development at Priester Aviation, a leading national provider of aircraft management and charter solutions.

Mr. Kinsella brings with him a diverse aviation background including sales and marketing positions with major airframe and engine OEMs such as British Aerospace, Saab Aircraft, and Rolls-Royce. His business management experience with aircraft operations include FAR 91, 121 and 135 operators such as DeltaFox Aviation, American Eagle Airlines and Priester Aviation, respectively. Mr. Kinsella is an active pilot (CFI/CFII) and Vice Chairman of the Air Charter Safety Foundation.

Mr. Kinsella commented, "I am genuinely excited about the opportunity to lead the high quality Board at GWBAA in support of our growing and diverse membership."

The Board would like to thank Harry Houckes for his commitment and contribution to GWBAA as interim President. Mr. Houckes will continue as a GWBAA Board member and will act as Safety Chair for the upcoming Safety Standdown. GWBAA Secretary Jol Silversmith said that "we greatly value Harry's commitment to business aviation locally and nationally, from which we all have benefited."

## Bowling, Brats, & Beverages



Please come socialize with us at our second annual Bowling, Brats & "Beverages" event on Tuesday, March 3 at Bowl America Dranesville in Sterling, Virginia from 5-7pm. It's free for all GWBAA members and those you bring along! Even those partial to the "gutter" are eligible for prizes... Please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/events.html> to RSVP.

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## Regional News Round-Up



The developer of a luxury hotel near **College Park Airport** has redesigned the project because as originally proposed the building would have been a hazard to air navigation, based on FAA standards. The redesign (reducing the building's height from 233 feet to 198 feet) is expected to delay construction and increase its costs, but will actually result in a larger number of rooms for the hotel, to be built across from the main entrance to the University of Maryland at Route 1 and Paint Branch Parkway in Prince George's County.

At a meeting of the **Montgomery County Airpark** Liaison Committee on January 28, various speakers asserted safety concerns about the airport, triggered by an accident in December 2014. There were also voices in support of the airport, including Sandy Richardson-Poe, owner of the airport FBO, and GWBAA President Harry Houckes. The Maryland Aviation Administration performed an inspection of the airport the next day, which identified no compliance issues.



The Stafford Planning Commission is seeking feedback from the county's Board of Supervisors before approving a land use plan for properties near **Stafford Regional Airport**. An unsuccessful proposal for a development called Oakenwold was the catalyst for the formation of a committee tasked with creating the plan. Another development called George Washington Village near the airport is now making its way through the county approval process.

A World War II Victory Capitol Flyover will originate from the **Culpeper Regional Airport** and **Manassas Regional Airport** on May 8, flying over Washington, DC to commemorate the 70th anniversary of V-E Day. Almost 100 aircraft are expected to participate. For more information, please visit <http://ww2flyover.org>. In other Culpeper news, County Administrator Frank Bossio reported that all of the new hangars to be built at the airport already been rented.



Two residential developments are under construction or planned to the southwest of **Frederick Municipal Airport**, according to the *Frederick News-Post*, but no houses will be constructed within the city's "overlay" zones which help ensure land use does not interfere with airport activity. The only construction in the zone will be for stormwater management connected with the planned Renn Farm development.

The two occupants of a Grumman AA-1 were injured when it crashed shortly after take-off from **Tipton Airport** on February 8. As always, fly safely!

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## Employment Listings

**Chantilly Air** is currently looking to fill positions for a Learjet 60 Pilot in Command and a Learjet 60 Second In Command. For more information, please visit <http://media.chantillyair.com/careers>.

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## Upcoming Events

**March 3:** Please hold this date for GWBAA's "Bowling, Brats, & Beverages" event; see above for more details.

**March 10-11:** Air Charter Safety Foundation safety symposium at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia. For more information, please visit <http://www.acsf.aero/symposium/>.

**March 11:** National Aeronautical Association spring awards dinner at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <https://naa.aero/events/upcoming-events>.

**April 21:** FAA Safety team seminar on "After the Crash: Surviving an Aircraft Accident" at 7pm in Frederick, Maryland. For more information, please visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=60423](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=60423).

**April 22:** FAA Safety team seminar on "After the Crash: Surviving an Aircraft Accident" at 7pm in Towson, Maryland. For more information, please visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=60424](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=60424).

**April 30:** Please hold this date for GWBAA's Safety Standdown (featuring NTSB Acting Chair Chris Hart as the keynote speaker; more details will be posted soon).

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## About GWBAA

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