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Best Wishes for 2017

GWBAA Celebrates the Holidays



GWBAA held its annual holiday party and general meeting at Dulles Jet Center on Thursday, December 1. Thank you to all who attended. The party wouldn't have been complete without donated gifts from our fantastic sponsors: Jet Linx, NBAA, Ross Aviation, Chantilly Air, Loudoun County, Dassault, Welsch Aviation, Flight Safety, Gulfstream, and Aviation Adventures.

As announced at the event, GWBAA is pleased to welcome Caleb Stitely as a new board member, and the GWBAA membership also by acclamation gave its vote of support to the Board for the next two years. The Board includes:

- **Greg Kinsella** (President), Base President, Jet Linx Washington DC, the nation's third-largest operator specializing in aircraft management and jet card programs delivered locally through a network of bases, offers over 30 years of aviation business experience.
- **Kyle Herbig** (Vice President), who has over 12 years of experience in the airport, business and commercial aviation industries and is currently Director of Customer Solutions and Technology Services at the American Association of Airport Executives.
- **Jol Silversmith** (Secretary), a Partner with the law firm of Zuckert, Scouff & Rasenberger, LLP who specializes in regulatory issues for airports, business aviation, and other aeronautical and transportation matters.
- **Glenn Hediger** (Treasurer), a CPA, tax, and accounting professional whose sole focus is general aviation.
- **Harry Houckes** (Safety Chair), a retired career pilot, manager and business aviation advocate.
- **Dan Walker** (Golf Tournament Chair) - Marketing Manager for FlightSafety International for Astra, Westwind, Hawkers, Embraer Legacy, and midsize Gulfstreams. 19 years in aviation and 13 years with FlightSafety.

- **Hunter Weiss** (Membership Chair), President of Welsch Aviation, the original aircraft broker in the United States, who has enjoyed 30 years assisting Fortune companies and private individuals in their acquisition and sales of turbine powered aircraft.
- **Alexis Wozney** (Events Chair), corporate flight attendant with extensive catering and event planning experience.
- **Doug Bellet** (Maryland Ambassador), a Retired US Army Pilot and currently serving as a Phenom 300 captain with GrandView Aviation in Baltimore.
- **John Kelley**, a 30-year career captain and president of Kelley Aviation, an aviation consulting company specializing in airspace and airport operations in the manned and unmanned arena.
- **Caleb Stitely**, Chantilly Air's client and marketing relations manager, with over a decade experience with Part 91, 121 and 135 operations.
- **Bob Blouin** (President Emeritus), former flight operations executive with major OEM and current business/general aviation advocate, mentor and consultant.
- **Paige Kroner** (President Emeritus), who has over 15 years of wide-ranging experience in the business aviation industry and currently is the Director of Special Events and Budgets at the National Business Aviation Association.

And don't forget to check out more photos on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/GWBAA>, and to keep an eye out for information about our 2017 events.

GWBA Support Aviation Charities

Did you know that many of GWBAA's events in 2016 raised funds for aviation and other charities? In the past year GWBAA has contributed \$2,500 to ProJet's Aviation Education Expo; \$2,160 to the Corporate Angel Network (based on mulligans from the golf tournament), \$2,500 to the Aero Club Foundation of Washington, \$3,000 to the Veterans Airlift Command, and \$500 to the American Cancer Society.

Regional News Round-Up

Various flight and ground restrictions will be in place for the presidential inauguration on January 20. For more information, please visit <https://www.nbaa.org/ops/airspace/regional/northeast/2017-presidential-inauguration.php>.



The Dorchester County Council has approved plans to make a grounded Hawker DH125 business jet at **Cambridge-Dorchester Airport** into a permanent ground display at the airport. In other news, MDOT reported that the airport is eligible for about \$197,000 in state grant funds in FY2017, which could be used for projects such as a replacement automated airport weather station, security fencing and gates, and obstruction removal.

Bob Bryant, the manager of the **Salisbury-Ocean City: Wicomico Regional Airport** for the past 23 years, will leave on December 30 for a new job with an airport consulting firm.



Anticipated construction at **Frederick Municipal Airport** in 2017 includes leveling ground along Bucheimer Road, where ten buildings have been demolished as obstructions. Although only \$150,000 is budget for runway design and permitting this fiscal year, in FY2018 approximately \$4 million of preparatory work is planned, including excavation on the southeast side of the airport, and relocating a water line and installing stormwater management and drainage systems. Work on the runway project is expected to continue until 2022-23.

The Virginia legislature is expected to weigh in as to whether the **Louisa County Airport** is under the ultimate control of the Louisa County Industrial Development Authority or the County's Board of Supervisors. Proposed bill might also address the ownership/control structure of other airports in Virginia.

Upcoming Events

January 10: Aero Club luncheon featuring Representative Sam Graves on "FAA Reauthorization and the Challenges of Investing in Infrastructure" at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

January 11: International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Greg Guice, Drone Alliance Europe's Manager and Director of operations, at the Mayflower Hotel. For more information, please visit <http://iacwashington.org/upcoming/>.

January 17: National Aeronautical Association "Aviation State of the Union" luncheon featuring Richard Aboulafia at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <https://naa.aero/events>.

February 1: Virginia Aviation Business Association legislative reception in Richmond. For more information, please visit <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edirtjex62d2a87d&llr=r7wjryab>.

February 8: Panel discussion on international aviation in the new administration, sponsored by the International Aviation Club, at the Mayflower Hotel. For more information, please visit <http://iacwashington.org/upcoming/>.

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