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### **GWBAA Holds Eleventh Annual Safety Standdown**

#### **Standdown Wrap-Up**



The 2017 GWBAA Safety Standdown was held on June 1st at the NTSB Training Academy near Dulles Airport. This year's agenda included keynote speaker Dann Runick from Flight Safety International who spoke on Advanced Airmanship Training. Other speakers included Steve Brown, from NBAA, giving an update on the ATC Privatization battle going on in Congress and the top three priorities of the NBAA Safety Committee. They are:

- Runway Incursions
- Single Pilot Accidents

- Loss of Control

Steve also provided an update on the recent FAA action regarding Santa Monica (SMO). The program also included:

- GWBAA President Greg Kinsella updating attendees on recent GWBAA events;
- Jim Cannon, Sundog Aviation Safety, providing an interesting history and update of IS-BAH;
- Jack Strange showcasing FAA's new compliance philosophy; and
- Steve Smith and Brandon Miller delivered information on recent changes in the Air Traffic Control System in and around DC.

**The Safety Standdown was a success thanks to these great speakers and our sponsors (listed below):**



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## GWBAA Golf Tournament - September 14, 2017



GWBAA is proud to announce that the registration for the 2017 golf tournament is now open. This will be GWBAA's thirteenth annual golf event, and each year it keeps getting better. The day of golf will help to support GWBAA, the Aero Club of Washington Foundation, and the Corporate Angel Network. The tournament will be held on September 14, 2017 at 1757 Golf Club, so please mark your calendar.

To register as a sponsorship or sign up as a golfer/foursome or volunteer, please visit: <http://www.planmygolfevent.com/29911-GWBAAGolf/>. Some sponsorships are already gone so act fast. Available sponsorships include our Pint Glass, the Mini-Golf Bag Goodie Bag, breakfast or lunch, contest Holes, and more. GWBAA will promote our sponsors with their logo appearing on GWBAA.com, a thank you tweet, and recognition and signage at the event. (The registration website will automatically post your logo if you upload it during registration in a jpg file format.) If you have any questions, please contact Dan Walker at [daniel.walker@flightsafety.com](mailto:daniel.walker@flightsafety.com).



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**NBAA Supports Aviation System Modernization, Not Privatization**

A significant pending legislative item on Capitol Hill is the President's proposal to privatize ATC (H.R. 2997). NBAA opposes this proposal, even while supporting upgrades to ATC.

H.R.2997 proposes to strip control of aviation-system oversight from the public's elected representatives, and essentially hand control of the system over to a group of private parties, largely unaccountable to Congress. Under the new structure, the private parties would be given sweeping authority to restrict access to airports and airspace, set and collect air transportation taxes, and increase costs for flying. Resources for airports and other infrastructure could be directed away from general aviation. The setup could jeopardize service and access for smaller communities. Perhaps most troubling, the work underway to build a NextGen aviation system could be seriously delayed, while an entire governance structure is disrupted.

"NBAA has worked for many years to promote technologies, policies and procedures that ensure America's aviation system remains the largest, best, safest and most diverse system in the world, NBAA president and CEO Ed Bolen has said. "We are deeply concerned with the president's call for ATC privatization – a concept that has long been a goal of the big airlines. No one should confuse ATC modernization with ATC privatization – the two are very different concepts."

**By contacting your members of Congress today**, you can send a message to lawmakers, and help NBAA turn back this legislative threat to everyone in business aviation.

## **GWBA to Support Student Aviation Expo at JYO**

GWBA would like member pilots or maintenance professionals to share their real world stories in general aviation with high school and college student at the annual Leesburg Aviation Education Expo on October 27, 2017. GWBA will be providing a student scholarship at the Expo to support the next generation of aviation minds. If interested contact Glenn Hediger at [hediger\\_cpa@yahoo.com](mailto:hediger_cpa@yahoo.com).

## **Regional News Round-Up**



It's air show/tour season; recent events were held in **Cambridge/Dorchester, Frederick, Hagerstown, Salisbury/Ocean City, and Warrenton**. In addition, an aviation-themed playground (see the concept art to the left) is under construction at **Stafford Regional Airport**.

FAA had advised Louisa County that a planned tower to improve broadband internet service will need to be lowered because it would interfere with **Louisa County Airport**.

Construction has begun on a taxiway addition at **Winchester Regional Airport**.

## **Upcoming Events**

**July 9-11:** Aviation Suppliers Association annual conference at the Hyatt Regency in Reston, Virginia. For more information, please visit <http://www.aviationsuppliers.org/Annual-Conference>.

**July 10:** National Aeronautical Association luncheon featuring Rich Hanson, President of the American Academy of Model Aeronautics, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <https://naa.aero/events/upcoming-events/?action=form&eventID=2105>.

**July 10:** International Aviation Club luncheon, featuring Henrik Hololei, EU Director-General for Transport and Mobility, at the Willrld Hotel. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/Events.aspx>.

**July 12:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Huntley Lawrence, Aviation Director for the Port Authority, at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

**September 14:** GWBAA golf tournament; see above for more information.

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