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**Join Us on September 14, 2017 for the GWBAA Golf Tournament**

**Thirteenth Annual Golf Tournament to Raise Funds for Aviation Charities**



The date is drawing near for the 2017 golf tournament. 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/>. 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**

An archaeological study is in progress at a farmstead near **Hagerstown Regional Airport**, to be razed to enable runway expansion. In other Hagerstown news, the FAA is requiring a revision of its Airport Layout Plan; the last comprehensive update was in 2003.

Various FAA grants were announced in August, including \$2.3 million to **Montgomery County Airpark** for taxiway improvements, \$1.3 million to **St. Mary's Airport** for runway expansion, \$1.1 million to **Lynchburg Regional Airport** for lighting rehabilitation, and \$316,000 to **Winchester Regional Airport** for taxiway improvements.

## FAA General Aviation News



The latest issue (July/August) of the FAA's newsletter for general aviation, FAA Safety Briefing, is now available at [https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2017/media/JulAug2017.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2017/media/JulAug2017.pdf). The theme of the issue is the new BasicMed rule, which offers an alternative to the agency's medical qualification process for third-class medical certificates, as well as other information of interest to GWBAA members, such as forthcoming changes on filing procedures for flight restricted zone (FRZ) flight plans in the Washington, DC special flight rules area (SFRA).

## Upcoming Events

**September 7:** The International Aviation Club's annual L. Welch Pogue award dinner. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-2599469>.

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

**September 18:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Robin Hayes, President and CEO of JetBlue Airways, at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

**September 23:** Dulles 5K/10K race. For more information, please visit <http://www.committeefordulles.org/events/dulles-day-5k10k/>.

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