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Last Chance to Register for GWBAA Golf Outing

- **Second Annual GWBAA Golf Tournament To Be Held on September 25th:**

Registration for players and sponsors continues for GWBAA's second annual golf outing at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course on Monday, September 25th. We now have most of the sponsorships and close to 50 golfers registered. We still have room for your foursome! The registration form is available at <http://www.gwbaa.com/golfflyer2006.pdf>, and information about the golf course is available at <http://www.herndon-va.gov/HCGolf.html>.

The tournament will benefit the Aero Club of Washington's programs to fund education initiatives for students and interns in the District of Columbia seeking careers in aviation.

To date, sponsors for the golf outing include:

Lunch: **Gulfstream**

Breakfast: **Welsch Aviation**

Beverage Cart: **Bombardier**

Hole-In-One: **Key Equipment
Finance**

Closest to Zig-Zag: **Signature Flight
Support**

Longest Drive: **Multi Service**

Closest to the Pin: **Air Routing
International**

Hole Sponsors: **ARINC**

Bombardier/Learjet

Chantilly Air

FlightWorks

Landmark Aviation Maintenance

Martinair/Heloair

Midcoast Aviation

NBAA

NextFlight

Rudy's Inflight Catering

Sharp Details

Sky Group Associates

It is not too late if you would like to help the Aero Club Foundation, GWBAA, and have a great day of golf! Additional sponsorship opportunities are available; please contact Bob Blouin at info@gwbaa.com or (202) 415-1212 for details. We hope to see you there.

- **New Secretary of Transportation Nominated:**

President Bush has nominated Mary E. Peters, a former federal highway administrator, to succeed Norman Mineta as Secretary of Transportation. "She's going to make an outstanding secretary of transportation," Bush said, according to the Associated Press. "It is a job that requires vision and strong leadership. Mary Peters is the right person for this job. She brings a lifetime of experience on transportation issues from both the private and the public sectors."

Peters served as chief of the Federal Highway Administration from 2001 to 2005, and was an advocate of tolls for building new highways. "You just can't depend on the federal government

to bring the money in that was around when the interstate system was first built," Peters said in a recent interview. Many aviation insiders fear that this is an ominous sign she will also support user fees -- tolls, by another name -- for general aviation.

"Our community will take some time early in her tenure to gauge what her position is on user fees for aviation services" said GWBAA President, Bob Blouin. The national associations will be lining up to meet with her early and often to make sure their position on user fees is clear.

The NBAA publicly welcomed Bush's nomination. "Mary Peters is known for her extensive work on transportation issues and her inclusive approach to doing business," said NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen. "I look forward to working with her and ensuring that she is fully aware of the concerns of business aviation."

Peters must be confirmed for the post from the Senate, which returns to work this week following a one-month recess.

- **Pilots and Dispatchers Sought for Weather in the Cockpit Workshop:**

The National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) is seeking professional pilots and dispatchers from the business aviation community to participate in its Weather in the Cockpit Workshop on Wednesday, October 18, during NBAA's 59th Annual Meeting and Convention in Orlando. Some of the goals of the workshop will be to achieve consensus on flight deck needs for weather products; to provide information on what products are available and how they are generated; and to define a roadmap of technologies and processes to expedite the widespread use of data-linked weather information in the cockpit. For more information, please contact NCAR's Tenny Lindholm at (303) 497-8448 or lindholm@ucar.edu. To learn more about or register for NBAA2006, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/2006>.

- **GWBA Scheduling a Safety Stand Down for 2007:**

For the last several months, GWBAA has been planning a Safety Stand Down event to be held during the first quarter of 2007. Coincidentally, NBAA has been encouraging regional groups to promote safety as an ongoing effort and to add a safety element to their organization's mission. One such way that many regional groups have promoted safety is through the founding of an annual Safety Day in their cities and regions. The Georgia Business Aviation Association (GBAA) recently demonstrated a fine model with its recent Safety Day held in Atlanta, which attracted more than 100 business aviation operators from across the southeast U.S.; informative sessions were led by speakers from NBAA, FAA, Flight Safety Foundation and other business aviation companies. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with the GWBAA Safety Stand Down please contact GWBAA's Operations and Safety Chairman, Jim Lumley at jpilot3@aol.com. Further details on GWBAA's event will be posted in the newsletter and on the website at <http://www.gwbaa.com>.

- **Regional News Roundup:**

Frank Bossio, manager of **Culpeper Regional Airport**, stated that the airport has upgraded its facilities in anticipation of the demand that will be created by Very Light Jets (VLJ) such as the

Cessna Mustang, Eclipse 500 and Adam A700. As previously reported in GWBAA News, the airport's plans include the construction of a new \$1.4 million terminal.

The Leesburg Town Council, Planning Commission, and Airport Commission have held a series of public meetings at which they stated their opposition to the planned Crosstrail development near **Leesburg Executive Airport**. The Airport Commission says the development will generate noise complaints, but the developer – Peterson Companies – claims the development will fall outside of the standard noise contour line. Because the development would be on county, not town land, the proposal currently is pending before the Loudoun County Planning Commission.

- **Upcoming Aviation Events:**

- **September 15-17:** Annual Mid-Atlantic Fly-In at Cambridge-Dorchester Airport. For information, email michelehayden@msn.com or call (410) 221-8009.
- **September 20-22:** Brian J. Terwilliger's documentary about the history of Van Nuys Airport, "One Six Right," will be screened in Bethesda on September 20 as well as at an invitation-only showing on Capitol Hill on September 22. For more information, visit <http://www.onesixright.com>.
- **September 23:** BWI Cargo Expo, from 9am until 6pm. For information, visit <http://www.marylandaviation.com/content/upcomingevents/index.html>, or call (410) 859-7030.
- **September 24:** "Wings, Wheels & Ducks" fly-in at Stafford Airport, from 10am until 4pm. For information, email info@staffordairport.com, call (540) 658-9313, or visit http://www.staffordairport.com/PDFs/2006_WINGS_WHEELS_DUCKS.pdf.
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- **October 5:** The AOPA Air Safety Foundation will be offering a free seminar on emergencies at Dulles Aviation, Manassas Regional Airport, from 7pm until 9pm. Visit http://www.aopa.org/asf/seminars/seminar.cfm?FA=SS&SA=DisplayFacility&schedule_ID=3825 for more information.
- **October 7-8:** Annual Ocean City Fly-In at Ocean City Municipal Airport. For information, email anjin@intercom.net, call (410) 641 3572, or visit <http://www.ocaviation.org/fly.php>.
- **October 14:** Seventh annual "Air Fest" at Culpeper Regional Airport, from 10am until 4pm. For information, email twoodward@culpepercounty.gov, call (540) 825-8280, or visit <http://www.culpepercounty.gov/Airport/airfest06.asp>.

- **October 17-19:** NBAA 59th Annual Meeting and Convention, Orlando, Florida. Visit <http://www.nbaa.org/public/cs/amc/2006/> for details.
- **December 1:** Mark your calendar for GWBAA's holiday reception, to be held at Signature Flight Support's terminal at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

- **GWBAA Offers Online Benefits:**

We are continuing to add member information for GWBAA's electronic membership directory – <http://www.gwbaa.com/directory.html>. This service is available to GWBAA members at no cost. Please contact Bob Blouin (info@gwbaa.com) if you want to post your company's information.

- **GWBAA Contacts:**

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