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GWBAA Continues To Grow With Two New Events Safety/Security and Schedulers/Dispatchers Initiatives are added for 2007

- **Second Annual GWBAA Golf Outing a Success!**

On September 25th the sun was out, the sky was blue, the course was in great shape, and over 60 GWBAA members and their guests enjoyed a wonderful round of golf, an opportunity to network, and an excellent BBQ lunch. The morning started with Welsch Aviation sponsoring a delicious hot breakfast before teeing off. Bombardier sponsored the beverage cart during play, and Gulfstream hosted a wonderful BBQ lunch after play finished. The specialty hole sponsors included Key Equipment Finance, Air Routing International, Multi Service Aviation and Signature Flight Support. Hole sponsors included NBAA, ARINC, Sky Group Associates, AvCard, MartinAir, Chantilly Air, Rudy's Inflight Catering, NextFlight, Landmark Aviation, Midcoast Aviation, FlightWorks, and Sharp Details. All attendees agreed that the event was very worthwhile and a great "warm up" to NBAA's Chairman's golf event in Orlando. Thanks to all our sponsors and volunteers for contributing to the success of this outing!

- **October 17th Regional Group Session at NBAA in Orlando:**

GWBAA leadership has contributed to the agenda and content of the Regional Group Session coming up at NBAA in Orlando. The session is being billed as "*Learn to Make Your Regional Business Aviation Group More Effective.*"

Have you ever asked, as a member of GWBAA, these basic questions: How do we plan an effective Safety Day or Career Fair? What's the best way to educate city, state and federal officials on the importance of our local airport and of business aviation? How can we raise funds for aviation scholarships? Attend this session and learn the answers to these questions and more at the "Local/Regional Business Aviation Association Networking Session" to be held from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, during the NBAA 59th Annual Meeting & Convention ("NBAA2006") in Orlando.

Leaders from regional business aviation organizations will address how these groups support local airports and educate and gain the support of local communities and legislators. Individuals must register to attend this or any other NBAA2006 Informational Session. To register, visit <http://www.nbaa.org/2006>.

- **Want to Support Corporate Aircraft Response in Emergencies ("CARE")?**

A recently formed group called "CARE" has been established to provide air support to victims of national emergencies. This group includes members of the aviation community who believe that business aviation can act as a first responder in crises. CARE's mission is to provide immediate

air support to victims when the scope of an event merits private-sector intervention. CARE is working with Angel Flight America as well as NBAA, through its Schedulers & Dispatchers Committee, to devise a way to establish a rapid-response team of business aircraft operators. To learn more or to apply to participate in CARE, NBAA2006 attendees may visit the Angel Flight Booth (#3133) or the NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Committee area at the NBAA Headquarters Booth (#2400). A related *NBAA Dispatch* article titled "Working Toward a Better Emergency Response" is available at <http://web.nbaa.org/public/ops/sched/dispatch/2006/03/>.

- **Jack Olcott to Be Honored With NAA Elder Statesman Award:**

John W. Olcott, who served as NBAA's president from 1992 to 2003, will be honored with a 2006 National Aeronautical Association ("NAA") Elder Statesman of Aviation Award at a dinner on November 6. Olcott, the founder and president of General Aero, also has served as editor of *Flying* magazine, editor and publisher of *Business and Commercial Aviation* magazine, and president of the New Jersey Aviation Association. He has been a respected figure in aviation for more than 40 years and was educated as an aeronautical engineer. Now a resident of Morristown, New Jersey, he is the recipient of numerous aviation and publishing honors. He holds an airline transport pilot license and several type ratings, and has more than 7,000 hours of flying time. "I can't think of a better, more deserving recipient of this award," said GWBAA President Bob Blouin. "Jack has made many contributions to business aviation, always emphasizing safety, security, and access when framing our industry. I know everyone at GWAA joins me in congratulating him on this distinguished honor." For more information, please visit <http://www.naa.aero/html/awards/index.cfm?cmsid=63>.

- **ADIZ Update:**

Readers of GWBAA News will recall that FAA solicited comments at the end of 2005 on its plan to make the Washington, D.C. Air Defense Identification Zone ("ADIZ") permanent. GWBAA's president, Bob Blouin, submitted oral and written comments seeking better dialogue between the government and civilian stakeholders. Although FAA has not yet publicly responded to any of the comments, last month they did agree to attend a meeting organized by Senator James Inhofe (R-Oklahoma) with other interested parties, including the Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Defense. Inhofe – who is a pilot and member of AOPA – chided FAA for failing to submit congressionally mandated reports justifying the ADIZ and recommending operational improvements. The meeting's attendees included AOPA President Phil Boyer, who renewed AOPA's recommendation of corridors using specific transponder codes for specific airports within the ADIZ. "It was good to have people on both sides talking in the room and even better to have some get a talking-to from U.S. senators," said Boyer.

In other ADIZ-related news, the Coast Guard has assumed responsibility from Customs and Border Patrol for intercepting aircraft that enter the ADIZ without the proper flight plan and clearance. Coast Guard will use HH-65C Dolphin helicopters stationed at Reagan National Airport. The helicopters are equipped with civilian-frequency VHF radios plus electronic signboards so that they can communicate with pilots who might be having radio problems. Coast Guard at DCA also operates a Gulfstream and a Challenger in support of the office of the Commandant. The Coast Guard's DCA Air Station is a member of GWBAA.

- **9/11 Compensation for D.C.-Area GA Operators:**

DOT has requested comments on a proposed rule that would allocate \$17 million among fixed-based general aviation operators and providers of general aviation ground support services in the greater Washington area for the financial losses they incurred while five airports were closed, or GA operations were limited, in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks. The affected airports are Reagan Washington National, Colle Park; Potomac Airfield; Washington Executive/Hyde Field; and the South Capitol Street Heliport. The proposed rule would establish eligibility requirements and application procedures for the funds, which were allocated by Congress in 2005; DOT has requested that comments be filed by November 3, 2006. For a copy of the proposal, please visit <http://dmses.dot.gov/docimages/p87/416516.pdf>.

- **GWBA Participates in Career Day at Frederick Aviation:**

GWBA's operations, safety and security committee chairman, Jim Lumley, represented the association this week at the first career fair held at Frederick Aviation. Over 100 high school students attended the event. Jim was able to provide career advice to the students and explain just what business aviation is all about. Thanks to Jim for his time and effort in representing business aviation at this important event. Congratulations to Frederick Aviation for sponsoring a successful event.

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

GWBA is 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.; speakers led informative sessions from NBAA, FAA, Flight Safety Foundation and other business aviation companies. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with the GWBA Safety Stand Down please contact GWBA's operations, safety and security chairman, Jim Lumley at jpilot3@aol.com. Further details on GWBA's event will be posted in the newsletter and on the website at <http://www.gwbaa.com>.

- **Interested in Joining the New Schedulers and Dispatchers Committee?**

A few GWBA members have shown an early interest in volunteering to form a Schedulers and Dispatchers Committee. If you are interested in playing an active roll in the formation group please contact us via email at info@gwbaa.com.

- **Regional News Roundup:**

Landmark Aviation has named Jim McNeill its new regional vice president, FBO Operations. McNeill has been general manager at Landmark Aviation's flagship facility at **Washington Dulles Airport** and now will manage several key FBOs in Landmark's network. This will include

Leesburg Executive Airport; Toronto, Ontario; Fayetteville, North Carolina; and Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. He also will continue to manage the Dulles FBO until his successor is named. McNeill has been the general manager at Dulles since 2003.



The Loudoun County Planning Commission recommended in September that the county approve the construction of a mixed-use development south of **Leesburg Executive Airport**. The “Crosstrail” development has been opposed by the Leesburg Town Council and Leesburg Airport Commission, which believe that noise complaints could hurt the airport’s viability. But the property to be developed falls within the jurisdiction of Loudoun County, despite its proximity to the airport. A public hearing will be held by the county on the development in November.

The Flight Deck Restaurant, which had been located at NextFlight’s facility at **Manassas Regional Airport**, closed its doors in early September.

A number of Carroll County residents expressed their concerns about expansion plans for **Carroll County Regional Airport** at a public meeting last month. The meeting was held to solicit comments on the airport’s master plan, a draft of which is due to be completed by the end of the year. The airport plans to invest \$60 million in improvements, including a 1,400-foot runway extension and hangar construction. The public comments included concerns about the airport’s security; in response, the county noted that \$700,000 has been budgeted this year to purchase a surveillance system.



As readers may recall, the August 2005 issue of GWBAA News reported that a glider club had filed a suit alleging that the closure of a turf runway at **Frederick Municipal Airport** violated the terms of an agreement between the airport and the FAA. A federal court now has dismissed the suit, concluding that the glider club did not have a right to sue under the FAA agreement, and that the airport had not breached any contractual agreements to which the glider club was a party. For the complete decision, visit <http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/Opinions152/Opinions/Mid-Atlantic0629.pdf>.

• **Upcoming Aviation Events:**

- **October 13-15:** A B-17 bomber and a B-24 bomber owned and operated by the Collins Foundation will visit Montgomery County Airpark, in conjunction with the unveiling of the Air Force Memorial near the Pentagon; tours and rides will be offered. For information, visit http://www.collingsfoundation.org/cf_schedule-wof.htm.
- **October 14:** Dedication ceremonies for the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. For information, visit <http://www.airforcememorial.org/dedication/index.asp>.

- **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.
- **October 25:** Washington Airline Society meeting at the National Air and Space Museum at 7pm; the guest speaker is Captain Jim Mason of Air Canada, who has been involved in the restoration of a Lockheed Electra to commemorate Air Canada's 70th anniversary. For more information, visit <http://washingtonairlinesociety.org>.
- **October 26:** "Synergy 2006," a networking and procurement fair, at the Hilton at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, from 8:30am until 1pm. For information, visit <http://www.marylandaviation.com/content/upcomingevents/index.html> or call (410) 859-7949.
- **October 19-21:** 2006 National Conference on Aviation and Space Education, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. For information, visit <http://www.ncase.info>.
- **November 27 – December 1:** Fourth Annual Aviation Security Technology Symposium, sponsored by the National Safe Skies Alliance, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. For more information, visit <http://www.sskies.org/symposium.htm>.
- **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.

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