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## GWBAA Holds Fourth Annual Safety Standdown

### Keynote Speaker Rod Machado, and Others Address Attentive Audience

GWBAA held its fourth annual Safety Standdown at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia on May 20. Speakers addressed the attendees on a variety of key safety topics for aviation professionals.



Bruce Landsberg of AOPA and Rick Rowe of Bombardier

AOPA Air Safety Foundation President Bruce Landsberg talked about the growing number and complexity of the FARs in the Aeronautical Information Manual and the need to avoid distractions when flying, citing the recent Colgan Air accident.

Rick Rowe, chief pilot for the Bombardier Aerospace flight demo team, noted in his presentation on “Challenging the Status Quo” that in the last 10 years “80 percent of all accidents have been caused by human error.” Although CFIT (Controlled Flight Into Terrain) used to be the primary cause of accidents, it is now Loss of Control in Flight (LCIF), said Rowe. “Basic flying skills continue to erode.”

Rowe also made reference to the Colgan Air accident, in which fatigue and lack of pilot training have been cited as contributing factors to the crash. Dr. Paulo Alves, a cardiologist and vice president of aviation and maritime health with MedAire, spoke about travel health and fatigue management. “Violence is the number one cause of death abroad and cardiac-related emergencies are the number two cause,” said Alves. Risk mitigation—researching your destination country for possible infectious diseases—is key to a safe trip, said Alves.

Veteran aviation humorist, pilot and psychologist Rod Machado entertained attendees with anecdotes and lessons about the various kinds of errors pilots can make and how to avoid them.

The NTSB’s Dr. Paul Schuda briefed the safety standdown attendees on the TWA Flight 800 accident, the Boeing 747 that exploded shortly after takeoff from JFK Airport on July 17, 1996.



Aviation Humorist Rod Machado

Schuda then led a tour of the reconstructed portion of the fuselage of TWA Flight 800 at the Training Center, the only accident aircraft that the NTSB has ever reconstructed.

“We are grateful to the attendees, speakers and sponsors of this year’s standdown,” said GWBAA President Paige Kroner. “This was another successful event with a lot of great safety tips from our speakers.”

Sponsors of this year’s standdown included Bombardier, Dassault Falcon Jet, FlightSafety International, Gulfstream, Landmark Aviation, Lansdowne Resort, MedAire, NBAA, Rudy’s Inflight Catering, Sharp Details, Signature Flight Support, TISMA, Welsch Aviation, Air Routing International and US Sedan.

If you haven’t already, please give us your feedback (a survey was emailed to attendees after the event), and we look forward to seeing you next year.

## Regional News Round-Up

At a recent council meeting, Ocean City Councilman Joe Hall suggested that **Ocean City Municipal Airport** should be privatized. The city contribution for the proposed airport budget is \$392,218, an increase of more than \$96,000 from the current year. The rest of the \$1.69 million budget is paid for fuel revenues, hangar rents and other user fees, which are decreasing. Public Works Director Hal Adkins told *Ocean City Today* that the airport was unsuccessfully privately operated for a short period in the past. Probably the only way for the facility to make money is to have a runway at least 5,000 feet long, City Manager Dennis Dare said, because that would allow more planes to land and boost fuel sales.



The *Annapolis Capital* reports that the FAA has found no link between three recent accidents at **Lee Airport**. FAA spokesman Tim Peters stated that “[e]very accident is thoroughly investigated.” The newspaper notes that there are obstructions at both ends of the 2,500 foot runway, but that safety improvements are also in progress, including the installation of a Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI).

The Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics plans to open an aviation maintenance school at **Hagerstown Regional Airport** in 2011. The program is expected to start in January and will enroll 25 students in its initial class. In an interview with the *Hagerstown Herald-Mail*, PIA Director James Mader said that the school is currently wrapping up regulatory approval processes with the Maryland Higher Education Commission and FAA.

In other Hagerstown news, the Washington County Commissioners have approved the issuance of \$6.7 million in bonds to fund the construction of a new hangar and office building at the airport, being built by Rider Jet Center for lease to Sierra Nevada Corporation.

A federal court has issued a ruling in a contract dispute between Signature Flight Support and Dulles Jet center at **Washington Dulles Airport**. The court held that that Dulles Jet Center – which was built on land leased from Signature – did not have a right to service transient aircraft or generally provide other FBO services. Dulles Jet Center has appealed the decision.

ProJet Aviation will host a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Jet Center at **Leesburg Executive Airport** Wednesday, June 2. ProJet reports that six corporate aircraft are already based at the facility, which features more than 25,000 square feet of hangar and office space, in addition to ground and flight support for corporate services.



*If you're aware of any news of interest to business aviation occurring around the greater Washington area, please let us know at [info@gwbaa.com](mailto:info@gwbaa.com).*

## Upcoming Aviation Events

- **June 5-6:** Ocean City, Maryland air show. For more information, please visit <http://www.ocaishow.com>.
- **June 7-9:** NATA air charter summit at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia. For information, please visit <http://www.nata.aero/Event.aspx?page=1259&sectionid=553>.
- **June 10:** The FAA Safety Team will present a seminar on "Deliberately Accepted Risk...Single Pilot's Guide to Resource Management" at 7pm at Leesburg Executive Airport. For more information, please visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=32031&caller=/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=32031&caller=/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx).
- **June 17:** International Aviation Club luncheon at the City Club of Washington featuring Harry Hohmeister, CEO of Swiss International Air Lines. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org>.
- **June 19:** Become-A-Pilot Day at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia. For more information, please visit <http://www.nasm.si.edu/becomeapilot/>.
- **June 21:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Jack Pelton, Chairman, President, and CEO, Cessna. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/luncheons.htm>.
- **June 23-25:** Air Transport World eco-aviation conference at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://www.atwonline.com/events/ecoAviationConference.html>.
- **June 24:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring U.S. Representative Todd Tiahrt (R-KS) at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://www.naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **July 15-16:** Airport Consultants council summer workshop series at the National Airport Crowne Plaza. For more information, please visit <http://www.acconline.org/AM/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm?ContentFileID=3243>.
- **July 19-20:** AAAE & ALA Summer Legislative Issues Conference, at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://events.aaae.org/sites/100702/index.cfm>.

- **July 26-28:** FAA, AAAE and USCTA annual workshop on the Contract Tower Program at the Westin City Center. For more information, please visit <http://events.aaae.org/sites/100708/index.cfm>.
- **September 18:** Wings and Wheels Fly-In at Essex Skypark. For more information, please visit <http://www.essexskyparkassn.org/essex/index.jsp>.
- **September 28:** Save the date for the sixth annual GWBAA golf tournament at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course.
- **October 23:** Airshow and Hangar Dance at Leesburg Executive Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.leesburgva.gov/index.aspx?page=76>.
- **October 24:** 55th Annual Air Traffic Control Association conference at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. For more information, please visit <http://www.memberservicecenter.org/irmweb/wc.dll/vaaleatca?id=vaaleatca&doc=events/event&kn=50>.

## GWBAA Offers Online Benefits

We continue 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 Jol Silversmith ([jasilversmith@zsrlaw.com](mailto:jasilversmith@zsrlaw.com)) if you want to post your company's information.

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