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New Gateway Cities to DCA Announced

TSA Establishes Three Additional DASSP Gateways

Readers of GWBAA News will recall that TSA allows business aviation operators to operate flights to/from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on a highly restricted basis, pursuant to the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP). One of the requirements is that the flight must depart from a designated gateway airport. Jacksonville International Airport (JAX), Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) and Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) recently were added to the list of designated as gateways. This brings the total number of DASSP gateways to 34. For more information about DASSP, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/ops/security/programs/dassp>.

GWBAA Celebrates the Holidays



GWBAA's annual holiday event on December 9th, hosted by Signature Flight Support at its DCA facility, was an opportunity for members to catch up on the past year and hear about plans for the coming year from GWBAA Secretary Jol Silversmith and board members Glenn Hediger and Dan Walker. The board welcomes new members – and in particular individuals interested in serving as its Operations and Safety Chair and/or helping to organize the annual safety standdown. For information, please contact GWBAA President Paige Kroner, info@gwbaa.com.

Regional News Round-Up

Hagerstown Regional Airport has launched a search for a new Airport Director, due to the end-of-the-month retirement of Carolyn Motz. The director is appointed by the Washington County Commissioners and reports to the Division of Public Works. In a press release, Motz noted the challenges of the position stating that “[a]t a regional airport, you have to be familiar with all of the areas” of activity, including security, airfield operations, inclement weather, and firefighting.

Baltimore-Washington International Airport is planning to close its two main runways (15R-33L and 10-28) for a 54-hour period (September 9-11, 2011) to repave their intersection. During the closure, runways 4-22 and 15L-33R will remain open, but delays are likely; at least one scheduled carrier, British Airways, has stated that it will divert flights to IAD because the shorter runways are not suitable for its flights. Airport Chief Executive Paul Wiedefeld told the

Baltimore Sun that the \$6 million project is “extremely complex”; “[t]hat’s why we’re nine months out and we’ve been working on it for six months.”



Construction has begun on a control tower at **Frederick Municipal Airport**; the \$5.3 million project, which is largely funded by FAA grants, is expected to take 18 months. At the same time, Frederick leaders have expressed concern that FAA funding for other airport projects will not materialize. Mayor Randy McClement told the *Frederick News-Post* that a \$13 million bond series issued in 2009 – to fund the purchase of land neighboring the airport as part of its runway extension project – mature in 2013, but if

the FAA budget is cut by the new Congress, reimbursement – which is already overdue – may not be forthcoming. “Regardless, we still have to repay the existing bond debt.”

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.

Did You Know That GWBAA Has a LinkedIn Group?

In addition to networking in person during the holidays and other events, GWBAA would also like to provide a forum for GA in the greater Washington area to meet online. If you’re a member of LinkedIn – a social networking site for professional relationships – stop by and visit GWBAA at <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1993145>.

2011 GWBAA Golf Tournament Date Announced

With snow on the ground, it may seem like the wrong season to think about taking to the links, but please do mark your calendar for the seventh annual tournament, to be held at the 1757 Golf Club on September 21, 2011. In addition to being a networking opportunity, the tournament is a fundraiser for the Aero Club of Washington Foundation, which supports aviation education programs in D.C.; GWBAA provided a \$1500 contribution based on the results of the 2010 tournament.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **January 18:** National Aeronautics Association luncheon featuring John Porcari, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://www.naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **January 26:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood at the Capital Hilton. For information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/luncheons.htm>.
- **January 27:** FAA Safety team seminar on the WINGS program, short field landing tips, and SFRA changes at Martin State Airport at 7pm. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=35591.

- **February 1-2:** ACI-NA/AAAE Washington Legislative Conference at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. For more information, visit <http://events.aaae.org/sites/110304/index.cfm>.
- **February 5:** Seminar on "Real World IFR" at AOPA HQ in Frederick, Maryland. For information, visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=35745.
- **February 15-16:** 36th annual FAA aviation forecast conference. For more information, please visit http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/aviation_forecast_2011/.
- **February 23:** American Bar Association Forum on Air & Space law update conference at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. For more information, please visit <http://new.abanet.org/Forums/Airspace/Pages/default.aspx>.
- **March 8:** Aviation Week 53rd annual Laureate Awards at the Andrew Mellon Auditorium. For information, please visit <http://www.aviationweek.com/events/current/lau/index.htm>.
- **March 15-16:** Air Charter Safety Foundation symposium at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia. For more information, please visit <http://www.acsf.aero/en/cev/22>.
- **March 31-April 2:** Aeronautical Repair Station Association symposium at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City. For more information, please visit <http://www.arsa.org>
- **September 21:** Seventh annual GWBAA golf tournament at the 1757 Golf Club.

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) if you want to post your company's information.

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