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Standdown Planning Begins

Volunteers Sought for Sixth Annual Safety Event



Teterboro, Dec. 1, 2004

It's again time to start planning for the safety standdown – GWBAA's annual event intended to assist crew and other aviation professionals to avoid situations like that pictured to the left, and to be prepared in the event things do go wrong. And as in past years, volunteers are needed. Assistance of all kinds is appreciated, ranging from arranging for speakers to day-of administrative tasks. If you're interested, please contact GWBAA President Paige Kroner at info@gwbaa.com. Ideas for speakers and topics also are welcome; as prior attendees may recall, past events have featured topics such as Crew Resource Management and the NTSB's investigation of TWA 800, and keynote speakers such as Al Haynes (captain of United 232) and Jeff Skiles (co-pilot of US Airways 1549).

European Emissions Trading Program Enters Into Effect

On January 1, the European Union's "Emissions Trading Scheme" (ETS) entered into effect; most operators of aircraft over 5,700 kg who fly to, from or within EU countries (or their territorial possessions) are required to participate (i.e., report and potentially pay for carbon dioxide emissions). The program is controversial, and the NBAA supports pending legislation in Congress which would prohibit U.S. aircraft operators from participating in ETS (and set-up a showdown with the EU over the matter). For more information from NBAA about the issues and how to comply in the interim, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/ops/environment/eu-ets/>.

Aircraft Registration Reminder

In 2010, FAA announced that over a three year period it would terminate the n-number registrations of all aircraft registered before October 1, 2010, and would require the re-registration of each aircraft to retain U.S. civil aircraft status. This process has been ongoing; the re-registration deadlines for aircraft with a certificate issued in March, April, May, or June (of any year) have now passed. The next deadline is for aircraft registered in July (of any year); their certificates will automatically expire on March 31, 2012. Re-registration applications for such aircraft should be submitted by January 31. Additionally, the expiration date for aircraft registered in August (of any year) will be June 30, 2012; re-registration applications will be accepted starting on February 1. For more information, please visit the NBAA web page on aircraft registration issues, <http://www.nbaa.org/admin/registration/>.

Regional News Round-Up

Baltimore County has announced plans to close **Essex Skypark**, which is located on property leased from the County. The Essex Skypark Association argues that when the property was transferred from private ownership to the county in 2000, the sellers' intent was that the airport remain, but according to the *Baltimore Sun*, county officials say that they never agreed to allow the skypark to stay permanently. In 2011 the airport failed to renew its five-year lease and is now being treated as a month-to-month tenant, according to the County; it will not renew the association's lease unless it develops a relocation plan. Baltimore County wants to re-forest the property with the stated goal of improving the local environment and compensate for trees cleared elsewhere in the county. (The Essex Skypark Association strongly disputes the County's interpretation of its tenancy agreement.)



The *Daily Progress* recently profiled Dawn Howard, the Manager of **Louisa County Airport**. Howard has worked for the airport for more than 20 years, and was appointed manager in 2004. In 2011, she was named Virginia's aviation manager of the year by the Virginia Department of Aviation.



The Carroll County Board of Commissioners is expected to cast a final vote on January 26 on a proposed \$74 million expansion of **Carroll County Regional Airport**. The project would upgrade the airport to allow operation by larger aircraft, including a 1,300-foot extension of the runway to a total of 6,400 feet. Although the county would only be required to pay 2.5% of the costs (the rest would be funded by FAA and state grants), the proposal nevertheless has attracted community opposition. Even if the project was not approved, the runway will require upgrades by 2017 that alone would cost \$5 million, and also would require a new economic impact study, since the existing study was tailored to the expansion proposal, as well as a revision of the airport's master plan. Surdex Corporation, which specializes in high-resolution aerial photography, has indicated that it would move its operations to Carroll County if the expansion is approved.

On January 5, the Frederick Board of Alderman voted to approve the purchase of a new \$128,000 snowplow for use at **Frederick Municipal Airport**.

On December 27, a Cessna made an emergency landing several miles from **Easton Airport** when it ran out of fuel; similarly, a small aircraft ran out of fuel and made an emergency landing near **Frederick Municipal Airport** on January 15. As always, fly safely!

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. For links to news stories compiled by GWBA, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/links.html>.

FAA General Aviation News



The current issue of FAA's bi-monthly publication for general aviation – “FAA Safety Briefing” – is now available from the FAA website, at http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2012/media/JanFeb2012.pdf.

The theme of the issue is tips for new pilots, including finding the right college for the study of aviation; how to obtain medical certification; how to take an active role in the flight training process; what to know before a check ride; and a guide to understanding the Federal Aviation Regulations., in addition to the usual assortment of features and news updates.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **January 31:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation, at the Capital Hilton. For information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/luncheons.htm>.
- **February 8:** Virginia Aviation Business Association annual legislative reception in Richmond, Virginia. For more information, please visit <http://www.thevaba.org>.
- **February 16:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring Lt. Gen Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle, USAF Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **February 17:** ABA Forum on Air and Space Law 2012 update conference at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, DC. For more information, please visit http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/images/air_space/2012_as_update_flier.pdf.
- **February 23:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Sam Gilliland, CEO of Sabre Holdings, at the Grand Hyatt Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/>.
- **March 8-9:** 37th Annual FAA Aviation Forecast Conference at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. For more information, please visit http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/aviation_forecast_2012/.
- **March 13:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring its spring awards program, including the 2011 Collier Trophy, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **March 14-16:** American Association of Airport Executives and Airports Council International-North America legislative conference. For more information, please visit <http://events.aaae.org/sites/120304/index.cfm>.
- **March 28:** NATA 2012 FBO Leadership Conference at the Hyatt Regency. For more information, please visit <http://www.nata.aero/Event.aspx?page=1952§ionid=1449>.

- **April 10:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring David Bronczek, CEO of FedEx Express, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **May 3-5:** 17th Annual Maryland Regional Aviation Conference and the 2nd Annual Maryland Regional Festival of Flight at Hagerstown Regional Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org/conference>.
- **June 7:** NBAA Business Aviation Regional Forum at Teterboro Airport; GWBAA will host a booth at the forum to highlight how membership can benefit community members from Philadelphia to the Carolinas. For more information about the forum, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/events/forums/20120607/>.
- **June 20-21:** ATW's 5th Annual Eco-Aviation Conference & Awards Ceremony at the Renaissance Arlington. For information, please visit <http://atwonline.com/events/atw-s-5th-annual-eco-aviation-conference-awards-ceremony>.
- **June 26:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring Capt. Eugene Cernan, Commander of Apollo 17, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.

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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