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Mike Mullane Keynotes GWBAA Safety Standdown

Former Astronaut Warns Against the “Normalization of Deviance”

The sixth annual GWBAA safety standdown was held on May 16 at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, VA. The keynote speaker was author and former astronaut **Mike Mullane**, who flew on three space shuttle missions and emphasized the importance of “guarding against a normalization of deviance” based on his experiences in the shuttle program and in the U.S. Air Force. Other speakers included Andreas Bentz of Chantilly Air on OSHA issues; Jim Garland of Sharp Details on “Flight Plan for Excellence”; Shannon Forrest of FlightSafety International on crew resource management; and Cynthia Keegan of the NTSB on TWA 800. Additionally, at the end of the forum, Harry Houckes awarded the NBAA’s Silk Scarf Award to GWBAA President Paige Kroner, for her contributions to the business aviation community.



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DCA Access Updates

Despite what you may have heard, Reagan National Airport is **OPEN** to General Aviation! While the activity is not anywhere near the heyday before 9/11, it certainly is moving in the right direction at the FBO, Signature Flight Support.

What's changed?

Last year at this time, the TSA enhanced the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP) to improve access. The changes include:

- flexibility for tail number and crew swaps;
- increased hours of operation;
- prohibited items list is normalized to pre-9/11 levels; and
- increased number of gateway airports – with the most recent addition – Pontiac, Michigan (PTK) – there are now 74 gateways.

Also, did you know:

- DASSP approved operators can fly **crew only** flights without an ASO.
- Once cleared to DCA, operators may land after hours, if staffing is arranged.

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Schedulers and Dispatchers Networking Event – June 15



GWBAA is now organizing a Schedulers and Dispatchers Committee with the help of Derry (“DJ”) Skinner, the Transportation Manager of member company BAE Systems. The committee plans to work with the GWBAA Board to host networking and professional development events for the Mid-Atlantic S&D community.

The committee's first event will be the First Annual Membership Picnic, organized in conjunction with the GWBAA Membership Committee. The picnic will be held on Friday, June 15 from 1:30pm – 5:00pm at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott's picnic grounds. There will be horseshoes, volleyball, music and food to go with the fun of sharing a summer afternoon together. Select vendors will also be onsite to show their wares. For more information, please contact Glenn Hediger at hediger_cpa@yahoo.com.

FAA Requests BARR Comments

In 2011, Congress required the FAA to restore the Blocked Aircraft Registration Request (BARR) program, which enables aircraft operators upon request to block public dissemination of

information about aircraft movements; the FAA previously had decided, without justification, to severely curtail the program. Now that Congress has required the program to continue, the FAA has requested comments on the information that operators should be required to submit as part of block requests, and the procedural requirements for submitting block requests. Comments are due on June 8, 2012. A copy of the FAA notice can be obtained online from <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/05/09/2012-11251/access-to-aircraft-situation-display-to-industry-asdi-and-national-airspace-system-status>.

Regional News Round-Up

The Leesburg Town Council has revised permit program for outside businesses that provide services at **Leesburg Executive Airport**. Deputy Town Manager and Airport Director Kaj Dentler stated that there the airport is served by mobile businesses, such as mechanics and other companies that provide instrument installation and bodywork for aircraft. "We're trying to be more accommodating for businesses who want to come to the airport but aren't physically located at the airport." The fee is \$680 per year or \$100 for a 30-day period.



The Stafford County Board of Supervisors approved a \$1.4 million loan to assist in the construction of a new terminal at **Stafford Regional Airport**. The Virginia Department of Aviation is expected to contribute an additional \$2.2 million. The current terminal is a doublewide trailer. Construction is expected to begin the fall, and be completed in the summer of 2014.

The new control tower at **Frederick Municipal Airport** began operations on May 1; its operational hours are 7am-9pm. Airport Manager Kevin Daugherty told the *Frederick News-Post* that the \$5.3 million project could help bring extra business to the city, as well as enhance safety; Frederick is the second-busiest GA airport in Maryland. "It's nice having an eye in the sky."

The Warren County Planning Commission has approved the construction of a new weather observation station at **Front Royal-Warren County Airport**. Design and construction will be funded by the Virginia Department of Aviation. Construction is expected to begin the fall.

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 GWBAA, 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/MayJun2012.pdf.

The theme of the issue is “extreme weather” and includes articles on topics such as the history of aviation weather forecasting (dating back to the Wright Brothers); how water can create haze and other hazards; and the three “Terrible Ts”: Turbulence, Thunderstorms, and Tornadoes.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **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 7:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Deborah Hersman, Chair of the NTSB, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx?eventId=485901>.
- **June 9-10:** Ocean City fifth annual air show. For more information, please visit <http://www.ocairshow.com>.
- **June 11-13:** NATA 2012 air charter summit at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly. For more information, visit <http://www.nata.aero/Event.aspx?page=1804§ionid=1449>.
- **June 14:** Aero Club of Washington luncheon featuring Lee Moak, President of ALPA, at the Capital Hilton. For information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/luncheons.htm>.
- **June 15:** GWBAA picnic for members, with a kick-off for its schedulers and dispatchers committee, at the Washington Dulles Marriott – for more information, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/Resources/Documents/gwbaapicnic2012.pdf>.
- **June 16:** "Star Spangled Aircraft Display and Festival" at Martin State Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.martinstateairport.com/content/areainfo/1812-celebration.html>.
- **June 19-20:** NTSB forum on "General Aviation Safety: Climbing to the Next Level" at the NTSB Conference Center in Washington, DC. For more information, please visit http://www.nts.gov/news/events/2012/GA_safety/index.html.
- **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 21:** Committee for Dulles annual MWAA update luncheon featuring its President and CEO, Jack Potter, at the Dulles Airport Marriott. For more information, please visit http://www.committeefordulles.org/current_lunch.html.
- **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>.
- **July 16-17:** AAAE and ALA legislative issues conference, at the W Washington Hotel. For more information, please visit <http://events.aaae.org/sites/120702/index.cfm>.
- **July 17:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Willie Walsh, CEO of International Airlines Group. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx?eventId=494016>.
- **July 19:** International Aviation Club summer reception at the New Zealand Embassy. For information, visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx?eventId=486523>.
- **September 12:** Hold this date for the eighth annual GWBAA golf tournament at the 1757 Golf Club in Ashburn, VA. For more information, click [here](#).
- **September 15:** "Wings & Wheels" fly-in at Essex Skypark. For more information, please visit <http://www.essexskyparkassn.org/essex/index.jsp>.
- **October 1-3:** ATCA 57th annual conference and exposition at the Gaylord National Resort. For more information, please visit <http://www.atca.org/57Annual>.

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