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GA as an Election Issue

Use Your Vote to Support GA

The NBAA has established a website that provides information about federal and gubernatorial candidates' positions on general aviation issues (e.g., per-flight departure taxes), to help educate voters. Visit the website at <http://www.nbaa.org/advocacy/election2012/> as you prepare to vote on November 6.

TFR to Affect NBAA Convention

If you're heading to Orlando next week – a “VIP” movement is anticipated to take place in Orlando on Monday, October 29. It is expected to result in a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR), which will impact some number of aircraft arrivals and departures in Orlando for NBAA's Convention, which starts on Tuesday, October 30. Although the exact timing for the TFR is not yet confirmed, NBAA reports that its duration is anticipated to be relatively brief. NBAA is working with the FAA and government security officials to establish this and other information, and also to mitigate, to the greatest extent possible, the impact on business aviation operations on that day.

Regional News Round-Up



A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new terminal at **Stafford Regional Airport**. The \$3.4 million, 10,000-square foot building is expected to be completed in August 2013. Airport authority chairman Henry Scharpenberg told the *Stafford County Sun* that the terminal's construction is “an important step in increasing the facility's visibility as an economic engine.” Other upcoming projects at the airport include the removal of obstructions that prevent the use of an ILS landing system and the extension of the runway.

ProJet Aviation at the start of the month became the operator of the FBO at **Leesburg Executive Airport**. Landmark Aviation previously announced that it intended to sell the operation to ProJet, and the transaction was approved by the town council in September. The FBO had operated under the Landmark brand since 2005; the current lease runs through 2016.

Salisbury-Ocean City/Wicomico Regional Airport has begun a \$1.8 million terminal renovation project, and is also planning to start work this month on FAA-funded runway improvements.

Associated Aircraft Group, which operates Sikorsky S-76 helicopters, has announced that it has been approved to operate flights to **Reagan National Airport** under the DCA Access Security Program (DASSP).

On September 29, the pilot and passenger aboard a Cessna 150 were killed when it crashed shortly after takeoff from **Shannon Airport** in Fredericksburg. 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 GWBAA, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/links.html>.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **October 26:** Aviation Education & Career Expo for high school students at Leesburg Executive Airport. (GWBAA is a co-sponsor – please let us know if you are able to volunteer to staff our booth.) For more information, please contact Julie O'Brien at ProJet Aviation, julie@projetaviation.com or (703) 889-8558.
- **October 30-November 1:** NBAA 65th annual meeting and convention (in Orlando, Florida). For more information, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/events/amc/2012/>.
- **November 1:** "Meet Your Examiner" seminar for the FAA Practical Test, sponsored by the FAA Safety Team at the Manassas Airport Terminal at 7pm. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=46569.
- **November 7:** "Meet Your Examiner" seminar for the FAA Practical Test, sponsored by the FAA Safety Team at Leesburg Executive Airport at 7pm. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=46559.
- **November 8:** Royal Aeronautical Society reception featuring Lockheed Martin EVP and F-35 GM Tom Burbage and F-35 Chief Test Pilot Al Norman at the British Embassy. For more information, please visit http://www.raeswashington.org/F-35_flyer.pdf.
- **November 8:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Fred Hochberg, Chairman and President of the Import-Export Bank, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx>.
- **November 12:** "Flying for a Lifetime" FAA Safety Team safety seminar at 7pm at the Holiday Inn in Frederick. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=46313.
- **November 14:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Chris Emerson of Airbus and Randy Tinseth of Boeing, as well as the presentation of the 2012 Engen Trophy. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/luncheons.htm>.
- **November 16:** Dulles 50th anniversary gala, sponsored by the Committee for Dulles and the Washington Airports Task Force. For more information, please visit <http://www.celebratedulles.com>.

- **TBD:** GWBAA holiday party; date/timing and location suggestions are welcome.
- **December 6:** Royal Aeronautical Society reception at the British Embassy re “GPS – The Opportunity and Vulnerability for Precise Timing.” The speakers will include Michael E. Shaw of (Director, Navigations System Global Development, Lockheed Martin) and Dr. Wilson N. Felder (Director, FAA Hughes Technical Center). For information, visit <http://raeswashingtondcbranch.cloverpad.org/Default.aspx?pageld=603363&eventId=537523>.
- **May 3, 2013:** NBAA tax seminar – the intermediate-advanced tax program will visit the Greater Washington area for the first time; let your tax advisors, lawyers, and accountants know. For more information, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/events/date/>.

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