

December 21, 2012

Best Wishes for the Holidays and New Year

GWBAA Celebrates at Landmark Aviation (IAD)



GWBAA members and guests gather at Landmark.

GWBAA's annual holiday event on December 6th, hosted by Landmark Aviation at its Dulles facility, was an opportunity for members to catch up on the past year and hear about plans for the coming year from GWBAA President Paige Kroner and the rest of the board. Notably, over the past year GWBAA has hosted events including both its annual safety standdown and



Jim Garland announces door prize winners.

Golf tournament (which raised \$1500 for the Aero Club of Washington Foundation and \$1000 for the Corporate Angel Network), and GWBAA expects to hold both events again next year. Also announced was that Bob Blouin of Hawker Beechcraft would be rejoining the Board, as its Safety and Operations Chair. As always, GWBAA welcomes new ideas and new board members – for information, please contact info@gwbaa.com.

Regional News Round-Up

The engineering firm that recently reconstructed the runway at **Winchester Regional Airport** will receive an award from the American Council of Engineering Companies. Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. recycled a substantial amount of demolished pavement. "This sustainable design practice contributed to cost savings through reduced use of virgin materials and reduced impacts associated with hauling and disposal," according to an ACEC press release.



On November 21, Manassas Regional Airport officially opened its extended 6,200 foot runway. A few days earlier, a Metropolitan Aviation Hawker 800XP was the first aircraft to take-off and land on the runway, with Manassas Mayor Hal Parrish II (himself a pilot) on board. The runway is expected to provide for increased safety; reduced noise in the area to the north of the airport; and allow aircraft to operate with full fuel/passenger loads during hot weather.

Effective March 1, 2013, Melinda Crawford will be the new Executive Director of **Charlottesville Albemarle Airport**. She currently is the Director of Pensacola Florida International Airport.

Leesburg Executive Airport recently started publishing a monthly newsletter. Recent news includes that construction for the helipad/north access road project is expected to begin shortly, as well as that Leesburg-based Aviation Adventures received awards at AOPA's October 2012 flight training summit, which was held in California.

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>.

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The 24th annual NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers conference will be held in San Antonio on January 22-25, 2013. General information about the conference can be found at <http://www.nbaa.org/events/sdc/2013>, but the Ambassador Committee is also looking for volunteers to help support the conference. If you're interested, please contact ambassadors@nbaa.org.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **January 17:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring John Pistole, TSA Administrator, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx?eventId=596198>.
- **January 17:** National Aeronautical Association luncheon featuring Richard Aboulafia of the Teal Group, providing an industry forecast. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **February 27:** American Bar Association Forum on Air & Space Law annual conference at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, DC. For more information, please visit http://www.americanbar.org/groups/air_space.html.
- **May 3:** 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/>.
- **June 6-8:** 18th annual Maryland regional aviation conference in Ocean City. For more information, please visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org>.

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