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## Still Time to Register for GWBAA Safety Standdown

### Seventh Annual Safety Event to be Held at NTSB Training Center



GWBAA's 7th annual safety standdown will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, VA (starting at 7:30am with a full breakfast; the programming begins at 8:30am).

The keynote speaker will be Robert Sumwalt, a Member and former Vice Chair of the NTSB. He previously managed Scania Corporation's Part 91 flight department and was a pilot for Piedmont and US Airways. The standdown will also feature panels and speakers on:

- What Every Operator Needs to Know When Considering Supplemental/Charter Lift
- Is It time to Tune Up Your Emergency Response Plan?
- Top 5 GA Security Issues Facing Operators Today
- Equip For The Future: What Flight Department Managers Need to Know
- Breakout sessions, including CPR and AED certification (courtesy of Medaire; pre-registration required), and a viewing of the TWA 800 reconstruction



The standdown also has been approved by NBAA to provide a maximum of one point towards the Certified Aviation Manager (CAM) program.

To register and for information about the safety standdown, please visit <http://2013gwbaasafety.eventbrite.com> or review the [flyer](#).

A special \$79 hotel rate is available at the [Lansdowne Resort](#). Please contact Tyiesha Thaxton and mention the GWBAA safety standdown ((703) 729-4023, [tthaxton@destinationhotels.com](mailto:tthaxton@destinationhotels.com)).

### Regional News Round-Up

The FAA has delayed the closing dates – until June 15 – for 149 towers that it has claimed must be shut down due to “sequestration” budget cuts. The towers at issue include five airports in the greater Washington area – **Frederick Municipal Airport, Hagerstown Regional Airport, Martin State Airport, Newnam Field, and Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport**. One local airport that was originally slated to have its tower closed – **Manassas Regional Airport** – was not on the revised list issued by FAA in late march – but the situation remains fluid and should be carefully monitored by pilots.



On April 3, Signature Flight Support officially opened its Signature TECHNICAir subsidiary at **Washington Dulles International Airport**. Signature TECHNICAir – which was previously known as Sun Aircraft Services – provides airframe, powerplant, avionics, and other services, and is an Embraer Authorized Service Center. At the same time, Signature also announced the completion of renovations to its IAD passenger terminal, including upgraded WiFi and other conveniences.

Melinda Crawford became the new Executive Director of **Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Airport** on March 1, 2013. She previously was the Director of Pensacola International Airport.

The construction of a casino at National Harbor could result in a quadrupling of the flights to and from **Maryland Airport** in Charles County, according to a study by the state's Office of Regional Aviation. The airport currently is in the midst of a \$30 million project to construct a new 4,300-foot runway (2-20), which is expected to be completed in May or June; the project also will enable a future extension of the runway to 5,000 feet.



The Washington County Board of Commissioners is considering increases to user fees at **Hagerstown Regional Airport** for the first time since 2008. According to the *Daily Record*, officials expect that increases to hangar, landing, and other fees would produce \$17,000 in extra revenue.



The Carroll County Board of Commissioners has reversed its January 2012 decision not to expand the runway at **Carroll County Regional Airport**. A revised proposal – with reduced costs – was passed by a 3-2 vote, with Commissioner Haven Shoemaker switching his vote. "There is quantifiable evidence that the airport is generating economic development," he told the *Carroll County Times*. 90% of the \$50 million cost is expected to be funded by the FAA. However, the runway will now be extended by only 300 feet – to 5,400 feet – instead of the 6,400 feet previously proposed.

**Crisfield-Somerset County Airport** is one of six airports being considered by FAA as a test site for drone operations. Also on the list is the nearby Wallops Flight Facility.

**Essex SkyPark** has secured a 99-year lease with Baltimore County to continue the operation of the airport. Baltimore County previously had made efforts to terminate the lease.

The **Maryland Aviation Administration** has released a new study on the economic impact of Maryland airports. Not counting BWI – which is the primary passenger gateway in the state – Maryland airports directly generated more than 6000 jobs, \$358 million in personal income, and

\$550 million in business revenue. The airports with the largest impacts other than BWI were **Martin State Airport, Hagerstown Regional Airport, Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport, and Frederick Municipal Airport.** For the complete study, please visit [http://www.marylandregionalaviation.aero/ media/clients/pdf/publications/2012\\_ECON\\_REPOR T%20&%20EXECUTIVE%20SUMMARY.pdf](http://www.marylandregionalaviation.aero/media/clients/pdf/publications/2012_ECON_REPOR T%20&%20EXECUTIVE%20SUMMARY.pdf).

The Charlottesville City Council has requested that **Charlottesville Albemarle Airport** halt blasting for a runway construction project, based on complaints from neighbors that the blasts have damaged their homes. The airport has stated that the project is more than 80% complete, but demolition work may continue through 2014.



**Richmond International Airport** is planning to start construction on five capital improvement projects in 2014, expected to cost \$60 million, including the reconstruction of a taxiways, the construction of a new runway, and the rehabilitation of the air cargo apron.

The pilot and passenger aboard a Piper Saratoga survived a crash landing while on approach to **Stafford Regional Airport** on March 16. On April 19, USAF Maj. Gen. Joseph D. Brown IV and his wife were killed when their Cessna 210, which had originated at **Potomac Airfield**, crashed shortly before landing at **Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport**. 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](mailto:info@gwbaa.com). For links to news stories compiled by GWBAA, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/links.html>.*

## GWBA Golf Tournament Scheduled for September 18, 2013

It's still a ways off in the future, but planning for GWBAA's annual charity golf tournament has begun, to be held at the 1757 Golf Club on September 18. Dan Walker is looking for volunteers to assist the organizing committee. Help is needed in finding and securing sponsors, developing and executing contests, securing prizes, and the set up and execution of the tournament itself. If you're interested in joining the team, please contact him at (302) 221-4359 or [daniel.walker@flightsafety.com](mailto:daniel.walker@flightsafety.com).

## Upcoming Aviation Events

- **May 1-2:** Virginia Airport Operators Council spring workshop in Staunton, Virginia. For more information, please visit [http://www.shop.virginiaaviationconference.com/Spring-Workshop\\_c8.htm](http://www.shop.virginiaaviationconference.com/Spring-Workshop_c8.htm).
- **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/>.

- **May 9:** Collier Trophy Dinner, sponsored by the National Aeronautics Association, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, honoring the NASA/JPL Mars Science Laboratory/Curiosity Project Team. For information, visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=264>.
- **May 16:** Hold this date for the seventh annual GWBAA safety standdown. For more information, please visit <http://2013gwbaasafety.eventbrite.com>.
- **May 20:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Angfela Gittens, Director General of ACI. For more information, please visit [http://www.aeroclub.org/Young\\_Aviation\\_Community\\_Washington\\_DC.html](http://www.aeroclub.org/Young_Aviation_Community_Washington_DC.html)
- **June 6-8:** 18th annual Maryland regional aviation conference in Ocean City. For more information, please visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org>.
- **June 11-12:** AAE and USCTA Save Contract Towers Fly-In Workshop at the Holiday Inn Capitol Hill. For information, visit <http://events.aae.org/sites/130703/index.cfm>.
- **June 15:** Become A Pilot Day at the Steven F. Udvar Hazy Center (National Air and Space Museum). For more information please visit <http://becomeapilot.si.edu>.
- **June 17-19:** NATA air charter summit at the Marriott Dulles. For more information, please visit <http://www.nata.aero/Event.aspx?page=2102>.
- **June 18:** National Aeronautical Association luncheon featuring the presentation of the Cliff Henderson Trophy to USAF Colonel Joe Kittinger at the crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **July 17-18:** Airport Consultants Council summer workshop on FAA/TSA regulatory initiatives at the National Airprot Crowne Plaza. For more information, please visit [http://www.acconline.org/i/ACC\\_Events/SWS/c/e/sws/sws.aspx?hkey=9d480787-730e-41cc-9531-a16934fb7b34](http://www.acconline.org/i/ACC_Events/SWS/c/e/sws/sws.aspx?hkey=9d480787-730e-41cc-9531-a16934fb7b34).
- **July 22-23:** AAE and ALA summer legislative issues conference at the W Washington, DC Hotel. For information, please visit <http://events.aae.org/sites/130702/index.cfm>.
- **August 20-23:** Virginia Airport Operators Council annual conference in Hot Springs. For information, visit [http://www.virginiaaviationconference.com/Annual\\_Conference.html](http://www.virginiaaviationconference.com/Annual_Conference.html).
- **September 18:** Hold this date for the annual GWBAA charity golf tournament.
- **September 28:** Air show at Leesburg Executive Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.leesburgairshow.com>.

## Employment Opportunity – Aircraft Dispatcher (Dulles East Coast Base)

### Description:

- Provides general planning and oversight of aircraft flight operations in compliance with applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations
- Assists in the development, implementation, and administration of standard operating procedures to ensure flight operations are conducted in a safe, on-time, secure, dependable, efficient and flexible manner
- Applies Federal Air Regulations, department policies and company aircraft performance data to daily flight operations
- Schedules timetables for company aircraft, in coordination with the Director of Operations, Base Mgr, Chief Pilot, Mgr of Scheduling/Dispatch and Director of Maintenance as required
- Schedules aircrew duty to comply with company and FAA regulations regarding flight and duty time limits. Confirms airport suitability
- Prepares, files flight plans also provides trip, route and fuel advisory briefings. Also evaluates weather conditions and provides detailed forecast to pilots
- Coordinates internally and with outside service providers for international flights as needed, including overflight, landing permits, crew and passenger visas
- Maintains effective working relationships with the executive office staffs of Bechtel and subsidiary companies

### Job Knowledge:

- FAA Dispatcher License
- 4 year BS degree, aviation related preferred
- Five years' experience as licensed aircraft dispatcher
- In-depth knowledge of aircraft performance data, aviation dispatch procedures, work rules, local and international regulations, and the use of sophisticated electronic flight planning systems, flight following and weather software. Jeppesen Flight Planning program experience preferred
- Ability to apply problem-solving skills to complex aircraft scheduling and flight operations planning. FOS experience preferred
- Ability and experience in dealing effectively with executive staff and external vendors
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

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