

July 30, 2013

Golf Tournament Scheduled for September 18

Registration Now Open for GWBAA Golf Tournament

GWBAA will be hosting its Ninth Annual Golf Tournament on September 18th at the 1757 Golf Club. Sponsorships still remain for Hole Sponsors, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Driving Range, and Putting Green. Single golfer and foursome spots are available as well. Information and registration are available at <https://2013qwbaagolf.eventbrite.com>.



The day begins with breakfast at 7AM and we hit the links at 8 AM for a shotgun start. The tournament will be scramble format so get your team ready to enjoy a day on the links that will benefit the Aero Club of Washington Foundation. If you are interested in joining the Golf Committee, please contact Dan Walker, daniel.walker@flightsafety.com. Help is needed securing sponsors, developing and executing contests, set up, and day of execution of the tournament.

Regional News Round-Up

Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) has announced that funding will be made available to keep 149 contract towers open in fiscal year 2014 (which runs through September 30, 2014), despite the federal “sequestration.” Towers in Maryland previously reported to be at risk of closing are those at **Easton/Newnam Field**, **Frederick Municipal Airport**, **Hagerstown Regional Airport**, **Martin State Airport**, and **Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport**.



The new terminal at **Stafford Regional Airport** is scheduled to open by December 15. Airport Authority Chairman Henry Scharpenberg told the *Stafford County Sun* that the new terminal and the clearing of trees to allow the use of the airport’s glidepath navigational system have increased interest in the airport. The authority also has disclosed that the airport is expected to use “biosolids” to fertilize the airport grounds in September, and that measures – including performing the work at a cooler time of year – will be taken to lessen the odor impacts.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners has agreed to purchase a new aircraft rescue firefighting truck for **Hagerstown Regional Airport**. The price of the contract, with to E-One, Inc. of Ocala, Florida is \$569,847, with 90% of the funding coming from an FAA grant.

Recently announced federal grants from FAA for regional airports include \$911,000 to **Frederick Municipal Airport** for a runway extension project (from 5,200 feet to 6,000 feet) and \$1 million to **Hagerstown Regional Airport** for safety improvements, including a new fire truck.

Manassas Regional Airport has announced that it will be a regular stopping point for Mauvia AirCruise, which offers private tours of destinations on the east coast using Embraer 120 aircraft operated by Charter Air Transport. At Manassas, the flights will operate via the APP Jet Center.



The past month has seen an atypical number of accidents in the greater Washington area. The pilot and passenger aboard a Nanchang CJ-6A were killed in an accident shortly after take-off from **Ocean City Municipal Airport** on June 30. The pilot of a Cessna 172 was killed, in what is being investigated as a possible suicide, in an accident at **Shannon Airport** on July 22. The pilot and passenger on board a Beechcraft Musketeer were injured in an accident shortly after take-off from **Laurel Suburban Airport** on July 18. Additionally, a Cirrus CR22 made a crash landing near **Kentmorr Airpark** on June 25, and the same day a Pulsar kit aircraft crashed near **Lake Anna Airport**, and another Cirrus CR22 made a crash landing while en route to **Hanover County Airport** on July 20; in all cases, no injuries were reported. Additionally, a stunt pilot and wingwalker who were killed in an air show accident in Dayton, Ohio on June 22 – Charlie Schwenker and wing-walker Jane Wicker – were from the greater Washington area. 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

- **August 1:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Mark Schwab, CEO of Star Alliance Services GmbH, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx>.
- **August 7:** Flight Safety Foundation benefit dinner at the National Press Club. For more information, please visit <http://flightsafety.org/archives-and-resources/aviation-safety-events>.
- **August 13:** Aero Club luncheon featuring George Whitesides, President and CEO of Virgin Galactic, at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit http://www.aeroclub.org/Young_Aviation_Community_Washington_DC.html.
- **August 20-23:** Virginia Airport Operators Council annual conference in Hot Springs. For information, visit http://www.virginiaaviationconference.com/Annual_Conference.html.



- **September 14:** “Dulles Day” 5K Race and Plane Pull. For more information, please visit <http://www.committeefordulles.org/5K.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>.

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