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GWBAA Holds Ninth Annual Golf Tournament

Proceeds Donated to Aero Club Foundation of Washington



Paige Kroner and Harry Houckes present Bob Blouin with a check for \$1500 to benefit the programs of the Aero Club Foundation of Washington

On September 18th, GWBAA hosted its 9th annual golf tournament to benefit the Aero Club of Washington Foundation. Seventy golfers hit the course in support of GWBAA and the Aero Club. Golfers also supported the Corporate Angel Network through the purchase of mulligans. Sponsorship this year was at an all time high with every sponsorship sold.

The 1757 Golf Club (<http://www.1757golfclub.com>) did a great job with the course and all its amenities. The weather started out brisk but the sun shone bright on a great day on the links. Players faced a new challenge with a longest drive with old

wooden drivers. The new traditional games were back with Survivor Ball still not producing a winner and this year Randy Schmidt of Bank of America was our chipping into a pool champion.

The night before found thirty attendees meeting at Clyde's at the Reston Town Center for GWBAA's traditional networking dinner. It was great to sit down with everyone and catch up and see what is going on around the industry.

Planning has already begun for 2014. If you have any ideas or suggestions for 2014 or would like to be involved in the golf tournament committee, please contact Dan Walker (daniel.walker@flightsafety.com).



Thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, and players who make this event such a success every year



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Regional News Round-Up

The Virginia Department of Aviation held its annual conference in August. For details, visit the Department's blog, at http://www.virginiaaviationnews.blogspot.com/2013_08_01_archive.html.

Various regional airports announced their receipt of federal airport improvement grants, including **Baltimore/Washington International Airport** (\$5.7 million for taxiway improvements) and **Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport** (\$2.5 million to rehabilitate Runway 5-23).



“Biosolids” are being used as fertilizer at **Stafford Regional Airport**, but the airport authority was ensured that the process will not generate odors for neighbors, according to a report in the *Stafford County Sun*. In other Stafford news, the new terminal is expected to open in December with an official grand opening in 2014, and the airport is discussing a land swap with the county economic development authority that would enable a 1,000-foot extension of the runway, and would make it easier for the airport to attract corporate clients.

If you're attending next month's **2013 NBAA Business Aviation Convention and Exhibition** in Las Vegas, a regional and local group networking session will be held on Wednesday, October 23 from 1pm-3pm in room N210.

The U.S. Navy's sole MZ-3A airship will be conducting mapping operations in the greater Washington area (including in the Special Flight Rules area) through the first week in October. The blimp is operated by Integrated Systems Solutions, Inc., a Virginia-based contractor. NBC4 reports that it will operate as far north as Frederick and as far south as Culpeper.



Twice in the past month, small aircraft have crashed near **Freeway Airport** in Prince George's County, and small aircraft also crashed at or near **Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Airport**, **Louisa County Airport** and **Kentmorr Airpark**; in all cases, no major injuries were reported. 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>.

FAA General Aviation News



The September/October issue of the FAA's bimonthly publication that covers issues of interest to GA, *FAA Safety Briefing*, is now available at http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2013/media/SepOct2013.pdf. This issue's theme is “citizenship” – meaning how pilots and other aviation professionals can best represent themselves to the rest of the industry and to the general public. Articles address topics such as how the FAA engages with the public through social media, how to develop safety intervention strategies for other pilots, and examples of “not-so-model” behavior.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **September 28:** Wings Over Maryland fundraising dinner for the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum at the Sparrows Point Country Club in Baltimore. For more information, please visit <http://www.wingsovermaryland.org>.
- **September 28:** Air show at Leesburg Executive Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.leesburgairshow.com>.
- **October 9:** FAA Safety Team “weather challenge” seminar at the Comfort Suites Manassas at 7pm, so-sponsored by AOPA. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=51058.
- **October 22-24:** NBAA convention and exhibition in Las Vegas.
- **October 24:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Michael Huerta, the FAA Administrator. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/event/october-2013-luncheon/>.
- **October 29-31:** International air safety summit at the Omni Shoreham, sponsored by the Flight Safety Foundation. For information, visit <http://flightsafety.org/meeting/iass-2013>.
- **November 4:** FAA Safety Team “weather challenge” seminar at the Holiday Inn Frederick Mall at 7pm, so-sponsored by AOPA. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=51643.
- **November 8:** Committee for Dulles 47th annual gala at the Hyatt Dulles. For more information, please visit <http://www.celebratedulles.com>.
- **November 15:** International Aviation Club annual L. Welch Pogue Award Dinner; the posthumous awardee is Andy Steinberg. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx?eventId=763384&EventViewMode=EventDetails>.
- **December 13:** Aero Club annual Wright Memorial Dinner. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/event/2013-wright-memorial-dinner/>.

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