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Final Countdown to the Safety Standdown

Eighth Annual Safety Event To Be Held at NTSB Training Center



The eighth annual GWBAA safety standdown will be held on Thursday, May 1 at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia. The keynote speaker will be Greg Feith, a former member of the NTSB and an aviation safety and security expert. Other planned topics include the ISBAO program, hangar safety systems, and sleep apnea/fatigue. Our sponsors include Bombardier, FlightSafety, and Gulfstream, and additional sponsorships are available. CAM credit also will be available.

A pre-event reception for attendees also will be held the evening of April 30 at the Lansdowne Resort. Additionally, for a special \$79 room rate at Lansdowne, please visit <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=56429&Chain=5156&promo=AIRL>. To register for the standdown and for more information about the agenda, please visit <http://2014gwbaasafetystanddown.eventbrite.com>. Advance registration is \$50 and registration at the door is \$75.

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GWBAA Thanks Harry Houckes



After the National Aeronautics Association spring awards dinner on April 9, former GWBAA President and current Safety Chair Bob Blouin surprised the recently-retired Harry Houckes with an informal thank you (and a model Beechcraft aircraft) for his volunteer work on behalf of GWBAA as well as at his "day job" as a regional representative for NBAA. Harry continue to be one of the lead organizers of the safety shutdown (see above).

Regional News Round-Up

The Stafford Planning Commission is expected to hold a hearing on plans to develop housing near the **Stafford Regional Airport**. The "Oakenwold" development has attracted concern from the Stafford Regional Airport Authority, which has expressed concern that it be a "smart development" that does not conflict with the airport.



The budget for **Frederick Municipal Airport** is close to balanced, with only a \$76,100 subsidy required from Frederick's general fund. City Economic Director Richard Griffin told the *Frederick News-Post* that: "We're really close on the operations side of things; it's just the land debt that is a large challenge for us." The land was purchased in anticipation of runway construction and with the expectation of FAA reimbursement, but that has not yet occurred.

In other Frederick news, the city approved AOPA's proposal to convert a hangar into an "aviation community center"

A small aircraft crashed while attempting to land at **Leesburg Executive Airport** on April 8; no injuries were reported. As always, fly safely!

Upcoming Events

April 29: FAA Safety Team seminar, "Accident Case Study: Live" at the Virginia Aviation Museum in Richmond, Virginia. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=54000.

May 1: Please hold this date for the annual GWBAA safety standdown. For more information, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/standdown.html>.

May 2: International Aviation Club luncheon featuring FAA Administrator Michael Huerta. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx?eventId=868648&EventViewMode=EventDetails>.

May 3: Air show at Manassas Regional Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.marbainc.com/2014airshow.html>.

May 5: National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring Lt. Gen. Michael Moeller, USAF Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/events/upcoming-events>.

May 10: NTSB safety seminar on preventing aerodynamic stalls and loss of control., at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=55128.

May 12: Greater Washington Aviation Open golf tournament at the Landsdowne Resort. For more information, please visit <http://www.gwao.org>.

May 15: Committee for Dulles luncheon honoring congressman Frank Wolf at the Tysons Corner Sheraton Premiere. For more information, please visit http://www.committeefordulles.org/lunch_FrankWolf_.html.

May 31-June 1: Virginia Regional Festival of Flight at Suffolk Executive Airport. For more information, please visit <http://virginiaflyin.org>.

June 4-7: Maryland Regional Aviation Conference in Frederick, Maryland. For more information, please visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org/conference>.

June 17-19: FAA-EASA international aviation safety conference. For information, please visit http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/2014_us_eu/.

June 26: International Aviation Club and Aviation Week annual L. Welch Pogue award dinner, honoring Peggy Gilligan, the FAA's Associate Administrator for Safety. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org>.

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