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## Plan to Celebrate the Holidays with GWBAA

### Holiday Party to be Held at Dulles Jet Center on Thursday, December 4



More details will be posted soon - but in the meantime, please mark your calendar to join us from 5:30pm-7:30pm on Thursday, December 4 at Dulles Jet Center (23800 Wind Sock Drive) for some holiday cheer. If you already know that you can join us, please RSVP to [info@gwbaa.com](mailto:info@gwbaa.com). Also, the event would not be complete without our annual door prizes. We have a few things in our "GWBAA Closet" to give away, but if you or your company want to provide a door prize, please email us at [info@gwbaa.com](mailto:info@gwbaa.com).

### Regional News Round-Up



As part of General Aviation and Community Airport Month, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley issued a proclamation honoring **Maryland Airport** in Charles County. Sue Greer, chairwoman of the Charles County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, noted that corporate air traffic is expected to increase in coming years and "Maryland Airport and Charles County are uniquely positioned to take advantage of that opportunity." The airport recently received a \$1.6 million FAA grant.

The FBO at **Culpeper Regional Airport** will be under renovation starting on November 1, and will be operating out of temporary space in the Civil Air Patrol building until April 2015. Hours of operation will remain the same, but services/facilities may be limited.

Aero-Smith, Inc. has announced the expansion of its FBO at **Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport**, occupying the former Tiger Aircraft manufacturing facility.



Saab has partnered with the Virginia Department of Aviation and **Leesburg Executive Airport** to demonstrate and evaluate remote tower technologies, which could be used at non-towered airports. For the demonstration, a number of Saab technologies will be deployed at the airport during the summer of 2015, including high definition video cameras, pan-tilt-zoom camera, signal light guns, and microphones.

**Manassas Regional Airport** is marking its 50th anniversary at its current site in 2014 (the airport originally opened in a different location in 1931), and has asked the public to help contribute historic photos and memorabilia.

An Aerospace Career Day for students was held at **Easton Airport/Newnam Field** on October 11, hosted by Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD). In other Easton news, the airport held its sixth annual open house on September 27.

An October 10 *Washington Post* article on the hazards wildlife can pose to aircraft mentioned that bears and deer have found their way into **Warrenton-Fauquier Airport** despite a fence around most of the airfield, as well as deer at **Freeway Airport** in Bowie, and included a photo of an aircraft that was damaged avoiding deer at **Winchester Regional Airport**.

On October 23, three individuals were killed and two individuals were injured after a Robinson R44 helicopter and a Cirrus SR22 collided near **Frederick Municipal Airport**. As always, fly safely!

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## Upcoming Events

**November 5:** National Aeronautic Association fall awards dinner at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/events/upcoming-events>.

**November 7:** Committee for Dulles black tie gala at the Lansdowne Resort. For more information, please visit <http://www.committeefordulles.org/CelebrateDulles/index.html>.

**November 8:** NTSB Safety Seminar on Technically Advanced Aircraft at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia. For more information, please visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=58302](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=58302).

**November 10:** Legal aspects of aircraft mishaps and disasters conference at American University. For more information, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/fall/2014/20141110.cfm>.

**November 11:** FAA Safety Team presentations on two topics, aviation medicals and ATC/SFRA procedures, at Shannon Airport in Fredericksburg, Virginia. For more information, please visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=58106](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=58106).

**November 12:** AOPA Foundation seminar on "real world weather" at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Frederick, Maryland. For more information, please visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=57880](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=57880).

**November 18:** FAA Safety Team seminar on "mastering the art of instrument navigation" at the AOPA Aviation Community Center at Frederick Municipal Airport. For more information, please [visit](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=58606) [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=58606](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=58606).

**November 18:** Aero Club luncheon featuring the presentation of the Engen Trophy to Charles "Chip" Barclay, at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

**November 20:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Bjor Kjos, CEO of Norwegian Air Shuttle. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/event-1779262>.

**December 4:** Please mark your calendar for GWBAA's holiday party at Dulles Jet Center.

**December 12:** Aero Club of Washington Wright Memorial Dinner, awarding the 2014 trophy to test pilot Bob Hoover. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

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