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## **Please Join US for the GWBAA Safety Standdown**

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### **NTSB Chair to Keynote Ninth Annual GWBAA Safety Event**



The ninth annual GWBAA safety standdown will be held on Thursday, April 30 from 7:30am to 3:30pm at the NTSB Training Center, 45065 Riverside Parkway, Ashburn, Virginia 20147.

The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Chris Hart, Chairman of the NTSB. Additional agenda topics will include:

- Managing ATC Procedural Changes - Potomac TRACON
- SMS Panel
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- Optional guided viewing of the TWA 800 reconstruction

Registration for the standdown is \$50 and includes breakfast, lunch, and door prizes. (Registrations are final, but substitutions are welcome.) Please visit <https://2015gwbaasafety.eventbrite.com> for more information and to register or sign up as a sponsor.

## Bowling, Brats, & Beverages



An evening of networking and socializing was enjoyed by GWBAA members at the second annual "Bowling, Brats & Beverages" event held at BowlAmerica in Sterling, Virginia on March 3. Although the weather was forecast to be a bit sketchy, the turnout was still strong and much appreciated. Teamwork was key as GWBAA bowlers of all levels contributed their skills to their team score to win the grand prize! Regardless of bowling skill, additional awards were won for other superlatives such as "Best Form" (which is sometimes more important than the score itself).

Most importantly, everyone had a good time at the first GWBAA event of 2015 which provided the opportunity to come out of winter hibernation and get moving again. We look forward to seeing all of you at the GWBAA Safety Standdown on April 30th!



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## Regional News Round-Up



Development near **College Park Airport** continues to generate safety concerns. FAA objections to a planned hotel prompted the developer to reduce its planned height by three stories, but the *Washington Post* reports that Kyle Lowe, a division chief of the county department that oversees the airport, described it as "the tip of the iceberg with more and more obstructions being proposed without much consideration to the airport."

The Stafford County Board of Supervisors has requested that the county Planning Commission start the public review process for a set of proposed guidelines for the development of land near **Stafford Regional Airport**. Airport Authority Chair Henry Scharpenberg told the Stafford County Sun that there had been "a tremendous amount of misinformation" distributed to the public regarding the authority's intentions.

As always, fly safely!

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## FAA General Aviation News



The most recent edition of the FAA's newsletter for general aviation, FAA Safety Briefing, is available at [https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/). The theme of the issue is "Weather Forces, Sources, and Resources," and includes article on a number of weather-related topics, such as the behavior of air masses and fronts; the effects of turbulence on GA pilots; and strategies to avoid inadvertent peril from clouds and precipitation.

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## Upcoming Events

**April 9:** Royal Aeronautical Society of Washington presentation of the 2015 Transatlantic Leading Edge award at the British Embassy. For more information, please visit <http://raeswashingtondcbranch.cloverpad.org/event-1865771>.

**April 15-16:** Virginia Airport Operators Council spring workshop in Staunton, Virginia. For more information, please visit <http://virginiaaviationconference.com>.

**April 21:** FAA Safety team seminar on "After the Crash: Surviving an Aircraft Accident" at 7pm in Frederick, Maryland. For more information, please visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=60423](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=60423).

**April 22:** FAA Safety team seminar on "After the Crash: Surviving an Aircraft Accident" at 7pm in Towson, Maryland. For more information, please visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=60424](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=60424).

**April 30:** Please hold this date for GWBAA's Safety Standdown (featuring NTSB Chair Chris Hart as the keynote speaker; for more information, please see above).

**May 8:** Arsenal of Democracy WWII Victory Capitol Flyover. For more information, please visit <http://www.nationalcapitolsquadron.org>.

**June 3:** Robert J. Collier Dinner at National Airport Hangar 7 honoring Gulfstream and the G650. For more information, please visit <http://www.naa.aero>.

**June 4-6:** Maryland Regional Aviation Conference in Ocean City, Maryland. For more information, please visit <http://marylandairportmanagers.org>.

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