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Please Join Us for Our Annual Charitable Golf Tournament

Eleventh Annual GWBAA Golf Tournament - September 10, 2015

1757 Registration for this year's charitable golf tournament – to be held on September 10, 2015 at the 1757 Golf Club in Dulles, Virginia– is now open. For more information, or to register or sponsor, please visit <http://www.planmygolfevent.com/27362-2015gwbaagolf>. The day will help support the Aero Club Foundation of Washington.

GWBAA thanks its sponsors to date:



Board Member Changes

The GWBAA Board of Directors would like to thank Mike Hogan, who has stepped down, for his dedicated service and support of GWBAA over the past five years. Mike previously was the GWBAA Treasurer and continued on as an integral member of the Board providing continuous effort, energy, and resource in support of the many GWBAA programs and initiatives. Mike will continue to be a GWBAA member and his insight is always welcome moving forward.

Furthermore, GWBAA is pleased to announce the appointment of Craig LaPorte to the Board of Directors. Craig brings a very comprehensive resume and level of experience including Learjet Captain, A&P maintenance technician, and significant continued education in the business arena. The Board welcomes Craig to GWBAA and looks forward to working with him on initiatives such as the development of an IA renewal program and other membership development programs.

FAA General Aviation News



The July-August edition of the FAA's newsletter for general aviation is now available at https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/. The theme of the issue is "Four Corners of the Country" - with articles about flying outside of your "home" airspace, including operations in the "extremes" of Alaska and Hawaii, the overall importance of understanding your aviation environment, and maintaining both your aircraft and yourself while traveling cross-country.

Regional News Round-Up



The Stafford County Board of Supervisors voted to send a "targeted growth" plan back to the county's Planning Commission for further review. According to the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Satar, the majority of the 20 speakers at the public hearing supported the interests of **Stafford Regional Airport**, with some questioning why a targeted growth area had been proposed near the airport. Airport Authority Chairman Hank Scharpenberg said that such growth would discourage corporate investment at the airport.

The Virginia Department of Aviation has named David T. Darrah, Director of **Warrenton-Fauquier Airport**, as the Commonwealth's 2015 Airport Director of the Year. Darrah is a retired Marine colonel and has been responsible for the airport since February 2012, which is located about 12 miles southeast of Warrenton.



The Charles County Planning Commission held a hearing on a proposed land use study for **Maryland Airport** in Indian Head. The plan is intended to limit the public's exposure to noise and safety hazards from the airport while also ensuring the future utility of the airport. Speakers appeared both in favor and opposition to the plan, many addressing issues not directly related to the airport but the overall issue of development in the vicinity. The study and other meeting materials are available at <http://www.boarddocs.com/md/ccpc/Board.nsf/Public>.

Ricky D. Smith had been named as the new CEO of **Thurgood Marshall Baltimore-Washington International Airport** as well as head of the Maryland Aviation Administration. Smith has been the CEO of Cleveland's Hopkins International Airport, and replaces Paul Wiedefeld, who has been responsible for BWI since 2009.

R. Bruce Gemmill, a Senior Vice President of John Marshall Bank, has been appointed by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors to be the county's liaison with the **Leesburg Executive Airport**.



A contract has been awarded for the plan, design, and engineering work for the construction of a new runway at **Carroll County Regional Airport**. By a 3-1 vote, the County Board of Commissioners selected Charlotte, North Carolina-based Delta Airport Consultants to perform the work. Actual construction is not expected to begin until 2020.

The **Salisbury-Ocean City: Wicomico Regional Airport** has requested \$14 million from Wicomico County to fund a new hangar, capable of accommodating aircraft as large as the Boeing 757. According to airport manager Robert Bryant, the airport is capable of landing a B757, but lacks support facilities.



Easton Airport reported that in fiscal 2015 it saw a 35% increase in aircraft operations, from 52,591 flights in FY2014 to 71,162 flights. Airport Manager Mike Henry partly attributed the increase to Trident Aircraft, a rental and instruction company that has a contract to train U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen, but also to increased corporate traffic. **In other Easton news, a profile of Trident and its growing business appeared in the *Star-Democrat*.**

A Piper Arrow II made an emergency landing without landing gear at **Cambridge-Dorchester Airport** on June 22. A hang glider pilot was killed near **Ridgely Airpark** in an accident on June 20. A hot air balloon made an unplanned landing in a Mechanicsville neighborhood on July 12, short of its destination at **Hanover County Municipal Airport**. As always, fly safely!

Upcoming Events

August 18-21: Virginia Airport Operators Council conference in Hot Springs. For more information, please visit <http://www.vaoc.org>.

September 2: International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Allan McArtor, Chair and CEO of Airbus, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/event-1993217>.

September 3: Aero Club luncheon featuring David McCullough, author of "The Wright Brothers," at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

September 10: GWBAA charity golf tournament at the 1757 Golf Club - for more information, see above.

About GWBAA

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