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### Please Join Us for the Holidays

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#### Join GWBAA at IAD for Some Holiday Cheer



GWBAA will hold its annual holiday party at Landmark Aviation's Dulles FBO (23411 Autopilot Drive) on Thursday, December 3 from 5:30-7:30pm. RSVPs to [info@gwbaa.com](mailto:info@gwbaa.com) are appreciated (members, guests, and all others welcome). We also have some items from the "GWBAA closet" to give away, but additional items are appreciated, with due credit to be given.

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#### 2016 GWBAA Events

Additionally, please mark your calendar now for the 2016 safety standdown on May 5, 2016 (for more information, see <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-gwbaa-safety-standdown-tickets-18685697424>) and the 2016 charity golf tournament on September 8, 2016 (for more information, see <http://www.planmygolfevent.com/28435-GWBAAGolf/>).

## GWBAAs Members Give Back

GWBAAs continues its tradition of sharing its members' and partners' success with the local aviation community in need. GWBAAs is funded each year through membership dues and event participation and sponsorships. In turn, GWBAAs contributes a substantial amount of these funds to charitable organizations in the greater Washington area.

In 2015, GWBAAs donated \$3,000 to the Veterans Airlift Command (VAC). VAC recently flew its 10,000th passenger and many of its missions are due to the influx of patients to Walter Reed and Bethesda medical centers.



This year also marked the third year of GWBAAs participation in the Leesburg Aviation Educational Expo. We awarded William Ralston, a sophomore aviation student at Liberty University (**shown with GWBAAs Treasurer Glenn Hediger**), a \$2,500 scholarship for him to use towards his tuition. We also manned a GWBAAs booth at the Expo to discuss general and business aviation career opportunities with the nearly 600 area students in attendance.

Our biggest charitable fundraiser, the annual golf outing, generated \$1,000 in Mulligan sales - which GWBAAs tripled and sent a \$3,000 contribution to the Corporate Angel Network (CAN). Many GWBAAs members directly participate in CAN and we are proud to further the local area's support for CAN.

Our golf festivities also include our annual support to the charitable Aero Club Foundation of Washington, DC, in the amount of \$2,500. The Aero Club provides D.C. high school students opportunities to learn about aviation through field trips, educational demonstrations, and other learning opportunities that they would not otherwise have had.

Finally, GWBAAs welcomes input from the membership into other local aviation related philanthropic opportunities. Email [info@gwbaa.com](mailto:info@gwbaa.com) with any thoughts or comments.

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## FAA General Aviation News



The November-December issue of the FAA's newsletter for general aviation, *FAA Safety Briefing*, is now available from the FAA's website at [https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2015/media/NovDec2015.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2015/media/NovDec2015.pdf). The theme of the issue is night flying, with articles discussing topics such as a checklist for night operations, the use of visual aids at airports, and the perils of illusions.

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## Regional News Round-Up

Testing for the first remote control air traffic system in the U.S. was recently completed at **Leesburg Executive Airport**. The FAA is expected to release a report on the test in January, which used technology provided by SAAB Sensis Corp., already deployed at airports in Sweden and Australia. During the 15-week test, controllers participated in mock trial three days per week. The system uses a "crow's nest" holding an array of



cameras that produces a 360-degree view of the airport. Leesburg is the second-busiest GA airport in Virginia, with more than 100,000 annual operations.

The FAA is continuing to investigate last year's accident at **Montgomery County Airpark**. A forum was held by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on November 4, at which community members expressed concerns about airport safety but airport users also spoke in favor of the airport. GWBAA has sent a letter to the County, expressing support for the airport and reminding the County of its legal obligations to make it available to all types of aeronautical activities.



Maryland State Comptroller Peter Franchot toured **Easton Airport** on November 3, noting the airport's economic benefits; a 2015 Maryland Aviation Administration study found that the airport supports 483 jobs, along with more than \$42 million in business. An application is pending at FAA and TSA for the airport to act as a gateway for GA flights to Washington Reagan National Airport.

An article published by AIN in conjunction with the NBAA convention discusses the status of general aviation at **Reagan Washington National Airport** - which averages just 7 flights per day, down from more than 120 before 9/11. See <https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2015-11-14/dca-stirring-life-after-10-years>.

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## Upcoming Events

**December 3:** Save the date for GWBAA's annual holiday party (see above for details).

**December 3:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Mark Dunkerley, CEO of Hawaiian Airlines, and presenting the 2015 Engen Trophy to Will Ris, at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

**December 3:** National Aeronautics Association fall awards dinner at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <https://naa.aero/events/fall-awards-dinner>.

**December 11:** Aero Club of Washington Wright Memorial Dinner, at the Washington Hilton, honoring Burt Rutan. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

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## About GWBAA

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