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GWBAA Holds Safety Event in Wilmington

GWBAA Continues to Pursue Safety Agenda



On October 6th, GWBAA facilitated the first Mid-Atlantic Safety Standdown at the Flight Safety Learning Center at New Castle Airport (KILG). Robert Sumwalt of the NTSB provided the keynote address after a full day of presentations that included Sonnie Bates with Baldwin Aviation Safety Management Systems (IS-BAO); Brad Townsend with Dupont Future Equipage; Flight Safety International Professional Development; FAA FSDO Update; and interesting interactive questions and answers throughout the day. For questions or more information

contact Bob Blouin at boblouin@msn.com.

DC Pilot's Perspective

JYO Aircraft Operations - Heads Up



Fellow DC area aviators, as you probably are aware, the remote tower at Leesburg Executive Airport is in the midst of testing this month. Please take a careful look at your NOTAMs and AWOS when operating around JYO for the next few weeks. The mobile tower which is mounted on a trailer out on the ramp in front of the terminal began testing (went live) on October 11th. The program reached another milestone, albeit one invisible to pilots, when the remote tower began passive testing in "shadow mode" where the mobile tower is still absolutely in control of traffic, but the remote

tower is conducting talk aloud testing- essentially pretending to control traffic within a self contained

environment. Operating times for the mobile tower that actually is controlling traffic are broadcast daily on AWOS. This phase of testing should conclude on or about November 10th.



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GWBAA Celebrates the Holidays



GWBAA will hold its annual holiday party at Dulles Jet Center (3800 Windsock Drive) on Thursday, December 1 from 5:30-7:30pm. RSVPs to <u>info@gwbaa.com</u> are appreciated. We also have some items from the "GWBAA closet" to give away, but additional items are appreciated, with due credit to be given.

Regional News Round-Up

The Carroll County Board of Commissioners received a briefing on proposals to solicit private investment to develop additional hangars and facilities at **Carroll County Regional Airport**.



Winchester Regional Airport has entered into a contract with General Excavation, Inc. to build a taxiway on the north side of its runway. The work is expected to start in the spring of 2017. The project cost is \$2.75 million, but 90% will be funded by the FAA and 8% by the Virginia Department of Aviation. Once the taxiway is complete, the airport anticipates that it will spur private hangar development.

College Park Airport opened its new operations building, after two years of construction.

Montgomery County has been awarded a \$5.5 million FAA grant for pavement rehabilitation at **Montgomery County Airpark**.

The "Wings of Freedom" tour of historic aircraft, sponsored by the Collings Foundation, visited **Carroll County Regional Airport**, **Manassas Regional Airport**, and **Stafford Regional Airport**.

On September 27, 2016, the pilot of an aircraft owned by a flying club based at **Montgomery County Airpark** was killed in an accident near **Davis Airport** in Laytonsville. An aircraft made an emergency landing without incident at **Hagerstown Regional Airport** on October 6. A Cessna 182 overran the runway and flipped at **Leesburg Executive Airport** on October 16, but no serious injuries were reported. As always, fly safely!

Upcoming Events

November 7: Aero Club luncheon featuring Dr. George Nield, the FAA's Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <u>http://www.aeroclub.org/events/</u>.

November 9: International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Willie Walsh, CEO of the International Airline Group, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <u>http://iacwashington.org/upcoming/</u>.

November 10: Royal Aeronautical Society panel discussion on "The Future and History of Stealth" at the offices of the Boeing Company in Arlington, Virginia. For more information, please visit http://raeswashingtondcbranch.cloverpad.org/event-2359633.

November 11: Committee for Dulles 50th anniversary gala at the Hyatt Regency Dulles. For more information, please visit <u>http://www.committeefordulles.org/events/annual-gala/</u>.

November 15: Mastering the Art of Instrument Navigation seminar at the AOPA National Community Center in Frederick, Maryland. For more information, please visit <u>https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=66741</u>.

November 15: Seminar on "Mastering the Art ofInstrument Navigation" at Frederick Municipal Airport, sponsored by AOPA. For more information, please visit<u>https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=6674</u>.

December 1: Mark your calendar for GWBAA's annual holiday party, 5:30pm-7:30pm at Dulles Jet Center. See above for more details.

December 8: National Aeronautic Association fall awards dinner at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <u>https://naa.aero/events/upcoming-events/?action=form&eventID=1099</u>.

December 16: 69th annual Wright Memorial Dinner, honoring Southwest Airlines President Emeritus Colleen Barrett, at the Marriott Wardman Park. For more information, please visit <u>http://www.aeroclub.org/events/</u>.

About GWBAA

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