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**A Preview of 2017 Events**

**GWBA to Host Annual Golf Tournament, Safety Standdown**



GWBAA is proud to announce that the registration for the 2017 golf tournament is now open. This will be GWBAA's thirteenth annual golf event, and each year it keeps getting better. The day of golf will help to support GWBAA, the Aero Club of Washington Foundation, and the Corporate Angel Network. The tournament will be held on September 14, 2017 at 1757 Golf Club, so please mark your calendar.

To register as a sponsorship or sign up as a golfer/foursome or volunteer, please visit:

<http://www.planmygolfevent.com/29911-GWBAAgolf/>. Some sponsorships are already gone so act fast. Available sponsorships include our Pint Glass, the Mini-Golf Bag Goodie Bag, breakfast or lunch, contest Holes, and more. GWBAA will promote our sponsors with their logo appearing on GWBAA.com, a thank you tweet, and recognition and signage at the event. (The registration website will automatically post your logo if you upload it during registration in a jpg file format.) If

you have any questions, please contact Dan Walker at [daniel.walker@flightsafety.com](mailto:daniel.walker@flightsafety.com).

GWBAA is also planning other events for 2017, including its annual safety standdown (which will be held on June 1 at the NTSB's training center in Ashburn, Virginia); stay tuned for more details.



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## A Look Back at 2016 Events

In 2016, GWBAA hosted a number of events for the regional business aviation community; we plan to hold similar events in 2017 (in addition to the golf tournament and safety standdown) and plan to post announcements soon.

- March 16, 2016 – Bowling, Brats and Beverages

- April 21, 2016 – BWI/Maryland Operator Networking Lunch
- May 5, 2016 – Annual Safety Standdown
- September 8, 2016 – Annual Golf Tournament
- October 6, 2016 – Mid-Atlantic Safety Standdown at FSI in New Castle, DE
- October 12, 2016 – Co-sponsored Avionics Seminar
- October 20, 2016 – GWBAA on the Pier Luncheon
- December 1, 2016 – Annual Holiday Party



## FAA General Aviation News



The latest issue of FAA's general aviation newsletter, FAA Safety Briefing, is now available at [https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2017/media/JanFeb2017.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2017/media/JanFeb2017.pdf). The theme of this issue is "PAVEing" the way to safety - a reference to a checklist to help pilots mitigate risk (Pilot, Aircraft, enVironment, and External Pressures). The featured articles include a discussion of the Aviation Safety Action Program; a review of risk management principles; and a guide for risk self-assessments by pilots.

## Regional News Round-Up

**Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport** is in the processing of interviewing Airport manager candidates. The previous manager, Bob Bryant, recently departed after 23 years at the airport.

A runway extension project at **Hagerstown Regional Airport** (to 7,000 feet) was completed ten years ago; according to data released by Washington County, since then the jobs generated by the airport have almost doubled, to nearly 1,500, and the personal annual income attributable to them totals almost \$80 million.

## Upcoming Events

**February 1:** Virginia Aviation Business Association legislative reception in Richmond. For more information, please visit <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edirtjex62d2a87d&llr=r7wjryab>.

**February 2:** Legislative day in Richmond, sponsored by the Virginia Airport Operators Council. For more information, please see <http://www.virginiaaviationconference.com>.

**February 8:** Panel discussion on international aviation in the new administration, sponsored by the International Aviation Club, at the Mayflower Hotel. For more information, please visit <http://iacwashington.org/upcoming/>.

## About GWBAA

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