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GWBAA Golf Tournament Scheduled for September 14, 2017

Thirteenth Annual Golf Tournament to Raise Funds for Aviation Charities



GWBA is proud to announce that the registration for the 2017 golf tournament is now open. This will be GWBA's thirteenth annual golf event, and each year it keeps getting better. The day of golf will help to support GWBA, 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, lunch, contest holes, and more. GWBA will promote our sponsors with their logo appearing on GWBA.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

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NBAA Supports Aviation System Modernization, Not Privatization

A significant pending legislative item on Capitol Hill is the President's proposal to privatize ATC (H.R. 2997). NBAA opposes this proposal, even while supporting upgrades to ATC.

H.R.2997 proposes to strip control of aviation-system oversight from the public's elected representatives, and essentially hand control of the system over to a group of private parties, largely unaccountable to Congress. Under the new structure, the private parties would be given sweeping authority to restrict access to airports and airspace, set and collect air transportation taxes, and increase costs for flying. Resources for airports and other infrastructure could be directed away from general aviation. The setup could jeopardize service and access for smaller communities. Perhaps most troubling, the work underway to build a NextGen aviation system could be seriously delayed, while an entire governance structure is disrupted.

"NBAA has worked for many years to promote technologies, policies and procedures that ensure America's aviation system remains the largest, best, safest and most diverse system in the world, NBAA president and CEO Ed Bolen has said. "We are deeply concerned with the president's call for ATC privatization – a concept that has long been a goal of the big airlines. No one should confuse ATC modernization with ATC privatization – the two are very different concepts."

[By contacting your members of Congress today](#), you can send a message to lawmakers, and help NBAA turn back this legislative threat to everyone in business aviation.

GWBAA to Support Student Aviation Expo at JYO

GWBAA would like member pilots or maintenance professionals to share their real world stories in general aviation with high school and college student at the annual Leesburg Aviation Education Expo on October 27, 2017. GWBAA will be providing a student scholarship at the Expo to support the next generation of aviation minds. If interested contact Glenn Hediger at hediger_cpa@yahoo.com.

Regional News Round-Up

The Stafford County Board of Supervisors has allowed the rezoning of agricultural land near **Stafford Regional Airport** that would allow the construction of 170 houses.

The auction of a former Fairchild Aircraft manufacturing facility at **Hagerstown Regional Airport** was put on hold after its current owner declared bankruptcy.

Salisbury-Ocean City: Wicomico Regional Airport, although not officially changing its name, has rebranded itself as "SBY Regional Airport." In other news, a project to bring a new water supply to the airport is continuing.

Construction has begun on a new northside taxiway at **Winchester Regional Airport**.

Upcoming Events

September 7: The International Aviation Club's annual L. Welch Pogue award dinner. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-2599469>.

September 14: GWBAA golf tournament; see above for more information.

About GWBAA

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