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GWBAA Holds 13th Annual Charitable Golf Tournament

September 14 Golf Tournament at 1757 Golf Club Raises Funds for Aviation Charities



GWBAA's annual golf tournament was a success, with 64 golfers participating. The 1757 Golf Club also did a great job again this year, and the pre-event social dinner was well attended, with 30 people at Clyde's. GWBAA thanks its sponsors (including Honda Aircraft, which covered the bar tab before the dinner).

The tournament again raised money for the Aero Club Foundation of Washington whose mission is to foster interest aviation through educational programs at public and Charter schools in the District of Columbia. GWBAA Board Members Glenn Hediger, Hunter Weiss, and Paige Kroner presented Foundation President, Yvette Rose, with the \$2,500 check during the Dreams Soar event at Signature Flight Support-DCA (see below).



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GWBAA Supports Dreams Soar

On September 20, 2017 at Signature Flight Support's facility at Reagan Washington National Airport, the National Aeronautic Association and GWBAA were proud to present Shaesta Waiz of Dreams Soar, Inc. with a certificate of honor for her solo around the world flight. Waiz' flight focused on encouraging young girls and women to pursue careers in aviation and STEM. The certificate was presented by NAA Officer, Elizabeth Matarese and GWBAA Officer, Glenn Hediger. (See <http://www.aionline.com/aviation-news/general-aviation/2017-08-21/gwbaa-support-record-flight-pilot-shaesta-waiz> for more background about her flight.) Additionally, as noted above, at the event GWBAA also presented a check to the Aero Club Foundation of Washington, for funds raised at its golf tournament.



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

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan has directed the State's Attorney General, Brian Frosh, to sue the FAA over the impacts to Maryland residents from modified "NextGen" routes for aircraft flying in and out of **Marshall Baltimore Washington International Airport** and **Reagan National Airport**. It is unclear how or if Frosh will respond.

The FAA has awarded grants to various regional airports, including \$1.2 million to **Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport**; \$90,000 to **Easton-Newnam Field Airport**; \$78,000 to Bay Bridge Airport; and \$411,000 to **Crisfield-Somerset County Airport**. In Virginia, **Hanover County Airport** received \$2.8 million for apron construction and **Warrenton-Fauquier Airport** received \$3.8 million for apron and access road construction.

In other news related to **Warrenton-Fauquier Airport**, the county plans to re solicit bids for terminal construction after the initial bids received were higher than expected.

In other news related to **Easton-Newnam Field Airport**, the new ATC Manager at the airport is Joshua Hill.

On September 10, a small aircraft made an emergency landing near Louisa County; no injuries were reported. A Piper 28 made a gear-up landing at **Leesburg Executive Airport** on September 21; again, no injuries. As always, fly safely!

Upcoming Events

November 4: Committee for Dulles gala at the Hyatt Regency Dulles. For more information, please visit <http://www.committeefordulles.org/events/annual-gala-november-4/>.

December 15: Wright Memorial Dinner at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. For more information, please visit http://www.aeroclub.org/event/october-2016-luncheon/?instance_id=187.

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