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GWBAA Celebrates the Holidays - and Looks Forward to 2019

GWBAA Gathers for Holidays at Dulles Jet Center

Thank you to our host Dulles Jet Center for a great evening on December 6! We enjoyed catching up with members and meeting guests who were new to GWBAA at our annual party.

Additionally, at the party GWBAA announced that Jamie Wilson of FBO Partners would be GWBAA's new Vice President. Wilson's skills, coupled with his dedication to advancing the mission of the association, will be a great asset for our membership. Please contact Bob Blouin at info@gwbaa.com if you are interested in serving on a committee or the Board.



Social Media Updates

Some recent items from our social media feeds:

- The November/December issue of the FAA's GA newsletter, *FAA Safety Briefing*, is available at https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2018/media/NovDec2018.pdf. The theme of the issue is "birds of a different feather" - i.e., non-traditional flying machines.
- Anyone you know with a new drone this holiday season? Teach them about flying it safely with this short video from the FAA on drone safety - https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/.
- Virginia will contribute half a million dollars to Manassas Regional Airport following Aurora Flight Science's investment and Chantilly Air's expansion. Read more - <https://potomaclocal.com/2018/11/27/city-approves-half-million-economic-incentives-for-aurora-flight-sciences/>.
- NBAA's Business Aviation Insider has 5 tips to hold onto top talent - <https://nbaa.org/professional-development/workforce-initiatives/5-tips-hold-top-talent>.
- Ed Bolen and other GA leaders are positive about the health of business aviation - see <https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2018-12-10/ga-leaders-upbeat-about-health-business-aviation>.
- NBAA Flight Plan Podcast reports on changes coming to IS-BAO - see <https://nbaa.org/news/flight-plan/changes-coming-bao/>.
- Business aircraft operators around the world are set to start participating in a new carbon offsetting scheme designed by ICAO - see <https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2018-12-04/bizav-operators-prep-start-corsia-monitoring>.



Regional News Round-Up

A new “green” terminal is scheduled to open at **Warrenton-Fauquier Airport** in July 2019. It will include features such as a geothermal cooling/heating system, a rooftop rain “harvesting” system, and solar panels.

Frederick County has formally approved a development project through which AOPA will build approximately 200,000 feet of new hangar space at **Frederick Municipal Airport**.

St. Mary’s County has approved a \$6.5 million contract to relocate a taxiway and expand the apron at **St. Mary’s County Regional Airport**.

Avionics company On Wing LLC has signed a five-year lease for a hangar at **Winchester Regional Airport**. In other Winchester news, the airport has proposed a \$4.25 million budget for the next fiscal year, which includes a significant increase in capital expenditures, for terminal and taxiway projects; some of the increase would be funded with state grants.

A small aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff from **Shannon Airport** in Fredericksburg on December 14. As always, fly safely!

Upcoming Events

January 23: International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Enrique Beltranena, CEO of Volaris. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-3170489>.

January 29: National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring Richard Aboulafia of the Teal Group. For more information, please visit <https://naa.aero/events/upcoming-events>.

February 6: NBAA regional forum in West Palm Beach. For more information, please visit <https://nbaa.org/events/2019-west-palm-beach-regional-forum/>.

March 27: GWBAA open house and static display at ProJet Aviation in Leesburg, Virginia. For more information, please visit <https://gwbaa.com/event-3165844>

April 18: Please save this date for GWBAA's annual safety standdown, at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia. Registration is now open; please visit <https://gwbaa.com/event-2990461>.

September 12: Registration for GWBAA's 2019 golf tournament is already open - please visit <http://birdeasepro.com/2019GWBAAGolf> to register both to play and to sponsor.

About GWBAA

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GWBAA’s success and ability to make a difference depends on the breadth of its support and your participation – so please send any ideas or comments for future newsletters, or for GWBAA, in general, to Bob, Cheryl, or Jol.

Also, if you are a business aviation professional and interested in volunteering to serve on the GWBAA Board of Directors please contact Bob directly at bobolouin@msn.com or (302) 500-2782.

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