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A Preview of Upcoming GWBAA Events

Open House at ProJet Aviation

Please join us for our inaugural **Open House and Static Display** event being held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at Leesburg Executive Airport (JYO). GWBAA is honored to have **ProJet Aviation** as our host. Guests will enjoy some of the best Loudoun County has to offer, including a selection of beer, cider and wine from Vanish Farmwoods Brewery and fresh sushi and more from Passion Fin restaurant.

The static display will feature aircraft from **Bombardier Aerospace, Embraer S.A., Gulfstream Aerospace, Dassault Aviation, HondaJet, Cirrus Aircraft Corporation, and Textron Aviation**. Guests will also be able to take part in tours of the **first ever Remote Aircraft Control Tower in the U.S.**

Please note, while this is a free event for current and prospective GWBAA members, advanced registration is required. For more details and to RSVP please visit <https://gwbaa.com/event-3229554>.



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Mark Your Calendar for the GWBAA Safety Standdown



We are pleased to announce the keynote speaker for GWBAA's 13th Annual Safety Standdown on April 18, 2019 (at the NTSB Training Center), will be JD McHenry, President and CEO, GlobalJet Services. In his presentation "Keep it Simple - Leadership for Higher Safety Standards", JD will be sharing the key leadership attributes that have a profound effect on everything from Crew Resource Management (CRM) to Human Factors (HF) to Safety Management Systems (SMS) to Professionalism and more. To see the full agenda and information on registration and sponsorship please visit <https://gwbbaa.com/event-2990461>.

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Social Media Updates

Some recent items from our social media feeds:

- The Virginia Department of Aviation has announced the winners of its annual photo contest - see <http://virginiaaviationnews.blogspot.com>.
- Via FAA OpSpec/MSpec A063, operators can gain temporary relief to allow a flight to proceed in unexpected situations such as if a crewmember's airman or medical certificate is lost, stolen or misplaced. See <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/safety/human-factors/faa-provide-temporary-relief-missing-crewmember-certificates/>.
- FAA is considering new rules that would allow drones to operate over populated areas and no longer require special permits for nighttime use. See <https://reut.rs/2S7Kx48>.
- Recently, FAA amended a regulation to create a Second-in-Command Professional Development Program (SIC PDP) for certain Part 135 air carriers with the hope of providing less experienced pilots with realistic air carrier experience. See <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/part-135/second-command-pdp-introduced-certain-part-135-air-carrier-operations/>.

- MROs are reported to be looking to high schools to alleviate current and future workforce shortages. See <https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2019-01-23/mros-look-high-schools-alleviate-mx-tech-shortage>.
- An NBAA study found that 63% of responding operators had experienced pilot turnover since 2015, with at least 13% of the pilot force of respondents reportedly having left business aviation. See <https://nbaa.org/news/business-aviation-insider/fact-fiction-understanding-business-aviation-workforce/>.
- NBAA submitted comments on the FAA's draft ATP and Type Rating for Airplane Airman Certification Standards. NBAA encouraged the shift toward scenario-based training and greater clarification on pilot proficiency requirements under 14 C.F.R. 61.58. See <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/safety/nbaa-highlights-need-scenario-based-training-guidelines-draft-acs-comments/>.

Regional News Round-Up

City officials are investigating the viability of installing a solar field at **Frederick Municipal Airport**.

The Arsenal of Democracy is planning a flyover on May 8, 2020 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. The aircraft are expected to be staged at **Manassas Regional Airport** and **Culpeper Regional Airport**.

A self-flying air taxi was demonstrated by Aurora Flight Sciences, a Boeing subsidiary, at **Manassas Regional Airport** on January 22, 2019.

At **Salisbury-Wicomico Regional Airport**, the extension of the municipal water supply is expected to facilitate the construction of new hangars; funding for runway extension work continues to be an agenda item.

AOPA is planning a fly-in, to mark its 80th anniversary, on May 10-11, 2019 at **Frederick Municipal Airport**.

A crash truck has been donated to **Hagerstown Regional Airport** by BWI, to serve as a second emergency vehicle at the airport. A February 2018 fire totaled another truck at Hagerstown, and also damaged the airport fire station. The Washington County Board of Commissioners also has authorized that \$200,000 previously set aside for air traffic control tower replacement instead be used for repairs and improvements to airport properties.

ProJet Aviation at **Leesburg Executive Airport** was recognized by the FltPlan.com 2018 Pilots' Choice Awards as the #3 FBO in the northeast, #12 among comparable FBOs based on airport size and traffic volume, and #26 in the U.S.

Hanover County has approved a lease and \$2.4 million bond issue to support the construction of a new hangar at **Hanover County Airport**.

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/>.

February 6: Virginia Aviation Business Association legislative reception. For more information, please visit <https://www.thevaba.org>.

February 8: Aero Club luncheon featuring House Transportation Chair Peter DeFazio. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

February 8: Royal Aeronautical Society panel discussion on "Exploring Pilot Training and Proficiency for the Future." For more information, please visit <http://raeswashingtondcbranch.cloverpad.org/event-3210485>.

February 13: International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Alexandre de Juniac, Director General of IATA. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/Events.aspx>.

March 7: YoungPro meet-up at Lost & Found, 1240 Ninth Street, N.W. (near the Mount Vernon Square Metro station), from 6-7:30pm; more details to be provided in the next newsletter.

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>.

June 12-14: Maryland regional aviation conference, sponsored by the Maryland Airport Managers Association. For more information, please visit <https://marylandairportmanagers.org>.

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. Many thanks to our already announced sponsors, FlightSafety International and Chantilly Air.



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