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**Please Join GWBAA for Open House and YoungPro Events in March**

**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, Dassault Aviation, Embraer S.A., Gulfstream Aerospace, HondaJet, and Textron Aviation**. Guests will also be able to take part in tours of the **first ever Remote Air Traffic Control Tower in the U.S.**

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



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## **YoungPro Event at *Lost & Found***

We are happy to announce our next young professionals meet-up will be held on Thursday, March 7 at *Lost & Found* (1240 9th Street, N.W.) from 6-7:30 p.m. As with our past gatherings, food and drinks are complimentary thanks to our sponsors: in addition to **GWBA**, they include the **American Association of Airport Executives** (AAAE), the **Air Traffic Control Association** (ATCA), the **Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association** (AOPA), **Chantilly Air, Jetlaw**, and the **National Business Aviation Association** (NBAA).

Joining us for a brief discussion will be Aleksandra Bogunovic. Aleksandra completed graduate studies in the business of art and design, fibers and sculpture at the Maryland Institute College of Art. This led to a professional career working closely with NASA to design and construct thermal space blankets widely used in telescopes and satellite systems. Today she is Principal and Chief Executive Officer of Aerotherads Inc. based in College Park, MD, where she leads a team that produces multi-layer insulation blankets for many aerospace firms. Aleksandra will share with us how a passion for art and science led to her success as a young aerospace executive today.

Please visit <https://gwbba.com/event-3262873> to RSVP.



## **Mark Your Calendar for the GWBAA Safety Standdown in April**



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://gwbba.com/event-2990461>.



In conjunction with the standdown, Air Culinaire Worldwide and AirCare FACTS are providing a food safety course specific to the unique situations surrounding food on business aircraft. The course is being offered at a substantially discounted price of \$150.00 (compared to \$295.00 per person). Each attendee will come out with valuable information on how to handle food safely for business aviation as well as a certificate that is nationally recognized. Contact [jdetloff@airculinaire.com](mailto:jdetloff@airculinaire.com) with questions or to register.

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## Social Media Updates

Some recent items from our social media feeds:

- FAA's general aviation newsletter, FAA Safety Briefing, has publicized a fact sheet on mountain flying safety ([https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2017/media/SE\\_Topic\\_17\\_04.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2017/media/SE_Topic_17_04.pdf)) and a fact sheet on safety risk management ([https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2019/media/SE\\_Topic\\_19-01.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2019/media/SE_Topic_19-01.pdf)).
- Nominations are open for the NBAA Top 40 Under 40 – an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the young professional in your organization helping to shape the future of business aviation. Submit your nomination at <https://apps.nbaa.org/prodev/yopro/40-under-40/>.
- The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) State of the Industry event brought together industry leaders who agreed business aviation market entering 2019 with a stronger footing, but also conceded that the partial government shutdown that ushered in with the New Year will take months to resolve. "This has been an interesting start of the year," said GAMA president and CEO Pete Bunce. Read more - <https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2019-02-21/ga-praises-faa-coordination-mulls-lessons-shutdown>.
- When unfavorable conditions threaten access to the national airspace system (NAS), NBAA Air Traffic Services (NBAA ATS) is on the job, ensuring the needs of business aircraft operators are represented at the FAA's Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC) in Warrenton, VA. NBAA personnel have been stationed there since the original General Aviation (GA) Desk came into service in mid-2001. Read more - <https://nbaa.org/news/business-aviation-insider/navigator-nbaa-providing-input-daily-nas-decisions/>.

## Regional News Round-Up

**Maryland Airport** in Charles County is to be sold for \$2.5 million to PSM Holdings LLC, which held liens against the bankrupt airport. The county is continuing to consider rezoning properties near the airport for commercial development.

The **Winchester Regional Airport Authority** has stated that last year's increase in the personal property tax on aircraft by the Frederick County Board of Supervisors is scaring away tenants and does not generate appreciable revenue for the County.

NX Aviation, a flight test and engineering services company, is moving its offices to **Stafford Regional Airport**.

The Leesburg Town Council will donate a former African-American cemetery near **Leesburg Executive Airport**, previously acquired because it was in the airport's Runway Protection Zone; FAA provided guidance that the property was of minimal dollar value because it could not be developed.

The construction of a new \$4.5 million terminal at **Warrenton-Fauquier Airport** is on track for completion in August 2019. In other news, a small aircraft that had departed the airport made an emergency landing on a nearby highway on February 10; no injuries were reported. As always, fly safely!

## Upcoming Events

**March 4:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Mark Burns, President of Gulfstream Aerospace. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/events/category/luncheons/>.

**March 7:** YoungPro meet-up at *Lost & Found*, 1240 Ninth Street, N.W. (near the Mount Vernon Square Metro station), from 6-7:30pm. For more information, please visit <https://gwbba.com/event-3262873>.

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

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

**May 10-11:** AOPA 80th anniversary fly-in at Frederick Muicipal Airport. For more information, please visit <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2018/december/19/2019-aopa-fly-in-locations-revealed>.

**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:



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As a new GWBA member benefit, if you are not currently a member of NBAA, you can now join at a discounted rate using promo code using promo code GWBA100. When you join NBAA not only will you receive \$100 off your first-year NBAA membership dues, NBAA will return 50% of your dues to GWBA, allowing us to keep working on regional issues on your behalf.

NBAA members enjoy a direct line to industry experts, career development opportunities, discounts to all NBAA events, including the NBAA's Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (NBAA-BACE) and much more. Learn more - <https://nbaa.org/membership/>.

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