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## **Thanks to Safety Standdown Sponsors and Attendees**

### **Annual Standdown Held at NTSB Training Center**

The 13th annual GWBAA Safety Standdown was held on April 18, 2019, at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia. Attendees also enjoyed a pre-event reception at MatchBox One Loudoun the evening prior to the event.

Over 88 attendees enjoyed a keynote from JD McHenry, President and CEO of GlobalJet Services. In his presentation "Keep it Simple - Leadership for Higher Safety Standards", JD shared the key leadership attributes that have a profound affect on everything from Crew Resource Management (CRM) to Human Factors (HF) to Safety Management Systems (SMS) to Professionalism and more.

Other highlights from the day included Jeff Wofford, Chief Pilot and Director of Aviation, CommScope, Inc. speaking on the topic of professionalism and leadership, an update on "US Domestic CPDLC DCL & En Route" and a briefing on "Integrations of New Entrants" as well as a Business Aviation Hot Topics Panel.

Copies of presentations from the standdown are available at <https://gwbaa.com/Safety-Standdown-2019>.



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**Please Plan to Join Us for the Annual Golf Tournament**

Registration for GWBAA's September 12, 2019 golf tournament at the 1757 Golf Club is already open - please visit <https://gwbba.com/event-3135962> to register both to play and to sponsor. The event is a 4-person scramble so all levels of golfers are encouraged to join us.

Many thanks to our early sponsors: GEICO is the breakfast sponsor; AVMATS is the closest-to-the-pin sponsor; Textron is the pint glass sponsor; and FlightSafety International, Jet Support Services, Satcom Direct, Jet Aviation, and NBAA are hole sponsors.

## Social Media Updates

Some recent items from our social media feeds:

- A mug given away at a GWBAA YoungPro event recently was spotted flying with James Martin, Chief Pilot of Zenith Aviation.



- Concerns about illegal charter operations were discussed by Part 91 and 135 operators, along with representatives from the FAA's Flight Standards Office and frontline inspectors, at a recent meeting at the Nashville FSDO. See <https://nbaa.org/flight-department-administration/aircraft-operating-ownership-options/nbaa-co-hosts-illegal-charter-summit/>.
- Nominations are still open for the NBAA Business Aviation Top 40 under 40. See <https://apps.nbaa.org/prodev/yopro/40-under-40/>.
- NBAA and EBAA have responded to an article in The Economist about tax policies that impact the industry, as well as the environmental impact of business aviation. See <https://nbaa.org/news/letters-to-media/nbaa-ebaa-counter-newspapers-portrayal-business-aviation/>.
- Some countries are reported to be testing bizav crews for alcohol consumption during ramp checks. See <https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2019-04-03/nbaa-some-countries-testing-bizav-crews-alcohol>.
- Be aware of global variants in the grades of jet fuel available. See <https://blueskynews.aero/contributors/Global-variations-in-aviation-fuel-Irene-Lores.html>.
- While only aviation medical examiners can conduct certain exams, with FAA Form 8500-7 – Report of Eye Evaluation – pilots can have their ophthalmologist or optometrist perform their eye exam. See <https://nbaa.org/flight-department-administration/personnel/medical/pilots-consider-taking-eye-test-aviation-medical-exam/>.

## Regional News Round-Up

Frederick County has proposed a 2.3 percent increase to the hangar and aircraft storage leasing rates at **Frederick Municipal Airport**, to be put to a vote along with other City budget proposals in May.

Wicomico County has proposed to increase the budget of **Salisbury-Wicomico Regional Airport** by \$50,000 for operations and \$200,000 for capital expenditures, some to be offset by federal and state grants.

St. Mary's County's proposed budget includes \$4.9 million for expansion at the **St. Mary's Regional Airport**. A \$2.1 million project to relocate a portion of Airport Road also has been approved.

**Easton Airport** Manager Micah Risher provided an update to the Talbot County Council, noting that \$5.5 million in federal grants is expected to fund land acquisition for runway expansion.



A new logo was unveiled for **Winchester Regional Airport**. In other Winchester news, Frederick County voted to lower its tax on aircraft from 50 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 1 cent per \$100 of assessed value, for aircraft under 20,000 pounds. The airport is also to receive a state grant of approximately \$200,000 to help fund design work for a new terminal.

**Stafford Regional Airport** plans to break ground on a 1,000-foot extension of its runway in 2020. The \$10 million project will be 98% funded by state and federal grants, and reduce the available runway length to 4,500 feet in the interim.



**Gordonsville Municipal Airport** has received a \$120,000 state grant to help fund runway and taxiway repairs.

Rob Dornbusch has been announced to be the new Operations Manager at **Culpeper Regional Airport**, effective June 1.

## Upcoming Events

**May 1:** National Aeronautics Association summer awards ceremony at the Lockheed Martin Fighter Demonstration Center in Crystal City, Virginia. For more information, please visit <https://naa.aero/events/upcoming-events?eventID=2115>.

**May 4:** Manassas air show. For more information, please visit <https://www.manassasairshow.com>.

**May 7:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Thomas L. Carter, U.S. Ambassador to ICAO, at the Willard Hotel. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-3333842>.

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

**May 11-12:** Joint Base Andrews "Legends in Flight" air and space expo. For more information, please visit <https://legendsinflight.org/>.

**May 15:** Royal Aeronautical Society reception and presentation of the Transatlantic Leading Edge Award at the U.K. Deputy Ambassador's residence. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-3333842>.

**May 16:** Aero Club luncheon, featuring Keith O'Brien, author of "Fly Girls", at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/events/>.

**June 1:** Wings & Wheels event at Winchester Regional Airport. For more information, please visit <https://visitwinchesterva.com/event/winchester-wings-wheels/>.

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

**September 12:** GWBAA golf tournament; for more information, please see above.

## **NBAA Membership Discount**

As a new GWBAA 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 GWBAA100. 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 GWBAA, 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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