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## **Please Joins Us for GWBAA's Charity Golf Tournament**

### **Are you registered for the GWBAA 15th Annual Golf Classic?**

GWBAA has experienced a significant amount of growth in the last 18 months, so whether you are a new member or a long-time member of GBWAA, the golf event is your opportunity to engage with the local business aviation community and also meet some new faces to GWBAA.

The event is held over a two-day period. The tournament itself will be on **September 12, 2019, at the 1757 Golf Club in Ashburn, Virginia**. More details can be found on the [registration website](#).

It is also a long-standing tradition that we have a reception the evening prior to the tournament. Not a golfer? This is your opportunity to still be part of the fun at the **Golf Reception and Summer Social**, which will be held at **Matchbox One Loudoun on September 11, 2019**. This is a free event open to all GWBAA members and prospective members. Please do [sign up](#) in advance if possible.

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## Aviation Expo Information and Sponsorship Opportunities

The 14th annual Aviation Education & Career Expo will be hosted by ProJet Aviation at Leesburg Executive Airport (JYO) on Friday, November 1. The event hosts 750 high school and college students from all over Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC.

GWBA will be one of the 75 vendors representing the diverse educational and career opportunities in the field of aviation. The association will also be contributing \$5,000 again this year towards the over \$300,000 in scholarships that will be awarded during the event.

If you would like to learn more about supporting this event as a vendor, corporate sponsor or scholarship sponsor, please visit - <http://www.aveducationexpo.com>.



## When Seeing the Light is a Bad Thing

There I was, sitting in the right seat, flying back from Maastricht as we turned onto the localizer for the approach to Runway 20 at Chattanooga on a dark, clear night. The tower controller reported that a helicopter was off to our right side, so I looked for the traffic.

Then some jerk decided to hit us with a LASER. It was a bright green pinpoint of light from the ground that lit up the cockpit. I admit that "jerk" was not the first name that came to mind.

If you should find yourself the object of such an assault, first things first, LOOK AWAY FROM THE LASER! While you are looking away from the LASER, look at your GPS and record your exact location (it will be the first question in every interview, along with your estimate of the distance and direction to the jerk with the LASER). Third, report the event to ATC on your current frequency; it's not an emergency, but it is a priority.

You should report such incidents in accordance with FAA AC 70-2A (yes, there's an app for that). Be ready; an ATC supervisor will call you, and all of these cases get referred to the FBI, so you can expect to hear from the local field office. If it stops the next jerk with a LASER, it will be worth it.

--Mike Ott, NBAA Safety Committee and GWBAA member

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You may have noticed that we have some new contributors to our newsletter in recent months. Contributing an article is an easy way to further your involvement with GWBAA by giving other members exposure to subject matter that is important to our community.

Perhaps you participate in a committee and think the members would benefit from an update occasionally? Maybe you would like to see more content related to maintenance or some other topic like leadership? If you have an idea for a one-time submission or a series we would love to hear from you. Please contact [cheryl@gwbaa.com](mailto:cheryl@gwbaa.com).

## Social Media Updates

Some recent items from our social media feeds:

- **FAA General Aviation News.** The latest issue of FAA's newsletter for general aviation is available at [https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2019/media/JulAug2019.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2019/media/JulAug2019.pdf); the theme of the issue is "safety culture."



- **EASA Expands Exemptions for Equipage of Data Link Service Capability.** The European Union's aviation safety agency recently issued Regulation No. 2019/1170, which expands the current exemptions for the equipage of data link service capability by February 1, 2020 - <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/international/region-v-europe/european-commission-exempts-business-aircraft-certain-data-link-requirements/>.
- **NBAA Supports Congressional Efforts to Promote Aviation's Next Era.** NBAA has joined with other aviation groups and unions in voicing support for S. 2198, Aviation's Next Era Act of 2019, also known as the "PLANE Act of 2019" - <https://nbaa.org/press-releases/nbaa-supports-congressional-efforts-promote-aviations-next-era/>. "The general aviation industry is poised for a critical phase of innovation and progress – an era of advancement not witnessed in decades," said NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen. "This legislation would help ensure that general aviation, which is an essential contributor to the nation's economy, can continue its advancement in a safe and efficient manner for the benefit of all citizens."
- **NBAA Working With FAA to Ensure ADS-B Flight-Tracking Opt-Out Continues.** NBAA is working with the FAA and other stakeholders to identify the most effective means to ensure that operators continue to have the ability to opt out from having their flights tracked in real time, following the conversion that many aircraft will make to new ADS-B technology, starting in 2020 – <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/communications-navigation-surveillance-cns/ads-b/nbaa-others-working-faa-ensure-ads-b-flight-tracking-opt-continues/>.
- **NAA Accepting Nominations.** The National Aeronautic Association is now accepting nominations for the following awards: Wright Memorial Trophy (due 8/15); Distinguished Statesman of Aviation (due 8/31); Brewer Trophy (due 8/31); Public Benefit Flying Awards (due 8/31) – <https://naa.aero/awards/awards-and-trophies>.
- **Virginia searching for fix to regular Route 28 backups near IAD.** Officials in Virginia are searching for solutions to consistent traffic backups where Route 28, the Dulles Greenway and Dulles Toll Road meet – <https://wtop.com/dc-transit/2019/07/virginia-searching-for-fix-to-regular-route-28-backups-near-dulles/>.
- **FAA Policy Statement Clarifies ADS-B Performance Requirement Expectations.** The FAA recently clarified its policies related to ADS-B equipped aircraft after January 1,

2020. Circumstances outside of an operator's control may result in a temporary degradation of ADS-B performance and an apparent violation of § 91.227; the agency provided a number of scenarios in which an operator may experience service availability disruptions, but would not be considered in violation – <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/communications-navigation-surveillance-cns/ads-b/faa-policy-statement-clarifies-ads-b-performance-requirement-expectations/>.

- **Aviation stakeholders are working to ensure that manned aircraft and drones can safely coexist.** As UAS use increases, so does the importance of safe integration of UAS into an air traffic management system originally designed for manned aircraft. “Safe integration of commercial unmanned systems into the National Airspace System is critical,” declared Brad Hayden, Chair of NBAA’s UAS working group (and President and CEO of Robotic Skies). “Our challenge is to achieve that integration without unnecessarily stifling innovation. It’s a delicate balance.” Geofencing is one of the possible technical solutions – <https://nbaa.org/news/business-aviation-insider/mitigating-risk-uas-incursions/>.

## Regional News Round-Up

**Frederick Municipal Airport** has requested that Frederick County modify its zoning procedures to notify the airport of construction projects that could affect airport flight paths.

Leesburg is continuing with plans to donate Sycolin Cemetery to the Loudoun Freedom Center, a plan which required FAA approval because it originally was acquired with FAA funds due to its proximity to **Leesburg Executive Airport**. In other JYO news, the airport has received a \$900,000 federal Airport Improvement Program grant for the upgrade and replacement of runway and taxiway lighting and signage.

**Winchester Regional Airport** is also among the recipients of the latest batch of federal Airport Improvement Program grants; the \$420,000 for OKV will be used to design and rehabilitate taxiway pavement. In Maryland, recipients included **Bay Bridge Airport** (\$90,000 for an environmental study), **Hagerstown Regional Airport** (\$1 million for terminal expansion), **Ocean City Municipal Airport** (\$174,000 for obstruction removal), and **Cambridge-Dorchester Regional Airport** (\$316,000 for obstruction removal).

Wicomico County is planning to develop a commercial drone testing facility at **Salisbury-Ocean City: Wicomico Regional Airport**; a new hangar and taxiway would anchor a planned industrial park.

Chantilly Air at **Manassas Regional Airport** was voted by readers of Virginia Living magazine to be “Best of Virginia 2019” for air charter services.

On July 19, a Van's RV-7A flipped on landing at **Ocean City Municipal Airport**; the pilot was reported to have minor injuries. On July 28, a Beechcraft Bonanza's gear collapsed upon landing at **Chesterfield Airport**. As always, fly safely!

## Upcoming Events

**August 13-16:** 45th annual Virginia aviation conference in Roanoke. For more information, please visit <http://www.virginiaaviationconference.com/>.

**September 11:** GWBAA's Golf Reception and Summer Social at MatchBox One Loudoun. This is a free event but please register in advance if possible at <https://www.gwbaa.com/event-3442844>.

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

**September 17:** International Aviation Club L. Welch Pogue Award Dinner. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-3444927>.

**October 16:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Robin Hayes, CEO of JetBlue, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-3444868>.

**October 22-24:** NBAA convention and exhibition in Las Vegas. For more information, please visit <https://nbaa.org/events/2019-business-aviation-convention-exhibition/>.

**November 7:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Zhihang Chi, Vice President for North America of Air China, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-3444913>.

## **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/>.

## **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.

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