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Please Join Us for GWBAA's Charity Golf Tournament on September 12

Are You Registered for the GWBAA 15th Annual Golf Classic?

The 15th Annual GWBAA Golf Classic on Thursday, September 12 is shaping up to be another great day at the beautiful 1757 Golf Club in Ashburn, Virginia. The proceeds from the event help to support the Aero Club Foundation of Washington, DC and Corporate Angel Flight, so we are delighted that sponsorship is completed sold out and 100 golfers have already signed up for this event. There is still time to register - <https://birdeasepro.com/2019gwbaagolf/>.

Also don't miss the reception on Wednesday, September 11 at MatchBox One Loudoun. This a free event thanks to the generosity of the event sponsor, Embraer. Open to not just golfers, but all GWBAA members and prospective members; for details and to RSVP, please visit - <https://gwbaa.com/event-3442844>.

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If I Just Close My Eyes for a Few Minutes, I'll Be Fine

--Mike Ott, NBAA Safety Committee and GWBAA member

Every time an article appears about a crewmember or driver falling asleep, it reminds me how often mechanics, crews, FBO employees, and others assess their own levels of fatigue and determine if they can safely do their jobs, not to mention drive home from work after they finish. Fatigue is an insidious foe; it degrades decision-making ability, judgment, visual acuity, awareness, crew coordination, and the ability to follow standard procedures.

In essence, someone with potentially impaired judgment is judging the state of their own impairment; it's just like asking them to decide if they are too drunk to drive (really, I'm fine; drooling is normal for me). At the end of a perfectly legal week of full length crew days alternating with minimum rest periods that crosses numerous time zones, even the most durable of crewmembers (you know who you are) is likely to be seriously fatigued, especially if the week started with a late afternoon phone call for a flight that evening. The same is true for technicians and dispatchers, especially when their lives outside of work place demands on their time or attention (as everyone's does). In the end, we accommodate a certain level of fatigue and do our jobs; the hard part is figuring out where to draw the line. It is a line, however, that we must draw in order to meet our most important goal – everyone, whether passenger, crew, mechanic, or lineman, gets to go home unhurt when the job is done.

Remember that “legal” and “safe” are not the same thing; the actions that are safe are a subset of all of the choices that are legal.

Social Media Updates

Some recent items from our social media feeds:

- FAA warns of potential for damage to AOA sensors - <https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2019-08-20/faa-notice-warns-damage-aoa-sensors>.
- Virginia is one of the top states for UAS integration - <https://theroanokestar.com/2019/08/18/virginia-earns-1-ranking-among-states-for-unmanned-aircraft-systems>.
- NBAA CEO Letter to the Editor responding to an Associated Press article that mis-characterized GA security - https://www.nptelegraph.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/letter-to-the-editor-associated-press-story-mischaracterized-airplane-security/article_3467714a-b981-11e9-98e3-676c91a9f936.html.
- DHS issues warning of cybersecurity threat from physical access to avionics - <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/security/dhs-issues-warning-cybersecurity-threat-physical-access-avionics/>.
- Determining the best alternate airport can go a long way toward mitigating the set-back of a diversion - <https://nbaa.org/news/business-aviation-insider/look-alternate-airport/>.
- The FAA has completed its efforts to modernize and streamline flight planning by adopting international flight plan form. Starting August 27, pilots planning civil VFR and IFR domestic and international flights must use the new format - <https://bit.ly/2ZiJtyOhttps://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/airports/latest-nextgen-step-faa-moves-international-flight-plan-format-month/>.
- As part of a major, three-phase project to rehabilitate runway 16/34 at New York's Westchester County Airport, nightly closures began on August 19 and are anticipated to last 90 days - <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/airports/nightly-closures-new-yorks-westchester-county-airport-begin-aug-19/>.

Regional News Round-Up

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport is among the announced recipients of FAA grants - \$10 million for taxiway reconstruction. Various GA airports also have to receive FAA grants, such as **Culpeper Regional Airport**, which received \$330,000 for obstruction removal; in Maryland, **Ocean City Municipal Airport** received \$174,000 and **Cambridge-Dorchester Regional Airport** received \$315,000, also for obstruction removal.

The **Winchester Regional Airport** has secured financing through the Virginia Airports Revolving Fund to purchase a 27,000-square foot hangar from Wells Fargo for \$1.25 million. The airport anticipates officially closing on the loan in September. The Board also has authorized funding to more than 60 other airports across Virginia, with approximately \$4 million going to general aviation airports.

Wicomico County is beginning a \$4 million project to run a clean water supply to **Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Airport**; the airport has not previously had a potable water supply. The project, which is awaiting the appointment of a new County Attorney to authorize, is expected to take about a year.

The new terminal at **Warrenton-Fauquier Airport** is expected to be completed in September; the original target date of July was not met due to weather and construction delays. As of the end of July, the \$4.8 million projected was estimated to be 85% complete, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony now likely in November or December.

Perry J. Miller this month became the President and CEO of **Richmond International Airport**.

ABSI Aerospace & Defense, which provides UAS services, has announced the relocation of its offices to **St. Mary's County Regional Airport**.

Upcoming Events

September 10: Aero Club of Washington luncheon featuring William J. Flynn, CEO of Atlas Air. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/event/sep-2019-luncheon/>.

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; please see above.

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

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

September 28: Leesburg air show. For more information, please visit <https://leesburgairshow.com/>.

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: Aero Club of Washington luncheon featuring Sara Nelson, International President of the Association of Flight Attendants. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/event/oct-2019-luncheon/>.

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>.

November 15: Committee for Dulles gala at the Landsdowne Resort. For more information, please visit <http://www.committeefordulles.org/2019-celebrate-dulles-gala>.

Message from the Desk of the President

Your GWBAA Board has been hard at work and looking forward to a great wrap up to 2019 and start of 2020. With the upcoming Golf Outing, and past Safety Standdown and Leesburg Open House events we have had plenty on our plates. We need our members help! We are looking for can-do individuals to serve on Committees such as Safety, Membership and others. After 15 years of successful operation it is time for GWBAA to “build our volunteer bench.” If you have a passion for our industry and the time and support from your company to serve please call me to discuss specifics. Thanks, in advance, for your continued support!

Bob Blouin

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.

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 boblouin@msn.com or (302) 500-2782.

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