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**Please Plan to Join Us for GWBAA's Annual Holiday Party**

**Annual Meeting and Gathering on December 5 at Dulles Jet Center**

Please plan to join us for the GWBAA Holiday Reception on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 5:30PM - 7:30PM, hosted by Dulles Jet Center (23800 Windsock Drive). This is a free event for all GWBAA members and future members. For more details and to RSVP please visit <https://gwbaa.com/event-3441991>.

This will also be GWBAA's official annual meeting, to report on the year's events and to re-elect the board by the membership. We also have some giveaways in the "GWBAA closet," but additional door prizes are welcome - please email [cheryl@gwbaa.com](mailto:cheryl@gwbaa.com) for more details.



## Social Media Updates

Some recent items from our social media feeds:

- NBAA has posted a recap of videos, photos, and articles from its convention in Las Vegas - <https://nbaa.org/events/2019-business-aviation-convention-exhibition/news/>.
- The NBAA 2019 compensation survey results are now available - <https://nbaa.org/professional-development/workforce-initiatives/2019-nbaa-compensation-survey-results-now-available>.
- The TAF (Terminal Aerodrome Forecast) Board is a tool to gain situational awareness of potential traffic issues at major airports due to forecast weather conditions - <http://aviationweather.gov/taf/board>.
- The 2019 Girls in Aviation Day had 20,000 attendees at more than 100 events worldwide - <https://mailchi.mp/wai/Ofakbeqoy7-1383885>.
- The ADS-B system is now fully operational at ATC facilities across the US - <https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=94678>.
- FAA wants action on declining pilot skills - “When automation ceases to work properly, pilots who do not have sufficient manual control experience and proper training may be hesitant or not have enough skills to take control of the aircraft” - <https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/faa-wants-action-on-declining-pilot-skills/>.
- NBAA members may subscribe to the Airspace/Airport Alerts email list to receive emails about upcoming TFRs and other airspace issues - <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/airspace/alerts/>.
- Biz av operators may see some relief from congestion as the FAA implements sweeping changes over the next year to the airspace along the Eastern seaboard. Operators will see significant changes ahead of the project’s targeted November 2020 completion date, with the first event coming Oct. 10 as high altitude “J-routes” in the Atlantic Corridor are replaced with “Y-routes” optimized for performance-based

navigation capabilities. Low-altitude routes will be similarly replaced Nov. 7, with all J-routes from Florida replaced by Jan. 30, 2020. See <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/airspace/nec-optimization-project-promises-nextgen-benefits-east-coast-flights/>.

- GAJSC and the NTSB have determined that a significant number of general aviation fatalities could be avoided if pilots were to conduct more thorough pre-flight inspections of aircraft that have just been returned to service - [https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2019/media/SE\\_Topic\\_19-09.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2019/media/SE_Topic_19-09.pdf).

## Regional News Round-Up

Flying to **Boston Logan Airport**? Be aware due to the Terminal E Modernization Project, the ramp space available to Signature Flight Support will be significantly limited for at least the next year. Operations at Signature will **require** a reservation, in 4 hour slots. The following is the actual NOTAM text: *"BOS 10/320 (KBOS A0708/19) BOS APRON GA RAMP CLSD EXC MIL OPS AND LIFE FLT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT 4 HR PPR 617-561-2500 1910210400-2312310400."* Also expect Hanscom to see a significant uptick in traffic. Additionally, pending weather, re-positioning flights between Hanscom and Logan could experience significant delays.

The **Winchester Regional Airport Authority** has voted to reduce its operational hours from round-the-clock to 6am to 10pm, with an on-call procedures for after-hours flights.

Bedford County is considering plans for the expansion of **New London Airport** to include a flight school for Liberty University; a formal proposal is expected in November.

The National Aeronautic Association is soliciting nominations for its **Stinson Trophy**, for those who have contributed to "art, sport, and science of aviation and space flight in the United States." For more information, please visit <https://naa.aero/awards/awards-and-trophies/stinson-trophy>.

**Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Airport** expects construction on a "drone center for innovation" to begin in 2020.

## Upcoming Events

**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 12:** Aero Club of Washington luncheon featuring FAA Administrator Steve Dickson. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/event/nov-2019-luncheon/>.

**November 12:** National Aeronautic Association fall awards dinner. For more information, please visit <https://naa.aero/events/upcoming-events/?action=form&eventID=2117>.

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

**December 5:** GWBAA holiday party; see above for more details.

**December 13:** Aero Club of Washington Wright Memorial Dinner, honoring General Michael Collins, Apollo astronaut and first director of the National Air and Space Museum. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/events/wright-memorial-dinner/>.

## **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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