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## **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.



## GWBAA Scholarship Winner

GWBAA was pleased to once again participate in the Aviation & Education Career Expo hosted by ProJet Aviation at Leesburg Executive Airport (JYO). It's the 14th year of the annual event which attracted over 1,000 middle school to college age students from PA, WV, MD, VA and DC. This also was GWBAA's sixth year providing a scholarship.

GWBAA's \$5000 scholarship was awarded to Chelsea Montgomery, a business major from Bloomington, MN who is currently attending ATP Flight School in Mesa, AZ. It was part of a total of \$36,000 in scholarships given out this year. The event and an interview with Chelsea were featured in AOPA Live: <https://aopalive.aopa.org/detail/video/6101043096001/students-awarded-over-350k-in-aviation-scholarships>.

Thank you to Glenn Hediger and Bob Zuskin for volunteering to staff the GWBAA table and help educate the students on possible careers in business aviation. If you are interested in a similar volunteer opportunity to speak on workforce opportunities at area schools, please contact Paige Kroner ([pkroner@nbaa.org](mailto:pkroner@nbaa.org)).

All of GWBAA's philanthropic activity comes directly from member dues and revenues from annual events like the Golf Outing, Safety Standdown, and our new Open House event. GWBAA thanks all its members and sponsors for helping us give back to the community and support the future of our industry.



## 2020 GWBAA Event Preview:

- **GWBAA 14th Annual Safety Standdown:** March 26, 2020, NTSB Training Center, Ashburn, Virginia. To register, please visit <https://www.gwbaa.com/event-3588439>.
- **GWBAA Open House & Aircraft Display:** April 28, 2020, hosted by ProJet Aviation Leesburg Executive Airport (JYO). Save the date information <https://www.gwbaa.com/event-3509508>.
- **GWBAA 16th Annual Golf Classic:** September 17, 2020, 1757 Golf Club, Ashburn, Virginia. To register, please visit <https://www.gwbaa.com/event-3557413>.

More details will be posted as the events draw nearer.



## Everybody's Weird

By Mike Ott

In his book "The Blue Threat," Tony Kern notes that each of us is a unique being. Our genetics are different; our upbringing was different; our circumstances are different. As a result, each of us has different needs, wants, and likes. In addition, each of us brings a different point of view to situations that we encounter. This uniqueness can be of great benefit to your company or your family, because each of you might be able to solve a problem that the other people can't.

Given that you (and everyone else, for that matter) are weird, how do you treat people that you consider weird? Do you see them as a resource or a burden?

Let's face it; each of us works at a unique company, but each is, in many ways, a large family, with all of the associated stresses and joys. There are sisters, brothers, and, of course, a couple of really strange cousins. Each of us brings our own strengths to our jobs, our homes, and our hobbies, seeing things that others don't see and discovering answers that others haven't found.

So write an SMS Report; make a suggestion; solve a problem. Use your weirdness, your unique perspective to everyone's advantage

## Regional News Round-Up

**Salisbury-Wicomico Airport** has secured \$4 million in funding for improvements to the airport's water main, allowing it to be connected to the city of Salisbury's water system – which in turn is expected to enable additional development at the airport.

The Annapolis newspaper *Bay Weekly* profiled **Lee Airport**, noting that it is one of the 35 remaining community airports in Maryland – and under threat. The current owner, Van Lee, is part of a family that originally established the airport since 1939, but the number of aircraft based at the airport have declined from 115 to 76 since 2000, even while open land near the airport has been developed.

Bedford County, Virginia officials continue to develop a proposed zoning ordinance amendment to create an airport district – which would outline how airports could be developed in the county – amid concerns from residents about Liberty University's proposed expansion of the **New London Airport**.

A high school sophomore's Eagle Scout project was the renovation of the observation deck at **Manassas Regional Airport**.

## Upcoming Events

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

**December 12:** Committee for Dulles luncheon, featuring Airport Manager Mike Stewart. For more information, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/december-luncheon-annual-dulles-airport-update-tickets-79559541731>.

**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**

GWBAA President Bob Blouin ([info@gwbaa.com](mailto:info@gwbaa.com)), GWBAA Executive Director Cheryl Goldsby ([cheryl@gwbaa.com](mailto:cheryl@gwbaa.com)), and GWBAA Secretary Jol Silversmith of KMA Zuckert LLC ([jsilversmith@kmazuckert.com](mailto:jsilversmith@kmazuckert.com)) write and edit GWBAA News.

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

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