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## **GWBAA Celebrates the Holidays**

Thank you to **Dulles Jet Center** for hosting the GWBAA Holiday Reception. There was much to celebrate in 2019 with an impressive lineup of speakers at the Safety Standdown, record breaking attendance at our Golf Tournament and the launch of our first-ever Open House & Aircraft Display with 300 in attendance. The association also made donations to the Aero Club Foundation of Washington and Corporate Angel Network as well as providing a \$5000 scholarship to a student pursuing a career in aviation. Looking forward to another great year with the biz community in 2020!



## 2020 GBAA Event Preview:

- GBAA 14th Annual Safety Standdown:** March 26, 2020, NTSB Training Center, Ashburn, Virginia. To register, please visit <https://www.gwbaa.com/event-3588439>.

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- GBAA 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>



- **GWBA 16th Annual Golf Classic:** September 17, 2020, 1757 Golf Club, Ashburn, Virginia. To register, please visit <https://www.gwbaa.com/event-3557413>.



## **Rules to Live By (if you believe the NTSB database)**

*By Mike Ott*

After many years of reading the NTSB aviation accident database, I have reached the following conclusions (most of which are flawed in one way or another):

Avoid experimental/home-built aircraft as if your life depended on it (it does).

Avoid piston engine helicopters.

Avoid helicopters operating on US Forest Service contracts.

Avoid flying in Alaska.

Avoid flying other places.

Don't hit anything other than runways.

Don't hit runways too hard.

Always have enough fuel.

There's no such thing as enough fuel.

Hire a professional mechanic.

Check his work.

Check your own work.

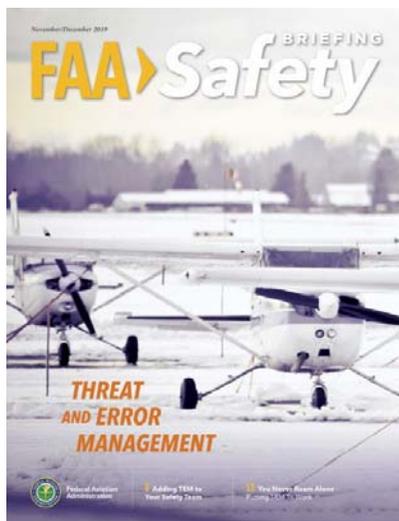
Sometimes, even if you follow these rules, you will still crash.

And on that happy note, I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

## Social Media Updates

Updates from our social media feeds:

- The NBAA Flight Plan podcast examines the Northeast Corridor Atlantic Coast Routes (NEC ACR) optimization project and its benefits - <https://nbaa.org/news/flight-plan/nextgen-routing-will-soon-provide-relief-east-coast-operators>.
- Nominations for the National Aeronautic Association's Robert J. Collier Trophy is due on January 31, 2020. For more information, please visit <https://naa.aero/awards/awards-and-trophies/collier-trophy>.
- The latest issue of FAA's newsletter for general aviation, FAA safety briefing, is available at [https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/); the theme of the issue is "threat and error management."



## Regional News Round-Up

**Hagerstown Regional Airport** has filed a lawsuit challenging the DOT's decision to terminate its participation in the Essential Air Service Program, which provided funding for Southern Airways Express to operate services at the airport.

**St. Mary's County Regional Airport** is planning a series of events to commemorate its 50th anniversary; the original airport properties were acquired in 1968, and the airport was operational in 1970.

Construction on the new terminal at **Warrenton-Fauquier Airport** has been delayed, with a ribbon-cutting event expected in the late winter or early spring of 2020. The airport received \$6.3 million in federal and state grants for the project, including associated roadway improvements; local residents Ralph and Bobbie Crafts also made significant financial contributions.

The pilot of a Grumman American AA-5A aircraft that had departed **College Park Airport** was killed when it crashed near New Carrollton on December 29. As always, fly safely!

## Upcoming Area Events

**January 20:** International Aviation Club luncheon panel on international aviation safety issues. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-3614403>.

**February 12:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring John Leahy, former COO-Customers, Airbus. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.org/event-3590286/Registration>.

**March 19:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Pieter Elbers, President & Chief Executive Officer, KLM. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.org/event-3590317/Registration>.

## 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.

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