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GWBAA 14th Annual Safety Standdown, presented by Bombardier

GWBAA's 14th Annual Safety Standdown, presented by Bombardier, will be held on March 26, 2020 at the NTSB Training Facility in Ashburn, Virginia. This event brings together the region's business aviation community for a day focused on making our industry safer. We are pleased to announce our keynote speaker will be Robert Agostino, Director, Flight Operations, Group Holdings Aviation.

Mr. Agostino is a recipient of the Dr. Tony Kern Professionalism in Aviation award as well as several other NBAA safety awards. He was selected for the 2003 Laureate Award the 2007 Aviation Week and Space Technology Laureate Award. The first recipient of the Business & Commercial AviationVision Award, he has also received commendations from the FAA, US Navy, and the FBI for his pioneering work in aviation safety. A nine-time world record holder, Agostino's career totals more than 40 years of corporate flight operations.

To see the full agenda, please visit <https://www.gwbaa.com/event-3588439>.

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GWBA 2nd Annual Open House and Aircraft Display

The Greater Washington Business Aviation Association (GWBA) is pleased to announce, after great success in our inaugural function with 300 attendees, our 2020 Open House and Aircraft Display Event. We will be holding the event Tuesday, April 28, 2020 from 4-8pm at the Leesburg Executive Airport (JYO) hosted by Projet Aviation. Guests will have the opportunity to tour new aircraft on display from Bombardier, Beechcraft, Cessna, Dassault, Embraer, Honda, Gulfstream, and Pilatus. GWBA will also be providing a selection of fresh sushi, BBQ and ice cream as well as wine and local craft beer. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information: <https://www.gwbaa.com/event-3509508>.



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GWBA 16th Annual Golf Classic

Please join us for the GWBA Classic Golf Tournament on September 17, 2020. This will be the 16th annual golf tournament GWBA has hosted. Last year, we saw 112 golfers on the course. Sponsorship are already being snatched up. This is a great day in support of GWBA, our charity partners, and the aviation community. Last year, we saw 112 golfers on the course. We will be returning to the beautiful 1757 Golf Club in Dulles, Virginia which scores 4.4 out of 5 stars on Google. The day is lower pressure fun as we play a 4-person scramble with mulligan tickets sold. To see the sponsorship opportunities remaining or register golfers, please visit <https://birdease.com/2020GWBAAGolf>.



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Social Media Updates

Updates from our social media feeds:

- Join NBAA for a unique opportunity to attend a PDP Course at NBAA headquarters. Global Jet Services will be teaching Aviation Human Factors on April 23-24 in Washington DC. You can register directly through the NBAA website: <https://nbaa.org/events/2020-pdp-course-aviation-human-factors>.
- The National Aeronautic Association is accepting nominations for the Katherine Wright Trophy, which honors an individual who has contributed to the success of others, or made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time. See <https://naa.aero/awards/awards-and-trophies/katharine-wright-award>.
- An article in the NBAA Insider reports on what the FAA and industry are doing to reduce wrong-surface incidents. See <https://nbaa.org/news/business-aviation-insider/flight-crews-working-to-decrease-wrong-surface-incidents>.

Regional News Round-Up

Manassas Regional Airport is continuing to seek federal support for funds to replace its control tower, which was erected at the airport in 1992 but is actually almost 60 years-old, having been purchased from an airport in Colorado. Airport Director Juan Rivera has stated that a new tower is expected to cost \$8 million.

The Baltimore Sun reported that Carroll County had adopted local ordinances for drones that were preempted by state law (without addressing whether they are all preempted by federal law). See

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/carroll/news/cc-maryland-drone-jurisprudence-20200205-2pye4t5thrfdpgam46ti76f7eu-story.html>.

Among recently-announced federal grants to airports are a \$1 million grant to **Hagerstown Regional Airport** and a \$300,00 grant to **Tipton Airport**.

STEM Flights, a Virginia-based nonprofit which partners with public schools and other educational organizations to provide no-cost flights to selected young adults has chosen **Winchester Regional Airport** as a base for its Cessna 172 aircraft.

For the sixth consecutive year, Chantilly Air's Maintenance team has been awarded the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Diamond Award of Excellence for Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) training. See <https://corporatejetinvestor.com/articles/faa-recognises-chantilly-air-with-diamond-award/>.

The fire suppression system malfunctioned at a hangar at **Manassas Regional Airport** on February 7, overflowing the hangar with foam.



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/>.

Upcoming Area Events

March 18: Aero Club luncheon featuring David Pecoske, Administrator of the TSA. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/event/march-2020-luncheon/>.

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>.

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) 500-3209.

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