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## **Virtual Safety Spotlight - Thursday, July 23**

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, July 23**, as GWBAA hosts our Virtual Safety Spotlight presented by Bombardier. We're thrilled to have Robert Agostino, a recipient of the Dr. Tony Kern Professionalism in Aviation award as well as several other NBAA safety awards, join us to share on the topic of "Professionalism in Aviation." The two-hour event will provide time for attendees to discuss business aviation hot topics with Steve Berry of NATA, and Moranda Reilly of Harris will provide updates on fuel contamination and CPDLC issues.

Registration is now open for this virtual event at <https://gwbaa.com/event-3791708>, provided free of cost by the generous sponsorships by the following companies:



## Message from the President

Hello GWBAA Members,

I hope this message finds everyone healthy and safe. It has been a challenging last several months for everyone – whether we have been personally impacted or not. Let’s all take the opportunity to be thankful for all we have and continue to look out for one another.

Many of you are aware we have recently had some changes to the GWBAA Board. Bob Blouin – who was a founder of GWBAA and in many ways the heartbeat of the association – has “semi-retired” from GWBAA. He, along with Harry Houckes – another invaluable long-term Board Member and leader within the association who recently stepped down – have decided to remain with us in an advisory capacity (along with Scott White - another former Board Member). We cannot thank Bob and Harry enough for the decade and a half of support and guidance to GWBAA, and appreciate Scott continuing to be involved as well. We also welcome Paige Kroner and Sarah Wolf to the board.

As the Vice President of GWBAA, I have moved into the Interim President role until a new permanent president is named. Many of you may remember me from Piedmont Hawthorne/Landmark at both Dulles and Leesburg Airports. I am currently with FBO Partners based in Northern Virginia and look forward to meeting and reconnecting with everyone. If you ever need to get a hold of me, please feel free to contact me on my cell at (703) 772-5147 or via email at [jamie.wilson@fbopartners.com](mailto:jamie.wilson@fbopartners.com).

What I really want to highlight with everyone is that GWBAA is YOUR ASSOCIATION. Our membership provides opportunities for ongoing learning and networking with the business aviation community, while also helping others through our philanthropic efforts. We are here to help you and make this regional group one of the best in our industry. If we can help you in any way, please reach out to us and share your thoughts and ideas (<https://gwbba.com/board.html>).

We also encourage anyone who is interested in participating and getting involved with GWBAA to do so as well. As a group of volunteers, we all have areas that we specialize in and topics that are important to us. But we certainly cannot think of and execute on everything and strongly encourage everyone to participate. Volunteering does not need to be a major time effort if you do not have the bandwidth either. It can be from a few hours a month to a few hours a year – whatever fits your schedule. It helps to get the most out of your membership, raises both you and your company’s profile within our community, and forms new and deeper connections. If you have an interest in being a Board Member, setting up a

committee, being someone who can volunteer at an event, hosting a brown bag lunch, or in any other way that may interest you, please let us know and get involved. We very much welcome the help!

I also want to share our thanks to our sponsors. Without all of you, GWBAA would not be able to exist. Your support helps to bring us together and host these great events (which we hope to get back to very soon) as well as support our philanthropic efforts. I cannot stress enough to our members to please make sure that they support our sponsors as they truly support all of us!

As mentioned earlier, if there is anything either me or any of us can do to help you, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thanks for your time and support!

Jamie Wilson

## **GWBAA 16th Annual Golf Classic**

GWBAA is excited to announce our 2020 Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, September 17. This will be the 16th annual tournament GWBAA has hosted.

We recognize the importance of COVID-19 is playing on our daily lives and we will be taking precautions to make this day safe and enjoyable for all in attendance. The following practices will be in place:

- Golfers will ride in separate carts unless golfers are from same household.
- Hole flags will be left in the hole. (Other course or rules changes may occur.)
- Masks are highly encouraged when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Food will be served by 1757 Golf Club staff.

Due to separating golfers, we will be limiting the golfer count to 72 this year.

GWBAA and the 1757 Golf Club will be doing our best to provide a safe experience for our golfers and sponsors but it is up to each of us to contribute to maintaining safety protocol.

The networking reception has been cancelled for this year. We look forward to returning to this traditional event in 2021.

To see the sponsorship opportunities remaining or register golfers, please visit <https://birdease.com/2020GWBAAgolf>.



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## Regional News Round-Up

The **Manassas Regional Airport** tower is closed for reconstruction, which means that the airport is now Class E airspace. For guidance from the FAA Safety team about operations at HEF at this time, please visit <https://www.faa.gov/SPANS/noticeView.aspx?nid=10166>.

**Stafford Regional Airport** reportedly (and unsurprisingly) has seen a decrease in fuel sales (down 67%) and operations (down 50%). The airport has a \$1.3 million remaining balance on a loan from Stafford County for terminal construction; the airport is hoping to negotiate a deferral or repayment adjustment. The airport is also seeking FAA funding for the planned 1,000-foot extension of its runway, with an estimated completion date in 2022.

The Capital Wing of the Commemorative Air Force will bring their "Warbird Showcase" to **Culpeper Regional Airport** on Saturday, July 11 and then again on Saturday, August 15. For more information, please visit <http://www.capitalwing.org>.

Recent recipients of FAA airport grants include **Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport** (\$10.7 million for taxiway rehabilitation and terminal expansion), **Frederick Municipal Airport** (\$4.6 million for runway extension), **Hagerstown Regional Airport** (\$6.3 million for runway rehabilitation) and **Cambridge-Dorchester Regional Airport** (\$675,000 to remove obstructions).

The **National Aeronautic Association** (based in Washington, DC) is seeking nominations for awards including Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy, Wesley L. McDonald Distinguished Statesperson of Aviation, Frank G. Brewer Trophy, Public Benefit Flying Awards, and the Harmon Aeronaut Trophy. For more information, please visit <https://naa.aero/awards>.

## GWBA Open House Delayed

We continue to plan to reschedule GWBAA's Open House and Aircraft Display event for later this year. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through these changes.



## Keeping Alert to Coronavirus News

To continue to keep alert to coronavirus news and its impacts on business aviation, please visit NBAA's web page at <https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/safety/coronavirus/>. NBAA's website also provides additional resources, regularly updated, such as:

- [Operational Considerations](#) - resources such as real time ATC status updates, state directives, and preparation tools
- [NBAA News Hour Webinar Series](#) - free live webinars produced every Tuesday and Friday at 11:00 AM Eastern, with recordings available usually by next business day
- [Aircraft Disinfection Recommendations](#)
- [Airspace Alerts](#)

## About GWBAA

GWBAA Interim President Jamie Wilson ([jamie.wilson@fbopartners.com](mailto:jamie.wilson@fbopartners.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 Jamie, Cheryl, or Jol.

## **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/>.

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