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## Registration for GWBAA's 2021 Golf Tournament Now Open

GWBAA's 17th annual charitable golf tournament is scheduled for September 16, 2021 at the 1757 Golf Club. For sponsorship and registration information, please visit <https://birdease.com/2021GWBAAGolf>.



We look forward to hopefully returning to our full slate of events in 2021. But as everyone understands, we are dependent on numerous factors to have successful events next year. As of now we are targeting March 2021 (exact date TBD) for a virtual Safety Standdown and April/May 2021 for an in-person Open House and Aircraft Display. Information and dates on both these events will be forthcoming.

## Regional News Round-Up

**Winchester Regional Airport** has requested additional funding from Clarke County for fiscal 2022 - \$10,000, instead of the \$2,500 provided for fiscal year 2021.

Acting Wicomico County Executive John Psota, in comments to the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that the extension of municipal water to the **Salisbury-Wicomico County Regional Airport** is expected to be completed in the spring, and the next agenda item for the airport will be runway extension.

Agenda items for the **Manassas Regional Airport Commission** include terminal roof replacement and repairs to the tower.

Long-term plans for **Leesburg Executive Airport** include development on its west side. Airport Director Scott Coffman, according to the *Washington Business Journal*, has said that except for April and May, the airport's traffic actually has increased during 2020, in part due to increased flight training during the pandemic.

Silent Falcon UAS Technologies, a drone manufacturer, has announced that it will locate a research, development, and manufacturing facility at the **Front Royal-Warren County Airport**.

The latest issue of the FAA's newsletter for general aviation, *FAA Safety Briefing*, is now available at [https://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2020/media/NovDec2020.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2020/media/NovDec2020.pdf). The theme of the issue is controlled flight into terrain - i.e., how to avoid it, using both technology and pilot skills.



An experimental aircraft that had taken off from **Leesburg Executive Airport** made an emergency landing in a field on December 28. As always, fly safely!

## About GWBAA

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

## NBAA Membership Discount

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