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Meet the GWBAA Board

Q&A With Caleb Stitely, Marketing and Client Relations Manager at Chantilly Air in Manassas, Virginia; GWBAA Board Member,; Vice President and Chair of the Safety Standdown.

Q. What is the best part of your job?

A. Being a part of a professional team that work hard every day to focus on our clients. Also, the addition of a FBO in 2021 was a challenge and created great opportunity for learning by being out of my “comfort zone”.

Q. What do you do in your free time?

A. I have small “mini farm” and garden that allows me to get my hands dirty. Also, I love to hike and just be outdoors .

Q. What advice do you have for someone starting out in business aviation?

A. Immerse yourself in your job, volunteer for assignments outside of your job description and get involved with organizations like GWBAA to build your professional network.

Q. I am glad you brought up GWBAA, what benefit does Chantilly Air get from you being on the Board?

A. GWBAA gives our team direct visibility and access to flight departments and vendors in the area. Additionally, our Team have benefitted from attending the GWBAA safety standdown. As a result of GWBAA we have all developed life-long friends and mentors.

Q. What is your #1 Goal ?

A. I have had great mentors that have been a big help early in my career. I want to play that forward and be a mentor to new folks entering the business .

Q. How do you keep your work/life in balance and still find time for GWBAA in the mix?

A. One of my mentors once told me to carve out just 15 or 20 minutes a few times a week to “give back”. So, I do that, and it has benefitted Chantilly Air, Me and GWBAA.

Q. How does someone get involved with GWBAA?

A. Contact anyone on the Board to get involved in a committee or support an event. My first involvement was setting up tables at the safety standdown and now I am the Vice President.

Regional News Round-Up

In December, Montgomery County held its second forum of the year to discuss concerns about **Montgomery County Airpark**. Keith Miller, CEO of the Montgomery County Revenue Authority (which operates the airport) noted that the complaints it has received have increased significantly since 2020, but a large percentage came from “four unique households.”

Greg Campbell, manager of the **Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport**, has been selected by new Governor Glenn Youngkin to be Director of the Virginia Department of Aviation.

Leesburg Executive Airport and the Leesburg Economic Development Commission expect later this year to seek input from the Town Council and public on airport development plans, according to reports at the most recent meeting of the Airport Commission.

The latest issue of FAA's magazine for general aviation, *FAA Safety Briefing*, is available at https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2022/media/JanFeb2022.pdf; the theme of the issue is "aerospace medicine and you."



Upcoming Events

NBAA's 2022 **leadership conference** will be held next week (February 7-9) in Fort Worth, Texas with a theme of "Return to Service" - for more information and to register, please visit <https://nbaa.org/events/2022-leadership-conference>.

The **International Aviation Club** will be hosting an in-person luncheon with Bjorn Tore Larsen, the founder and CEO of Norse Atlantic Airways, on February 10 at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-4457115>.

Winchester Regional Airport plans to hold a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, February 18 for the KOKV Hangars development, with Asdurgo Development and TMG Construction. The project includes 32 condominium hangars; the first phase is expected to be ready for occupancy later this year.

Please hold the date for GWBAA's **safety standdown** - Wednesday, April 27, featuring Amy Grubb as the keynote speaker.

Likewise, please hold Thursday, September 15 for GWBAA's annual charitable **golf tournament**.

About GWBAA

GWBAA President Jamie Wilson (jamie.wilson@fbopartners.com) and GWBAA Secretary Jol Silversmith of KMA Zuckert LLC (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

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 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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