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GWBAA Safety Standdown - April 27

Please hold Wednesday, April 27, for the return of GWBAA's in-person safety standdown. Thank you to Bombardier for sponsoring our Keynote Speaker - Amy Grubb, Ph.D. Amy is an internationally acclaimed speaker who is currently serving as the Digital Transformation Advisor to the CIO at the FBI and the founder of Organizational Insights. A two-time recipient of the FBI Director's Award for Excellence, she is also the Chair of the Bombardier Safety Council. To register, please visit <https://gwbaa.com/event-4692819>. Additional agenda and location information will be available soon.

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Meet the GWBAA Board

Q&A With Sarah Wolf, GWBAA Board Member and Social Media Chair

Q. What is your background in business aviation?

I have been in business aviation for over 20 years in a variety of roles from FBO operations, as a Part 135 pilot, and working at NBAA on professional development, adult learning, flight department security and unmanned aircraft systems.

Q. How did you get involved with aviation?

I have always been interested in aviation. I majored in aeronautical studies at the University of North Dakota. But even before that, my interest started in aviation with my uncle who was a Director of Maintenance for an FBO in St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. In high school, I was involved in a Boy Scout Explorer Group where we learned a lot about aviation by visiting Holman Field (KSTP) in St. Paul, Minnesota, and touring many of the local business aviation flight departments.

Q. What do you do in your free time?

I love to bake. During the first months of the pandemic, I really got into baking bread – but not the sourdough fad! My specialties are cinnamon rolls and baguettes.

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

They should realize that there are more opportunities in business aviation than being a pilot. There are opportunities in marketing, charter sales, finance, interior design and more. There is a depth and breadth to opportunities that it is amazing.

Q. How did you get involved with GWBAA and what do you get from being on the Board?

I learned about the opportunity to join the GWBAA Board from the previous GWBAA President, Bob Blouin. I have known Bob from our time working together at NBAA, as well as Paige Kroner – another GWBAA Board Member. When NBAA was forced to make a large reduction in its staff due to the economic impact of the pandemic, I was unfortunately one of the people let go. My involvement with GWBAA allows me to stay engaged and active with the business aviation community – and hopefully find my next role in the industry. Aviation is more than my career; it is my passion. Many mornings I drive to Gravelly Point near DCA with my cup of coffee to watch planes take off and land.

Q. What is your #1 Goal for GWBAA?

To introduce more people – especially students – to business aviation.

Q. What has been your favorite part of being involved with GWBAA?

Learning all about GWBAA and meeting new people. And driving golf carts at the golf tournament!

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

It helps that I don't have a full-time job yet! But honestly even if I did, I don't think it would be a problem to find time to give to GWBAA. I really enjoy the variety of tasks related to GWBAA, and everyone is great about "sharing the lift" and helping one another out. You can customize the amount of time you want to focus on different efforts.

Q. How does someone get involved with GWBAA?

You can reach out to anyone on the GWBAA Board. There are so many opportunities to help and volunteer – whether as a board member or assisting with a GWBAA event.

Regional News Round-Up

The Warren County Sheriff's Office reportedly is investigating claims by an airport user of misuse of public funds at **Front Royal-Warren County Airport**.

Micah Risher has been elected as the new President of the Maryland Airport Managers Association. Ricah is the Manager of **Easton Airport** in Talbot County.

Virginia Business profiled Averett University, which is the FBO and offers flight training to its students at **Danville Regional Airport**. See <https://www.virginiabusiness.com/article/averett-students-take-flight-at-danville-airport/>

The "Maryland Matters" website published an oped - both misleading and sensationalistic, unfortunately - asserting that **Maryland Airport** in Charles County is a source of lead pollution. See <https://www.marylandmatters.org/2022/02/13/opinion-charles-co-urged-to-take-action-to-avoid-a-potential-lead-poisoning-crisis/>.

Upcoming Events

On March 10, the International Aviation Club will host an in-person luncheon featuring Huntley Lawrence, COO of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-4702249>.

The Committee for Dulles will hold its annual gala on March 25, honoring John Potter, the President and CEO of MWA. For more information, please visit <https://www.committeefordulles.org/events/2021-tower-of-dulles-gala>.

Please hold Thursday, September 15 for GWBAA's annual charitable golf tournament at the 1757 Golf Club.

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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