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GWBAA Safety Standdown - April 27

Please join us on 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>. An overview of the complete agenda:

0730: Registration
0730-0830: Breakfast & Networking
0830: Opening Remarks
0845: GWBAA Welcome & Update
0900: Josh Shields: Creating Effective Trust and Reporting Culture
1000-1030: Energy Break
1030: Keynote Speaker – Amy Grubb: Change and Wellness in a Performance Based Way
1230: Lunch
1330: NBAA Update & Safety Committee Update – Jeff Wofford
1345: BJ Ransbury: Required Paradigm Shift to Overcome Loss of Control In-flight
1445: Noah Ayers: USAF Safety Programs
1530: Closing Remarks & Door Prizes

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Meet the GWBAA Board

Q&A with Chris Younger, Senior Counsel with the Aviation and Tax groups at Crowell & Moring, LLP, in Washington, DC, and also a GWBAA Board Member and Treasurer

Q. How did you first get interested in business aviation?

A. Serendipity, I guess. I did not grow up with a deep-seated love of aviation or airplanes as is the case with many of my colleagues in the business aviation industry. My professional background prior to working in our industry was in corporate and real estate transactions and related tax matters. Fortunately, in 2005 I was recruited to join the business aviation practice of a boutique law firm in Washington, DC. I have found that, from a legal standpoint, aircraft and real estate transactions share many similarities but the mobility of aircraft and the tax issues relating to them make many aspects of my aviation practice very different from what I did as a real estate attorney. Business aviation has been a nice industry to land in and build my career.

Q. What is the best part of your job?

A. My professional focus and what I like doing most is tax planning for aircraft owners and operators. I also really enjoy working in a great industry, together with my GWBAA colleagues, who have such a broad spectrum of experiences working in business aviation. It fits my personality well, not just in terms of what I do but also engaging with the eclectic mix of people in the industry, which often fascinates me.

Q. What surprised you about business aviation once you got into this field?

A. I was surprised to learn of the myriad ways that business aircraft ownership and operations are regulated by federal, state and local government. I didn't realize the breadth of touch points between business aircraft and the many different federal, state and local government agencies that are responsible for administering these regulations.

Q. How did you get involved with GWBAA?

A. I've been involved with GWBAA since the beginning of my career as a business aviation tax attorney, attending many GWBAA events including several of the golf outings, holiday parties, and open houses. My work life doesn't always cross paths directly with the pilots and operators within a company but GWBAA has been a great way to make personal connections with the broad array of people we work with in the business aviation industry.

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

A. By joining the GWBAA board and becoming the GWBAA Treasurer, I can give back to GWBAA for some of the educational and other benefits that I received from GWBAA in the early days of my joining the business aviation community. Also, I find that the work I am doing as GWBAA Treasurer is a good fit with my background. For these reasons, I was excited about this new position and jumped at the opportunity to be a GWBAA board member and its Treasurer.

Q. What do you do in your free time?

A. My wife and I have an eight year old daughter so family is the focus of most of my free time. We love to go camping and biking. Camping is a hobby that I picked up from my childhood when my mom bought a tent to take us camping. Later, as an adult, I mixed my passion for camping with my love of Volkswagens. Over the years I have owned four VW camper buses and loved taking them out on innumerable camping trips. However, my family was a bit reluctant to enjoy the spartan accommodations afforded by those smaller campers so we decided to switch to a full blown RV to better enjoy our camping trips (although I still miss the adventure of taking a VW camper out for a weekend trip). We like to camp in the mountains of western Maryland and Pennsylvania and also at campgrounds near the coastal beaches of the DMV.

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

A. For attorneys, I think that it would be helpful to get some experience in the business aviation industry outside the legal realm before starting to practice aviation law. For example, I would have benefited immensely from learning the terminology that is used in the industry and the technical aspects of the variety of aircraft makes and models that are available including the different mission profiles they fulfill. This is also a very tight knit industry and it would have benefited me to get to know some of the players in this space before I started practicing aviation law. From a more general perspective, I think it would be helpful for a new entrant to examine all of the different career opportunities that are available in our industry and how they tie together with the person's skills. There are so many career opportunities available in our industry that I am certain that most everyone will likely find a place to land and make a career in business aviation.

Regional News Round-Up

Virginia has approved a plan for the construction of a 1,000 megawatt solar farm at **Washington Dulles International Airport**; the project also still requires MWAA and FAA approval. In other Dulles news, Fairfax County is expected this summer to consider a change of policy to allow residential construction in the 60-65 DNL noise contour around the airport.

Renovations are underway at **Danville Regional Airport**, in anticipation of the Caesars Entertainment casino expect to open in 2023. Improvement will include tarmac size, fuel capacity, and terminal space.

The Richmond Executive Aviation FBO at **Richmond Executive Airport** has joined the Fly Louie Alliance Preferred FBO network.

The latest issue of FAA's newsletter for general aviation, *FAA Safety Briefing*, is available at <https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/2022-03/MarApr2022.pdf>; the theme of the issue is mechanics and maintenance.



A Cessna Citation skidded off the runway at **Maryland Airport** upon landing on March 7. No injuries were reported. As always, fly safely!

Upcoming Events

NBAA will be holding its schedulers and dispatchers conference in San Diego on April 5-7. Note that vaccinated attendees will not be required to wear masks, and the CLEAR app will be used. For more information, please visit <https://nbaa.org/events/2022-schedulers-dispatchers-conference/>.

The international Aviation Club will hold its L. Welch Pogue Award Dinner on Thursday, April 28, honoring Oscar Munoz, retired Executive Chairman and former CEO of United Airlines. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-4434764>.

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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