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GWBAA to Hold Holiday Party at Dulles Jet Center



We are pleased to announce the return of GWBAA's holiday party (and annual membership meeting and board elections). We plan to convene at Dulles Jet Center (23800 Windssock Drive) on Thursday, December 8 between 5:30pm and 7:30pm. This is a free event open to all GWBAA members and prospective members, but advanced registration (<https://gwbaa.com/event-5030081>) is appreciated.

Please note: the GWBAA Annual Meeting will convene at 6pm. GWBAA members will be asked to participate in an election to confirm the current [Board of Directors](#) for a period of two years unless there is an objection or alternative nominations are proposed.

If you have any questions or would like to provide a door prize, please contact :Cheryl Goldsby, (703) 737-6753, cheryl@kfactorsolutions.com.

GWBAA Scholarship Winner

Chris Alexander was recently awarded a scholarship from GWBAA at the 2022 [Aviation Expo](#) hosted by ProJet Aviation at Leesburg Executive Airport. Chris is currently a Senior at Towson University and is slated to graduate in December with a degree in business.

Chris has always had a passion for all things transportation – especially aviation. His migration to aviation began as a youth, watching aircraft depart and land at Baltimore-Washington International Airport from the observation deck. This is still very much a part of his routine as he often visits various airports around the region to plane-spot.

He recalls when he first realized he wanted a career in aviation. As an 11-year-old he was invited to visit the flight deck of a 737 while deplaning the aircraft at the start of a vacation. Mesmerized by all the instruments and screens, he knew then what he wanted for a career. He has taken a discovery flight and is just beginning his path towards an aviation career. While in his words he took the “safe route” in studying business in school, he has continued to stay engaged in aviation while studying numerous videos and utilizing flight simulator games to become familiar with flying.

Chris also has bigger aspirations that being a pilot. He wants to be a role model and set an example for future black pilots. He looks forward to the day when young children view him in the same way he did the pilots on the flight deck of that 737.

Balancing his studies and aviation passion, Chris enjoys working out, playing numerous sports, spending time with his girlfriend and his friends, and cheering for his Baltimore Ravens. He plans to use the funds from the scholarship for continuing his path with flight training.

GWBAA is currently working with a flight department in the area to provide Chris an opportunity to spend time with a pilot and learn about his/her career path as well as tour their aircraft and facility. If you would like to also offer this or a similar opportunity to Chris Alexander, please contact Jamie Wilson, GWBAA President, at jamie.wilson@fbopartners.com.



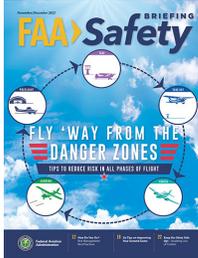
Regional News Round-Up

Winchester Regional Airport has opened the first phase of a new private hangar project; six are currently available, with five more to follow, and potentially 21 more to be constructed in the future. State funding - a \$4.1 million grant from the Virginia Department of Aviation - is helping the airport replace its 33-year-old terminal; construction is expected to start next year.



Harold A. Fowler has been selected to be the new Chief of Airport Operations and Maintenance for **Martin State Airport**. He previously served as Director of Fixed Base Operations at the airport. He is a private pilot and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He succeeds Al Pollard, who recently retired after 30 years with MDOT and the airport.

The Montgomery County Revenue Authority, which oversees **Montgomery County Airpark**, held a virtual meeting on November 22 to discuss proposals to address impacts of the airport on neighbors. Jol Silversmith, GWBAA's Secretary, was among those who made comments. For the underlying report, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/4nbyujsf>. Unfortunately, as has been widely reported, shortly after the meeting (on November 27), an aircraft approaching the airport collided with an electric tower; the pilot and passenger were rescued, but the incident is likely to enflame public opinion about the airport.



The latest issue of the FAA's newsletter for general aviation - *FAA Safety Briefing* - is available at https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/NovDec2022_1.pdf. The theme of the issue is "fly 'way from the danger zones" and includes articles on risks during all phases of flight, ranging from preflight checks to departure errors to fine tuning approaches.

Upcoming Events

December 8: As above, please hold this date for GWBAA's holiday party at Dulles Jet Center.

December 16: Aero Club Wright Memorial Dinner, honoring Colonel Eileen Collins. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/events/wright-memorial-dinner/>.

January 12: International Aviation Club "fireside chat" with Dina Ben Tal Gancia, CEO of El Al Israel Airlines. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/event-5056574/Registration>.

Through January 15: The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum's annual Free Holiday Plane & Train Garden will be located at 2323 Eastern Blvd in Middle River. For more details, including its hours of operation, please visit <https://www.mdairmuseum.org/railroad-garden>.

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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