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GWBAA - End of Year Wrap-Up



Happy Holidays!

As we close out 2022, I hope everyone is enjoying time with friends and family and using the time to recharge as the New Year awaits. This year has been another great one for the Greater Washington Business Aviation Association (GWBAA) and we are all looking forward to 2023.

As we put a bow on 2022, it is always good to take a look back at the year and what we have planned for 2023.

- In April, GWBAA held the **GWBAA Safety Standdown** which was hosted at the [Chantilly Air Jet Center](#). While there was a virtual component to the standdown, it was the first time that this event was also convened in-person for a couple years. The day was dedicated to making our industry safer by featuring well-known industry experts sharing their knowledge, including the keynote speaker, Amy D. Grubb, Ph.D.
- On September 15, a gorgeous day welcomed 85 golfers and 26 sponsors to **GWBAA's 18th Annual Golf Classic** at the 1757 Golf Club. The day brought low humidity, 78-degree weather, and a nice breeze to make the day almost perfect. Through the sale of mulligan tickets, \$1600 was raised for the [Corporate Angel Network](#).
- In October, GWBAA hosted a free **"Lunch and Learn"** event for members on human trafficking awareness. Michael E. Camal, a Senior Advisor at the DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking, and other DHS and CBP representatives provided a presentation about how

to identify and respond to suspected instances of human trafficking, including at FBOs and in general aviation.

- In November, GWBAA exhibited and presented a scholarship at the **Aviation Education and Career Expo** at [ProJet Aviation](#) in Leesburg. Well respected and recognized throughout the aviation community for bringing students (both high school and college) together with aviation professionals, this event has been a blueprint for others around the country. Towson University senior Chris Alexander was the recipient of the GWBAA scholarship.
- For the first time since 2019 GWBAA was pleased to host a December **Holiday Party**. It was a great evening of cheer and fellowship, allowing almost 90 members to connect in a social setting at the [Dulles Jet Center](#). Many thanks to Michael Landow and his team as they were wonderful hosts for the gathering.
- In December, GWBAA also made donations to both the Aero Club Foundation of Washington and Angel Flight Mid-Atlantic.

As we look forward to 2023, we plan a return of the [Open House and Aircraft Display](#) at the Dulles Jet Center planned for April 26. Please mark your calendars now! We also anticipate a return of the Safety Standdown, the Golf Tournament, the Holiday Party, and other events throughout the year.

GWBAA could not exist without the gracious time given by volunteers to the association – this includes board members and others who volunteer for specific events. For this, a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has helped the association in 2022! We also appreciate the gracious generosity of our sponsors and those who host our events during the year. These events allow GWBAA to continue our philanthropic efforts each year. We strongly encourage all our members to support our wonderful sponsors!

As we look forward to 2023, the year also brings a new president for GWBAA. Caleb Stitely takes over and he will do a fantastic job! He has served on the board for many years and in many roles, with the last couple as Vice President, so he is well prepared to lead the association. I have the utmost confidence in him, and I will remain on the board to provide assistance and continuity to GWBAA.

I personally want to take a moment to thank everyone who has been a part of GWBAA throughout the last several years and has been an incredible help to me as president. We collectively navigated this association through the pandemic as a group, bounced ideas and “what-ifs” off of each other, and always strived to make the association an asset to our membership. The names are too many, and that is what GWBAA is about, a collection of aviation professionals. Thank you all so much!

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a great 2023!

Jamie Wilson, President

Regional News Round-Up

Last month's accident near **Montgomery County Airpark** has generated new demands from neighbors that safety issues at the airport be addressed; a preliminary NTSB report indicates that the pilot failed to follow controller directions or maintain the required minimum altitude.

The City of Salisbury, Maryland has completed a project to extend its municipal water system to **Ocean City-Salisbury-Wicomico Regional Airport**, which will improve the airport's fire-fighting capabilities as well as enable further development.

A recent article in the Northern Virginia Daily profiled the operations of the Skyline Soaring Club at **Front Royal-Warren County Airport**. See https://www.nvdaily.com/nvdaily/skyline-soaring-club-glides-into-front-royal-warren-county-airport/article_192c8e36-be74-5732-8957-2c5d82e748a0.html.

Gordonsville Airport in November marked the completion of its \$2 million runway rehabilitation project, which included widening the runway to 50 feet and the repaving of all surfaces.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at **Winchester Regional Airport** on December 14 to celebrate the opening of six new condominium hangars, the first phase of a construction project led by Purcellville-based TMG Construction Corporation. Twenty-six additional hangars are expected to be built over a five-year period.

On December 26, a Piper Cherokee crashed shortly after takeoff from **Lee Airport** in Edgewater, Maryland; the pilot reportedly was rescued from a creek by kayak. As always, fly safely!

Upcoming Events

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>.

January 24-26: NBAA schedulers and dispatchers conference in Nashville, Tennessee. For more information, please visit <https://nbaa.org/events/2023-schedulers-dispatchers-conference>.

February 8: NBAA will be holding a regional forum at Miami-Opa Locka Airport. For more information, please visit <https://nbaa.org/events/2022-miami-opa-locka-regional-forum/>. Admission to the forum will be free to university students, who can register at a special link - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetTyyYI2gxdv3ynDy5y5jAgCfXOW2tdAUrgroQlh5O6cFI4g/viewform>.

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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.

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