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## **Open House & Aircraft Display - April 26, 2023**

Plans are underway for GWBAA's 2023 Open House & Aircraft Display, which will be held on Wednesday, April 26th at Washington Dulles International Airport, and supported by Dulles Jet Center, from 3PM-8PM.

We will have a host of new aircraft on display such as the Dassault Falcon 2000LXS, Bombardier Global 7500, Gulfstream G500, and many others! Plan to come see these beautiful aircraft, network with industry peers and enjoy a lovely day. Ed Bolen, the CEO of NBAA, will provide an update on its advocacy for business aviation. Also plan to come hungry as we will have a variety of chic food trucks, ice cream truck plus a beer and wine truck for you to sample.

Registration is now open at <https://gwbaa.com/event-5067811>. Many thanks to our sponsors:



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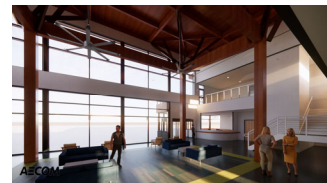
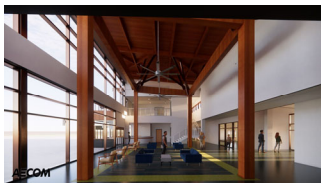


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## Regional News Round-Up

GWBA Board member (and former President) **Paige Kroner** has been named as NATA's new Senior Advisor for Industry Relations. NATA which represents aviation business service providers. Congratulations from GWBA!

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new terminal at **Winchester Regional Airport** was held on March 1. The new facility will provide 70% more space and is expected to be completed in July 2024. Funding sources include the Virginia Department of Aviation, Virginia economic incentive grants, and the USDA's Community Facilities Program for rural development.



ATC services at **Leesburg Executive Airport** - which had been a testbed for remote tower technologies - potentially may end on June 14. This does not appear to be at the request of FAA or the airport but instead because the provider, Saab, has decided to discontinue support for the current system. The Town is asking that FAA act quickly to address the short-term and long-term issues; more information is available at <https://www.leesburgva.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/airport-commission/atc-services-to-end-june-14-2023>.

In other Leesburg-related news, the March 3 flight on which a passenger (former White House official Dana Hyde) was killed was destined for JYO before diverting to Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

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## **FAA Proposed SMS Rule Mandate - FAA 14 C.F.R. Part 5** *Why should business aviation pay attention?*

Safety Management Systems (SMS) are making headlines again and the business aviation community needs to pay attention. The FAA issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that proposes an industry-changing regulation for SMS. The NPRM would affect all aircraft manufacturers, Part 135 charter operators, and air tour operators. In addition, the FAA is seeking comment on Part 145 repair stations. It is anticipated by many that this regulation could provide a foundation for future requirements for all other operations to include Part 91, international large aircraft, and flight schools.

*What is the FAA's 14 C.F.R. Part 5?*

In 2015, the FAA established a new set of regulations, 14 C.F.R. Part 5, to require Part 121 operators to develop and implement SMS. Now the FAA believes that the next step to continued safety improvement is to require SMS for other facets of industry. The FAA defines SMS as, "normal, top-down, organization-wide approach to managing safety risk and assuring the effectiveness of safety risk controls. It includes systematic procedures, practices, and policies for the management of safety risk." See <https://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/sms>. SMS helps organizations to proactively identify potential hazards in the operating environment, analyze the risks of those hazards, and mitigate identified risks to prevent an accident or incident. Additionally, SMS is becoming a standard throughout the aviation industry worldwide including the Department of Transportation's Joint Planning and Development Office (JPDO), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and civil aviation authorities (CAA).

*What is the NPRM exactly?*

The NPRM will be an industry-changing regulation, adding additional SMS measures that must be addressed for compliance. Some of these requirements will include the submission of comprehensive manuals outlining safety practices and procedures used to ensure safe operation. Additionally, operators will be required to conduct program reviews and provide proactive risk management processes that assess their risk management framework regularly. As stated previously, the NPRM will impact all aircraft manufacturers, Part 135 charter operators, and air tour operators. In addition, the FAA is seeking comment on Part 145 repair stations. It is anticipated by many that this regulation could provide a foundation for future requirements for all other operations to include Part 91, international large aircraft, and flight schools. The FAA has already issued an SMS mandate to airports operating under FAR Part 139 impacting more than 200 of the busiest commercial airports in the United States (<https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/aerospace/2023-02-17/faa-issues-airport-sms-mandate>).

*Why is this happening?*

According to the FAA, it "proposes this rule in part to address a Congressional mandate as well as recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and two Aviation Rulemaking Committees (ARCs). Additionally, the proposed rule would more closely align the United States with Annex 19 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation." See <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/11/2022-28583/safety-management-systems>. The FAA credits SMS as the key to steering us into the safest era in commercial aviation history by identifying risk, establishing mitigation protocols, and diminishing potential safety issues before an accident occurs.

*What is the industry's view?*

As an industry, we agree that a properly implemented SMS is an invaluable tool to mitigate risks, but requirements should be scalable. Additionally, let's not diminish all the good work the Part 135 community has already done to create and implement SMS best practices. Further, many programs have already been audited under IS-BAO or similar standards. The industry wants to work together with our regulators to make sure we have an engaged program that truly adds safety to our industry.

*What can you do to make sure your voice is heard?*

Learn what is being proposed, how to comment, and what comments might make sense for our industry. The comment period is open until April 11, 2023. You can submit your comments electronically or via mail:

- Electronically go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal:  
<https://www.regulations.gov/document/FAA-2021-0419-0001>
- Mail comments to the following address:

Docket Operations, M-30  
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

***For more information, a few further references:***

- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/11/2022-28583/safety-management-systems>
- <https://nbaa.org/flight-department-administration/sms/faas-proposed-sms-mandate/>
- <https://nbaa.org/flight-department-administration/sms/faas-proposed-sms-mandate/call-to-action-has-your-voice-been-heard-on-the-faas-proposed-safety-mandates/>

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## Upcoming Events

**April 19:** Aero Club of Washington young professional networking event. For more information, please visit <https://www.aeroclub.org/faa-reauthorization-101-an-aero-club-runway-program-event/>.

**April 26:** As above, please plan to join us for GWBAA's Open House & Aircraft Display.

**April 27:** International Aviation Club lunching featuring the CEO of Virgin Atlantic, Shai Weiss. For more information, please visit <https://iacwashington.wildapricot.org/Events.aspx>.

**September 18-19:** Please hold these dates for GWBAA's golf tournament and safety standdown, to be held back-to-back at the 1757 Golf Club.

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## About GWBAA

GWBAA President Caleb Stitely ([calebstitely@chantillyair.com](mailto:calebstitely@chantillyair.com)) and GWBAA Secretary Jol Silversmith of KMA Zuckert LLC ([jsilversmith@kmazuckert.com](mailto:jsilversmith@kmazuckert.com)) write and edit GWBAA News.

GWBAAs 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 Caleb or Jol.

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## **NBAA Membership Discount**

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