

April 26, 2010

GWBAA Safety Standdown Scheduled for May 20

GWBAA to Hold 4th Annual Event at NTSB

GWBAA will host its 4th annual safety standdown at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia on Thursday, May 20. The keynote speaker will be Rod Machado, an aviation humorist, educator, and psychologist. Other speakers will include: Rick Rowe, Chief Pilot, Bombardier Flight Demo Team, on Challenging the Status Quo; Dr. Paulo Alves of MedAire, on Fatigue Management and Travel Health; and Paul Schuda of the NTSB, on TWA Flight 800.

Sponsors include Bombardier; Dassault Falcon; FlighSafety International; Gulfstream; Landmark Aviation; the Landsdowne Resort; NBAA; Rudy's Inflight Catering; Sharp Details; Signature Flight Support; TISMA; and Universal Weather and Aviation.

Registration information is available at <http://gwbaa2010safetystanddown.eventbrite.com>. If you'd like to volunteer to help in any capacity, please contact us at info@gwbaa.com, or visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/standdown.html>.

Regional News Round-Up

The **Winchester Regional Airport Authority** will seek a meeting with the Frederick County Board of Supervisors to request a reduction on aircraft personal property taxes, according to the *Northern Virginia Daily*. The current tax rate is 42.5¢ per \$100 of assessed value. Authority member Richard Largent said that lowering the rate "could be a great incentive for aircraft to come over, but it doesn't put a lot of money into the coffers of Frederick County. Is it the answer? Probably not completely, but it's one piece of the pie."

Stafford Regional Airport Authority Chairman Hank Scharpenberg has informed the County Board of Supervisors that the airport will decrease the operating subsidy it needs from its three supporting localities: Fredericksburg, Stafford County and Prince William County. Airport Manager Ed Wallis told the Free Lance-Star that in the past year, hangar rentals have doubled; of the 40 hangars, only three remain empty. Wallis attributes the turnaround to the supervisors, who voted in 2009 to essentially eliminate the county's personal-property tax on aircraft. Stafford paid \$114,285 to the airport in the current fiscal year, but tentatively will be asked to pay only \$85,214 in the upcoming fiscal year.



Easton Airport has received two federal grants totaling \$1.5 million to replace and widen a

tarmac; install a new drainage system under the tarmac; and cut trees to proper height requirements. The work is expected to be finished by the end of the summer and to not affect operations.



Salisbury-Ocean City: Wicomico Regional Airport is seeking \$2 million in federal grants to build a taxiway alongside its newly-extended runway and to relocate navigational aids. Airport Manager Bob Bryant told the *Delmarva Daily Times* that the runway extension had been on the airport's master plan since 1980 and that "[t]he purpose of the 900-foot taxiway extension is to avoid safety concerns. It gets (planes) on and off the runway much more efficiently."

GWBA's Treasurer, Jim Garland, was profiled on April 12 in the *Washington Post*; the column recounted the evolution over the past twenty years of Garland's Dulles-based aircraft cleaning and detailing company, **Sharp Details**. The article, by Thomas Heath, can be viewed online at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/11/AR2010041102828.html>.

On March 20, a Piper Lance landing at **Lee Airport** experienced a gear collapse; on March 25, a Cessna 120 crashed in the South River near Annapolis shortly after take-off from Lee Airport; and on March 30, a Cessna 182 made an emergency landing near **Frederick Municipal Airport**. No serious injuries have been reported. As always, fly safely!

If you're aware of any news of interest to business aviation occurring around the greater Washington area, please let us know at info@gwbaa.com.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **April 21:** AOPA Air Safety Foundation seminar on "10 Things Other Pilots Do Wrong" at the Crowne Plaza in Timonium, Maryland. For more information, please visit <http://www.aopa.org/asf/seminars/seminar.cfm?FA=SS>.
- **April 26:** The Aero Club of Washington at its monthly luncheon will Janet Napolitano, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org>.
- **April 28:** 9th annual National Chamber Foundation aviation summit and showcase at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC. For more information, please visit <http://ncf.uschamber.com/aviationsummit2010/>.
- **May 7:** The Committee for Dulles will co-host A Salute to James E. Bennett – the retiring President and CEO of MWAA – at Noon at the Fairview Park Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://www.committeefordulles.org/100507jeb.html>.
- **May 13:** The Royal Aeronautical Society of Washington will host a panel on "The Economic Outlook for the Aerospace Industry" at 7pm at the British Embassy. For more information, please visit <http://www.raeswashington.org>.

- **May 20:** GWBAA will host its 4th annual safety standdown at the NTSB Training Center; speakers will include Dr. Paul Schuda of the NTSB. More information will be made available shortly.
- **May 24:** 22nd annual Greater Washington Aviation Open, to benefit the Corporate Angel Network, at the Lansdowne Resort in Northern Virginia. For more information, please visit <http://www.gwao.org/2010-gwao-brochure.pdf>.
- **June 5-6:** Ocean City, Maryland air show. For more information, please visit <http://www.ocairshow.com>.
- **June 7-9:** NATA air charter summit at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia. For information, please visit <http://www.nata.aero/Event.aspx?page=1259§ionid=553>.
- **June 19:** Become-A-Pilot Day at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia. For more information, please visit <http://www.nasm.si.edu/becomeapilot/>.
- **June 23-25:** Air Transport World eco-aviation conference at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://www.atwonline.com/events/ecoAviationConference.html>.
- **July 19-20:** AAE & ALA Summer Legislative Issues Conference, at the Capital Hilton. For more information, please visit <http://events.aae.org/sites/100702/index.cfm>.
- **July 26-28:** FAA, AAE and USCTA annual workshop on the Contract Tower Program at the Westin City Center. For more information, please visit <http://events.aae.org/sites/100708/index.cfm>.
- **September 28:** Save the date for the sixth annual GWBAA golf tournament at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course.

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