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GWBAA Golf Tournament Rescheduled to Oct. 27

Sixth Annual Tournament to Be Held at 1757 Golf Club



The sixth Annual GWBAA Golf Tournament has been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 27, due to inclement weather on the originally scheduled date.

The tournament will benefit the Aero Club of Washington Foundation. It will be at the 1757 Golf Club in Dulles, VA, with a shotgun start at 8am and lunch and awards to follow at Noon. Visit <http://www.1757golfclub.com> to learn more about this new course.

For information and to register as a player, as well as to sign up for one of many sponsor opportunities, visit <http://2010gwbaagolf.eventbrite.com>. GWBAA thanks its many sponsors including:



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Montgomery County Airpark marked its 50th anniversary on October 9; the 115-acre facility was developed by William E. Richardson and opened shortly after the closure of Rockville's

Congressional Airport in 1959. Today, his granddaughter – Sally Poe – is President of Freestate Aviation, which sublets and operates core facilities such as hangars and fueling. Montgomery County maintains and funds the rest of the airpark, including the runway and terminal. Airpark Manager John Luke, a county employee, told the *Gaithersburg Gazette* that airport traffic has decreased from 146,000 flights per year in the mid-1990s to about 95,000 but 180 planes continue to be based at the airport. “Every thriving community should have a local airport.”

The Frederick County finance committee has recommended that the Board of Supervisors reduce the personal property tax rate for all aircraft based at **Winchester Regional Airport** from 42.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 1 cent. The change would bring the rate in line with airports in Leesburg, Manassas, and Warrenton. Earlier this year, the rate was reduced for aircraft weighing more than 20,000 pounds after ProJet Aviation relocated two executive jets to Leesburg. Airport Executive Director Serena “Renny” Manuel told the *Northern Virginia Daily* that “[i]f we start losing the jet burners or are unable to attract replacements due to our tax rate, we will have a higher deficit for the city and the county [to help cover].”



The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”) has filed a lawsuit against Ocean City, based on claims that it denied a 62-year-old **Ocean City Municipal Airport** seasonal employee a promotion to a full-time job based on his age. The employee was a line technician who allegedly was told during an interview that his age would count against him; a younger individual with less experience was hired instead. Ocean City also allegedly retaliated against the employee by refusing to re-hire him as a seasonal basis after he filed a complaint with the EEOC.



FAA has granted final approval for the construction of an air traffic control tower at **Frederick Municipal Airport**. The majority of the \$4.8 million cost will be funded by federal grants. Construction is expected to be completed within 18 months. FDK is the second-busiest airport in Maryland, with over 130,000 annual operations, which are expected to increase to 165,000 by 2025. Frederick Mayor Randy McClement commented: “This is the perfect project. It creates construction jobs while it's being built, ongoing

operational jobs once it's up, and will provide for the safe and comfortable use of the Frederick Municipal Airport now and into the future.”

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

- **October 15-18:** "Wings of Freedom" at Carroll County Regional Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.carrollcountyairport.com/events.htm>.
- **October 18:** FAA Safety Team seminar on "Inside and Outside the Cockpit - Resource Management for Crew and Single Pilot" at the Frederick Flight Center at 6pm. For information, visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=34333.
- **October 23:** Airshow and Hangar Dance at Leesburg Executive Airport. For more information, please visit <http://jyo.aero>.
- **October 24:** 55th Annual Air Traffic Control Association conference at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. For more information, please visit <http://www.memberservicecenter.org/irmweb/wc.dll/vaaleatca?id=vaaleatca&doc=events/event&kn=50>.
- **October 24:** FAA Safety Team seminar on "Local hazards in the airport vicinity including runway safety related issues" at Crisfield-Somerset County Airport at 1pm. For more information, visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=33942.
- **October 26:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Fred Curado, CEO of Embraer, at the Renaissance Hotel. For information, visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/luncheons.htm>.
- **October 27:** Virginia Aviation Safety Week seminar on "Real World IFR" at the Virginia Aviation Museum in Richmond. For information, visit <http://www.doav.virginia.gov>.
- **October 27:** FAA Safety Team CFI Workshop Module #1 (FAA Safety Team and the WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program) at Tipton Airport at 7pm. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=34176.
- **October 27:** Rescheduled date for the sixth annual GWBAA golf tournament at the 1757 Golf Club; for more information, please visit <http://2010gwbaagolf.eventbrite.com>.
- **November 2-4:** NTSB Bar Association conference. For more information, please visit <http://www.ntsbar.org/public/NTSB%20Bar%20Conference%20Schedule%20and%20Information.pdf?menuID=13&menuID>.
- **November 4:** Royal Aeronautical Society discussion on "V-22: Bringing New technology and Capability to the Theater" at the British Embassy at 6pm. For more information, please visit <http://www.raeswashington.org>.
- **November 8:** National Aeronautic Association fall awards banquet at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://www.naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=105>.
- **November 12:** Committee for Dulles 44th anniversary gala featuring the Honorable Kenneth R. Plum, member of the Virginia House of Delegates, at the Lansdowne Resort. For more information, please visit <http://www.committeefordulles.org/events.html>.

- **December 8:** FAA Safety Team seminar on "Real World IFR" at the Crowne Plaza Baltimore at 7pm. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=33260.
- **December 10:** Workshop on legal aspects of aircraft lease agreements, hosted by Cozen O'Connor, at the Army and Navy Building. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeropodium.com/law/aircraftlease.html>.
- **December 17:** Aero Club of Washington Wright Memorial Dinner, featuring Harrison Ford, at the Hilton Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/awards/wright.htm>
- **February 15-16:** 36th annual FAA aviation forecast conference. For more information, please visit http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/aviation_forecast_2011/.
- **February 23:** American Bar Association Forum on Air & Space law update conference at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. For more information, please visit <http://new.abanet.org/Forums/Airspace/Pages/default.aspx>.

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