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Safety Standdown Keynote Speaker Announced

Safety Standdown Planning Continues – Mike Mulane To Provide Keynote

The sixth annual GWBAA safety standdown will be held on May 16 (8am-4:30pm) at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, VA. GWBAA is pleased to announce that the keynote speaker will be author and former astronaut USAF Colonel **Mike Mulane**, who flew on three space shuttle missions and emphasizes the importance of “guarding against a normalization of deviance.” To register, please visit <http://2012gwbaasafty.eventbrite.com>. (Please note that the \$50 registration fee is non-refundable.)



Other agenda items for the standdown include:

- “Taking the Fear out of OSHA for Business Aviation” (Andreas Bentz, Chantilly Air)
- “EVAS – Emergency Vision Assurance System Demonstration” (Kurt Poruks)
- “Flight Plan for Excellence” (Jim Garland)
- “Crew Resource Management Briefing” (Shannon Forrest, FlightSafety)

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Regional News Round-Up

The **Essex Skypark Association** has met with Baltimore County officials to discuss the future of the facility. The county has owned the property since 2000, and recently announced plans to evict the airport after it failed to timely renew its lease. The county wants to use the land for environmental conservation efforts, but the airpark now hopes to raise sufficient funds to purchase the property. Ellen Kobler, a spokeswoman for the County Executive, told the *Essex-Middle River Patch* that: “We’re exploring a number of available options and while we are not

getting in to specifics right now, there are several ways this matter can be resolved to ensure everyone is satisfied.”



The **Stafford Regional Airport Authority** has requested a \$1.4 million loan from the county's Board of Supervisors to construct a new, permanent terminal building. The project would have a total cost of \$3.7 million, with the rest of the funding coming from the Virginia Department of Aviation. Currently, a trailer is used as the terminal; a new building is expected to attract greater corporate use. The board is expected to discuss the request at its April 4 meeting. In other Stafford news, the authority hopes to obtain permits by

September to start clearing trees that impede the instrument approach of Runway 33.

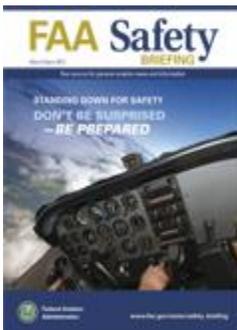
Barbara Hutchinson has resigned as Executive Director of the **Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport Authority**. Deputy Director William Pahuta will serve as acting director on an interim basis until a replacement is selected.

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. For links to news stories compiled by GWBAA, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/links.html>.

GWBAA Website Receives Facelift

GWBAA recently updated its website to provide a “cleaner” look – as well as for better usability. We are working to make an enhanced member directory available online, as well as for automatic membership renewals. Please keep an eye out for email notices about the new feature.

FAA General Aviation News



The current issue of FAA's bi-monthly publication for general aviation – “FAA Safety Briefing” – is now available from the FAA website, at http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2012/media/MarApr2012.pdf.

The theme of the issue are issues to be discussed at its annual safety standdown at the Sun 'N Fun Fly-In (a segue to a reminder that GWBAA's standdown is scheduled in May). Articles include features on avoiding loss of control accidents and upset prevention and recovery training, as well as a reminder to pilots to be cautious of the side effects of spring allergy medicines.

Upcoming Aviation Events

- **March 27:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Charles F. Bolden, Jr., NASA Administrator, at the Capital Hilton. For information, please visit <http://www.aeroclub.org/luncheons.htm>.

- **March 28:** NATA 2012 FBO Leadership Conference at the Hyatt Regency. For more information, please visit <http://www.nata.aero/Event.aspx?page=1952§ionid=1449>.
- **March 29:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Dr. Christopher Franz, Chairman and CEO of Lufthansa, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org>.
- **March 31:** FAA Safety Team seminar on “ Risk Factors for Pilots during Maneuvering and Approach to Landing” at Bay Bridge Airport. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=43553.
- **April 3-6:** 55th annual Airline Electronics Association convention at Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center in Prince George’s County, Maryland. For more information, please visit <http://www.aea.net/convention/DC2012/>.
- **April 4:** Royal Aeronautical Society reception featuring George Whitesides, President of Virgin Galactic. For more information, please visit <http://raeswashington.org>.
- **April 10:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring David Bronczek, CEO of FedEx Express, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **April 14:** FAA Safety Team “loss of control” seminar at the Community College of Baltimore County, starting at 9am. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=43349.
- **April 18-19:** Virginia Airport Operators Council spring workshop and meeting in Staunton, Virginia. For more information, please visit <http://www.vaoc.org/images/VAOCSpringWorkshopRegistration.pdf>.
- **April 25:** International Aviation Club L. Welch Pogue award dinner, honoring John Byerly. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org>.
- **April 25:** FAA Safety Team seminar on “Pilot Deviations and Washington Special Use Airspace” in Edgewater, Maryland. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=43693.
- **May 3-5:** 17th Annual Maryland Regional Aviation Conference and the 2nd Annual Maryland Regional Festival of Flight at Hagerstown Regional Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org/conference>.
- **May 12:** 2nd annual open house and air show at Manassas Regional Airport. For more information, please visit <http://www.marballc.com/2012airshow.html>.
- **May 14:** 24th annual Greater Washington Aviation Open golf tournament at the Lansdowne Resort. For more information, please visit <http://www.gwao.org/pdf/GWAO-2012-Brochure.pdf>.
- **May 16:** Hold this date for the sixth annual GWBAA safety standdown at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, VA. For more information, click [here](#).

- **June 7:** NBAA Business Aviation Regional Forum at Teterboro Airport; GWBAA will host a booth at the forum to highlight how membership can benefit community members from Philadelphia to the Carolinas. For more information about the forum, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/events/forums/20120607/>.
- **June 20-21:** ATW's 5th Annual Eco-Aviation Conference & Awards Ceremony at the Renaissance Arlington. For information, please visit <http://atwonline.com/events/atw-s-5th-annual-eco-aviation-conference-awards-ceremony>.
- **June 26:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon featuring Capt. Eugene Cernan, Commander of Apollo 17, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **July 16-17:** AAAE and ALA legislative issues conference, at the W Washington Hotel. For more information, please visit <http://events.aaae.org/sites/120702/index.cfm>.
- **September 12:** Hold this date for the eighth annual GWBAA golf tournament at the 1757 Golf Club in Ashburn, VA. For more information, click [here](#).
- **September 15:** "Wings & Wheels" fly-in at Essex Skypark. For more information, please visit <http://www.essexskyparkassn.org/essex/index.jsp>.

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