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## Six DC-Area Towers on Closure List Due to Sequestration

### Waiting for Sequestration

Although the bite of “sequestration” – across-the-board federal budget cuts that went into effect on March 1 – largely has not yet been felt by GA, its effects are expected in the near future. The FAA has stated that sequestration will require the furlough of controllers and other personnel starting in April, and thus the closure of towers at airports with fewer than 150,000 annual flight operations. The preliminary list of towers to be closed includes six airports in the greater Washington area – **Frederick Municipal Airport, Hagerstown Regional Airport, Manassas Regional Airport, Martin State Airport, Newnam Field, and Salisbury-Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport**. But the situation is fluid – FAA has not yet released a final list, and efforts are being made on Capitol Hill to avoid the closures. Pilots should remain alert to developments and, as always, fly safely. For a list of tips from NBAA about operating at a non-towered airport, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/ops/safety/20130318-operating-into-a-non-towered-airport-tips-and-tools-are-available.php>.

### Seventh Annual Safety Event to be Held at NTSB Training Center



GWBAA's 7th annual safety standdown will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, VA.

The keynote speaker will be Robert Sumwalt, a Member and former Vice Chair of the NTSB. He previously managed Scania Corporation's Part 91 flight department and was a pilot for Piedmont and US Airways. The standdown will also include panels and speakers on charter safety, security and emergency procedures, as well as CPR/AED re-certification training, courtesy of Medaire.

To register and for more information, please visit <http://2013gwbaasafety.eventbrite.com>. For sponsorship information, please contact Jim Garland at [jgarland@sharpdetails.com](mailto:jgarland@sharpdetails.com).

### Regional News Round-Up

An expansion of **Bay Bridge Airport** is expected to be completed this spring. The new section to the north of the existing terminal and runway provides space for future hangars as well as aircraft parking to relieve congestion at the airport. Future work to expand the new apron and relocate facilities is planned but not yet scheduled.

The runway markings at **Frederick Municipal Airport** are expected to be repainted during the first week of April. The markings were last repainted in 2007; a contract for the job was awarded last year to Spidel Construction.

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](mailto:info@gwbaa.com). For links to news stories compiled by GWBAA, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/links.html>.

## GWBA Golf Tournament Scheduled for September 18, 2013

It's still a ways off in the future, but planning for GWBAA's annual charity golf tournament has begun, to be held at the 1757 Golf Club on September 18. Dan Walker is looking for volunteers to assist the organizing committee. Help is needed in finding and securing sponsors, developing and executing contests, securing prizes, and the set up and execution of the tournament itself. If you're interested joining the team, please contact him at (302) 221-4359 or [daniel.walker@flightsafety.com](mailto:daniel.walker@flightsafety.com).

## 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/2013/media/MarApr2013.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2013/media/MarApr2013.pdf).

Articles in the current issue address topics such as how to avoid the “disease” of get-home-itis; the FAA’s “WINGS” recurring training program for GA pilots; and a feature on “Why Do Smart People Do Dumb Things: The Art of Managing Mistakes.”

## Upcoming Aviation Events

- **March 26:** Virginia Business Aviation Symposium at Metropolitan Aviation at Manassas Regional Airport, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Aviation and the Virginia Aviation Business Association. For more information, please visit <http://www.doav.virginia.gov/Downloads/Events/600%20DOAVCE%2020130215%20Symposium%20Invite.pdf>.
- **March 30:** FAA Safety Team seminar on “What's Your Attitude? Instrument Flying Considerations in Today's Environment .s” at Cecil County Airport in Elkton, MD. For more information, visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=48098](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=48098).
- **April 3:** International Aviation Club luncheon featuring James Hogan, President and CEO of Etihad Airways, at the City Club of Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org/Events.aspx>.
- **April 4:** National Aeronautic Association luncheon at the Crystal Gateway Marriott featuring Lt. Gen. Jon M. Davis, U.S.M.C., Deputy Commander U.S. Cyber Command. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **April 6:** FAA Safety Team national safety standdown, with the theme of “Maintaining a Safe Flying Community,” at the Front Royal-Warren County Airport. For more information, visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=49064](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=49064).

- **April 9:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Fabrice Bregier, President and CEO of Airbus. For more information, please visit [http://www.aeroclub.org/Young\\_Aviation\\_Community\\_Washington\\_DC.html](http://www.aeroclub.org/Young_Aviation_Community_Washington_DC.html).
- **April 9:** National Aeronautics Association luncheon at the Crystal Gateway Marriot featuring Lt. Jon M. Davis, Deputy Commander, U.S. Cyber Command. For more information, please visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=110>.
- **April 20:** Potomac TRACON “Operation Raincheck” tours in the morning and afternoon at its facility in Warrenton, Virginia. For more information, please visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=48857](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=48857) (morning tour) and [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=48856](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=48856) (afternoon tour).
- **April 23:** “Real World IFR” seminar sponsored by the AOPA Safety Foundation at the Edgewater, Maryland Public Library at 6:45pm. For more information, please visit [http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=47433](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=47433).
- **May 3:** NBAA tax seminar – the intermediate-advanced tax program will visit the Greater Washington area for the first time; let your tax advisors, lawyers, and accountants know. For more information, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/events/date/>.
- **May 9:** Collier Trophy Dinner, sponsored by the National Aeronautics Association, at the Crystal Gateway Marriot, honoring the NASA/JPL Mars Science Laboratory/Curiosity Project Team. For information, visit <http://naa.aero/html/events/index.cfm?cmsid=264>.
- **May 16:** Hold this date for the seventh annual GWBAA safety standdown. For more information, please visit <http://2013qwbaasafety.eventbrite.com>.
- **May 20:** Aero Club luncheon featuring Angfela Gittens, Director General of ACI. For more information, please visit [http://www.aeroclub.org/Young\\_Aviation\\_Community\\_Washington\\_DC.html](http://www.aeroclub.org/Young_Aviation_Community_Washington_DC.html)
- **June 6-8:** 18th annual Maryland regional aviation conference in Ocean City. For more information, please visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org>.

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