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Safety Standdown Scheduled for May 1

Eighth Annual Safety Event To Be Held at NTSB Training Center



The eighth annual GWBAA safety standdown will be held on Thursday, May 1 at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, Virginia. The keynote speaker will be Greg Feith, a former member of the NTSB and an aviation safety and security expert. Other planned topics include the ISBAO program, hangar safety systems, and sleep apnea/fatigue. Our sponsors include Bombardier, FlightSafety, and Gulfstream, and additional sponsorships are available. CAM credit also will be available.

A pre-event reception for attendees also will be held the evening of April 30 at the Lansdowne Resort. Additionally, for a special \$79 room rate at Lansdowne, please visit <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=56429&Chain=5156&promo=AIRL>. To register for the standdown and for more information about the agenda, please visit <http://2014gwbaasafetystanddown.eventbrite.com>.

GWBAA Members Enjoy Evening of Socializing and Networking



GWBAA welcomed more than 40 members and other attendees to its "Bowling, Brats & Beverages" social event on Please join GWBAA on March 12. In addition to just having fun, GWBAA played host that evening to two recently retired NBAA professionals: Harry Houckes and Bill Stine. Both are now full-fledged GWBAA members and volunteers.

FAA General Aviation News



The latest issue of the FAA's newsletter for general aviation - FAA Safety Briefing - is now available at http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/. The theme of the March/April issue is "getting back in the same," including both transitioning to a new type or returning from a flying hiatus. The articles address topics such as updating medical and training qualifications, as well as topics of general interest, such as determining one's true altitude in cold weather flying conditions.

Regional News Round-Up

Shannon Airport in Spotsylvania County, Virginia has been sold to a Fredericksburg-area businessman. Luke Curtas has stated that he plans to refurbish the property and continue to operate it as an airport. The sale price was \$2.88 million.

Members of the **Stafford Regional Airport Authority** recently discussed a proposal to build a large residential development near the airport, expressing concern that even if airspace covenants are included in purchase agreements, homeowners will make noise complaints and seek to close the airport. Authority Member Lindy Kirkland cited the example of Woodbridge Airport, which closed in 1986 due to encroaching development.

Upcoming Events

April 3: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Annual Aviation Summit at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. For more information, please visit <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1301870>.

April 10: FAA Safety Team seminar, "First and Last 5 Miles" in Middle River, Maryland. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=54612.

April 10: International Aviation Club luncheon featuring Fred Smith, Chairman and CEO of FedEx. For more information, please visit <http://www.iacwashington.org>.

April 19: Virginia Airstrip Owners Association membership meeting at Dinwiddie County Airport in Petersburg, Virginia. For more information, please visit http://vaoa.us/?page_id=189.

April 23-24: Virginia Airport Operators Council spring workshop in Staunton, Virginia. For more information, please visit <http://www.virginiaaviationconference.com>.

April 29: FAA Safety Team seminar, "Accident Case Study: Live" at the Virginia Aviation Museum in Richmond, Virginia. For more information, please visit http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=54000.

May 1: Please hold this date for the annual GWBAA safety standdown. For more information, please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/standdown.html>.

May 12: Greater Washington Aviation Open golf tournament at the Landsdowne Resort. For more information, please visit <http://www.gwao.org>.

May 15: Committee for Dulles luncheon honoring congressman Frank Wolf at the Tysons Corner

Sheraton Premiere. For more information, please visit http://www.committeefordulles.org/lunch_FrankWolf_.html.

June 4-7: Maryland Regional Aviation Conference in Frederick, Maryland. For more information, please visit <http://www.marylandairportmanagers.org/conference>.

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