

GWBA A News

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GOLF; GA INTO DCA; & PLEASE KEEP IT LOCKED!

Welcome to the October issue of the GWBAA News.

→ GWBAA Golf Tournament Rescheduled to Wednesday, November 2:

Due to flooding at the International Country Club on Columbus Day weekend, the GWBAA golf tournament has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, November 2, 2005**. Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The barbecue luncheon and awards ceremony will begin at approximately 1:30 pm. and conclude by 3:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you all there on the 2nd. For those with **no changes** to your original registration and player list, **no action is required** and we will plan on you being there on the 2nd. If you need to adjust your registration in any way, please contact Kristen Rensch at kristenrench@signatureflight.com with your updated details.

→ General Aviation Returns to Reagan National Airport Tomorrow:

General aviation is scheduled to return to Reagan National Airport tomorrow, October 18th – the last airport to restore business aviation operations since the attacks of 9/11. As noted in previous editions of the GWBAA News, operators will be required to carry the equivalent of an air marshal on board, and also submit passenger and crew manifests 24 hours in advance. Prior to 9/11, there were 660 business aviation flights each day at the airport. A study commissioned by the NBAA concluded that nearly \$1.3 billion in economic activity was forfeited between September 2001 and March 2004 as a result of the ban. Initially, no more than 48 general aviation flights will be allowed daily, but that number could increase if the program is successful in the early going. All GWBAA Members are invited for coffee at Signature Flight Support to witness the arrival of the first flight at approximately 7:00a.m.

→ Don't Forget to Secure Your Aircraft:

Even as general aviation returns to Reagan National Airport, the media is again questioning the security of our industry. On October 9, Daniel Andrew Wollcott – who has a commercial license but is not qualified to fly that particular aircraft - took five unknowing friends on a joyride from St. Augustine, Florida to Briscoe Field near Atlanta. Although Wollcott's attorney has stated that his client has a drinking problem and is not a threat to national security, it is quite possible that this incident will be cited as a further justification for imposing new restrictions on general aviation - and emphasizes the continuing importance of securing aircraft when unattended.

→ **U2 Concert Tickets Winner:**

The winner of the auction for the tickets to the U2 concert on October 20 at the MCI Center is William R. Sumner of Raymond Transportation. The proceeds will go to the Aero Club Foundation of Washington, which sponsors educational initiatives for students seeking careers in aviation in the greater Washington, DC area. Many thanks to Loudon Aviation for providing the tickets, and to all of the bidders for their participation.

→ **DHS Accuses Pilot Of Flying Too Close To ADIZ – 2,000 Miles Too Close:**

Just in case you aren't already concerned, the website AVweb.com reports that an Arizona pilot, Dale Mooneyham, recently received a letter from the Department of Homeland Security alleging that he had operated an aircraft inside the ADIZ without a discrete transponder code or communicating with AT on September 2, 2005 – despite the fact that Mooneyham, and his aircraft, were approximately 2,000 miles away, and have the receipts and tower tapes to prove it. Mooneyham speculates that the DHS requested the offending aircraft's n-number from a greater Washington area airport - and that the airport made an incorrect guess. Needless to say, this incident does not encourage general aviation to place their trust in DHS or FAA's ability to manage the ADIZ – but also emphasizes that local airports shouldn't put pilots at risk through guesswork. For more details, visit <http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/avflash/472-full.html#190621>.

→ **DC Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) Comments Due November 2nd:**

The FAA has released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), available online at http://dmses.dot.gov/docimages/pdf92/341297_web.pdf, that proposes to make permanent the current temporary flight restrictions for certain aircraft operations in the greater Washington, D.C. area. Other aviation associations have released statements urging their Members to comment on the NPRM.

The FAA's proposal would make permanent the current "temporary" airspace restrictions in our area. All who fly in this area know that the Washington, D.C. ADIZ was created back in February 2003, in response to a heightened national threat level. It was a impulsive move and was explained as a temporary restriction. But when the government later reduced the national threat level, the ADIZ remained.

As part of the federal process of rulemaking individuals are allowed to officially contest an FAA proposed rule. This is important to us all because, if the ADIZ is made permanent, everyone in the country flying in or near Class B airspace (there are 29 other such areas) could face the same restrictions.

The FAA needs to hear from you by November 2nd so they fully understand how difficult it is to operate in and near the ADIZ

You may file comments (that do not include national security or sensitive security information) in docket FAA-2003-17005 using any of the following methods: the DOT docket website at <http://dms.dot.gov>; the Government-wide rulemaking website at <http://www.regulations.gov>; mail or hand delivery (Monday through Friday between 9am and 5pm) at the DOT Docket Management Facility, 400 Seventh Street SW, Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, D.C. 20590; or fax at (202) 493-2251.

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→ **GWBAA Offers Two New Online Benefits:**

We are continuing to receive member information for the GWBAA electronic membership directory. As announced earlier, this additional service to the membership is being offered at no additional cost. Also, you may have your company website linked to www.gwbaa.com! GWBAA now offers its members the opportunity to post their logos with contact information in a new section of the GWBAA website entitled "Member Directory" – <http://www.gwbaa.com/directory.html>. If you would like to post your company information please contact Bob Blouin via email at info@gwbaa.com.

→ **Upcoming Business Aviation Events:**

- October 20: Committee for Dulles monthly luncheon at the Dulles Marriott; this month's luncheon will be keynoted by Steve Brown, NBAA's Vice President of Operations. For more information, email info@committeefordulles.org or visit http://www.committeefordulles.org/events/current_lunch.htm.
- **November 4: Rescheduled GWBAA golf tournament at the International Country Club.**
- November 9-11: Rescheduled NBAA annual conference in Orlando, Florida.
- June 8, 2006: NBAA has announced that it will hold a regional forum at Dulles for the greater Washington, DC area; GWBAA will post further details as they become available from NBAA.

→ **GWBAA Contacts:**

Should you have any ideas or comments for future newsletters or for GWBAA in general, please don't hesitate to contact the following people:

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