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## New DCA City-Pairs and Security Alert

### TSA Names New Gateway Airports for Access to DCA:

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) recently named Memphis International, Dallas Love Field, and Milwaukee General Mitchell International as additional gateway airports for allowing pre-cleared general aviation aircraft flights into Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). This brings the number of DCA entry points to 15. The burdensome measures required to use the airport remain in effect, however, for all of these airports. GWBAA, in cooperation with NBAA, has been working with TSA to abridge the requirements that must be met. For a copy of TSA's press release on the new gateways, see <http://www.tsa.gov/public/display?theme=44&content=09000519801d9fcc>. For more information on GWBAA's ongoing efforts, call GWBAA's president Bob Blouin at (202) 415-1512 or email [info@gwbaa.com](mailto:info@gwbaa.com).

### TSA Security Alert:

The Transportation Security Administration has issued a security alert, urging pilots and airport managers to watch out for extremists bent on destroying private jets. "A message posted in Arabic on a Web forum explained how to identify private American jets and urged Muslims to destroy all such aircraft," the TSA alert states. Further, "TSA reminds general aviation aircraft and airport owners and operators to review the security measures contained in the TSA publication, 'Security Guidelines for General Aviation Airports (available at: [http://www.tsa.gov/public/interapp/editorial/editorial\\_1113.xml](http://www.tsa.gov/public/interapp/editorial/editorial_1113.xml)) and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's Airport Watch Program materials (available at: <http://www.aopa.org/asn/watchindex.shtml>)."

In addition to securing aircraft, the TSA also asks pilots to be alert for persons "masquerading as pilots, security personnel, EMTs, or other personnel using uniforms or vehicles as methods to gain access to aviation facilities." The NBAA has posted a copy of the alert online at <http://web.nbaa.org/public/ops/security/DHSAdvisory20060420.pdf>.

### IS-BAO Workshop at Dulles:

If you would like to learn more about IS-BAO (International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations) implementation, an IS-BAO Workshop will be held at the Gannet Flight Department in Dulles, Virginia on June 9, 2006. The agenda for the workshop is available online at <http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/Audit%20Workshop.htm>. Those planning to attend can download the registration from the same page; the workshop fee is \$400 US. For more information, please contact Ray Rohr, IBAC Standards Manager at (780) 915-6972 or [rayrohr@telusplanet.net](mailto:rayrohr@telusplanet.net).

### Regional News Roundup:

The Virginia Department of Transportation has tentatively agreed to a 99-year lease of the Pocahontas Parkway in Richmond to the Australian company Transurban Group. As part of

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the deal, Transurban would build a connector to improve access from the toll road to **Richmond International Airport**. The deal is conditioned on its approval by state authorities as well as the availability of federal funding for the construction of the connector.

A prototype Eclipse 500 recently visited **Reagan National Airport** in conformity with the TSA's DSSAP (DCA Access Standard Security Program). The Eclipse's arrival (and departure) is an example of how a few operators have served DCA since the airport was re-opened to general aviation in October 2005. The aircraft was in town to highlight and commemorate Eclipse Aviation's receipt of the 2005 Robert Collier Trophy, "for the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America."



The acoustical consulting firm Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc. (HMMH) has been hired to conduct an Environmental Assessment at **Leesburg Executive Airport** for the proposed construction and establishment of a glide scope on Runway 17 and connected airport development actions in order to provide Category-1 Instrument Landing System (ILS) services at the airport.



The Montgomery County Revenue Authority and FAA are investigating whether a building near **Montgomery County Airpark** intrudes into the runway protection zone as a result of 2002 updates to the airport's layout plan. Half of the building, which is occupied by Nicholson Precision Instruments, is at issue, but no determination has yet been made as to how to resolve the problem, and no decision is expected to be made for several years.

### **Upcoming Aviation Events:**

- June 8: NBAA will hold its annual business aviation regional forum at Landmark Aviation at Dulles Airport. This is a day-long learning and networking event designed to meet the needs of the regional business aviation community. For more information, visit: <http://web.nbaa.org/public/cs/forums/20060608>. GWBAA will be represented at the opening session of the event and will staff a booth with volunteers distributing information about our regional group.
- June 9: IS-BAO workshop at Dulles; for more details, see the article above.
- June 9-25: The Studio Theatre will present "Charlie Victor Romeo," a play that re-enacts actual cockpit voice recorder (CVR) recordings. For more information, visit: [http://www.studiotheatre.org/plays/plays\\_details.php?plays\\_id=94](http://www.studiotheatre.org/plays/plays_details.php?plays_id=94).
- July 6-8: The World Airline Historical Society will hold its 30th Anniversary Collectibles Show in Tysons Corner, Virginia – an opportunity to socialize and add to one's stock of memorabilia. For more information, visit: <http://www.ai2006.com>.
- July 20: GWBAA members are invited to a complimentary lunch briefing and tour of the ARINC facilities in Annapolis. GWBAA's President, Bob Blouin, and other Board members will be on hand to welcome attendees & provide an update on GWBAA

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activities & upcoming events. Further details will be sent to those who RSVP. Please RSVP to Susan Boyle via email at: [sboyle@arinc.com](mailto:sboyle@arinc.com) or phone at: 410-266-4681 by Monday, July 17.

- September 25: Watch this space for information about GWBAA's golf outing at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course.

### **GWBAA Offers Online Benefits:**

We are continuing to add member information for GWBAA's electronic membership directory – <http://www.gwbaa.com/directory.html>. This service is available to GWBAA members at no cost. Please contact Bob Blouin ([info@gwbaa.com](mailto:info@gwbaa.com)) if you want to post your company's information.

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