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## Still Time To Voice Your Concern Over User Fees

### Please Contact Your Political Representatives

It's not too late to contact your legislative representatives regarding the user fee proposals pending in Congress. The GWBAA Board encourages you to write in, and NBAA makes it easy: simply follow this link (<http://web.nbaa.org/public/govt/action/>) and you can easily contact your representatives. It will only take a few minutes and it will have a huge impact.

### FAA Announces Changes to Washington, DC ADIZ

The FAA has announced that the Washington, DC Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) will be converted from its current "mouse ears" shape into a 30-nautical-mile-radius circle effective August 30. This change allows pilots to use a single navigational aid instead of the four in use today, and will free approximately 1,800 square miles of airspace as well as 33 airports and helipads, and from the current ADIZ restrictions. In addition, there will be VFR speed restrictions inside and immediately surrounding the ADIZ airspace.

The revision is one outcome of the public comments solicited by FAA in 2006. "Our aim is to balance vigilance with new measures that make it easier to track who belongs in this airspace and who does not," said FAA Administrator Marion C. Blakey in a press release. FAA also



noted that it is adding four new positions at the Potomac TRACON, the facility that supports safety and security procedures in the ADIZ.

"I am optimistic that this change is part of an on-going process to reduce and hopefully eliminate overly burdensome flight restrictions in the DC, Maryland and Virginia area," said GWBAA President Bob Blouin. Now if we can just get the FAA to look more rationally at the user fee issue...

### Save The Date! GWBAA Golf, October 15th

GWBAA's Third Annual Golf Classic will return to the Herndon Centennial golf course in Herndon, Virginia on Monday, October 15. Breakfast will be at 7am & tee off at 8am. The registration form has been posted on the GWBAA website – so please visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/GWBAA2007GolfFlyer.pdf>.

## Regional News Roundup



URS Corp. of Hunt Valley, Maryland has completed an environmental assessment and made recommendations for the expansion of **Crisfield-Somerset County Airport**. One recommendation is to increase the length of the runway by 1,821 feet to a total length of 4,000 feet, as well as to add a parallel taxiway that would require the purchase of privately owned, but unimproved, marshland. Residents who live around the airport have opposed any expansion. But URS contends that even a “no-build” option would still need to address three houses within the runway protection zone.

Frederick County’s Board of Aldermen is considering a proposal to acquire by eminent domain 32 acres of land to the east of **Frederick Municipal Airport**. Charlie Abell, manager of the airport, said, “this is the last piece of land available to the airport for further expansion ... Now is the time. We identified this land years ago and if we don’t get it now, it will be developed.” Abell said adding the land would allow for an additional runway in the future, and give the airport a larger and safer space to handle aircraft. On August 2, the board agreed to file paperwork in the Frederick County Circuit Court to initiate the acquisition process.

Leesburg’s Airport Commission has initiated a study to purchase an undeveloped acre of land near **Leesburg Executive Airport**. The land is in the airport’s northern Runway Protection Zone, and would be acquired as a buffer. If an appraisal of the land’s value is reviewed and approved by the FAA, the federal agency would pay 95% of the purchase cost. Although this is the only property in the northern RPZ that is not already controlled by the airport, about 30 acres in the ROZ to the south and west of the airport are privately owned, and some are occupied by houses.



The Salisbury-Wicomico County Planning and Zoning Commission has given initial approval to a proposal to build an **airpark near Pittsville** in which residents would share a 2,500-foot runway and have airplane hangars with their garages. The airpark will only allow single-engine airplanes to use the facility and only during daylight hours and with good visibility. Helicopters, jets and unlicensed aircraft would not be permitted at the airpark. Lots at the Pittsville project, each projected to hold a 2,000 square-foot home, 40-foot-by-25-foot hangar and two-car garage, would cost about \$100,000. Construction could begin in the spring of 2008.



**Maryland Airport** in Charles County has received a \$1.27 million grant from the FAA to design a new runway which could accommodate corporate jets. Construction of the 4,300-foot runway and new taxiways, which would allow the airport to handle corporate jets, is slated to begin next year and be completed by 2010.

## Headed to NBAA in Atlanta Next Month? Help NBAA Build A Playground!

To commemorate its 60th anniversary and Georgia's centennial of flight, NBAA is partnering with several organizations to build an aviation-themed playground for the children of Atlanta, the host city of NBAA2007. KaBOOM!, a national non-profit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America, will design and orchestrate the build. The Home Depot and members of the local community also will lend their support to construct the playground. The project will take place on Sunday, September 23 from 9:30am to 4pm and will need 500 volunteers. NBAA is calling on members, their coworkers and customers for help. Register online at <http://registration.expoexchange.com/shownba071/Default.aspx>.

## Upcoming Aviation Events

- **September 1:** The **16th Annual Louisa County Airshow**. For more information please contact Dawn Pickhardt Howard at (540) 967-0050 or [dawnp@firstva.com](mailto:dawnp@firstva.com).
- **September 25-27:** **NBAA's 60th Annual Meeting and Convention** will be held in Atlanta; for details, please visit <http://web.nbaa.org/public/cs/amc/2007>.
- **October 7:** Wings, Wheels, and Ducks at Stafford Regional Airport, 10am-4pm. For more information, visit <http://www.staffordrotary.org/WingsWheelsandDucks.cfm>.
- **October 13:** 8th Annual Airfest, Culpeper Regional Airport, 10am-4pm. For more information, please call Tanya Woodward at (540) 825-8280 or email [twoodward@culpepercounty.gov](mailto:twoodward@culpepercounty.gov).
- **October 15:** **GWBA's Third Annual Golf Classic** at Herndon Centennial golf course in Herndon, Virginia. For more information, see above.

## GWBA Offers Online Benefits

We continue to add member information for GWBA's electronic membership directory – <http://www.gwbaa.com/directory.html>. This service is available to GWBA 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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