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Registration Now Open for Fifth Annual GWBAA Golf Tournament

September 29 Tournament to Benefit Aero Club of Washington Foundation



GWBAA's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 29 at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course, starting at 7am. A continental breakfast and barbecue lunch are included, as are an assortment of prizes. The tournament benefits the Aero Club of Washington Foundation, which funds programs in the District of Columbia that advance aviation education and help prepare tomorrow's leaders in the aviation and aerospace industries. To register online, or for more information, visit <http://www.gwbaa.com/golf.html>. (Sponsorship opportunities also are available!)

Potomac TRACON Tour

GWBAA has arranged a special tour of the Potomac TRACON for members on Tuesday, August 25 at 10am. The TRACON will offer a tour of the facility and a sit-down with an Ops Manager and a few supervisors to discuss airspace and operation issues. Our goal is a dialogue between our group and the FAA that will be both an educational tool and an opportunity to ask operational questions. (Advance questions are welcome, even if you are not able to attend.) We have limited space available, so please email info@gwbaa.com as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

TSA Adds Richmond and St. Louis Gateway Airports to DASSP

TSA has added Richmond Jet Center at Richmond International Airport (RIC) and Executive Beechcraft at Chesterfield Spirit of St. Louis Airport (SUS) to the list of gateways for general aviation flights to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), effective July 15. TSA allows only GA flights that meet criteria of the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP) to land at DCA. Aircraft must arrive from FBOS at one of now 28 gateway airports, after flightcrews have been vetted and passengers screened by TSA. For more information about DASSP, please visit: <http://web.nbaa.org/public/ops/security/dassp/>.

DC Congresswoman Expresses LASP, DCA Concerns

Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) recently released a public statement expressing concerns about TSA's proposed Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP), as well as limits on GA access to Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA). The Congresswoman noted that even with DASSP, DCA averages only about 1000 general aviation flights per year, and questions whether DASSP is "almost worse than no plan at all." The remarks were issued in connection with the House of Representatives' consideration of a resolution (H.Res. 508) which would recognize the value of general aviation (but not do anything substantive to benefit GA). NBAA has posted a copy of her comments at <http://www.nbaa.org/ops/security/programs/lasp/Norton-20090803.pdf>.

Regional News Round-Up



The Prince George's County Council is considering a proposal to replace **Hyde Field/ Washington Executive Airport** with a housing and retail project. The owner of the airport, Nabil Asterbadi, told the *Washington Post* that the "airport had not been doing very well" due to post-9/11 security restrictions. According to airport manager Stan Fetter, the airport is doing only about 15% of the business that it handled before the restrictions were adopted – about 8700 flights per year.

The Washington County Commissioners has approved the purchase of 18 acres near **Hagerstown Regional Airport**. The FAA will pay 95% of the \$507,000 purchase price; the land is being purchased because it falls within the Airport's Runway Protection Zone. The land will be leased back to its current owners, who use it for farmland, for a ten-year period.

Walt George, chair of the **Stafford Regional Airport Authority**, told the *Potomac News* that the airport had rented ten hangars since the county lowered the property tax rate on aircraft to .01 cent per \$100 of assessed value, but that challenges remain, including trees that obstruct landings during inclement weather and the overall economy. George noted that strategic planning discussions had included suggestions to add Maintenance operations and flight schools, which would increase fuel sales at the airport.



Upcoming Aviation Events

- **August 20:** The Committee for Dulles will offer a private tour of The Wright Experience in Warrenton, where replicas of every plane the Wrights built are being constructed. For more information, please visit <http://www.committeefordulles.org/090820wrighttrip.html>.

- **August 24-26:** Airport Council International-North America public safety and security conference at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City. For more information, please visit <http://www.aci-na.org/conferences/detail?eventId=149>.

- **August 25:** GWBAA Potomac TRACON Tour. For more information, please see above.

- **August 29:** Leesburg Executive Airport open house. For more information, please visit <http://www.leesburgva.gov/index.aspx?page=76>.
- **August 29:** College Park Airport 100th Anniversary AirFair. For more information, please visit <http://www.collegeparkairport.org>.
- **September 9-11:** Sixth Annual FAA International Safety Forum at the Omni Shoreham. For information, visit http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/2009safetyforum.
- **September 19:** Essex Skypark annual wings and wheels fly-in. For more information, please visit <http://www.essexskyparkassn.org/essex/index.jsp>.

- **September 29:** Fifth annual GWBAA golf tournament at the Herndon Centennial golf course. For more information, please see above.

- **October 3:** Wings, Wheels and Ducks at the Stafford Regional Airport, from 10am until 4pm. For more information, please visit <http://www.staffordrotary.org>.
- **October 4:** Air Traffic Control Association 54th annual conference at the Gaylord Resort and Conference Center in Maryland. For more information, please visit <http://www.memberservicecenter.org/irmweb/wc.dll/vaaleatca?id=vaaleatca&doc=events/event&kn=38>.
- **October 20-22:** ACI Public Safety and Security Conference at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City. For information, visit <http://aci-na.org/conferences/detail?eventId=89>.
- **October 10:** 10th annual Culpeper Air Fest, from 10am until 4pm. For information, visit <http://web.culpepercounty.gov/CountyGovernment/Airport/tabid/108/ModuleID/800/ItemID/7/mctl/EventDetails/Default.aspx?selecteddate=10/10/2009>.
- **October 20-22:** NBAA's 62nd annual meeting and convention in Orlando, Florida. For more information, please visit <http://www.nbaa.org/events/amc/2009/>.
- **November 1:** 32nd Gaithersburg Transportation Show at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. For more information, please visit <http://www.gserr.com/shows.htm>.
- **November 2-5:** Air Traffic Control Association 53rd annual conference at the Marriott Wardman Park. For information, visit <http://www.atca.org/annualconference.aspx>.
- **December 1-3:** International FAA Runway Safety Summit, co-sponsored by the American Association of Airport Executives, at the Omni Shoreham. For more information, please visit http://www.aaae.org/meetings/meetings_calendar/mtgdetails.cfm?MtgID=91107&RecID=754.

- **December 3:** Airport Council International-North America international aviation issues seminar at the Fairfax Embassy Row. For more information, please visit <http://www.aci-na.org/conferences/detail?eventId=153>.
- **December 10-11:** Ninth Annual American Association of Airport Executives Aviation Security Summit at the Omni Shoreham. For more information, please visit http://www.aaae.org/meetings/meetings_calendar/mtgdetails.cfm?MtglD=91205&RecID=683.
- **January 27:** ABA Forum on Air and Space Law Update Conference at the Ritz-Carlton. For more information, please visit <http://www.abanet.org/forums/airspace/home.html>.

GWBAA Offers Online Benefits

We continue 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 Jol Silversmith (jasilversmith@zsrlaw.com) if you want to post your company's information.

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