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GBAA Offers Scholarship Program

The Georgia Business Aviation Association (GBAA) is excited to offer college and technical school scholarships to Georgia high school graduates at accredited U.S. colleges and technical schools in aviation fields of study and continuing education scholarships to Georgia aviation industry professionals. The following academic scholarships are available in 2008:

- Two full tuition scholarships valued at \$7,700 each to individuals to attend either Managing the Corporate Aviation Function or Developing Leadership Capability in the Corporate Aviation Function at the University of VA Darden School of Business.

- Scholarship awards up to \$2,000 will be awarded to individuals currently employed in the field of business aviation pursuing continuing education opportunities to further their aviation career.

- Scholarship awards of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to individuals pursuing a career as an aviation maintenance technician or in aviation operations or aviation management.

- Scholarship awards up to \$3,000 will be awarded to individuals pursuing a career as a professional pilot.

Applications are being accepted through April 12, 2008. Up to \$30,000 in scholarship awards will be granted May 2, 2008 at the annual GBAA meeting during the awards banquet following the golf tournament. The scholarship winners will be invited as guests of GBAA to participate in the golf outing and be provided hotel accommodations so they can attend the function.

Help advance the future of Georgia's business aviation industry by promoting the scholarship to your colleagues and their children. Requirement details and application can be found at www.gbaa.org/scholarship.htm. ✈



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MISSION STATEMENT

“To provide, develop and expand a safe and efficient airports system to meet the future economic growth of Georgia through the full implementation of the State Aviation System Plan.”

Letter from One of Last Year's GBAA Darden Scholarship Recipients:

I was fortunate enough to win one of the GBAA's Darden Scholarships in 2007. It was an awesome experience. Not only was the experience highly educational, but also it was a great opportunity to network with the leadership of some of aviation's most influential flight departments. I felt honored to be in a room with these leaders that had such a wide breadth of experience.

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The opportunity to attend this course was so different from what I do on a day-to-day basis and it really made me think about the ways I can make a difference in how I interact with colleagues, family and friends everyday.

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Simply for taking the time to write an essay, you get the opportunity to take a class for free that can help shape you, those around you, and our industry.

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President's Message

*By John Crosby***Greetings to All**

It has been an interesting session at the State Capitol this time around. Having spent the past few days roaming the halls with Vernon Lee, I have gained even more respect for what the lobbyists are able to do for the Association. Those of you who have experienced the process will attest to the ever-changing mood of the legislature and the political haggling that goes on. I would urge others to take the opportunity to visit Atlanta and witness for yourselves the dynamics of our political process in action.

As you recall, HR228 proposes to amend the Georgia Constitution so that taxes collected on sales and use of jet fuel and aviation gasoline will be appropriated to activities incident to providing and maintaining an adequate system of public-use airports. I am happy to announce that our legislation made it out of committees, rules, and was to be voted upon in the House. Several legislators saw an opportunity to amend the language to gain funds for their mass transit programs. Representative Carl Rogers has been able to pull the bill off of the docket to evade the additional amendments and hopefully the House will consider later. Duplicate legislation has been introduced in the Senate. At this time it is still in sub-committee for discussion and Vernon Lee will advise when the Association needs to be involved. I urge all of you to communicate with your representatives regarding our legislation. One thing I have learned is to never assume that others understand the impact of a bill on an industry like ours. It is up to us to educate and inform all those who will listen. I want to publicly thank Vernon Lee again for the tremendous job he does in representing GAA. I also want to acknowledge the wonderful support we get from all of our Representatives.

Preparations are well underway for the 2008 Conference. The conference will be held October 1 through October 3 at the beautiful Callaway Gardens Lodge and Spa. We are working on the various programs and welcome ideas from the Association for topics that you feel would be beneficial to all. We anticipate great attendance by members and spouses this year and will strive to provide enjoyment for all. Hope Macaluso, LaGrange Callaway Airport, is planning the spouse programs around Callaway Gardens and the Warm Springs area. Please call Hope at 706-884-2121 for any input you may have for the Spouse Program or Sheila Stubbs at 770-429-8923 for general information or input. You may call me at 770-487-2225 or 770-639-0397 anytime.

The second edition of the membership directory will be mailed in April. Please review your copy and report any changes you may have to Mike Mathews at 706-295-7835. The directory is intended to consolidate information on the Association and members. We appreciate all of those who chose to advertise and support the costs of publication and distribution of the directory.

Since my last message our friend and leader Ed Ratigan retired from the State and is now spending precious time with his family. We wish Ed and his family the very best and hope he stays active in aviation in some capacity. Congratulations are in order for Carol Comer who was promoted into the Program Manager position vacated by Ed. Carol will continue to do a great job representing the aviation community at the state level. 📧

*Save the date:***October 1-3, 2008****GAA Annual Conference at
Callaway Gardens**



Around the State . . .

Pavement Study Update

The 2007 Georgia Airport Pavement Management Study Update is nearing completion, nearly six months ahead of schedule! Airport sponsors and their engineering firms should receive their Individual Airport Report generated from the study



during February and early March. These reports provide a summary of the inspection data and recommendations for a five-year airfield pavement maintenance plan. The Executive Summary and all Individual Airport Reports are currently being posted on GDOT's website for easy access. Find them at <http://georgia-aviation.dot.ga.gov>. MicroPAVER software training was conducted in February by Applied Pavement

Technology for GDOT staff and representatives from the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport and the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport. GDOT would like to thank all airport sponsors for their participation and cooperation in the conduct of this study. Additionally, GDOT would like to recognize Applied Pavement Technology and their team of AVCON and Wilbur Smith Association for a job well done.

Governor's Drug Suppression Task Force

The Governor's Drug Suppression Task Force has requested support from Georgia's airports for their mission to locate and eradicate illegal marijuana fields throughout the state. The task force operates statewide spring through fall. Their typical mission lasts one week where they base out of a regional airport, with daily missions staged out of other airports located near suspected growing sites. Their mission requires access to the airport and a location on the field for their operations, to include a fuel truck and tractor-trailer command post. They will request the airport sponsors assistance in determining a suitable location on the airfield to set up their operation. Because the nature of their mission precludes advance notification, airport sponsors may expect a call from the task force on short notice. Be aware of the possibility that the task force may contact you and request support of their mission. For additional information on the Governor's Drug Suppression Task Force contact Lt. Eddie Williams, Georgia State Patrol at (404) 624-7064.

OneGeorgia Authority Awards Five Grants to Airports

At a March 7, 2007 board meeting of the OneGeorgia Authority, Governor Sonny Perdue announced three AIRGeorgia and two Equity Program awards. AIRGeorgia grants were awarded to Jackson County in the amount of \$1,615,940 for a 1000' runway extension; Taylor County in the amount of \$1,531,000 for a 1000' runway extension; and to Brantley County in the amount of \$2,923,406 for a 1000' runway extension. Additionally \$500,000 loans were awarded to the City of Cartersville and the City of Thomasville for construction of hangars. For more information on the OneGeorgia Authority and their grant programs go to <http://>

onegeorgia.org or contact Nancy Cobb, Executive Director at (478) 274-7734.

2008-2009 Georgia Airport Directory

The 2008-2009 Georgia Airport Directory is hot off the press, and will be available for distribution in early March 2008. Airports are advised to be on the lookout for their initial delivery. The directories should be made available to pilots, airport tenants, local government agencies, and others interested in Georgia aviation. The directory is also available for viewing and downloading from Aviation Programs' website at <http://georgia-aviation.dot.ga.gov>. Additional copies of the directory may be requested on the website or by contacting Tom Carr, GDOT Aviation Programs at (404) 505-4865.



Aviations Programs is on the Move . . .

Effective in March 2008, GDOT-Aviation Programs will relocate its office to the state's new air transportation facility at the Fulton County Airport-Brown Field. The facility - new to GDOT - was formally home to BellSouth's corporate flight department. The move to the airport for Aviation Programs provides additional office space, conference/meeting facilities and convenient access either by air or interstate.



The new address is: GDOT-Aviation Programs, 4005 Fulton Industrial Blvd. Atlanta, GA 30336. New phone numbers are: Carol Comer (404) 505-4860; Tom Carr (404) 505-4864; Corzetta Motley (404) 505-4865; Alan Hood (404) 505-4866; Jack Joiner (404) 505-4867; and Fax is (404) 505-4870.

Contact information for Aviation Programs' staff can also be found at <http://georgia-aviation.dot.ga.gov>.

Take Action Now! FAA Discontinues Paper Notification of Obstruction Evaluations

FAA has discontinued mailing Obstruction Evaluation notifications to airport sponsors soliciting their comments regarding proposed obstructions near their airports. FAA now only posts these notifications on their website, making it imperative that all airport owners register at the FAA Obstruction Evaluation/Airport Airspace Analysis (OE/AAA) website to receive the notifications. The airport owner can

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then formally comment on the proposed obstructions online. The airport sponsor can also forward these proposals to airport tenants and other affected users of the airport so they may comment as well. Log on to <http://oeaaa.faa.gov> and register today. Airport sponsors must be informed and take an active role in commenting on proposed obstructions in close proximity to their airport.

Around The State . . .

Carol Comer has been named Aviation Programs Manager for the Georgia Department of Transportation. She replaces Ed Ratigan who retired January 31, 2008 . . . **John Hamler** has been named the airport manager at **Blairsville Municipal Airport**. John replaces Glenn Miller who retired earlier this year . . . **Marion Harris** has been named airport manager for the **Pickens County Airport** in Jasper . . . **Mike Deal** has been named County Administrator and airport manager for **Wayne County** and the **William A. Zorn Airport** . . . **Clinton Ray** has been named Chairman of the **Berrien County Airport Authority**.

Airport Inspections

GDOT-Aviation Programs is gearing up for its annual cycle of airport inspections. The airport inspections are conducted in support of a statutory requirement for licensing of public-use airports in the state and the FAA's 5010 Airport Safety Data Program. A few tips to help airport sponsors to ready themselves for the inspections include updating: owner's and manager's mailing address, phone numbers, and email address; FBO and flight schools' address, phone numbers, and email; airport acreage; changes in traffic patterns; addition of any airfield services; changes in airfield lighting schedules; based

aircraft counts for single-engine, multi-engine and jet aircraft; and annual operations counts for local, itinerant and military traffic. In addition to updating pertinent information a visual inspection of the airfield will be conducted with emphasis on runway end approaches, obstructions, pavement conditions, lighting systems condition, pavement marking condition, and a general overview of airfield conditions. For additional information regarding airport inspections contact Tom Carr, Aviation Programs at (404) 505-4864. ✈

Airport inspections scheduled for March–August 2008:

Americus-Souther Field; Cobb County-McCollum Field; DeKalb-Peachtree; Fulton County-Brown Field; Augusta-Daniel Field; Bainbridge-Decatur Co. Ind. Airpark; Baxley Municipal; Cairo-Grady County; Camilla-Mitchell County; Canon-Franklin-Hart Co.; Carrollton-West Georgia Regional; Claxton-Evans County; Crisp Co.-Cordele; Cuthbert-Randolph County; Dawson Municipal; Douglas Municipal; Ellijay-Gilmer County; Fitzgerald Municipal; Folkston-Davis Field; Griffin-Spalding Co.; Homerville; Jackson County; Jesup-William A. Zorn; LaGrange-Callaway Airport; Telfair-Wheeler Co.; Metter Municipal; Millen; Monroe-Walton County; Montezuma-Dr. C.P. Savage; Moultrie-Municipal & Spence Field; Nahunta-Brantley Co.; Perry-Houston County; Pine Mountain-Harris County; Swinton Smith Field at Reidsville; Thomasville Regional; Thomson-McDuffie Regional; Tifton-Henry Tift Myers; Toccoa – RG LeTourneau Field; Warm Springs-Roosevelt Memorial; Warner Robins Airpark; Washington-Wilkes County; Wrens; Thomaston-Upson County and Plains-Peterson Field.

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