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# WV AVIATION CONFERENCE

July 27th - 29th

## AGENDA

### SUNDAY, JULY 27<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	<b>Golf Outing</b> ( <i>box lunch and drinks provided</i> ) The Raven - Tee Time 11AM
noon - 4:00 PM	<b>Snowshoe's Summer Fun Pass</b> (included with Room Reservation)
10:00 AM - 5:30 PM	<b>Conference Check-In &amp; Exhibitor Set-up</b> Mountain Lodge Conference Center Storage available for exhibitors before setup
4:00 PM	<b>Room Check-In at Allegheny Springs</b>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	<b>Hors d'oeuvres - (Junction Ale House)</b> <b>Presentation of prizes for golf winners</b>

### MONDAY, JULY 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM - 8:30AM	<b>BREAKFAST</b> – (Al Dente Ristorante) <b>Conference Check-In &amp; Exhibitor Set-up</b> Mountain Lodge Conference Center
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>WELCOME. SPONSOR RECOGNITION, LOGISTICS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –</b> <b>Mountain Lodge Conference Center</b> Nicolas Diehl, Airport Director, Eastern WV Regional Airport; President, WVAMA
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<b>AVIATION'S ROLE IN TOURISM: CONNECTING WEST VIRGINIA BY AIR</b> Wayne Clark, West Virginia House of Delegates, 99th District Chair of Agriculture Commerce and Tourism
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	<b>SILENT FALCON'S WV STATE DATA AND FINDINGS</b> Grant Bishop, CEO, Silent Falcon UAS Technologies
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>THE SPEED OF GOVERNMENT</b> Craig Blair, President, Experience Matters, LLC
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> <b>VISIT EXHIBITORS (Mountain Lodge Conference Center)</b> <b>SILENT AUCTION BIDDING (Comedy Cellar)</b>
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<b>AVOIDING TURBULENCE AHEAD: LIKE GOOD PILOTS, WHY GOOD AIRPORTS</b> <b>MUST MAKE GOOD (ENVIRONMENTAL) DECISIONS</b> Douglas Hess, Senior Geologist / Senior Manager, Skelly and Loy, a Terracon Company

## MONDAY, JULY 28<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>SECURING THE SKIES: IDENTIFYING AND MITIGATING SILENT THREATS IN AVIATION</b> Christopher Ramezan, PhD, Executive Director, Cyber Resilience Resource Center, WVU
11:30AM – 12:00PM	<b>EXHIBITOR PRESENTATIONS AROUND THE ROOM</b> Nic Diehl, moderator
12:00 noon – 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH – Al Dente Ristorante</b>
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>PANEL - PLANNING FOR PROGRESS: DEVELOPING YOUR AIRPORT AND BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE</b> James Linsenmeyer, Executive Director of Innovation, University of Charleston Jennifer Piercy, State Economic Development Director, Senator Capito Nicole Price, Project Manager, The Thrasher Group
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	<b>FRUIT AND DESSERT BREAK</b> <b>VISIT EXHIBITORS (Mountain Lodge Conference Center)</b> <b>SILENT AUCTION BIDDING (Comedy Cellar)</b>
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DOOR PRIZES – MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN (BRING YOUR TICKET)</b>
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <b>1. WHAT CAN A MICROGRID DO FOR YOU?</b> Andy Mackey, Co-founder and Executive Vice President, ProtoGen <b>2. ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY (DRONES &amp; eVTOLS), EDUCATION, AND NATIONAL DEFENSE</b> Scott Rotruck, Vice President of External Relations, Vertx Partners <i>and</i> Leasha Johnson, Executive Director, Mingo County Redevelopment Authority

## MONDAY EVENING, JULY 28<sup>th</sup> (ticket required)

### A Celebration of West Virginia Aviation Excellence Induction Ceremony Presentation of the Shawn Stewart and Shawn Tucker Memorial Vocational Scholarships

*Dinner Sponsored by Titan Aviation Fuels*

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>Reception</b> <i>Mountain Lodge Conference Center</i>
6:00 PM – 6:20 PM	<b>Shawn Stewart and Shawn Tucker Memorial Vocational Scholarship Program Program Overview, Recognition of Recipients</b>
6:20 PM - 8:00 PM	<b>Dinner</b> Mountain Lodge Conference Center
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>West Virginia Aviator of the Year</b> BILL NOE <b>West Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame Inductions</b> RALPH ALBERTAZZIE RALPH COWGILL JENNINGS RANDOLPH <b>West Virginia Wall of Valor Induction</b> RICHARD HUNTER

**TUESDAY, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>BREAKFAST – Al Dente Ristorante</b>
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	<b>STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE</b> James Bailey, Member, Spilman, Thomas and Battle, PLLC
9:30AM - 10:00 AM	<b>INTERNAL CONTROLS AND FRAUD PREVENTION – MAINTAINING THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF YOUR AIRPORT</b> Charli Heilmann, Partner, CoxHollidaYoung PLLC
10:00AM - 10:30 AM	<b>FRUIT AND PASTRIES</b> <b>VISIT EXHIBITORS</b> <b>SILENT AUCTION BIDDING (Comedy Cellar - final opportunity)</b> <b>HOTEL CHECK-OUT</b>
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>WEST VIRGINIA NEWS IN AVIATION</b> Stephen Connolly, Interim Commissioner, WVDOT Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities
11:15 AM – noon	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> <i>West Virginia Airport Managers Association</i> <b>EXHIBITOR TEARDOWN</b>
11:45am - 1:15 PM	<b>LUNCH – Al Dente Ristorante</b> <b>ANNOUNCEMENT of SILENT AUCTION WINNERS</b> <b>DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS</b> ( <i>must be present to win – bring your ticket!</i> )