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Date	Time	Session	Title	Moderator	Speaker
Mon, 05/23/22	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Board Meeting			
	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration			
	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Reception			
	7:30 PM - ??	Dinner	On Your Own		
	9:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite		GMC	
Tue, 05/24/22	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Sidney's		
	8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	General	General Session #1 “AGGAA’s A-Team and the Future of General Aviation in Georgia” & Sponsor Recognition	Mitch Ellerbee	Board Members
	8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	Breakout	Breakout Session #1 “Airport Project Start to Finish”	Arturo Martinez	Mitch Ellerbee Hope Macaluso
			Breakout Session #2 “Wildlife Hazards at Airports”	Patrick Lenton	Paul “Pat” Zimmerman
	9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Break			
	9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Breakout	Breakout Session #3 “Pavement From the Ground Up”	Sonya Ceballos	Jason Wright Richard Curtis
			Breakout Session #4 1. “How important is your airfield lighting?” 2. “ <a href="http://1200.aero">1200.aero</a> [ <a href="http://1200.aero">1200.aero</a> ]: Automated Airport Operations and Aviation Safety” 3. “Virtower: Airport operations tracking for today and tomorrow”	Rhonda Davis	Mike Angley Marty Bennett Les Goldsmith Mike Melton Billy Ragan Ivan Vasquez
	10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break			
	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	General	General Session #2 “GDOT’s A-Team and the Future”	Robert Mohl	Clement Solomon Steve Brian Colette Edmisten
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Sidney's		



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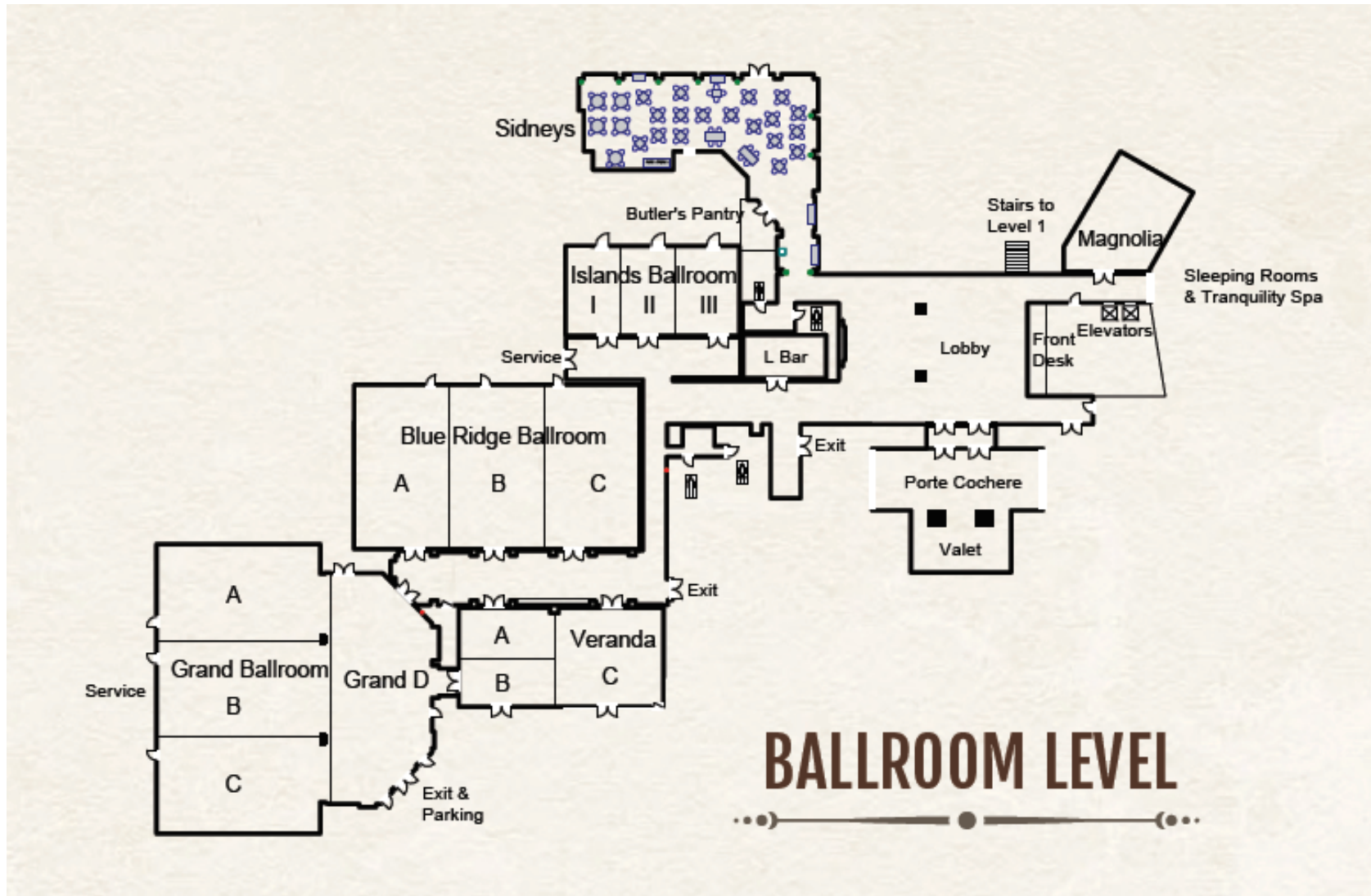
Tue, 05/24/22	1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Breakout	Breakout Session #5 “Environmental Permitting and Stormwater Requirements – How these requirements affect your airport”	Terry Tibbitts	Rebecca Collins Jennifer Aulick
	1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Breakout	Breakout Session #6 “Economic Development – An Airport’s Role”	Steve Brian	Mike Van Wie Tommy Bibb
	2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Break			
	2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	General #3	General Session #3 “Airport Inspections, CIPs and BlackCat”	Michael Joseph	Alan Hood Colette Edmisten
	3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Break			
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Breakout	Breakout Session #7 “Airfield Marking Best Practices and Industry Standards”	Jeff Hester	Austin Blackwell Matt Thomason
	4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Breakout	Breakout Session #8 “Aircraft Accidents/Incidents Real Stories... What Everyone can Learn from Them!”	Dave Perry	Keith Clark
	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Reception			
	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner	“Flyin’ Friendly”	Rebecca Collins	Mark Grady
9:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite		GMC		
Wed, 05/25/22	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Sidney's		
	8:00 AM – 9:15 AM	General #4	General Session #4 “Legislative Update”	Vernon Lee Hope Macaluso	Rep. David Knight Rep. Clay Pirkle Rep. Mike Cheokas Rep. Rick Jasperse Sen. Marty Harbin
	9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Break			
	9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Breakout	General Session #5 “Airport Tips and Tricks” “Consultant Lessons Learned”	Mike Mathews Jacob Redwine	Open Discussion

**Note:**

1. Monday Board meeting and Breakout Sessions to be held in Islands I & II.
2. All breakfast and lunch meals to be held in Sidney’s Restaurant.
3. Tuesday night reception and dinner to be held in Grand Ballroom A & B. Business casual dress code.
4. All general sessions to be held in Blue Ridge AB.
5. Vendors/Exhibitors to be held in Blue Ridge C.



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### **Class: General Session #1**

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 8-8:45am

**Title:** "AGGAA's A-Team and the Future of General Aviation in Georgia" & Sponsor Recognition

**Moderator:** Mitch Ellerbee

**Speakers:** AGGAA Board Members

### **Class: Breakout Session #1**

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 8:45-9:15am

**Title:** "Airport Project Start to Finish"

**Moderator:** Arturo Martinez

**Speakers:** Mitch Ellerbee, Hope Macaluso

**Description:** A step-by-step process from the initial idea through completion and acceptance as the sponsor of the project that assures compliance with FAA and GDOT requirements, the most reimbursement available for the project and the optimum improvement to the facility.

### **Bio: Mitch Ellerbee**



Mitch came home to Thomaston in October of 1997 to become the manager of the Thomaston Upson County Airport with a background in transportation management.

He also holds a commercial multi-engine instrument pilot rating and is a partner in an A-36 Bonanza that he and his wife Anne enjoy flying.

### **Bio: Hope Macaluso**

Originally from Magnolia, Mississippi, Hope is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a degree in Professional Aviation and holds a Private Pilot's license. She has worked for the National Aeronautic Association in Arlington, VA, New Orleans International Airport in Operations, American Airlines in both Chicago and Atlanta, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in Airside Operations, as Executive Director of LaGrange Callaway Airport in LaGrange, Georgia and is currently the Airport Manager of Atlanta Regional Airport, Falcon - Field in Peachtree City, GA.





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### **Class: Breakout Session #2**

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 8:45-9:15am

**Title:** “Wildlife Hazards at Airports”

**Moderator:** Patrick Lenton

**Speakers:** Paul “Pat” Zimmerman

**Description:** Discussion on the hazards that wildlife present at airports in addition to some of the techniques to minimize wildlife hazards.

### **Bio: Paul Zimmerman**

Pat Zimmerman, United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services District Supervisor for Georgia. He is a Qualified Advanced Airport Wildlife Biologist. He achieved his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife from the University of Georgia (Athens) and a Masters of Science in Wildlife from Humboldt State University (Northern California). He has worked in the field of wildlife damage management for over 20 years working specifically with predator management, black bear damage to timber, feral swine management, and airport safety. Airport safety has included military, civil (part 139 and general aviation), and private airfields in California, Georgia, and Florida.

### **Class: Breakout Session #3**

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 9:30-10:45am

**Title:** “Pavement From the Ground Up”

**Moderator:** Sonya Ceballos

**Speakers:** Richard Curtis, Jason Wright

**Description:** Jason will be presenting on the Fundamentals of Airfield Pavement Design geared towards general aviation facilities. This presentation will include a brief history on airfield pavement design, discussions on fleet mix and their influence on the airfield, different repair and rehabilitation methods, and FAA requirements for CIP/AIP eligibility. Richard will be presenting on the geotechnical aspects for airfield support in pavement design and other airfield components.

### **Bio: Richard Curtis**



Richard is a Senior Associate Geotechnical Engineer in the Atlanta office of Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. He has more than 40 years of experience in the fields of geotechnical engineering and construction quality control/assurance testing and inspection. Richard is a dual graduate of Georgia Tech (BCE, MSCE/Geotechnical) and a registered Professional Engineer in 11 states. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a board-certified Diplomate in Geotechnical Engineering (D.GE) by the Academy of Geo-Professionals.



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Richard's areas of expertise include subsurface explorations and geotechnical engineering evaluations, settlement analysis, slope stability analysis, foundation design and construction, earthen dam design and construction, landfill and land treatment site assessments and hydrogeologic studies. He has performed geotechnical studies throughout the southeastern US for a wide variety of project types, including commercial, industrial, transportation, multi-family residential, and much more.

### **Bio: Jason Wright**



Jason is a Project Engineer working in the Atlanta Office Aviation Department at Alfred Benesch and Company. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 2018 with his Masters in Engineering with his research and thesis topic focusing on pavement infrastructure. His work primarily focuses on general aviation capital improvement projects with his experience including aviation civil work on several general aviation, commercial, and military installation airports across the country. His project work includes developing construction drawings, revising technical specifications, conducting pavement condition index surveys, completing airfield pavement designs, calculating cost estimates and drafting technical reports. In his free time, Jason enjoys traveling abroad, hiking and camping.

### **Class: Breakout Session #4**

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 9:30-10:45am

**Title:** "How important is your airfield lighting?, Automated Airport Operations and Aviation Safety, Airport operations tracking for today and tomorrow"

**Moderator:** Rhonda Davis

**Speakers:** Mike Angley, Marty Bennett, Mike Melton, Les Goldsmith, Billy Ragan, Ivan Vasquez

**Description:** Airfield lighting do's/don'ts and safety while performing maintenance. How to be proactive and prevent future maintenance problems. In this session, [1200.aero](https://www.1200.aero) [1200.aero]'s Co-Founder will share the origins of the service, demonstrate current features, and answer any questions from the audience. Live demonstration of how the VirTower software works.



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### Bio: Mike Angley



Company Name: Aeronav Services, LLC

Primary Business: Maintenance and Certification of NAVAIDS, AWOS and Airfield Lighting

He is from Warner Robins GA and currently lives in Hawkinsville GA. Mike has been married 46 years and has 2 sons and 4 granddaughters.

He is retired from the Air Force (20 years) and the FAA (13 years) and in both careers maintained NAVAIDS, AWOS, and Communications Equipment.

He has been providing Maintenance and Certification of NAVAIDS and AWOS equipment at Non-Federal Airports in GA since 2016.

Mike has a B.S. in Organizational Management from Tusculum College, Greenville, TN and has completed extensive Technical Training on NAVAIDS, Weather Observation, Communications equipment from the FAA and Air Force. He spent over 2 years at the FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Academy in Oklahoma City, OK and 18 months of Air Force Training at Biloxi Mississippi.

### Bio: Marty Bennett



Marty Bennett is Vice-President of TCA Electrical Contractors Inc. He has over 30 years of experience in airfield lighting installation and maintenance. Marty holds Master Electrician Licenses in several states and is FAA certified for approach lighting equipment.

Originally from Tifton, Marty is a graduate of the University of Georgia (Athens) with a BS in Economics and ABAC with a degree in Business Administration.



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### Bio: Mike Melton



Mike has been in business aviation, flight training and airport management for the last 16 years and flying for the last 28 years. Working in the flight training industry for 6 years with a large Metro Atlanta Flight School as their Marketing and Business Development Director. He currently serves as the Assistant Airport Manager at Atlanta Regional Airport and has served in many roles over the last 10 years with the airport. Mike is familiar with all aspects of airport operations, FBO services, fueling operations and all the many aspects airport management handles on a day-to-day basis. Additionally, he holds a Private Pilot Certificate with Instrument Privileges.

### Bio: Les Goldsmith



Les Goldsmith is an Australian Army Veteran, Rotary Wing Pilot and President of Virtower. Les has spent the last 16 years developing sensor systems for detection of nation state electronic surveillance targeting US critical infrastructure and personnel. Les is a contracted subject matter expert on cellular network vulnerabilities to the US Department of Homeland Security, conducting investigations into new cellular network threats impacting 2G, 3G, LTE and 5G networks. In 2019 the newly established Virtower began research into the current aircraft tracking solutions and their limitations. Launching in October 2020 Virtower now has over 100

Airports using the system to track operations, pavement usage and investigate noise complaints. In early 2022 Virtower was selected to provide tracking of interagency government air assets for deconfliction and coordination with drone operations in congested airspace





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### Bio: Billy Ragan



Originally from Macon, Georgia, Billy has lived in Vidalia since primary school. Billy is a graduate of Southeastern Technical College with a management certificate. Prior to his career at the Vidalia Regional airport he worked six years at Lowes.

He has worked at the airport for 12 years come August with the last 1.5 of those being the manager. He holds a private pilots certificate and has 700 hours all in small single engine aircraft.

### Bio: Ivan Vasquez



Ivan Vasquez co-founded [1200.aero](https://1200.aero) [1200.aero] literally "by accident": As a result of a near mid-air collision he experienced as a student pilot in 2016. Since then, he has been obsessed about improving aviation safety and helping general aviation by making data readily available to any airport, flight school, FBO or government agency that needs it. Born in South America, Ivan has spent his entire professional life in the US, helping large data-driven companies such as Amazon Web Services, Fidelity Investments and Oracle. He holds a Masters in Computer Science from UGA and an MBA from UNC Chapel Hill.

### Class: General Session #2

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 11am-12pm

**Title:** "GDOT's A-Team and the Future"

**Moderator:** Robert Mohl

**Speakers:** Clement Solomon, Steve Brian and Colette Edmisten

**Description:** GDOT's new Director of the Intermodal Division, Dr. Clement Solomon, will provide his vision of the Aviation Program and aviation's role in Georgia's intermodal future. Steve Brian and Colette Williams, the Aviation Program Manager and Assistant Manager, will add to the presentation on current Department activities and funding opportunities to help airports navigate an increasingly complex funding environment for airport infrastructure improvements.



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### Bio: Clement Solomon



Dr. Clement Solomon leads the Intermodal Division Offices of Aviation, Rail, Transit, Waterways, and System Safety Oversight (SSO) at the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Dr. Solomon is responsible for setting policies, formulating, organizing, and administering all major statewide non-highway programs for the development of a comprehensive transportation system. Prior to GDOT, he provided strategic leadership and served as the Accountable Executive for the Boeing built Personal Rapid Transit system and has led several cross-functional collaborative programs during his career. He holds

graduate degrees in Mechanical engineering and Civil engineering as well as a PhD in Resource Management and Sustainable Development.

### Bio: Steve Brian



**STEVE BRIAN** is the Aviation Program Manager for the Georgia Department of Transportation which administers the FAA Block Grant Program and the State Aviation Grant Program. Prior to joining the Department, Steve was the Airport Director in College Station, TX and Brunswick, GA (managing the Brunswick Golden Isles and the McKinnon St. Simons Island Airports). He has 42 years of experience in the aviation industry managing airports in the communities of Birmingham, AL, Binghamton, NY, and Kinston, NC. He also served in Washington, DC with the Airport Council International (ACI) working on issues affecting small airports, air service,

and international route development.

Steve is a graduate of Auburn University, a certified member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and holds a private pilot certificate.





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### Bio: Colette Edmisten



Colette has been the Assistant Program Manager-Aviation for the Georgia Department of Transportation, Division of Intermodal, since March 2015. Georgia is a part of the FAA's State Block Grant Program and is home to 105 public use airports. Colette manages the airport funding, FAA grants, airport contracts, and capital improvement/development program for Georgia's 95 general aviation airports.

Prior to starting with GDOT, Colette worked in Florida for the Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority, and then in Georgia for the Glynn County Airport Commission and Savannah Airport Commission. She worked in various capacities from 2002 to 2015 in airport operations, security, and management.

Colette holds a commercial pilot's license with instrument and multi-engine ratings, is a past president of the Georgia

Airports Association, and is an Accredited Airport Executive with the American Association of Airport Executives.

Colette currently lives in Brunswick, GA with her husband and 2 dogs. In her spare time, she has started coursing with her Saluki, now an AKC Junior Champion.

### **Class: Breakout Session #5**

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 1-2:15pm

**Title:** "Environmental Permitting and Stormwater Requirements – How these requirements affect your airport"

**Moderator:** Terry Tibbitts

**Speakers:** Rebecca Collins, Jennifer Aulick

**Description:** Join us for a dive into some of the permits, regulations, and requirements related to permitting the construction projects for your airport. This presentation will provide you with some of the laws and programs that apply to airports, why they are important, and the various ways that these criteria affect the timeline, best management practices (BMPs), and costs aspects of your projects. This presentation will also explore how to balance the requirements with safety considerations and long-term maintenance benefits and requirements.



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### Bio: Rebecca Collins



Rebecca Collins, P.E. is an Executive Vice President and owner at Croy Engineering. With over 20 years of experience, she leads the company's aviation practice and currently manages engineering, planning, land acquisition, and construction services for more than 30 airports across the Southeast. Her experience spans civil site design, airfield design, aviation planning studies, transportation design, and construction services.

Rebecca is an active member in the local community, including participation in the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Cobb, and Honorary Commanders. She is also involved in professional organizations such as the Association of Georgia General Aviation Airports, Georgia Airports Association, and the American Association of Airport Executives.

### Bio: Jennifer Aulick



Jennifer Aulick Etheridge is the Owner of Aulick Engineering, a woman-owned small business that provides engineering design and construction management services for transportation projects, specializing in stormwater and hydraulics, civil-site design, and airport construction management and inspection projects. Aulick Engineering has a special heart for aviation projects, with the two owners spending a major part of their careers in aviation planning and design and loving the opportunity to serve as aviation client managers. Aulick brings this experience to airport teams focusing on hydraulics, inspection, and private hangar site design, among other things. Aulick is committed to establishing and maintaining long-term trusted client and employee relationships by following their core values of being kind, resourceful, respectful, and trustworthy.

Growing up in Florida, Jennifer developed a love of the water, which inspired her career path specializing in hydraulics. Jennifer graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and completed a Masters in Business Administration from University of Florida. With over 20 years in the transportation consulting industry, Jennifer's extensive experience includes bridge hydraulics, erosion control, stormwater management, MS4 compliance, aviation design, construction management, and construction inspection. Jennifer has lead the effort for numerous airport stormwater master plans, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs), stormwater BMP design, airport drainage, and erosion control plans. is a Professional Engineer and Level II Certified for Erosion Control in the State of Georgia. Jennifer is



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experienced in following the design requirements set forth in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, the NPDES Permits, the GDOT Drainage Manual, and the Manual for Sediment and Erosion Control in Georgia.

Jennifer also serves as a board member for ACEC Georgia and sits on the GPTQ Aviation Subcommittee. Outside of work, Jennifer is married to another small business owner, stays busy keeping up with her two little boys, and enjoys paddleboarding and Pilates.

**Class: Breakout Session #6**

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 1-2:15pm

**Title:** “Economic Development – An Airport’s Role”

**Moderator:** Steve Brian

**Speakers:** Tommy Bibb, Mike Van Wie

**Description:** Mike will be speaking about hangar, hangar leases, and leasing policies. Bring your specific questions to answered during this session.

**Bio: Tommy Bibb**



Tommy is a 35-year aviation veteran having worked for both the airlines and airport since 1986. During his 32-year career at BNA, Tommy lead various departments to include Operations, Maintenance, Environmental Compliance, and Commercial Real Estate. Some key accomplishments include efforts in land development that resulted in new FBO and MRO facility leases related to minimum capital investment requirements while in Commercial Real Estate for BNA.

Over his career with BNA, Tommy was actively engaged in the continuous operation of the fastest growing medium hub airport in the country with development taking place on the landside, airside, and in the terminal building simultaneously. Tommy is skilled in the collaborative approach to development in an active airport environment that considers all stakeholder interests and is well versed in understanding the airport owner’s perspective in maintaining the continuity of operations while under construction.



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### Bio: Mike Van Wie



Mike Van Wie has over 42 years' experience in air traffic control, airspace management, and airport management at both General Aviation and Military Airports. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 2002 after a 22-year career. In his final tour he was responsible for Air Traffic Control and Airspace at seven Navy Region Southeast installations.

Mike became Assistant Director of DeKalb Peachtree Airport, a national top-10 General Aviation Airport, in October of 2002 and subsequently named Director in 2010. In these positions he was responsible for day-to-day operations, maintenance, security, and construction. Additionally, he was responsible for executing the operating and capital improvement budgets.

Mike is a past-president and legislative liaison for the Georgia Airport's Association. He is also an accredited member of the American Association of Airport

Executives and has spoken at numerous conferences on subjects ranging from airport rules and regulations, minimum standards, airport revenue models, and airport leases and leasing policies. He holds a bachelor's degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master of Business Administration from Webster University.

### Class: General Session #3

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 2:30-3:45pm

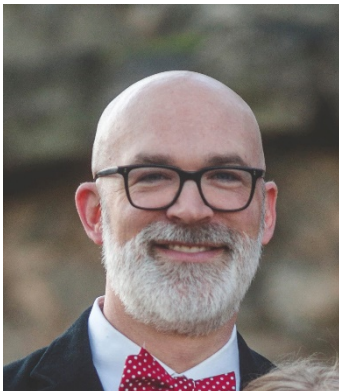
**Title:** "Airport Inspections, CIPs and BlackCat"

**Moderator:** Michael Joseph

**Speakers:** Alan Hood, Colette Edmisten

**Description:** Will discuss the airport inspection process, and what surfaces are looked at, as well as required written responses. Will also discuss the yearly CIP process, what is needed, and how to enter in BlackCat, and other uses for BlackCat.

### Bio: Alan Hood



Alan Hood is the Airport Safety Data Program Manager with the Georgia Department of Transportation. He has been with the Department for 14 years in both Project Management and Airport Inspections rolls. He also spent 4 years with an engineering firm and another 4 years in airport management. He is a graduate of Auburn University in Aviation Management.





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### Bio: Colette Edmisten



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Colette currently lives in Brunswick, GA with her husband and 2 dogs. In her spare time, she has started coursing with her Saluki, now an AKC Junior Champion.

### **Class: Breakout Session #7**

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 4-5:15pm

**Title:** Airfield Marking Best Practices and Industry Standards

**Moderator:** Jeff Hester

**Speakers:** Austin Blackwell, Matt Thomason

**Description:** Airport pavements are different than highway pavements, although both are composed of the same raw materials, they are susceptible to different wear, weathering, exposure, stresses, and traffic. This session will review best practices and industry standards that aim to enhance airfield safety and reduce the life cycle costs of the markings.



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### Bio: Austin Blackwell



Austin Blackwell has been with Remac, Inc. for 10 years, serving as the Aviation Division Manager. His responsibilities included Estimating/Bidding projects, as well as Project Management after award. Austin received a bachelor's degree in Economics and Commerce from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia in 2012. He has successfully overseen numerous airport projects throughout the south east.

### Bio: Matt Thomason



Matt Thomason is an Engineer and Aviation Planner who holds a Master of Science in Airport Planning and Management from Cranfield University in Bedfordshire, United Kingdom. His extensive background includes work for airports such as Houston George Bush Intercontinental, Anchorage International Airport, Las Vegas McCarran International Airport, Jacksonville International Airport, Kona International Airport, Gainesville Regional Airport, Lynchburg Regional Airport, Brunswick Golden Isles Airport, and Ocala International Airport among others. His expertise lies in Airport Master Plans, Airport Layout Plans, Airspace Analysis and Planning, TERPS Analysis, Agency

Coordination, Public Involvement, Airport Design, Airport Operations (Part 139), Crisis Communication, as well as, Airport Safety Management Systems.

### **Class: Breakout Session #8**

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 4-5:15pm

**Title:** "Aircraft Accidents / Incidents: Real Stories... What Everyone can Learn from Them!"

**Moderator:** Dave Perry

**Speakers:** Keith Clark

**Description:** After an aircraft accident / incident, people will be asking questions and trying to figure out what happened. So the question we should ask ourselves; are we ready for those questions and what





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can we do to better prepare ourselves for those questions? Join us today to look at past accidents / incidents and what we have learned from them.

### Bio: Keith Clark



Keith Clark is the Lead Quality Control & Technical Rep at Phillips 66<sup>®</sup> Aviation whose responsibilities include managing the Aviation Fuel Quality Assurance Program. This is Keith's 40<sup>th</sup> year at Phillips 66 and during this time he has held various roles within marketing, customer services, sales, accounting, and lubricants. He is a regular guest speaker at National Air Transportation Association (NATA) Quality Control Trainings, Facet Filtration Trainings, Gammon Technical Trainings, and has spoken at various State Aviation Conferences. By working closely with the Aviation Industry, Keith has created a Phillips 66 Aviation campaign called "Save a Life – Verify Fuel Type", which helps educate Pilots and FBO's on the importance of proper communication and verification during a fuel order and ways to help prevent mistakes that could lead to an aircraft misfueling.

### Class: General Session #4

**Date:** May 25, 2022 @ 8-9:15am

**Title:** "Legislative Update"

**Moderator:** Vernon Lee, Hope Macaluso

**Speakers:** Rep. David Knight, Rep. Clay Pirkle, Rep. Mike Cheokas, Rep. Rick Jasperse, Sen. Marty Harbin

**Description:** The legislative session will include discussion on the budget and continued finding for Airport Aid and future legislation. It will also include growth discussion of AGGAA.

### Bio: Rep. David Knight



David grew up in Griffin, Georgia and graduated from Woodward Academy. He attended the University of Georgia and Augusta College where he completed his CPA internship and earned his Bachelor's Degree. Upon graduation, he moved to Albany and then to Atlanta for work before coming back to Griffin to practice accounting in 1999. He has since launched a consulting firm to help develop policy strategies for effective influence, communication and implementation of public policy.

Since first being elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2005, David's priority has been to safeguard conservative values and write comprehensive, logical policies that are aligned with the cornerstones of his home district and the State. David has worked on and passed comprehensive legislation in the areas of healthcare, tax, education and conservation.



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David is the Chairman of the House Higher Education Appropriations subcommittee and also serves as a committee member on the Rules, Ways and Means, Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care, Game Fish and Parks, Higher Education, Banks and Banking and Small Business Development committees. David is also the Chairman of the House Sportsman's Caucus.

He met and married his wife Marie in Griffin in 2005, and together they have one son, John David. David has a passion for the outdoors, and he makes sure he finds time for coaching baseball, hunting, fishing and passing down those traditions and hobbies to his son.

### **Bio: Rep. Clay Pirkle**



Representative Clay Pirkle was raised on the family farm in Sycamore, Georgia, where he learned the value of hard work, respect and integrity. While pursuing his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Clay worked on campus during the day and at the UPS Distribution Center at night. Later, while working on his MBA in Accounting and Finance at the University of Georgia in Athens, he worked as a teaching assistant in the economics department and in the soybean lab.

Presently, Rep. Pirkle works as a farmer at Pirkle Farms where the motto is "Christianity is our business; we farm to pay the expenses." He has also held positions as an economist with the US government, a commercial banker at a local bank and an economics instructor at Darton College.

Rep. Pirkle proudly represents the citizens of House District 155. He was elected into the Georgia House of Representative in July of 2015 and was sworn in on August 21, 2015. Rep. Pirkle is a member of the following standing House committees: Agriculture & Consumer Affairs; Appropriations; Banks & Banking; Higher Educations; Motor Vehicles; Science & Technology; and State Properties.

Clay has been married to his childhood sweetheart, Sharon, for over 30 years. They have three wonderful children, Andrew, DeAnna and Nathan. Clay is a deacon and the treasurer at his home church, has taught Sunday school for over 20 years and is president of the missions' organization, "Less of Me More of You". He also serves as the director of the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association based in Birmingham, AL.



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### Bio: Rep. Mike Cheokas



Representative Mike Cheokas was first sworn in on January 10, 2005 and again on January 14, 2019 for the 138<sup>th</sup> District in Americus. He is the Chairman of the Small Business Development Committee and also participates in the Code Revision, Appropriations, Creative Arts & Entertainment, Education, Health & Human Services and Special Rules Committees.

### Bio: Rep. Rick Jasperse



Rick grew up in Kingsport Tennessee. Upon graduation from The University of Georgia's College of Agriculture with a degree in Food Science, Rick started work as the Assistant County Agent in Bartow County in 1980. He stayed there for a few years, wisely married Marcia Rowlett, and then went to Bleckley County in South Georgia to further his experience in agriculture. Pickens County was their final stop and has been their home since 1983. Rick and Marcia live on a small farm, and over the years have grown a little bit of everything.

Rick has been very active in our community over the years. He has served on various boards and clubs. He has been on the Mountain Conservation Trust Board, Chattahoochee Technical College Board, and Appalachian Cattlemen's Association. He was a long-time member of the Jasper Lion's Club and now a member of the Jasper Rotary Club. He was President and game announcer of the Pickens High School Tip-Off Club. He has cooked pork and chicken

BBQ for many organizations and events to raise money for charity. He coached little league baseball for years with some great parents. Rick and his family had a small landscaping business for a number of years.

Rick's relationship with God has always been an important part of his life. Christian principles are an important part of his everyday approach to life and to making decisions. It is the basis of his enthusiasm to display a servant-leadership approach to public office just like he has in work, family, and in community activities.

Rick retired in 2009 after 29 years as a County Agent. Budget reductions at the University put a few of the older employees out to pasture. As an educator with the University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Pickens County, his role was to teach, inform, and empower folks.



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Rick entered a new world of service in 2010 when he was elected to be the State Representative for what is now the 11th District, which is part of Gordon County, part of Murray County, and all of Pickens.

Rick currently serves as the Chairman of the Education Committee, Secretary of Rules, and as a member on the following House Committees: Agricultural and Consumer Affairs, Appropriations, Health & Human Services, Higher Education, Human Relations & Aging, Public Safety & Homeland Security, and Regulated Industries

### **Bio: Sen. Marty Harbin**



State Senator Marty Harbin, a Republican, was first elected to the Senate in 2014. He represents District 16 which includes Lamar, Spalding and Pike Counties and most of Fayette County. Senator Harbin is the Vice Chairman of the Government Oversight Committee. He is also a member of the Insurance and Labor, Natural Resources and the Environment, Reapportionment and Redistricting and State and Local Governmental Operations Committees.

After graduating Georgia State University in 1977 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Sen. Harbin established the Harbin Insurance Agency. He has worked diligently for more than 40 years building a successful business. From two employees to now a team of over twenty, his company serves individuals and businesses throughout the Southeastern United

States providing insurance, risk management and investment services.

Senator Harbin and his wife, Debbie, have been married and living in Tyrone for more than 40 years. They have six children and 10 grandchildren. They met and were married at First Baptist Church Atlanta where Sen. Harbin was ordained as a deacon and taught Sunday School. In 1996 they moved their membership to Fayetteville First Baptist Church where he has also served as a deacon and taught Sunday School classes for over 20 years. He and Debbie actively support Southwest Christian Care, Christian Families Today, the Fayette Pregnancy Resource Center, as well as many other ministries.

### **Class: General Session #5**

**Date:** May 25, 2022 @ 9:30-10:45am

**Title:** Airport Tips and Tricks & Consultant Lessons Learned

**Moderator:** Mike Mathews, Jacob Redwine

**Speakers:** Open Discussion

**Description:** Breakout Session #5 will be an open discussion on issues that you are facing on a day to day basis as an aviation professional. Please bring questions with you that you have been struggling with and would like to discuss with other aviation professionals no matter how large or how small. The intent of this session is to be able to leave with a better understanding of your issues and concerns than when you first walked in, take that information back with you, and apply it to your airport or work place.





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### Bio: Mike Mathews



Born in Connecticut, Mike moved down to Georgia at age 7 with his parents. His love for aviation and flying began when he made trips back and forth on various types of aircraft to visit relatives back in Connecticut.

Mike started learning how to fly at age 15. He soloed at age 16 and went on to get his Private a few years later at Parks College of St Louis University. He later went on to get his Instrument Rating.

After leaving St Louis, Mike took a job at the Rome airport in operations while finishing up his degree.

Mike took a hard left turn out of aviation and worked in the accounting field for 12 years in veracious positions such as accounting manager for an HCA hospital and a comptroller for various industries.

After 12 years of accounting, Mike decided he wanted to get back into aviation and became an FAA certified Aircraft Dispatcher. He worked for 3 different airlines dispatching both the 737's and 727's.

After several years of dispatching, Mike returned to Rome to manage the Rome, Ga airport. He stayed there for 22 years before moving on to the Athens Ben Epps Airport. He has been in Athens almost 4 years now.

He has a wife, Regina and 2 children, Sarah and Stephen and 4 grandchildren whose ages are 8, 10, 10, and 10.

### Bio: Jacob Redwine



Jacob Redwine, PE is a well-rounded Georgia Professional Engineer with 25 years of experience in aviation and transportation design and project management. Jacob earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering Technology from Southern Polytechnic State University in 1997. He entered the civil engineering field shortly thereafter and currently serves as Operations Manager of Holt Consulting Company's Duluth office. Jacob's chief responsibilities include program and project management, client management, civil design, and construction management and support for a variety of local and state government agencies. In his spare time, Jacob enjoys coaching baseball, volunteering and conducting fundraising events to support local charities, and hanging out with his family. Jacob currently resides in Sugar Hill, Georgia with his wife Michelle and their sons Owen (15) and Dalton (14).



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**Class: Reception, Dinner & Entertainment**

**Date:** May 24, 2022 @ 6:00-9:00pm

**Title:** Flyin' Friendly

**Moderator:** Croy Engineering

**Speakers:** Mark Grady

**Description:** Does having 6,500 hours in a little Cessna 152 have an effect on you? You better believe it does. Nobody knows that better than Mark Grady. He earned most of that time as an award-winning traffic watch pilot and reporter for WRAL Radio and TV in Raleigh, North Carolina. In *Flyin' Friendly*, Mark shares his crazy flying adventures and some of their funniest outcomes.

**Bio: Mark Grady**



What do the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air National Guard have in common? They have all used Mark Grady to conduct safety-standdown training for their pilots.

Using a unique blend of humor, a matter-of-fact delivery, and hard-hitting anecdotes, Mark brings an important safety message to all pilots in the critically relevant area of human factors. In his nationally presented program, *Why Did I Do That?*, he reviews various flying situations that trap pilots and lead to serious accidents. By analyzing these poorly made decisions, aviators can learn from the mistakes of others without having to pay the ultimate price for the lesson. Mark's program, *The Color Code*, originally made famous by the late Chas Harral, introduces you to

real-life, practical, safety-specific advice on reaching and sustaining the goal of flying comfortably and safely. This isn't just a nice "pat on the back" seminar full of fluff and stuff. Instead, it's awareness training with an attitude. You'll hear Mark make his mark with several key principles that will instantly and indelibly change the way you think about thinking.

Mark's skills as a commercial pilot with over 6,000 flight hours include ten years as a traffic watch pilot and reporter and 22 years of experience as a radio and TV broadcaster. This combination of communication talents make Mark the ideal presenter for seminar programs that have long lasting impact on all participants. Mark also writes for a number of publications including the *General Aviation News*, *Southern Aviator*, *Weekend Flyer*, *Wilmington Star-News* and the *Jacksonville Daily News*

As an aid in communication, Mark uses his trademark sense of humor to help all attendees relax and learn. As a humorist, this writer, commercial pilot and professional speaker often pokes fun at his height (or lack of it!). You're sure to laugh, relax and learn as Mark shares some of the perils of being a 'vertically-challenged' pilot. How do you get the FAA to STC a phone book as a "pilot height extension device"?

If the pilots who fly the fast, expensive aircraft for the U.S. Government can trust Mark to deliver sage safety training for them, you can too.