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## Mark the Date for the Annual Membership Meeting

*March 27th, 2012 - Terminal Building  
Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport  
6:30 PM - 9 :00 PM*

**Please join us for cocktails, appetizers, and.....**



## Special Guest, Red Bull Pilot Kirby Chambliss

We are very excited to give back to our members and celebrate such a wonderful year! Please join us later this month for our Annual Membership Meeting. Confirmed to speak is two-time Red Bull Air Race Champion and current Red Bull pilot, Kirby Chambliss. Free for CABA members! Non-member tickets are \$10.

[Registration is required. Click here to register now!](#)

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### CABA Mission Statement

Our mission is to foster and promote aviation related business throughout Colorado; to collectively address and respond to issues impacting Colorado Airports, including safety and operational effectiveness; to educate the general public about all aviation activities in the state, and to preserve the state's airport related businesses as valuable economic assets to the community at large.

## Legislative Committee Makes Strides

### Committed to Advocacy for our Members

The CABA legislative committee is working as an advocate for you, our members. Run by Gene Langfeldt of Wetzel Aviation, the committee and other board members recently attended the Colorado Airport Operators Association (CAOA) Winter Conference. At this conference, CABA was able to reach out to not only the owners, operators, and users of the 79 public use airports, but also to political figures from across the state.

The committee also requests that our members contact representatives in Washington to reject the user fees for general aviation proposed by President Obama. The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) has developed a "Contact Congress" web site which contains a letter dedicated to telling Congress to oppose the president's proposed user fees.

[Click here to learn more about the user fee threat and how to take action.](#)

For more information and to get involved with the legislative committee, please contact [Gene Langfeldt](#).

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## CABA Building Strong Relationship with MSCD

### Working to Ensure a Pathway to Business Aviation

On March 15th, CABA will host a Meet and Greet with the students of Metropolitan State College of Denver's Aviation Department. This will be an opportunity for students to meet professionals from the business aviation sector and explore the possibility of starting a student organization under the Colorado Aviation Business Association. The meeting will be informal and informational in nature to gauge student levels of interest.

When: 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 15th

Where: Metro State College of Denver  
Department of Aviation and Aerospace Science  
Room 114 in the Seventh Street Building

For more information please contact:

Metro State College of Denver's Professor Kevin R. Kuhlmann at [kuhlmank@mscd.edu](mailto:kuhlmank@mscd.edu)

## Front Range Airport Hopeful in 2012

### New Facilities and Contracts Look Promising for FTG

Front Range Airport (FTG) is the last GA airport constructed in Colorado and is one of the largest general aviation airports in the United States. With just under 4,000-acres of land and adjacent non-residential master planned industrial complex, further surrounded by tens of thousands of acres of dry land farming, it is "remote." Now, that perceived weakness has become its strength.

Remote and convenient with excess capacity, makes it ideal for a spaceport as well as a site for UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) or more adequately defined R.P.V. (Remote Pilot Vehicle). Director of Aviation,

Dennis Heap commented, "FTG is only six miles southeast of the 10th busiest airport in the world - DIA, and within 30 minutes from Metro Denver and its vast employment base."

Spaceport and UAVs are just two components of an aerospace center that are converging with aviation. A key partner for the reliever airport is its strong relationship with DIA. "We would not be going forward with this concept," stated Heap, "except for the open communications we have with Kim Day, and understanding that we will not pursue opportunities that would harm that relationship."

FTG recently completed a terminal renovation with bonus money it received from an oil & gas lease entered into last year with Anadarko Petroleum. This includes a state-of-the-art customer service center, corporate pilot lounge, flight planning room, and full-service restaurant and bar. "We are already seeing positive results," said Ken Lawson, Assistant Director, "with a year-to-date increase of 38.7% in Jet A fuel sales."

Strategic Simulation Solutions became the anchor tenant for Front Range Airport's Aerospace Center after signing a 40-year land lease with the "remote" but "convenient" general aviation airport to build a special purpose building which will be 50' x 80' with a 30' clear ceiling. The building will house the first A320 full motion simulator to be operational 20 hours per day, 7 days per week, with 4 hours for FAA maintenance per night between the hours of 22:00 thru 02:00. Twenty-one pilot / instructor personnel will operate the simulator on a daily basis. Ground school will constitute an additional 12 students per day, 5 days per week with 1 instructor per class. Provisionally, Flight Attendant Training is anticipated to comprise up to 50 students for 3 days every 2 weeks. Simulator training will begin 3rd quarter 2012.

Bottom line, business at FTG is picking up and just keeps getting higher and higher!

## We Need YOU in 2012!

### Committees Need Your Help Today!

We are working hard to reorganize our committees in 2012 and we need your involvement! We will have the following committees this next year and are always looking for other aviation professionals to help!

- Educational Outreach
- Membership
- Legislative
- Communications
- Industry Professionals

Join us today by emailing your board members at [info@mycaba.org](mailto:info@mycaba.org). We will get back to you as quickly as possible with more information and can answer any questions you may have. We look forward to working with you!

## Got News?

### Member News Section Added on the Website

We have added a new section to the website for CABA Member News. Please send press releases, or news you would like to share with your fellow Colorado Aviation colleagues.

Send News To:

[bdavies@mycaba.org](mailto:bdavies@mycaba.org)

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