

# Tennessee Business Aviation Association



## Spring/Summer 2023

### TNBAA 2023

We are pleased to announce the Tennessee Business Aviation Association is back! Coming out of a very successful 2019, we had exciting plans for 2020. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic forced us to put these plans on hold. We earmarked 2023 as the year we would continue our mission of promoting business and general aviation throughout the great state of Tennessee.

We are excited about our upcoming events. For up to date events and announcements, visit our web site [www.tnbaa.org](http://www.tnbaa.org).

### Want to be a Member?

As a member of the Tennessee Business Aviation Association (TnBAA), you will have the opportunity to belong to a unique organization, one that will allow you to grow professionally with other associates and network within all branches of the general aviation industry. TnBAA is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers who work in the industry every day. Our small annual dues assist in the facilitation of our scholarship program as well as our educational events and annual gatherings. For more information, check out [tnbaa.org/membership](http://tnbaa.org/membership)



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## NBAA Schedulers and Dispatcher Conference 2023



Madie Wehrly and Sean Kerr at SDC

The 2023 Schedulers and Dispatchers Conference (SDC) was NBAA's lead off event for 2023. Themed, "Community, connections and a little bit country," this year's conference featured more than 30 education sessions, including Professional Development Program courses. Hosted in Nashville, TN, the event featured more than 460 exhibit booths, and in excess of 3,400 attendees, including more than 350 first-time attendees.

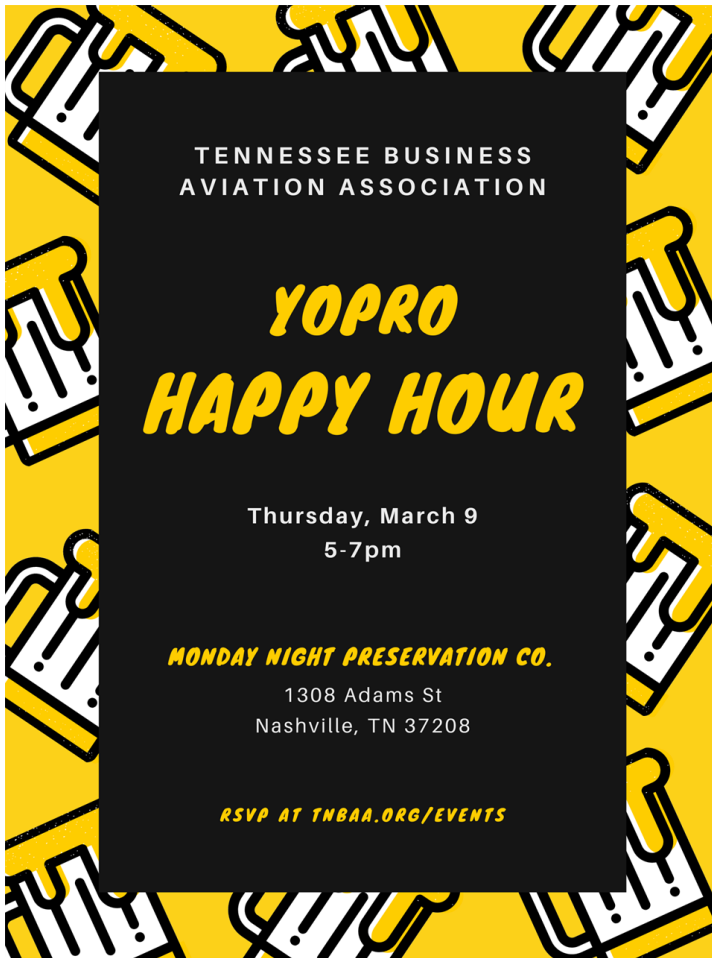
"SDC2023 was an incredible, record-breaking event, but it's about so much more than the numbers, it's about the people," said NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen. "This is a group that's very passionate. They are committed to coming together, giving back to the community and moving the industry forward, and the way they do that as part of this event is inspiring."



The TNBAA kicked off conference week with a sponsored networking happy hour at Acme Feed & Seed on Broadway in Nashville, TN. We had a phenomenal turnout and there was a lot of excitement surrounding TnBAA returning post-pandemic.

TnBAA Board Member Sean Kerr and Chairwoman Madie Wehrly continued the week representing TnBAA in the conference exhibit hall. While exhibiting, Madie and Sean were able to promote TnBAA, share about future events, and make connections with current and future members. Thank you to the conference attendees who came by to say hello and share your ideas about the group.





## Tennessee Young Professionals (YoPro)

TnBAA recognizes the ever-increasing need for maintenance technicians, pilots, and other professionals in the business aviation industry. As part of our initiative to grow the local aviation community, we have formed a Tennessee Young Professionals (YoPro) Group. The purpose of this branch of TnBAA is to build a community for young professionals at the local level. We find it important to provide support to our peers, share our resources and knowledge, while advocating for the younger generation to pursue careers in our industry.

If you are a YoPro, please join us for a Networking Happy Hour on March 9 from 5-7 in the Taproom of Monday Night Preservation Co. You can RSVP for the event at [www.tnbaa.org/events](http://www.tnbaa.org/events) If you are not a YoPro, please help us spread the word about this group! I cannot wait to see what the future holds for business aviation in Tennessee, and am especially excited to see the Tennessee YoPro Group expand. I hope to see you at our first event next month!

All my best,

Madie Wehrly, TnBAA Chair

### NBAA YoPro

Young Professionals in Business Aviation (YoPro) was founded in 2014 by NBAA employees who saw an opportunity to bring industry peers together in a forward-thinking organization dedicated to promoting ties between young people in business aviation. Since then, the group has hosted successful events at multiple high-profile conferences and expanded membership to include young professionals from all parts of the industry.

With more upcoming events and exciting outreach initiatives on the horizon, there has never been a better time to get involved with YoPro.

### Mission Statement

NBAA's YoPro is a group dedicated to building relationships between emerging leaders across the industry. Through events at key business aviation industry gatherings, the group will promote networking, sharing of best practices and build a sense of community among future aviation leaders.

## Upcoming Events

**March 9th**  
**TNBAA YoPro Happy Hour**  
Monday Night Brewing/Nashville  
Preservation Co., Nashville, TN  
(Visit): [TNBAA.org/events](https://www.tnbaa.org/events)

**May 2nd-4th**  
**2023 NBAA Maintenance Conference**  
Hartford CT  
(Visit): [NBAA.org](https://www.nbaa.org)

**June 10th -11th**  
**The Great Tennessee Airshow**  
Smyrna, TN  
(Visit) [greattennesseearshow.com](https://www.greattennesseearshow.com)

**August 10th**  
**TNBAA Annual Golf Tournament**  
Hermitage Golf Course  
Old Hickory, TN  
(Contact): [TnBAAchair@gmail.com](mailto:TnBAAchair@gmail.com)

**October 17th—19th**  
**NBAA /BACE**  
Las Vegas, NV  
(Visit): [NBAA.org](https://www.nbaa.org)

## Atlantic Aviation Building New Facilities at BNA

Atlantic Aviation is investing \$40 million in new facilities at its BNA campus. According to the BNA General Manager, Aaron Wood, the expansion brings their total BNA lease properties to 24.5 acres.

The new Nashville themed FBO terminal will feature 12,000 square feet of space which will include a VIP area for special groups. The facility will be LEED as part of Atlantic Aviation's green initiatives. The new FBO will showcase technology with high end amenities for passengers and

crews. A substantial increase in parking will help accommodate customers at peak travel times.

Atlantic Aviation is also building a 30,000 square feet hangar facility where the TDOT administration building once resided. The hangar will offer 3,000 feet of office space split between 5 offices and a lobby area. Work is underway to expand Atlantic's fuel farm capacity with the installation of a new fuel farm. Work on the facilities is scheduled to be completed by 4th quarter of this year.



*Atlantic Aviation's proposed BNA FBO terminal is currently under construction. The facility is scheduled to be completed by 4th quarter, 2023.*

## Meet our Board Members



Chairwoman Madie Wehrly



Vice Chairman Josh Brumfield

Madie Wehrly realized her passion for business aviation working line service in high school. Knowing she wanted to pursue a career in the industry, but not having any resources or family involved in aviation, she thought Embry-Riddle would be a great place to start. After graduating with a degree in Aviation Business Administration, she pursued her first sales job at Textron Aviation. Over the years, she has worked in maintenance sales, new aircraft sales, and she currently serves as the VP of Charter Sales at Executive Jet Management where she has been since 2020. When she isn't working or serving TNBAA, you can find Madie in her garden or spending time with her husband (Hayden) and golden retriever (Woodford).

Josh Brumfield is originally from Christiansburg, VA. Josh started his professional flying career in 2003 flying Citation jets for Virginia Tech. He attended Liberty University where he obtained a BS in Professional Aeronautics. Josh moved to Nashville in 2005 and took a pilot position with Lifepoint Health flying Cessna Citations as well as flying for 135 charter operations. Josh is currently the Aviation Department Manager for Lifepoint Health operating two Hawkers. He has been a member on TNBAA since 2018.



## TNBAA Annual Golf Tournament

Back by popular demand, the TNBAA golf tournament is scheduled for August 10th at the [Hermitage Golf Course](#). Shotgun start time is 8AM. This event has proven to be a member favorite. Enter as a team or individual. Hole, lunch and beverage sponsorship opportunities are still available. Come join the fun! For more information contact: [TnBAChair@gmail.com](mailto:TnBAChair@gmail.com).

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Old Hickory, TN 37138



## Industry News

### SMS

The FAA has proposed the expansion of mandatory SMS compliance to certain Part 21 Type Certificates, air tours operated under FAR Part 91.147 and all operations conducted under FAR 135. They have also proposed additional requirements in Part 5 (the FAA's SMS rule). The FAA is seeking comments on their proposal that individual Part 135 operators might be better suited to identify the appropriate fatigue mitigations for their operations through an SMS rather than a more prescriptive regulatory approach. Comments are due before April 11th. For any questions about the proposal, please reach out to [sms@nbaa.org](mailto:sms@nbaa.org)

### 5G

A proposed FAA airworthiness directive on methods to mitigate interference to aircraft systems from 5G telecommunications networks "falls short of the goal of preserving safe operation of airplanes in the National Airspace System (NAS)," stated a coalition of aviation groups.

NBAA joined with the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and 19 other industry groups, avionics manufacturers and aircraft OEMs in commenting on the FAA's notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) addressing interference from 5G networks operating within and adjacent to the 4200-4400 MHz frequency range, also known as the C-Band, also used by radar altimeters.

As currently written, the proposed AD could also carry significant operational ramifications to business aviation operators. "While we recognize and appreciate the FAA's work with industry stakeholders on mitigations to 5G interference, the proposed AD does not account for the full impact from this situation to all users," said Heidi Williams, NBAA senior director for air traffic services and infrastructure.

(credit NBAA.org)

[Read coalition comments here](#)



### Did you know?

Tennessee has 77 public-use airports

The total economic impact of airports in Tennessee is over \$40 Billion which generates tax revenues of \$1.12 billion.

Tennessee has 220,936 jobs in aviation related industries.

Visitors arriving at General Aviation airports bring in \$30 million to Tennessee's economy.

## TNBAA Mission Statement

- To provide the Tennessee aviation community support in conducting safe and efficient flight operations.
- To act as liaison between the Tennessee aviation community and all regulatory agencies having oversight of both private and commercial aviation.
- The TnBAA is committed to educating the Tennessee aviation community on how to conduct their flight operations with the highest level of safety and compliance.
- The TnBAA is dedicated to, and participating in, the establishment of "industry best practices."
- The TnBAA is dedicated to "passing along" its member's aviation experience and expertise to the Tennessee aviation community.

## We Need You!

Come join the TNBAA and help us promote business and general aviation throughout Tennessee. We have great events scheduled and many more on the horizon. Be a part of this great organization as we promote the aviation industry to our community and the next generation of aviation professionals. We can not do this without your support. We would like to thank our sponsors who make the TNBAA events possible. Interested in becoming a member or sponsor? Visit [tnbaa.org/membership](http://tnbaa.org/membership) for more information. We look forward to you joining our TNBAA Tennessee aviation community.

Be sure to check in with our web page to see our upcoming events. [tnbaa.org/events](http://tnbaa.org/events)

