

# AEROSPACE UPDATE



June 2015

## Spotlight: Georgia - An Exceptional Market for Unmanned Aircraft

Georgia is already a very strong state in aerospace - ranking among the top five U.S. states in most measures - and provides a strong foundation to grow a vital UAS sector. We have a legacy of UAS technology development in our universities, a focused state-wide economic development effort on the UAS sector, and the educational system and workforce to fuel that growth.

In early May, Georgia was the center of the unmanned systems universe when the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) held their annual conference in Atlanta. Over 8,000 people from more than 55 countries, 600+ exhibitors and 400 members of the press visited our state to learn about the exciting developments in unmanned systems.

During the conference week, the most prevalent question from people looking to start or grow a UAS business was "Why Georgia?"

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## Georgia UAS News



### Steve Justice Talks Unmanned Aerial Systems and Aerospace on the Dana Barrett Show

Our director Steve Justice went on the Dana Barrett Show to talk about the booming aerospace industry in Georgia May 19th. He discussed what the Center of Innovation for Aerospace

does and the current and future state of unmanned aerial systems.

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### Georgia Prepares for the Drone Industry

InterDrone News recently spoke with COIA Director, Steve Justice, to see how Georgia is preparing for a commercial drone industry, how the state will create a commercial environment to move the industry along, and what things they look forward to in

## Aerospace Events

Having an event? Send your info to [Valerie Sanders](#) to be added to our Community Calendar!

June 1-3

### NSF SBIR/STTR Phase II Grantee Conference

Atlanta, GA

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June 9

### Hall, Booth & Smith Symposium

Williamson, GA

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### Vintage Day at Candler Field Museum

Williamson, GA

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June 15-21

### Paris Air Show 2015

Paris, France

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June 19

### Unmanned Systems Working Group Meeting

Atlanta, GA

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June 25

### Atlanta Aero Club Meeting

Atlanta, GA

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the future.

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## Upcoming Events

### Hall Booth Smith, P.C. Policy Symposium Breakfast featuring Keynote Speaker, Steven Justice, Georgia Center of Innovation for Aerospace

*Georgia's Drone Innovators: Writing the Rules of the Game*

**Tuesday, June 9, 2015**

**8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Join Hall Booth Smith for a keynote speaker and panel discussion among those working to incorporate the latest technology into Georgia's leading industries.

Event to be held at :The Ellis Hotel  
176 Peachtree Street NW Atlanta, GA 30303

RSVP to Brandi Bendall  
at [Brandi@hallboothsmith.com](mailto:Brandi@hallboothsmith.com) or call 404.586.6621

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### Unmanned Systems Working Group Meeting June 19, 2015

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

The Georgia UAS Working Group will be meeting in Atlanta. Members of the UAS Working Group include local UAS companies, academic experts, and aerospace/aviation industry organizations in addition to state and federal government agencies. Contact UAS WG Chair Chad Dennis for more information ([chad.dennis@mga.edu](mailto:chad.dennis@mga.edu)).

### Atlanta Aero Club Meeting

**June 25, 2015**

**Networking Hour: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**

Atlanta Aero Club will be hosting an engaging discussion with a panel of regulatory and industry UAS experts on this innovative, valuable, and far-reaching technology. Amanda J. Hill of MaesAwyr, LLC. will be the moderator for the panel. Included on the panel are:

- Captain Michael K. Wilson, US Navy, Retired - Federal Aviation Administration. Mike serves as the Unmanned Aircraft System Program Manager for FAA's Southern Region.
- Captain John D. Lambert, US Navy, Retired - Nexutech John offers more than 30 years experience in unmanned systems, acquisition program management, and naval operations.
- Paul Ferguson, CNN. Paul has been instrumental in

**June 28-30**

### SEUS-CP 2015

Prince Edward Island, Canada  
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**July 14th-16th**

### MGA Aviation Sky Camp

Eastman, GA  
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### Youth Aerospace Activities

Check out some of these programs and activities for youth interested in aerospace!



### 2015 Georgia Air Shows

Mark your calendar to check out some of these amazing air shows in Georgia!



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CNN's research efforts with the Georgia Tech Research Institute and the FAA to understand how craft licensed for media use can integrate into the NAS.

- Will Wheeler, Phoenix Air Unmanned. Will is a UAS operator for Phoenix Air Unmanned, a division of Phoenix Air Group, based in Cartersville, Georgia

Click [here](#) to register for this event!

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## **Southeastern United States-Canadian Provinces Alliance 7th Annual Conference**

**June 28-30, 2015**

**Location: Prince Edward Island, Canada**

**Deadline to Register: June 22, 2015**

Join the Georgia, USA delegation at the Southeastern United States-Canadian Provinces Alliance seventh annual conference and business matchmaking program.

TARGET SECTORS INCLUDE: Advanced Manufacturing, Value Added Foods, Aerospace and Defense, Wind and Alternative Energy, and BioTech.

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## **Aerospace News**

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### **Paris Air Show**

**Is your company planning to attend the Paris Air Show this month?**

If so, please contact us so that we may connect you with representatives of the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) who will be in Paris for the event. GDEcD's extensive global contacts and nationally recognized international trade services helps hundreds of companies each year expand their business internationally through exports. Aerospace products are the #1 international export of Georgia at \$8.25 billion in 2014, but there is always room for more growth! Let us help grow your international aerospace business.

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## **Gulfstream™ Gulfstream G500 Achieves First Flight**

Gulfstream Aerospace announced first flight of the G500, a critical milestone that keeps the aircraft's flight test and certification program on track for its slated 2017 FAA and European Aviation Safety Agency certification.

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## **Filling the Gap: Education and Georgia to the Rescue**

A looming pilot shortage within the ranks of domestic and

international airlines has the ingredients for creating a transportation crisis of global magnitude and not much of a plan exists for building a pipeline to deliver a sufficient number of fully qualified and highly trained replacements. The Aviation High School Initiative brings aviation and STEM to classrooms and supports students in their efforts to become pilots.

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## **Glynn County's Airport Expands - Creates 150 Jobs**

Glynn County Commissioners voted to make significant investments into the Brunswick - Golden Isles Airport. The expansion will be a huge benefit to the local economy and has already spurred expansions from existing industries and job creation. Glynn County is investing \$8.5 million for the first phase of the project which has already spurred 150 new jobs for the area.

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