

# Public Drone Demo on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport

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**WILLIAMSBURG, VA** — By special arrangement with the Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) and the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) Flight Standards District Office in Richmond, a first-ever **Drone Demonstration** will take place at Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport on May 7, 2016 as part of “*International Drone Day*” activities being held to promote responsible use of drone technology for positive applications, such as package delivery and precision farming.

The Drone Day event is open to the public and press, and marks one of the first times aircraft and drones are being operated simultaneously at a public airport. Airport owner Larry Waltrip, who conceived of the event, said “Drones are an important evolution in aviation, and we are proud to help take a leading role in making this happen. Special approvals had to be obtained for the demo, because drones are not ordinarily permitted to be flown at or near airports, but that’s changing.”

The demo will be performed by Tidewater Drone Club and feature home-built and commercially-available drones operated by skilled practitioners of this exciting new hobby. Tidewater Drone Club President John Sutton said “Our flight demo will include aerial photography as well as FPV (First Person Video) races at a specially-designated part of the airfield. In addition to the flying, we will have static displays of some of our members’ drones.”

There is no charge to attend, and parking is free. In case of inclement weather, the demonstration will be held the following day, Sunday May 8th. No outside drones will be allowed at the airport.

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