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Virginia Department of Aviation's (DOAV) 27th Annual Virginia Aviation Safety Week

The Virginia Department of Aviation's (DOAV) 27th Annual Virginia Aviation Safety Week presentations will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on both May 27 and 28 and will feature keynote speaker Mark Grady as he presents the "Top 5 Mistakes Pilots Make." This seminar will be held at two locations in order to allow pilots from around the region a chance to attend.

The session on May 27 will be held at the Danville Regional Airport terminal building, and the May 28 session will be held at the Virginia Aviation Museum at Richmond International Airport.

Grady is a writer, commercial pilot and professional speaker who has successfully combined his knowledge of broadcasting with his love of flying. He worked for 10 years as a traffic watch pilot where he reported for three radio stations and has also been a radio talk-show host and television commercial personality as well as a contributing writer for various publications including the Southern Aviator, Weekend Flyer, Wilmington Star-News and the Jacksonville Daily News.

Virginia Aviation Safety Week began in 1981 when the DOAV recognized there was a need in providing Commonwealth pilots with aviation safety information. The week is cosponsored by The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's (AOPA) Air Safety Foundation.

Past Aviation Safety Week speakers have included Captain Al Haynes, Rod Machado, Greg Feith, Patty Wagstaff, and Dr. Jerry Cockrell.

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The Virginia Department of Aviation continually strives to become the standard of excellence amongst State Aviation Agencies through; its cultivation of an advanced aviation system, a system that is not only safe for consumers, but one that will provide economic development opportunities throughout the Commonwealth; its promotion and education of aviation and aviation related issues, subsequently raising aviation awareness in the Commonwealth and beyond; and by providing executive flight services for the Commonwealth leadership.

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