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#### Banner year for Charleston International Airport ABC NEWS 4

Chip Limehouse, chairman of the Charleston County Aviation Authority. Over the past year, the Airport served over 2.5 million passengers; that's a 25% increase from the previous year. The previous record of 2.3 million passengers was set back in 2008. ... See all stories on this topic »

#### Photo gallery: Fort Lauderdale airport runway finally takes off

South Florida Business Journal (blog)

Part of the project includes restoring 34 acres of wetlands at West Lake Park, which is southeast of the airport. Aviation Department Manager Jeff George said in a video about the project that the mitigation work has already been completed.

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#### Airport asks QC for line of credit

Carroll County News

Clark and Airport Manager Sheila Evans both answered questions regarding the airport's value to the people of the county -- above and beyond its value to pilots and the local tourist industry. Clark, who has been with the airport since 1965, ...

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#### Former airport office manager sentenced in Clarksville theft case

Clarksville Leaf Chronicle

The former office manger at Outlaw Field, Clarksville-Montgomery County's airport, was sentenced to serve both jail and probation time for stealing more than \$60000 from the airport. On Friday, Judge Mike R. Jones, sentenced Rachael Nelson, 33, ...

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#### More than \$200000 needeed to complete airport terminal

Clarksville Leaf Chronicle

In a meeting of county and city accounting personnel, and the airport manager John Patterson, terminal construction expenses and anticipated grants were reviewed to determine where the construction budgets stands to date. The Airport Authority will go ...

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## Southwest Airlines adds 3 daily Norfolk-Atlanta flights, nonstop service to ...

The Republic

Norfolk Airport Authority spokesman Wayne Shank tells media outlets that it will be the first time that two airlines provide service between Atlanta and Norfolk International Airport. Southwest announced the new service Monday in a news release.

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#### Sen. Rand Paul stopped by security at Nashville International Airport; TSA ...

Louisville Courier-Journal

Rand Paul, R-Ky., was stopped Monday by federal security officials at Nashville **International Airport** and removed from the screening area by police. Moira Bagley, his spokeswoman, said on Twitter that the senator had called her about the incident. See all stories on this topic »

#### Fewer passengers use Southwest Florida International Airport in December

Naples Daily News

Passenger traffic decreased by nearly 4 percent in December, compared to the previous year, at Southwest Florida **International Airport**. Last month, 667789 passengers traveled through the **airport**, a decrease of 3.8 percent compared to December 2010.

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#### Southwest to offer service to Atlanta

Bizjournals.com

"Atlanta is a vital business destination for Louisville travelers, and we are pleased to welcome Southwest's low-fare service to this very important market," Skip Miller, executive director of the Louisville **Regional Airport** Authority, said in the ... See all stories on this topic »

#### OIA tourists, conventioneers come with added baggage

Orlando Sentinel

Adding to the **airport's** rising challenge, OIA executives say, is not just the number of bags, but their size, which has grown over the years. "They're huge, they're big and they're heavy," said Ron Lewis, deputy **executive director** of operations for the ... See all stories on this topic »

#### Southwest Airlines commits to serve Branson Airport

Springfield News-Leader

AirTran Airways currently operates flights out of Branson Airport, but the carrier was purchased by Southwest Airlines last year. Branson Airport Manager Jeff Bourk called Southwest's decision to keep Branson Airport "great news to hear. ... See all stories on this topic »

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#### GSP pushing for cargo traffic as well as passenger traffic

Greenville News

The **airport** now gets an average of about 20 cargo flights a month — other than cargo shipped through Federal Express and UPS, said Nathan Garner, GSP aviation services **manager**. The goal, he said, is to "service our region. The superior value we offer ...

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#### AirTran pulling out of Sarasota Bradenton airport

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Despite AirTran's local success, Tampa **International** remains the **region's** biggest feeder **airport**. Of those who flew to reach Sarasota County in the 2010-11 fiscal year, 52 percent arrived in Tampa. Sarasota-Bradenton's percentage of passengers was 21.4 ...

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#### Ceremony marks Silver Airways' arrival at Gainesville airport

Gainesville Sun

**Airport CEO** Allan Penksa said the airport offered its standard incentives for a new carrier - no landing fees and free rent in the terminal for up to two years. He said the value of the incentives will depend on the number of flights and the final ... See all stories on this topic »

#### Norfolk airport sees slower rebound from recession

The Virginian-Pilot

"Our area is slow to enter a recession and equally slow to recover," said Wayne Shank, executive director of the Norfolk Airport Authority. "Some of our downturn in traffic is because the military curtailed travel - it's not just the business and the ... See all stories on this topic »

#### Ga group uses claim to back up pay-to-play proposal

PolitiFact

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and Common Cause Georgia **Executive Director** William Perry went one on one during a recent broadcast on WXIA-TV, and it got quite heated. The main topic was Atlanta's process of awarding contracts to individuals and companies ...

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# Congratulations to our

# Eight Students Awarded SAMA Educational Foundation, Inc.

### Scholarships for 2011-2012

Many thanks to Mr. Jeff Gray with the Southwest Florida International Airport for his invaluable assistance in working with Career opportunities Through Education, Inc. (COTE') to determine the award winners of the 2011-2012 Southeastern Airport Managers' Association Educational Foundation, Inc. scholastic scholarships.

#### The winners are:

Mr. Timothy Galvin—Auburn University Mr. Austin Grey—Eastern Kentucky University

Mr. John Mullaney—Auburn University

Ms. Leslie Jackson—Hampton University

Mr. Justin Bingham—Hampton University Mr. Tyler Landry—Louisiana Tech University

Mr. Henry Norris—Hampton University Mr. Scott Pumphrey—Louisiana Tech University

Each student was awarded a scholarship totaling \$1,500 for a grand total of \$12,000 awarded.

#### Charleston, S.C., Chooses Denver Firm To Design Airport Makeover ...

Charleston County Aviation Authority voted 8-4 Thursday to select Fentress Architects of Denver to design the proposed \$150 million airport makeover.

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 $\underline{enr.construction.com/yb/enr/article.aspx?story\_id...}$ 

#### Fewer flights between Richmond, NYC likely

Richmond Times Dispatch

Three major **airports** serve the New York metropolitan **region**: LaGuardia, Kennedy and Newark Liberty **International Airport**. Richmond International now sees 17 peak-day departures with a total of 850 seats going to those **airports**, Bell said: five to JFK ... See all stories on this topic »

#### GTRA flies through FAA inspection

The Commercial Dispatch

The Golden Triangle Regional Airport authority got good news Friday about the airport's safety rating. Authority executive director Mike Hainsey said last week's inspection yielded no discrepancies -- the third consecutive year the airport has gone ... See all stories on this topic »

#### Travel at Lynchburg Regional Airport drops after Delta exit

Roanoke Times

But **airport** director Mark Courtney told The Lynchburg News & Advance that the **airport** still recorded its third-highest passenger count in the past 10 years. A total 146000 passengers flew to or from the **airport** last year. ...

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#### Miami TSA officer and his wife charged with stealing from passengers' luggage

Fox News

MIAMI – A **Transportation Security Administration** (TSA) worker at Miami International Airport was charged with grand theft after allegedly stealing from passengers' bags and hiding the items in a special constructed pocket added to his uniform jacket. ...

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#### It's been 15 years since commercial air service left Vero Beach; officials say ...

**TCPalm** 

By Ed Bierschenk PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY VERO BEACH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT By 1950, Eastern Airlines had 15 employees at the Vero Beach airport and increased the number of passengers it carried daily from six to 141. The last Eastern flight out of Vero Beach ...

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#### Punta Gorda **Airport** gets millions in upgrades

WZVN-TV

Director Gary Quill says the **airport** added two airlines 4 years ago, which helped air travel spike by more than half last year to almost 300 thousand travelers. Southwest Florida **International** sees double that in one month. Still, Quill says those are ... See all stories on this topic »

#### ERAU aircraft maintenance director wins award

Daytona Beach News-Journal

The committee is a partnership of the **Federal Aviation Administration** and numerous general-aviation industry sponsors. The mission of its General Aviation Awards program is to recognize individual aviation professionals on the local, regional, ... See all stories on this topic »

#### New airline to bring maintenance jobs to Gainesville

The Independent Florida Alligator

Silver Airways Corp. announced Friday it plans to move its maintenance department to Gainesville **Regional Airport**, a move that will primarily create maintenance jobs, said Darrell Richardson, CEO of Silver Airways. "As many local people as we can hire, ...

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#### Input sought on airport improvements

The Daily News Journal

MURFREESBORO — Those wishing to learn more about future improvements at the Murfreesboro **Municipal Airport** should make plans to attend a public hearing before the Murfreesboro Planning Commission at 7 pm Feb. 1. Development of this Airport Layout Plan ...

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#### Southwest says AirTran to exit 6 US airports

Reuters

Southwest said in a statement that AirTran workers at those **airports** would have a chance to move within the company once those operations ended. AirTran operations will continue at 22 US and **international airports** in such places as Charlotte, ... See all stories on this topic »

#### 2011 FAA AIRPORT SAFETY MARK OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

It is with great pleasure that we announce the recipients of the FAA, Southern Region, Airport Safety Mark of Distinction Awards for 2011! ALL of these airports have demonstrated an exemplary effort or initiative, in the name of safety, that is worthy of praise!

Airport Safety Mark of Distinction:

Golden Triangle Regional Airport (GTR), Columbus, MS
For their safe and successful oversight of a major 1500' runway and taxiway
extension project that was completed in July 2011. This was a well-managed
project for an airport with only one runway and a very limited staff. Not
only was the project completed on time and on budget, but also without any
accidents, incidents, loss of air carrier operations, or runway incursions.

Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE), Columbia, SC For their in-house development of a Paperless Airfield Inspection and Reporting System (PAIRS) and for their safe and successful rehabilitation of Runway 11-29. The PAIRS has improved the self-inspection program at the airport to ensure Part 139 compliance. The major runway construction project was completed without any reported Vehicle or Pedestrian Deviations.

Melbourne International Airport (MLB), Melbourne, FL For their improvements with the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) services. The ARFF department has implemented a new management and training program that exceeds the minimum Part 139 standards. The administration and oversight of the program includes enhanced training for ARFF personnel with exemplary emergency response procedures that include a city-wide Airport Tactical Response Guide.

Tunica Airport (UTA), Tunica, MS

For their safe and successful development of the airport over the past 6 years. In 2003 the airport opened as a General Aviation Airport with very limited staff. The airport met Part 139 requirements for initial certification as a Class IV airport in 2005. At that time there was a 7000' runway and a 1975 ARFF truck, no airline terminal and no scheduled air carrier service. By 2011, the airport is now operating as a Class I airport with scheduled service, an 8500' runway, a new airline terminal, an ARFF station, a hydrant fueling system, and new ARFF equipment. The airport managed all of these projects very well while maintaining Part 139 standards.

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#### EagleMed Opens Base at Greenville Downtown Airport in S.C.

When a medical emergency occurs, time is crucial to saving lives. "Up until now, people in the Upstate of South Carolina who needed emergency long distance critical care air ambulance service had to wait for a plane out of Charlotte, N.C. or Gwinnett, G.A.," according to David Ellis, Program Manager, of EagleMed South Carolina. "Often these planes were already booked and some aren't available 24 hours a day, so during a time sensitive situation, critical hours were lost," Ellis said.

"Most people think of helicopters when they think of air medical transport flights," according to Ellis. Sometimes helicopters are the only mode of air transportation because they can land at an accident scene and take a patient directly to a hospital, therefore by-passing the need for an airport. But helicopters aren't an option for long distance trips, because of their slower speed and their fuel reserve limitations which limits the distance they can travel without stopping to refuel. Helicopters also can't fly in some weather conditions, like during times of high winds. Airplanes can transport larger patients than a helicopter. "Our sister company, Med-Trans, operates the medical helicopter services for the Greenville Hospital System, Spartanburg Regional, and AnMed Hospital in Anderson," stated Ellis. "Through them, we saw the need for a regional, medically equipped airplane to help patients," Ellis said.

"About 50 percent of our flights so far have been to take patients with serious burns to the regional burn treatment center in Augusta, GA," Ellis said. "EagleMed will also be used to fly patients who have suffered a stroke; or are in need of highly specialized cardiovascular or vascular surgery to Charleston, S.C.," stated Ellis. "Special pediatric and neonatal patients will be transported to the Greenville Hospital System or to Charleston, depending on the situation and their location," Ellis added. "We are notified of critical care situations by emergency workers, and while the patient is being stabilized, an ambulance will transport our specialized team to pick up the patient and bring them to the airport," Ellis said.

The patient, along with one family member, can then be flown in the pressurized cabin of a medically equipped King Air 90 aircraft that has a non-stop range of 900 miles and can fly 250 miles per hour (mph). All EagleMed aircraft are completely configured for mission critical transports. Each is equipped with state of the art medical and emergency equipment like heart monitors that have the capabilities for monitoring standard heart tracings as well as 12-Lead diagnosing, biphasic defibrillation, pacing, ETCO2, and pulse oximetry. Other transport equipment includes: transport ventilators, 3 channel infusion pumps and a medical loading system. This equipment, in conjunction with the highly skilled medical team and pilot transform Eagle-Med's planes into a "flying intensive care unit".

In comparison, a typical medical helicopter can fly 138 mph, provides a non-stop range of just 350 miles, the cabin is non-pressurized and there sometimes isn't room for an accompanying family member.

"Air transport helps provide people who live or work in rural areas with the same access to high quality health care facilities that residents of metropolitan areas have," stated Ellis. "When we looked for a new base airport, we needed a central location and we also looked at the airport's weather history patterns of how much time they didn't have weather good enough to take off or land in. All these considerations pointed us to the Greenville Downtown Airport (GMU). At GMU, Greenville Jet Center had a large hangar and office space available that could be converted into a base, much like a fire department station, So Eagle-Med is ready when an emergency happens," according to Ellis. "Not many air ambulance services do this, some have people on call but that can add hours to the trip time waiting for them to report to the airport.," Ellis added.

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"EagleMed reacts to an emergency like an ambulance does, so in emergent cases we take care of the patient first and figure out the payment for our services later," stated Ellis "Most air ambulance services require proof of payment first," according to Ellis. "That is one reason I am proud to be with EagleMed, the patent's health comes first, even if we never get paid,' Ellis added.

"From our new base at GMU, we can respond to emergencies within a 900 mile radius, so from this location we can provide critical care air transport services as far North as Massachusetts, South all the way to the tip of Florida, East to the coast and West to Arkansas, Missouri and Louisiana," stated Ellis.

"EagleMed is an excellent addition to a diverse group of aviation businesses based at the Greenville Downtown Airport," stated Joe Frasher, Airport Director at the Greenville Downtown Airport. "EagleMed is going to be a great asset to our community and we are so happy to have them," Frasher added.

EagleMed was founded in 1977 and provides air ambulance service to over 6,000 patients annually. EagleMed offers services in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and now South Carolina. EagleMed is proud to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Services. All EagleMed medical personnel are specialty trained and have a variety of advanced clinical certifications. EagleMed operates a total of twenty five medically equipped rotor wing and fixed wing aircraft and employs approximately 300 people. EagleMed South Carolina is located at 7 Airport Road Ext., Hangar #9, Greenville, SC 29607-2633. For more information about EagleMed please visit <a href="http://www.flyeaglemed.com/">http://www.flyeaglemed.com/</a> or contact David Ellis, Program Manager, at <a href="David.Ellis@flyeaglemed.com">David.Ellis@flyeaglemed.com</a> or at <a href="mailto:800-525-5220">800-525-5220</a>.

The Greenville Downtown Airport, whose airport identifier is GMU, is the busiest general aviation airport in South Carolina and is a self-sufficient entity with financial strength that doesn't rely on local taxpayers for funding. GMU is home to Greenville Jet Center, the largest Fixed Base Operation (FBO) in S.C., as well as more than 25 other aviation-related businesses creating 453 jobs that annually contribute more than \$35.2 million to the Upstate economy. For more information about GMU please visit <a href="http://www.greenvilledowntownairport.com">http://www.greenvilledowntownairport.com</a> or contact Joe Frasher at <a href="mailto:864-242-4777">864-242-4777</a> or <a href="mailto:joe@greenvilledowntownairport.com">joe@greenvilledowntownairport.com</a>

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AIR-TRANSPORT IT SERVICES, INC. ANNOUNCES THAT MYRTLE BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAS CHOSEN THE SUITE OF AIRIT OPERATIONAL, PASSENGER PROCESSING AND BUSINESS SYSTEMS TO DELIVER MAXIMUM FUNCTIONALITY AND FLEXIBILITY TO THEIR NEW TERMINAL PROJECT

**January 16, 2012, Orlando, FL** – Air-Transport IT Services, Inc. (AirIT), a key provider of diversified information technology products and services to the air transportation industry, announced the commencement of a project to provide multiple technology solutions including the industry-leading EASE™ shared use solution to Myrtle Beach International Airport.

AirIT will utilize its multi-sided infrastructure platform to seamlessly deliver software including an Enterprise Service Bus, Airport Operational Database, Resource Management System, PROPworksÔ Property and Revenue Management System and the EASEÔ Shared Use Passenger Processing System including a Local Departure Control System and Common Use Self-Service kiosks. An additional component of the project will replace the existing Com-NetÔ Flight Information Display System with AirIT's fully integrated FIDS and Advertising solution.

The cornerstone of this project and the AirIT platform is the EASEä system. This dynamic passenger processing solution allows any equipped ticket counter or gate podium to be utilized by any airline using their own proprietary passenger processing software without modification. The simplicity of the EASEÔ product is what separates it from competing solutions. In other common use environments, airlines are faced with the unwieldy and expensive challenge of developing new software simply to operate on those systems.

Betros Wakim, AirIT CEO states, "We are delighted to have been selected by Myrtle Beach to deliver our fully integrated solution. The value of this architecture and its core solutions has been proven time and time again at our airport customer sites around the world. Specifically, implementations of the EASEÔ solution have continued to grow exponentially, exemplifying the fact that its intrinsic value to airports and airlines is without parallel. Finally, we are extremely proud to be able to deliver these diverse class leading solutions from a single entity without the need for any additional sources." Scott Van Moppes, Myrtle Beach International Airport IT Director adds, "We devised a strong RFP process that elicited participation from all of the major vendors including, SITAÔ, ARINCÔ, UltraÔ and AirITÔ. It was clear that AirITÔ provided an extremely cost-effective solution that was the best fit for our particular needs. Specifically, we have a strong desire to grow air traffic in Myrtle Beach and after careful research it was obvious to us that the EASEÔ passenger processing technology delivers inherent advantages not found in other competing common use solutions including IATA-CUPPS. We wanted to be sure that we made it as easy and low cost as possible for airlines to serve Myrtle Beach and this solution delivers on that goal."

#### About Air-Transport IT Services, Inc.

Air-Transport IT Services, Inc., with corporate offices in Orlando, Florida, offers airlines and airport IT systems that enable them to deliver, display, manage and employ information that improves operations, customer satisfaction and revenue generation. The company's airport operational, passenger processing and revenue management solutions are the most comprehensive offerings available to the global air transportation industry. In addition to its product offerings, AirIT also provides consulting services, networking and installation and 24 x 7 support. AirIT is proud to be one of the top 100 best companies to work for in Florida, according to Florida Trend Magazine's annual issue of "Florida's Best Companies to Work For."

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Story provided by AirIT Corporate

#### Air Traffic is Up at the Greenville Downtown Airport

"In 2011, air traffic at the Greenville Downtown Airport rose 6% over year ending 2010!", according to Joe Frasher, Airport Director at the Greenville Downtown Airport (GMU) in South Carolina. "In 2010, GMU had 55,267 operations, which are counted as either a takeoff or a landing. In 2011, GMU had 58,537 operations," Frasher added. "I am happy to see us regain some of the traffic that was lost during the last few years of economic decline", said Frasher.

"Greenville Jet Center sold 5% more aviation fuel in 2011 than in 2010," according to Hank Brown, Owner of Greenville Jet Center, which provides all the aviation fuel at the Greenville Downtown Airport. In 2010, we sold 828,572 gallons and in 2011 sales rose to 864,862 gallons," according to Brown. "We still have a ways to go, but I sure am glad it looks like we are on the upswing!" Brown said.

"While we can't pinpoint exactly what has caused 2011 to be a better year than 2010, we do know that in hard economic times aviation is the first to be hit and the last to recover," according to Frasher. "Hopefully this means that the economy is improving!" said Frasher. "We could all use some good news going into 2012!" Frasher said.

GMU is the busiest general aviation airport in South Carolina and is a self-sufficient entity with financial strength that doesn't rely on local taxpayers for funding. GMU is home to Greenville Jet Center, the largest Fixed Base Operation (FBO) in S.C., as well as more than 25 other aviation-related businesses creating 453 jobs that annually contribute more than \$35.2 million to the Upstate economy. For more information about GMU please visit <a href="http://www.greenvilledowntownairport.com">http://www.greenvilledowntownairport.com</a> or contact Joe Frasher at 864-242-4777 or joe@greenvilledowntownairport.com

Greenville Jet Center has been in business since 1989. The company has a flight school and owns two other FBOs in South Carolina: Camden Jet Center in Camden and Donaldson Jet Center on Donaldson Field which is part of SCTAC located in Greenville. For more information about the Greenville Jet Center, please contact Hank Brown or Jay Brown at 864-235-6383 or 864-232-7100.

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#### Chattanooga Airport Posts 4 Percent Gain in Traffic

WTVC

"This kind of growth is only possible with the support of our airline partners, community leaders and local travelers," said Terry Hart, Interim President and CEO of the Chattanooga Metropolitan **Airport Authority**. "Our passenger growth is a clear ... See all stories on this topic »

#### Four airlines offer to provide air service in Tupelo

The Leading Aviation Industry Resource for News, Equipment and

Airport Executive Director Josh Abramson didn't say outright that the new bids would be rejected by the Tupelo Airport Authority and the city, but said better bids were preferred. "We would like to have better service than what's been submitted and ...

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#### Hiller, Collier airports director at odds over her request for security plan

Naples Daily News

Lexey Swall/Staff County **Airport Authority** executive director Chris Curry addresses the crowd. Officials gathered at the Marco Island Executive Airport in May to break ground on the long-awaited taxiway expansion. Lance Shearer/Special to the Eagle The ...

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#### Yeager Airport passenger boardings up 8.3 pct in 2011, 3rd highest in history

The Republic

Yeager Airport's passenger traffic in 2011 was the third-highest in the airport's 65-year history. Executive director Rick Atkinson told Yeager's governing board Wednesday that nearly 285000 people boarded commercial planes at the airport last year.

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#### Morgantown airport traffic surges as it and 3 others grow, hope federal ...

The Republic

The number of passengers flying out of the Morgantown **Municipal Airport** surged nearly 67 percent in 2011, the fourth straight year that small West Virginia airports faced the possible loss of federal subsidies. Directors at four airports tell The ... See all stories on this topic »

#### General-aviation group's boss enjoying the view

The News-Press

His visit brought about 100 people together to hear his thoughts on where general **aviation** is and where it's going. Barry C. Bratton, director of general **aviation** for the Lee County Port **Authority**, said the industry has been impacted by economic ... See all stories on this topic »

#### Fitch Downgrades Rating On Tampa Bonds

AviationNews.net

**Aviation Authority's** \$645 million of outstanding airport revenue bonds issued on behalf of the Tampa International. The firm also revised the rating outlook on the airport's revenue bonds to stable from negative. The downgrade reflects an operating and ...

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#### US Senate Approves FAA Funding Extension Through Feb 17

Wall Street Journal

The stop-gap measure will ensure the **FAA** remains funded at its current levels until the middle of next month, giving lawmakers more time to work out an agreement on the agency's long-term funding. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D., Nev.) ... See all stories on this topic »

#### American Airlines to end non-stop flights to Chicago

StarNewsOnline.com

American Airlines will end its non-stop service from Wilmington International Airport to Chicago-O'Hare International Airport in early April. By Cassie Foss American Airlines will end its non-stop service from Wilmington International Airport to ...

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#### Augusta Regional sets passenger record

The Augusta Chronicle

By Tim Rausch Corey Perrine/Staff Patrons deboard from flight 2986 Thursday, June 9, 2011 at Augusta **Regional Airport** in Augusta, Ga. It has been a year since American Eagle started offering flights with its main flow of traffic to and from Dallas,

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#### 2011 revenue up, expenses down at Fort Smith airport

The City Wire

The Fort Smith **Regional Airport** Commission accepted bids for drainage improvements in the West Corporate Area of the airport Tuesday night (Jan. 24), and one winner emerged. Securing its first contract with Fort Smith Regional, Steve Beam Construction ...

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#### Southwest moves won't affect Northwest Florida Int'l

The News Herald

WEST BAY — The decision by Southwest Airlines to continue AirTran routes between Pensacola and Atlanta will have little effect on Northwest Florida Beaches **International Airport** (ECP), local officials said. "For now, I don't see any change from the ...

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#### Zephyrhills cranks up hangar rental rates at airport

Tampabay.com

Then, like with so many things these days, came the squeeze from the economy, said Christian, who for more than 12 years has parked three different Piper aircrafts at the Zephyrhills **Municipal Airport** in Hangar 3. "You have much less discretionary ... See all stories on this topic »

#### FAA gearing up for GPS policing

Flightglobal

After several years of analysis and radio frequency interference (RFI) upgrades to the Honeywell-built ground equipment, United-Continental and the **FAA** are once again preparing to begin testing GBAS both at Newark and the Houston Intercontinental ...

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#### TIA passenger count dips; modest growth seen for '12

Arizona Daily Star

30, to just below 3.7 million, as the **airport's** average daily seat capacity fell slightly. **Airport** Authority **CEO** Bonnie Allin said the **airport** expects the total number of TIA passengers to reach about 3.8 million this year. See all stories on this topic »

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#### Trends raise concerns for Tri-State Airport

Huntington Herald Dispatch

HUNTINGTON -- The Tri-State **Airport Authority** has heard plenty of good news lately. Revenue has been above budget, with expenses below budget. Times have been good. But Jerry Brienza, the airport's executive director, gave the board a heads-up Thursday ... See all stories on this topic »

#### Leesburg Council Eliminates Airport Fund

Leesburg Today

While the airport will now be accounted for as part of the overall General Fund, Wells promised that the financial picture of the airport will remain crystal clear. He said he plans to continue meeting quarterly with the **Airport Commission** and "bring a ... See all stories on this topic »

## Chattanooga's Airport Generating Solar Power

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Christina Siebold with the Chattanooga Metropolitan **Airport Authority** said "it was a perfect fit for us because we have property that is not usable for aviation purposes, so to be able to use that to produce clean power is just one more step in our ...

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