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[Shreveport airport reopens runway](#)

[Seattle Post Intelligencer](#)

(AP) — Shreveport **Regional Airport** has finished a seven-month, \$5 million project to repave the facility's secondary runway. The runway was opened Friday. Bill Cooksey, the airport's deputy director, tells the Shreveport Times (<http://bit.ly/11sT515> ...

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[FACT CHECK: Did FAA have to furlough controllers?](#)

[Businessweek](#)

The **FAA** has no choice but to cut \$637 million as its share of \$85 billion in automatic, government-wide spending cuts that must be achieved by the end of the federal budget year on Sept. 30. The cuts are required under a law enacted two years ago as ...

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[Airport's manager gets more authority](#)

[Cumberland Times-News](#)

WILEY FORD, W.Va. — After meeting in an hourlong executive session, the Potomac Highlands Regional **Airport Authority** voted on Thursday to give any airport manager the full authority to run the airport as he or she deems fit, with the support of the board.

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[Mercer County Airport manager announces June 1 retirement at meeting](#)

[Bluefield Daily Telegraph](#)

BLUEFIELD — The Mercer County **Airport Authority** meeting on Thursday included a pair of significant announcements relating to a \$110,000 grant from the H.I. Shott Jr., Foundation to undertake long overdue rest room and lobby renovations in the airport, ...

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[Passenger Numbers Continue Drop at Memphis International Airport](#)

[Memphis Daily News](#)

Larry Cox, president of the Memphis Shelby County **Airport Authority**, said Delta and other airlines are moving more air traffic to larger hubs like Atlanta as they prioritize profit and increased revenue for their shareholders. Delta plans to retire ...

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[Contract Flap From '05 Factors Into Charleston's \\$200M Airport Overhaul](#)

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The **Charleston County Aviation Authority** directed its construction manager Thursday to review the selection of Gulf Stream Construction Co. for the first stage of demolition and other site work. The move could push back the start of the job, but board ...

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[Chamber names **airport authority** director Bill Sisson new president](#)

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It was not immediately clear how long it will take the **airport authority** to hire Sisson's replacement, but Saxon said the Hallett has agreed to remain on board "until the transition is completed, however long – within reason – that might take." "We ...

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[Darlington **airport commission** suggests name change of jetport](#)

SCNow

The **Airport Commission** voted Thursday to recommend the name change to the Darlington County Council. Barry Kennett, manager of Darlington County Jetport, said this change would be more in line with the goals that they have set up in the airport for the ...

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[Jerry Orr speaks out on **airport authority**, pressure to step down](#)

WSOC Charlotte

Stan Campbell, an outspoken proponent of taking control of Charlotte Douglas **Airport** away from the city and giving it to a regional **authority**, said this move began the push for an **airport**. He said US Airways asked the city to wait until after their ...

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[Airport Ready for US Opens with Improvements](#)

Southern Pines Pilot

Airport Executive Director Steve Borden stands on the tarmac outside of the Moore County Airport. Photo by Hannah Sharpe. By TED M. NATT JR. As of Thursday, May 2, 2013 · Print print this page; Discuss Comment, Blog about; Share this Email, Facebook, ...

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[Airport blasts to continue despite protest](#)

The Daily Progress

Melinda Crawford, **airport executive director**, told Albemarle County supervisors that the project "has met all of the federal, state and local guidelines." The blasting is being handled by subcontractor Maine Drilling and Blasting as part of work to ...

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[Orlando International Airport to seek FAA backing of \\$114M project](#)

Orlando Business Journal (blog)

The Greater Orlando **Aviation Authority** will be seeking Federal **Aviation Authority** backing for a \$114 million renovation of an area of Orlando International airport known as Airside 4 to help boost international traffic. Bill Orben: Associate Managing ...

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[Mica urges Orlando International Airport to dump TSA](#)

Orlando Sentinel

Nearly 12 years after helping to create the **Transportation Security Administration**, U.S. Rep. John Mica, urged Orlando International Airport officials Tuesday to dump the agency in favor of private contractors. "We probably can do more with less in the ...

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[Charleston airport's \\$200 million overhaul could begin in June following ...](#)

Charleston Post Courier (subscription)

Charleston County Aviation Authority is poised today to take the final vote on contracts that will pave the way for construction to begin in earnest in June on the \$200 million makeover of Charleston International Airport. The board will meet at 1 p.m. ...

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[Airport completes North Aviation Development](#)

Savannah Morning News

Steve Bisson/Savannah Morning News -Larry Flynn, president of Gulfstream Aerospace Corp., left, Patrick Graham, Executive Director of the Savannah **Airport Commission**, center, and Mayor Pro Tem Van Johnson among others cut the ribbon at the opening ...

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[Former **authority** member wants to know why he's barred from airport](#)

Cumberland Times-News

Former Potomac Highlands **Airport Authority** member Terry Malone, who was also the airport manager, thanked Mineral County commissioners for their support during Tuesday's public meeting and questioned how the airport board had the power to have him ...

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[United Way And Blue Grass **Airport** Team Up For 5K On The Runway](#)

WTVQ

Eric Frankl, **Executive Director** of Blue Grass **Airport** said, "It provides runners, walkers and the general public an opportunity to experience the **airport** in a different way, in addition to providing a smooth, flat surface ideal for achieving personal ...

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First SEC-AAAE Internship Grant Awarded

Ms. Kelly L. Johnson, AAЕ, accepts the first SEC-AAAE Internship Grant from SEC-AAAE President Christopher U. Browne, C.M., during the course of the General Membership Meeting held in Reno, Nevada on May 19, 2013.

The grant will assist in supporting an internship for Mr. Cody McAbee at the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport.



2013 SEC-AAAE Annual Conference – The Great Hunt Networking Event

Team Coverage Provided by Claudia Holliway

Duck beads, clues, no addresses, phone allowed, trivia and a whole lot of pictures texted...this set the SEC-AAAE "Great Hunt" networking event in motion. Nine 7-8 person teams were set loose in Downtown Lexington the afternoon of April 23, 2013.

Many participants enjoyed getting to know others for the first time and all demonstrated true teamwork. There were no

DQs (cool lingo for disqualifications so I've learned) although they were threatened. And

the creativity, ingenuity and good humor involved just goes to show that we can tackle anything the industry throws our way.

First Place went to Team 7, led by Jim Galloway, Valdosta Regional. Kudos go to Sheryl Mayes, who call the Post-It Note factory in Cyntiana, KY (she stayed on the phone during the entire course) to get an answer for the extra credit question, "How many Post-It Notes are made annually?" Having been

transferred from department to department, she hit the mother lode. While over 6 billion pieces are sold per year, the company never divulges the number made; it's a trade secret.

In a standoff to determine the Second Place winner, Team 9, led by Kevin Vandeberg, Huntsville International, answered the tie breaker with lightning speed. The question – "How many barrels are currently held in Warehouse V at the Buffalo Trace Distillery?" Housing every millionth barrel produced, the Warehouse only holds 1 at a time per its license.

Third Place went to Team 5, led by Tommy Booth, Mississippi Aeronautics Division.

In true philanthropic fashion, all teams contributed their cash prizes (\$250, \$200, \$150) to the SAMA Educational Foundation! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

And what recap would be complete without a few stories from the street?

Team 4, led by Mihai Smighelschi, sent a text saying, "Man Down." Fearing that someone had been hurt and dreading what the rest of the message might say, I laughed 'til I cried finding a picture of a poor, dead squirrel on the sidewalk. Unfortunately, Mihai stepped on the little body. Sick, but what can I say...the team demonstrated creativity and humor in a macabre way.

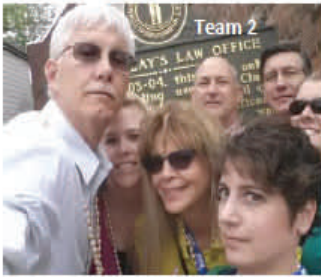
Nicole Henderson, Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport, also of Team 4, noted that she was the only female on her team. Finishing with class and grace amidst the Bad Boyz, she was a



true rose among thorns. Faith Carter, Team 6, also earned the distinction.

All but one of the men of Team 6 ran amok in dress shoes, button down oxford shirts and/or sport coats. I suspect casual observers on the street must have thought a bunch of local accountants had too many Bourbons at lunch.

Scott Brockman, Memphis International and Captain of Team 2, demonstrated in every team picture that his arms are apishly long having posed and shot at the same time. Runner up in the pose and shoot category is Jim Williams of Team 1.



Dave Jeffrey and Jay Bouton, bless their hearts, sent way too much photographic evidence that screamed, "Caution, large children at play."



And while there are so many other stories to tell, a shout out goes to George Kennedy, Green Beans Coffee, who made sure that he was represented in Team 8's photos; pretty slick, George, the thumb says it all.

A special thank you goes to Scott Lanter, Blue Grass Airport, for being a fabulous judge and route planner. I also want to thank Bruce Carter, AAAE Chair, and his lovely wife, Faith, for participating. Thank you to Eric Frankl, Louise Bowden and Amy Caudill, Blue Grass Airport, for allowing the tradition to continue. And last, but not least, thanks to the 66 Great Hunters who made this an awesome event. Here's looking to next year!

2013 Team Line Up:

Team 1: Mike Clow, Teri Clow, Judi Olmstead, Michael Trosclair, Bart Gover, Julie Wilsey, Jim Williams

Team 2: Scott Brockman, Ken Moody, Robin Moody, Meaghan Smalley, Tricia Fantinato, Crystal Dow, Mark Dunlap

Team 3: Pat Apone, Todd Sheller, Kim McClintock, Kelli Weigle, Jim Roberts, Brad Whited, Jack Mayfield

Team 4: Mihai Smighelschi, Nicole Henderson, Dave Jeffrey, Jay Bouton, Charles Butcher, Pete Moore, Mario Evans, Don Sever

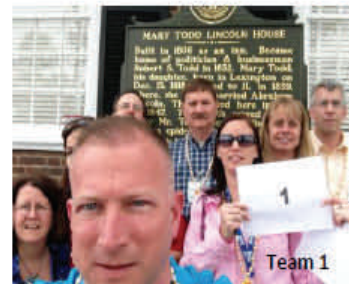
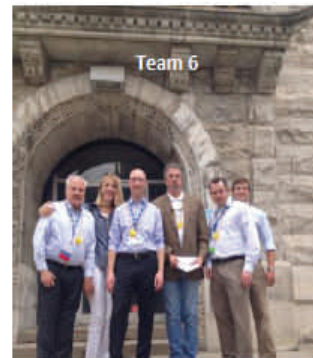
Team 5: Tommy Booth, Jessica Wharton, Courtney Beamon, Dave King, Jeff Eaglehouse, Tim Fredlund, Toney Coleman

Team 6: Ken Spirito, Andrew Borden, Cody Parham, Bruce Carter, Faith Carter, Jonah Thompson, Dennis Wiehl

Team 7: Jim Galloway, Ted Kitchens, Mike Gula, Gina Bridges, Scott Twining, Sheryl Mayes, Mike Reisman

Team 8: Kaela Harmon, Jeff Gray, Lisa Balkunas, Mike Reiter, George Kennedy, Kelly Johnson, Tommy Bibb

Team 9: Mike Van Wie, Luzie Van Wie, Kevin Vandenberg, Josh Mann, Stephanie Blankenship, Chris Browne, Jonathan Ignacio, Lenard Robinson



[Wife of convicted Foothills Regional Airport embezzler said she didn't know ...](#)

Hickory Daily Record

HICKORY, NC – The wife of former Foothills Regional Airport Manager and convicted embezzler Alex Nelson says she had no idea of her husband's criminal activity and should have use of property seized until a final determination by the court. In a ...

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[Woman bit by police K9 in Atlanta airport](#)

UPI.com

Both the Atlanta police, whose officer handles the dog, and the Transportation Security Administration, which owns the dog, have opened investigations into the incident. Topics: German Shepherd. Recommended Stories. Police: K9 catches robbers · Police ...

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[TWIC still not suitable: GOA report](#)

Biometric Update

In reference to the Transportation Worker Identification Program managed by the TSA and USCG within the DHS, the Accountability Office has questioned findings reported to Congress by the Department of Homeland Security from a pilot test of TWICs with ...

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[Deal vetoes 2 bills after legislator's motives questioned](#)

The Albany Herald

Nathan Deal on Tuesday vetoed bills that would have abolished the Heart of Georgia Airport Authority and remade the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority after the heads of both bodies accused the bills' sponsor of abusing his office.

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[Monroe wants to protect its airport from new authority board](#)

Charlotte Observer

Monroe officials want to ensure that the city's airport does not fall under the jurisdiction of a new Charlotte regional airport authority, and are asking state lawmakers this week to clarify wording in pending legislation. The city of Concord already ...

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[Sanford Airport hopes upgrades will attract more airlines, passengers](#)

WFTV Orlando

The Sanford Airport Authority is taking on a big loan to make major upgrades for passengers in what could be an effort to lure more flights to central Florida. The president of Sanford-Orlando International Airport told Channel 9 he's in talks with ...

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[AAAE Announces Senior Staff Retirements](#)

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The four staff members are: Joan Lowden, senior vice president, communications, retiring May 31, 2013; Pat Osborne, senior VP, information services, retiring June 30, 2013; Jim Johnson, A.A.E., **executive director**, **airport** services, retiring Sept. 30 ...

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[Nashville **Airport** Wants Remote Bag Check For Conventions](#)

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Nashville **Airport Authority** CEO Rob Wigington said the service would help keep things moving at the airport. It would also give visitors more free time to do other things in the city. Nashville's biggest conferences are still a year away or more, but ...

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[Birmingham **airport** sign collapse: The making of a tragedy](#)

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Documents related to the flight information display boards have been the subject of an open records lawsuit filed against the **airport authority** by Alabama Media Group, parent company of [al.com](#) and The Birmingham News. The airport has produced some, but ...

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[Municipal **airport** placed on state historical register](#)

[Wetumpka Herald](#)

ECAA member Rep. Greg Wren surprised attendees by presenting ECAA a resolution from the Alabama House of Representatives recognizing the recent listing of the **airport** on the Register of Landmarks and Heritage by the Alabama Historical Commission.

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[Gulfport-Biloxi **airport** cuts expenses, shifts recruitment focus](#)

[SunHerald.com](#)

GULFPORT -- The Gulfport-Biloxi International **Airport** board has cut expenses because revenue is down, **airport** representatives told the Sun Herald on Wednesday. Airplane boardings are 2 percent below this time last year, **Executive Director** Clay Williams ...

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Montgomery Regional Airport Welcomes Elite Parking Services of America

Montgomery, AL- (May 7, 2013)- Elite Parking Services of America ("Elite Parking") is proud to announce the opening of the valet parking operation at Montgomery Regional Airport. Elite Parking will develop and operate a brand new state of the art valet operation. This service will provide passengers' with a convenient and efficient traveling experience, serving as a true one stop shop. Travelers will have access to reward programs, various parking loyalty programs, corporate packages and an enhanced focus on customer service.

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[Airport in talks with Southwest to resume service at Sarasota-Bradenton](#)

[Bradenton Herald](#)

Rick Piccolo, president and chief executive officer of the airport, told his Sarasota Manatee **Airport Authority** board Monday morning that the two sides are talking again. "We reinstituted contact with them, all we're doing is talking," Piccolo told the ...

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[Next phase of Birmingham airport renovations begins - WBRC.com](#)

[WBRC](#)

The Birmingham **Airport Authority** received an update on the next phase of the terminal renovation project during Monday's board meeting. This week, Concourse C, the area including the old Southwest gates, will come down as the foundation for the new ...

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[Airports battling bogus wheelchair requests](#)

[KLTW](#)

Walk through any airport and odds are you'll find yourself not only dodging crowds of people, but navigating around a growing number of wheelchairs. "We've handled maybe a hundred wheelchairs a year," says Peter Scherrer, the **airport manager** in ...

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CORPORATE LIAISON COMMITTEE PRESENTS 2013 AWARDS

The SEC-AAAE Corporate Liaison Committee is comprised of individuals representing varying facets of the Chapter's corporate membership. The Committee was founded on the goals and objectives of the SEC-AAAE Board of Directors and has been actively working since 2007 to promote the interest of its corporate constituency. It regularly reports to the Board and acts on behalf / with the approval of the governing body. In addition to conducting quarterly conference calls, the Committee holds an annual Membership meeting at the SEC-AAAE Annual Conference. The committee is actively engaged through its leadership of the Annual SEC-AAAE Chapter Awards Program which recognizes recipients who have been selected by a jury of their peers in the following categories:

Airport Professional of the Year

Commercial Airport Project of the Year – Airfield Project

Commercial Airport Project of the Year – Architectural Project

General Aviation Project of the Year – Airfield Project

General Aviation Project of the Year – Architectural Project

Corporate Member of the Year

The 2013 SEC-AAAE Chapter Award recipients were presented their award at the Annual SEC-AAAE Conference in Lexington, KY as follows:

Airport Professional of the Year: Kelly Johnson, XNA

Commercial Airport Project of the Year – Airfield Project: HTS Runway 12-30 Rehabilitation

Commercial Airport Project of the Year – Architectural Project: ATL Maynard H. Jackson, Jr.

International Terminal Building

General Aviation Project of the Year – Architectural Project: Page Field GA Terminal Building

Corporate Member of the Year: Mark Sapp

The committee is also working on the advancement of a Mentoring Program and a Speaker's Bureau over the next year and we welcome all members interested in participating to contact the Corporate Liaison Committee Chair, David King at dking@gspnet.com.

[Local airport looks toward expanding parking](#)

[The Daily Progress](#)

"There were several times during the month of April that we were completely full or very close to being full," Crawford told the Joint **Airport Commission** at its regular meeting Monday. "A week ago we had one space in our entire parking lot," added ...

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[Airport neighbors file claims over damage they say was caused by blasting](#)

[The Daily Progress](#)

"There doesn't seem to be a high level of confidence that the damages will ever be addressed," Rit Venerus, a Walnut Hills resident and chairman of the Joint **Airport Commission**, said at a meeting of the advisory panel Monday. The decision on whether to ...

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[Memphis Airport Authority buys parking facility, extends runways](#)

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The **airport** needs a facility for rental car companies to store vehicles and do major maintenance, according to **author-**ity president Larry Cox. The companies, which recently moved most of their operations to the **airport's** new ground transportation center ...

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[Huntsville airport April traffic down 14 percent, US ticket sales down 8 percent](#)

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... Huntsville International Airport fell 14 percent in April over last year, causing year-to-date passenger totals to be 7 percent below the airport's projections for fiscal year 2013, according to a report by the Huntsville-Madison County ...

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[Dothan airport to get new tenant](#)

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The director of the Dothan Regional Airport said the arrival of another tenant at the airport will help bring in income to the facility. The Dothan Regional **Airport Authority** gave Art Morris, the airport director, authorization to negotiate and execute ...

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