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## SEC-AAAE Journal

Sept. - Oct. 2016

### AVL SUMMER PASSENGER NUMBERS REACH ALL-TIME HIGH

#### *AIR SERVICE IS STRONG AND GROWING*

Asheville Regional Airport served more passengers in June through September 2016 than in any other summer in its history. June, July and August numbers were up year/year by 2.2%, 4.8% and 6.7% respectively. And in what is normally a "shoulder season" month with dips in passenger numbers compared to previous summer months, this September, a 16% increase was documented year/year, with 77,428 total passengers served.

"Air service at AVL is strong, and growing," said Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E. executive director. "All four airlines at AVL - Allegiant, American, Delta and United - have a solid number of seats for sale in our market, they offer excellent connectivity to the world, and passengers are buying tickets."

Ticket sales are up for all airlines at AVL. Additionally, Allegiant is continuing to grow in the western North Carolina market, with a new non-stop service to the D.C. area and more frequency of flights to destinations in Florida added this summer. A new non-stop to the New York City market will start on November 17. Looking ahead, Delta and United also plan increases in seats for sale to and from AVL in October through December, compared to the same period last year, with United boosting frequencies to both Chicago O'Hare International and Newark Liberty International.

### FAA Wants Pilots to Get Mental Health Checks

Justice News Flash  
The **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** recently announced it is undertaking efforts to urge pilots to seek help for mental health issues.

### FAA Holds First Unmanned Aircraft Safety Team Meeting

Data Privacy + Security  
Insider

Building on the success of the government-industry Commercial Aviation Safety Team (CAST) in reducing airline accident rates, the **FAA** hopes that ...

### Industry committee to start work on human spaceflight safety standards

SpaceNews  
WASHINGTON — With the **Federal Aviation Administration** restricted from developing safety regulations for people flying on commercial human ...

### New Survey Reveals Increasing Interest in Parachute Recovery Systems for General Aviation Aircraft

PR Newswire (press release)

"The **FAA** and the General Aviation community have made great strides in deploying the latest technology, regulations and education initiatives to help ...

# Exceed Your Own Expectations!



## The Southeast Chapter of the AAAE

Are you a GOAL DIGGER?  
Let the SEC help you

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- > Aviation Professionals seeking to move up within the airport ranks
- > Mid-Level Airport Professionals
- > Corporate/Consultant Partners
- > Professionals new to the Aviation Industry

### WHEN:

Thursday, December 8, 2016

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

9:30 am - Coffee

10 am - Program starts

Includes presentations and lunch courtesy of Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport.

Sponsored by the Southeast Chapter's Member Initiative Program.

### COST:

\$75 for SEC Members

\$125 for non-SEC Members

### WHAT IS THIS MEETING ABOUT?

The Southeast Chapter of AAAE is pleased to offer instructional and energizing workshops for attendees to learn from the industry's best:

- > Tips to become a LEADER
- > Hear SUCCESS and war stories
- > HINTS to expand your career

### WHERE:

Your Host this Workshop:  
Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport

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[SECAAAE.ORG](http://SECAAAE.ORG)



## People-Mover Crashes Into Ditch at Washington Dulles International Airport

NBC4 Washington

The vehicle drove off-course into a ditch at an uneven area of pavement in a construction site shortly before 2:30 p.m., said Rob Yingling,

## Officials: Suicide vest, guns found at airport were 'props'

WHSV  
(AP) — Officials say a suicide vest, two guns and an old military manual on bombs found inside a checked bag at Richmond

## 8 charged in theft of 23000 Apple iPhones at Miami airport

Fox News

MIAMI — Eight people have been charged in the theft of 23,000 Apple iPhones using a disguised tractor-trailer to steal the cargo at Miami International ...

## Birmingham Airport celebrates fifth consecutive month of more than 1million passengers

Birmingham Eastside

Birmingham **Airport** has handled more than 1.2million passengers in September – an increase of almost 165,000 travellers when compared to the ...

## Richmond International Airport records busiest-ever September

Richmond.com

Total passenger traffic at Richmond International **Airport** was up nearly 4 percent in September compared with the same month last year, making it the ...

## New Parking Rates at Asheville Regional Airport

Asheville.com

A parking garage construction project is underway at Asheville Regional **Airport** which has resulted in temporary changes to parking at the **airport**.

## Yeager Airport releases economic impact study

WSAZ-TV

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (WSAZ) -- A new economic study says Yeager **Airport** is a key component of the state's transportation and an asset in economic ...

## Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport to Daily Regional Jet Service

NBC 29 News

ViaAir flights will take off from the **airport** in Weyers Cave to Charlotte Douglas International **Airport**.

The operator of Skydive Alabama in Cullman is behind a new flight school open for business at Huntsville International Airport.



One of Revolution Flight School's planes at Huntsville International Airport. (Lucy Berry | lberry@al.com)

Revolution Flight School launched earlier this month in a facility also home to FlyQuest on 2002 Houston Goodson Way in Huntsville. Owner Paul Rossouw, an ex-military parachute regiment soldier and three-time Skydiving World Championship medalist, runs the school with general manager Chris Burns



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## Gainesville Regional Airport Conducts Survey to Bolster Airline Pitch

AviationPros.com

The **airport** is conducting a market survey to quantify area travelers' ... by business travelers," says **airport** Public Relations **Manager** Laura Aguiar.

## Myrtle Beach International Airport ranked as having lowest airfares in SC

WBTW - Myrtle Beach and Florence SC

MYRTLE BEACH, SC (WBTW) – On Tuesday the U.S. DOT ranked Myrtle Beach International **Airport** as having the lowest average domestic airfares ...

## To keep drones out of high-risk areas, companies try hijacking them and shooting them down

Phys.Org

... **director** of the office of aviation services at the Department of the Interior. ... and high-risk areas such as **airports**, nuclear power plants and prisons.

## Tallahassee International unveils new screening system

Tallahassee.com

After 333 days, Tallahassee International **Airport** and the Transportation ... manner similar to most **airports**," said **Director** of Aviation Thomas Curry.

## Authorities: Shooting of man during machete attack at New Orleans airport was justified

The Advocate

An image of the scene after a man went on a machete rampage at Louis Armstrong International **Airport** in 2015. (photo via Jefferson Parish District ...

# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ANNOUNCES RSW REWARDS FREQUENT PARKER PROGRAM

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Oct. 13, 2016) – Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) has launched the RSW Rewards Frequent Parker Program, which is designed to reward loyal on-airport parking customers who use the long- or short-term lots at RSW.

"This program is aimed primarily at business and frequent travelers in Southwest Florida to provide additional value, while emphasizing that on-airport parking lots are truly the most convenient and cost-effective options when you travel through Southwest Florida International Airport," said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority.

The RSW Rewards Frequent Parker Program is fully automated and points, which are earned whenever a customer parks on-site at Southwest Florida International Airport, can be redeemed for free parking. There are no blackout dates when using the free days of parking. Membership in the RSW Rewards Program is free and requires a credit card when signing up, which is securely linked to an Automated Parking Pass. For traveler convenience, a parking ticket is not needed when entering the long- or short-term lots. Members will simply enter and exit the long- or short-term parking facilities utilizing their Automated Parking Pass that is read via radio signal in the designated lanes. Members will be automatically charged for the length of their parking stay and points will be posted to their account. For more information and to sign up for RSW Rewards, please visit [www.rswrewards.com](http://www.rswrewards.com).

Southwest Florida International Airport served nearly 8.4 million passengers in 2015 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, visit [www.flylcpa.com](http://www.flylcpa.com).

# Average airfares drop for 15th consecutive quarter at Memphis International Airport

Wednesday, October 26, 2016



MEMPHIS, Tenn. (October 25, 2016) – Year-over-year average airfares at Memphis International Airport (MEM) have dropped for the 15th consecutive quarter, according to the Department of Transportation (DOT). The DOT’s second quarter 2016 average airfare report reflects an average airfare of \$390.24 at MEM, a decline of \$28.46 compared to 2nd quarter 2015.

The average airfare at MEM has now dropped by more than \$156 (inflation adjusted) since its peak in 2012.

Lower airfares have helped MEM to increase its origin and destination (O&D) passenger totals by eight percent since 2015, which reflects more than 400 additional passengers per day each way. O&D passengers increased to 5,677 passengers per day each way compared to 5,280 in 2015. During its hub era, as little as 20 percent of the passenger traffic at MEM was O&D, with the vast majority of passengers using Memphis as a connecting point to get to their eventual destination. Now, 99 percent of that traffic is O&D.

Pace Cooper, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority, said “We’re thrilled that more O&D passengers are departing from MEM, and lower airfares are helping to drive that growth. These positive trends are a combination of new airlines, added flights from existing carriers, and up-gauging to larger planes to key destinations.”

Additional information is available at <http://www.transtats.bts.gov/AverageFare/>

# New Terminal Building Dedicated at Concord Regional Airport

CONCORD – City of Concord Officials along with invited guests including, representatives from Cabarrus County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) gathered in the new Terminal Building at Concord Regional, for the grand opening ribbon cutting event Thursday.

The new complex, which officially opens on Wednesday October 5 is located at the south end of the airfield at 7425 Zephyr Place. The new complex includes a 25,000 square foot terminal building and 700 space parking deck.

Mayor Scott Padgett noted that the opening of the new complex will begin a new chapter of this airport's relatively short but impressive history. He emphasized the impact that the new terminal building will have on the City of Concord, Cabarrus County, and the region as a whole. "This is a great day for our community," said Padgett. "This first class complex will result is a better flying experience for both general aviation and commercial customers."

Rick Cloutier, Aviation Director noted that the new terminal building will accommodate up to 30 flights a week.

The facility was created with participation from the FAA and TSA, the facility incorporates all of the latest practices for passenger safety and security. The 25,000 square foot building has been designed to the highest level of traveler comfort ensuring the journey from the parking lot to the airplane is quick, efficient, and stress free. The new facility features a spacious ticketing lobby, comfortable passenger holdroom with modern amenities, and Covered pathway to aircraft.

The construction was planned and executed on a tight 18-month schedule after federal funding for the terminal became available in 2015. 90 percent of the \$6.5 million terminal project cost was paid with federal funding. The remainder was split by the City and NCDOT (local portion approximately \$325,000). The project also includes a 700-space parking deck. The City is financing the cost of the \$5.7 million project, and will charge parking fees to generate revenue.

Allegiant Air began commercial flight service in the Concord Regional Airport in December 2013 with twice a week service to Orlando, Florida. Currently, Allegiant offers flights from Concord Regional Airport to four Florida destinations: Orlando Sanford International Airport; St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport; Fort Myers, and Ft. Lauderdale International Airport. In November, Allegiant Air will provide services to New Orleans.

## Commercial Drones Are Cleared For Take Off

Forbes

Even before the **FAA** announced a draft small UAS rule in February 2015, government and industry recognized the benefits of working together, while ...

## 3 Ways **FAA** Drone Regulations Are Changing the Construction Industry

mySanAntonio.com

The **FAA** takes an evolving stance on the use of drones for commercial means. The agency recently changed an important aspect of the law regarding ...

## Man Attacks **TSA** Officers With Machete In Shocking Video

Huffington Post

A newly released video shows shocking footage of a New Orleans man charging at **TSA** officials with a machete. The video, taken March 20, 2015, ...

## Samsung's Galaxy Note 7 causes changes at airports

The Bulletin

It's a hassle already with having to go through customs and then back through the **TSA** (Transportation

## Tulsa Airports Director Resigns To Take Florida Job

News On 6

The Tulsa **airports director** has submitted his resignation to the board that oversees Tulsa's airports. Jeff Mulder submitted his resignation to the board, ...

# IN MEMORIUM

**Legendary Second World War pilot Bob Hoover, who stole a Nazi plane to escape from a prison camp, dies at 94**

**Robert A. 'Bob' Hoover was a World War II fighter pilot who became a legend.**

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