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Memphis Adds Southwest Flights

MEMPHIS, TENN. (July 2, 2018) – Southwest Airlines will increase its nonstop service between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL), with flights running three times daily beginning January 7, 2019. The airline currently operates one flight per day between the two destinations. Southwest will utilize Boeing 737 aircraft with an average of 143 seats for the flight.

Southwest offers flights to seven destinations at MEM, including Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Orlando and Tampa. The airline began operations at MEM in November 2013 and launched its Memphis-Dallas service in April 2015.

“Southwest’s additional Dallas frequencies are a tremendous development for our passengers,” said Pace Cooper, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. “These additional frequencies will increase connectivity to Dallas and will provide more options for passengers who are connecting to western destinations.”

For more information about these and other flights, visit http://www.flymemphis.com/flights

American Airlines to add second Miami frequency in October

American Airlines will increase its service between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and Miami International Airport (MIA) to two times daily beginning October 4. For Memphis passengers, the additional flight will also open up 25 new connections through Miami to the Caribbean, Central America and South America. American Airlines offers nonstop flights between MEM and eight destinations, including Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, and Washington, D.C.
Memphis International Airport Continues Strong Passenger & Cargo Growth Trends

*July 6, 2018*

Memphis International Airport (MEM) continued its strong growth trends in May, with passenger and cargo operations showing significant increases compared to May 2017.

There were more than 205,000 enplanements in May 2018, a 5.4 percent increase compared to May 2017. Enplanements at MEM have increased this fiscal year by more than 104,737 compared to last fiscal year. MEM is projected to exceed two million enplanements/four million passengers for the second consecutive fiscal year.

MEMs cargo operations also showed strong growth in May with 843,773,000 pounds handled, an 8.6 percent increase compared to May 2017. Overall, cargo has increased by 2.5 percent in Fiscal Year 2018 compared to FY2017.

This is good news all around for MEM and our community, said Scott Brockman, President and CEO of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. Our passenger growth trends show that more and more people are traveling to and from Memphis, and the cargo growth is a crucial economic driver for the region.
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What are the benefits of regionalism and what are the drawbacks?
Kingsport Times News
Regionalism is also the acceptance of a hard truth, according to Jon Smith, Tri-Cities Airport Authority chairman and East Tennessee State University ...

Miss. Lawmakers Announce $9.77 Million for Improvements to Local Airports
Senator Roger Wicker - Senate.gov
“Mississippi's airports bring tourism, investment, and greater transportation options to our state,” Wicker said. “These additional federal grants will help ...

Richmond airport has record-setting June with passenger traffic up 12.1 percent
Richmond.com
The airport handled 373,379 passengers in June, the Capital Region Airport Commission reported. June's traffic marked a 12.1 percent

37 Arkansas Airports to Get Improvements
KARK
WASHINGTON - Improvements are coming to 37 Arkansas airports thanks to ... Heber Springs Municipal Airport – $1,089,855 to rehabilitate a runway.

Memphis International Airport exceeds 2.15 million enplanements in Fiscal Year 2017-2018
MEMPHTIS, Tenn. (August 1, 2018) – Enplanements at Memphis International Airport (MEM) exceeded 2.15 million during its Fiscal Year 2017-2018, which ended on June 30, 2018. The number represented an increase of nearly 115,000 enplanements or 5.6 percent compared to the previous fiscal year.

“Enplanement” is a common airport industry term that refers to a passenger getting on a plane. The number of enplanements is approximately half the total number of passengers, since it does not account for passengers who are deplaning. The 2.15 million enplanements at MEM mean that more than 4.3 million total passengers traveled through MEM during the past fiscal year.

Increased flight options, falling average airfare, and larger aircraft can all be attributed to the continued passenger growth experienced at MEM.

“These continued growth trends are a testament to our continued efforts to pursue frequent and affordable air service,” said Scott Brockman, President and CEO of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. “Passengers are recognizing that airlines at MEM are adding more routes, adding larger planes for existing routes, and reducing average airfare.”

Memphis International Revenue Bonds Rated
S&P Global Ratings has assigned its A long-term rating to the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authoritys $128.6 million (pro forma) series 2018 airport revenue bonds, issued on behalf of Memphis International (MEM). The outlook is stable.
The ratings reflect our opinion of MEMs strong enterprise risk and financial risk profile, said S&P Global Ratings credit analyst Andrew Bredeson. Our enterprise risk profile assessment reflects MEMs status as home to Federal Express Corp.s principal hub, which renders it the busiest cargo airport in North America and the second-busiest cargo airport in the world. It further reflects our view of the strong origin and destination enplanement base for the small hub airport.
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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (August 10, 2018) – Memphis International Airport (MEM) will host a news conference Monday to celebrate the launch of nonstop flights between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and San Antonio International Airport (SAT). The news conference will start at 830 am on the mezzanine level above the “C” ticketing area. Airport Authority representatives and other officials will be available for interviews afterward. Escorts will be available to take media to the ramp to cover the plane’s arrival. Media vehicles can park in the upper outer commercial drive outside the ticketing level.

WHAT: Frontier Launches Memphis-San Antonio Service

WHEN: Monday, August 13 at 830 am

WHERE: Memphis International Airport, Mezzanine Level, C Ticketing Area

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RDU wants developer to build jet hangars for the likes of Apple and Amazon
News & Observer
Raleigh-Durham International Airport is looking for a developer to create a campus of hangars for corporate jets on about 48 acres at the north end of ...

FAA lays down the law on drone regulations
StateScoop
The Federal Aviation Administration is the lone policing authority of drones in the sky, the agency recently announced, though state and local ...

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) warns you to watch out for drone registration scams, where people are offering help to register your ...

FAA awards $25.5M to La. grants
The Daily Iberian
The FAA will award the $25.6 million in fiscal year 2018 Airport Improvement Program grants as part of $3.18 billion in funding provided by Congress ...

Florida drone companies get regulatory boon
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Memphis International Airport (MEM) continued its efforts to add frequent and affordable air service through airline meetings at the 2018 Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA) JumpStart® Air Service Development Conference in Cleveland, OH.

The event took place from June 4-6 and drew more than 400 aviation professionals, with 29 airlines and 195 airports represented.

This forum allowed for numerous pre-arranged meetings between airport executives, airlines, charter operators, and other aviation professionals.

The primary goal of these meetings is to see how MEM can fit into the short-, medium-, and long-term business plans of various airline companies. Subjects can include maintaining existing service, gaining the airline’s long-term consideration for a future route, or making a case for a more immediate route. This type of “speed-dating” between the airport and airlines can lead to more extensive meetings about adding air service to the Memphis market.

Photo: Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority’s President and CEO Scott Brockman (bottom right) and Senior Manager of Air Service Research and Development Chip Gentry (top right) meet with Allegiant’s Dan Meier (top left) and Max Barrus (bottom left) at the ACI-NA JumpStart conference. Allegiant was one of 13 airlines that met with MEM.

Nashville Airport Authority Awards Major Construction Contract for Terminal Parking Garage and ...
AviationPros.com
The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNAA) Board of Commissioners at the July board meeting awarded Messer Construction Co. the ...

These Are the Airports Where You’re Most Likely To Be Hacked
Fortune
Public Wi-Fi in airports might seem like a godsend to business travelers and weary parents. But it's often a fast lane for hackers to access your ...

Columbia Metropolitan Airport traffic on the rise > Columbia Business Report
Columbia Business Report
May and June passenger traffic at Columbia Metropolitan Airport increased 9% compared to those two months last year, according to the airport's ...

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Nashville airport sets passenger record in fiscal year

WKRN News 2
That figure breaks last year's record by more than 1.3 million passengers and marks the fifth consecutive year the airport has set a passenger record.

Tampa International becomes only North American airport to land a spot in excellence awards

Tampa Bay Business Journal
The ACI Director General's Roll of Excellence identified Tampa International as the only North American airport to receive the recognition.

Business is flying high at Wilmington International Airport

StarNewsOnline.com
WILMINGTONT — A new bar that opened up last month is just one more sign of the boom times at the Wilmington International Airport these days.

Airport adds nonstop service to Miami

Business Observer
FORT MYERS — American Airlines will start twice-daily nonstop seasonal service between Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and Miami ...

Little Rock airport on pace for 2 million fliers

Arkansas Online
Through the first six months of 2018, a total of 1,015,438 passengers have gone through the state's largest airport, according to the latest data.

TSA shows off new 3D screening machine at Washington Dulles

USA TODAY
Scott Johnson, TSA's federal security director at Dulles, said the machine ... The machines won't fit in every airport because they are heavier than ...

Small airports have big impact on state's economy

GSA Business
While the state's commercial airports — Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greer, Hilton Head and Myrtle Beach — are the best known and often use the ...

Asheville Regional Airport: Board OKs $875k Spirit Airlines incentive package

Asheville Citizen-Times
ASHEVILLE — The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority granted an $875,000 incentive package Friday to Spirit Airlines, which is scheduled to ...

TN: Greenville Airport Operator Won't Be Charged Rent During Closure

AviationPros.com
The Greenville Airport Authority continued to take action Wednesday regarding the coming closure of the local facility due to runway improvements.

RDU plans a 'refresh' that could slow your trip through the airport

News & Observer
Raleigh-Durham International Airport is beginning a series of home improvement projects, some of which might temporarily make a trip through the ...

Little Rock airport freshening concessions; Chili's, Chick-fil-A on way

Arkansas Online
At a time when the state's largest airport is enjoying an increase in passenger traffic, revenue from its food, beverage and retail operations hasn't ...

Orlando airport bursting with more flights, passengers and foreign destinations

Orlando Sentinel
Orlando International Airport has been bursting its terminal seams with growth in passengers and flights, especially to other countries. In the past 20 ...

Louisville begins nonstop flights to Austin. Los Angeles may be next

Courier Journal
While most of the nearly 25 million people who visit Louisville each year come by car, the rise of ultra low cost carriers at Louisville International Airport ...

More passengers pass through Myrtle Beach International in July

wpde.com
According to a press release from Scott Van Moppes, director of airports, 364,018 people passed through the airport in July of 2018 compared to 305, ...

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Public hearing held on proposed zoning ordinance around airport
WHAG - www.localdvm.com
MARTINSBURG, W. Va. - Berkeley County, W. Va. residents spoke about their concerns and objections over a proposed zoning ordinance around the ...

Tampa International Airport debuts new and improved Cigar City Brewery
Tampa Bay Times
When Tampa International Airport officials decided which restaurants would go and which would stay, Cigar City Brewing made a convincing case it ...

Airport Authority Seeks More Funding For Manager
Greeneville Sun
The Greeneville Municipal Airport Authority took another step toward hiring ... The town has allocated $100,000 for the airport manager's salary in its ...

Smith Reynolds Airport Advisory Board formed, local leaders added
Winston-Salem Journal
In its efforts to have more direct control over Smith Reynolds Airport, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners approved on Thursday an airport ...

Consultant eyed to help find next fixed-base operator at Danville Regional Airport
GoDanRiver.com
Deputy City Manager Earl Reynolds said questions whether there was ... Adelman said the Danville Regional Airport Commission supports seeking a a ...

Ft. Lauderdale airport shooter sentenced to life in prison
Fox News
The 26-year-old airline passenger who killed five people and wounded eight when he opened fire at the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood airport last year ...

Branson Airport to Host AirPower History Tour: A Patriotic Festival of WWII Aircraft
Branson Airport
Branson Airport is proud to host the AirPower History Tour, a patriotic festival of World War II aircraft on September 19-23, 2018 at the Branson Airport.

Airports authority releases details of CEO's contract
Washington Post
John E. “Jack” Potter, head of Reagan National and Dulles International airports, is one of the highest paid airport executives in the country, with a ...

Yeager Airport begins Capital Jet Center as its FBO
West Virginia MetroNews
CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Yeager Airport is now officially in charge of its own fixed-base operations. What's now known as the Capital Jet Center went ...

Aiken Regional Airport recognized during SC Aviation Week
Aiken Standard
"South Carolina airports do mean business," S.C. Aeronautics Commission Director James Stephens said. He called Aiken Regional Airport a "class ...

Dogs join ground crew at Little Rock airport
NWAOnline
Tula's handler is Meredith Catlett, a Little Rock attorney who also is a member of the Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission, which sets policy for ...

Forty Under 40: Steven Head
talkbusiness.net
Steven Head had planned to attend the University of Arkansas and, after ... “It's been great,” Head said, adding he became a manager and started to ... the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport runway and the Razorback Regional ...

St. Pete-Clearwater airport seeks approval for FAA agreement, contractors for major projects
Tampa Bay Business Journal
St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport wants to perform major upgrades and renovations totaling more than $10 million that present opportunities for ...
Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport to add New Airlines
OzarksFirst.com
The Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport hasn’t added a new airline in nearly a decade, which has forced customers to go elsewhere for discounted ...

Orlando International Airport South Terminal Construction Progresses
Orlando International Airport
ORLANDO, FL. – Construction activity at Orlando International Airport’s South Terminal Complex paused briefly in recognition of the Independence Day.

Bentonville’s geese gone but problem to persist
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
BENTONVILLE -- Geese are no longer at the end of the municipal airport’s runway, but officials still must determine the best course of action for when ...

Tampa Airport puts paramedics on bikes
FOX 13 News, Tampa Bay
TAMPA (FOX 13) - You might see something a little surprising the next time you visit Tampa International Airport: Their paramedics now have pedals.

US airports near new passenger record as demand for air travel continues to grow
Los Angeles Times
People are crowding into U.S. airports at near record levels, leaving airport managers worried that the country’s facilities won’t be able to handle much ...
Charlottesville, Shenandoah Airports to Benefit from Federal Funding
NBC 29 News
Charlottesville, Shenandoah Airports to Benefit from Federal Funding ... funds,” said executive director of the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport ...

GA: City Hall Troubles Could Hike Cost to Attract New Atlanta Airport Leader
AviationPros.com
Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms launched a search for a new airport manager earlier this year and moved airport manager Roosevelt Council to ...

XNA to open parking deck this week, recommends Nabholz to manage terminal renovation
talkbusiness.net
Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA) plans to unofficially open a new four-story parking garage this week, said CEO and Executive Director ...

Successful Upgrade for Nashville Fuel Farm
AviationPros.com
Menzies Aviation worked alongside the Metropolitan Airport Authority, Airline Consortium members and their associated airlines, and Argus ...

Frontier Airlines adds service to Fort Myers, Tampa at Syracuse airport
The Central New York Business Journal
“We are thrilled to see Frontier expand their footprint in the Syracuse market with the addition of Ft. Myers and Tampa,” Christina Callahan, director of ...

Baton Rouge Metro Council accepts grant for police body cameras, delays decision on airport ...
The Advocate
In other news, council members further delayed a decision on whom to appoint as the director of the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport. Neither finalist ...

CASEY: Judge rules in favor of airport with injunction against small taxi service
Roanoke Times
For at least the next 90 days, it'll be illegal for a Salem-based taxi service to pick up fares at Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport. But drivers for B.

High-profile Louisville business park primed for multimillion-dollar project
Louisville Business First
Don Ashby, manager of Ashby Properties II LLC, is the president and ... body made up of board members for the Louisville Regional Airport Authority.

On display: Cullman Regional Airport hosts Alabama aviation history exhibit
CullmanSense
Cullman Regional Airport Manager Ben Harrison shared, “It's just a pretty neat little exhibit talking about the history of aviation in Alabama, talking ...

Airport welcomes new executive director
The Winchester Star
WINCHESTER — The Winchester Regional Airport Authority welcomed the airport's new executive director, Nicholas Sabo, to Winchester Thursday ...

Greenbrier Valley Airport closing control tower
Rockbridge Report
Trump budget could cut service at Shenandoah Airport. The president's plan would strip the Essential Air Service program, which funds commercial ...

Long-awaited seaplane ramp opens at Leesburg airport
Daily Commercial
LEESBURG — After four years and $3.3 million, the seaplane ramp at Leesburg International Airport is open for business. The ramp will complement ...

Myrtle Beach International Airport breaks passenger record in June
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Gulfstream to deliver latest aircraft in Q4 following FAA approval

Atlanta Business Chronicle

Gulfstream obtained Federal Aviation Administration approval for production of its newest model aircraft last week, according to a company statement.

Yeager Airport receives $1.4 million to up security

Charleston Gazette-Mail

A news release issued Wednesday said the money comes from the FAA's Airport Improvement program. How the funds would be used, specifically, ...

Virginia Highlands Airport to get $4.3M grant to extend runway

Bristol Herald Courier (press release) (blog)

"The grant will be for the next phase of the FAA [Federal Aviation Administration] and state-approved project to extend the runway at Virginia ...

GA coalition calls on FAA to address FBO fees

SmartBrief

A coalition of general aviation groups has joined AOPA in demanding that the Federal Aviation Administration take action to address hidden fees at ...

Hartsfield-Jackson Receives Airport Efficiency Excellence Award

AviationPros.com

Hartsfield-Jackson Receives Airport Efficiency Excellence Award ... Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) was recently honored as the ... local, state and federal levels," said Balram Bheodari, interim General Manager.

Airport Expected To Close 150 Days For Runway Project

Greeneville Sun

The new Greeneville Municipal Airport Authority grappled Wednesday with what an $8 million runway improvement project will entail, including ...

WV: Airport Receives $5.4M for Runway Project

AviationPros.com

"This total project is expected to be six phases and funding is expected to continue throughout this work," Ryan Shaffer, airport manager, said Tuesday ...

Newport News schools, airport want to resume conversation about new $22 million training center

Daily Press

Officials with the Newport News Public Schools and the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport say they want to renew talks about a 2016 ...

Sarasota-Bradenton International offering land for development

Business Observer

In the wake of its completion of a new $25 million air traffic control tower, ... The proposed development on the land comes as the airport authority is ... which operates under the Federal Aviation Administration call letters SRQ. Today ...

Birmingham airport board names interim CEO, fires attorney

AL.com

Sylvester Lavender, Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport's director of finance, will serve as the airport's interim chief executive officer.

$13 million investment comes to Manassas

WHAG - www.localdvm.com

"We're going to be establishing a campus-like environment with support from the airport and certainly the Economic Development Authority," said ...

Dogs relieving travel anxiety at Jacksonville International Airport

ActionNewsJax.com

Dogs are relieving travel anxiety at Jacksonville International Airport. Jax Paws, a program allowing specially trained K-9s and their handlers to walk ...

Tampa International Airport board gives CEO Joe Lopano outstanding ratings

TBO.com

TAMPA — Tampa International Airport president and CEO Joe Lopano has gotten another round of top ratings from his bosses on the Hillsborough ...

Lawyers clash for Newport News/Williamsburg airport, restaurant

Daily Press

The airport — which has been contesting New Dominion Clubs' claim that it is owed more than $877,000 for its investment in equipment, wiring, ...

Federal funding will help Blue Ridge rebuild

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MSCAA board awards modernization construction, jet bridge contracts
Project expected to be completed in early 2021

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (August 16, 2018) – The Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA) Board of Commissioners has approved the selection of Flintco, LLC as the primary contractor for Memphis International Airport’s (MEM’s) B Concourse modernization construction and redesign project. The total of the contract is $122,582,530. The board also approved a $32,000,038 contract with Aero Bridgeworks for new jet bridges that will be a part of the modernization project.

The contractor selections will allow construction to begin in September. The project is expected to be completed in early 2021. The multi-year, multi-phase plan will involve the modernization of the spine and east leg of MEM’s B Concourse as well as consolidation of a airline, retail, and food & beverage businesses into the remodeled concourse. The redesign will include the addition of wider corridors, moving walkways, larger boarding areas, higher ceilings and increased natural lighting. Additional amenities and concessions options will also be added. The project will also feature much-needed seismic upgrades to the B Concourse. The airlines and food and retail tenants are operating out of the A and C Concourses while the B Concourse is closed for construction.

MEM’s previous operational layout was ideal for hub operations. However, Delta Air Lines’ removal of its hub operations created a dynamic in which passengers, airlines, and retail and food businesses were spread out across three concourses. In addition, the nearly 50-year-old building was not built to modern seismic standards. Should the airport continue its passenger growth trends, additional gates will be available to accommodate more air service.

The new jet bridge contract is the result of the airport’s decision to purchase all-new passenger boarding bridges rather than refurbishing existing ones.

“This is a huge milestone as the reinvention of MEM becomes a reality,” said Scott Brockman, MSCAA President and CEO. “The end result will be a revolutionary new travel experience for Memphis passengers.”

Passengers can learn more about the modernization project at www.flymemphis.com/modernization or take a virtual tour at https://goo.gl/mFdLLK.
Richmond Airport apologizes to breastfeeding mother
WWBT NBC12 News
The Richmond International Airport has issued an apology after an officer approached a nursing mother about breastfeeding her child in public.

Augusta Regional Airport getting makeover worth millions
WFXG.com
Augusta Regional Airport sees more than 1,000 people every day. That's why the executive director believes some major upgrades need to be made.

Charlotte's airport manages 'tricky balance' between low-cost hub and fancy new gates
Charlotte Observer (blog)
But the nine gates opening at Charlotte Douglas International Airport next ... "That is a tricky balance," said Brent Cagle, aviation director at Charlotte ...

Orlando airport kicks off flights to another Brazilian destination
Orlando Business Journal
Orlando International Airport's connection to South America has taken off on another direct flight starting today. LATAM Airlines Group has begun new ...

Yeager Airport board renames general aviation operation
Charleston Gazette-Mail
With about one month remaining until Yeager Airport's governing board can complete its planned buyout of Executive Air Terminal's lease of the ...

Airport director on a mission to bring airline service to Lakeland
News Chief
The carrier would serve more than 4,000 Polk County residents who currently fly out of Tampa or Orlando International airports every day. LAKELAND ...

Shreveport receives a $300k federal airport grant
Shreveport Times
The funds will go towards a marketing program to increase the public's awareness of services available at the airport, according to a news release ...

Travel and Leisure Magazine names Tampa a top domestic airport
WWSB ABC 7
According to Travel and Leisure, Tampa International Airport really stood out because of their public art program. TPA has standout cultural and ...

Atlanta airport reveals it spent nearly $4M on dog bathrooms
Fox News
Officials for the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport recently revealed that its seven new Service Animal Relief Areas, which were installed ...

BC Airport Commission accepts settlement in lawsuit
KTLO
The Baxter County Airport Commission has agreed to payment of a $90,000 settlement offer in a lawsuit airport suit filed in Baxter County Circuit Court ...

The Impacts of Mercer County Airport in the Local Region
WVNS-TV
Mercer county airport still plays a role in the community, even though you can no longer catch a flight into the airport. Commercial airlines no longer ...

Paws for Passengers program celebrates 1 year at Asheville Airport
WLOS
A program that brings therapy animals to the Asheville Airport celebrated its ... Dogs were wearing birthday hats at the airport on Friday to mark the ...

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – The Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority’s (MKAA) Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to hire Patrick Wilson, A.A.E., as president effective mid-November 2018. Wilson will replace William F. “Bill” Marrison, who is retiring on December 31, 2018, after 36 years of service to the organization and the traveling public of East Tennessee. “On behalf of the airport’s Board of Commissioners, we are grateful to Bill for his years of dedication to our airport system,” said Eddie Mannis, Chairman of the MKAA Board of Commissioners. “It was under his leadership that McGhee Tyson Airport has broken annual passenger records, attracted new businesses such as Cirrus Aircraft, attracted new airlines and created hundreds of jobs for our community.”

“The MKAA Board of Commissioners knew that finding someone to follow Bill Marrison as President would be a monumental undertaking,” said Mannis. “Patrick is a natural fit for the position with his proven track record of strong leadership, team building and capital improvement execution. He is well respected within the aviation industry and we are confident he will continue to take our airport to the next level with his focus on customer experience, strategic partnerships and economic development.”

With over 25 years of aviation experience, an established relationship with state and federal aviation officials and a clear understanding of legislative issues facing Tennessee airports, Wilson understands what is needed to be successful at MKAA. In his most recent position as executive director at the Tri-Cities Airport in Blountville, TN, Wilson developed the vision and made strategic partnerships to create a 160 acre on-airport aerospace industry park that resulted in $40 million of site infrastructure. He has initiated and secured funding for $110 million in capital improvements to modernize and expand facilities at the airport in the airfield, terminal, general aviation, and air cargo areas. Prior to leading the Tri-Cities Airport, Wilson was MKAA Operations Manager where he gained a strong understanding of the inter-workings of
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Alabama aviation groups looking to solve pilot shortage
AL.com
Today, Davis is the general manager for Signature Flight Support at Huntsville International Airport, and he and Signature's parent company, BBA ...

Fayetteville airport’s fuel sales fly high
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
The municipal airport is reporting a 40 percent increase in fuel sales this year. ... the highest volume since 2006, said Summer Fallen, airport director.

Charleston airport saw 20% jump in passenger traffic in July
Charleston Post Courier
Airline boardings increased 19.3 percent from a year ago to 225,590 travelers, the Charleston County Aviation Authority said Friday. The number of ...

Former airport director candidate 'dumbfounded' by Metro Council actions
Greater Baton Rouge Business Report
The protracted and controversial search for a new director for the Baton Rouge Metro Airport left a bad impression on Derek Martin, who was one of ...

Airport growing a world-class aerospace megasite
Greensboro News & Record
As PTI's executive director, he has the run of the place. Whether it's driving on a small service road a few hundred yards from the 9,000-foot runway or ...

Birmingham Airport Authority to hire air service consultant
Birmingham Business Journal
The business community has long called for more direct flights out of Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport to draw new businesses to the ...

Photos show latest work on New Orleans' new airport terminal
NOLA.com
An August 2018 aerial photo shows progress on New Orleans' new airport terminal. The new facility is set to open in February 2019.

Tampa City Council member suggests airport ferry service
Tampa Bay Business Journal
Tampa City Councilman and Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority board member Mike Suarez has suggested ferry service as a mode of ...

Jackson-Evers Int'l Airport Installs First Mamava Suite in Mississippi to Support Breastfeeding Moms
AviationPros.com
"The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority is proud to take a progressive stance in supporting these women. The very least we can do is to create a ...

Atlanta airport news: Hartsfield-Jackson to strike contract to relocate homeless
MyAJC
Atlanta airport news: Hartsfield-Jackson to strike contract to relocate homeless ... Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is seeking approval for a contract ... according to Hartsfield-Jackson interim general manager Balram Bheodari.

New Bern airport readying for expansion, other big changes
WCTI12.com
"The area is growing, passenger traffic, just the very nature of it, more people fly," said Airport Director Andy Shorter. "We're actually really excited ...

Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport growth fuels study, better gateway
Chattanooga Times Free Press
In a first for the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport area, the city is hitting the jets on efforts to leverage Lovell Field's rapid growth and bolster it as a ...

Sarasota Bradenton International Airport gets Frontier flights to Philadelphia
Sarasota Herald-Tribune
Sarasota Bradenton International Airport's latest carrier just announced a new route: twice-weekly nonstop flights beginning in December connecting ...

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Taste of Home
If you think airport food is only one step above airplane food, you're in for a surprise! Is your favorite airport restaurant on our list?
Priority Pass Adds Restaurant Option Washington National Airport
Doctor Of Credit
Priority Pass has added a new restaurant option to Washington DC National Airport (DCA). Priority Pass members can now visit Bracket Room found...

Norfolk International Airport staff reunites girl with lost stuffed animal
wtkr.com
NORFOLK, Va. – The staff at Norfolk International Airport played hero to one little girl who had recently lost her stuffed animal at the airport.

Southwest GA Regional Airport numbers flying high
WBRC FOX6 News - WBRC.com
The Aviation Commission received encouraging news on the growth and productivity of the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport. A recent report...

Louisville’s transportation and logistics centers link the region to the world
The Lane Report
Louisville International Airport (SDF) last year unveiled a $10 million, ... “UPS is growing,” said Jim Mayer, public relations manager for UPS Airlines.

Roanoke airport awarded major grant to help add new nonstop flights
WSLS 10
ROANOKE, Va. - The federal government is spending $750,000 to help bring new nonstop flights to the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport.

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Delta will fly from RDU to nation's third busiest airport for the first time
News & Observer
Delta Air Lines says it will begin offering three nonstop flights a day between RDU and Chicago's O'Hare International Airport in April. Delta will...

South Arkansas Regional Airport offering flight classes, combats nationwide pilot shortage
MyArkLaMiss (press release) (blog)
"They'll start out with 3 or 400 hours," said Johnathan Estes, Airport Manager. "They need to get up to 1500 hours to go up into a larger airline.

Hartsfield-Jackson Receives 2018 Civil Rights Advocate Award
AviationPros.com
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) was recently honored by the ... all of our guests," said Balram "B" Bheodari, interim airport general manager. ... The advisory board serves as a catalyst for making the Airport more ...

Tampa International Airport ranked in top 10 for defense against cyber threats
Tampabay.com
TAMPA — Tampa International Airport was ranked this week as the 10th safest U.S. airport to go online without being hacked, but the ranking is now not ...

Birmingham airport set to receive $1.4 million for infrastructure improvements
CBS42.com
reported on July 19, Thursday, the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport will receive $1,417,500 in Federal Aviation Administrations grants.

FAA approves grant for Tuscaloosa airport
Savannah Howell, director of administration for the city's Infrastructure and Public Services department, which oversees the airport's management, ...

Atlanta Aerotopolis CIDs studying best transit options for next 20 years
Atlanta Business Chronicle
"MARTA has one of the best rail-to-airport connections in North America," ... executive director, Aerotropolis Atlanta Community Improvement Districts (CIDs), ... "Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is supportive of any ...

Here's why Greenville-Spartanburg airport's cargo business has doubled since 2016
Greenville News
Operations handled by logistics firm Senator International have outgrown their 20,000-square-foot warehouse, and the airport is clearing land now for ...

Auburn University, Delta take to the skies together
Opelika Auburn News
"The really big deal is for our students," said Bill Hutto, aviation department head and director of the Auburn University Regional Airport. "It provides ...

Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport gets grant to help with inspection facility
Savannah Morning News
The Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport has received a $4 million grant from the Federal Airport Improvement Program, Congressman Buddy ...

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The Classic Metal Show
Fully revised, updated, and reorganized to reflect the latest advances in the aviation industry, Airport Planning and Management, Sixth Edition offers ...

From worms to whales, the wildlife that worries airports
USA TODAY
From worms to whales, the wildlife that worries airports ..... and Washington by car or plane," said Nick Atwell, wildlife manager for the Port of Portland.

DHL rolls out new Charleston, SC-based facility
Logistics Management
Being located near the Charleston International Airport, said DHL, will ... Paul, General Manager of the Southeast for DHL Express U.S., in a statement.

Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport on track to have busiest year in decade
virginiafirst.com
ROANOKE, Va. (WFXR News) - The Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport is continuing to see a spike in passengers using the airport. According to ...
Lafayette Regional Airport announces direct flights to Orlando, Denver for $39
KATC Lafayette News
There will soon be another flight option for those flying to and from Lafayette Regional Airport. Airline officials announced at a press conference today ...

Frontier Airlines offering $39 flights out of Huntsville
AL.com
Rick Tucker, executive director of the airport, described Frontier as an "ultra low-cost carrier" that will appeal the non-business class. "Leisure travelers: ..." 

Martinsburg airport settles lawsuit against services provider
Herald-Mail Media
MARTINSBURG, W.Va. — Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport has reached a settlement in its $50,000 lawsuit against the company that is the ...

Rejecting AOPA Complaint, FAA Rules in Favor of Key West International Airport
Flying Magazine
The FAA recently ruled in favor of Key West International Airport after conducting a review of the field's only FBO in response to a complaint filed last ...

Florida's Boca Airport Sponsors School Supplies Drive
Aviation International News
Florida's Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA) is teaming up with its two resident FBOs—Atlantic Aviation and Signature Flight Support—on a drive to ...

Kelly: Airport needs larger hangars
Parkersburg News
If officials want the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport to grow, it needs the infrastructure to do so, including hangar space for larger aircraft, airport ...

Access To Major Airport's Security System Offered on Dark Web for $10
Slashdot
Researchers at McAfee found remote access to a major airport's security system available on the dark web for $10. From a report: The hacked access ...
AIR WISCONSIN ANNOUNCES A CREW BASE AT COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN AIRPORT

(West Columbia, SC, August 1, 2018) Air Wisconsin, a regional carrier for United operating as United Express, has announced plans to locate their newest flight crew base at Columbia Metropolitan Airport. The base is scheduled to be operational October 1, 2018.

“This past week, we announced the opening of a crew base expanding our presence at Columbia Metropolitan Airport, which is a key part of our network. This new crew base will add approximately 150 new crew member positions consisting of pilots and flight attendants to the Air Wisconsin team in Columbia and is in addition to our recently expanded Columbia maintenance base. This growth of our maintenance and crew member base is resulting in the need to hire for several positions. We thank the airport for their assistance in helping us establish the infrastructure to provide air service to Columbia and the surrounding communities,” said Bob Frisch, Sr., Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Air Wisconsin.

Columbia was deemed an excellent choice because it complements the airline’s footprint and route structure. Air Wisconsin, under the United Express brand, serves Columbia with daily flights to Chicago and Washington Dulles. They also have an aircraft maintenance base at CAE where they perform overnight maintenance for their fleet of CRJ 200 aircraft. Their other crew bases are located in Chicago, Milwaukee, and at Washington Dulles.

“This announcement is an incredible win for both the airport and for our region as we continue our efforts to showcase both. Our thanks to Air Wisconsin for making the decision to expand their operation at CAE and for making Columbia their first crew base location in the southeast. We look forward to the additional growth that this will cultivate,” said Mike Gula, CAE Executive Director.
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The August Goal Digger Seminar attracted 73 registrants - the largest Goal Digger to date! The room was great, the food was great, the atmosphere was great, the speakers were great and the participants were great! Many thanks to Jack Christine, AAE, Daniel Ayd and the many CLT staffers for their invaluable assistance in making another SEC-AAAE event a resounding success!

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FAA braces for flying cars that now require no license or registration
Washington Examiner
The Federal Aviation Administration says it's closely following developments as the technology of cartoons and comic books nears reality, urging the ...

Tampa Bay Airports To Receive FAA Infrastructure Grants
Patch.com
The Federal Aviation Administration are doling out $3.18 billion in Airport Improvement Program funding this year for projects across the nation to ...

Bentonville’s Thaden Field to become 'destination airport'
talkbusiness.net
After 72 years of operation, city leaders and the aviation community have a new vision for Bentonville’s municipal airport, Louise M. Thaden Field, ...

It’s official: Change is coming to dining, shopping at Nashville International Airport
Nashville Business Journal
Nashville International Airport’s board has officially chosen a new model and manager for the booming airport’s concession offerings. Wednesday, the ...

Power outage briefly plunges DC’s Reagan airport into darkness
USA TODAY
The incident did not have a major impact on flights, but it did lead to some dramatic scenes at the close-to-downtown Washington-area airport.

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport opens new roadway
Tampa Bay Business Journal
St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport has opened a new roadway to the terminal, parking lots and ground transportation lot. The new Terminal ...

Suspicious’ liquids found at Orlando Airport sicken 4 TSA officers, send 2 to hospital
Fox News
The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has confirmed that four of its officers working at the Orlando International Airport were sickened ...
You Ask, We Investigate: New Airlines May Come to XNA

KNWA

"We would love to have more airlines using this facility," said Kelly Johnson, airport director at Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport. "Part of the ...

Last turboprop plane departs out of Tri-Cities Airport

WJHL-TV News Channel 11

BLOUNTVILLE, TN (WJHL)- - For the very last time, a Dash 8 turboprop plane departed from the Tri-Cities Airport in Blountville Wednesday. Piedmont ...

Hilton Head Airport holding ribbon cutting to celebrate first commercial jet service

WTOC

American has served Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) to Hilton Head Island Airport (HHH) for three decades, most recently on the Dash 8 ...

New Numbers, New Airline Raise the Spirit of Piedmont Triad International Airport

The Rhino Times (satire)

Piedmont Triad International Airport (PTIA) is starting to see a nice trend developing. Newly released passenger numbers are up and those numbers ...

Electric vehicle charging stations unveiled at Birmingham airport

Alabama's News Leader

Thursday, the airport unveiled nine new electric vehicle charging stations. Of those nine, six of them are on the sixth floor, and the other three are ...
Upgrades flying in to Valdosta airport
ValdostaToday.com
The Valdosts-Lowndes County Airport Authority is working to buy land on the airports southeast side. This would allow officials to take out a row of ...

Parking deck, expanded concourse, more gates eyed by Chattanooga airport plan
Chattanooga Times Free Press
Within reach of a half-million passenger boardings by year's end, Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport officials are looking at meeting future parking ...

Atlanta airport ditches plans for new international concourse
Curbed Atlanta
Plans to grow the world's busiest passenger airport have hit a snag, with space and cost constraints forcing planners to change things up.

Mobile Airport Authority to Examine Relocating Commercial Air Service
VHB'sAirport Planning Manager, Fin Bonset, led the Airport Feasibility and System Planning Study for the Mobile Airport Authority. The study examined relocating commercial air service from Mobile Regional Airport to the Brookley Aeroplex Downtown Airport. The recent Board approval of the study is the first step to making the move a reality. While relocating an asset such as commercial aviation services is a new—and rare—prospect, it is one that will help improve mobility, act as a catalyst for economic development, and enhance communities.

"VHB's efforts on this study were instrumental to assisting the Mobile Airport Authority in moving forward in fulfilling our vision to enhance overall transportation, the local economy, and commercial operations in the downtown Mobile area." —Chris Curry, Mobile Airport Authority Executive Director.

Delta launching new international flights to Amsterdam via Tampa International Airport
Tampa Bay Times
TAMPA — Tampa International Airport brought out the tulips, bicycles and stroopwafel cookies Wednesday to celebrate news that it's getting nonstop ...

Lawmakers explore taking control of Atlanta Airport from city
CBS46 News Atlanta
Talks have begun about the possible transfer of power at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest airport, which the City of ...

New facial recognition tech catches first impostor at DC airport
NBCNews.com
New facial recognition tech catches first impostor at D.C. airport ... back to Brazil," CBP Area Port Director Daniel Mattina told NBC News at the airport.

Newport News airport commissioners disagree on 'governance' consulting contract
Daily Press
You have a sense of how airports work because that's what they do. ... Marketing director Jessica Wharton said airport passenger traffic was at 37,710 ...

Where in the world do you want to go? Birmingham airport seeks more direct flights
AL.com
Want to see more direct flights out of the Birmingham airport? So does Mayor Randall Woodfin. As the Birmingham Airport Authority seeks to hire a ...

Birmingham airport eateries to be grounded for renovations
AL.com
If you are counting on snagging a chicken biscuit before your flight out of the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport this fall, you better make ...
In Memorial

A memorial service for Ted Johnson, who oversaw PTI's growth from a small regional to an international airport and distribution hub, was held July 7, 2018.

Johnson, executive director for the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority from 1993 to 2010, died at age 78.

Johnson's career at PTI began in 1968. During the next 42 years, he watched the airport grow from a 700-acre airport to a roughly 4,000-acre economic center and home to huge operations such as HondaJet's U.S. headquarters, the FedEx Mid-Atlantic sorting hub and Timco, a massive aircraft maintenance and service facility, now HAECO.

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