



Tullahoma Regional Airport

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## Tullahoma Airport Grows Avionics Presence Opens Business Airpark

Commercial service airports across Tennessee have long served as economic engines in the communities they serve. But for many rural communities like Tullahoma, general aviation and the ecosystems they create drive millions of dollars in economic impact.

Tullahoma is uniquely positioned between Arnold Air Force Base and the University of Tennessee’s Space Institute. It was one of seven air bases created during WWII as a training site for experimental aircraft.

Today, Rod Allison walks the same airfield where the Greatest Generation once trained. A former army aviator, Allison started XP Services, an experimental flight services company, at the Tullahoma Airport in 2011. Seven years later, his company has grown to fill six hangars on the airfield and contributes 10 percent of the airport’s overall

Allison’s Tullahoma operation consists of 25 employees and includes machining capabilities to fabricate aircraft components.

“It’s not just work for us,” he says of his team of specialists. “It’s an adventure.”

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## Dale Earnhardt Jr. opens new restaurant at RDU Airport

Spectrum News  
RALEIGH-DURHAM  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT --  
North Carolina's own Dale Earnhardt Jr. officially opened one of his "Whisky River" restaurants ...

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Allison's work has opened doors for the local airport and the community, as well. Last year, XP Services partnered with Sarasota Avionics to create a referral network for SA's maintenance operation. The Florida-based avionics company needed a location convenient to more of its customers, and Tullahoma's geography and low cost of operations was a great fit for their needs.

Jon Glass said the airport's partnership with XP Services has been mutually beneficial since the first day.

"XP Services' decision to locate at our airport helped us to get the utility and road access grants we needed to grow our new Business Airpark," he said. "Now their agreement with Sarasota Avionics helped us obtain a federal grant to construct a maintenance hangar. So it's been a very good business relationship for our community."

As hangars continue to pop up across the Tullahoma Airport, Glass and his local economic development partners have turned their attention to filling a local Business Airpark. The Select Tennessee certified site includes 102 acres already prepped with utilities and ready for development.

Again, local leaders predict geography will be a key contributor to the site's success.



## Tullahoma Regional Airport

For more information on the Tullahoma Regional Airport Business Park, click here:

<https://www.tnecd.com/certified-sites/42/tullahoma-airport-business-park/>



## 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 and consultant partners
- Professionals that are new to the aviation industry.

### When is the Next Seminar?

Monday, August 13, 2018 from **9:30 am** until **3:30 pm**

- **9:30 am** Coffee
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Palm Coast Observer

Phoenix East Aviation Enterprises LLC will convert a hangar at the Flagler Executive **Airport** into a flight school with 15 to 20 full-time students, ...

## Tri-Cities **Airport**: Marketing Aerospace Park: Earth has been turned on site, now the marketers are ...

The Business Journal

Photo above: Mark Canty poses with Aerospace Park in the background. Photo by Scott Robertson. By Scott Robertson. The effort to bring the first ...

## Improvements coming to SAV/HH Intl **Airport** over next few years

WTOC

There are some big improvements coming to the Savannah-Hilton Head International **Airport** over the next three years that aim to make operations ...

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The Winchester Star

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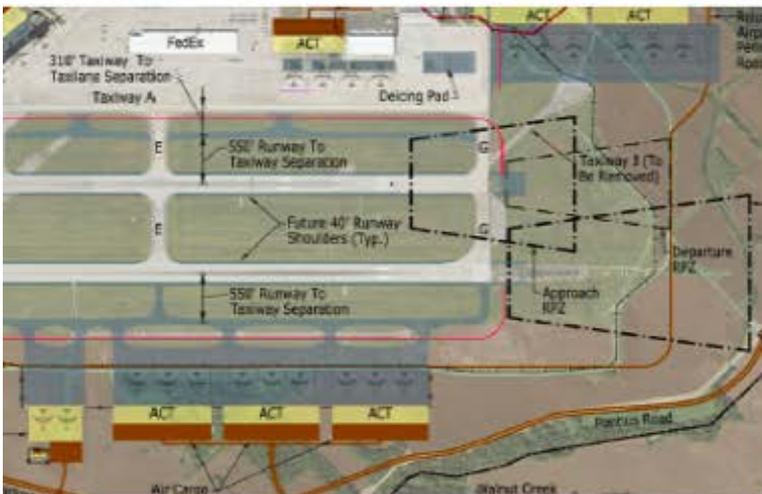
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## [First Frontier Airlines flight from Denver lands at Branson Airport — plane fully booked](#)

Springfield News-Leader

The Branson **Airport** announced last week that it welcomed its first inbound Frontier Airlines flight from Denver, Colorado. The plane was full, ...

## [Leadership Nashville announces the upcoming class of 2018-2019](#)

The Tennessean

Douglas E. Kreulen, President & CEO, Metropolitan Nashville **Airport Authority**; Joyce K. Lavery, CEO, Safe Haven Family Shelter; Lawrence J. Marnett ...

## [Yeager board votes to buy out lease with FBO after federal plea](#)

West Virginia MetroNews

Yeager **Airport** is getting out of its lease with its fixed base operator, ... Yeager **Director** Terry Sayre said after Miller's plea last month that Yeager took ...

## [Strong passenger growth to propel Charleston airport income 7.5 percent higher next year](#)

Charleston Post Courier

One new parking lot will be behind the police station, and two remote lots will be reworked and expanded, according to **airport** deputy **director** Hernan ...

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Fernandina Observer

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## [Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport's Installment of Youth Art Features Works Created ...](#)

TAPinto.net

BROWARD COUNTY - Broward's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International **Airport** recently unveiled its fifth installment of local youth artwork, En Plane ...

## [Eastern W.Va. Regional Airport Authority release 20 year master plan](#)

WV News

MARTINSBURG — Officials and community leaders unveiled a 20-year master plan update for the Eastern West Virginia Regional **Airport** Authority.

## [Atlanta poised to adopt balanced budget despite cyber-attack expenses](#)

Bond Buyer

Atlanta's new chief financial officer is Roosevelt Council, who previously was general **manager** of Hartsfield-Jackson International **Airport**. City of ...

## [Louisville International Airport receives top honors for concession programs](#)

The Lane Report

This was moments before **the airport**, along with gift and news operator ... Dan Mann, executive **director** of the Louisville Regional **Airport** Authority.

## [Airport improves plans for the next time it snows in Charleston - Live5News.com | Charleston, SC ...](#)

Live 5 News

A new agreement between the **Charleston Aviation Authority** and Joint Base **Charleston** hopes to improve snow clearing operations the next time ...

## [Airport changes employee policies](#)

Valdosta Daily Times

VALDOSTA — After some debate, the Valdosta-Lowndes County **Airport Authority** amended its employee vacation and sick time policy. Previously ...

## [New CBP processing facility opens in Boca Raton Airport](#)

Transportation Today

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## Senate Bill Backs Airport Reimbursement for Trump Travel

Aviation International News

Senate lawmakers are setting aside up to \$3.5 million in FAA funding to reimburse certain **airports** and service providers affected by disruptions ...

## Little Rock airport sees gain in May passengers

NWAOnline

A total of 583,786 passengers went through the **airport** in the first five ... that will benefit employees, said Chad Jameson, general **manager** for Molex.

## Nashville airport authority breaks on new Concourse D

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FOX10 News

Moving passenger flights to the Downtown Mobile **Airport** is possible and would be beneficial and could take three to five years to complete, according ...

### Asheville **airport** plays key tourism role

Asheville Citizen-Times

Asheville Regional **Airport** keeps setting records for passenger numbers, which is perfect timing for the quickly growing local hotel industry, Angeli ...

### Intersection: Orlando International **Airport's** Multi-Modal Future

WMFE

On a recent day in June, parking hit capacity at all three garages at Orlando International **Airport**. Construction at the South Terminal is in its first phase ...

### Delta CEO opposes idea of state takeover of Hartsfield-Jackson

Atlanta Journal Constitution

Delta CEO Ed Bastian said he opposes a state takeover of Hartsfield-Jackson International **Airport**, as Georgia's legislature plans a committee to study ...

### A million fewer people will fly out of Fort Lauderdale **airport** next summer. Here's why

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## Nashville airport could lose big local names in concessions overhaul

The Tennessean

In response to those concerns, the airport management researched how airports across the globe conduct concessions programs, Sloan said. As part ...

## Passenger Breaks Airport Window Amid American Airlines Flight Cancellations, Police Say

Newsweek

A woman reportedly broke an airport window amid airline cancellations at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, police said. The Charlotte ...

## SC: Horry County Touts 19 Months of Consecutive Growth at Myrtle Beach Airport

AviationPros.com

... Beach International Airport has seen 19 months of consecutive growth, according to a news release from the Horry County Department of Airports.

## Frontier Airlines coming to Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport

Greenville News

The Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport will soon be increasing its western reach. Denver-based Frontier Airlines announced plans Tuesday ...

## Chattanooga Airport stays on record-breaking path

Chattanooga Times Free Press

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## Facial recognition technology speeds up customs at Orlando International **Airport**

Fox 35 Orlando

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## SunTrust aims to spread name with **airport** branch, ATMs

Atlanta Journal Constitution

By opening a branch and ATMs at the world's busiest **airport**, SunTrust ... However, the **airport's** then-general **manager** Roosevelt Council said the ...

## Volusia County **Manager** Jim Dinneen to collect \$249046 in severance

Daytona Beach News-Journal

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