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Airport Projects Will Benefit Our Communities



Reverend Joe Gant is Chairman of the Shreveport Airport Authority

Two multimillion dollar projects planned for years by the Shreveport Airport Authority are coming to fruition. Both will benefit Northwest Louisiana in many ways.

The first project is the implementation of a new federally funded Noise Mitigation Program that will help purchase or sound insulate homes around Shreveport Regional

Airport. After undertaking a new noise program study and receiving approval from the Federal Aviation Administration, this project is beginning to move forward.

The Airport Authority is now in the final stages of awarding a contract to a company to help implement a multi-year program. Once the company's contract is approved, home owners primarily in Mooretown will begin to receive notifications if their homes are eligible to participate in the voluntary program.

If you are a homeowner and interested in the program, please rest assured that if your home is eligible, you will be notified. For now, please be patient with us as the Airport Authority, its staff and consultants start the process.

In other news, the final pieces of the puzzle are coming together to relocate all scheduled air cargo at Shreveport Regional Airport to the northwest corner of the airfield. This project is important in many ways, primarily because it will allow air cargo to operate in its own area, free of congestion and with the ability to expand.

Currently, the new air cargo/warehouse district has the aircraft parking apron in place, a new roadway system in place, and a second parallel taxiway under construction. On October 4, the construction of two new buildings was put out for bid to contractors through a public bid process.

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TSA Expands Explosives Detection Capability at Shreveport Regional



Pictured left to right: Robert Nunnery, Assistant Federal Security Director; Maurice Jones, Federal Security Director; Harold Carpenter, Chief of Airport Police; Roy Miller, Jr., AAE Director of Airports

Thanks to an investment by the Transportation Security Administration, customers at Shreveport Regional Airport will have their luggage screened more efficiently.

TSA in late October added two Reveal explosives detection systems (EDS) for screening checked baggage at Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV). The Reveal CT-80 machines are smaller in size and are less than half the price of other EDS machines currently in use at many commercial airports nationwide.

"These machines demonstrate TSA's commitment to test and deploy new and cost-efficient technologies to make baggage screening more efficient," said SHV Federal Security Director Maurice Jones. "We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of Airport Director Roy Miller, his staff and the airlines in bringing this security enhancement to Shreveport Regional Airport."

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In November, the bids will be opened and the Airport Authority will proceed to award the contract, complete all paperwork and plan to break ground on the two buildings.

Our timeline is to have the new cargo facility up and running by January 1, 2009. Once that occurs, the airport will have companies such as FedEx, DHL, and UPS consolidated into one area with much more streamlined operations. For the neighborhoods on the east side of the airport, this project also will mean that there will be less truck traffic on Hollywood.

Both of these projects have taken years of work by the Airport Authority staff, consultants, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Authority's board members. As Chairman, I would like to say thank you for the efforts and I am looking forward to these projects moving forward.

Sincerely,

Reverend Joe R. Gant, Jr.,
Chairman, Shreveport Airport Authority

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"These new machines represent state-of-the-art technology and a significant investment in Shreveport by the Transportation Security Administration," said Director of Airports Roy Miller, A.A.E.

"The installation of these machines is another example of how the airport community, through the Airport Authority, the airlines and the Transportation Security Administration, works together to improve the level of security and to provide a higher level of customer service at Shreveport Regional Airport."

The machines will increase the number of bags that can be screened per hour by the TSA staff and will also minimize the number of manual searches being performed on luggage.

In 2005, TSA deployed eight Reveal machines for operational field testing and evaluation at three airports: Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (Miss.), Newark Liberty International Airport (N.J.) and John F. Kennedy International Airport (N.Y.). The field tests lasted from 30 to 45 days and provided TSA with the opportunity to evaluate the machine's effectiveness in an airport environment as well as their impact on security and customer service.

As of September 2007, TSA has deployed 155 Reveal machines at a total of 49 airports, including at the original pilot locations. The two EDS machines at SHV will be located behind the airline ticket counters. The Reveal technology was specifically designed for use at mostly small- to medium-size airports. The Reveal machines cost approximately \$350,000 each as compared to the larger, standard EDS machines, which cost between \$900,000 and \$1.3 million each.

Reveal EDS machines were certified in December 2004 by TSA's Transportation Security Laboratory in Atlantic City, N.J. Reveal is the third company to have its explosives detection equipment certified by TSA for screening checked baggage at the nation's airports.

West Parallel Taxiway



Construction of a new parallel taxiway is well under way at Shreveport Regional Airport. The \$4.8 million taxiway is the second taxiway to connect to the new cargo aircraft parking apron. The project is scheduled for completion in 2008.



Full Scale Emergency Drill Returns to Shreveport Regional

At 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 17, more than a dozen emergency response agencies converged on Shreveport Regional Airport to deal with an aircraft accident.

The accident was only a drill, but the event tested the readiness of the airport's emergency plan and the community's ability to respond to an actual aircraft accident.

Every three years, Shreveport Regional Airport conducts a full-scale emergency drill to test the airport's ability to respond to an actual crash on the airfield. The drill is required as part of the airport's certification to operate as a commercial airline passenger-carrying airport.

"Our key goal is to be able to quickly and effectively respond to an emergency situation on the airfield," said Roy Miller, A.A.E., Director of Airports. "The drill allows the Airport Authority and other agencies the opportunity to make sure the airport's emergency plan will be effective in case we ever have a true emergency. Having this plan in place truly can help save lives."

Artport



Artport 2007 debuted September 13th, with 2,800 people in attendance. The theme for Artport 2007 was "UP". Over 100 local and regional artists participated this year.

Artport began in 1992 to present the region's emerging professional artists in a notable public venue. It was also conceived as a fundraiser for The Philadelphia Center, a local HIV/AIDS service organization, and to raise public understanding of the epidemic in the community.

"There was an immediate need to highlight the vast artistic talent of our region, as well as raise HIV/AIDS awareness. Artport managed to do both," said Artport founder and president, Lewis Kalmbach who now resides in San Francisco. "This year's show is significant in that it marks nearly 20 years of artistic expression through such a public venue as the Shreveport Regional Airport."

"The Airport Authority truly appreciates the efforts of the many artists and volunteers who helped make Artport a success," said Director of Airports, Roy Miller, A.A.E. "Artport showcases the immense talent of artists in this region and provides first time visitors a great first impression of our community."

The popular Artport commemorative catalog of the artists' work are available again this year. The full-color book is available for \$20. Please contact Kalmbach Smith Meadows at 318-227-8611.

Dudley Scoggins of Shreveport was the winner of the vacation package that included two round trip tickets with American Airlines, a two-night hotel stay in San Francisco and two nights at Lewis Kalmbach's Dooley Creek Ranch in the Mendocino Country wine region.

The Philadelphia Center hosted a silent auction for artist and celebrity ceramic tiles. The silent auction raised over \$7,900 for the Philadelphia Center.



Artport Artists

It's All About Staying Safe



Roy H. Miller, A.A.E.

One of the first things we tell children when they take a field trip at the airport is: "Our No. 1 job is to keep you safe."

Actions speak louder than words. In recent months, a number of initiatives have taken place to make both Shreveport Regional Airport and Downtown Airport safer for all of our customers.

Please allow me to tell you about the actions the Shreveport Airport Authority is undertaking to improve safety at Shreveport Regional Airport and Shreveport Downtown Airport:

- **Explosive Detection Machines:** On October 22, 2007, the Transportation Security Administration brought two new explosive detection machines to Shreveport Regional Airport. The multi-million dollar investment in these machines will allow TSA to better screen all luggage coming through Shreveport Regional Airport. As an added bonus, each machine can scan 200 bags per hour. For passengers, the added benefit is that the number of bags that will be manually searched by the TSA staff is dramatically reduced.
- **Fire Truck:** In early 2008, a new \$828,000 firetruck will be delivered to Shreveport Regional Airport. The new state-of-the-art truck will have much greater capability than our newest unit by having many new safety features and increased ability to go off-road to an accident scene.
- **Relocation of Scheduled Air Cargo:** Construction bids should soon be in from general contractors to construct two air cargo buildings measuring 56,000 square feet. Once these buildings are open in January 2009, scheduled air cargo will relocate to its own area and away from the general aviation aircraft area.
- **Second Parallel Taxiway:** As part of the cargo project, a new \$4.8 million second parallel taxiway is under construction. The new taxiway will provide more accessibility and less congestion in the new cargo area. Plus, any time you add a taxiway, the safety of the airport improves dramatically because aircraft can exit a runway more quickly.
- **Full-Scale Emergency Drill:** On October 17, the airport performed a full-scale emergency drill that involved more than a dozen local agencies. The drill is required every three years by the Federal Aviation Administration as part of Shreveport Regional Airport's certification plan as an air carrier airport. The emergency drill better prepares all of us in case a real accident ever occurs at either airport. Thank you to all of the agencies which participated in the drill. Your efforts and support are appreciated.
- **Taxiway Rehabilitation at Downtown Airport:** Taxiway Foxtrot and Charlie were overlaid and painted for approximately \$700,000. Maintaining taxiways is a critical component to safety for aircraft and passengers alike because of reduced risk of damage to aircraft.

As you can see, the Shreveport Airport Authority continues to invest in making our airports as safe as possible. The airport staff is committed to maintaining the Authority's dedication to safety. Thanks to all of our airport users and tenants for helping us achieve that goal.

Roy Miller

Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E.
Director of Airports

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Downtown at the Airport



Jerry McKinney

There is always something going on at the Downtown Airport.

The rehabilitation of Taxiway Foxtrot is now complete. Thank you to all who were involved in making this project a success, especially the outstanding performance by Best Yet Builders in completing Taxiway Foxtrot in record time. Also, special thanks to Sandra Presley for the use of her hangar, and to Bill Johnson, Chem Air, and Robert Aiello who had to move their aircraft around the airport.

On September 3, Shreveport Airport Authority Board Vice-Chairman, Raymond Alley presented a check in the amount of \$38,000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The money was raised at MDA's "Holiday Lock-Up", which was held at DTN on December 6, 2006. The MDA will be back again this year on Thursday, December 6, for its annual "Holiday Lock-Up". The monies raised at this event alone provides 550 families in the Ark-La-Tex area medical services, wheelchairs, leg braces, supplies, support groups and youth summer camp for those fighting muscular dystrophy.

Christopher Schulz sent a letter of appreciation to me for endorsement on an American Association of Airport Executives scholarship application. I am glad to say that Mr. Schulz has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

The MetLife Air Ship made an unexpected visit to the Downtown Airport. MetLife, Snoopy, and their crew were hovering over the airport waiting out weather problems before going on to Atlanta. These airships visit the Downtown Airport at least two or three times a year. It is really an amazing sight to see.

Governor-elect Bobby Jindal is now very familiar with Downtown Airport. He is one of many candidates who visited Downtown Airport within the last four months.

Another important improvement on the way, the last set of the North T-Hangars are scheduled to be repainted. The Maintenance and Ground Crew at the Downtown Airport do such a wonderful job in keeping the place so neat and clean. It just would not be proper to finish this newsletter without saying how much they are appreciated each and everyday. Gary Higdon, Supervisor Grounds; James Youngblood, Maintenance Mechanic II; and Bruce Blake, D/O Heavy Equipment Operator; are constantly working behind the scenes keeping the Downtown Airport looking great.

Everyone is always bragging about The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Fly-In that's held here at the Downtown Airport. They all say, great food, great fun, and a wonderful time that they have. Please, mark every fourth Saturday of every month on your calendars for these special events - you won't regret it.

A bit of trivia: Did you know within a years' time, the Shreveport Downtown Airport should have approximately 225 based aircraft? That's up from 212 aircraft based here not even a year ago.

You really must come to the Shreveport Downtown Airport to see for yourselves - what a GREAT PLACE this is.

Jerry McKinney, A.A.E., is manager of Shreveport Downtown Airport

Downtown Airport Tenant Spotlight

Lee Gunter



Lee Gunter has been a tenant at the Shreveport Downtown Airport since 1951, and is jokingly known as "The Mayor of the Airport". This is because about five years ago someone asked for information concerning the Downtown Airport, and they were told, "I don't know, but I'll go ask the Mayor (Lee Gunter)." Ever since then, he is referred to as the Mayor of Downtown Airport.

Walking into 'Hangar 21' at the Shreveport Downtown Airport is like taking a walk back in time, Lee was raised on a tobacco farm in Mt. Airy, North Carolina, and at the age of 17, he had his first flight. Mr. Gunter fell in love with everything and anything concerning airplanes. He had an airplane at one of Shreveport's very first airports which was located on Shreveport-Barksdale Highway. The type of airplane Mr. Gunter had then was a J-3 Piper Cub. Since then, and to this very day, he is flying (adding to his already 7,000 to 8,000 hours), building airplanes, and through the years has bought and traded airplanes of many different kinds.

Shortly after his first experience with flying, he joined the Air Force. With his enthusiasm for flying, he wanted to learn all that there was to learn about airplanes. While in the Air Force he became a Flight Engineer and then on to airplane maintenance. "I never wanted to fly an airplane that would do some maneuver that I wasn't capable of recovering from," said Mr. Gunter. So he became an aerobatic aviator and has been able to entertain sky-watchers for 30-35 years.

Here are just a few of Mr. Gunter's achievements: He was President of the International Aerobatic Club-Chapter 2, past Commander and member of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) for 27 years, member of the Civil Wings and Golden Wings Clubs, past President of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 343 and present Technical Advisor of EAA, recipient of an Amelia Earhart Service Award, and member of the Shreveport Aviation "Wall of Honor".

We asked Mr. Gunter if there was anything he would like to tell everyone about himself and his airplane experience, and he said, "I'm just glad to be here."



An independent film production *Wonderful World* transformed the Downtown Airport into Dakar airport in Senegal Africa for a one-day shoot in October. The film stars Mathew Broderick.



New Hangars Going Up in Shreveport

A good way to gauge the local economy is through local construction. Based on new hangar construction projects either under way or soon to begin construction, the local economy is good.

Several new hangars are under construction at Shreveport Regional Airport and numerous hangars are planned by private individuals at Shreveport Downtown Airport.

At Shreveport Regional, C. Allen Williams is building a new private hangar to house aircraft operated by WillDrill. The hangar began construction October 8 and will be completed by early 2008. The 10,000-square-foot hangar will house private jet aircraft. In addition, Sklar Energy is preparing to break ground on a hangar at Shreveport Regional Airport.

At Downtown Airport, at least four hangars are now being planned by private individuals on the Northeast corner of the airport. To accommodate the growth, the Airport Authority recently designated several new lots for development.

Shreveport Regional Receives a Facelift



The Shreveport Airport Authority has invested \$20,000 to provide the 1999 flooring in the atrium area a facelift. The flooring in front of the restaurant, gift shop, and Airport Police was replaced with hardwood and carpet flooring in September.



Use Checked luggage as a fast option for liquids, gels and aerosols.



- Liquids, gels and aerosols as carry-ons must be in:
 - 3 ounce containers or smaller placed in a;
 - 1 quart, clear, plastic, zip-top bag.
 - 1 bag per passenger placed in a plastic bin for screening.
 - Larger quantities must be placed in checked luggage.



• **Do not wrap gifts.** Security officers may have to search contents of packages.



• **Do not pack fragile or valuable items in checked baggage.** Ship or take them with you in carry-on baggage (no liquids).



• **Do not over-pack bags.** Closing overstuffed bags can be difficult and may result in that checked bag being delayed.



• Put undeveloped film in carry-on baggage. Checked baggage screening equipment may damage film.



• Get to the airport early.



• You are required to **remove** footwear for X-ray screening.



• Double check the contents of your pockets, bags and carry-on luggage to ensure no prohibited items were inadvertently packed



Transportation Security Administration

For more information
www.tsa.gov

HONORS

Warren Henry Recognized

Warren Henry was recognized by the Shreveport Airport Authority for his many contributions as the Superintendent of Operations. Mr. Henry retired July 2007 after 10 years of service with the Airport Authority. He also worked for Delta Air Lines for more than 20 years. Here, Chairman Reverend Joe Gant (left) and Director of Airports Roy Miller, present a plaque to Mr. Henry.



Dillard Lee's Family Recognized

The Shreveport Airport Authority recently recognized the family of Dillard Lee who passed away in May 2007. Mr. Lee was the manager of Airport Group International at Shreveport Regional Airport and a long-time supporter of aviation. Pictured are Chairman Reverend Joe Gant, Brianna Lee, Cathy Lee, and Director of Airports Roy Miller.



"Glacier Girl," P-51 Mustangs Visit Shreveport Regional



Shreveport Airport Operations Safety Specialist Stacy Moritz stands in front of "Glacier Girl," a P-38 Lightning fighter built and flown during World War II. "Glacier Girl" and four P-51 Mustang fighters stopped briefly at Shreveport Regional Airport Sept. 27, 2007, while en route to a P-51 reunion in Columbus, Ohio.



The P-51 Mustang is the most famous American fighter plane from World War II. It was known for its speed and power and served heavily in the skies over Europe protecting Allied bomber crews.

One of the most famous World War II fighters in existence visited Shreveport Regional Airport in September 2007.

"Glacier Girl," a P-38 Lightning twin-engine fighter, and four P-51 Mustang fighters landed at Shreveport Regional on September 27 while en route to Columbus, Ohio. The unexpected stop was made due to a P-51 having problems with its radiator.

"Glacier Girl" was one of four P-38s and two B-17 bombers that ran out of fuel over Greenland in 1942. The aircraft landed on the ice successfully and their crews rescued. After 50 years "Glacier Girl" was discovered buried under 268 feet of ice and brought to the surface piece by piece in 1992. After a 10-year restoration funded by Middlesboro, Tenn., entrepreneur Roy Shoffner, the aircraft was flown again in 2002. "Glacier Girl" is now a regular attraction at airshows across the country.

The aircraft has been featured on numerous television shows, including a documentary of its story shown on the History Channel. For more information, visit: www.thelostsquadron.com

ARRIVALS

Hertz names Zach Chambers as Area Manager

Zach Chambers has been named Hertz Area Manager at Shreveport Regional Airport. Zach manages all sales and operations for North Louisiana. He has been with Hertz for 5 1/2 years. Previously, Zach was in South Louisiana in charge of all Airport Operations. He has a Bachelor of Arts from Vanderbilt University.



Hertz names Angela Bates as Manager

Angela Bates has been named Hertz Location Manager for Shreveport Regional Airport. Angela has been with Hertz for seven years. Some of you may remember her. She started working for Hertz at the Airport counter and has progressed up the ranks to return as the Location Manager for the Airport. Throughout her career, she has been involved in all aspects of the rental car industry.

Cody Mathis Joins Airport Operations

Cody Mathis has joined the Shreveport Airport Authority as an Operations Safety Specialist II. Previously, Cody was employed by the Houston Airport System at the William P. Hobby Airport as an operations assistant. Originally from Bayou LaFourche near New Orleans, Cody is a 2006 graduate of Louisiana Tech University in Ruston with a bachelor's degree in aviation management. Cody's hobbies include automobiles and aviation.



Tammy Ortega Returns to Airport Police Staff

Tammy Ortega has returned to the Shreveport Airport Authority as a patrol officer. Previously, she worked as a patrol officer before accepting a position with the Greenwood Police Department. She is fluent in Spanish and enjoys cooking authentic Mexican food. She also enjoys making home repairs and playing the guitar. She is married and has three children: Michael of Boston, Anita of Huntington, CA, and Monica of Shreveport.

Robert Keller Joins Airport Field Maintenance

Robert Keller has joined the Shreveport Airport Authority's Field Maintenance division. He has a background in carpentry, construction, industrial waste water treatment, and working with race horses. Robert is originally from Gaston, AL and his hobbies include fishing and cooking.



Joseph "Luke" Strickland Joins Airport Building Maintenance

Joseph Strickland has joined the Shreveport Airport Authority Building Maintenance division. Joseph worked at GNB battery plant for seven years. He has been married to Angela for 17 years. They have two daughters: Brandy and Brooke. His hobbies include hunting, and fishing.

Fall Getaways to Orlando Return



For those of you wishing for a fall getaway, Allegiant Air has come to the rescue. Mark your calendars for November 8 when Allegiant Air begins Orlando/Sanford air service. There are numerous attractions to see in Orlando and the surrounding area. Go to <http://www.allegiantair.com> to book your next getaway.



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