



**DAYTONA BEACH
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Update

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Daytona Beach International Airport welcomes Air Tran

A late holiday gift is in store for area travelers. Air Tran Airways will launch new jet service from Daytona Beach International Airport to Atlanta and Baltimore.

"This is very significant," said County Chair Frank Bruno. "Air Tran is an airline we've been coveting for a long time because it's such a good fit for our airport. We look forward to a long and successful partnership with them."

U.S. Congressman John Mica joined county and Air Tran officials October 13 for the announcement.

"I always say that DBIA has been in the path of concentric circles of growth," said Mica during the event. "I've seen even more traffic (at DBIA) because it is so convenient and now will be even more cost effective."

Air Tran will begin service with three daily flights to Atlanta January 12. The schedule will increase February 15 to four daily flights to Atlanta and a daily flight to Baltimore. Although announced as season-

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AIR TRAN ANNOUNCES ITS DAYTONA BEACH SERVICE

Officials present, from left, are Volusia County Manager Jim Dinneen, County Council members Jack Hayman and Art Giles, Airport Director Dennis McGee, County Council vice-chair Joie Alexander, Air Tran's Kevin Healy, U.S. Congressman John Mica, County Council member Bill Long and Embry-Riddle president Dr. John P. Johnson



TAXIWAY IMPROVEMENT -- The third and final phase of construction on Taxiway November at DBIA is complete. The \$2.5 million-project included reconstructing the entire west section destroyed by the 2004 hurricanes. Shown here is a Delta Air Lines jet.

United adds flights to Chicago; D.C. service strong

Effective November 4, United Airlines is offering nonstop Saturday service between Daytona Beach International Airport and Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

The Saturday flight will leave Chicago at 10:50 a.m. and arrive in Daytona Beach at 2:04 p.m. The return flight to Chicago will leave Daytona Beach at 2:50 p.m. and arrive at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport at 4:04 p.m. United will use the 50-passenger Canadair Regional Jet to provide this service.

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New covered walkway to connect parking lot, terminal

Come December, Daytona Beach International Airport passengers can come and go in style and comfort thanks to a new, vastly improved covered walkway that will connect the parking areas to the front door of the domestic terminal.

"This will be a significant improvement for our travelers," said Dennis McGee, DBIA's Director of Aviation. "The pedestrian canopy will be a wide, spacious and attractive structure that will give our travelers cover and protection from the elements as they park their cars and walk to the terminal."

The new canopy will replace a narrow fabric canopy that was destroyed by Hurricane Charley in 2004. The new canopy will make Daytona Beach International Airport more convenient than ever according to McGee.

The Volusia County Council approved the construction project this spring. Canaveral Construction Company, based in Mims Florida, is expected to complete work in December. Extensive landscaping has been included with the project.

More than 95 percent of the project's funding came from Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Transportation grant with DBIA to cover the remainder of the project grants costs.



WORK PROGRESSES ON NEW WALKWAY
Project will keep travelers safe and dry

Jet Park Daytona developers have big plans for airport hangar project

The Volusia County Council has given a thumbs up to a 30-year ground lease with the owners of Jet Park Daytona. Jet Park will build a \$5-million hangar complex offering more than 100,000 square feet of hangar and related office space on 13.4 acres in the southeast section of Daytona Beach International Airport.

Several years ago, DBIA constructed aircraft ramp, taxiway access and automobile parking areas on the site using grant funding provided by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation, setting the stage for future aviation-related development.

With the infrastructure in place to assist Jet Park's proposed development, the project is intended to serve corporate or turbine-powered aircraft customers who

will lease hanger and office space from Jet Park.

Upon completion of the project, the airport will receive \$127,000 in annual rent plus fuel flowage fees, according to Steve Cooke, DBIA's Director of Business Development.

Local developers Bob Nass and Jerry Coone are Jet Park's principal owners. They have extensive and successful backgrounds in the construction and development business and are constructing 30 hangars at the DeLand Municipal Airport.

Plans call for Jet Park to be completed over three years. The lease also provides an option for an additional 6.3 acres for additional hangar development to the south. For additional information about the Jet Park development, please contact

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United

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United also offers two daily nonstop flights between Daytona Beach and Washington Dulles International Airport and the flights are doing well. The airline reported load factors of 86 percent in September.

"The other good news about United Airlines's success with these nonstop flights to Washington D.C. is that about half of the passengers are making the Washington area their final destination," said Steve Cooke, DBIA's Director of Business Development. "This shows that United is providing the point-to-point service that local passengers desire."

For further information, please contact Stephen J. Cooke, Director of Business Development at 386/248-8030, extension 8309.

For many, the Airline Academy is ticket to professional future

For young professionals dreaming of a career in the airline industry, the Airline Academy in Daytona Beach is the ticket.

For nearly 10 years, the Airline Academy has been a tenant of Daytona Beach International Airport in the main terminal. The agency provides skilled training for ticket agents, customer service representatives, reservationists, flight attendants, aircraft dispatchers and pilots.

"Many travel training programs are not airline specific," said Bill Stevens, President and CEO of The Airline Academy. "They are geared more to travel agency and hotel training. Ours is unique to the airline industry."

Stevens added that The Airline Academy offers a fast-track learning program at a reasonable cost with students being hired by more than 50 airlines.

Programs are designed to equip professionals with necessary licenses and to give them a competitive edge in the hiring field. The Airline Academy's flexible curriculum allows ground position and flight attendant candidates to complete their training within months of high school graduation.

In 1995, customer service, flight attendant, and aircraft dispatch training were added to the curriculum to meet the continuing personnel needs of the commercial airline industry.

Classes often are full with 48 students. The school has one teacher for every 12 students. The Airline Academy has more than a dozen instructors with various fields of expertise.

The program most often is marketed to senior high school students. After an initial distance learning program the students can complete while still in school, they relocate to Daytona Beach for the program. Following the four-week Airline Academy instruction, students complete the final part



AIRLINE ACADEMY OFFERS STUDENTS HANDS ON TRAINING AT DBIA
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of training with Delta Air Lines focused on safety.

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Air Tran

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al service, officials have said that could change based on passenger demand.

Based in Orlando, Air Tran is a low-fare airline that serves 50 U.S. cities with a fleet of 121 jets including 87 Boeing 717s and 34 Boeing 737-700s. Air Tran has the youngest all-Boeing fleet of aircraft in America. The 717 is configured for 117 seats – 105 in coach class and 12 in business class. The Next-Generation 737-700 is configured for 137 seats – 125 in coach and 12 in business class. Its service includes free satellite radio, spacious overhead bins and assigned seating. Its frequent flyer program is called A+ Rewards.

"Air Tran is the new breed of airline," said Dennis McGee, DBIA's Director of Aviation. "They present the model for where the commercial aviation industry is headed. With their low-cost fare structure I know they will be very successful in our market." ✈



AIR TRAN TO OFFER SERVICE TO ATLANTA, BALTIMORE
*Its Boeing fleet is youngest in the commercial aviation field;
Boeing 717-200 aircraft shown*

Replica Jenny lives on at DBIA after aviation enthusiast's passing

James Ryan, one of Daytona Beach International Airport's biggest supporters, recently died at the age of 91. A lifelong aviation enthusiast and Naval Commander, Ryan donated a handmade historic bi-plane replica that hangs in the front of the domestic terminal at the airport.

Ryan, who made his home in the Spruce Creek Fly-in community, constructed and donated the Curtiss JN-4 Jenny in 2000. The two-thirds scale, bright yellow model has been displayed above the escalator in the DBIA domestic terminal ever since. It took Ryan more than 2,000 hours of labor to build the plane at his home near Port Orange.

"Since the plane has been on display, we have received countless favorable comments from passengers about the Jenny," said Airport Director Dennis McGee. "People notice the quality of the model and the dedication he gave to its construction."

The Curtiss JN-4 Jenny was used by the United States military to train pilots during World War II. ✈️



REPLICA CURTISS JENNY GREET'S AIRPORT TRAVELERS
Donated plane was the work of aviation enthusiast James Ryan

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