



**DAYTONA BEACH  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

# Update

March 2008

## Passenger traffic grows 30 percent at DBIA in 2007

Boosted by the addition of low-fare carrier AirTran Airways in January 2007, passenger traffic increased 30 percent at Daytona Beach International Airport last year.

For the 12 months ending Dec. 31, 705,475 passengers passed through the County-operated airport compared with 543,248 passengers in 2006.

"With four major carriers in Daytona Beach, we are in a great position to offer competitive fares, and can continue to be a leader in customer service and convenience," said Dennis McGee, DBIA director of aviation. "We have an exciting year ahead of us in 2008."

The addition of AirTran Airways was a highlight of 2007. The carrier commenced nonstop service to Atlanta in January, and added seasonal service to Baltimore in February.

Also last year, Continental Airlines upgraded equipment from 50-passenger regional jets to larger Boeing 737 aircraft. And, DBIA's fourth major carrier, US Airways, joined the airport in February 2008. ✈



**PASSENGER ACTIVITY SOARS AT DBIA**

*Last year's passenger traffic at DBIA was the highest since 1997*



**US AIRWAYS GETS THUMBS UP FROM COMMUNITY, AIRPORT**

*Local leaders, US Airways officials and Volusia County Council members celebrate Feb. 1*

## County celebrates US Airways nonstop service to Charlotte

Adorned with nametags saying "Hello, My Name is Charlotte," citizens, community leaders, Volusia County Council members, airport officials and US Airways representatives welcomed the inaugural flight of US Airways Feb. 1 at Daytona Beach International Airport.

The "Charlotte" nametags reflected the theme of an expansive marketing campaign to support US Airways new daily nonstop service between Charlotte and DBIA. The event demonstrated Volusia County's

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# Continental offers seasonal service to Cleveland

Continental Airlines has announced nonstop Saturday service from Daytona Beach International Airport (DBIA) to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport February 16 - May 3. This service will be provided by Continental's 50-passenger Embraer 145 regional jet.

The Saturday flight will depart Cleveland at 9:35 a.m. and arrive in Daytona Beach at 11:55 a.m. The return flight will depart Daytona Beach at 2 p.m. and arrive in Cleveland at 4:27 p.m.

Daytona Beach International Airport now offers daily nonstop flights to Atlanta, Charlotte, New York and Newark through its carriers, with hundreds of domestic and international connections every day.

Visit [flydaytonafirst.com](http://flydaytonafirst.com) for more information. ✈️



**OHIO-BOUND PASSENGERS GET NONSTOP CONTINENTAL TREATMENT**  
Continental's Saturday Cleveland service is available through May 3

# Vintage adds nonstop service to Tallahassee

Beginning in February, New Smyrna Beach-based Vintage Props and Jets added nonstop service between DBIA and Tallahassee Regional Airport.

Vintage operates scheduled commuter service from Daytona Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Melbourne, New Smyrna Beach, Naples, Tampa, Key West and Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay in the Bahamas. For information and reservations, call Vintage at (800) 852-0275 or visit [www.vpj.com](http://www.vpj.com). ✈️



**GET A LEGISLATIVE LIFT ON VINTAGE**  
Local carrier Vintage Props and Jets offers new nonstop service to Tallahassee

## Air Service Daytona Beach International Airport



# Record check-point traffic at DBIA

More than 3,000 travelers passed through Daytona Beach International Airport's security checkpoint Feb. 18. The super bowl of motorsports, the Daytona 500, was Feb. 17.

"The day after the Daytona 500 is always a big day for outbound travel, but this year was probably a record," said DBIA Director of Aviation Dennis McGee. He added the airport's carriers had more flights and larger aircraft than in prior years.

With four major airlines -- Delta, AirTran, US Airways and Continental -- servicing Daytona Beach, travelers have the option of hundreds of connections and many competitive travel options. ✈️

# AirTran service to New York's LaGuardia Airport began Feb. 14

AirTran Airways commenced daily seasonal nonstop jet service between Daytona Beach International Airport and New York's LaGuardia Airport Feb. 14, and DBIA has implemented an extensive advertising and marketing campaign to support the new service.

The new campaign is in cooperation with the Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Southeast Volusia Advertising Authority and the West Volusia Advertising Authority to support new service options at DBIA.

"Marketing support is something we provide to each new carrier and in support of service to a new destination," said DBIA Director of Business Development Stephen J. Cooke. "We have found the carriers appreciate the support we are able to provide with the help of our advertising partners."

Cooke added the partnerships with the area advertising authorities let the airlines know "our entire community supports the airlines and want to see them succeed in Volusia County."

AirTran Airways offers nonstop service to Atlanta and LaGuardia Airport from DBIA, and nonstop weekend service to Baltimore/Washington. Passengers can book flights at [airtran.com](http://airtran.com). ✈️



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REUNITED AND IT FEELS SO GOOD

A celebrated US Airways jet receives the customary Airport Fire Services water salute

## US Airways

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enthusiasm for the airline's renewed commitment to the airport, county and the community. Joie Alexander, Volusia County Council Vice-chair led the celebration.

"We are thrilled US Airways has returned to Volusia County and we are going to do everything we can to keep them here," said Alexander, who encouraged the audience to show their support by purchasing tickets at [usairways.com](http://usairways.com).

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was at the US Airways' ticket counter just prior to the arrival of its inaugural flight from Charlotte. After the ceremony, the first US Airways jet was welcomed with a water salute by Volusia County Fire Services.

US Airways Director of Corporate Affairs Chuck Allen said his company is excited to be back in Daytona Beach after 10 years. He added the flight times for the Daytona Beach to Charlotte service are ideal for leisure and business travelers since the departing flights are at 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. ✈️

# Delta adds daily nonstop service to NYC's LaGuardia

Delta Air Lines commenced daily non-stop jet service between Daytona Beach International Airport and New York's LaGuardia Airport Feb. 14.

The new daily nonstop LaGuardia service uses 76-passenger CRJ-900 aircraft. The airport is advertising the new service in the local market.

Delta also offers daily nonstop flights to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, with connections to hundreds of cities. Passengers can book flights at [delta.com](http://delta.com).



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*THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A 'BIG APPLE'*  
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