



# GNV NEWS

*News and Information from Gainesville Regional Airport*



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## **DayJet Announces Plans to Provide North Central Florida Region with Per-Seat, On-Demand Air Service**

*Gainesville Regional Airport to be home for DayJet's first DayBase and Maintenance Facility*

### **New Business at the Airport**

**D**ayJet announced in June that it will begin providing point-to-point air service at Gainesville Regional Airport when it takes flight later this year.

Selected for its strong business climate and demand for direct regional access, Gainesville - in addition to Boca Raton, Lakeland, Pensacola and Tallahassee - will be the first to receive DayJet transportation facilities, called DayPorts, serving as access ramps to the world's first "Per-Seat, On-Demand" jet service.

In addition to this new dimension of air service that was announced, DayJet announced on July 24 its plans to open its first DayBase at Gainesville Regional Airport, making Gainesville home for some of its first-delivered aircraft and approximately 60 employees to fly and maintain the aircraft.

DayJet pilots and aircraft will return home to the Gainesville DayBase each day, allowing for proactive, daily light maintenance on DayJet's fleet of Eclipse 500 very light jet (VLJ) aircraft. The Eclipse Aviation Factory Service Center, a new 61,000 square-foot facility currently under construction at the Airport and scheduled for completion in early 2007, will perform "heavy check" maintenance operations.

### **Bringing Jobs and New Business Clusters to East Gainesville**

When fully operational, the Gainesville DayBase will be staffed by approximately 60 DayJet employees, while Eclipse Aviation will hire up to 160 employees at its Gainesville

**DayStop:** The first level of operation for DayJet is for an airport to serve as an extended pick-up or drop-off point for passenger service. For a list of qualified DayStops (approximately 300 public access airports will be qualified) in the region, visit [www.DayJet.com](http://www.DayJet.com).

**DayPort:** The second level is for an airport to serve as the primary point of origin or destination for "Per-Seat, On-Demand" flights. Within a service region, approximately 50 airports will be ideal for passenger operations. Every DayPort will house DayJet customer care representatives, ground staff and necessary supporting amenities and infrastructure.

**DayBase:** The third and most intensive level of operation is for an airport to become home for maintenance facilities and flight operations personnel. Pilots will operate in shifts and return to their originating airport at the end of their shift each night, and the DayJet fleet will also return home each day for maintenance.

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factory service center. In addition to DayJet's direct economic impact via fuel, rent and employee payroll, regional travelers coming to Gainesville, Alachua County



and North Central Florida will consume related goods and

services like rental cars, taxis and food. "Gainesville Regional Airport is an ideal location for our first DayBase and plays a critical role in providing reliable 'Per-Seat, On-Demand' jet service to Florida and the entire southeast region," said Mark Reed, DayJet vice president of maintenance operations.



DayJet and Gainesville Regional Airport officials at the DayJet Welcome Reception in June

### **DayJet "DayTripper" Contest**

If you routinely travel to Boca Raton, Lakeland, Pensacola and Tallahassee, be sure to submit your accounts of business travel and how you can benefit, both professionally and personally, from the ability to conduct day trips with DayJet. For more details, visit [www.dayjet.com/DayJet/DayTripper/](http://www.dayjet.com/DayJet/DayTripper/). ◆

*Photo Courtesy of Freeze Frame Photography by Debbie and Good Life Community*

## **University Air Center Becomes an Official Cirrus Aircraft Service Center**

University Air Center (UAC), the fixed base operator at the Airport, was named an official Cirrus Factory Aircraft Service Center. UAC has factory-trained mechanics and serves as an official Cirrus warranty service center.



trained mechanics, and an inventory of Cirrus parts. Service of Cirrus Aircraft accounts for roughly

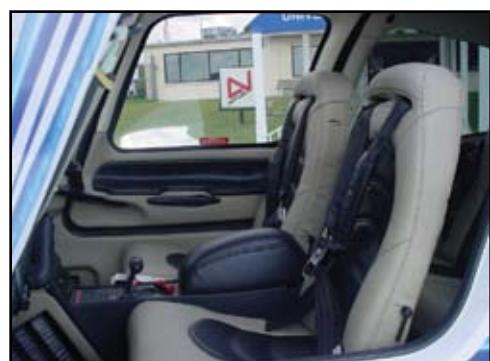
10 percent of UAC's overall maintenance business. UAC expects this number to continue to grow. For more information about UAC services, visit [www.universityaircenter.com](http://www.universityaircenter.com). ◆

### **A 3-year Task Reaches Completion: Master Plan Update**

This summer the Airport Authority completed its 20-year Airport Master Plan Update. The Master Plan hones in on the short-term and long-term Airport development projects for a 20-year period, which includes improvements to current facilities and a forecast of future needs and improvements.

Some of the short term projects include the terminal renovation, Eclipse Aviation development, terminal auto parking expansion, a new Airport entrance from

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Waldo Road and a multi-tenant air cargo complex.

A few long-term projects include airline passenger terminal expansion, aircraft apron expansion and the relocation of the Air Traffic Control Tower. ♦

## **Airport Employees and Tenants come Together for the 3rd Annual Feast**

United States Representative Corrine Brown and State Representative Ed Jennings, Jr. broke bread with more than 150 Airport employees and tenants for the 3rd Annual Feast.

If you missed it, be sure to attend next year's feast, which will tentatively be held in March of 2007.

The Airport and Tenant Feast is an annual event that brings all of those working at the Airport together in a casual setting to "catch up" during a time of fellowship.

### **A special thanks to...**

- Richard Ridaught and John Kelley for preparing such outstanding food. They began preparing for the feast at 3 a.m.
- United States Representative Corrine Brown and Representative Ed Jennings, Jr. for taking the time to join us for the feast.

Good Life Community for providing drawing tickets to Wild Adventures Theme Park.



*Left to Right: John Kelley, Diane Cox and Richard Ridaught*  
*Photos by Good Life Community Magazine*



*Congresswoman Corrine Brown talks about Airport Projects*



*From Left: Airport CEO Rick Crider, Representative Ed Jennings Jr. and Delta/ASA Station Manager Ken Williams*

## **Construction of Eclipse Aviation Facility Moves Forward**

Key work accomplished:

- Opened new N.E. 45th Ave. to public
- Building's perimeter foundation complete
- Completed all underground utilities within building
- Completed Primary Power to Facility
- Began erecting hangar building steel

Critical upcoming work:

- Continuance of hangar steel erection
- Office and Maintenance steel arrives
- Grading of parking lots around building
- Installation of RCP for airside work ♦



*New N.E. 45th Avenue*



## **Airport Facilities Maintenance Building Gets a New Look**



*Left: Old Airport Maintenance Canopy*



*Right: New Airport Maintenance Canopy*



*(Left) Hundersmarck uses "Skyscapes" as subject matter*



*(Right) Carolin Painted this piece at Paynes Prairie State Preserve*

## **Art Exhibit on Display at Airline Passenger Terminal**

Visitors to Gainesville Regional Airport will have the pleasure of viewing a new “Art at the Airport” exhibit in the airline passenger terminal, provided by the Gainesville Fine Arts Association (GFAA).

Peter Carolin and Tom Hundersmarck were selected to display art; each artist evokes a strong interpretation of the natural environment. The exhibit is titled “Landscapes and Skyscapes: Encountering Nature. If you get a chance, come by the Airline Passenger Terminal to see the art. There is no charge for the first 30 minutes of parking. ♦

### **Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority Board Members**

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### **AIRPORT EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*August 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.:*  
Groundbreaking to begin improvements to Taxiway Alpha with Senator Nelson

*September 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:*  
University Air Center to hold open house in celebration of its grand opening of the Cessna Pilot Center. Take advantage of the \$59 “discovery” flight.

*September:*  
Gulf Atlantic Airways Inc. dba University Air Center will celebrate 25 years in business.

*October:*  
Gainesville Fine Arts Association will set up another Art Exhibit at the Airport Passenger Terminal.

*October:*  
The Gainesville Regional Airport will soon launch a new Web site.

*November (around Thanksgiving):*  
The Airport will serve passengers breakfast.

For more information on these events, please contact the Airport at 373-0249.

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