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New Welcome Home sign

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Posing with the new sign (L to R) Jon Morris, Jim Stringfellow, Jim Lynch and Dixie Campen

On behalf of the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the “Welcome Home” sign provided for our returning members of the armed forces. The sign, which reads “To Our Armed Forces, Welcome Home and Thank you!” was installed during an unveiling ceremony that took place on February 3 at the Gainesville Regional Airport.



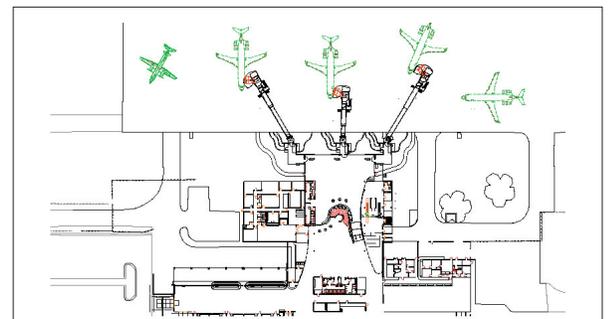
Altrusa International of Gainesville, Inc. Women

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The Gainesville Regional Airport appreciates the support of Altrusa International for providing the “eye-catching” sign and for its dedication to the project. ➔

Update on Airline Passenger Terminal Renovation

- ➔ Installation of three Passenger Boarding Bridges beginning the week of April 18
- ➔ Completed Passenger Boarding Bridges installation on May 6
- ➔ Operational training on new bridges during the week of May 9
- ➔ Phase 1 completion by the end of June



Master plan for renovation phases

Welcome New Chief Financial Officer Garrick Crocker



Garrick Crocker, new CFO

Please help welcome our new Chief Financial Officer Garrick Crocker, who joined the airport staff on March 14. He hopes to contribute to the Accounting Department by improving financial reporting and budgeting. He also wants to make the Accounting Office function as a real tool that can help the airport during this exciting time.

“I feel very fortunate to be a part of the growth and expansion of the airport, and I hope I can contribute to moving things forward,” Crocker said.

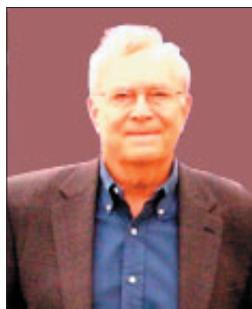
Born in Missouri, he relocated with his family to Florida at the age of eight. After growing up in Florida, he decided to attend Mercer University in Macon, GA, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in Accounting in 1990. After college, he owned several businesses, including a sign and printing company, and a chain of restaurants. Garrick moved to Gainesville and worked as the local accountant for Haile Plantation Golf and Country Club’s parent company ClubCorp.

Here in Gainesville, Crocker lives with his wife Holly and their children. ✈

Double-Digit Passenger Increase

Gainesville Regional Airport published its monthly report of airline traffic volumes for March, revealing a 39.7 percent increase in enplaned passengers on scheduled service of the same month in 2004.

Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority Chair Jim Stringfellow comments that “Gainesville Regional Airport is clearly at the dawn of a bright new era; competition has been greatly enhanced with our two new air carriers (Continental Connection and Northwest Airlines), prices are much more closely aligned with the larger airports just beyond our region, we have some exciting new business activities joining as tenants, and within the next few months we will be wrapping up projects representing over \$10 million in infrastructure development in this community.”



Airport Authority Chair Jim Stringfellow

Within the past 12 months, the Airport has undertaken and substantially completed several large-scale projects that include the refurbishment of its primary runway, piping of an open ditch parallel to that runway, and completion of Phase 1 of the Terminal Renovation project. Eclipse Aviation has also announced that it intends to open its first factory service center in Gainesville, which will support more than 1,000 aircrafts through-

out the southeast United States, under 55,000 square feet of roof, with approximately 20 new employees.

CEO Rick Crider states “ Our air service analyses show that Gainesville Regional Airport captures less than 30 percent of the traffic within this market, so airlines choosing to invest seat capacity, jet equipment and alternative destinations are being richly rewarded; I see no reason for this trend to slow, as competitive forces have driven down the fares offered at Gainesville Regional Airport.”

October	33.4%
November	41.7%
December.....	35.6%
January	63.2%
February.....	60.6%
March	39.7%

Enplaned passenger growth for the most recent six months compares to the same month in the prior year

Three passenger boarding bridges, covered walkways that connect the terminal building to the aircraft, are being installed, and the Authority has commissioned the design of Phase 2 of the Terminal Renovation which will go out for bids later this year. ✈



! ATTENTION

- ! As of April 14, 2005, no lighters will be permitted beyond the Security Checkpoint.
- ! All lighters and matches are currently prohibited in checked baggage.
- ! Please stop and check your belongings to make sure you are not carrying prohibited items.
- ! Please remember to arrive at the airport a minimum of one hour prior to your flight.

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Airport's WalkAmerica Team

Meet this year's Airport Ambassador, Joanna Hunt. Joanna's mother, Tee Hunt is the manager of National Car Rental at the airport and this year's Chair of the Airport WalkAmerica Team. The main fundraiser was the airport's Annual Chili Cook-Off held on March 11.

The airport also participated as one of the Spirit Station Sponsors. A special thanks goes to Canteen Vending Services and ASA Delta for providing drinks and snacks for the walkers. ✈



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Airport Spirit Station (L to R) Rick Crider, CEO; Rose Crowder, Station Manager for US Airways; John Kelley, Supervisor for ASA Delta; James Townsend, Landscapist



First-place chili cook-off winner, Lindsey Harbour



Chairs of the event (L to R) Elaine Funk; Tee Hunt; John Kelley



Other winners (L to R) Rick Crider (Honorable Mention); Mary Rhodes (3rd Place); Bill Haynes (2nd Place)



Judges of the Annual Chili Kick-Off (L to R) Allen Jackson; Kim Ridings; Tate Fisher

Did You Know?

→ Every Monday morning (5:30-7:30 a.m.) the "Sky Team" serves a complimentary continental breakfast to its passengers waiting to board. Kudos go to ASA Delta, Northwest Airlines and Continental Connection!

→ Gainesville Regional Airport's WalkAmerica/ March of Dimes Team had another successful walk for the babies. Kudos go to Tee Hunt, Co-Chair for the Airport Team, and John Kelley, ASA Delta Supervisor, who coordinated this year's Spirit Station. John also served as emcee for the Annual Chili Cook-Off!

→ Renovation at the airport will continue. Please visit our Web site www.flygainesville.com for up-to-date information.

→ A new food concession is coming - JET FUEL. It will begin serving freshly baked breakfast rolls, muffins and sandwiches to passengers at the end of May/early June between 5 a.m and 6 p.m.



Important Dates

→ May 12, 5-8 p.m.

Chamber's Spring Business Showcase at the Hilton

→ May 16

Art in the Airport: Exhibit of Robert E Carson (1904-1971) and "Dynamic Design" Quilts by Sandra G. Pozzetta (sponsored by Nationwide Insurance)

→ May 19, 5-7 p.m.

Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority Board meeting held in the main terminal area restaurant

→ June 16

Chamber Business After Hours at the Gainesville Regional Airport

→ September 24-25

Heart of Florida Airshow at the Gainesville Regional Airport. Guess who is coming?? the Blue Angels!! For more information, contact David Cruise, chairman, at (386) 418-0066 or DMCruiseCo@aol.com

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