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NASHVILLE GETS AMENITIES

Nashville International Airport is the first airport location for *redbox*, the fully automated DVD rental system featuring new release rentals for \$1 per night. The agreement with Wright Travel Agency, Inc., includes the installation of two automated DVD rental kiosks at Nashville International Airport. Their recent installation marks the airport debut of *redbox* and provides a convenient new DVD rental service and in-flight entertainment option for the millions of travelers and guests who pass through Nashville International Airport.

“Being the first airport to offer *redbox* is a natural fit for Nashville International Airport because our vision is to deliver the Nashville Airports’ Experience by providing exemplary customer service and premier airport services and facilities,” said Raul Regalado, President and CEO of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority

that owns and operates the Nashville International Airport and John C. Tune Airport. “We look forward to adding another premier service in the form of *redbox* to our passengers and guests.”

Nashville International Airport has one *redbox* kiosk located on the public side before check-in giving guests waiting to pick up passengers ready access to new release DVDs. The second *redbox* kiosk is located past security screening, providing travelers with the latest movie titles.

“We are committed to offering travelers the highest level of service and convenience,” said Pam Wright, chief executive officer of Wright Travel Agency, Inc. “*Redbox* DVD rentals offer a perfect solution for busy air travelers and we are thrilled to offer this convenience to our 12,000 daily airport guests.”

In other news, the self-service fuel facility at

John C. Tune Airport has been relocated to the newly constructed north ramp. The new location offers greater visibility for both local and transient pilots including the 150 based customers who have aircraft at the airport. The self-service fuel facility was previously located near the south-east aircraft T-hangars. “The new location of the self-service fuel facility provides greater ease for our customers at John C. Tune Airport,” said Raul Regalado, President and CEO of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority. “This service and its new location underscore our commitment to providing the Nashville Airports’ Experience, serving as a great airport for our passengers, partners and employees.”

Corporate Flight Management, the FBO at John C. Tune Airport, manages the self service fuel facility. The pump is credit card operated.

ATLANTA AIRPORT RESPONDS TO SOFT SHOE ACCIDENTS

The hustle of the world's busiest airport is now regularly interrupted by an announcement warning travelers of the dangers of "shoe entrapment" on escalators.

The 35-second service announcement that airs every five minutes is a response to a recent rash of injuries on escalators at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. At least three children were injured in the past two months when airport escalators gobbled up their flip-flops or Crocs, a rubber clog-like shoe, according to airport spokesman Hershel Grangent.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has documented 77 soft shoe entrapments on escalators since January 2006 and they issued a national warning in May.

Malls, subway stations and airports nationwide began posting signs warning escalator riders after a surge of similar incidents last year. The Atlanta airport, however, waited until recently to do so.

Flyers are now being left at security checkpoints and signs near the moving stairs caution escalator riders. The Colorado company that makes the soft-soled shoe said it is working to include warnings in its packaging.

But these changes do little to console Lesley Grinberg, whose son narrowly avoided injury on an Atlanta airport escalator July 30. She and her son were riding up an escalator when his Crocs got caught between the moving stairs and the side of the es-

calator.

"All of a sudden, I heard him scream," Grinberg said. "He said, 'My foot was in the machine.'"

Grinberg saved the mangled shoe to warn other parents. Now she wants the airport to install guards along the sides of the escalators to prevent loose articles and soft shoes from getting caught.

Other children haven't been so lucky.

A 3-year-old girl from Louisville, Ky., wearing Crocs was injured when an escalator ripped flesh from her foot and broke three toes in June. Her trip to Disney World was diverted to an emergency room.

SW Florida International Airport Reports July Traffic

During July, nearly 503,000 passengers passed through Southwest Florida International Airport, a decrease of 6.1 percent compared to July 2007. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is down 4.8 percent over the same period last year.

The traffic leader in July was Delta Air Lines with 67,677 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out

the top five airlines were JetBlue with 59,291 passengers, AirTran with 58,647 passengers, Southwest with 55,967 passengers and US Airways with 54,170 passengers.

Southwest Florida International Airport had 5,934 aircraft operations (takeoffs and landings), a slight decrease of 0.66 percent over July 2007. Page Field, Southwest Florida's premier general aviation airport facility

saw 5,560 operations, a 6.5 percent increase over July 2007.

In addition, nearly 2.6 million pounds of air freight moved through both airports in July 2008.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 8 million passengers in 2007 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic.

FULL-BODY SCANNERS COMING TO TAMPA

Full-body scanning machines designed to detect weapons hidden under clothing are coming to Tampa International Airport. Critics claim the machines invade fliers' privacy.

The machines will be rolled out in Tampa in the next few months.

Four of the machines will be delivered to the airport in the next few weeks.

Agents will complete the training process and will begin using the devices within a few months, said Sari Koshetz, a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration.

The machines use radio waves to paint a white-on-black picture of what is below a person's top layers of clothing. The technique, called "millimeter wave" makes metal and non-metal objects stand out clearly. Some

otherwise unseen details of the passenger's body also show up in the image.

The scanning machines are made by a Florida-based unit of L-3 Communications and resemble an ultra modern telephone booth.

The machines are currently in use at ten airports nationwide. TSA asks randomly selected passengers to step into the booths during the screening process, Koshetz said.

The image appears on a monitor in a windowless room where an agent reviews it. Software automatically blurs the passenger's face before the agent sees the image and the agent cannot see the actual person being checked, Koshetz said. Each image is then reportedly automatically deleted.

TSA representatives claim the

radio waves used in "millimeter wave" scans are significantly weaker than even the radio waves given off by a cellular telephone.

Critics claim an invasion of privacy.

Mike Pheneger with the American Civil Liberties Union says the scans are an "electronic strip search." He says the machines can reveal medical information someone may not want others to know about. For example, a scan can reveal a colostomy bag or braces.

But Koshetz says TSA has taken several steps to protect passenger privacy. Passengers can refuse a scan if selected and be patted down by a TSA agent instead, Koshetz said.

Salyers Stepping Down as Tri-State Airport Executive Director

After 26 years of weathering the ups and downs of the airline industry, long-time SEC-AAAE executive member Larry Salyers is ready to hop an airplane and visit his grandchildren.

The executive director of the Tri-State Airport in West Virginia is retiring September 30, 2008 or until a successor can be named.

"After being in charge this long

it's hard to walk away from my employees and the relationships I have with them," the 67-year old Salyers said. "But I'm ready to be a full-time grandfather for a while. I've got eight grandchildren and five of them live out of town."

Salyers joined Tri-State Airport in December 1975 as director of operations and security. He was promoted to assistant air-

port manager in March 1980. In March 1981, he was named acting airport executive director and was appointed to that position full-time in May 1982.

Since then he has dealt with numerous challenges and handled them well.

The SEC-AAAE wishes Larry a long and happy retirement.

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W.Va Airport Seeks \$2.8 Million Levy

The operators of the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport are requesting that Wood County voters decide on a \$2.8 million operating levy.

Airport officials say the five-year levy would be used for airport mass transit, infrastructure and services.

The Wood County Airport Authority recently voted to ask the County Commission to place the issue on the ballot in November.

Airport Manager Terry Moore says the levy is the only way to generate the needed revenues. The levy must be approved by more than 60 percent of those voting. Wood County assistant assessor Steve Shepherd says if it passes, a property owner with a house valued at \$100,000 would be assessed an additional \$42 per year.

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Seeking Host Cities For 2011 and 2012 Annual Conferences

The Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives is seeking host cities for its annual conferences in the years 2011 and 2012.

Interested parties should contact the SEC-AAAE executive secretary at secaaae@aol.com to receive a copy of the Annual Conference Site Selection Committee criteria.

Interested parties will be required to submit a written proposal and should be prepared to make a presentation to the Chapter's general membership during the course of the 2009 SEC-AAAE Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

TALLAHASSEE REGIONAL AIRPORT HONORED BY FL STATE DOT

The City of Tallahassee Aviation Department staff, joined by representatives from The LPA Group, Inc., recently celebrated the Airport's selection as recipient of the Florida Department of Transportation Aviation Project of the Year Award. This accomplishment recognizes the Airport for the efforts of the past four years to construct an air cargo complex at the Airport. The

award was presented at the Florida Airports Council Leadership Luncheon in Palm Beach, FL, July 23, 2008.

The cargo complex includes a new FedEx Building, new cargo apron, access road, intersection improvements, and the pre-existing air cargo building. The \$12 million project was completed in December, with the FedEx building being

completed in March and occupied in April.

The goals were two-fold—to allow FedEx to expand its facilities and to enhance airport safety by separating the large FedEx aircraft from the smaller general aviation aircraft operating on the north apron of the airport.

The LPA Group, Inc., was the engineer for the apron, road and intersection improvements.