



THE LAST BEAM GOES UP

Celebrating an AVL Forward milestone

There's a moment in every building's life when it stops being a plan and starts being a place. For AVL's new terminal, that moment arrived on Friday, Oct. 23, when crews raised a final beam of the AVL Forward historic terminal project.

The ceremony is called a topping out, a builders' tradition that celebrates the completion of a structure's frame. This one carried extra weight because it was the topping out of the entire project.

Before it went up, the beam got a personal touch. Airport staff, members of the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority Board and construction partners signed it in the days before the ceremony. Their names will live on in the frame of a building that will welcome travelers to Western North Carolina for decades to come.

This final phase is a big one. Crews demolished the main entrance and south portion of the legacy terminal, along with the legacy Air Traffic Control Tower, while building the new terminal's grand lobby, south baggage claim, administrative offices, permanent TSA security checkpoint and new south concourse.

It's been a busy stretch. Since breaking ground in August 2023, AVL Forward celebrated its first topping out in July 2024, then opened a new ticketing area, a temporary security checkpoint and the North Concourse. This year brought part of the new baggage claim, a new rental car facility and a new Air Traffic Control Tower.

With the last beams in place, the structure is complete, signatures and all. Click the button to learn more.

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RUNWAY 5K

Thank you for supporting your community

On a sunny and crisp fall morning about 1,000 participants ran and walked on Taxiway Bravo to the sound of planes taking off and landing on the adjacent active runway and the cheers spectators lined up to watch.

Earlier at the event site people were jamming out to the music provided by the local DJ, the merch tent was selling cool AVL clothing and items, the 360 photo booth was recording people's happy smiles, the Kid Zone tent was providing coloring and other fun activities, the

food trucks were selling delicious treats and drinks and the vendors and sponsors were handing out swag and sharing more about their businesses and organizations.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, the support and participation of our community and the hard work of the AVL team, this year was another successful Runway 5K. All proceeds will be donated to three local nonprofits: AB Tech's Aviation Program, the WNC Pilots Association Educational Foundation and Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC. Stay tuned for announcements about the amount raised and the presentations of the checks to these deserving organizations.

The 2026 Runway 5K was presented in partnership with: Allegiant, GE Aerospace, Gresham Smith, Hensel Phelps, Paradies Lagardére and Signature Aviation.

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DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?

Asheville Community Theater presents Disney's Frozen the Broadway Musical

Asheville Community Theatre is thrilled to be teaming up with Asheville Regional Airport for a giveaway that's sure to warm your heart! Together, we're giving away a theater concessions package and four tickets to Disney's Frozen The Broadway Musical, part of ACT's milestone 80th Mainstage Season. Enter to win on Asheville Regional Airport's Facebook or Instagram by November 19.



Frozen runs from December 4 - 20, 2026. This spectacular musical brings Disney's enchanting story to life on stage right here in Asheville, with the songs that captured your heart on screen, joined by Broadway originals that bring the story to life in a whole new way.



Full of magic, humor, and warm hugs, Frozen is a powerful tale of sisterhood, acceptance, and finding the real meaning of true love.

Experience the magic of live, and local theatre with ACT. Tickets available at AshevilleTheatre.org

ENTER TO WIN



HOLIDAY TRAVEL IS COMING

Check out some helpful travel tips

It may seem early to start talking about holiday travel considering we haven't even gotten through Halloween yet. But Thanksgiving is only 4 weeks away and Christmas is less than 2 months away. You may already be making and booking holiday travel plans so here are some helpful travel tips to guide you through the quickly approaching busy and festive travel season.

🦃 **ARRIVE EARLY:** Don't spend too long putting the finishing touches on your pumpkin pie (which, FYI, can be brought on a plane as a carry on; more on that below). Make sure to arrive at the airport at least two hours before your boarding time. This will allow you time to park, check-in and go through security.

🛻 **PARKING:** Whether arriving by car or a one horse open sleigh, AVL has helpful parking information on our website. There are maps of all of the parking areas as well as pricing to help you make a plan and get a lay of the land before your trip. Did you know that AVL recently updated the parking options to make it easier to choose what works for your trip? Choose from Premium, Standard or Shuttle parking.

⛸️ **NO WAITING ON THE CURB:** There are so many seasonal activities to look forward to whether it be apple picking, corn mazes, ice skating or snow tubing. We know you are eager to pick up your passengers and get the seasonal fun started, but please use the complimentary Cell Phone Lot located across the the street from the main airport entrance while waiting for passengers. This keeps the curb clear and traffic moving in front of the terminal.

🏈 **RIDE APP PICKUP:** We know that you are eager to get to your detination and tune in to the big game. Fortunately, the ride app pickup lot is now located closer to the terminal! Passengers using taxis or apps like Uber or Lyft can access these services at the lot just south of the new rental car center and baggage claim. There is also ADA accessible shuttle service to this lot, so you can easily get your ride home and settle in to your comfy chair to cheer on your team.

🍁 **PARKING SHUTTLES:** You meticulously track the leaf forcast and fall color reports and now you can track the AVL parking shuttles! Complimentary AVL parking shuttles pick up in two locations on the curb: in front of the ticket lobby and baggage claim entrances. These shuttles go to the Standard and Shuttle parking lots as well as the Ride App and Taxi Pick-up

area. You can track the AVL parking shuttles in real-time using Passio. It'll be nice to sit back and relax for a minute after an intense week of leaf peeping.

❄️ **TSA INFORMATION:** Good news! Your delicious pumpkin pie can be brought on a plane as a carry on. But be sure to carefully pack your snow globes in a checked bag. The TSA website has lots helpful information like the What Can I Bring? tool that provides information about what can be packed in a checked bag vs. a carry on as well as information about REAL ID and acceptable forms of ID. Do your research before you pack your bag and arrive at the airport.

🎅 **KEEP TRACK OF YOUR FLIGHT STATUS:** There are websites for tracking Santa Claus and there are apps for tracking your flight status. Both are important. Download your airline's app to get important flight updates, like delays and gate changes, as well as download your mobile boarding pass. Be sure to wave to Santa if you fly by him!



READY TO HIT THE SLOPES?

Nonstop ski destinations from AVL

Ski season is quickly approaching, and the winter holidays are the perfect time to take a trip and hit the slopes. AVL has non-stop and one-stop options to get you to your favorite destinations this ski season.

Non-stop Options
AVL offers nonstop service to Denver on United (plus nonstop service returns on Allegiant in March, just in time for spring skiing). Or, if you prefer the slopes of New England, Allegiant offers nonstop service to Boston.

One-stop Options
There are also several great destinations that you can fly to from AVL with one easy connection on American, Delta or United!

- Salt Lake City area (Park City, Alta, Snowbird)
- Vail/Eagle
- Bozeman/Big Sky
- Jackson Hole
- Aspen (available via American and Delta)

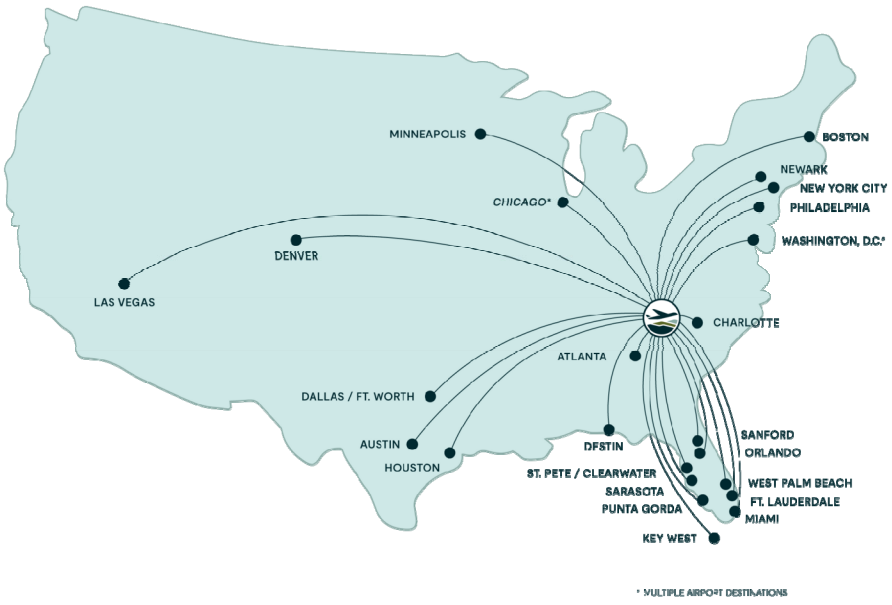
The snow is waiting, so pack your ski gear and book your trip from AVL to these amazing ski destinations!

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