



## Exciting news! Check it out!

*Runway 5K will be held October 9*

Asheville Regional Airport is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, and what better time to bring back the most unique 5K in the mountains! That's right, after an eight year hiatus – **the Runway 5K is back!**

We're tapping into our beginnings – inspired by our early years (we opened in 1961) – to create a **groovy** vibe and a **far-out** course ... which is also the flattest course in all of western North Carolina! Racers will run the runway (well – the runway we used for the last five years... it's a taxiway now). And **can you dig it?** You'll run right beside our active runway, where planes will be taking off and landing during the race – you'll be plane spotting, up close and personal.

And, there's more – we'll have live music at the stage and food trucks ... **out of sight!**

All proceeds will benefit the [A-B Tech Aviation Scholarship Fund](#) and the [WNC Pilots Association Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund](#).

**Don't wait – register soon! Spots are limited.**



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## GET TO KNOW OUR NEWEST AIRLINE

*Sun Country will begin service in October*

Sun Country Airlines is an airline with a long history (more than 35 years), based in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul. The airline has earned a reputation for offering world-class service at an affordable price.

They focus on leisure travel and offer scheduled passenger service on more than 80 routes to

more than 50 popular destinations in North America, Central America, and the Caribbean, many of which are served seasonally to match peak leisure travel demand. Travelers can also book vacation packages (airfare, hotel, rental cars and more) on Sun Country's website. They also offer great value on group travel packages for groups of 10 or more travelers.

In addition to leisure travel, Sun Country offers charter group service for one-time events or long-term needs to virtually anywhere.

**Sun Country will begin service on October 7, flying twice weekly nonstops between AVL and Minneapolis.**



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## KEEP MOVING

*No curbside waiting, please*

Coming to the airport to pick up an arriving passenger? Due to significant increases in vehicular traffic during busy flight times, there is no curbside waiting allowed at AVL.

You may stop briefly to pick up a passenger who is already located on the front curb, or to drop off a passenger. Otherwise, you must park in one of our parking lots\*, or leave Terminal Drive and re-enter when your passenger exits the terminal and is located along the front curb, ready for pick-up.

*\*Please note: we no longer have a complimentary Cell Phone Lot. A new Cell Phone Lot is being constructed, and will be available later this fall.*



## RETIRED AIRPORT PUBLIC SAFETY CHIEF RECEIVES STATE'S TOP HONOR

*Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award*

Kevan Smith, retired Chief of Public Safety at Asheville Regional Airport, was awarded the North Carolina Governor's highest civilian award at a recent Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority (GARAA) meeting.

Since 1963, North Carolina Governors have reserved their highest honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award, for persons who have made significant contributions to the State and their communities through exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments. Persons named to the Order become North Carolina "Ambassadors" with their names and award dates recorded on a roster maintained by the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Society.

Chief Smith was recognized for his many years of public service, as well as significant volunteerism with organizations like the Haywood County Incident Management Team, the Henderson County Epidemiology Team, the Brevard Fire Department, the Transylvania County Rescue Squad, the Brevard Elks Lodge and the Brevard Jaycees.

The award was presented by GARAA Board Chair, Matthew Burril; Executive Director, Lew

## WHERE CAN YOU GO FROM AVL?

*Check out our newest nonstop destinations*



### TIME TO FLY

*Reminder: arrive TWO HOURS before your flight*

The airport is busier than ever, and travelers need to plan ample time to park, check-in and go through security. Lines can be long at times when numerous flights are scheduled for departure. Remember: flights will not be held for you if you are running late. Be sure to give yourself ample time, and travel will be a breeze.

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