



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

AVL's growth, community, the Runway 5K and more

This has been a year of growth for Asheville Regional Airport and the Federal Aviation Administration's annual list of commercial airport rankings has confirmed this. AVL is officially the third busiest airport in North Carolina, and the 104th busiest in the nation. It is amazing to see the amount of growth at not only the airport, but in western North Carolina as a whole.

With this unprecedented growth comes "growing pains." I want to emphasize to all travelers that it is more important than ever to arrive early at the airport - any airport - when flying. At AVL, we certainly see our parking lots and terminal gate areas fill during peak travel times each day, and we want you to be prepared. Also, watch for the newly opened expanded parking areas and the complimentary Cell Phone Lot, now available for meeters and greeters.

On another note, we look forward to welcoming many of you to our annual Runway 5K on October 15. This event allows us all to connect and raises money for local aviation education. I hope that you will consider joining us for this great event. Registration is now open, and spots are limited (learn more below).

As we approach the end of summer, I would like to thank you for flying to and from AVL, and we look forward to welcoming you back soon.

Blue skies,

Lew Bleiweis, President & CEO

AVL NOW RANKED AS THE THIRD BUSIEST AIRPORT IN NC

2022 is set to be a record-breaking year

2022 has been a year of record-breaking growth, and now AVL is officially the third busiest airport in North Carolina. Asheville

Regional Airport is ranked 104 on the list of 478 commercial service airports in the U.S.

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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

The Runway 5K will raise funds for local aviation education

Many of us have dreamed about taking to the skies. Thanks in large part to our Runway 5K sponsors, this dream can become a reality for local aviation students. All proceeds from the event will support local aviation, including the A-B Tech Aviation Scholarship Fund and the WNC Pilot's Association Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Last year we raised approximately \$16,000 for local aviation education, and this year we hope to raise even more!

Thank you to this year's sponsors— [Hensel Phelps](#), [Hunter Subaru](#), [Star 104.3 FM](#), [AVCON](#), [Gresham Smith](#), [Elevation Lofts Hotel](#), [S&ME](#), [Parrish & Partners](#), [Parsons](#), [CHA](#) and [Kelsan Inc.](#)— for helping to make aviation dreams come true!

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PARKING + GROUND TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

CELL PHONE LOT NOW OPEN

Complimentary lot located across the street from main entrance

The highly anticipated cell phone lot has opened, giving those picking up passengers a complimentary place to park until the person they are picking up is ready at the curb. This reduces curbside waiting and helps with the flow of traffic around the terminal. The cell phone lot is located across the street from the terminal, next to the shuttle lot.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TURO USERS

Cars not available at the airport

Turo (corporate) has not complied with operating rules required to do business at the airport, and therefore no Turo rentals may be picked up at the airport. Illegally parked Turo vehicles are subject to towing off of airport property. We want passengers to be aware so they can make other arrangements. Click below to learn more, and to see other ground transportation options available at the airport.

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OUR FURRY FRIENDS ARE READY FOR THEIR CLOSE-UPS

Paws for Passengers at AVL made the national news!

Some of AVL's favorite volunteers were featured on CNN's *Now This*. Paws for Passengers is a

program that allows volunteers to bring registered therapy dogs into the airport to spread some love and happiness. The popular program helps with stress levels and decreases anxiety among travelers and airport staff.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

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WHEN YOU TRAVEL— BRING YOUR KINDNESS & PATIENCE

Airports and airlines are busier than ever

The COVID-19 pandemic affected everyone’s lives and even now, over two years later, we are still dealing with the effects. Airports were significantly impacted by the pandemic when air travel ground to a halt. Now travel numbers are back up, and at AVL higher than ever, but things aren’t completely back to normal.

Like every industry, airports and airlines are experiencing staffing challenges related to the pandemic. But our industry has extra layers of requirements that pose additional challenges in today’s hiring environment. For instance, while other workplaces might be able to hire someone and have them start right away, that isn’t the case in the air travel industry. Airlines and airports require security clearance and training, which can take weeks to months depending on the position...

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MORE OPTIONS THAN EVER BEFORE

It's a great time to plan your next vacation!

Planning a trip is now easier than ever. AVL offers 25 nonstop destinations all over the country, including frequent daily connections to international hubs.



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