The Latest Airport Information

"Music to Your Eyes" Campaign Rolls On

The campaign to clean up and repair the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport continues. The multi-million dollar effort was announced in December 2006. It is an unprecedented maintenance campaign to clean and improve the environment at this region’s premier international airport. The campaign is dubbed “Music to Your Eyes”. This short and long-term maintenance and improvement plan includes the following projects: (1) Improvements to the terminal lighting system, (2) Concourse cleaning and seating improvements, (3) Improvements to the restrooms, with an ultimate complete renovation later this year, (4) Improvements to baggage claim maintenance, lighting systems and signage, (5) Reduction of curbside congestion and (6) Designated curbside smoking areas. Help us maintain Armstrong International by reporting any problem areas.

Representatives of Air Tran Airways, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Continental Airlines were recently recognized by the Jefferson Parish Council for their return to Pre-K 100% service and/or adding extra flights. Pictured are airline representatives, Councilmen, NOAB Deputy Director Maggie Woodruff and Jefferson Parish President Aaron Broussard. Air service is recognized as key to recovery by the Jefferson Parish Council.
A Word from Sean

Thanks to the hard work of our employees, vendors and airlines, Armstrong International Airport is starting to feel like its old self. The increase in passengers is evident, almost all of our stores are open and the number of flights is slowly rebuilding. When I reflect on those days in the fall of 2005 when we resumed air service, no one knew for sure where we would be two years later. I think all of us are pleased at how quickly the airport is recovering. However, many Katrina related problems in our personal lives are still unresolved and may be for some time. Nonetheless, I commend everyone for staying focused on their job. It is the reason we are where we are today.

We are roughly at about 75% of our Pre-K service level. The next 25% will be the most difficult to attain. But I believe it can and will be done. It is possible that like the City of New Orleans and the hurricane impacted parishes, we will be revived, but we may look a little different. For the foreseeable future, we will stay focused on increasing air service and when the time is right, we will revisit our Strategic Development Plan so we can properly prepare for the future.

As we look ahead, we see blue skies, thanks in large part to you. ✫

Sean C. Hunter
Director of Aviation

NOAB Crawfish Boil

Thanks to all of the NOAB employees that helped with the planning, set-up and clean-up of the Spring NOAB Crawfish Boil. We passed a good time.

Cell Phone Lot Open

Prior to Thanksgiving, we announced the opening of the Cell Phone Lot, located at the corner of Airline Drive and Hollandey Street across from the Airport Access Road. This lot provides people picking up arriving passengers a safe, convenient place to wait until the passenger arrives and calls to say that they are at curbside ready for pick-up. This should diminish the amount of “drive-around” traffic at the baggage claim area which reduces the amount of emissions in the area and added congestion. ✫

DID YOU KNOW?

Check out airport info at www.flymsy.com

Permanent Airport Director Named

New Orleans Aviation Board on May 15 voted to name Interim Director of Aviation Sean C. Hunter permanent in the position as Director of Aviation at Armstrong International Airport.

ExpressJet Flying at Armstrong

Our newest airline, ExpressJet, is now serving 6 markets from Armstrong International Airport. For info, visit xjet.com. We welcome ExpressJet to the Crescent City.

Airport Record Numbers for Jazz Fest

TSA reports the numbers processed through Security on the Mondays following Jazz Fest were in the top 5 departure days since Katrina.

Free Google Voice Local Search

Now search and get connected to a local business for free. NOAB Communications Manager John Lyon says for details and to learn all about it, visit:

http://labs.google.com/goog411/ ✫

A Proper Salute for a Happy Occasion

On Monday, May 14, ExpressJet executives were joined by airport staff and city and parish officials on Concourse C to celebrate the beginning of their full direct service schedule. Destinations include Austin, San Antonio, Kansas City, Birmingham, Raleigh-Durham and Jacksonville, FL. Music was provided by the Algiers Brass Band. ✫