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Avelo Airlines to launch nonstop service between Memphis and Raleigh-Durham in June

Avelo Airlines has announced it will launch nonstop service between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) starting June 14. Tickets are now on sale at www.aveloair.com.

Headquartered in Houston, Avelo Airlines becomes the tenth airline serving MEM. The airline will operate 189-seat Boeing Next-Generation 737 aircraft for the flight. Following an inaugural flight on June 14, the service will run on Monday and Friday.



Avelo Airlines Chairman and CEO Andrew Levy said, "Memphis – say hello to Avelo! We are excited to take off with Memphis and bring Avelo to the Home of Blues, Soul and Rock 'n' Roll. Getting to The Research Triangle is now more affordable and easier than ever. Avelo's combination of everyday low fares, industry-leading reliability and caring service – coupled with MEM's travel-friendly convenience – will inspire people from across the region to enjoy everything the Raleigh-Durham area has to offer."

"The arrival of Avelo Airlines at MEM provides our passengers with another low-cost travel option and restores service to one of our top unserved destinations," said Michael Keeney, Chairman of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority Board of Commissioners. "We are grateful to Avelo for entering the Memphis market and expect that our passengers will embrace this opportunity to connect to RDU."

Inaugural flight (June 14)

RDU to MEM

Departs: 8 am (ET)

Arrives: 9:05 am (CT)

MEM to RDU

Departs: 11:05 am (CT)

Arrives: 2 pm (ET)

June 16 & 19

RDU to MEM

Departs: 12:05 pm (ET)

Arrives: 1:10 pm (CT)

MEM to RDU

Departs: 2 pm (CT)

Arrives: 4:55 pm (ET)

Starting June 20

RDU to MEM

Departs: 6 pm (ET)

Arrives: 7:05 pm (CT)

MEM to RDU

Departs: 7:45 pm (CT)

Arrives: 10:40 pm (ET)

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MEM Passengers Fuel Busiest Spring Break in 15 Years

A total of 45,335 people passed through the security checkpoint at MEM over the five-day Spring Break travel period at MEM, making it the busiest Spring Break at MEM since 2008. That total also represents a significant increase over 2022's total of 38,864 and pre-pandemic numbers in 2019 of 40,305. This was also the airport's busiest five consecutive days since the summer of 2008.



Scott Brockman presented with Director of the Year, Medium Airports Division Award at 2023 Airport Experience Conference

Memphis International Airport President/CEO, Scott A. Brockman, was named the 2022 Director of the Year, Medium Airports Division, by Airport Experience News (AXN). He was presented with the award during the gala at the 2023 Airport Experience Conference, held from February 23 through March 1, 2023, in Denver, Colorado.

transition of Memphis International from a former hub to an origin-and-destination airport, with the latest modernization solidifying that effort and positioning the airport for the future,” said Melissa K. Montes, vice president and publisher of Airport Experience News. “In addition, Scott continues to be a leader on the national stage, working for the good of the entire aviation community.”

“I am humbled and grateful for this honor,” said Brockman “More importantly, I am so thankful for the many talented people in aviation I’ve met throughout my career. I have benefited from their knowledge, friendship, and leadership. None of this would be possible without my colleagues, awesome employee teams, engaging board of directors, and of course, my family.”



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MEM's Modernized Concourse takes home two Building Memphis Awards

Memphis Awards on Thursday, March 23. MEM took home both the 2023 Best Renovation, Large Category Award, and the Project of the Year Award.

The Memphis Business Journal's annual Building Memphis awards program seeks to recognize stellar commercial real estate, from construction to renovation. These awards zero in on community impact — from jobs created to community investment and change in the area. The awards also weigh architectural scope, design, sustainable practices, and construction.

The entire team at MEM couldn't be prouder! Many thanks to everyone involved in this momentous project, including our partners at UrbanArch Architects and Flintco.

View photos and details of the concourse modernization project here:

<https://flymemphis.com/modernization/>



MSCAA, FedEx continue drone operations through FAA's BEYOND program

The Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA) and FedEx Express (FedEx) continue working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to develop safe procedures for drone operations within the perimeter of an FAA-towered airport as

common drone flight procedures, safety protocols and policy for the FAA to authorize regular drone operations at any airport in the United States National Airspace System.



Over the past few years, MSCAA and FedEx have introduced drone flight operations in Memphis as part of their participation in the FAA's BEYOND program. To date, the team has flown approximately 2,000 successful drone flights.

The most recent drone flight operations took place over the FedEx ramp and near the southwest perimeter of Memphis International Airport's airfield along Airways Boulevard. The goal of these operations was to detect foreign object debris (FOD) to enhance airfield safety and conduct security inspections along the airport perimeter fence line to supplement existing security systems and protocols. FedEx has also utilized drones to perform aircraft inspections. In addition, future operations include aircraft parts delivery.

In May 2018, MSCAA was one of 10 participants selected by the U.S. Department of Transportation to participate in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integrated Pilot Program (UAS IPP). The goal of the UAS IPP was to conduct advanced drone operations in select airspaces to generate data and knowledge for future UAS policymaking. The Memphis team tested various on-airport operations at Memphis International Airport, including aircraft inspections, small (i.e., under 10 pounds) aircraft parts delivery, ramp FOD detection, security monitoring of the ramp, and security/perimeter fence surveillance. Upon conclusion of the three-year program, MSCAA was then selected by the FAA for its new drone program, BEYOND.

The BEYOND program was launched on October 26, 2020 as a four-year initiative. It focuses on working toward operating under established rules rather than waivers, collecting data to develop performance-based standards, collecting and addressing community feedback, understanding the potential and realized societal, economic and community benefits of drone use, and streamlining the approval processes for drone integration.



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Amber Floyd joins editorial board for Tennessee Bar Journal

MSCAA General Counsel Amber Floyd recently joined the editorial board for the [Tennessee Bar Journal](#), which serves as the official publication of the Tennessee Bar Association (TBA). Founded in 1881, the TBA has represented the entire spectrum of the Tennessee legal community, from plaintiff and defense attorneys to judges, government and legal services attorneys, corporate counsel, and a number of attorneys residing outside the state who retain an interest in the Tennessee legal profession.



If you strolled by the rotunda music stage last week, you may have caught a couple of great live musical performances. The Delta Cats returned to the stage on Thursday, March 16, with their amazing covers of many classics of blues, soul, and rock n' roll.

On Friday, March 17, the flutists of the Eudaimonia Music Collective performed selections from Ambient: Music for Airports by world-renowned musician and composer, Brian Eno.

We have also created a new page on the flymemphis.com website called [Music at MEM](#) to highlight live performances, DittyTV content featured on the rotunda music stage screen, and overhead music.

Upcoming live performance dates & times (subject to change):

- MSO quartet - April 28, 10:30-11:30am
- MSO quartet - May 12, 10:30-11:30am



The Delta Cats played MEM on Thursday, March 16, 2023



The Eudaimonia Collective performed on Friday, March 17, 2023

Be sure to follow us on social media for the latest news & events!



Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA) is hiring for several positions

Do you know someone who'd make a great member of First Team MEM? Here are the positions currently open to applicants:

- ADA/DBE Program Administrator
- Painter
- Operations Duty Manager
- Airfield Electrician

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