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Travelers can fly from Asheville to Cincinnati this weekend for only \$79 each way!* Visit Delta.com for details.

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Capacity Increases at AVL



There is good news for travelers flying this fall: More aircraft seats will be available at Asheville Regional Airport. Beginning in November, the Airport will see a 6.8-percent increase in capacity over November 2007. "What this means is there will be additional flights giving passengers more choices when they fly," says David N. Edwards, Jr., A.A.E., Airport

Director. "This proves Asheville is a solid air service market even in these challenging economic times.

The data was compiled by OAG (Official Airline Guide) and analyzed by USATODAY. While the report reflects an overall capacity decrease of 4.8-percent for the State of North Carolina, Authority staff confirmed the increase through a review of the flight schedules. Flights are being added to Atlanta and Charlotte on Delta Airlines and US Airways respectively. The schedules of the two other carriers, Continental and Northwest, remain stable.

You can book your holiday flight, car rental or hotel at www.flyavl.com.



AVL Giving Away Trips -- You Could Win!

As the Summer continues, so do the opportunities to win trips to various cities nationwide courtesy of Asheville Regional Airport and the below co-sponsors. Check out your chances to win!

Asheville Tourists - Only one more opportunity to register! Attend the August 29th Asheville Tourists game to sign up, and you could win a trip to Orlando, Chicago or New York! The winner will be drawn Friday the 29th during the game.

STAR 104.3 - Win a trip to any of the seven direct destinations from AVL, plus \$1043 in cash! Listen to The Mark & Tricia Morning Show on Star 104.3 or [visit their website](#) between now and August 29th for details.

Apple Festival - Visit our booth at the Apple Festival Labor Day weekend in Hendersonville and sign up to win a trip to the Big Apple -- New York City!

99.9 KISS Country - Win a trip to see Kenny Chesney in Indianapolis. Listen to KISS or [visit their website](#) between now and September 12th for details.



New TSA Regulations

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will now allow passengers to leave their laptop computers in the bag when going through security when passengers use the new "checkpoint-friendly" bags.

TSA collaborated with dozens of private companies over the past five months to develop a design that works for travelers and TSA to streamline the screening process. While TSA does not endorse any particular brand of bag, examples of such bags can be seen on the [TSA website](#).

In order for a bag to receive the title of "checkpoint-friendly" it must meet the following criteria:

- Have a designated laptop only section
- The laptop section must completely unfold to lay flat on the screening belt
- There may not be any metal snaps, zippers or buckles on, under or inside the laptop section
- There may not be any pockets inside or outside the laptop section
- Only the laptop may be packed in the laptop section -- no other items

For more information about up-to-date TSA regulations, please visit <http://www.tsa.gov/>.



Rental Car Service Facility Opens at AVL

Asheville Regional Airport Authority unveiled its new Rental Car Service Facility last week. The \$8 million project was constructed over the past year and allows up to five rental car companies to conduct service and maintenance operations on-site.

The new facility has made it possible for former off-site rental car provider National/Alamo to move its operations on-site, thereby keeping vehicle movements off of NC-280, as well as increasing the level of customer service.

"These improvements contribute to our goal of enhancing the passenger experience," says David N. Edwards, Jr., A.A.E., Airport Director. "The new facility enables the rental car companies to expedite maintenance and cleaning of rental vehicles and offer greater service to travelers."

Asheville Regional Airport is served by Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz and National/Alamo car rental agencies.