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AVL Director

This month we are saying goodbye to the Asheville Regional Airport Director David N. Edwards, Jr., as he ends his tenure here at AVL, and welcoming new Airport Director Lew Bleiweis.



David N. Edwards, Jr.



Lew Bleiweis

Edwards has spent the past five and a half years working diligently to improve the airport and has seen many successes. Under his leadership, the airport terminal has been expanded and improved upon in many areas, including the Bag Claim and B-Gate Area and a new Rental Car Maintenance Facility.

In addition, Edwards helped draw new air service for Western North Carolina residents. New flights to LaGuardia and Orlando began just last week, thanks to Edwards' efforts, and he has helped institute several other positive changes for AVL passengers, including lower fares, stronger customer service, and more amenities.

Taking his place will be Lew Bleiweis who has served as Deputy Airport Director at Asheville Regional Airport since April, 2008. Bleiweis has more than twenty years' experience in aviation and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Edwards' last day is June 26 and Bleiweis will assume his role as airport director June 27.

Construction Beginning

Passengers traveling through Asheville Regional Airport will see construction beginning in the A-Gate area in July. AVL received \$7.5-million in stimulus funding from the Federal Aviation Administration for terminal improvements.

In addition to improvements in the A-Gate area, other projects beginning in July include:

- Parking lot and Terminal Drive revitalization
- Parking lot toll plaza expansion
- Pre-Conditioned Air and Fixed Ground Power Project
- Triturator Facility
- Wright Brother's Way road enhancement
- Connector taxiway and apron improvements

It's going to be a busy summer for AVL and we appreciate your patience as we improve the terminal for your safety and convenience.



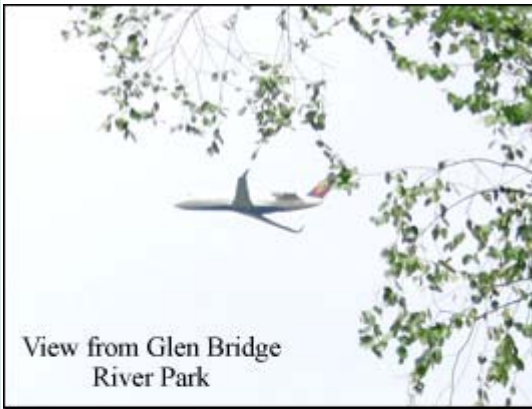
AVL Sponsors Nature Center Butterfly Exhibit

We're into things that fly, so our partnership with the WNC Nature Center for the *Beauty of Butterflies* exhibit is a match made in the

skies for Asheville Regional Airport.

Visit the Nature Center June 27, 10a.m. - 4p.m., for Nectar Collector day and you can collect some great freebies and things that fly from the Asheville Regional Airport booth. There will also be face-painting and crafts for the kids, courtesy of the WNC Nature Center.

Learn more at WildWNC.org.



Ups and Downs at AVL

One of the most frequently-asked questions we get here at Asheville Regional Airport is "Where can I watch planes take off and land?"

Many of us have fond childhood memories of watching aircraft taking off and landing and want to share the magic of flight with new generations. On that sentimental note, we thought we'd share a couple hot-spots that are great

for experiencing the awe of aeronautics with your children or grandchildren, or just reliving your youth.

Spot #1: Lowe's on Airport Road. Take a trip to Lowe's without spending a dime. Park in the lot and you'll have a view to rival that of the Control Tower. With the mountains in the background, this is a perfect spot to snap a few photos or just enjoy the sight of planes heading into the Western North Carolina sunset.

Spot #2: Glen Bridge River Park on Pinner Road. A beautiful setting by the river for a picnic and for watching planes fly overhead. From Glen Bridge Road, turn onto Pinner Road. Pass the first park and drive a little ways down the road until you come to Glen Bridge River Park on the right.

Do you have a favorite spot to watch planes take off and land? Share it with us at pr@flyavl.com!