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Community Celebrates New York Flights

At a gala "Breakfast on Broadway" inaugural-flight event, community leaders, airport supporters and AirTran Airways station crew members gathered to celebrate AirTran's first flight to New York's LaGuardia Airport from CAK.



Jim Caldwell, AirTran's regional sales manager; Cathy Godshall, president of airport board of trustees; and Fred Krum, airport director, cut the ribbon at the "Breakfast on Broadway" celebration of the inaugural AirTran flight to New York City.

More than 80 passengers flew along with airport trustees, management and media guests to the Big Apple.

"It was a great day for our community," said Airport Director Fred Krum. "We are finally able to offer low-cost service to New York to area businesspersons and other travelers."

The service began with two daily flights. AirTran Airways petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration for a third, mid-day round-trip flight. Because

of the combined efforts of AirTran and Congressman Ralph Regula's office, the third flight will begin July 2.

"Strong customer demand demonstrated to us that we needed to add a third flight," said Robert L. Fornaro, AirTran Airways' president and COO. "The third flight provides more flexibility to business and leisure travelers. We are confident these flights will build on our success at Akron-Canton Airport."

Fares start at \$49 each way and business class upgrades can be purchased at the gate for an additional \$35 the day of departure. Tickets are available for purchase by calling a travel agent, 1-800-AIRTRAN or online at www.airtran.com.

Akron-Canton to LaGuardia Nonstop Service

Flight	Departs	Arrives
201	7:45 a.m.	9:20 a.m.
198*	12:15 p.m.	1:50 p.m.
203	4:40 p.m.	6:15 p.m.

LaGuardia to Akron-Canton Nonstop Service

Flight	Departs	Arrives
202	10:00 a.m.	11:35 a.m.
199*	2:30 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
212	5:59 p.m.	7:40 p.m.

*New service starting July 2.

Message From the Director Fred Krum

This spring is a very busy season at Akron-Canton Airport. We have several construction projects underway as part of our 5-year, \$50-million expansion plan. Currently we're expanding the baggage claim area, adding a food court and improving our entrances. In addition, we're building a new aviation park dedicated to the aviation industry, and we've added new flights to our schedule.

In addition to the terminal work, we are building a taxiway to connect the newly extended runway 1/19 to the ramp, making our airfield more versatile. We are committed to improving our facility to meet the needs of our passengers.

In the midst of the hustle of the airport business, construction of the Akron-Canton Airport Aviation Park began. It is a unique contrast to other current projects. The Aviation Park will be a wonderful place for travelers to reflect on the dramatic gains the aviation industry has made during the first 100 years. The park will feature a Wright Flyer rendition, comfortable benches and a commemorative wall honoring aviation leaders throughout the community. It is a fitting tribute to the many people who serve the airport.

The Aviation Park will be dedicated on the 100th anniversary of flight, Dec. 17, 2003. An interesting feature of the Aviation Park includes a commemorative brick walkway surrounding the Wright Flyer rendition.

More new flights also are arriving at CAK. AirTran is adding a fifth round-trip to Atlanta and a third round-trip to New York. Comair/The Delta Connection is adding a seventh round-trip to Cincinnati, which was recently voted the best international connecting airport in the country.

Good things like this don't happen without your support. Thanks for making Akron-Canton a better way to go.



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AirTran Airways Adds Two New Flights

AirTran Airways, the largest carrier at CAK, is adding two new flights – a fifth flight to its Atlanta hub June 14, and a third flight to New York's LaGuardia Airport July 2.

"We are pleased to enhance our service to the Akron-Canton area," said John P. Kirby, director, network planning at AirTran Airways. "The business and leisure community have clearly embraced our high-quality, high-value service."

The new Atlanta flight will depart Akron-Canton at 6:10 p.m. and arrive in Atlanta at 7:55 p.m. The new New York flight will depart Akron-Canton at 12:15 p.m. and arrive in New York at 1:50 p.m.

In addition, AirTran Airways offers daily, nonstop service to Orlando from Akron-Canton. All direct service features new Boeing 717 jet aircraft.

AirTran Airways is one of America's largest low-fare airlines with 454 flights a day to 43 destinations. For more information and reservations, visit airtran.com (America Online keyword: AirTran), call AirTran Airways at 800-AIRTRAN (800-247-8726) or call your travel agent. ✈

Krum Named One of 50 Most Influential People in Northeast Ohio

In a recent issue of *Crain's Cleveland Business* magazine, Fred Krum, airport director, was named the 45th most influential person in Northeast Ohio. It is the first time an airport official has made the prestigious list.

Crain's cited Krum's "diligent work to attract more carriers to his airport and to improve the region's air service by making Akron-Canton a convenient, low-fare alternative to Cleveland Hopkins" as the reasons for his appearance on the list. ✈

Full-Scale Disaster Drill Readies Airport Staff

After months of planning and coordination with local emergency response agencies, the airport conducted a full-scale disaster drill on May 9.

"It is important for us to prepare for any type or size of aircraft emergency," said Todd Laps, airport operations supervisor. "It takes a great deal of teamwork and resource-sharing, but the practice is invaluable."

Typically a full-scale drill scenario, which is mandated to take place by the

Federal Aviation Administration every three years, allows multiple tests of the emergency response system including but not limited to airport operations, law enforcement, FBI, local hospitals and an airline.

Thanks to AirTran Airways for donating a DC-9 jet airplane and to J. Bower Construction Company for \$400 in propane gas for the drill. Their participation helps the airport achieve greater preparedness and efficacy in case of an emergency at CAK. ✈

Officials Break Ground at Airport Aviation Park

Park to honor aviation leaders in the community and celebrate the 100th anniversary of flight

A diverse group of aviation enthusiasts broke ground recently on a beautiful park, commemorating the Wright Brothers' first flight and providing a unique educational resource for flight lovers of all ages. The Akron-Canton Airport Aviation Park will be home to a rendition of the Wright Flyer and a commemorative park honoring airport supporters of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The park got its start five years ago when the air show executive committee decided to work on a permanent commemoration and educational tool honoring the 100th anniversary of flight. Along with the Wright Flyer rendition and commemorative wall, the park will feature engraved brick paving stones that can be purchased by aviation supporters in the community. Future park visitors are invited to contemplate the historical significance of the airport and think about the tremendous progress that has been made during the past 100 years in flight.

The Wright Flyer rendition is being constructed by the AG Stafford Company of Canton and will arrive at the airport in the Fall. Aviation Park is scheduled to be completed in October



Aviation Park's executive committee and volunteers participate in the ground-breaking ceremony's activities.

and will be dedicated on Dec. 17, the 100th anniversary of flight.

Aviation Park is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Commemorative bricks are available for purchase and cost \$50-150. Additional information is available at www.cakaviationpark.org or by calling Phil Gizzi at 330-494-7188 or Ron Armitage at 330-832-1308. ✈



President Bush waves goodbye as he enters Air Force One. The President flew into CAK April 24 to speak to Timken employees and the White House press corps about a \$550 billion tax-cut plan that has caused a split in the Republican Party.

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Comair/The Delta Connection Adds 7th Flight to Cincinnati

Responding to strong customer demand, Comair/The Delta Connection, will add a seventh flight from Akron-Canton Airport to its hub in Cincinnati May 20. The flight will depart CAK at 8:05 a.m. and arrive in Cincinnati at 9:05 a.m. A return flight leaves Cincinnati at 11:10 a.m. and returns to CAK at 12:10 a.m. To book your next Delta flight, call your travel agent, 800-221-1212 or visit www.delta.com.

Record Pace for Passengers in 2003

For the first time in airport history, more than 90,000 travelers flew through Akron-Canton Airport in a single month. A total of 95,324 passengers used the airport in March, exceeding the 85,584 who used the airport in August 2002, the previous best month on record. The March total accounts for a 34 percent increase over March 2002 when a total of 71,036 passengers used Akron-Canton. For the first three months of the year, 237,732 fliers have passed through the terminal, a 28 percent increase over first quarter 2002. Provided current passenger levels continue, the airport will host more than one million passengers this year.

AirTran Airways, Comair/The Delta Connection, United Express and Northwest Airlinck each experienced increased boardings compared to March last year.

"We are delighted to welcome so many new travelers to Akron-Canton," said Airport Director Fred Krum. "Good air fares, shorter lines, and less hassle make us a better way to go."

Cleveland Area Shuttle Service Begins

Hopkins Airport Limousine Service began express service from southern Cleveland and West Akron to the Akron-Canton Airport on March 14. The new service comes on the heels of AirTran Airways' new flights to LaGuardia Airport from CAK.

The new shuttle, Akron-Canton Express, will service several hotels in the Cleveland area to and from CAK.

Rides on Akron-Canton Express will cost \$16 each way. Families (two adults and two children under 12) qualify for a family rate of \$56 each way.

"We're simply responding to new demand for affordable transportation

between the Cleveland area and Akron-Canton Airport," said Chris Goebel, Hopkins Limousine manager. "This is a great transportation alternative for fliers who are departing from CAK."

Akron-Canton Express will run Sunday through Friday. Pick-up and drop-off locations include the Beachwood Holiday Inn, the Independence Holiday Inn and the Fairlawn Hilton. Reservations and 72-hour advance notification are required. Reservations can be made by calling 800-543-9912 or logging onto www.gohopkins.com.

Depart Beachwood Holiday Inn		
5:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Depart Independence Holiday Inn		
5:25 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
Depart Fairlawn Hilton		
6:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Arrive Akron-Canton Airport		
6:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Depart Akron-Canton Airport		
12:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Arrive Fairlawn Hilton		
12:25 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Arrive Independence Holiday Inn		
1:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
Arrive Beachwood Holiday Inn		
1:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.

Passing Through

Category	April 2002	April 2003	% Change	YTD 2002	YTD 2003	% Change
Passengers	73,997	91,425	+23.55%	259,850	329,157	+26.67%



- US Airways Express 1-800-428-4322
 - United Express 1-800-241-6522
 - Northwest Airlink 1-800-225-2525
 - Comair/The Delta Connection 1-800-221-1212
 - AirTran Airways 1-800-247-8726
- CAK Carriers

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