

MARCH 2008

WHAT'S NEW AT TUCSON INTERNATIONAL

AIR SERVICE:

13 AIRLINES PROVIDING 89 DAILY NONSTOP DEPARTURES TO 29 DESTINATIONS

US Airways announced they will begin daily nonstop service to Charlotte, N.C. on June 3. This will bring to 12 the number of flights offered by US Airways. The Tempe-based airline currently offers 11 daily departures to Phoenix. The flight departs Tucson at 11:30 p.m. and arrives in Charlotte at 6:12 a.m. The return flight leaves Charlotte at 6:15 p.m. and arrives in Tucson at 7:32 p.m. Customers may book flights at www.usairways.com, by calling 800-428-4322, or through a travel agent.

2007 was an extraordinary year for air service at Tucson International Airport. With two new airlines and 10 new daily nonstop departures, Tucson flyers now have a choice of 90 daily departures to 29 destinations on 13 airlines. A quick recap of the year includes:

ExpressJet Airlines landed at TIA on April 2, 2007 with nonstop service to Los Angeles and Kansas City. On April 9, they added Sacramento and Austin and on April 30, San Antonio. On September 9, Tucson scored again when Express Jet added El Paso and just two months later they added Omaha Reno and Spokane.

Southwest Airlines introduced daily nonstop service to Oakland on November 3, as well as a fourth flight to San Diego. Earlier in the year, on March 11, the airline everyone "luvs", added a sixth flight to Los Angeles and in May, a second flight to Chicago Midway.

Delta Airlines introduced twice daily service to Los Angeles in December, the first time they've flown that route since 1993.

United added a fourth flight to Denver on September 5, and announced the return of its seasonal daily nonstop to Washington DC/Dulles beginning February 14, 2008.

American Airlines added its eighth daily flight to Dallas on September 5, and Frontier added a third flight to Denver on January 18, 2008.

Sun Country Airlines, a newcomer Tucson, is testing the market with twice weekly nonstop service to Minneapolis December 16-April 7, 2008.

www.airtucson.com is TIA's air service portal. Sign up for the weekly Fare Finder Alerts.

NEWS BRIEFS

2007 Passenger Traffic Breaks Record

2007 passenger traffic increased 4.81% compared to 2006 with 4,429,905 travelers compared to 4,226,759. Since 2003, TIA passenger traffic has increased over 26.25%.

Darryl B. Dobras Named Chair of Tucson Airport Authority

Darryl B. Dobras assumed the chairmanship of the Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) in January. A member of the Authority since 1982, Mr. Dobras was named to the Board of Directors in 2004. He is the President of DBD Investments, Inc., and serves on numerous boards. The membership also selected two new members for the board of directors: Lisa H. Israel, President/CEO, La Posada at Park Centre, Inc., and Gregory A. Pivrotto, President/CEO, University Medical Center.

Continuing on the board this year are: Raymond Bernal, Chanda S. Budhabhatti, Timothy J. Prouty, Rubin Salter, Christopher Sheafe, and Thomas A. Zlaket.

Tucson Airport Authority Celebrates Sixty

The Tucson Airport Authority turns 60 in 2008. The Tucson Airport Authority is a nonprofit corporation composed of 115 residents of Pima County and is responsible for the development and promotion of air transportation in Arizona. TAA manages the operation of Tucson International and general aviation airport Ryan Airfield.

Formed under state law on April 12, 1948, as a civic nonprofit corporation, the mission of the Authority is "to promote aviation and foster economic development by strategically planning, developing and operating the most effective and efficient airport system for southern Arizona".

A nine-member board is elected annually to oversee policy decisions, and employs Bonnie Allin, TAA President/CEO, who is responsible for over 300 employees.

TAA does not receive any local tax dollars. Operations are funded through revenues from parking, space rentals, land leases, fuel sales, airline landing fees, and concessions. Capital improvements, such as runways, are funded through state and federal grants.

Tucson International Airport Tower Turns 50th

With neon spelling out TUCSON, the air traffic control tower is a friendly welcome for Tucson travelers landing at Tucson International Airport. Dedicated on October 18, 1958, at a party to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Tucson Airport Authority, the tower was the third largest structure in town at 119'2".

The building turns 50 in 2008 and looks essentially the same as it did when it was built. The structure has been re-sided, re-painted, and the neon corners have been removed, but TUCSON still glows in neon every night; an appropriate and much-loved howdy to visitors from around the world.

TAA Unveils New Logo; Issues Commemorative Calendar

The Tucson Airport Authority unveiled an updated logo for the Tucson Airport Authority, coinciding with the 60th anniversary of the organization. TAA also introduced two new logos, one for TIA and one for Ryan, that echo the Tucson Airport Authority brand, but they are separate elements that will be used independently on signs, advertising, social networking and the TAA website, and in other promotional material. The updated logo includes a tag line with the anniversary date, 1948-2008.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Authority has produced a calendar that includes historic photos as well as interesting information and useful facts about TAA, TIA and Ryan Airfield. It is free and available to the public by calling 573-4868, or email to info@tucsonairport.org.

2007 Year in Review Now Available

The 2007 Year in Review is available online at www.tucsonairport.org.

AROUND TIA

Promotional Price for Garage Parking at TIA

The Tucson Airport Authority is extending its promotional price of \$9 per day for the parking garage until March 31, 2008. The regular price is \$13 per day. The lot is located on the second level of the garage which is adjacent to the rental car building at the east side of the airport terminal. Visitors can access the lot from the main airport entrance at Tucson Boulevard and following the Garage Parking signs. A directional map and additional TIA parking information is available at www.tucsonairport.org.

There are also 300 covered parking in the airport's Economy Park 'N Save lot for \$8 per day, located on E. Corona Road, accessible off either South Country Club Road or South Tucson Boulevard, near the entrance to the TIA terminal. Free shuttles run continuously between the parking facility and airport terminal. Parking (vehicles) uncovered costs \$4 per day. Other parking options at TIA include:

- . Hourly: \$1 per ½ hour, \$12/day.
- . Daily: \$1 per ½ hour for first hour then \$1.50/hour, \$9/day.
- . Economy: \$4/day.
- . Covered Economy: \$8/day April-September. \$6/day October-March.
- . Garage: \$3/ hour, \$9/day through March. \$13/day April-September.
- . Cell Phone Waiting Lot: Free parking for people waiting to pick up arriving passengers.

All Tucson Airport Authority parking lots now accept American Express, as well as MasterCard and Visa, credit cards.

Cell Phone Waiting Lot Offers Free Parking

TIA's popular parking lot Cell Phone Waiting Lot received a facelift that included paving, curbing, drainage improvements, as well as a dog walk. Located on Airport Drive, off the entrance roadway loop to the terminal, there are over 30 free spaces available for visitors waiting for a phone call from arriving guests.

Scheduled Executive Sedan Service Now Available

Executive sedan service is now available at TIA with a fleet of luxury sedans, including Lincoln Town Cars and Cadillacs, available to meet all arriving flights. Service to outlying communities in Arizona will soon be available with advance reservations.

- . AAA Full Transportation 520-623-7308 www.AAAyellowaz.com

Million Air Scheduled to Arrive at TIA in 2008

Premier Aviation plans to open its new franchise fixed base operation, Million Air, that will cater to the luxury corporate executive jet market. Scheduled for completion by mid-2008, the project will consist of a two-story building with 20,000 sq. ft. of office space, and 20,000 sq. ft. of hangar space. It will be located at the TIA Campbell/Valencia General Aviation Complex.

AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION

Concourse Renovation Project

Meeting the demands of a dynamic population that now exceeds one million, TAA provides a first class travel experience for everyone who visits TIA. It's all part of the \$30 million Concourse Renovation Project nearing completion at TIA, with a focus on providing even more passenger amenities, including:

- **Welcome Lounges** in baggage claim featuring living room-style furniture, Flight View monitors to watch arriving and departing flights real time, and closed circuit television screens to view arriving passengers, as well as Ike's Coffee Cafes.

- **Massage Chairs** in baggage claim and on the concourses.

Third Floor Conference Center adjacent to Jet Rock Bar and Grill with meeting rooms available for rent for \$50-75 per half day. Complete catering of food and beverages is also available. To reserve the space contact OTG Management at 520-573-8225.

- **Free WiFi**
- **Food Courts and Coffee Cafes** in baggage claim and on the concourses, as well as a full service restaurant on the third floor. **Jet Rock Bar and Grill** is open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.
- **Reconfigured Security Checkpoints**
- **New and Remodeled Restrooms**

TAA ART AND CULTURE PROGRAM

TAA Names Four Tucson Artists for TIA Art Opportunities

Tucson artists Sue Betanzos, John Davis, Susan Gamble, and Tom Philabaum were selected for five art installations that will be integrated into the building as part of the Concourse Renovation Project currently underway at Tucson International Airport. The work will be unveiled at various events celebrating the 60th anniversary of TAA, and the 50th anniversary of the TIA control tower.

Live at TIA! Performing Art Program Debuts at TIA

Live at TIA! is TAA's popular Performing Art Program with bi-weekly performances in the terminal. A complete list of performances can be found at www.tucsonairport.org. Entertainers interested in performing can apply online.

Art Exhibits Currently on Display

TAA has several galleries throughout the terminal with changing exhibits. A list of current exhibits is available on the airport website, www.tucsonairport.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

New Projects / Events 2008

- Opening Atlantic Aviation Hangar: March 2008
- Dedication of integrated art in the TIA terminal: April 2008
- Live at TIA! Concert Series: April 2008
- Community Open House to Celebrate 60th Anniversary of TAA / 50th Anniversary of TIA Tower: October 11
- Opening Million Air Hangar: Summer 2008
- Opening TAA Warehouse Complex: Fall 2008
- Pay on Foot Parking: Fall 2008
- Completion of Ryan Airfield Master Plan Update: December 2008
- Construction of roadways and utilities on 60 acres east of the terminal for aviation related development: Spring 2008
- New airport website: December 2008