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Airport Dedicates New Membership Club

“Altitude: A Traveler’s Club,” the airport’s new, upscale membership club, was dedicated on Thursday, June 17.

“It is an opportunity for every person traveling through Louisville International Airport to have the same first-class experience that’s offered by airlines at their membership clubs at major hub airports,” said Louisville Regional Airport Authority (LRAA) Executive Director Skip Miller.

At the celebration, Board Chairman J.D. Nichols presented the first lifetime club membership to former Board Chairman J. Michael Brown, whose commitment to positioning Louisville International Airport as the airport of choice for regional air travelers inspired the creation of “Altitude.”

“This opening marks just one of the many terminal improvements that are planned as part of our continuing \$41 million terminal renovation,” said Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson.

The name, “Altitude: A Traveler’s Club,” was proposed by LRAA employee Tom Capshaw, who envisions the club as a place to relax—far above the hustle and bustle of a busy airport.

The club is open daily from 4:30 am to 9:30 pm.



Altitude: A Traveler’s Club held its grand opening June 17, 2004.

For membership fees and other information about the club, please call (502) 361-5665 or Email altitudetravelersclub@yahoo.com

Earl F. Jones, Jr. Appointed to Airport Board



Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson recently appointed Earl F. Jones, Jr. to the Louisville Regional Airport Authority (LRAA) Board of Directors. Jones’ term expires April 1, 2007. Jones’ appointment filled a vacancy created by the resignation of J.

Michael Brown.

Jones is currently Senior Counsel, Government and Industry Relations, for General Electric’s Consumer & Industrial Division, headquartered at Appliance Park in Louisville. In addition, Jones is a member of the board of directors of the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, a not-for-profit

trade association representing manufacturers of major and portable home appliances, floor care appliances, and suppliers.

Jones earned his law degree at Columbia University. Early in his career, he concentrated in labor and employment law in New York. He joined General Electric in 1973 and now directs public policy and regulatory law issues for the division.

In addition to serving on LRAA’s Board of Directors, Jones is a director of the Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy, where he serves on the board’s executive committee.

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Hi-Tech Mold & Tool Expands With \$5.5 Million Investment

Officials from Hi-Tech Mold & Tool, Louisville Metro Government, and Greater Louisville Inc. – The Metro Chamber of Commerce recently announced the expansion of Hi-Tech’s plastic injection molding production facility in the Renaissance Zone.

The expansion includes \$5.5 million of investment for a new 85,000 square-foot facility, 150 new jobs in addition to the 107 current employees, and a projected payroll of \$3.5 million. Hi-Tech is the first business in the Renaissance Zone to expand since the Zone’s creation last fall.

“Hi-Tech is a homegrown success, providing stable jobs and necessary products,” stated Mayor Jerry E. Abramson.

The Renaissance Zone is a 3,000-acre business park due south of Louisville International Airport, established as a pilot-program Tax Increment Financing district by the State, Louisville Metro Government, and the Louisville Regional Airport Authority to finance infrastructure improvements within the zone. Metro and State governments targeted this area, close to the interstate system, rail and airport, as a way to encourage manufacturing and industrial businesses to locate in this new business park.

Steve Higdon, GLI’s President and CEO said, “It ushers in a new era of opportunity for businesses to locate and expand around Louisville International Airport – one of this community’s greatest assets.”

Since 1988, the Louisville Regional Airport Authority, airlines, airport tenants and customers, as well as local, state and federal governments have invested more than \$800 million in airport improvements, leading to more than \$1 billion in additional investments surrounding the airport.

Created in 2003, the Renaissance Zone Board is composed of the Louisville Regional Airport Authority’s Board.

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Airport Gets Additional K-9 Team



Officer Ron DeSoto and his K-9 partner, Grey.

Grey is Louisville International Airport’s newest bomb detection dog. Grey, a 2 ½ year old German Shepherd weighing 82 pounds, lives with his human partner, Officer Ron DeSoto and is transported in a specialized cage designed for safety and

comfort. Although Grey is bred for a friendly disposition, passengers and customers are

discouraged from petting, feeding or approaching him. He has a service life up to age 10.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA), a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, initiated the airport K-9 bomb detection units to enhance the safety and security of passengers traveling by air, as well as citizens on the ground below them.

Louisville International Airport was among the first airports to receive TSA provided K-9 bomb units due, in large part, to the Airport’s participation in the TSA’s benchmark security survey. The TSA reimburses the airport up to \$40,000 annually per dog.

The K-9 team consists of Cata and her handler, Officer Willy Ball; Brandi and her handler, Officer Kelly Daniels; and the newest addition, Grey and his handler, Officer Ron DeSoto. The dogs come to the airport after a 10 week intensive training program at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, the primary training base for military and government working dogs.

FAA Approves Airport Noise Compatibility Program

On May 14, 2004, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) gave its overall approval to Louisville International Airport's proposed Noise Compatibility Program.

The FAA's approval affirmed the 4 years of work invested by the 1,000+ members of the Noise Compatibility Study Group on crafting a plan for creating the least amount of aircraft noise over the fewest families. The proposed plan reduces by 2/3rds (from 1,539 to 549) the number of families most affected by aircraft noise. The approval also affirmed continuing support for relocating the remaining 431 eligible families in the airport's current voluntary residential relocation program.

Of the 42 recommendations in the proposed Noise Compatibility Study, the FAA:

- Approved 20 recommendations, of which the Authority has implemented 9 and is already in the process of implementing another 3.
- Approved 8 recommendations, in part.



- Took no action on 7 recommendations relating to new or revised flight procedures, pending completion of further study or environmental analysis.
- Disapproved 3 recommendations.

The LRAA, in anticipation of the FAA's request for environmental analysis on certain Program recommendations, has already contracted with Wyle Laboratories for an acoustical study on areas north and west of the airport that may be affected. This analysis is partially in process. Additional analysis from Wyle or others may be needed for the Authority's response to the FAA.



LOWELL PRATTE, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY, HAS BEEN ELECTED FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES (AAAE), AND WILL ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY IN 2005.

Authority Receives \$6.2 Million Grant

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recently awarded the Louisville Regional Airport Authority (LRAA) a \$6.2 million federal grant towards Phase 2 of the West Runway Extension project.

The runway, completed in 1997 and fully commissioned in 1998, is the longest of three airport runways at 10,000 feet.

During an update of Louisville International Airport's Master Plan, it was determined that an additional 1700 feet was needed on the West Runway to maintain the airport's competitiveness with other air cargo airports. In 2001, a feasibility study commenced to determine how to best achieve this. In November of 2003, a

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was received from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The project is a partnership between the LRAA, the DOT/FAA, the Kentucky State Transportation Cabinet and United Parcel Service (UPS). The extension, proposed to lengthen the runway to almost 12,000 feet in 3 phases, permits large aircraft with full and heavier

loads to fly longer distances non-stop from Louisville, particularly the Pacific Rim countries.

Budget - West Runway Extension Project		
State Grant	(Phase 1)	\$ 1,400,000
Federal Grant	(Phase 2&3)	\$13,938,374
LRAA Share	(Phase 2&3)	\$ 4,646,124
Total Project Budget		\$19,984,498

LOUISVILLE INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS

PASSENGERS
(ARRIVING & DEPARTING)
May 309,580
CY-T-D 1,356,539

TOTAL CARGO (LBS)
May 307,970,475
CY-T-D 1,544,311,545

OPERATIONS
May 14,308
CY-T-D 70,715

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May 10,839
CY-T-D 44,275

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