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“Open for Business” - TSA Checkpoint & Terminal Connector

Since 1974, an underground tunnel has directly connected passengers between the Main Terminal and Satellite Concourse at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).

That route has changed!

On August 30th, passengers started processing through the new TSA Checkpoint and Terminal Connector at ABE.

“Service isn’t just one of our core values, service is what this airport is known for within the region. We are confident our new TSA Checkpoint and Terminal Connector further elevates the customer service at ABE,” said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.

Earlier this summer, Airport officials unveiled the new \$35-million infrastructure investment with U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Congresswoman Susan Wild, PA Governor Josh Shapiro, other federal / state / local leaders, and organizations from across the Lehigh Valley.

“This was one of the very first projects that we were able to announce last year that we funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL),” said Secretary Pete Buttigieg, U.S. DOT.

The new facility addresses critical operational needs which include:

- an additional lane for TSA security processing (with the potential for expansion)
- improved vertical circulation equipment
- shorter walking distances with separation of arriving and departing passengers
- medical-grade air purification (LifeAire System)



ABE is the first airport in the world to install a LifeAire System – which is built in the Lehigh Valley. The system reduces airborne pathogens (including COVID-19) by more than 99% and achieved a 96% reduction in harmful surface pathogens in a recent health care study.

“The Airport has served as a critical piece of infrastructure and economic driver for the Lehigh Valley. It has provided jobs, brought visitors, and connected our thriving local economy to the rest of the country and the world,” said U.S. Congresswoman Susan Wild.

“The additional space increases our capacity to screen more travelers comfortably and efficiently than the previous space allowed. The environment of the new space is a once-in-a-generation modern checkpoint not only built for today, but also with an eye toward the future with infrastructure for state-of-the art technologies as they come online,”



Nonstop to:

- Denver (DEN)
- Fort Lauderdale (FLL)
- Melbourne (MLB) *Starts Nov. 17
- Myrtle Beach (MYR)
- Nashville (BNA)
- Orlando Sanford (SFB)
- Punta Gorda (PGD)
- Sarasota (SRQ)
- St. Petersburg (PIE)



Nonstop to:

- Charlotte (CLT)
- Philadelphia (PHL)



Nonstop to:

- Atlanta (ATL)
- Detroit (DTW)



Nonstop to:

- Chicago (ORD)
- Newark (EWR)



FLYER FEEDBACK - “IF YOU LIVE IN THE VALLEY, IT’S TOUGH TO BEAT ABE. IT’S CLOSE, EASY TO PARK, AND THE FOLKS ARE FRIENDLY. SINCE AIRLINE BUS “FLIGHTS” TO PHL AND EWR HAVE EXPANDED, PRICES HAVE BEEN COMPETITIVE TOO. I’M VERY GLAD TO HAVE AN AIRPORT LIKE THIS IN OUR COMMUNITY.” – GREGORY C.



“Open for Business” – TSA Checkpoint & Terminal Connector (cont'd)

said Karen Keys-Turner, Transportation Security Administration Federal Security Director for ABE.

Besides the financial commitment of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA), the project received strong funding support from federal and state leaders.

“This expansion should send a clear message that Allentown and the Lehigh Valley are ready to drive innovation and economic opportunity on a national and global scale,” said Governor Josh Shapiro, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Inside the New Terminal Connector:

- Building Concrete** – 1,220 cubic yards
- Site Concrete** – 290 cubic yards
- Steel** – 275 tons (550,000 pounds)
- Glass** – 31 tons (62,000 pounds)
- Metal Panels** – 18 tons (36,200 pounds)
- Terrazzo Floor** – 16,800 square feet
- Data & Electrical Wiring** – 83 miles
- Asphalt Pavement** – 2,370 tons
- Micropile Foundations** – 215 total with depths of 20 to 160 feet

“Collectively, this infrastructure project alleviated operational challenges, streamlined the way people will travel through ABE, and continues to position the Airport for further growth and expansion,” said Stoudt.

We’re Flying West!

Not since the early 2000’s has Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) provided nonstop air service to the western part of the United States.

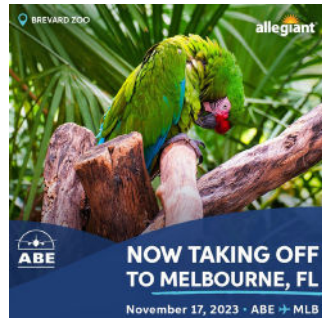
That changed in June.

Passengers at Gate 7 lined up to board the inaugural flight to the “Mile High City” - Denver, Colorado aboard Allegiant Air.

Whether it’s visiting the Rocky Mountains, skiing, hiking, Larimer Square, or the arts/culture district, there’s plenty of attractions and family activities that will ensure this destination has been one popular ticket.

“According to Allegiant representatives, the community responded with record ticket sales for any new route the airline has announced in recent memory,” said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.

An appreciation bag containing a copy of the Denver Lures and Visitors Guide, and a bag of a Colorado staple – Oogies Gourmet Popcorn was placed at each seat aboard the aircraft.



New Destination!

Allegiant has announced nonstop service from your neighborhood airport to Melbourne/Cocoa Beach International Airport in Florida.

“We continue to see historically high demand for leisure travel, we are thrilled to add this route to our network and build on the success we’ve had in the Lehigh Valley market,” said Drew Wells, Senior

Vice President and Chief Revenue Officer, Allegiant Air.

Flights will start on Friday, November 17th.

“As part of Florida’s Space Coast, Melbourne has a world-renowned arts district, family-friendly entertainment venues like Brevard Zoo and access to fantastic beaches which can make it another place for rest and relaxation for Lehigh Valley residents,” said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.

Boarding at Gate #14!

American Airlines customers traveling on Landline-operated motorcoaches from Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) enroute to Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) have a new takeoff point.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a short-term security program amendment which enables travelers to clear security at ABE and board the motorcoach using Gate #14 of the Wilfred M. “Wiley” Post Jr. Concourse. Passengers will arrive at PHL beyond the TSA Security Checkpoint and proceed straight to their connecting flight.

“We have put in numerous security requirements for the bus operators and all airline personnel to ensure robust security protocols are followed at all times,” said Karen Keys-Turner, TSA’s Federal Security Director for the Airport.

The program had been operating in a curb-to-curb manner since June 2022.

“With a legacy of prioritizing convenience for passengers, ABE becomes a more attractive travel option with the implementation of American Airlines and Landline’s first ever ‘tarmac to tarmac’ operation,” said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.

Passenger Traffic

Thank you for always choosing your neighborhood airport!

2023 Total Passenger Traffic

- January – 66,391
- February – 64,465
- March – 78,216
- April – 73,481
- May – 73,192
- June – 84,192
- July – 91,272

Out with the old... installing the new!

ABE replaced all carpet areas throughout the Satellite Concourse. Thank you to COPE Commercial Flooring and Interiors, Inc. and Shaw Floors.





Facing Their Fear

Thirteen participants took advantage of the Fear of Flying Seminar hosted by Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).



During the session, certified therapist, Dina Loomis highlighted several stress-relieving exercises and recommended other online resources for additional support.

All attendees were invited to board a parked aircraft with a commercial airline pilot, Rosanne Stencil-Johnson, as she explains the sights and sounds that are part of the flying experience.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Security Manager Lori Avizof also provided an informational tour regarding protocols of the passenger security screening area.

Preparing to Respond

The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) joined mutual aid partners from across the region for an annual review of the Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) Airport Emergency Plan (AEP) – required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).



95 personnel representing 37 federal, state, regional, county, and local emergency response agencies attended the three-hour session at the Lehigh Valley Hotel & Conference Center (Bethlehem, PA) which included a Tabletop Exercise that focused on core capabilities and objectives related to a mock aircraft accident.

Supporting Our Military

Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) staff joined representatives from Olympus Corporation of the Americas and Guardian Life Insurance to pack 880 boxes for the MilitaryShare Pack Program coordinated by the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley at Second Harvest Food Bank in Nazareth.

The MilitaryShare Pack Program will serve 150 military families (veterans, reservists, and active duty) once a month by providing a box of staple foods and additional fresh produce, dairy and lean proteins.



It's Time for Work!

Take Your Child to Work Day offers the chance for employees and their families to experience a behind-the-scenes tour of jobs that are critical for airport operations.

ABE was excited to welcome 22 children/grandchildren for the day-long event that featured stops at the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority Police Department, Lehigh Valley Aviation Services and the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Unit.

Lunch, crafts, and games were also provided.

A special thank you to the ABE Police Department, K9 Officer Jake Scoble and Mikki, Scott Richards Aviation, and the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Unit.



Makala's Mission

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) hosted a public blood drive for Miller-Keystone Blood Center (MKBC) in memory of Makala Ashmar.



Makala inspired her family, friends, and colleagues during a courageous battle with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma – an aggressive and rare cancer of the bile duct. Her commitment to help serve the community continues with 20 units of blood collected to help support Miller-Keystone Blood Center.

Since 2015, LNAA blood drives have collected 307 units. MKBC is the only blood supplier to the 33 hospitals in our region. Thank you to all the donors!

Employee Appreciation Events

Employee Appreciation in 2023 has been all about food! Three food trucks, visits from Oogies Vintage Ice Cream and Kona Ice trucks, and goodies in the employee breakrooms have been a delicious "thank you" from LNAA to its incredible staff. And the year isn't over yet!



Pet Food Drive

The Chopper Foundation, an organization that helps families and local rescues with veterinary costs, held a pet food drive for their Annual Chow-line for Chopper event in July. ABE staff generously donated roughly 300 pounds of pet food for the fundraising event, and the pet food was given to pet owners in need within the community. For more information visit their website: www.thechopperfoundation.org



Employee Spotlight



Colton Miller
(Information Systems & Technology)

Colton graduated from Lincoln Technical Institute with an associate's degree in the Computer and Network Support Technician (CNST) training program in 2014. He started working as a contractor at Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) in 2015 and became a full-time IT Technician in 2016. In 2022, Colton was promoted to Network Administrator, which is the position he holds today. He enjoys every facet of technology and loves solving the problems and challenges they present. When not at work, Colton can be found taking long drives, or spending time with his friends and family.



Canine Corner



Jim and DeeDee Carlson w/Abbey
(C.O.P.E. Volunteers)

Having met in New Mexico, DeeDee (a native of Bethlehem) and Jim just celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary.

They have a cat named Smudge and a dog named Abbey. Abbey is a Saint Bernard and a certified therapy dog. She is the third therapy-certified Saint Bernard they have owned. Together, they have visited hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, and schools looking to help put a smile on people's faces.

Jim, DeeDee, and Abbey have been members of the C.O.P.E. (Canines Offering Passengers Encouragement) Therapy Dog Program at ABE since 2018. Abbey enjoys volunteering at the Airport because she encounters people that are excited to be traveling.

"We rode all over the east coast on a Harley and loved every minute of it. We love the Poconos and vacationing at the Jersey shore. We both have always loved animals and at one time you would have thought our house was a zoo. Being a part of the C.O.P.E. program is a fun and exciting way for us to share Abbey."
– Jim and DeeDee Carlson

ABE'S TRAVEL TIP – When packing your carry-on item, remember TSA's 3-1-1 Liquids Rule. Liquids, gels, aerosols, creams, and pastes must not exceed 3.4 ounces or 100 Milliliters per container (i.e., water, liquid hand sanitizer, hairspray, lotion, shampoo, and toothpaste, etc.). All compliant liquids must fit in one clear plastic quart-size bag per passenger. For more information, reach out to @Ask TSA on Facebook or Twitter or visit TSA's website at www.tsa.gov.