

# INFORMATION FROM



## *Glynn County Airport Commission*

### **BRUNSWICK GOLDEN ISLES AIRPORT: A BRIEF HISTORY**

- Glynco was developed as a United States Navy Blimp Base in 1943 and expanded to an aircraft/radar training center in the early 1950s.
- In mid-1971, Delta Airlines commenced air service at Glynco Naval Air Station and continued service until early 1974 under a civilian military joint use agreement.
- In April 1973, the Glynco Naval Air Station was declared surplus to the needs of the Navy and the announcement was made that the naval base would be decommissioned in late 1974.
- In early 1974, a 19-member “Glynco Steering Committee” was formed to coordinate and plan for the conversion from military to civilian use. Committee members were:
  - Ben T. Slade III, Chairman
  - Dr. E.R. Jennings
  - Bernie Bernard
  - Frank Deloach
  - Joe Isenberg
  - A.W. Jones Jr.
  - Hugh Langford
  - Mrs. Josephine Wilkes
  - Jack Lissner
  - Joe Roberts
  - Rev. E.C. Tillman
  - Tom Morris (deceased)
  - Richard Heller
  - Wright Parker
  - Mack Mattingly
  - Jack Warren
  - Ken Tollison
  - Dr. John Teel
  - Fred Earl Wages
  - Gordon R. Davis – hired as Glynco Reuse Coordinator

## BRUNSWICK GOLDEN ISLES AIRPORT: BRIEF HISTORY – add 1

- On April 30, 1975, Glynco was opened as a civilian airport. The federal government deeded the airport property to Glynn County on July 1, 1975. During the same year, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center was located at Glynco.
- On December 18, 1980, the Glynn County Airport Commission was established as an agency of Glynn County to operate and develop the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport in Brunswick and the Malcolm B. McKinnon Airport on St. Simons Island.
- On June 1, 1981, Atlantic Southeast Airlines commenced air service to Atlanta.
- In Fiscal Year 1989, Glynn County taxpayers contributed \$279,869 to the Glynn County Airport Commission budget. In FY 1990, this contribution was reduced to \$14,327. No county funds have been received since 1991.
- In August 1990, an airline agreement was executed with CCAir, A USAirways regional carrier, for service to Charlotte, NC.
- On April 5, 1991, Atlantic Southeast Airlines flight 2311 crashed due to mechanical failure.
- In April 1991, CCAir terminated service to Charlotte.
- In June 1991, ASA marked 10 years of service to Brunswick Golden Isles Airport.
- On May 3, 1992, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds performed at Brunswick Golden Isles Airport.
- On July 1, 1992, American Eagle signed an airline agreement for service to Raleigh.
- In February 1993, American Eagle terminated service to Raleigh.
- In August 1994, the Airport Commission accepted a federal grant to resurface the entire runway and taxi ways at Brunswick Golden Isles Airport, at a project cost of approximately \$1.5 million.
- In November 1994, the Board of Commissioners approved the Airport Master Plan dated December 1992, for incorporation into the Glynn County Comprehensive Master Plan. The Board of Commissioners also voted to change the Airport Commission appointment process.
- In 1997, Gulfstream announced the start of G-IV aircraft completions at Brunswick and a workforce increase from 87 to 130. Gulfstream currently completes the G-450 and G-550 aircraft at its Brunswick facility, which employs more than 300.

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- In February 2002, ASA Delta Connection initiated CRJ service to Brunswick Golden Isles Airport, with three daily round-trip flights to Atlanta. A fourth flight was added to the schedule in November 2002.
- In February 2004, the Airport Commission commenced a \$10.3 million improvement program at Brunswick Golden Isles Airport. The project included a new, 33,560 square-foot passenger terminal, new long- and short-term parking, improved access and other infrastructure improvements.

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