

Frontier Airlines launches new flights



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Frontier Airlines on Oct. 5 launched the first of 12 nonstop destinations coming this fall to Tampa International Airport, including nonstop service to Colorado Springs - a new destination for TPA.

Frontier is celebrating the new service with fares as low as \$29 at flyfrontier.com. In addition to Colorado Springs, the new cities from Tampa include the following: Buffalo, Columbus, Indianapolis, Islip, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, Providence and St. Louis. In addition, the carrier will reinstate seasonal service to Chicago-O'Hare. Frontier will operate these new routes with Airbus A320 family aircraft.

The new service comes amid a larger nationwide expansion that includes 85 new routes to 21 new cities. With the addition of these new flights, Frontier will serve 18 destinations from TPA.

"We're offering not only amazing low fares, but a reliable and friendly service that allows customers to customize their travel experience to their needs and their budget," said Josh Flyr, vice president network planning - Frontier Airlines. "This



Frontier Airlines operates out of Airside C along with Southwest Airlines.

empowers more people than ever before to fly. This is what our Low Fares Done Right philosophy is all about."

Frontier operates out of TPA Airside C along with Southwest Airlines and the new flights are expected to add to TPA's growing passenger volume as the airport concludes the first phase of its Master Plan expansion and concessions redevelopment.

"We are pleased to launch nonstop flights to Colorado Springs - a new destination for Tampa International Airport - and beyond excited to welcome these additional routes by the end of the year," said Airport CEO Joe Lopano. "The growth of Frontier's service at TPA helps connect our community to key cities around the U.S. and bring in more visitors to the Tampa Bay area." ■

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TPA BY THE NUMBERS



59 tons

Fully loaded with supplies, including 3,000 gallons of water, TPA's newest firefighting vehicle, the Oshkosh Global Striker HRET, weighs 59 tons.

TPA cuts ribbon on eight new concessions

Tampa International Airport concessionaires officially welcomed five new concessions on Airside A, including a food court and new shops, and three more on Airside C.



Executive Vice President of Operations and Customer Service John Tiliacos and members of the Paradies Lagardère team cut the ribbon on three new Airside C shops: SPANX, The Body Shop and News Channel 8. The three shops are located just past security in the middle of the Airside.



SPANX, shown here, has reported strong sales in its first few months.



News Channel 8 brings a local flair to the news convenience business.



Channel 8's Gayle Guyardo interviews Paradies CEO Gregg Paradies.



Shades of Time on Airside A features high end sunglasses and watches.



Executive Vice President of Operations and Customer Service cuts the ribbon on five new shops on Airside A.



Guests celebrated the opening of Chick-fil-A with shakes and snacks.



Dylan's Candy Bar marked its grand opening with a giant chocolate bunny.

...And construction wraps up on two more



InTune Electronics is officially open on Airside E. The electronics shop features a wide range of electronic goods for today's travelers.



Air Essentials offers Kahwa coffee, fresh pastries and a wide range of goods designed to improve passengers' travel experience.

Tampa International Airport hosts successful job fair



Dozens of applicants attended the Authority's job fair, which was designed to streamline the hiring process for qualifying candidates.

Tampa International Airport held a successful job fair on Friday, Oct. 6, bringing in dozens of applicants for a wide range of positions with the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority.

The job fair was designed to fill available positions with the Aviation Authority, most of which are in the Maintenance Department, including: electricians, multi-trade workers with experience in plumbing and carpentry, baggage system repair workers, landscapers and refrigeration A/C mechanics.

Human resources staff interviewed and screened applicants on the spot, streamlining the hiring process for qualifying candidates.

Positions in other departments are available as well. See current openings at: TampaAirport.com/careers-aviation-authority. ■

Amazon sends relief to Puerto Rico via TPA

On Oct. 2, Tampa International Airport was the launching point of a relief effort by Amazon, which donated tents, tarps, baby formula and other supplies to hurricane-stricken Puerto Rico.

Thank you to TPA's LGSTX Services staff and all who helped with this mission.

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos tweeted this photo of the plane being loaded at TPA and said, "Amazon plane packed with donation of critical supplies landed earlier today in San Juan. Thank you to all the Amazonians who made it happen." ■



The Amazon team pushes boxes of relief supplies destined for Puerto Rico. The team donated tents, tarps, baby formula and more to the island.



The American Airlines team, including Milton Taylor, Ivan Gonzalez and Dena Alimuddin, hold up the Puerto Rican flag.

AA launches Operation Puerto Rico Strong

American Airlines created an assistance program for employees who wanted to send much-needed supplies and generators to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for family members and friends impacted by Hurricane Maria. Because Hurricane Irma heavily damaged the cargo building in Orlando International Airport earlier in the month, AA employees from the Orlando area also came to TPA to ship out supplies to San Juan through the Air General cargo department. TPA AA agents, in the yellow vests, who assisted MCO agents were Milton Taylor, Ivan Gonzalez and Dena Alimuddin. ■

New Southwest ticket counter opens to rave reviews



Southwest Airlines has a brand new ticket counter! Tampa International Airport needed to move Southwest's old ticket counter, located on the east side of TPA's ticketing level, to accommodate a new connection to the Main Terminal SkyConnect station. The move served as an opportunity to upgrade the airline's ticketing operation with 18 new automated ticket kiosks – far more than were offered at the old counter.

New HART routes begin at Rental Car Center

The Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority is now operating three bus routes to TPA as part of the Transit Authority's comprehensive schedule change.

The new routes, which began running Sunday, Oct. 8, stop at the Rental Car Center's new commercial curb. The buses are first users of the curb. HART will provide connections between the Rental Car Center and the Main Terminal. The bus routes include Route 30, Route 32 and Route 60LX, and are part of the Transit Authority's Mission Max redesign to provide more efficient service and higher bus frequencies on high-demand routes. ■



HART now offers three routes to Tampa International Airport. The buses will stop at the Rental Car Center's commercial curb.



The final tower crane.

TPA says bon voyage to the final tower crane

Tampa International Airport's final tower crane, a bright yellow 172-foot tall Liebherr with a tiny white cab, is coming down this week in one of the most visible signs yet that construction on the Airport's Phase 1 expansion is winding to a close. It was two.

The tower crane was the first to appear at the Airport back in October 2014 and it is the last to leave. It graced the west side of TPA's Main Terminal, swinging in an endless circle as it lifted countless tons of structural steel, roofing panels, windows, concrete bags and crates of ceiling tiles. It survived eight seasons, two summers and a brush with Hurricane Irma without a scratch.

Thank you for your service, sturdy crane. ■



Employee Spotlight: Adam Juriga



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Adam Juriga, a Southwest Airlines ramp agent, is an avid planespotter with an eagle eye for great plane photos. He offers up his unique perspective to his 17,400 Instagram followers.

Born and raised in the Tampa Bay area, Southwest Airlines ramp agent Adam Juriga has early memories of his father bringing him to Tampa International Airport to watch planes land and take off and take photos.

“I guess that’s when I got the ‘AvGeek’ bug,” Juriga said.

“AvGeek” is a widely used term in the world of aviation enthusiasts on social media, coined to describe a worldwide community of aviation photographers and aircraft geeks. Over the past few years, Juriga has made a name for himself among the AvGeek circles, gaining nearly 17,500 followers on his Instagram account “prettyflyforarampguy.” His access to great shots of planes from the TPA ramp and his photo skills have allowed him to share beautiful shots of various types of aircraft against colorful Tampa Bay backdrops.

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I started posting photos of planes and I noticed I’d get hundreds of likes and new followers. It kind of just took off from there.”

Tampa International Airport’s social media team also noticed Juriga’s photos a few years ago and regularly interact with him, often sharing his photography on the TPA Facebook and Instagram accounts to help promote air service and the Airport

Juriga has worked as a ramp agent for nearly 10 years, starting out with Delta Global Services doing ground services for Continental and United. He also worked for JetBlue for several years, where he moved around to various Florida airports, including Ft. Lauderdale and Orlando. He landed a job with Southwest about a year ago and returned to TPA, his home airport

Juriga said he loves being around planes all day and hopes to go into air traffic control and dispatching. He plans to attend FAA air traffic control training in the near future and said he’s prepared to go wherever he might land a job in the field.

“I really like working for Southwest and it’s fun working as a ramp agent,” Juriga said. “Every day might be different.”

As an avid planespotter, though, Juriga is thrilled to be at TPA. He enjoys capturing photos of special livery designs and larger planes such as Icelandair and British Airways.

When he’s not working and taking photos, Juriga likes to visit air shows, play video games, travel and meet up with other AvGeeks. He’s a diehard Tampa Bay Lightning fan and also an animal lover. He lives in Citrus County with his longtime girlfriend, Melissa, an overweight cat named Rocky, another cat named Violet and a pitbull named Gator.

Juriga’s photos can be found by searching his name on jetphotos.net and visiting his “prettyflyforarampguy” Instagram account. ■



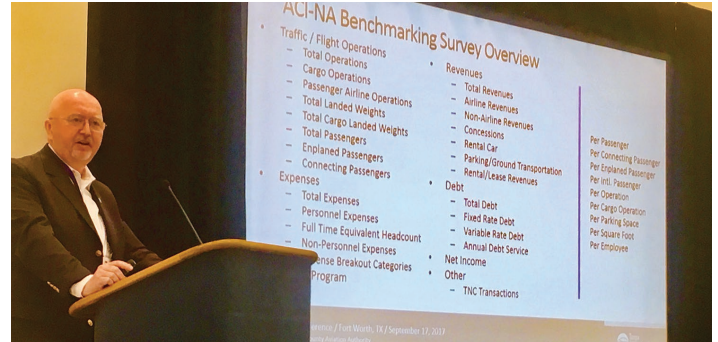
TPA in the World



Executive Vice President of Facilities and Administration Al Illustrato, second from the left, was a speaker at the 2017 Transportation Supersession. He is pictured with (left to right) TBARTA Executive Director Ramond Chiamonte, Vice President of Engineering at George F. Young, Inc., Jon Gotwald, FDOT District 1 Secretary LK Nandam and FDOT District 7 Secretary David Gwynn.



Airport Executive Vice President of Marketing Chris Minner, Manager of Brand & User Experience Justin Edwards, Director of Marketing Kari Goetz and Director of Air Service Development Kenneth Strickland attend World Routes 2017 in Barcelona.



Executive Vice President of Finance and Procurement Damian Brooke presented the results of a benchmarking survey to the ACI-NA finance committee on Sept. 16 at the organization's annual conference in Fort Worth.



Sustainability Manager Melissa Solberg participated in ACI-NA's Airport Carbon Accreditation Ceremony in September. TPA was one of seven airports to join the accreditation program.



VP of Information Technology Marcus Session and Principal Technologist of Application Support David Potter attended the Gartner Symposium in Orlando.

In the News



Tampa International Airport viewed from the sky earlier this month.

From the Tampa Bay Times, Sept. 26

TAMPA — Florida airports apparently have a knack for getting it done cheaply. According to RewardExpert, Tampa International Airport is the fifth least expensive domestic airport. Two other in-state airports are included in the top five: Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International (FLL) at No. 1 and Orlando International Airport coming in third. The report analyzed 45 of the nation's busiest airports based on 10 key indicators across four dimensions. ■



From ABC Action News, Sept. 29

Major changes are on the way to Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority bus routes. In less than a week the majority of riders will see their routes get shorter, but for others their routes will disappear altogether. It's a significant schedule change branded as Mission Max and it's the first major shake up of the busing network since 2003. ■

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...

ON TWITTER



@FlyTPA Breezed through as usual. Wish all airports had it together like y'all!

- Nate Doucette @StateoftheNate, Oct. 4

Slightly biased, but @FlyTPA is the best airport. Period. End of discussion.

- Paul Driscoll @PDriscollTBT, Sept. 28

@FlyTPA is one of my favorite places in my favorite city!

- YborNative @OldSchBucFan98, Sept. 28

Lyft picked me up at 5:34, at my gate by 5:58. A new @FlyTPA record? I think so! Love you forever Tampa.

- Bette Marston @bettemarston, Sept. 25

ON FACEBOOK



It is so easy here and people are friendly and helpful!!

- Courtney Fichter, Sept. 30

Awesome airport well signed, easy access, modern and efficient.

- Debbie Jimerson Parker, Sept. 28

Best layout for an airport that I have seen! Easy to navigate through the airport. Baggage comes off the belt quickly.

- Michele Lovett, Sept. 22

VIA EMAIL



Travelled from Tampa to Gatwick on BA last Sunday and was very impressed with the staff at the Security Dept, all were very pleasant and helpful, also the boxes for our belongings were clean unlike the ones at our local airport at Edinburgh which are filthy. Please convey our thanks to your team.

- Doug Smith, Sept. 19



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