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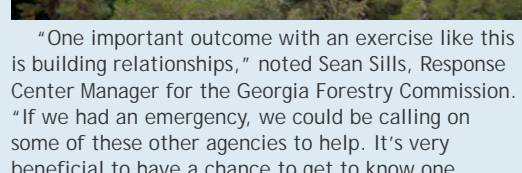
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Manning Aviation Hosts Air Safety Exercise



Firefighters got a chance to observe the performance of a new single engine tanker plane, made by Thrush Aircraft in Albany, Georgia, during the conference. The aircraft is capable of delivering up to 500 gallons of water or fire-retardant material. Photo courtesy of Sean Sills, Georgia Forestry Commission.

The skies above Brunswick Golden Isles Airport (BQK) were full of airborne firefighters on November 10. Fortunately, the reason was not a dangerous forest fire, but the Georgia Public Safety Aviators Conference. The training event, based at Manning Aviation, the airport's Fixed Base Operator (FBO), was designed to teach Georgia Forestry Commission pilots and cooperating agencies valuable skills in interagency communication, firefighting techniques, search and rescue/recovery, and resource management.

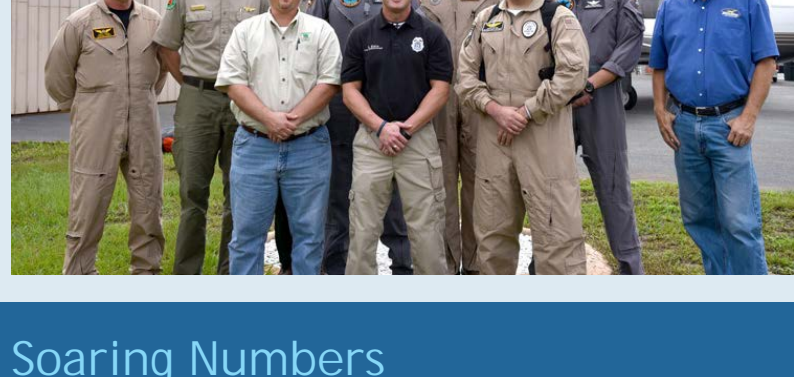


"One important outcome with an exercise like this is building relationships," noted Sean Sills, Response Center Manager for the Georgia Forestry Commission. "If we had an emergency, we could be calling on some of these other agencies to help. It's very beneficial to have a chance to get to know one another and work together in a training setting. It helps us be prepared for a wider range of possible events in the future."

"Since fires can happen anywhere, we hold these training events in various locations throughout the state," added Clay Chatham, Air Operations Supervisor for the Georgia Forestry Commission. "We are grateful to David and Richard Manning of Manning Aviation for their outstanding help with this exercise."

Agencies taking part in the exercise included the Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia National Guard, Savannah-Chatham County Mosquito Control, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Arkansas Forestry Commission, local fire and police departments, and private entities.

Above, center: A Georgia State Patrol helicopter is equipped with a "Bambi bucket" to deliver water to a fire. Below: Pilots for multiple agencies throughout the state took part in the conference. Photos courtesy of Lanie Weathers, Georgia Department of Public Safety.



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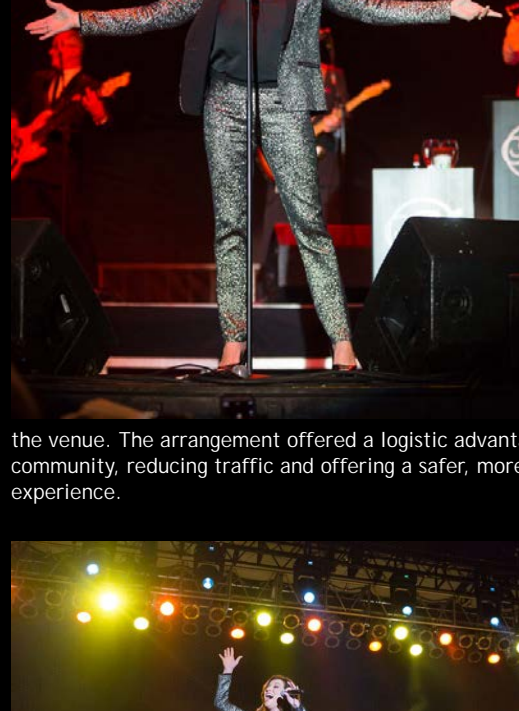


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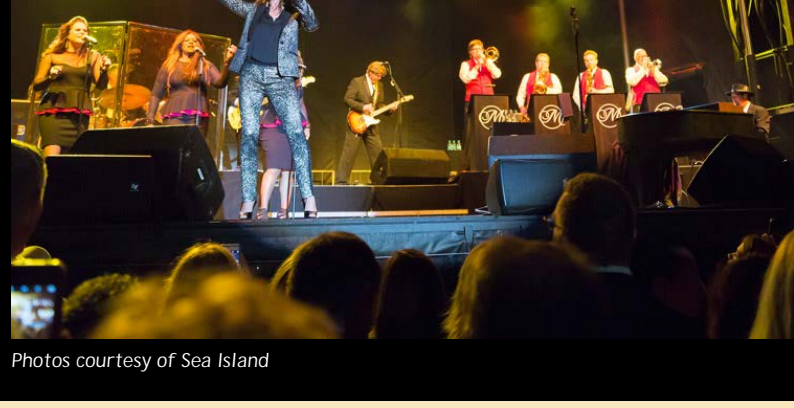
The number of passengers boarding Delta flights from Brunswick Golden Isles Airport to Atlanta increased 7.1% in October 2015, compared to the same time period last year. The number of flights increased nearly 5% as well, with 3,222 passengers taking advantage of the 37-minute flight to connect to the world's busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Special seasonal fares offered by Delta and an improved business travel-friendly schedule also positively affected recent ticket sales.



Rocking the Airport



The crowds cheered at McKinnon St Simons Island Airport (KSS) on November 21 when country music star Martina McBride took the stage for the Under the Oaks concert, part of the RSM Classic, a PGA TOUR event held at the Sea Island Golf Club. The Glynn County Airport Commission supported the prestigious tournament by inviting attendees and the community to the airport for this eagerly anticipated event. Using the airport property eliminated the need for shuttle transportation, and allowed concert guests to park adjacent to the venue. The arrangement offered a logistic advantage for guests and the community, reducing traffic and offering a safer, more accessible concert experience.



Photos courtesy of Sea Island

Glynn County Firefighters Practice Skills to Aid Aviation



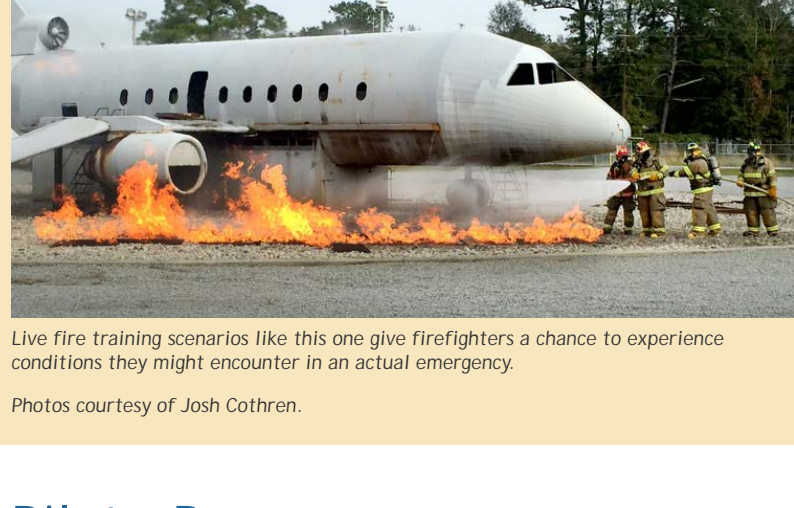
Evaluators observe Glynn County Fire Department firefighters and make notes to discuss the team's performance after a live fire exercise.



Thirteen members of the Glynn County Fire Department's Brunswick Golden Isles Airport firefighting unit traveled to Savannah this month to hone their skills in a live burn exercise at the Air National Guard's 165th Airlift Wing. The specialized unit operates the ARFF (Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting) equipment based at the Brunswick airport. The exercise was part of the annual training and evaluation required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to recertify firefighting units at all US airports that offer scheduled carrier service.

"The exercise gives our personnel an opportunity to put theory into practice," explained Captain Charles Yeargin of the Glynn County Fire Department. "Fortunately, actual aviation incidents are very rare. This type of training situation gives us a chance to get the experience we need to handle the materials and other unique aspects of an aircraft fire so we can be ready at all times."

Holding the exercise at the Air National Guard location in Savannah offered Glynn County's ARFF unit several advantages. "This is the closest training facility that meets the FAA requirements," Captain Yeargin observed. "When we need evaluators, they help us out and when it's their turn for recertification, we serve as their evaluators. This is a great way to build a strong reciprocal relationship while we meet our training goals."



Live fire training scenarios like this one give firefighters a chance to experience conditions they might encounter in an actual emergency.

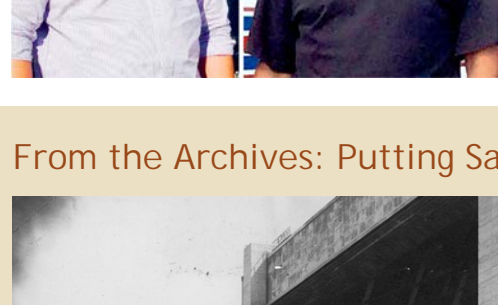
Photos courtesy of Josh Cothren.

Pilots' Progress

Congratulations to these pilots who have achieved their licenses and advanced their ratings at McKinnon St Simons Island Airport.



William (Bill) Blodgett IV (top left): Instrument Airplane rating added to Private Pilot license



Travis Duncan (top right): Instrument Airplane rating added to Private Pilot license

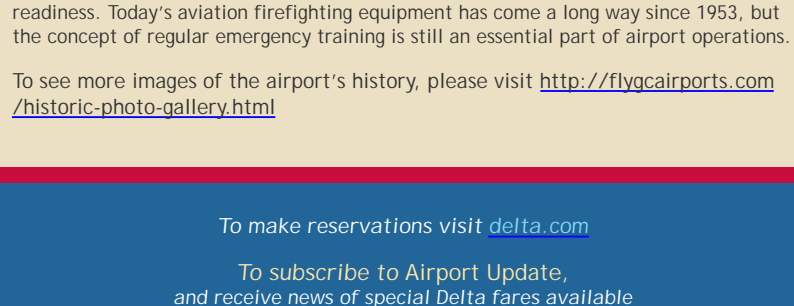


Tyler Moseley (bottom left): Certified Flight Instructor license for Airplane Multiengine Land (AMEL)



David Vickers (bottom right): Instrument Airplane rating added to Private Pilot license

From the Archives: Putting Safety to the Test



Airport safety in Glynn County has always been a top priority- even when the airport included two enormous blimp hangars. In 1953, Naval Air Station Glyco, occupied the property that is now the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport. When Armed Forces Day visitors arrived at NAS Glyco that year, they were treated to this dramatic demonstration of firefighting. Although the wooden blimp hangars were fireproofed, the airships and other aircraft inside them were not. Glynn's firefighters often joined county personnel in extinguishing fires in the community. This saved lives and property while it helped Navy fire crews maintain readiness. Today's aviation firefighting equipment has come a long way since 1953, but the concept of regular emergency training is still an essential part of airport operations.

To see more images of the airport's history, please visit <http://flygcairports.com/historic-photo-gallery.html>

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