

# AIRPORT BEACON REPORT

Smith Reynolds Airport  
January - June 2023



The Airport Beacon Report is published twice a year to improve the communication between the airport and its tenants with the community around it.

## Employment Opportunities

**North State Aviation** in Winston-Salem, NC is looking for experienced licensed **A&P Mechanics** and other positions. Please visit our website at [nsamro.com](http://nsamro.com) for more details or email us at [HR@nsamro.com](mailto:HR@nsamro.com).

**Love kids? Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools** is now hiring. **Full-time, Part-time & Substitute School Bus Drivers.** Visit [wsfcs.k12.nc.us/Page/1188](http://wsfcs.k12.nc.us/Page/1188) for more info.

**Piedmont Propulsion** in Winston-Salem, NC is looking for various positions. Please visit our website at [piedmontpropulsion.com/careers/](http://piedmontpropulsion.com/careers/) for more details.

**EPES Transport** is hiring truck drivers and other positions for regional opportunities. Visit [epestransport.com](http://epestransport.com) for details.

**Forsyth County Government** is hiring! [www.forsyth.cc/HumanResources](http://www.forsyth.cc/HumanResources)

## Take Offs & Landings at Smith Reynolds

### 1 month

December 2021 3,449  
December 2022 3,016

### 12 month

December 2021 44,288  
December 2022 39,668

## Learn to Fly

### Contact Piedmont Flight Training

Visit [flypft.com](http://flypft.com) or contact 336-776-6070 or [info@FlyPFT.com](mailto:info@FlyPFT.com)

### LookUp Aviation

[www.lookupaviation.com](http://www.lookupaviation.com)

## Other County Resources in Your Area

**Carver School Road Branch Library**, 4915 Lansing Drive, offers a variety of programs and resources. For more information, visit [forsyth.cc/library/Carver](http://forsyth.cc/library/Carver).

**N.C. Cooperative Extension Forsyth County Center**, 1450 Fairchild Road, offers resources and workshops related to farming, gardening and the 4-H youth program. Visit [forsyth.cc/CES/](http://forsyth.cc/CES/) for details.

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## Report: Smith Reynolds Airport Contributes \$894 Million and 3,160 Jobs to the Region

The report, North Carolina: The State of Aviation, highlights the economic impacts of the state's public airports and related aviation and aerospace assets that support North Carolina's aviation economy. NCDOT creates the report every two years to help guide future investment in aviation infrastructure and provide a tool for recruiting aviation and aerospace industry companies and investment.

North Carolina's 72 publicly owned airports contribute more than 72 billion to the state's economy each year – 11% of the state's gross domestic product, or total economic output – and support nearly 333,000 jobs, according to the report released by the N.C. Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation. Smith Reynolds Airport leads all 62 general aviation



airports in economic growth in both total economic impact (\$894 Million) and jobs for the region (3,160). According to the Study, Smith Reynolds Airport also contributes \$22.3 Million in Tax Revenue and \$213 Million in Personal Income.

"North Carolina's aviation system continues driving the economy by connecting people, companies and communities to markets and destinations worldwide," said Bobby Walston, director of NCDOT's Division of Aviation.

Passenger service at North Carolina's commercial service airports bounced back in 2021 to 56.9 million passengers, which is 80% of the state's banner traffic count in pre-pandemic 2019.

More cargo flowed through North Carolina airports in 2021 than ever before - 1.3 million tons, up 22% from 2019 - driven by a major increase in durable good and online purchases by homebound consumers.

North Carolina's public airport system boasts 10 commercial service airports, which offer regularly scheduled passenger

service, and 62 general aviation airports. All of the state's airports connect local businesses and communities to global markets, house and refuel private aircraft, support military and agricultural aviation and statewide emergency response, and provide aviation services such as aerial photography and pilot training.

All airports generate significant economic return for their communities and the state. For

instance, North Carolina's public airports lease space to more than 4,000 private aircraft that generate more than \$5.6 million in property tax revenues for their communities each year.

The report contains data compiled and analyzed for NCDOT by North Carolina State University's Institute for Transportation Research and Education. Impacts are calculated based on factors such as jobs supported by the airports and the businesses that rely on them, business and leisure travelers, and airport capital projects and operations.

View the full report, including the breakdown of each individual airport's contributions, at [www.ncdot.gov/aviation](http://www.ncdot.gov/aviation).

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## Aviator Spotlight *With Janice Driscoll*



Have you ever wondered who is flying in the skies above? If you enjoy watching airplanes take off and land at Smith Reynolds Airport, chances are that Janice Driscoll is either in the right or left front seat of one of those aircraft. Janice is a flight instructor and for over 25 years, she has taught over one hundred (100) private and commercial pilot candidates. She has also trained over twenty (20) certified flight instructors which have gone on to train other pilots.

Although she should be celebrated for her years of service, she should also be recognized as a pioneer in the local and national aviation community. For you see, of the 720,605 FAA certified pilots in the United States, only 64,979 are women (9%). Even less are certified flight instructors like Janice. So the next time you look up into the sky and wonder who is in the right or left seat, just know that there is a good chance Janice is either at the controls or doing her job training the next generation of pilots.

*Congratulations Janice!*



## Greenway Feasibility Study - ON HOLD

In order to determine if a Greenway would be a feasible option for the east side of Smith Reynolds Airport, the Airport Department requested funds for a Feasibility Study from the North Carolina Department of Transportation Winston-Salem Division. Due to the tight time line to solicit a consultant and to obtain public input before the Study, Forsyth County decided to hold off and reconsider the opportunity next year. Greenways offer a number of benefits to the community and Forsyth County thought it might



make sense to offer a natural buffer on the eastside of the Airport while improving Airport security with new fencing.

If you are not familiar with Greenways, they are corridors of land recognized for their ability to connect people and places together. Greenways protect natural habitats and enhance recreational opportunities by providing trails for pedestrian and bikes.

Going forward, no action will be taken until first meeting with members of the community who would be impacted the greenway.

## Terminal Building Renovations

For the past year, the County staff has been working with Walter Robbs Architects and C Design on plans for a terminal renovation. The terminal building at Smith Reynolds Airport is an iconic building in Winston-Salem and has served as the front door of the community since it was originally built in 1941.

Over the years, the building has undergone numerous changes that added capacity and function, but it has lost some of its original design and style. This project will bring back the old style, but at the same time add modern attributes for travelers and tenants. Signature Flight Support will relocate its fixed based operation (FBO) to the terminal building and



they will lease a portion of the first floor to accommodate customers flying to Winston-Salem for business and pleasure.

Other space in the terminal will be leased to rental car companies and other aeronautical and non-aeronautical businesses.

Building plans are scheduled to be completed at the end of January 2023 and the project will be bid to construction firms in February. Once awarded,

construction should last approximately a year. Other improvements with the project include a rehabilitated access road, new landscaping, and an auto parking lot.

## Corporate Hangars

The landscape is changing along North Liberty Street as the Forsyth County Commissioners invests in the future of the

Airport by adding new infrastructure. For years, the existing hangars at Smith Reynolds Airport have been 100% full and the demand for hangars with taller and wider doors has been high. Over a year ago, local firm Shelco was selected to



design and build two new 20,000 square foot hangars north of the main terminal building. The new hangars will be able

to accommodate a number of different types aircraft including some of the largest corporate jets. In preparation

for the new hangars, a number of old buildings were demolished which will make the landscape more usable and aesthetically pleasing for the Northeast Ward.

Despite long lead times for steel and building supplies, the project is on schedule and

Shelco management expects construction to be completed by June 2023.