

AIRPORT BEACON REPORT

Smith Reynolds Airport
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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 for more details or email us at 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 for more info.

Piedmont Propulsion in Winston-Salem, NC is looking for various positions. Please visit our website at piedmontpropulsion.com/careers/ for more details.

EPES Transport is hiring truck drivers and other positions for regional opportunities. Visit epestransport.com for details.

Forsyth County Government is hiring! www.forsyth.cc/HumanResources

Take Offs & Landings at Smith Reynolds

1 month

November 2022 3,684
November 2023 4,078

12 month

November 2022 40,101
November 2023 47,074

Learn to Fly

Contact Piedmont Flight Training
Visit flypft.com or contact 336-776-6070 or info@FlyPFT.com

Lookup Flight Academy
lookupflightacademy.com

ATP
atpflightschool.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.

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/ for details.



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Brushy Fork Creek Update

Good news! A couple of months ago, Forsyth County was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the North Carolina Land and Water Fund. Now the County is taking measures to proceed with the project to repair the erosion along the banks of Brushy Fork Creek. In addition, the County approved an inter-local agreement with the City of

Winston-Salem in hopes that they will execute the agreement and offer another \$300,000 for the project. The Airport Department has contributed over \$1.4 million in stormwater fees to

the City over the past decade and we are happy they are considering funding this project. The County is also planning to invest \$1.4 million in drainage improvements for the Taxiway Lima and Ramp project which is upstream and will include measures to slow down the water that enters the creek after storm events.

In order to move the project forward, the County is entering into a contract with Resource Institute, Inc. This organization has already done work in Forsyth County and across the United States. In fact, they have already restored over 1,391,841 feet of streams. Once the agreement is executed, they will provide professional design services



for the stabilization of banks and removal of debris from the stream channels in Brushy Fork Creek. Other services include developing bid documents, providing bid assistance, obtaining necessary permits, performing construction administration

services, and assisting with project closeout.

Since the County has additional funds for the project, a larger section of the creek will be improved. At this time, the County is looking at approximately 2,100 linear feet along the eastern edge of the Airport's property that will be included in the project.

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A local pilot builds bikes to give to local children

Aviation Scholarship Winner Daia Dawkins

Congratulations to Daia Dawkins, a second-year student at Forsyth Tech in the aviation technology program. Daia was the first recipient of the Piedmont Advantage Credit Union and Davidson Family Aviation Scholarship Fund. Before entering the program at the Forsyth Tech Mazie S. Woodruff Aviation Lab at Smith Reynolds Airport, she attended Akins High School in Winston-Salem. If you know someone that is interested in the annual \$2,000 scholarship, applications are accepted between April 1 and May 15 for consideration for the following academic year. For more information visit PACU.com/Scholarships or call 800-433-7228



Capital Improvements

Smith Reynolds Airport is thriving and a number of projects are either being designed, under construction, or completed. In order to keep the community informed, here is a list of some projects and a short summary for each.

- Corporate Hangars –\$10M Completed August 2023
- Epes Transport (Exterior repairs and painting) – Completed August 2023
- Terminal Building – \$12M Under construction and expect completion in Winter 2025
- Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation – Estimated \$6M Finalizing design and construction should start in the Summer 2024
- Piedmont Propulsion (Floor Modification) – Estimated \$1M Design to start in Winter 2024
- Rental Car and County Fleet Vehicle Wash Station – Estimated \$800K Design started and completion in Fall 2024
- 4001 North Liberty Street Improvements – Estimated \$6M Construction to start in Winter 2024
- Airfield Lighting and Signage – Estimated \$4M Construction Summer 2025
- Taxilane Lima and Ramp – Environmental Assessment is being completed. Public meetings to come in 2024.

For additional information, please contact the Airport Director at mark.davidson@smithryenolds.org



Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to the first class to graduate from the Forsyth Tech Mazie S. Woodruff Aviation Lab!

The class started two years ago with eleven members, and nine students made it to the end to earn their certificate from Forsyth Tech Community College. Now they are prepared to take the tests administered by the FAA to obtain their certificates with an Airframe (A) rating and a Powerplant (P) rating. The FAA's mechanic "certificate" is often referred to as a "license" and means that the person has been found to possess a particular skill level, with certain authority, privileges, and limitations.



These graduates will be in high demand in the local work force and several other classmates will follow. Right now,

there are another 35 students working on their certificates from Forsyth Tech with the help of three full time instructors. According to Greg Purvis, Aviation Program Coordinator, they are also working on a plan to work with the local high schools to allow for early entry into the program

for seniors.

For more information about the program please visit www.forsythtech.edu/programs/aviation-systems-technology/

Local Pilot Spotlight

Over the past few years, a local pilot based at Smith Reynolds Airport has been purchasing and assembling bicycles in his hangar to be donated to Toys-for-Tots as Christmas gifts.

Dr. Howard Mueller, a retired emergency medicine physician, started this project 4 years ago when he purchased and built 10 children's bikes for this well-known charity which is run by the U.S. Marine Corps. Since that time, Dr. Mueller has enlisted the help of other local pilots in the flying community, and this charitable effort has grown substantially. Last year in 2022, Dr. Mueller built 40 bicycles that came from a combination of cash donations and bicycles purchased by Dr. Mueller and fellow pilots.

In addition, some bicycle donations arrive unassembled at the Toys-for-Tots facility, and Dr. Mueller volunteers his time to assemble those bikes also. Current census for 2023 at the time of this writing one week before Christmas is 46 bicycles. Although Dr. Mueller never gets to see the kids' smiling faces on Christmas morning, he does feel a sense of gratification that it makes a difference. When asked about the workload of this project, Dr. Mueller responded, "When the Christmas season is over, I'm really tired, but it's a 'good tired.'" If you want to donate next year, please contact the Airport Director for more information.

