

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 <https://mrohldings.com/facilities/north-state-aviation/#join-the-team>

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

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.

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

Take Offs & Landings at Smith Reynolds

1 month	12 month
May 2024 4,009	May 2024 47,336
May 2025 2,824	May 2025 38,427

Learn to Fly

Contact Piedmont Flight Training
Visit flypft.com or contact 336-776-6070 or info@FlyPFT.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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Smith Reynolds Airport Celebrates Renovated Main Terminal Building

After more than 18 months of dedicated work, Smith Reynolds Airport is proud to announce the completion of its newly renovated main terminal building - a transformative \$12 million project that combines modern upgrades with rich historical character. The project, led by contractor I.L. Long Construction and designed by Michael Graves Architects and C-Design, has revitalized the airport's main terminal, creating a new front door not only for the airport but for the entire Northeast Ward and greater Forsyth County. The upgraded facility will serve as a welcoming gateway for both local travelers and visitors, highlighting the community's aviation heritage and its forward-looking vision.



Photo Credit - Reynolda House Museum of American Art

The terminal will now house a variety of key tenants and services. Signature Aviation will relocate its Fixed Base Operator (FBO) services to the terminal, offering expanded amenities for private and corporate aviation customers. Other tenants include Avis Budget Group, providing on-site car rentals; AVCON, a consulting and engineering firm; Eye Candy, an aircraft management related company; and the

Smith Reynolds Airport Administration Offices. The renovations not only improve functionality and comfort but also pay homage to the airport's storied past. Historic photos line the interior walls, telling the story of the airport's impact on the region over the decades. A stunning centerpiece of the lobby is a restored 1930 Savoia-Marchetti aircraft, the same make and model Smith Reynolds flew from London to Hong Kong, suspended from the ceiling - a striking tribute to early aviation and the airport's historic roots. This building stands as a symbol of where we've been and where we're going. The community, and especially the Northeast Ward, should be proud

of this achievement. We now have a terminal that reflects both our history and our potential. Please mark your calendars and join us on August 11 at 10 a.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the doors to this new chapter in Smith Reynolds Airport's legacy. (Be advised that proposed date may change so check before heading to event).

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We're making progress towards the creek revitalization project

Smith Reynolds Airport Selected for Advanced Air Mobility Planning Grant

Smith Reynolds Airport has been selected as one of the recipients of a new Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Planning Grant, a major step forward in preparing our region for the future of aviation. The grant, awarded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation, will support local planning efforts around AAM and other emerging aviation technologies.

The initiative will be a collaborative partnership between NCDOT, Forsyth County, and local planning agencies, aiming to explore how AAM - such as electric air taxis, cargo drones, and other next-generation aircraft - can be safely and effectively integrated into our transportation network.

Through this grant, the NCDOT Division of Aviation will engage on-call consultants to assist the County with public engagement, infrastructure assessments, and long-term planning. These efforts will include community workshops, stakeholder outreach, and detailed studies to identify the region's readiness for AAM operations. The work will build upon Forsyth County's growing role in the innovation economy and ensure that Smith Reynolds Airport remains at the forefront of aviation progress.

"This is about preparing today for what's coming tomorrow," said Smith Reynolds Airport Board Chairman Tom McKim. "We're proud to partner with the state to bring the community into the conversation about advanced air mobility. Whether it's enhancing emergency response, reducing traffic congestion, or supporting economic development, this technology has the potential to benefit our region in many ways."

North Carolina's leadership in aviation dates back to the Wright Brothers' first flight in 1903, and this AAM planning grant continues that legacy by helping ensure the state stays "Forever First in Flight." Smith Reynolds Airport is excited to be part of this visionary work and looks forward to engaging with residents, businesses, and transportation leaders as this effort moves forward.



Demaris Bouleware Recognized by County Commissioners

Forsyth County Commissioners honored employees who were nominated for the NC Association of County Commissioners Heroic Hands award, which honors county employees for their public service. Smith Reynolds Airport Maintenance Technician Demaris Bouleware was one of the finalists and he received a plaque from Commissioner Chair Don Martin at the County Commission meeting on June 19, 2025.

Demaris has been working at Smith Reynolds for over nine years and is highly respected by his peers and users of the Airport. One of Demaris's greatest strengths is his ability to work harmoniously with his coworkers.

He maintains a professional and cooperative attitude, ensuring a positive and productive work environment. Demaris is primarily responsible for airfield landscaping, lighting and signage repairs, and keeping the pavement surfaces safe for aircraft.



Demaris Bouleware shaking hands with County Commissioner Gray Wilson.

Brushy Fork Creek Update

Forsyth County is proceeding with the Brushy Fork Creek project, which will address approximately 2,100 linear feet along the eastern edge of the Airport property. The latest news is that the County Attorney's Office has obtained the required plat, finished working on the conservation easements, and verified deed records. The Airport Department is now working with residents to execute the easements and sign the plat. Once all the signatures are collected, the next step will be to finalize the design and bid out for construction. The collaboration between local authorities, funding bodies, and the community promises a revitalized and stabilized Brushy Fork Creek enhancing both the environmental quality and aesthetic value of the area. As the project moves forward, further updates will be provided to keep all stakeholders informed of progress and developments.

