



Gateway Arrivals

Need a vacation?

How about escaping to Las Vegas for the weekend? Vision Airlines is offering service from Williams Gateway Airport to North Las Vegas—minutes from the strip! Flights are every Thursday, Friday, Sunday and Monday departing Williams Gateway (IWA) at 5:45pm. The flight is approximately 55 to 60 minutes in length and you fly in a thirty-passenger Dornier 328 turboprop. This aircraft provides great comfort with only window or aisle seating—no middle seats!

In addition to providing service to an exciting destination, Williams Gateway Airport also offers convenience. Free parking is available directly in front of the terminal and you only need to arrive 30 minutes prior to departure. Simply put, within only 1 hour and 40 minutes from

leaving your home you could be landing in Vegas! Compare that to departing from Phoenix Sky Harbor...you would still be waiting in line at the security checkpoint!

Come see for yourself why departing from Williams Gateway Airport is **just plane easy**. Log on to www.flyWGA.org for flight arrivals and departures then call 1-800-256-8767 to book your flight.

Want to see non-stop service to other exquisite locations? Voice your opinion by going to www.flyWGA.org and fill out the "We Need YOU" survey. Not only can you select your top destinations, but each month we choose one lucky winner to receive two round-trip tickets to Las Vegas.



Vision Airlines now offers service to North Las Vegas from Williams Gateway Airport



A Dornier 328 turboprop comfortably seats 30 passengers

City of Phoenix joins Williams Gateway Airport Authority



Mayor Phil Gordon, Mayor Keno Hawker, Lt. Gov. Jennifer Allison-Ray, Mayor Steve Berman and Mayor Feldman-Kerr.

The Williams Gateway Airport Authority approved the City of Phoenix as a member of the Authority by a 3-1 vote at the May 21 Board Meeting. Under the terms of its membership, Phoenix will commit \$5 million in capital funds to WGAA in Fiscal Year 2007 and \$1.3 million annually to the operating budget for Fiscal Years 2007 through 2011.

The Airport Authority and the City of Phoenix Aviation Department have enjoyed a positive relationship since the Authority was formed in 1994. The formalization of this relationship will have an impact on WGAA beyond just the financial contributions.

Having the City of Phoenix as a member will also assist WGAA in attracting FAA funding and commercial service.

“This is about the spirit of cooperation to ensure that demand for regional air travel will be properly accommodated for decades to come,” said Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon.

The City of Phoenix becomes the fifth member government to join the Board, partnering with the City of Mesa, Town of Gilbert, Town of Queen Creek, and the Gila River Indian Community.

Development updates



Breaking ground on the ASU Hangar 8/23/06

The Williams Gateway Airport Authority and Arizona State University Polytechnic campus celebrated the groundbreaking of a new hangar facility on the Airport's north ramp on August 23rd. The hangar will be used by ASU Polytechnic's Professional Flight Program for instruction, aircraft storage, and office space. ASU's Polytechnic campus, located across the street from Williams Gateway Airport, offers bachelor and graduate degree programs that prepare students for moving directly into professional and technology careers. Since 2000, enrollment in ASU Polytechnic's Professional Flight Program has nearly tripled to 1,200.

square feet of new buildings, including the 50,000 square-foot spec office/warehouse structure on the property's 4.2 acre lot. Construction on the multi-tenant building is expected to begin in first quarter 2007 and take about nine months.

The Airport Authority has received more than \$2.9 million in Federal Aviation Administration grants for taxiway construction and a regular update to its Master Plan. The first grant of approximately \$2.4 million will help to construct part of Taxiway Bravo, a new taxiway adjacent to 12R-30L, the westernmost of the airport's three runways. The new taxiway will increase airport capacity by offering air traffic controllers another tool for moving aircraft traffic on and off the runways and ramp areas.

The second grant is approximately \$515,000 and will enable WGAA to make a regular update to its Master Plan, which charts the airport's physical and economic development. The initial stages of the update will begin by year-end and should be completed in early 2008.



Lynn Kusy, Executive Director of the Airport, meets with Reliance

The Airport Authority set development in motion for 52 acres of non-aviation land near the south end of the airport that could be home to more than 1,500 jobs. The Airport Authority signed an agreement with Reliance Williams Gateway LLC to develop land at the corner of Sossaman Road and Velocity Way. In addition, the Airport Authority has entered into a lease agreement with Reliance Companies V LLC. The company will develop over 500,000

Become a team member!

Did you know the Airport Authority employs about 100 people? As a Williams Gateway team member you enjoy government benefits, state retirement and the pride of serving the East Valley's transportation needs. Please visit our Web site for more information: www.flyWGA.org.

In the community...

Staff provided 66 tours to the general public between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006. Most of the tours were given to school children, business leaders, and residents. Interested in a tour? Contact Patrick Oakley at 480-988-7600.

The Airport Authority received only ONE noise complaint in the month of July, while accommodating over 21,000 landings and takeoffs. Several years ago, it wasn't uncommon to record over 100 noise complaints in one month!

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Passenger service update

Sky Value USA will be commencing service to Gary, Indiana on December 15, 2006. Flights will take off from Gateway to Gary-Chicago International Airport on Mondays and Fridays on a

Boeing 737-800 aircraft. Fares are expected to be competitive, starting at \$79 each way. Visit www.flyskyvalue.com or call 1-877-359-3235 for more information.



Gary/Chicago International Airport is 25 miles from Chicago

Movie news

The Arizona Department of Commerce and the Arizona Film Commission recognized Williams Gateway Airport Authority for being *Film Friendly* at the September Board meeting. The Film Commission specifically expressed gratitude for the Authority's support of Universal Studio's production of *The Kingdom* starring Jaimee Fox, Jennifer Garner, and Jason Bateman. *The Kingdom* is due in theatres late Spring of 2007.

welcomed actor and pilot, David Ellison, on Monday, September 18.

Ellison stars as Eddie Beale in the MGM movie *Fly Boys* now out in theatres.

Ellison was at the Airport promoting the movie. *Fly Boys* is a WWI movie about the Lafayette Escadrille. For more information visit the *Fly Boys* Web site at www.mgm.com/flyboys.

Williams Gateway Airport Authority and Fighter Combat International



David Ellison (Eddie Beagle) from the movie "Fly Boys"

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