GRBrief
Here's What's Happening at
Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport
January 2018

First Honor Flight to take off from GRB
A tradition that honors our nation’s veterans is coming to GRB. A special flight called “Flight of Champions – Brown County” will take Brown County area veterans who served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War to see their respective memorials in Washington D.C. The flight is scheduled to leave GRB on November 1, 2018.

“An honor flight is something that we have wanted to do for some time,” said Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach. “With our County’s 200th anniversary upon us, it seemed like an appropriate time to organize an Old Glory Honor Flight out of our airport, which is named for World War II hero, Austin Straubel.” 2018 will also be the 100th anniversary of the Green Bay Packers, and it is anticipated that several Packers alumni will be on hand for the flight to welcome and thank the veterans.

Honor Flights are one-day trips that are provided free of charge to veterans. They also involve a community send off and a welcome home for participating veterans.

Details about the application and selection process for interested veterans will be announced in the coming months. To help raise money to fund the flight, an event called "An Evening To Remember: Keep Our Veterans Flying" will be held at Lambeau Field Atrium on February 16, 2018. Event details can be found by visiting www.oldgloryhonorflight.org.

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'12 Days of Holiday Cheer' delights travelers at GRB

The holiday travel season may take place during the most wonderful time of the year, but it’s also the busiest travel time of the year, which can lead to stress for flyers.

That’s why GRB organized “12 Days of Holiday Cheer at GRB” to bring back holiday fun and good cheer to travelers as soon as their plan lands, or before it takes off. From December 11-22, passengers enjoyed complimentary snacks, live music performances, and a festive atmosphere. Below are photos of the Southwest High School band.
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New electronics screening and REAL ID enforcement beginning

Heightened security measures are coming to airports across the country, including GRB. The new requirements from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), which were announced earlier this year, require travelers to place all electronics larger than a cell phone in bins for X-ray screening in standard lanes. Electronics larger than a cell phone should be placed in bins with nothing on top or below, similar to how laptops have been screened for years. This simple step helps TSA officers obtain a clearer X-ray image.

REAL ID

Beginning January 22, the TSA will begin enforcing REAL ID requirements. The REAL ID Act, which was passed in 2005, established new minimum-security standards for state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards. If a state does not meet these minimum standards, licenses and ID cards from that state will not be accepted by the TSA.

Once enforcement begins on January 22, 2018, people who live in states that are REAL ID compliant, or non-compliant with an extension will have until October 2020 to replace their current license or ID card with one that is REAL ID compliant.

Wisconsin: Compliant
Minnesota and Illinois: Filed for extension
Michigan: Under review

Flyers who don’t have a REAL ID compliant license or ID may need to use an alternate form of identification such as a passport, military ID, or permanent resident card. For more information, visit the Department of Homeland Security’s website.
Jay Jay the Jet Plane takes flight at holiday parade

A popular television star graced the skies of downtown Green Bay during the 34th Annual Green Bay Holiday Parade. Jay Jay, the star of the animated children’s TV series “Jay Jay the Jet Plane” flew in from Tarrytown Airport to join GRB staff members who took part in the fun. He was joined by GRB’s therapy dog, Fritz, his “human” John, along with Airport Director Tom Miller, and Assistant Airport Director Marty Piette. It was the airport’s first time appearing at the parade.

Spring Breaking? Start your trip off right with these tips!

It may be the dead of winter, but for some, early relief from the cold and snow is just around the corner. If you are among those who are planning to fly to a warmer climate to enjoy spring break, here are some tips to ensure your trip to and from your destination remains stress free:

- **Book early.** This can apply to every aspect of your trip, not just your flight. Popular vacation destinations are very busy during spring break season. Book early to secure your spot! (On the flip side, many airlines and hotels offer last minute deals if you make your plans later on.)

- **Pack wisely.** Items like sunscreen, toiletries and towels can cost more at your destination, so stock up beforehand. This can help you avoid inconvenient expenses.

- **Avoid popular travel days.** Airfare is at its highest over weekends because of heavy traffic. If you can arrive and depart midweek, do so.
• Take advantage of your local airport. Flying out of mid-sized airports like GRB is easier and more convenient. You don’t have to make a long drive to the airport or arrive at the airport as early, so you can be on your way to your destination faster!

A big thank you to our snowplowing crews!

Keeping airports running in the winter can be a challenge, especially in Wisconsin. As a result, airport work crews at GRB must put a lot of effort into ensuring our runways, taxiways, roadways, parking lots, and sidewalks remain clear.

“You can always count on plenty of snow and cold weather over the course of the season,” said Tom Miller, Airport Director. “No matter the conditions, we always work hard to keep the airport and our passengers as safe as possible.”

For all of the effort they put in to make sure GRB remains open and safe, we offer a hearty thank you to the entire team!

If you would like to see the plow crews in action, click on the video below: