

GRBrief

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

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Welcome back Veterans on first Brown County Flight of Champions

The Brown County Flight of Champions Honor Flight is right around the corner, taking place on November 1. The flight will depart from [Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport](#) (GRB) and take area Veterans who served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, to see their memorials in Washington D.C., free of charge.

"We are very excited for the Flight of Champions to take place next month," said Airport Director Marty Piette. "We want to give these Veterans the appreciation they deserve, appreciation some of them didn't receive when they returned home from their service. When the Flight of Champions lands back at GRB, we'd love to have the community on hand, lining the airport corridors to give them a warm welcome home. Their faces will no doubt light up as they see airport hallways flooded with people there to cheer for them and thank them for their service."

If you'd like to welcome back the Veterans and thank them for their service, please be at the airport by 7:30 p.m. on November 1. The return flight will arrive back at GRB between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. (weather dependent). Parking will be available in the long-term parking lot at GRB, or you can park at the Oneida Bingo Hall and take the free shuttle over to the airport.

Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport is named for a World War II hero, Austin Straubel.



Time flies: GRB celebrates 70 years of commercial aviation

Seventy years have flown by since GRB welcomed its first commercial passenger aircraft. In the decades since, GRB has transformed; adding new airlines and routes, increasing passenger counts, expanding international air service, growing Fixed Base Operator traffic, expanding buildings and dramatically increasing the economic impact of the airport.

“We are incredibly grateful to the community for its support over the past 70 years,” said Airport Director Marty Piette. “GRB has become one of the backbones of the local economy, and we would not be here today without the community’s support.”

Austin Straubel Field opened to commercial passenger traffic on October 1, 1948. The Lockheed 10A, purchased by Wisconsin Central Airlines for \$12,000, flew nine passengers to Green Bay on that first day of commercial passenger traffic, according to Midwest Flyer. By 1948, total passenger traffic totaled 242. Currently, the airport handles over 600,000 passengers annually. Most planes that fly in and out of Green Bay today carry between 50 and 162 people per flight.



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GRB opens new room for nursing moms on the move

Traveling as a new mom can be stressful, but GRB has made a recent upgrade to help alleviate that stress. A new Nursing Mother's Room has recently opened at GRB. The room was designed with security and comfort as top priorities.

"It's important for new moms to have a space designed for them while they're traveling," explained Airport Director Marty Piette. "We wanted to make sure the room would be private,

safe and comfortable. Making travel as stress-free as possible is something we take pride in at GRB, and this is another way we can make that happen for mothers and families.”

The nursing room is located in Concourse B at Gate 2, in a quiet corner of the gate area. The room features a comfortable chair, plenty of counter space, electrical outlets and a diaper changing station. A second nursing room will be added to Concourse A in the near future.



GRB aka "The Gateway to Lambeau Field" gets closer than ever to the action

GRB had a great time cheering on the Green and Gold at two Packers' training camps in August. GRB's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting truck, as well as Fritz the Therapy Dog, were happy to greet hundreds of visitors and fans. Free items were given away, including magnetic Packers schedules, smartphone PopSockets and can koozies!



Reasons why your airline ticket keeps changing prices

Did you know? There are a lot of factors that go into setting airline ticket prices. Airlines take all of those factors into consideration when they set ticket prices. Airports actually have zero say when it comes to setting prices. Click on the video below to find out how price-setting works. Get more info here: <https://bit.ly/6-Reasons-Why-Your-Airline-Ticket-Keeps-Changing-Prices>

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Why is a ticket cheaper one day and more expensive the next?



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