



Shreveport Airport Authority

City of Shreveport



Shreveport Downtown Airport Celebrates 80th Anniversary this Thursday

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The Shreveport Downtown Airport, currently Louisiana's largest general aviation airport with almost 300 planes based there, will celebrate its 80th anniversary on Thursday, July 14th. Construction of the Downtown Airport began in 1930 in a location just north of Shreveport's downtown district. The official dedication took place July 14, 1931. The airport initially consisted of an open field with an air sock located roughly in the middle. This allowed aircraft to depart in virtually any direction depending upon the direction of the wind.

In 1931, the airport received its first commercial airline when Delta Air Lines chose a route through Shreveport as part of its initial flight schedule. The route consisted of Dallas to Shreveport and on to Monroe, Louisiana, and to Jackson, Mississippi.

As part of the 80th Anniversary Celebration, the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association will sponsor a fly-in and open house this fall, which will be open to the public.

In recent years, the Shreveport Airport Authority has worked to strengthen the Downtown Airport and to position it for the future. With the return of general aviation traffic both nationally and in the Ark-La-Tex region, the Downtown Airport's strength has also returned.

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