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To Whom It May Concern,

American Eagle Keeps Air Fares From Mobile Competitive With Neighboring Markets

American Eagle air fares offered in Mobile are competitive with air fares offered at Pensacola Regional Airport and Gulfport International Airport. The average fares offered from Mobile are and will continue to be more in line with the average fares offered, on American Eagle, from Pensacola and Gulfport. According to Director of Aviation, Thomas Hughes, "Fares will not be matched city by city but they will be very close on average."

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Mobile Regional Project Update

What's New at the Airport?

The Mobile Regional Airport is working hard to make the airport and surrounding public areas more enjoyable for passengers. Current projects include: a new website, replacement of lighting throughout the airport, new ceiling tiles, the installation of a sprinkler system, and paving of all public parking lots.

Website: www.mobairport.com has a new look. For information on flights, parking, airport amenities, or to compare fares just visit www.mobairport.com.

Lighting and Ceiling Tiles: The Authority is replacing all lighting and ceiling tiles in the airport. The new ceiling tiles and lights will be white making the airport brighter.

Sprinkler System: The Airport Authority will install a sprinkler system at the airport in an effort to follow new life-safety guidelines.

The lighting, ceiling tile, and sprinkler projects should be complete by mid-2009.

Parking Lots: Various parking lots around the airport will be repaved by the end of 2009. The car rental parking lot, public parking lot, and all entryways into the airport will be newly paved. These lots will also have canopies to protect patrons from the weather and all new equipment including ticket machines, credit card lanes, and new signage.

These additions are a result of FAA funds awarded to the airport. These additions and modifications will not increase the rent our tenants pay.

See other projects...

Authority Announces Executive Director Transition

Bill Sisson, the Authority's new Executive Director, officially took office on October 6, 2008. Mr. Sisson replaces long-time Executive Director, Bay Haas. Mr. Haas has served as Executive Director of the Mobile Airport Authority since January 1, 1983. He will continue to serve the Authority as a consultant. Mr. Sisson has served as Vice President, Economic Development of Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce since 2003. Prior to that time, he served as Executive Director, Center for Community & Economic Development at the University of Southern Mississippi from 2001 to 2003. Mr. Sisson has also worked for the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce, first serving as Manager, Business Retention & Total Quality, then as Director, Business Development Division, and finally as Vice President, Business Development Division. Mr. Davis further stated "we are fortunate to hire an executive of Bill Sisson's talent and ability."

Mobile Regional Gets Ready for the Holiday Season

Local Mobile County schools join the Mobile Regional Airport to celebrate the holiday season. Starting December 1, local elementary schools will decorate the airport with themed holiday trees, part of the airport's annual tree decorating contest. Trees will be on display until after the New Year. Choirs from area schools and churches will also serenade visitors for the month of December. For more information or to sign up, please call Chloe Harkins, 251-639-4680 or visit www.mobairport.com.

American Eagle Airlines Celebrates Breast Cancer Awareness Month By Thanking Passengers

On October 14, 2008 American Eagle Airlines and the American Cancer Society joined together to thank local passengers for their support and to spread awareness about breast cancer. The event began at the Mobile Regional Airport at 10:30 AM with the arrival of the Susan G. Komen, Race for the Cure, aircraft. The Race for the Cure aircraft is one of eight, pink ribbon decorated, regional jets American Airlines uses to spread awareness and help raise funds for the cure. This colorfully decorated aircraft visits cities all over the United States.

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Make Your Holiday Travel Experience Enjoyable - Follow These Easy Tips

According to the Air Transport Association, roughly 27 million passengers will travel over a 12 day period beginning November 21, with the busiest days being Sunday, November 23; Monday, November 24; and Wednesday, November 26, respectively. Planes are expected to be nearly 90 percent full. A little planning can save your vacation and holiday spirit!

Packing:

* *Pack Carefully.* Pack valuables, money, laptops, medications, required medical equipment and fragile items in your carry-on bag. Pack all items that might be unsafe, e.g., knives, razors, swords, scissors, golf clubs, in checked bags.

* *Mail Gifts.* Ship rather than carry-on gifts when possible. Airline aircraft can only hold so much weight so often excess packages and luggage do not make it to the final destination on time. Most aircraft have can hold 50 passengers and 70-75 bags.

* *Packing Gifts.* Leave gifts unwrapped. TSA may open wrapped gifts to inspect them.

* *Overstuffed Luggage.* Do not overstuff your bags. Overstuffed bags make searches more difficult for screeners.

* *Locking Luggage.* TSA suggests that you lock your checked baggage with a TSA "accepted and recognized" lock. TSA can gain access to bags with these locks without damaging or cutting your lock.

* *Sporting Equipment.* Transport skis and ski poles in checked baggage. Sporting equipment that can be used as a club must be checked.

* *Packing Firearms.* Unloaded firearms may be packed in hard-

sided cases and checked but must be declared to your airline. The Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) web site www.tsa.gov has a complete list of prohibited items.

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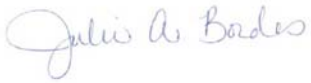
The Mobile Airport Authority was created in 1982 by the State of Alabama to own and manage the Mobile Regional Airport and the Brookley Complex. Six airlines provide 23 daily jet flights from Mobile Regional Airport to five of the nations largest hubs.

Sincerely,



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