

Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #40

In this edition: FLL breaks ground on Terminal 5, Bonefish Grill debuts in Terminal 3, Honor Flight marks 29th homecoming, emergency drill tests airport's preparedness, Subway blimp visits North Perry, and more.



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A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue No. 40 of FLL's official monthly newsletter. For those who celebrated Halloween, we hope it was a safe and fun time with family and friends. With fall ramping up and cooler weather starting to arrive in South Florida, we're looking forward to preparing the airport's terminals for the upcoming year-end holiday season that begins with Thanksgiving Day.

In early October, the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) officially broke ground on FLL's new Terminal 5 project. The domestic, five-gate facility will include new retail, food, and beverage concessions, among other guest amenities and services.

During the month, BCAD received news that FLL had again received Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC) STAR Facility accreditation. This recognition, first attained in 2022, signifies that FLL has implemented the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention in its facilities under the guidance of GBAC, a division of the worldwide cleaning industry association ISSA.

On October 28, BCAD hosted another Honor Flight South Florida, "Operation Homecoming," event to recognize and celebrate the invaluable service of 70 U.S. veterans to this country. It was FLL's third and last Honor Flight homecoming event for 2023, and we expect to host more in 2024.

As November kicks off, the Aviation Department is looking forward to welcoming FLL's third new carrier this year, Porter Airlines, following the September debut of EL AL and BermudAir. The Canadian carrier will begin nonstop service to Toronto and Ottawa at month-end, operated with its eco-friendly, single-aisle, 132-seat Embraer E195-E2 aircraft. Additionally, new domestic and international routes from existing carriers, Allegiant and Bahamasair, are set to launch in mid-November. Read more about these new flights below.

Let's remember we're in the final stretch of the Atlantic hurricane season, and we hope that the remaining weeks until November 30 will be relatively quiet, if not storm-free.

Here are some tips for those planning to fly through FLL for Thanksgiving gatherings this year.

***Arrive Early:** Typically, travelers are advised to arrive at least two hours before a domestic flight and three hours if flying internationally. However, during peak holiday periods, it's best to follow any updated guidance from your airline, as more time may be required for check-in/bag processing. Security processing may also take longer due to increased passenger activity.*

Onsite Parking: With the ongoing high demand for curbside valet service and self-parking options at FLL this year, especially during the holidays, we recommend getting dropped off by family, friends, or a ride-share service instead (Uber, Lyft, etc.) as our onsite garages are likely to be sold out.

Travel & Guns: If you plan to travel with a licensed firearm, follow the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) protocols to safely pack and transport your weapon as checked luggage. If caught with a gun at a TSA passenger screening checkpoint, this will disrupt your travel plans, and you could face a hefty penalty and an arrest.

Enjoy this pre-holiday season edition and stay connected.

Mark

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The Sky's the Limit

September passenger traffic recap*

Airport Statistics	Current Month	2022 Month	Year-Over-Year Difference	2019 month
Total Passengers	2,410,145	2,151,835	12%	2,192,688
Domestic Passengers	1,864,367	1,657,737	12.5%	1,676,264
International Passengers	545,778	494,098	10.5%	516,424

*Preliminary data subject to change

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New Routes on the Horizon

More domestic and international flights

Bahamasair will begin its brand-new nonstop service to George Town, Exuma, on November 15. The flagship carrier of The Bahamas will operate with two flights weekly connecting FLL to Exuma International Airport.

Allegiant Air will offer nonstop routes between FLL and Nashville, Tenn., starting on November 16, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa on November 17.

New FLL carrier, Porter Airlines, begins service with daily flights from Toronto Pearson International Airport and Ottawa International Airport on November 30.

**North Perry
Airport** *4th Annual*
**Community
Association
Day** NPACA.net

Saturday
11/4 10-2

FREE Flights for Youth 11-17

Airport Day at North Perry

An up-close look at aviation

The 4th Annual [North Perry Airport Community Association Day](#) will be held on November 4 at [North Perry Airport \(HWO\)](#) from 10AM to 2PM. This popular event hosted by [Wayman Aviation Academy](#) gives young aviation fans a chance to learn and participate in numerous aviation-related activities. Free flights and opportunities to interact with real pilots, among other aviation personnel, will also be offered. To register for the event, click [here](#).



Honor Flight Mission 29

War heroes welcomed home

Honor Flight South Florida (HFSF) hosted its 29th Operation Homecoming Mission on October 28 at FLL. Joining forces with BCAD and Spirit Airlines, HFSF annually takes veterans on a memorable one-day trip to Washington, D.C., to visit their respective war memorials.

Once they return to FLL, the veterans receive a patriotic welcome home in Terminal 4 filled with family, friends, and supporters. For this October homecoming, Broward County Mayor Lamar P. Fisher was in attendance, greeting the veterans and thanking them for their service.



New Eatery Debuts in T3

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Popular restaurant chain [Bonefish Grill](#) is now a dining option at FLL. The newest full-service restaurant in Terminal 3 soft-opened on October 16 in the post-security E/F Connector. Passengers can indulge in a variety of signature and chef-inspired menu options, including some of its most popular items like the “Bang Bang Shrimp.”



Operation Convergent Drill

Testing FLL's emergency preparedness

On October 12, FLL held its triennial full-scale exercise, "Operation Convergent," to test the airport's response and preparedness. The drill involved a scenario of a collision between two commercial aircraft with over 150 passengers and crew combined. Multiple volunteers from the airport and surrounding communities participated, as well as numerous local, state, and federal agencies.



Groundbreaking for Terminal 5

Completion targeted for mid-2026

A major milestone in FLL history was celebrated on October 9 with the groundbreaking ceremony for the airport's new Terminal 5 (T5). This \$404 million, two-level, five-gate domestic facility is the airport's first ground-up construction of a new terminal in decades. T5 will feature check-in/ticketing, baggage processing, security screening, food and beverage, retail venues, and a pedestrian bridge or connector walkway to Terminal 4 and the Cypress Garage.

Some special guests and VIPs joining BCAD to celebrate the groundbreaking included Lt. Governor of Florida Jeanette Nuñez, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared W. Perdue, Broward County Administrator Monica Cepero, Broward County Mayor Lamar P. Fisher, and JetBlue President/COO Joanna Geraghty. Additionally, U.S. Representative Debbie Wasserman-Schultz offered a video greeting during the celebration, and FLL CEO/Director of Aviation Mark Gale served as the master of ceremonies. The new state-of-the-art and environmentally friendly terminal is targeted for a mid-2026 completion.



FITCE Turns Eight

FLL attends global trade and cultural event

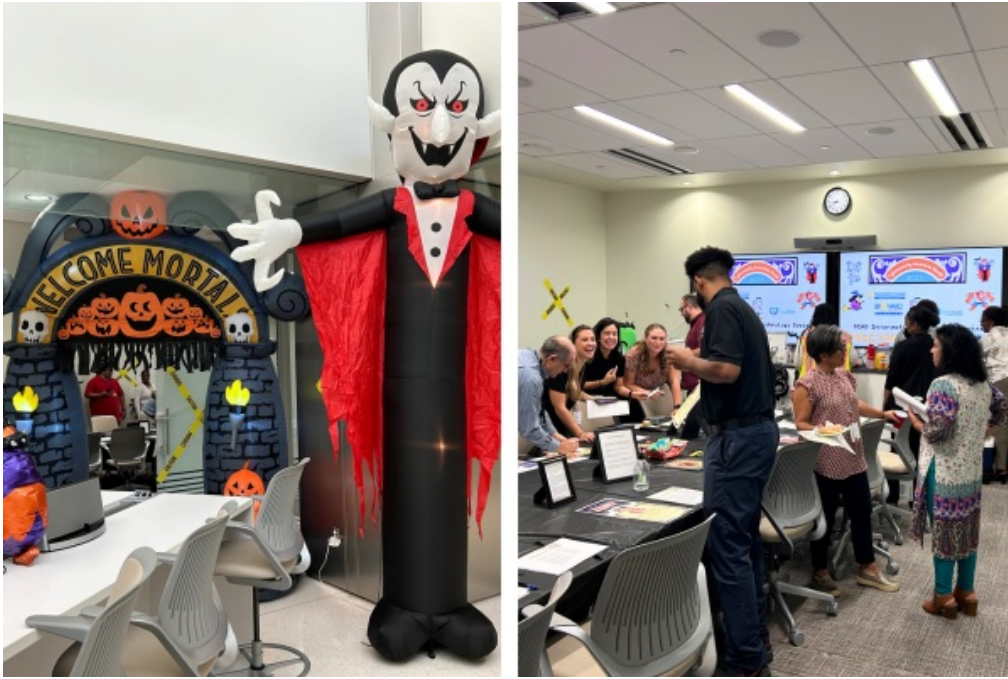
The 8th Annual Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo (FITCE) was held in Fort Lauderdale October 4-5. FLL CEO/Director of Aviation Mark Gale, Broward County Mayor Lamar P. Fisher, and Broward County Commissioner Mark Bogen were among the numerous officials to give opening remarks. Gale provided the audience with updates and future plans for the airport. FLL also had a booth inviting conference participants to learn more about doing business with the airport.



Appraisers Tour FLL

Participants go airside

The Florida Association of Property Appraisers held its annual conference in Fort Lauderdale this month. On October 4, Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar and approximately 30 conference participants received an airside tour of FLL, including stops at the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting station and the airport's Emergency Operations Center.



Cybersecurity Awareness

With a dose of Halloween fun

On October 3, BCAD's Information Technology department held a kickoff event celebrating National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The Halloween-themed festivities were held for BCAD employees from 7-9AM. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity. Employees were encouraged to read about different cybersecurity "monsters" and then answer a few quiz questions to be placed into a drawing for an Amazon gift card if they received a perfect score.



Sandwich in the Sky

Subway flies into town

A Subway-themed blimp was stationed at North Perry from September 24-26 for a corporate promotional event organized by the restaurant brand known for its made-to-order sandwiches, wraps, and salads. Subway employees and their guests were given free rides in the 180-foot blimp as well as some members of the public.

There were approximately four rides per day, each lasting about an hour. The Subway event was held east of Van Wagner's hangar at HWO. The sandwich-decorated "[Subway in the Sky](#)" blimp was on a national tour to promote Subway and some of its new deli subs with other stops in Orlando, Atlanta, and Kansas City.

FLL BY THE NUMBERS: SEPTEMBER 2023

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FROM SEPTEMBER 2022

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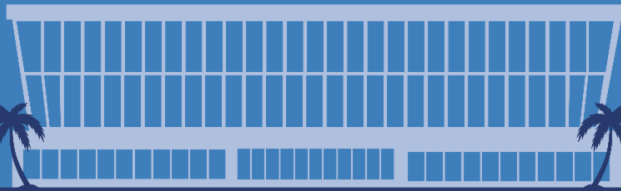


UP 12.5%
OVER LAST YEAR

INTERNATIONAL
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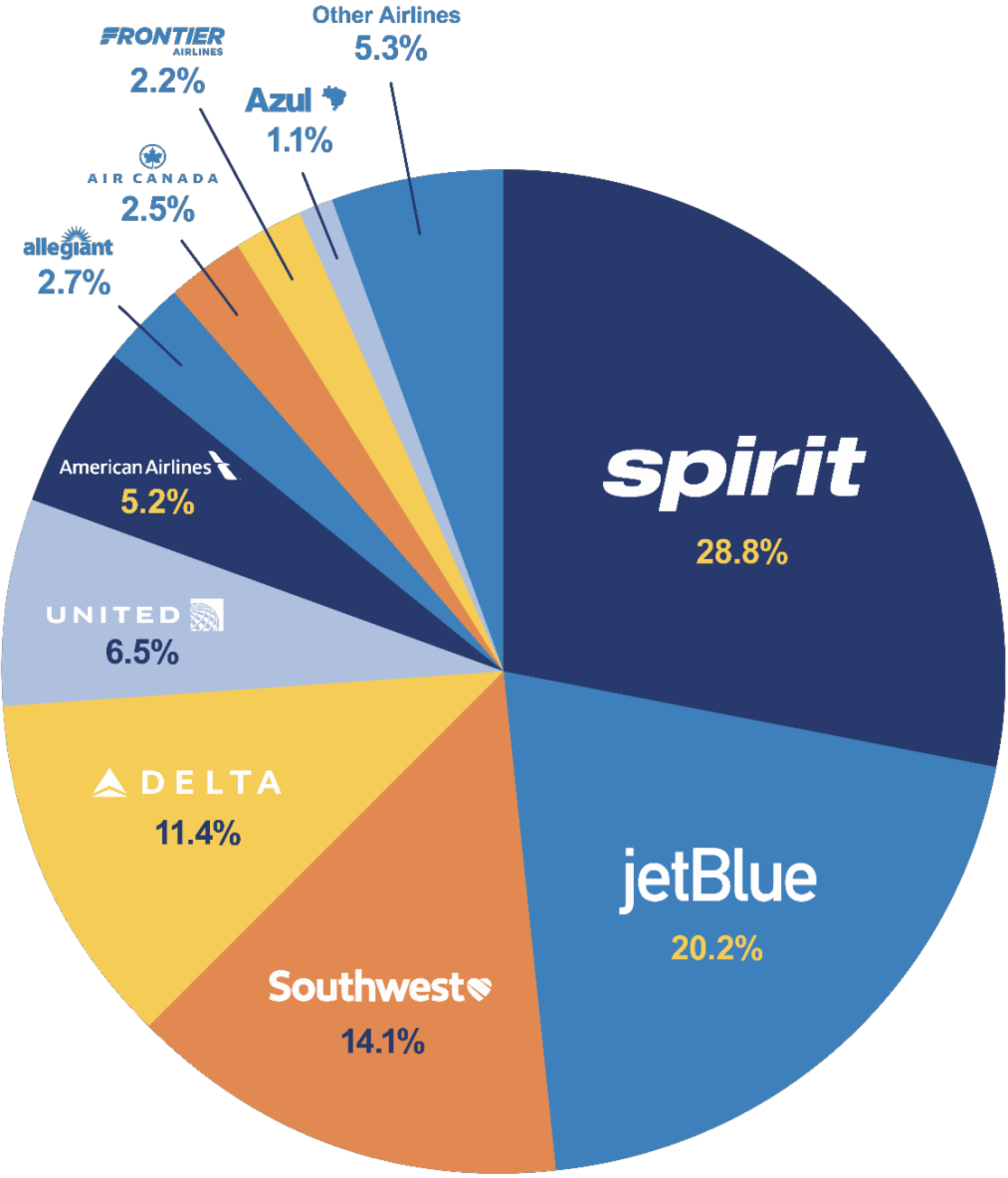


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Top 10 Airline Market Share

Year-to-date: September 2023





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