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## Brunswick Golden Isles Airport Expansion Receives OneGeorgia Grant

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal is serious about creating new jobs in the state, and the Brunswick-Glynn County Development Authority is on board, ready to expand one of the county's "biggest and best assets;" the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport. This month, the Glynn County Board of Commissioners and the Development Authority were awarded \$500,000 in OneGeorgia Equity grant funding to assist with construction of the North Apron expansion project that will support the growth of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities Stambaugh Aviation and Omega Aviation Services at the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport.

The Glynn County Board of Commissioners committed to providing up to \$4.25 million in bond funds, and the Brunswick-Glynn County Development Authority committed to \$500,000 towards the project. The U.S. Economic Development Administration also awarded \$750,000 toward the project.



Stambaugh Aviation will be one of the airport tenants to benefit from the North Apron expansion project.

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## Streetscaping a Community Effort

The new hotel and terminal complex at McKinnon St Simons Island Airport and other commercial property improvements will soon join in the island's business community on Demere Road. Glynn County Airport Commissioner Bill Houseman recognized an opportunity to add not only economic growth, but natural beauty to the area as well, stating, "We are in position to make a positive impact on the landscaping now." The Airport Commission organized a group of community members representing the airport, local garden and tree preservation clubs, the county and adjacent property owners. The group will assist with plans to enhance the landscaping and tree canopy along the corridor extending from the roundabout at the intersection of Demere and Frederica Roads, to the intersection of Demere with Skylane Road.

The plans will also incorporate county and aviation safety regulations. Several of the area's businesses already plan extensive landscaping and beautification projects for their properties. Incorporating those plans into a comprehensive area design was labeled "streetscaping" by the group, and refers to taking into account all elements of the property adjacent to the road. Future meetings will cover such issues as overall design, plant material, installation and maintenance and architectural enhancements to the buildings along the designated roadway.

Below: Glynn County Airport Commission members and community stakeholders gathered on December 17, 2015, to begin the planning process to enhance a key traffic corridor on St Simons Island.



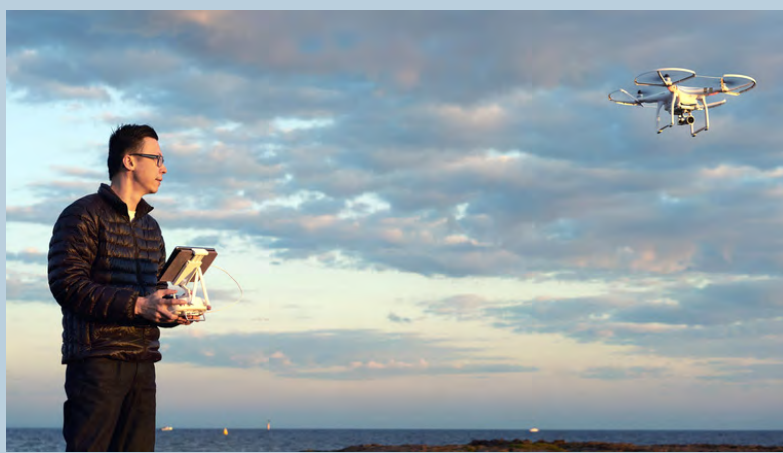
## New Rules for Drones

The FAA recently released their new regulations for registering Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also known as drones. All small, unmanned aircraft must now be registered with the FAA before they are flown outdoors. All owners of previously operated UAS must complete their registration by February 19, 2016 to avoid facing civil and criminal penalties.

The owner of a UAS must be 13 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident. If the owner is under 13, then someone over that age must complete the registration on that person's behalf. If the aircraft weighs between 0.55 and 55 pounds, registration may be completed online. If the aircraft is used for commercial or other than hobby and recreation purposes, will be operated outside the United States or weighs more than 55 pounds, then the registration must be completed on paper. Directions for obtaining forms and more information are available online at

[http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/aircraft\\_certification/aircraft\\_registry/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/aircraft_certification/aircraft_registry/)

The cost to register a UAS is only \$5, but that fee will be refunded if the registration is completed before midnight EST, January 20, 2016.



## Pilots' Progress

Congratulations to these pilots who have achieved their licenses and advanced their ratings at McKinnon St Simons Island Airport.

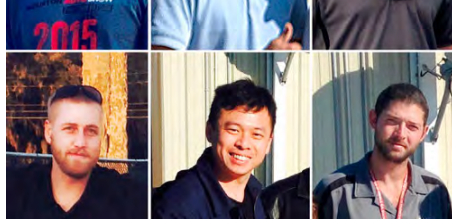


### Row 1

**L: Michael Anderson, II:** Instrument Airplane added to Commercial license

**M: Gilbert Banzon:** Commercial Airplane Single Engine Land (ASEL)

**R: Tyler Campbell:** Instrument Instructor added to Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) Certificate

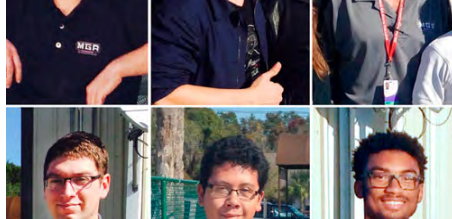


### Row 2

**L: Caleb Carter:** Airplane Single Engine Land (ASEL) added to Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) Certificate

**M: Teck Chye Ng:** Airline Transport Pilot Airplane Multi Engine Land (AMEL) certificate

**R: Daniel Hambrige:** Private Pilot Airplane Single Engine Land (ASEL) license

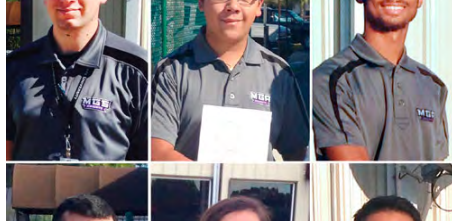


### Row 3

**L: Tyler Lanciano:** Airplane Multi Engine Land (AMEL) added to Commercial (AMEL) license

**M: Johnny Lopez-Sanchez:** Private Pilot license

**R: Stefan Morton:** Private Pilot Airplane Single Engine Land (ASEL) license



### Row 4

**L: Daniel Osorio:** Private Pilot Airplane Single Engine Land (ASEL) license

license

**M: Brittny Shuman:** Instrument Instructor added to Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) certificate

**R: Brandon Sim:** Airline Transport Pilot Airplane Multi Engine Land (AMEL) certificate

## From the Archives: The Mysterious Sphere



Blimps at Naval Air Station Glynnco, the original occupant of the property where Brunswick Golden Isles Airport and The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center are now located, required specialized equipment to keep them airborne.

The spherical structure, at left, and to the right of the enormous blimp hangar pictured above, is called a Hortonsphere. Used today in industry to store propane or liquefied petroleum gas, the tank was used in airship operations to store and purify helium. Helium used as the lifting gas for the U.S. Navy blimps became contaminated during flight. At the base's "helium plant," compressors forced the helium out of the airship's envelope, and into the Hortonsphere. Heavier impurities would sink to the bottom of the tank and could be drawn off and replaced by purified gas. The buoyancy of the blimps, seen in the background and in shadow at the foreground of this photograph, depended on a ready supply of pure helium.

Photo courtesy of Charles Tillery. To see more of Mr. Tillery's collection and other historic aviation photos, please visit <http://flygcairports.com/historic-photo-gallery.html>

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