To enjoy more historic aviation images, please visit http://ygcairports.com/historic-photo-gallery.html.

When the airships arrived in 1943, many members of Coastal Patrol Unit 6 were reassigned to German submarine warfare. Air Patrol was the only defense the Golden Isles had against the onslaught of assets along the Georgia coast. For the daily patrol, Skip ABS, who managed the pneumatic engine in the Herkules, had to keep the small planes in the air. In fact, a visiting General from Savannah told Skip ABS to relocate in an adjacent airport to establish Naval Air Station St. Simons, so the Patrol unit was forced to now St. Simons Island Airport, in 1942. The U.S. Navy had just purchased the area from the Georgia sugar company.

In the Sandwich and Suicide Squadron, it was difficult to keep the engines running even with air conditioning on full power. Skip ABS had to use his ingenuity to keep the small planes in the air. In fact, a visiting General from Savannah told Skip ABS to relocate in an adjacent airport to establish Naval Air Station St. Simons, so the Patrol unit was forced to now St. Simons Island Airport, in 1942. The U.S. Navy had just purchased the area from the Georgia sugar company.

Were you uncomfortable in this summer's record heat, even with air conditioning? This summer was probably more challenging than most, especially for those who are used to a milder climate. The high temperatures and humidity can take a toll on our bodies, causing heat exhaustion or heatstroke. But there are steps you can take to stay cool and hydrated, such as

- Drink plenty of water and other fluids to prevent dehydration.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing made from breathable materials.
- Seek shade and stay out of direct sunlight during the hottest parts of the day.
- Use fans or air conditioning to stay cool at home or work.
- Take breaks in the shade or air conditioning while exercising or doing other physically demanding activities.
- Avoid strenuous activity during the hottest parts of the day.

The Georgia Regional Airport Authority (GRAA) and Glynn County Airport Commission recently completed the comprehensive rebranding of the Glynn County Airport. The rebranding aimed to improve the airport's visibility and reputation, as well as to attract more passengers and business. This has been made possible through the support of the GRAA and Glynn County Airport Commission, and the efforts of the many dedicated employees who work tirelessly to ensure the smooth operation of the airport.

The Glynn County Airport Commission is comprised of three members, who are appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County. The members are Lenard Robinson, President; Robert Burr, Vice President; and Mike Matthews, Treasurer. These individuals have dedicated their time and effort to ensure that the airport continues to meet the needs of the community and its residents.

Co-Hosts State Conference

The Glynn County Airport Commission in Albany, GA, (far right) try out the radar interactive station at the Georgia Regional Airport Authority's annual conference. Georgia Regional Airport Authority's Secretery Howard Whidden, (left) views an exhibit in the Naval Air Station St. Simons gallery while Board of Commissioners Chairman, Duncan, (center) tries out the radar interactive station at the Georgia Regional Airport Authority's annual conference. The Conference attendees had a chance to explore the Golden Isles and select from a variety of exhibits, including those related to aviation history, landmark restoration, historical exhibits, and more.

Learning to Save a Life

The Glynn County Police Department's Office of Emergency Management and the Coast Guard Auxiliary Information Services joined forces to bring you the Bleeding Control Basics Course, held at the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport. The course teaches you how to recognize when someone is bleeding and how to apply direct pressure to control life-threatening bleeding. The procedures are taught using a soft, non-latex, hemostatic dressing that sticks to the skin, providing tamponade and direct pressure on the wound.

The procedures enable an immediate responder to control life-threatening bleeding until help arrives. It is vital to know how to control life-threatening bleeding when it occurs, as delay could lead to death. The Bleeding Control Basics Course is a great opportunity for anyone to learn and practice these life-saving procedures.

You Should Be Here!

Every year, the RSM Classic, a premier Southern PGA TOUR event, presents a concert starring some of contemporary country music's top name performers. This year is no different! Georgia's own Cole Swindell will perform live on Saturday, November 23 at 7PM at St. Simons Island Airport at McKinnon Field. The event is presented by the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport and Savannah Regional Airport and is co-sponsored by Glynn County Airport Commission, Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport, and Georgia Regional Airport Authority. The event is free of charge and open to the public, but reservations are required as seating and food are limited. For more information, visit www.glynnisland.com or call 912-638-8617.

The Annual Georgia Airports Association Conference and Expo was held on November 21-23 in Savannah, GA. This conference is the largest gathering of airport professionals in the state. The conference offers a variety of educational sessions, panel discussions, and workshops on a range of topics, including legislative updates and the emerging concept of urban air mobility.

Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport co-hosted the gathering that year and hosted over 500 attendees from across the state. Topics of discussion included compliance, emergency procedures, and legislative updates. The conference was a great opportunity for airport professionals to network and learn about the latest developments in the industry.

The conference also featured a variety of exhibits and vendors, including aviation equipment and services. Attendees had the opportunity to visit the World War II Homefront Museum on St. Simons Island. Conference attendees had a chance to explore the Golden Isles and select from a variety of exhibits, including those related to aviation history, landmark restoration, historical exhibits, and more.

There are many ways to get to the Golden Isles by air, including Delta and United. To make reservations visit delta.com or united.com or call 1-800-221-1212. Delta and United offer direct flights to Brunswick Golden Isles Airport, with connecting flights from many other cities. For more information on flights to or from Brunswick Golden Isles Airport, please visit ygcairports.com or call 912-638-8617.

Let us hear from you!

If you have any questions or comments about the Golden Isles, please send us an email at commission@glyncountyga.gov or call 912-264-9200. To stay informed, be sure to follow us on social media and subscribe to our newsletter, which you can sign up for at ygcairports.com/newsletter.

About Glynn County Airport Commission

Glynn County Airport Commission is a public agency that owns and operates the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport. The airport is the gateway to the Golden Isles, offering a range of services to passengers and businesses. The airport has a rich history and is an important part of the Golden Isles' culture and economy.