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## ***Shreveport Regional Airport Sees Busy Memorial Day Weekend***

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With five airlines now serving seven non-stop destinations, the Memorial Day Weekend provided a glimpse ahead for a busy summer travel season at Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV). More than 9,000 passengers traveled through the airport between Thursday, May 26, and Monday, May 30, 2016. Memorial Day Weekend marks the traditional start of the summer travel season.

“Summer is one of the busiest times at Shreveport Regional Airport. We’re excited about the return of non-stop Orlando service with Allegiant. Our newest air carrier, GLO, is continuing to offer great round trip fares to New Orleans from Shreveport that start at \$150, which has really helped increase traffic at the airport. We encourage all the residents of the Ark-La-Tex to *Fly Shreveport First* when traveling from the region,” said Henry Thompson, Director of Airports for the Shreveport Airport Authority.

With the increased number of people using SHV this summer, and in ongoing efforts to elevate the travel and customer experiences at SHV, a free cell phone waiting lot has opened to help alleviate congestion in the curbside passenger area of the main terminal building of the airport.

Even with an increased number of flights at SHV, TSA screening checkpoint lines at SHV have continued to remain very swift, often times taking passengers less than 10 minutes to clear screening. Wait times at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field Airport have soared up to three hours for passengers to be processed by TSA.

Passengers flying from SHV are reminded to check in at the airport at least one hour before their scheduled flight departure. Passengers flying Allegiant should check in at the airport two hours before their scheduled departure time.

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About Shreveport Regional Airport: Opened on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1952, the Greater Municipal Airport became the region’s commercial carrier airport, replacing the Shreveport Downtown Airport, which opened in 1931. Airline service was initially provided by Delta Air Lines, Chicago & Southern Airlines and Mid-Continent Airlines. In 1971, a 160,000-square-foot terminal with two new concourses, a restaurant, and lounge was added. The name was then changed to Shreveport Regional Airport to reflect the impact the airport had in the region. Shreveport Regional Airport is served by five air carriers: Allegiant with non-stop service to Las Vegas and Orlando, American Airlines with non-stop service to Dallas, Delta Air Lines with non-stop service to Atlanta, GLO with non-stop service to New Orleans, and United Airlines with non-stop service to Denver and Houston. More than 616,000 passengers traveled through SHV in 2015.

