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Thank You!

Every year, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) recognizes the loyalty and support of all air travelers that choose to Fly Local.

“We really look forward to celebrating Customer Appreciation Week with our passengers and saying thank you for being their airport of choice,” said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

The week-long festivities were filled with energy, excitement, and enthusiasm with free food and drinks, live music, and prize giveaways.

Special guests included FeRROUS and FeFe/Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, the PEEP/Just Born Inc., several therapy dogs from the C.O.P.E. program (Canines Offering Passengers Encouragement), and musical performances by Sharon Pires and Lilly Moss.

Thank you to the Airport advertisers, organizations, and businesses that helped make this year’s event a success:

- Social Still
- Franklin Hills Winery
- La Vida Cafe
- Zekraft
- The Keystone 99's
- Cancer Support Community
- The Chopper Foundation
- Easton Area Public Library
- Allentown Public Library
- Just Born, Inc.
- Kilimanjaro Distillery
- First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union
- Leader of the Pack Canine Institute
- Joshi Hotel Group
- Tat My Luggage
- Moxy Allentown
- Tolino Winery
- Never Grow Up Vacations
- Lehigh Valley IronPigs
- Borderline Restaurant
- Skuba Entertainment
- Events by BalloonWorks

See you again in 2025!



Nonstop to:

- Denver (DEN)
- Fort Lauderdale (FLL)
- Melbourne (MLB)
- Myrtle Beach (MYR)
- Nashville (BNA)
- Orlando (MCO)
- Orlando Sanford (SFB)
- Punta Gorda (PGD)
- Sarasota (SRQ)
- St. Petersburg (PIE)



Nonstop to:

- Charlotte (CLT)
- Philadelphia (PHL)



Nonstop to:

- Atlanta (ATL)



Nonstop to:

- Chicago (ORD)
- Newark (EWR)





Welcome, Which Wich®!

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) passengers are ecstatic about a delicious new grab-n-go option.

Which Wich® offers loads of signature sandwiches, wraps, or bowls, and even build your own options.

"You can do a transaction anywhere, but our goal is to provide an interaction experience. Passengers will print their name on the bag and tell us exactly what they want, and you can't ask for anything more," said Jeff Sinelli, Founder, Which Wich®.

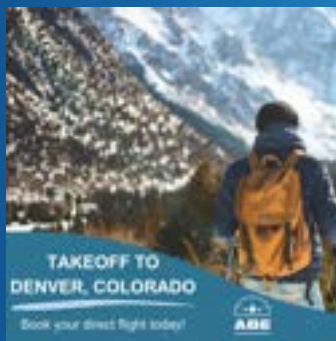
Construction on Zekraft – a familiar establishment to Lehigh Valley residents – and a new Marketplace to replace the current gift shop is underway in the Wilfred M. "Wiley" Post, Jr. Concourse.



Back to the Mile High City!

Nonstop flights from Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) to Denver, Colorado (DEN) will resume on May 22, 2025, aboard Allegiant Air.

Book your flight TODAY on flyabe.com.



Parking Lots Reopen

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) has completed a construction site survey of the Short-Term Parking Lot, Aero Club Parking Lot, and the Long-Term Parking Lot.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this important survey as we prepare for future improvements to the customer experience at ABE.

Grand Opening!

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) recently unveiled a new Pet Relief Area.

Sponsored by Leader of the Pack Canine Institute, the 200-square-foot room includes a bench, a sink, a grassy mat relief area with flush valve, spray hose, and clean-up bags.

"Whether it was for a service animal or a family pet, the Airport Authority was determined to provide a top-notch facility to serve our canine customers," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, LNAA.

The Pet Relief Area is located near Gate 14 in the Wilfred M. "Wiley" Post, Jr. Concourse.



It's a Summer Travel Record

Nearly 300,000 passengers traveled through Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) from June through August - the largest three-month surge on record for the Airport.

Nine of the Top 10 busiest days ever for our TSA Checkpoint occurred in June, July, and August of this year.

ABE passenger totals by month are listed below:

- June – 98,589
- July – 101,988
- August – 96,460
- September – 75,472
- October – 82,514





Ready, Set, Pull!

They were inspired. They were determined. They were ready to pull for a purpose.

Seventeen teams participated in the 2nd Annual Lehigh Valley Plane Pull at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE), eclipsing the \$50,000 fundraising mark in support of Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA).

"You watched the strength of an entire community help support the sports, leadership, and fitness dreams of our nearly 3,000 athletes. Special Olympics Pennsylvania continues to be overwhelmed by the growing enthusiasm from every team and organization that participates in this fantastic event," said Julie Benjamin, Executive Director, SOPA.

Attached to a 198,000-pound FedEx 767 aircraft, every group raced against the clock to successfully move the aircraft twelve feet.

"We're extremely proud to be the only airport in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that hosts such a unique experience to benefit the mission of SOPA. There's spirited competition amongst the teams because when the buzzer sounds, all eyes are focused on the timing clock," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.

Sheetz was the presenting sponsor for the event. Additional sponsors and vendors included FedEx, LNAA, B. Braun, Koehler Marin Realty, Bell Ace Hardware, Penske, Lehigh Valley IronPigs, Wegmans, Marriott, BerkOne, Eastern PA Ski Council, Jersey Mike's, Mod Metal Works, Boyle Construction, Be Well Chiropractic, TuWay Communications, Northampton Regional Emergency Services, AmericaVen, Burger Shack, Issa Cream, Mediterranean King, and Wrap'd Tight.

Thank you to all the participants, sponsors, and airport staff. It was an amazing day!



Sold Out Seminar!

Twelve participants attended the Fear of Flying Seminar at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) in October.

Certified therapist Dina Loomis began the sold-out session with stress-relieving exercises and recommended other resources for additional support for nervous air travelers, followed by an informational tour and discussion of the passenger screening process at ABE provided by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

All participants boarded a parked Airbus A320 aircraft with a commercial airline pilot, as she explained the sights and sounds and what to expect as part of your flying experience.

To register for our next Fear of Flying Seminar in January 2025, visit www.flyabe.com/abe-advantage/fear-of-flying-seminar/



Annual Community Night at Canal Park

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) was excited to join other vendors and organizations at Hanover Township's Annual Community Night in Canal Park. Visitors were able to view an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Truck (ARFF), meet C.O.P.E. members (Canines Offering Passengers Encouragement) - Monty, Joey, and Kingsley, plus learn more about airport programs and amenities.



Aviation Celebration!

During National Aviation Week, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) hosted members of the Civil Air Patrol, Experimental Aviation Association (EAA), and Ninety-Nines Women Pilot Organization in the Wilfred M. "Wiley" Post, Jr. Concourse to help interested passengers learn more about these important aviation organizations.



Engaging Educators

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) hosted fifteen administrators and educators from Northampton Area School District (NASD) during their interactive professional development event in October, which included a tour of the following: Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) Maintenance Department, Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) Department, and Scott Richards Aviation at Hangar 7.



9,506 meals

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) staff filled 585 boxes (totaling 11,407 pounds) with non-perishable food items for the Military Share Pack Program at Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Military Share Pack Program provides food to veteran, reserve, and active-duty military members and their families. The program serves 150 military families once each month.

Thank you to all the volunteers!





Employee Spotlight

Canine Corner



Elliot Klinbovsky & Jacob Long (Operations)

Elliot Klinbovsky is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and attended college after his enlistment. Elliot served three years as a police officer for the New York City Police Department (NYPD), and then after 9/11, he spent 21 years as a police officer for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ). After retiring in 2023, Elliot joined the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) as an operations officer. He enjoys traveling with his wife, hiking, and anything related to aviation.

Jacob Long started working at LNAA as a ramp agent for Allegiant immediately after high school graduation in 2019. His father is a member of the Airport Authority Police Department, which had Jacob wanting to learn more about Airport operations. He was offered an employment opportunity as an Operations Officer.

“This is a great job to have, and I work with wonderful people, and I will continue to learn and work as hard as I can to maintain and keep the airport safe.” said Long.



Karen Wonderly & Annabelle (COPE)

Annabelle (a labrador / golden retriever mix) came from a dog foster home in Tennessee. Once at her new home in Pennsylvania, she passed the Canine Good Citizen test and the Therapy Dog test. Annabelle loves meeting people, especially children. Belly rubs are her favorite, along with tasty treats. Karen and Annabelle have been visiting ABE for 5 years. When they are not on visits, Annabelle enjoys walks at the local parks and chilling in the back yard looking for squirrels and rabbits. Annabelle also has many ribbons and certificates for her amazing Nosework searches.

You're Amazing!

Volunteers from various programs at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) gathered at Canal Park in Allentown for food and fun. Airport Executive Director Thomas R. Stoudt distributed appreciation certificates and goodie bags for everyone, including the C.O.P.E. (Canines Offering Passengers Encouragement) therapy dogs. Thank you to all our fabulous volunteers!



ABE'S TRAVEL TIPS

- ✈ Pack smart by packing in layers.
- ✈ Remove electronics from your carry-on bag before security screening.
- ✈ Arrive 2 hours prior to your scheduled departure.