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Port Columbus, American Airlines Commemorate 80-Year Partnership

COLUMBUS – American Airlines is deeply rooted in the history of Port Columbus International Airport. In 1931, two years after the airport opened, American Airways began serving Columbus travelers from the airport’s original terminal on Fifth Avenue. Three years later the airline adopted its current name.

“American Airlines is extremely proud to achieve this significant milestone at Port Columbus,” said Tom Del Valle, senior vice president of airport services for American Airlines. “We appreciate the enduring support of our loyal American customers in the Columbus market.”

“For 80 years Port Columbus, Central Ohio travelers and our local economy have benefited by the presence of American Airlines in our community,” said Elaine Roberts, President & CEO of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, which operates Port Columbus International Airport. “American is the airport’s oldest airline and we greatly appreciate their longstanding partnership and continued investment in Columbus.”

American Airlines operates 25 daily nonstop flights from Port Columbus to five destinations: Dallas/Ft. Worth, Chicago O’Hare, Miami, New York-JFK and New York-LaGuardia. Twelve percent of Port Columbus passengers choose to fly American, the airport’s fourth largest air carrier.

Port Columbus is celebrating American’s 80th anniversary by decorating the airline’s skycap, ticketing and gate counters with flowers, banners and balloons. A passenger appreciation station with light refreshments is also planned for Aug. 24 in American’s Concourse B gate area.

Visit AA.com or FlyColumbus.com to book flights or learn more about American Airlines’ Port Columbus service. For more information about the anniversary plans or the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, contact [Angie Tabor](mailto:Angie.Tabor@CRAA.com) at 614-239-4081.

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