



Gilbert Field Flyer

at the Winter Haven Municipal Airport

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MORE THAN YOUR AVERAGE COFFEE SHOP

Richard's Fine Coffees, Café and Deli is more than the average coffee shop. Located at the new Winter Haven Airport Terminal, this shop has great food and atmosphere, too.

Where else can you get breakfast, lunch or an early dinner while watching exciting airport activity? Richard's at the airport is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Another thing that makes Richard's different is its welcoming atmosphere.

"We don't make a living on turning tables like a lot of restaurants," said Dave Tuttle, owner of Richard's. "We

provide a place where you can come out and relax, talk, study and visit. You're welcome to linger." There's also free wireless internet access.

Open to the public, the Airport café menu includes soups, gourmet sandwiches and salads, delicious pastries, coffees and more.

Some visitors may recognize Tuttle, since he's owned Richard's Fine Coffees in downtown Winter Haven for several years. The downtown location is at the Winter Haven Library.

There's a big difference between the two Richard's locations though. The Airport location is bigger, so it can accommodate large groups and meetings. The downtown location is smaller and does a lot more "to go" business.

"We always had an interest in expanding in the Winter Haven area," Tuttle said. "We knew it wouldn't be an overwhelming beginning because of the economy."

The Airport café is also in a great location to serve Auburndale and Lake Alfred, as well.

Having an eatery is important for the Airport, said Cheryl Connor,



Dave Tuttle prepares a recent catering order at the Airport.

Airport Manager, especially for corporate pilots and travelers.

"It's essential to the new Airport terminal to have a successful eating establishment," Connor said.

Richard's at the Airport offers a beautiful facility that can offer a relaxing environment in which to meet with family, friends and business associates. There's nowhere else like it in Winter Haven.

Catering is also available. Call Richard's at 863-956-1200, for more information.



Stephen Tuttle prepares coffee recently at Richard's Fine Coffees at the Airport.

AIRPORT BY THE NUMBERS

Winter Haven Municipal Airport September sales of 100LL fuel totaled 9,690 gallons in 2009, and 7,995 in 2008. September 2009 sales of Jet A fuel totaled 4,682 gallons and 2,233 gallons in 2008.

In September, the Airport saw about 6,000 take offs and landings. That includes 15 corporate aircraft operations, the same number as

the previous month.

Winter Haven Airport is home to more than 260 aircraft, housed in executive hangars, T-hangars and tie-down spaces.



AIRPORT HOURS AND CONTACT

Hours of operation for the terminal at Winter Haven Municipal Airport at Gilbert Field, are 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily.

The terminal is at 2073 U.S. Highway 92 W, Winter Haven, 33881. Richard Parish is the Fixed Base Operator and can be reached at 863-956-3300.

MESSAGE FROM CHERYL CONNOR, AIRPORT MANAGER



Welcome home to our winter tenants and visitors.

Airport activity is flying high. Survey crews are on site preparing for the construction phase for the Runway 4-22 Rehabilitation project.

We have a new Airport website at: whma.mywinterhaven.com. You will find lots of great information on the website.

The Home Page features the Airport location, along with contact and rental information.

Links to the terminal, Winter Haven Air Services, the Gallery and the Café are also available for exploring.

Click on the terminal link and you'll find information with quick links to Richard's Fine Coffees, Café and Deli, Brown's Seaplane Base and Tailwheels, Etc.

Find out about the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) and all FBO services by clicking on the Air Services link.

The Gallery link provides photos that showcase the terminal and Richard's Fine Coffees, Café and Deli. More photos will be added in the near future.

And finally, click on the Café link for information about the restaurant. Find the link at the lower left for Richard's Fine Coffees, Café and Deli to take a virtual tour of what it is like to arrive at the airport and enter the café. The menu is available, as is a calendar of events and contact information.

Quick links include: Tailwheels, Etc. where you can learn about a two-week Accelerated Private Pilot's License program; and one for Brown's Seaplane Base. Since 1962 Brown's has been at the Airport training more than 14,000 seaplane pilots from around the world.

Visit the Airport website often.

AIRPORT ACTIVITY



This 2002 Gulfstream G-V jet, with Rolls Royce engines, owned by Dillard's, of Little Rock, Ark., visited the Airport recently. Pilots purchased 1,200 gallons of fuel for the aircraft.

FLY OVER By Richard Parish, Fixed Base Operator



Two events are being planned for November at the Winter Haven Airport.

First, on November 14, the Winter Haven Pilot's Association will hold its annual fly-in and picnic in the oak grove area of the Airport. It's always a fun time for food, fellowship and lots of flying.

Then on November 21, Tailwheels, Etc., our local flight school, will sponsor a special "Aviation Day." The event is open to the general public and will feature

lots of activities. Take an airplane flight for \$10. There will also be a hot air balloon and displays will feature antique cars, a poker run, door prizes and lots of aircraft displays.

Other activities being planned for "Aviation Day" include a display of Polk County Sheriff and Coast Guard helicopters and a fly-over by a McDill Air Force jet. Cessna Aircraft Company will also have a new C-172 or C-182 for display and demonstration.

There will also be refreshments available throughout the day.

Both events are expected to be fun-filled for all who attend.

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