

# Brunswick Executive Airport is open for business!

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Brunswick, ME - It is with great pleasure that I announce yet another milestone in the redevelopment of Naval Air Station Brunswick (NASB) - the Grand Opening of the **Brunswick Executive Airport (BXM)** on Saturday, April 2. The Grand Opening celebration will begin with the first official landing of civilian aircraft on the runways at 1:00 pm. The celebration will continue in Hangar 6 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and comments from federal, state and local officials. We invite the public to join us in celebrating this milestone event signifying Brunswick Executive Airport as "Open for Business."

The Grand Opening marks a new beginning for civilian general aviation use at the airport after over 60 years as a military base, and we have a lot to look forward to. With 22% of all US and 55% of all Canadian general aviation aircraft located within 500 miles away, the Brunswick Executive Airport is now accessible to much of the general aviation market. This means increased tourism to the region and the State, and increased business opportunities for the area.

It is important to note that even though NASB is scheduled to close on May 31, the Navy has already begun transferring more than 700 acres of land, runways, and aviation-use buildings to MRRRA. These early property transfers are highly unusual in military base closures. Rather, most military property transfers occur quite some time after a base closes, causing an economic hardship for the host communities. In NASB's case, the need for rapid redevelopment of the base property is critical to minimize the negative economic impact to the region and the State. The result of early property transfers is that MRRRA will be able to begin airport operations ahead of the official base closure, and some companies have already opened for business. The early airport property transfers were possible because of the outstanding cooperation among federal agencies, members of Congress, the US Navy, MRRRA, and state and local officials.

There is already quite a busy schedule of events planned for the airport property this year. The public is invited to attend the following events:

- April 2: Grand Opening of the Brunswick Executive Airport
- May 31: NASB Disestablishment Ceremony
- June 4: Brunswick International Fly-In
- August 26 - 28: Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo

With two 8,000 foot runways, 650,000 square feet of hangar space and maintenance facilities, over 103 acres of taxiways and aircraft parking apron space, and an advanced glycol recovery de-icing system exceeding Environmental Protection Agency and Federal Aviation Administration standards, Brunswick Executive Airport is a world-class aviation complex poised for successful redevelopment. I am truly excited about the many possibilities this airport can provide for the region and the state. The Brunswick Executive Airport has been cleared for takeoff!

For more information about upcoming events at the Brunswick Executive Airport, visit our web site at [www.mrra.us](http://www.mrra.us). You can find information on tickets, exhibiting, sponsoring or volunteering at the Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo by going to [www.greatstateofmainearshow.us](http://www.greatstateofmainearshow.us).