

## *News Update From*



*Why drive when it's so easy to fly!*

### **December 2010 News**

#### **TSA here for your safety**



Lately it seems that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is getting criticized for everything they do or don't do. As this holiday season continues, and more and more people hit to the skies, I want to remind everyone that TSA is here for one purpose, and that is to keep the skies safe.

Here at the Columbia Regional Airport the TSA staff are courteous, friendly, and are dedicated to getting all of our passengers safely to their destinations. While it is true things have changed in the airline industry, and will inevitably continue to change, safety is and will continue to be the highest priority. It is the stringent safety standards that the airports, airlines, and TSA adhere to that keep flying the safest way to travel. I too will be flying home this Christmas season and there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that I will arrive safely at my destination.

This holiday season, please keep in mind planes do have mechanical issues, pilots do get sick, and the weather is always changing, so build in extra time to get to your destination and be patient with your ticket agents and flight attendants. While you are taking off your shoes, your belt, and your watch, remember that TSA employees are doing their jobs to keep the entire airspace system secure for you and your family. Safe and happy travels from all of us here at the airport.

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## Traveling with food and gifts

When it comes to bringing items through checkpoints, traveling with food or gifts is an even bigger challenge. Everyone has favorite foods from home that they want to bring to holiday dinners, or items from their destination that they want to bring back home. Not sure about what you can and can't bring through the checkpoint? Here's a list of liquid, aerosol and gel items that you should **put in your checked bag, ship ahead, or leave at home.**



- Cranberry sauce
- Cologne
- Creamy dips and spreads (cheeses, peanut butter, etc.)
- Gift baskets with food items (salsa, jams and salad dressings)
- Gravy
- Jams
- Jellies
- Lotions
- Maple syrup
- Oils and vinegars
- Perfume
- Salad dressing
- Salsa
- Sauces
- Snowglobes
- Soups
- Wine, liquor and beer

**Note:** You can bring pies and cakes through the security checkpoint, but please be advised that they are subject to additional screening.

**Remember!** - do not wrap gifts you're taking on the plane. Security officers may have to unwrap gifts if they need to take a closer look. Please ship wrapped gifts ahead of time or wait until your destination to wrap them.

**Items purchased after the security checkpoint have been pre-screened and can be taken on the plane.**

## COU's Check-in Policy



Please arrive at least **ONE HOUR** before your scheduled flight to ensure all flight arrangements and security measures are complete. **The ticket counter closes 30 minutes prior to departure** and the airline will not issue boarding passes or check baggage less than 30 minutes prior to departure.

## International Travel

Planning a trip overseas? Many international destinations are so easy to get to right from Columbia with just one stop in Memphis-- including Amsterdam, Toronto & Mexico City; and seasonally to Cancun, Cozumel & Montego Bay. Check online at [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com) and use COU as your airport code. Being flexible on your travel dates can save you even more.

## COU Passengers Stats

September- 3,269

October- 3,582 (Represents an 81.4% load factor- meaning of all the seats available to sell that month, 81.4% were sold. Outstanding!)

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