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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

AVIATION IN FLAGLER BEACH

Flagler County, and specifically Flagler Beach, has a rich aviation history. Tom Duncan, a board member of the Flagler Beach Historical Museum, is an expert on the subject. If you're interested in learning more, you can find his book, *Forgotten Flyers & Airfields of Flagler County*, on sale at the museum.



1 A February 12, 1943, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) aerial photograph of the Flagler Beach Airport, much expanded from its original construction in 1929. There were two grass runways. The northwest-to-southeast runway was 3,200 feet long, and the north-to-south runway was 3,000 feet long. That oddly shaped body of water between the Intracoastal Waterway channel and the runways was known as Stomach Lake. (Credit: The University of Florida Map & Imagery Library)

Did you know that there used to be an airstrip in Flagler Beach? It was located on the island's west side, on the south side, between 12th and 21st streets. Although it was constructed between 1926 and 1927, the outline of the airstrip can still be visible at times from the air.

Furthermore, did you know that Charles Lindbergh landed here in November 1931? He was forced to stay due to a fog bank and ended up staying at the Flagler Beach Hotel. Another interesting fact is that the Bevins, Okey & Martha, ran a flight school at the Flagler Beach Airstrip and were associated with Embry Riddle.

Lastly, Flagler County has had three different airfields in its history. In addition to the Flagler Beach Airstrip, there was also the Flagler County Airstrip (now known as the Flagler Executive Airport) and an airstrip in Bunnell in the western part of the county. If you're interested in learning more about these and other aviation stories, be sure to check out Tom Duncan's book, which is available at the museum.

Attention foodies! We want to give a big shoutout to all the amazing restaurants for supporting our FALL FOR FLAGLER FESTIVAL. Thank you for bringing your A-game and making this event unforgettable!



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