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# American Airlines Launches New Nonstop Flights to Charlotte, North Carolina (CLT) from Flint with a Stock Car Escort and Water Cannon Salute!

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(Flint, Michigan) The first American Airlines flight from Charlotte will arrive today at 2:06 p.m. at Flint Bishop International Airport. The flight will be welcomed by a John Zink Stock car replica on the taxiway and escorted through a water canon salute to the gate. "Sid" (the airport's television spokesperson) will greet the aircraft at the terminal.

Nino Sapone, Interim Airport Director, "we couldn't think of a better way to welcome our first flight from 'the Queen City' of Charlotte—and the home of NASCAR--to the 'vehicle city' of Flint. Over 40 businesses in our region fly regularly to Charlotte and the surrounding areas. This nonstop will provide great access to this vital portion of the country's eastern seaboard, internationally and to my favorite, the Caribbean. Connecting to the largest flight banks in Charlotte, our passengers will have easy, quick access to the most popular destinations around the globe."

"We are always looking to serve new destinations that are important to our customers and our team members," said Dec Lee, Vice President of CLT Hub Operations. "We are in the business of making the world more accessible and we are excited to be able to connect customers from Flint with as little as one stop to almost anywhere in the world through American's second largest hub."

Cathy Gentry, Director of Business Operations, Sloan Museum & Longway Planetarium: "We are pleased to have been able to partner with Flint Bishop to provide access to the John Zink Special Stock car replica to welcome the first American Airlines flight to Charlotte—the home of NASCAR."

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### Schedule:

Departure Airport	Departure Time	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time
FNT	8:15 a.m.	CLT	10:30 a.m.
FNT	2:39 p.m.	CLT	4:53 p.m.
CLT	11:51 a.m.	FNT	2:06 p.m.
CLT	7:58 p.m.	FNT	10:13 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at aa.com.

The new Charlotte flights connect well to popular domestic destinations like Asheville; Boston; Bangor; Baltimore; Memphis; Newark; Philadelphia and Savannah, along with international hot spots like Aruba; Barcelona; Dublin; Madrid, Montego Bay, and the new flight to Munich.

Charlotte is American's second-largest hub and the sixth-busiest airport in the country based on aircraft movement. The airline plans to operate more than 700 daily flights out of Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) by the end of this year.

#### **About Sloan Museum Auto Fair**

The annual Sloan Museum Auto Fair is one of Michigan's longest running vehicle shows. For 47 years, all of the proceeds from this annual event have supported the acquisition, restoration, maintenance, and promotion of the Sloan Museum's unique collection of vehicles and automotive archives. Plans are underway for the 2020 show now and they encourage anyone who loves vehicles to help them plan. For more information about the show, please visit SloanAutoFair.com.

#### **About Flint Bishop International Airport**

Flint Bishop International Airport (FNT) is "Not the only way to fly. Just a better one". Flint guarantees you all of the destination options of a larger airport, while flying from the comfort of a relaxing and beautiful facility. Flint features all-jet service, with flights provided by Allegiant, American, Delta and United. Our airlines provide many nonstop flights to popular destinations across the country that will also connect you around the world, usually in one stop or less. For reservations and flight information from Flint, visit our website at <a href="mailto:bishopairport.org">bishopairport.org</a>

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