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## Asheville Regional Airport Adds FuelRod Power-on-the-Go Mobile Charging Service

### *AVL Joins RDU and CLT Airports in Providing FuelRod Device Charging Convenience*

**SAN DIEGO — September 25, 2019** — Tricopian, Inc., a San Diego, California-based developer of the innovative FuelRod mobile charging service for users of smartphones and tablets, is pleased to announce that Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) has added three of FuelRod's automated SwapBox™ kiosks at select locations within the airport. Now, travelers at AVL can simply purchase a FuelRod mobile charging kit from the kiosk, charge up their Apple® or Android™ devices with the fully charged FuelRod and not have to worry about keeping their devices charged-on-the-go.

The FuelRod service is a unique service that frees up travelers to enjoy airport dining and shopping and not have to waste time looking for recharging stations or electrical outlets. Once the FuelRod battery is drained, users can easily swap the used FuelRod for a fully charged battery for a modest fee at any SwapBox kiosk anywhere within the global network – including airports, theme parks, attractions, convention centers and more. Alternatively, users can recharge the FuelRod with the provided USB cables.



“As AVL continues to grow, we are pleased to find more passenger amenities to make the travel experience the best it can be,” said Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director of the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority. “Keeping a full charge on a phone tops the list for many travelers, so we are excited to welcome FuelRod to the airport.”

“We’re pleased to add Asheville Regional Airport to our quickly expanding airport portfolio,” said Joe Yeagley, founder of Tricopian, Inc. “The response from customers at Raleigh-Durham and Charlotte-Douglas airports has been extremely positive, and we’re excited to increase our footprint in North Carolina.”

With the expanding locations of the SwapBox kiosks that allow for the quick exchange of the lightweight charger, FuelRod enables users to stay mobile while they charge their phones and help the environment by keeping batteries out of landfills.

The FuelRod Kits will substantially charge a standard iPhone or Android phone. Once the FuelRod is used or depleted, users can easily recharge the FuelRod via any USB source with the provided connectors or swap it at any FuelRod Kiosk for a fresh – fully charged FuelRod.

FuelRod SwapBox kiosks are at a rapidly growing number of locations in the U.S. and Europe. Also, FuelRod chargers can be purchased online at [www.fuel-rod.com](http://www.fuel-rod.com). FuelRod can be found on Twitter [@FuelRodPower](https://twitter.com/FuelRodPower) and Facebook at [FuelRodPower](https://www.facebook.com/FuelRodPower).

### **About Asheville Regional Airport**

Asheville Regional Airport is one of the fastest-growing airports in the country, with 19 nonstop destinations served by six airlines. The airport just celebrated its fifth consecutive record year of growth, and in 2018, served more than one million annual passengers for the first time in its 58-year history. The growth is continuing, with a 45% increase in passenger traffic recorded in 1Q19 compared to the same period last year. For more information, visit [flyavl.com](http://flyavl.com).

### **About Tricopian, Inc.**

Founded in 2011, San Diego-based Tricopian, Inc. is the manufacturer of the popular FuelRod™ Power-on-the-Go mobile device charging service. The innovative FuelRod recharge and swap program, available at numerous airports in the U.S. and Europe as well as at theme parks and convention centers helps to keep batteries out of landfills to support a cleaner, more productive planet.

Tricopian holds patents on its two-way exchange kiosks in the U.S., Europe, Japan, and China and is the first company to achieve UL listing on both its batteries and instant SwapBox™ kiosks. Tricopian offers battery solutions servicing a wide range of product applications from cell phones and tablets, to flashlights and remote-control toys. For more information, visit [www.fuel-rod.com](http://www.fuel-rod.com).

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