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#### **Gene Herring**

October 14 at 6:50 PM · 🔇

It seems that every time I research and post a story about Rocky Mount, more facts are revealed. It's much like peeling the layers of an onion. A recent story made mention of Avalon Airport. This was a small air strip located on Leggett Highway in the mid 40's. (At that time known as route 95, later changed to highway 97 to avoid confusion with the new I-95.) Scenic flights over Rocky Mount were offered for \$1.50 per person. The Avalon Skeet Club would meet at the field on Sundays from 2-5 pm for competitive skeet shooting. (The TSA would love that today.) The Avalon Airport was closed after operations were moved to Rocky Mount Municipal Airport on North Church Street.

# OPEN SUNDAY ATTENTION

CITIZENS OF ROCKY MOUNT AND EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Avalon Air Service will be open for business Sunday, March 1 1th

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Sturtevant, Sr., operators and old-timers in aviation cordially invite your patronage. We offer a complete flying service—sightseeing flights over Rocky Mount—\$1.50 per person—Flight instruction \$10.00 per hour in the New Aeronca Champion or Piper Cruiser—Plane rentals \$7.00 per hour—Charter service—anywhere, anytime, rates guoted on request.

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Worked there for Bob Lee. In 1947. Summer out of school. 30 a week lid 1 hours flying time. Champ. J3 luscombe and J5 cruiser. Great days

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#### **Linda Ruffin**

First vacation Bible school for Avalon Church was held in an old airplane building in about 1953 or 54

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#### Bill Clark

They were good days

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#### Jerry Clegg

In the late 40's my Daddy had his plane at the Rocky Mount Airport.

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#### Lee Dawson

My dad took lessons from Mr Lee.. Got his license too.

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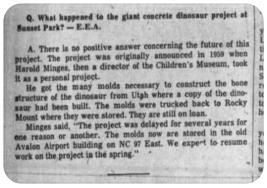






#### Mike Taylor

Gene Herring Bill Clark Linda Ruffin Jerry Clegg Lee Dawson Larry Boone Hello! I am a palaeontology researcher, working on a paper that is in part about the molds used to casts Diplodocus replicas. See Gene's recent story at https://www.facebook.com/gr... See more



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#### **Larry Boone**

That was so nice back then.

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