

= Geilo Airport , Dagali =

Geilo Airport , Dagali ( Norwegian : Geilo flyplass , Dagali ; formerly Geilo lufthavn , Dagali ; IATA : DLD , ICAO : ENDI ) is a private airport located at Dagali in Hol , Norway . It was previously a public airport that was both a regional airport and served international tourist charter airlines serving the nearby ski resorts centered on Geilo . The airport opened in 1985 , but failed commercially and was eventually closed in 2003 .

Originally featuring a 1 @, @ 300 @-@ meter ( 4 @, @ 300 ft ) runway , it was extended to 1 @, @ 800 meters ( 5 @, @ 900 ft ) in 1988 . Now it is limited to 850 meters ( 2 @, @ 790 ft ) which can still be used for private aircraft . The airport has been converted to a go cart track , though there is still some general aviation at the airport . The commercial services have been moved to Fagernes Airport , Leirin , which opened in 1987 . The airport is owned and operated by a company owned by the municipalities of Hol and Nore og Uvdal .

= = History = =

Geilo Airport was opened in 1985 as a regional airport . On 20 June 1986 , Coast Aero Center was awarded the concession for flying from Stavanger to Geilo Airport , Dagali until 1991 . The airline used a Beechcraft 200 Super King Air on the service . At the same time , Norving started operations to Oslo . The ridership from Geilo turned out to be insufficient to make a profit , and both Coast Aero Center and Norving terminated their routes . Widerøe and Norsk Air said there was not enough ridership for them to be interested . In 1989 , Coast Air received a one @-@ year concession to operate from Geilo to Oslo and Stavanger . The company used de Havilland Canada DHC @-@ 6 Twin Otter aircraft . The service was soon limited to two round trips each week .

Construction of a runway expansion from 1 @, @ 300 to 1 @, @ 800 metres ( 4 @, @ 300 to 5 @, @ 900 ft ) was started in 1988 , allowing the airport to be served by jet aircraft in international charter traffic . The 15 @. @ 3 million Norwegian krone ( NOK ) investment was financed through a municipal and county @-@ guaranteed loan . Since 1984 , the owners had hoped that the airport would become part of a state financing scheme that secured both guarantees for the operation of the airport , as well as subsidies to scheduled traffic . Geilo never received such status , unlike the nearby Fagernes Airport , Leirin which opened in 1987 . By 1992 , the mayors of Hol and Nore og Uvdal , the municipalities who owned the airport , admitted that it had been a mistake to build the airport . There were less than 1 @, @ 000 passengers annually , and the scheduled traffic with Coast Air cost the municipalities NOK 1 million per year . In addition came the operating deficit of the airport itself . The company Norcharter had been created by Hol and Nore og Uvdal , along with private investors , but it failed to increase ridership , despite spending NOK 8 million on marketing the region and the airport .

Twenty @-@ six municipally @-@ owned airports were taken over by the Norwegian Civil Aviation Administration ( now Avinor ) on 1 January 1996 . Geilo Airport was not among these , but received a NOK 1 @. @ 5 million annual grant from the state . Following Norway 's entry into the Schengen Agreement in 2000 , more money had to be invested in the airport to rebuilt it to meet immigration requirements . The airport set a new record with 8 @, @ 870 passengers in 2002 . From 1 June 2003 , a new company , Geilo Lufthavn Drift A / S , made an agreement to take over operations of the airport . But the airport was temporally closed from April to September , and the new company chose to not reopen the airport afterward . The airport has since been turned into a go cart track , but private aircraft can use 850 by 20 meters ( 2 @, @ 789 by 66 ft ) of the runway .

= = Incidents and accidents = =

On 25 April 1992 , the pilot and passenger of a Cessna 172 , en route from Molde Airport , Årø to Geilo , were killed when the aircraft crashed two kilometers east of Dagali .

On 18 October 1992 , a Piper PA @-@ 24 Comanche crashed after losing motor power at 2 @, @ 300 metres ( 7 @, @ 500 ft ) altitude . The plane became a total wreck , but the pilot managed to get

out after the emergency landing with only a few scratches .

On 19 March 1993 , a Beechcraft Super King Air from Trønderfly crashed 4 @. @ 3 kilometres ( 2 @. @ 7 mi ) from the airport while attempting to land . Three people were killed in the accident .