

The Richmond International Airport had 2.2 Inches of Snow on the 1st

January 1, 1971

Major snowstorms swept to the Washington area and during the final hours of 1970 and continued into the first hours in 1971. Very heavy snowfall totals were reported across the Washington area, with 8-16 inches of snow common in the immediate metro area. The snowfall in the metro area began during the afternoon of December 31st, 1970. Snow continued to fall through out the evening and ended the morning on January the 1st. At National Airport, 4.9 inches fell during the waning hours of 1970 and then an additional 4.4 inches accumulated after midnight. The snow was driven by strong and northeast winds, which reached 30 to 40 mph at times. Rockville, Maryland and Reston, Virginia reported 14 inches, and Dulles Airport tallied 15.3 inches. For Dulles, the storm set the airport's snowfall record going back to 1963. The record stood until the President's Day snowstorm of February 1979. . (p. 80-81 Washington Weather Book 2002 by Ambrose, Henry, Weiss)