



Carco Air Service

Carco Air Service was established in 1947 to operate an air taxi service between Albuquerque and Los Alamos, New Mexico for the Atomic Energy Commission. The carrier used mainly small Beechcraft Bonanza and twin bonanza aircraft on its Los Alamos service and also operated Douglas DC-3, DC-4, F-27 and Beech 18 aircraft for various other purposes. As Los Alamos was referred to as "The Atomic City", Carco was referred to as "The Atomic Airline". During the World War II years while atomic weapons were being developed, Los Alamos was kept secret and simply known as "the city on the hill". Carco also flew to many other Atomic Energy Commission cities as needed. In July 1964 Carco was officially certified as a commuter airline. On the companies' April 25, 1965 schedule, seven daily roundtrips were operated between Albuquerque and Los Alamos. Interestingly, this schedule showed that Los Alamos was observing daylight savings time and Albuquerque was not. Clark Carr who founded the airline, sold it to Ross Aviation in 1969 which continued the shuttle flights until 1995. Clark Carr passed away in 1986 and a road leading from University Blvd to the general aviation complex at the Albuquerque Sunport has been named in his honor.



Carco Beechcraft 35 Bonanza at Albuquerque.



Carco Piper Aztec at Albuquerque.



Carco Beechcraft 18.