



Ross Aviation

Ross Aviation, based in Albuquerque, inherited the commuter airline service of Carco in 1969 and maintained shuttle flights between Albuquerque and Los Alamos. Ross initially started using Piper Aztec and Beech Queen Air aircraft but upgraded to 18-passenger de Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otters in the early 1970's. Flights operated every two hours from 600am until 1000pm each weekday. By the mid-1980s the carrier began using 50-seat, four-engine, de Havilland Dash-7 aircraft on flights with heavier passenger and cargo loads. Ross also flew to other places, particularly in Nevada, using separate aircraft including Fokker F-27 props and Douglas DC-9 jets. As government traffic to Los Alamos downsized into the 1990's, Ross Aviation cut back on flights until all service was discontinued on September 29, 1995. Since then, Peacock Air, Mesa Airlines, Rio Grande Air, New Mexico Airlines, and Boutique Air have all flown the Albuquerque to Los Alamos route. A new Ross Aviation was founded in 2004 in Denver but appears to have no relation to the Ross Aviation that served New Mexico.

Ross Aviation suffered one fatal accident on May 19, 1972 when a Beech Queen Air on a scheduled flight from Albuquerque to Los Alamos lost an engine on takeoff and crashed in an open area near the runway killing the pilot and all eight passengers onboard.



Model of a Ross Aviation Beechcraft Queen Air.



Ross Aviation de Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter at Albuquerque.



Ross Aviation de Havilland DHC-7 Dash-7 wearing the companies' final livery at Albuquerque.