



Solar Airlines

Solar Airlines was a commuter airline that operated from 1964 through 1966 using Beechcraft-18 and Turbo Tradewind aircraft. The carrier was originally based in Pecos, Texas but later moved to Roswell, New Mexico. On May 1, 1965 Solar was operating an Albuquerque-Roswell-Artesia-Midland-Sweetwater-Fort Worth-Dallas route as well as a Midland-Pecos-Ft. Stockton-Marfa/Alpine-Presidio-Chihuahua, Mexico route. Earlier in 1964 the airline reportedly served many other small communities in the Permian Basin including Jal, NM. Service to Albuquerque began by May 1, 1965. Solar had planned to introduce a Lear Jet-23 but the airline ceased operating before the aircraft began service.



Solar Airlines Turbo Tradewind aircraft at the Albuquerque Sunport.