

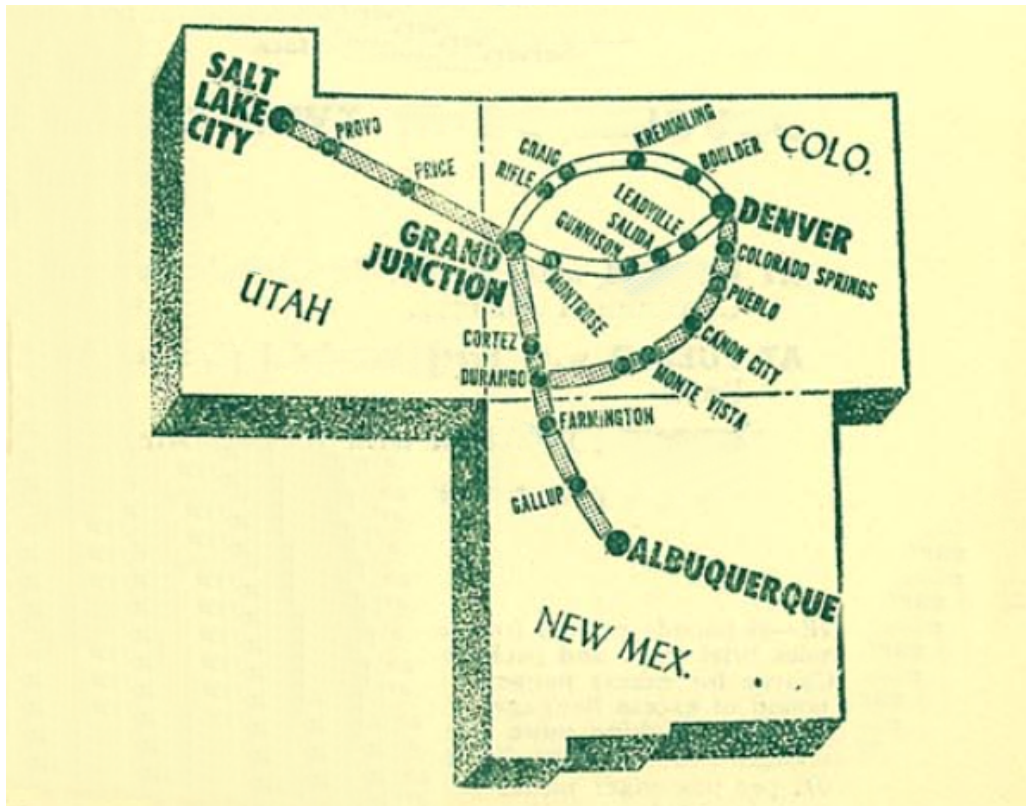


Monarch Air Lines

Monarch Air Lines was based in Denver, Colorado and commenced operations on November 27, 1946 with a route from Denver to Durango, Colorado, stopping at Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Alamosa, and Monte Vista, Colorado. By April, 1947, a second route was established between Salt Lake City and Albuquerque with stops at Provo and Price in Utah, Grand Junction, Cortez, and Durango in Colorado, and also at Farmington and Gallup in New Mexico. The flights would meet at Durango simultaneously so that transfers could be made between the two routes. A third route was also operated between Denver and Salt Lake City with stops at Canon City, Gunnison, Montrose, and Grand Junction, Colorado. All flights were operated with 21-passenger Douglas DC-3 aircraft. By 1948 Monarch had partnered with Challenger Airlines, based in Salt Lake City, with routes from Denver to Salt Lake City and from Denver to Billings, Montana, each making numerous stops throughout the state of Wyoming. Challenger also operated Douglas DC-3 aircraft. Monarch then purchased the assets and operating certificate of Arizona Airways, based in Phoenix, and on June 1, 1950, Monarch, Challenger, and Arizona were merged to become known as Frontier Airlines. This Frontier Airlines is reviewed under a separate link, "Frontier Airlines, 1950-1986".



Monarch Air Lines Douglas DC-3 at the Albuquerque Municipal Airport in the late 1940's.



Monarch Air Lines route map from 1947.