



Pacific Southwest Airlines "PSA"

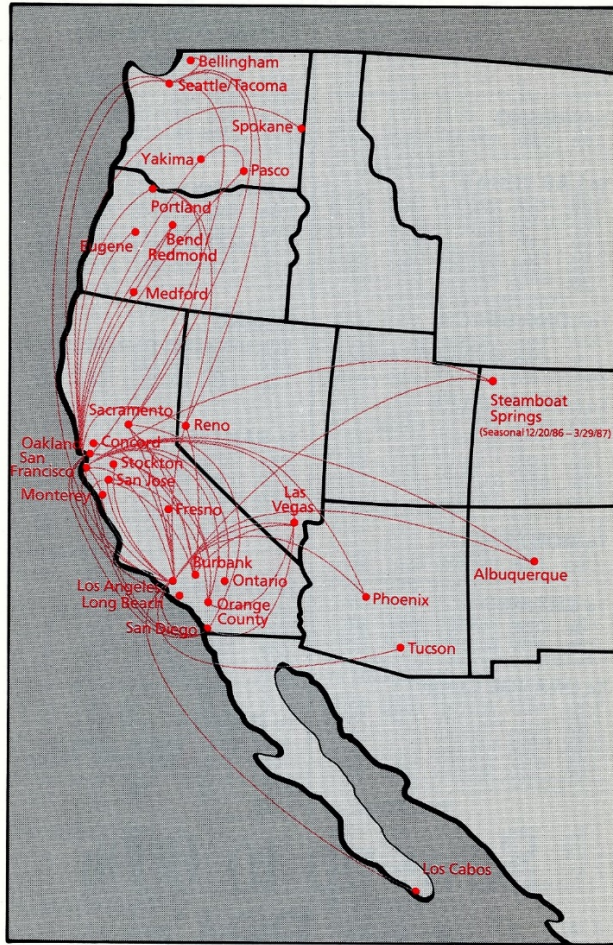
PSA was founded in 1949 as a California intra-state air carrier based in San Diego. After airline deregulation was passed in 1978, the airline began expanding to surrounding states and started service to Albuquerque on June 15, 1983 with three daily flights to Los Angeles that continued onto San Francisco. Initial flights operated with MD-80 aircraft and later adding Boeing 727-200's. The airline filled a void in the Albuquerque to Los Angeles market at the time as TWA discontinued its service. Southwest Airlines also entered the market and PSA suspended its Albuquerque service in April, 1985 but returned the following year operating four daily flights to Los Angeles as well as one nonstop flight to San Francisco, all on MD-80's. PSA had acquired the four-engine, 85-seat BAe-146 jet and announced that it would service Albuquerque but did not follow through. In 1987 the airline was bought out by USAir and all flights were integrated into the USAir system on April 9, 1988. USAir continued flights from Albuquerque to Los Angeles on former PSA MD-80's for a few more months before discontinuing them in favor of operating nonstops from Pittsburgh to Albuquerque. These flights then continued onto Tucson, Los Angeles, and San Francisco using Boeing 737-300 aircraft. By 1991 all westbound flights from Albuquerque were discontinued leaving no remnants of PSA. Several years later however USAir began a theme of painting one Airbus A319 aircraft in the colors of each of its predecessor airlines including one for PSA. USAir (later renamed US Airways) merged with American Airlines in 2015 and the one A319 aircraft in PSA colors continues to fly with American.



PSA McDonnell Douglas MD-80.



PSA Boeing 727-200.



PSA route map from April, 1987.



American Airlines Airbus A319 at Albuquerque in a retro livery commemorating PSA.