

## Republic Airways Holdings

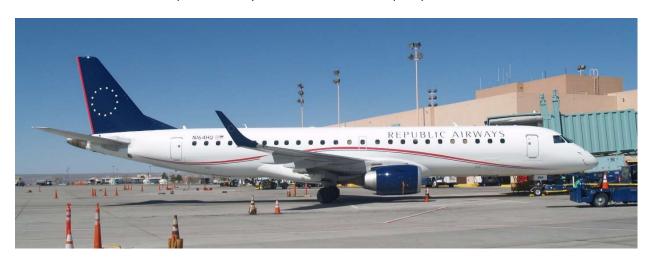
Republic Airways Holdings, Inc. was organized in 1998 and based in Indianapolis, Indiana with Chautauqua Airlines as its only subsidiary. In 1999 the company established a second subsidiary, Republic Airlines, however the carrier did not become operational until 2005. Republic Airways Holdings also acquired Shuttle America as a third subsidiary in 2005. Frontier Airlines and Midwest Airlines were acquired in 2009 however the two carriers were merged in 2011 and subsequently sold. To reduce costs, Chautauqua Airlines was merged into Shuttle America by the end of 2014 and Shuttle America was merged into Republic Airlines in early 2017. With Republic Airlines being the only surviving subsidiary, the carrier was renamed Republic Airways in late 2018 to match the name of the parent company.

The subsidiary carriers of Republic Airways Holdings have all operated with contract flying as American Eagle, Delta Connection, United Express, and for several other carriers in the past. Although no scheduled flying is performed as Republic Airways, the company does have several Embraer-170 and Embraer-175 aircraft painted in a Republic Airways paint scheme that are rotated and used as needed for each major carrier that Republic has code-share contracts with. Republic also operated charter flights from Albuquerque to Laughlin, Nevada on behalf of Ceasar's Entertainment Corporation from 2012 through 2015. Embraer 190 jets were used for this operation.

Note: This Republic Airways is not related to a former Republic Airlines that operated from 1979-1986 and merged with Northwest Airlines.



Republic Airways Embraer 170 at Albuquerque in 2007.



Republic Airways Embraer 190 at Albuquerque in 2014.



Republic Airways Embraer 175 at Albuquerque in 2021 displaying a new image that began in 2018.



## Chautauqua Airlines

Chautauqua Airlines was founded as a commuter airline in 1973 in Jamestown, New York. The carrier was one of the first airlines to code-share with a major airline when it became an Allegheny Commuter on behalf of Allegheny Airlines in the 1970's. Allegheny became US Air in 1979 and later US Airways in which Chautauqua became a US Airways Express operator. Chautauqua was acquired by Republic Airways Holdings in 1998 and began code-sharing alliances with several other major airlines including a United Express operation on behalf of United Airlines. Chautauqua began serving Albuquerque on January 6, 2005 with United Express flights to Chicago using 70-seat Embraer 170 regional jets. However it was deemed that Chautauqua had violated a pilot scope clause through a code-share agreement they had with another major airline by operating aircraft with more than 50 seats. To resolve the issue, the Embraer 170 jets were transferred to Shuttle America, another subsidiary under Republic Holdings and United Express operator. Service to Albuquerque ended in fall, 2005 and was resumed by Shuttle America using the same aircraft.



United Express Embraer 170 operated by Chautaugua Airlines at Albuguerque in 2005.



## **Shuttle America**

Shuttle America began at Windsor Locks, Connecticut in 1998 as an independent commuter airline serving the northeastern United States. The carrier soon converted to operating code-share feeder services for major airlines including a United Express operation on behalf of United Airlines. Shuttle America was bought out by Republic Airways Holdings in 2005 which took over the routes and aircraft of Chautauqua Airlines that were flown with Embraer 170 regional jets. Chautauqua was also a United Express affiliate owned by Republic Airways Holdings. Service began to Albuquerque on October 31, 2005 with United Express flights to Chicago. Flights to Denver and Houston were later added however United frequently changes its schedule as to which United Express carrier will operate any flight on any route at any given time so Shuttle America's service to Albuquerque was often inconsistent. Service at Albuquerque ended on September 7, 2016 and Shuttle America's United Express division was blended into Republic Airlines, another subsidiary of Republic Airways Holdings by January 31, 2017.

Shuttle America also operated as Delta Connection on behalf of Delta Air Lines using Embraer 170 and 175 regional jets. Delta Connection service from Salt Lake City to Albuquerque was planned to begin in April, 2016 but did not materialize.



United Express Embraer 170 operated by Shuttle America at Albuquerque in 2013.



## Republic Airlines/Republic Airways

Republic Airlines is a subsidiary of Republic Airways Holdings established in 1999 and based in Indianapolis, IN. Republic operates contract flying for several major carriers. The first service to Albuquerque was a Frontier Jet Express operation with flights to Denver on behalf of Frontier Airlines using 70-seat Embraer 170 regional jets. This service began on March 4, 2007 and flights to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico were added by mid-December of that year but all service ended six months later. Republic's service as Frontier Jet Express returned to Albuquerque in early 2010, again using Embraer 170's and also introducing 100-seat Embraer 190's on flights to Denver. The service was usually a mix of Republic and Frontier mainline flights but at times it was all Republic flights. Republic Airways Holdings also acquired Frontier and Midwest Airlines of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 2009 and began a feeder operation for Midwest as well. Some Frontier flights operated by Republic came through Albuquerque using aircraft painted in the Midwest Airlines image even though Midwest did not serve Albuquerque. This Frontier operation at Albuquerque lasted for three years before ending on March 1, 2013. Frontier has since operated all mainline jets at Albuquerque.



Republic Embraer 170 operated for Frontier Airlines at Albuquerque in 2007.



Republic Embraer 190 operated for Frontier Airlines at Albuquerque in 2010.

In 2012, Republic acquired a fleet of 74-seat Bombardier De Havilland Dash-8-Q400 turbo props and began a new operation as United Express on behalf of United Airlines with flights from Albuquerque to Denver that started October 3, 2012. The Republic flights to Albuquerque did not operate consistently as they are used to supplement several other United Express carriers as well as United Airlines mainline flights on the Denver route. As the Dash-8-Q400's were retired in 2016, United Express service to Albuquerque ended on February 9 of that year but resumed on June 9, 2016 with flights to Houston using Embraer 170's replacing Shuttle America which was also a subsidiary of Republic Airways Holdings. Since then, flights to Denver and Chicago resumed and new 76-seat Embraer-175 aircraft have been introduced. The flights to Denver were dropped at the beginning of 2020 and the remaining flight to Chicago periodically alternates with SkyWest and United mainline jets. Embraer-170 and -175 regional jets are still used and all service to Albuquerque last operated on March 3, 2022.



Republic De Havilland Dash-8-Q400 operated for United Express at Albuquerque in 2012. Republic Airlines was renamed to Republic Airways in 2018.

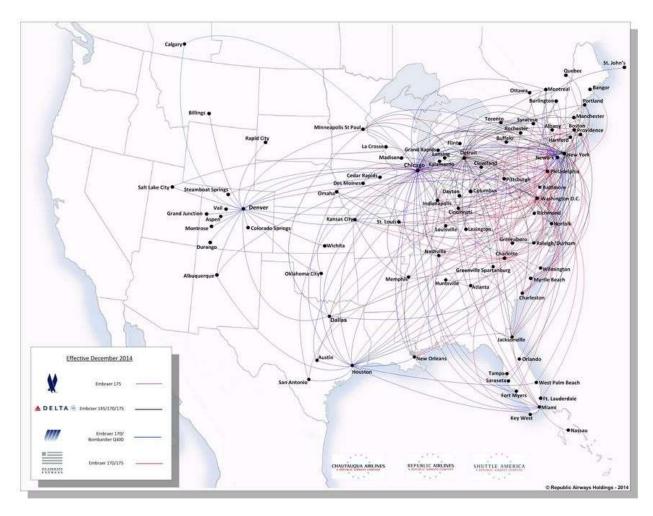


Republic Embraer 175 operated for United Express at Albuquerque in 2019.

On August 1, 2013 Republic began another new operation as American Eagle on behalf of American Airlines. New Embraer 175 regional jets are used and flights from Chicago to Albuquerque began on Republic's inaugural day of American Eagle service. Republic replaced American Eagle Airlines (now called Envoy Airlines) on the route but it was switched back to Envoy a year later. Republic and Envoy shifted back and forth several times and also had times where both carriers provided flights on the Albuquerque-Chicago route. Republic's service as American Eagle in Albuquerque was discontinued on April 4, 2016 but returned from April 2 through November 30, 2021, as Republic Airways, again operating to Chicago along with Envoy.



Republic Embraer 175 operated for American Eagle at Albuquerque in 2013.



Republic Airways Holdings route map from December, 2014 showing routes operated for American Eagle, Delta Connection, United Express, and US Airways Express at the time.

