

1972



The Beginning

SkyWest Airlines is founded on April 26th when Ralph Atkin buys Dixie Airlines. The operation includes a Fixed Base Operation (FBO) that offers aircraft maintenance, air ambulance service, air charter service and flight school.

"Penny-a-Pound"

SkyWest holds an open house on June 17th to celebrate the launch of their passenger service. The festivities included "penny-a-pound" airplane rides along with parachutists and aerobatic flight stunts.

Fares

Fares are \$28 from St. George to Salt Lake City and \$25 from Cedar City to Salt Lake City.

Pilots

The first pilots are Earl Snow, Jerry Fackrell and Paul Leddy.

Original Fleet

First fleet included a 2-seat Piper Cherokee 140, a 6-seat Cherokee Six, a 4-seat Cherokee Arrow and a 6-seat Piper Seneca.

Passengers

A whopping 256 people utilized SkyWest's services that year

No Canceled Flights

"We could say that we never cancelled a flight. We may have gotten there four hours late, but we got people to their destination." - Ralph Atkin

1973



Navajo Aircraft Added to Fleet

The Seneca is replaced with an 8-seat Piper Navajo N76LE and a 9-seat Piper Navajo Chieftain.

Passenger Count

A total of 2,039 passengers fly on SkyWest in its second year of existence.

Customer Service

Ralph Atkin's wife Cheri writes the first customer service manual.

New Aquisition

FBO Moab Canyonlands Air Service is purchased for proposed Moab-SLC route.

New Route

Las Vegas is added to the flight schedule.

1974



Jerry Atkin joins SkyWest

Jerry Atkin joins SkyWest as Director of Finance.

Service Expands

After the purchase of Page, Ariz.-based Page Aviation Services, business expands to include Bullfrog and Moab, Utah.

Stay in Business?

Much of the year is spent deciding whether to stay in business.

Passenger Numbers Up

11,887 passengers are carried this year, representing a 650% increase.

From Cloud Seeding to Oil Exploration

SkyWest flights include oil exploration, cloud seeding and the transportation of illegal aliens back to the Mexico/California border.

1975



New "Lazy-Susan" Reservation System

The hand-written index card reservation system is upgraded from a three-ring binder to a blue recipe-box on a "Lazy-Susan" turntable.

Losses Mount

Efforts fail to sell or even give away SkyWest; losses reach \$300,000.

Cost Cutting

Reorganization takes place by cutting overhead costs and personnel, and selling 3 aircraft and the Moab FBO.

Youngest President of Scheduled Airline

Jerry Atkin, at the age of 26, becomes the youngest president of a scheduled airline in the country.

Passenger Count Milestone

SkyWest has served a total of 30,000 passengers in its first four years.

1976



First Profitable Year

First profitable year! Net income is \$17,097.

Debt Free

SkyWest is also debt free as all creditors are paid off by the end of the year.

1977



Five Year Anniversary
SkyWest turns five years old.

First Interline Agreements

The first Interline agreement is made with American Airlines, followed by one with United Airlines, Texas International and Hughes, allowing passengers interline check-in and baggage transfers.

5th Navajo Chieftan Acquired

SkyWest's fifth Navajo Chieftain is acquired.

Passengers

20,242 passengers are carried this year.

1978



Famous Passenger

Ron Reber is hired as a ticket agent in Cedar City (CDC). With his burger and fries spread out over the counter he asks a "familiar looking stranger" if he minds waiting while he finishes his lunch. Robert Redford said that he didn't mind at all.

Certifications

SkyWest becomes the third "commuter" airline in the U.S. to be certified, operating with the same regulations as the major airlines including increased costs and responsibilities.

Upgraded Aircraft

The first Fairchild Metro II is ordered.

Airline Deregulation Act Passed

The Airline Deregulation Act is passed, relieving airlines of economic regulations and route restrictions.

1979



New Aircraft Delivered

The first 19 passenger Metro II is delivered; two more are delivered later this year.

Passenger Growth

Passenger growth is up 38%.

New Facilities

A new \$500,000 general office and maintenance facility is built at SGU. Maintenance is allotted 15,000 square feet, and 9,000 square feet go toward office and shop support space.

Airline First

SkyWest becomes first airline to be certified under FAA Part 135 rules for airlines operating aircraft carrying ten or more passengers.

Page to Phoenix Service

Service begins from Page, Ariz. to Phoenix via Flagstaff.

1980



Passenger Numbers Up

47% increase in passengers served this year, totaling 45,414.

150 Employees

SkyWest now serves eight destinations in four states with 150 total employees.

Into Idaho

Pocatello, Idaho (PIH) is opened by Ron Reber (it will become the largest SkyWest market by 1984).

1981



Continued Profitability

SkyWest is one of only five airlines to make a profit this year. Profits totaled \$48,159.

Three Hubs

There are now three hub cities: Salt Lake City, Utah (SLC), Phoenix, Ariz. (PHX) and Las Vegas, Nev. (LAS).

Smaller Markets Served

There are also five smaller points: Flagstaff, Ariz. (FLG), Page, Ariz. (PGA), St. George, Utah (SGU), Cedar City, Utah (CDC) and Pocatello, Idaho (PIH).

1982



Fleet Expanded

The fourth Metro II is added to SkyWest's fleet.

Permanent Route Authority

SkyWest is awarded permanent route authority to Elko, Ely and Reno, Nev.

Growing Route Map

SkyWest now serves 13 cities in five western states.

80 Flight Segments a Day

SkyWest operates 87 flight segments each day.

Continued Financial Growth

Net income is \$123,000 and 81,000 passengers are carried this year.



1983



Fleet Expands

Another Metro III is added along with two more Metro IIs.

Moving Up the Ranks

SkyWest ranks 42 out of the top 100 U.S. regionals.

Code Sharing is Born

Major carriers begin acquiring regional partners. Code sharing is born.

New Destinations

Twin Falls and Boise, Idaho, and Grand Junction, Colo. are added to SkyWest's growing list of destinations.

1984



Sun Air Acquisition

SkyWest acquires Sun Air. With the acquisition, SkyWest is the eleventh largest regional in the country.

New Maintenance Facility

A new maintenance facility in Palm Springs, Calif. is opened.

Largest Metro Fleet in World

14 more Metros are added to the fleet, making a total of 26 – the largest Metro fleet in the world.

California & Other Destinations

New destinations added by the acquisition are Yuma, Ariz., San Diego, Imperial, Ontario, Bakersfield, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Burbank and Borrego Springs, Calif. as well as service between Las Vegas and Carson City, Nev.

Enplanements Up

There are 163,160 total enplanements this year.

250 Employees

250 employees make up the SkyWest team, which grew by 45% this year.

1985



Executive Offices Moved

SkyWest executive officers are moved from the SGU airport to downtown St. George.

New Slogan

The slogan of the year is, "The West isn't getting smaller, we're getting bigger. We really move our tails for you."

Standardized Logo

A standardized paint scheme and logo is adopted.

Number 2 in SLC

With Western as the number one carrier in SLC, SkyWest rises to number two.

\$32.3 Million in Revenue

652,698 passengers are carried this year with revenues of \$32.3 million.

1986



SkyWest Goes Public

SkyWest becomes the twenty-fourth regional airline to offer its stock publicly. The shares are traded on the NASDAQ exchange under the symbol SKYW. The initial purchase offer was 1 to 1.25 million shares at \$10 a share.

IPO Helps Reduce Debt

This offering raised enough money to pay off a sizable chunk of the long-term debt accrued from the purchase of Sun Air and the SGU hangar.

EMB 120 Brasilia Aircraft Added to Fleet

The money raised by the stock offering is also used for the acquisition of five new EMB 120 Brasilia turboprop aircraft, delivered from Brazil on December 24. Klen Brooks and Earl Snow fly the Brasilia 25 hours to SGU.

SkyWest Becomes Delta Connection Carrier

Delta Air Lines announces the purchase of Western, allowing SkyWest to become a Delta Connection carrier and to better compete with other regionals, namely American Eagle and United Express.

First Flight Attendants Hired

The first Flight Attendants are hired and the first training class consisting of 25 Flight Attendants begins.

1987



Commuter/Regional Airline of the Year

Air Transport World names SkyWest the Commuter/Regional Airline of the Year.

500 Flights & Nearly 1,000 Employees

38 cities in eight states and 800,000 passengers are served. 501 flights are operated, and there are nearly 1,000 employees.

Delta Connection Transition Finalized

The transition to Delta Connection is finalized on April 1.

Delta Buys Remaining Stock

Delta Air Lines buys the remaining un-issued stock, representing 20% or about one million shares.

Delta Handles All SkyWest Reservations

Delta takes over all of SkyWest's reservations, closing SkyWest's reservations operations.

Brasilia Service Begins

Brasilia service begins on February 1 in Palm Springs (PSP). The fourth Brasilia is delivered in June. The fleet now consists of 41 aircraft.

Color Canyon Air Service Purchased

Color Canyon Air Service is purchased and renamed CDC Air Service.

Most Profitable Year

Net income is \$3.1 million and revenues are \$56 million, making this the most profitable year ever.

1988



Founders Resign From Active Management

Ralph and Sid Atkin resign from active management positions, but remain on the Board of Directors.

SkyWest Doubles in Size

SkyWest doubles in size due to hard work and code sharing.

1,100 Employees

There are now 1,100 employees.

Brasilia Service Expands

Brasilia service begins in Boise, Idaho, Casper, Wyo. and Bozeman, Butte, Billings, Helena, Missoula, Great Falls and Kalispell, Mont.

Capacity Increase Slows Down

Capacity increase is slowed to 15%, which is down from the 40% growth in 1987.

Fleet Continues to Expand

A new deal is arranged for six Metro IIIs to be delivered this year with five more coming next year. The fleet now consists of 44 aircraft. All Metro IIs are scheduled to be phased out by 1991.

1989



Regional Jets Ordered

SkyWest is the first U.S. airline to order the Bombardier manufactured Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ). Orders are made for 10 CRJs to be delivered, though they won't be available until 1993.

LAX SkyWest's Largest Hub

LAX becomes SkyWest's largest hub with 85 daily departures.

Average Fleet Age is 2.8 Years

The average age of the fleet is 2.8 years.

Metro V Order Canceled

The order for the Metro V is canceled.

Over 1 Million Passengers

1,000,865 passengers served this year – up 10.4% from last year.

1990



HQ to Stay in St. George

SkyWest decides it will keep its headquarters in St. George. Land is purchased downtown for a new corporate building to be constructed in 1992.

70,000 Square Foot Maintenance Hangar

A 70,000 square foot maintenance hangar in SLC is announced and will be operational in July of 1991. With the ability to house 10-12 aircraft, it will be the largest of three SkyWest maintenance bases.

SkyWest's 43rd Station Opened

SkyWest's forty-third station is opened in Inyokern, Calif.

1991



Change in Chairman of Board

Founder Ralph Atkin retires as Chairman of the Board, but continues as board member. Jerry Atkin replaces him as Chairman.

Profits Affected by Fuel Costs

Due to inflated fuel costs, profits posted this year are half that of the previous year's. Profits total \$2,024,000.

Fuel Causes Industry Troubles

The cost of fuel causes four major airlines to file for bankruptcy.

Service and Fleet Expanded

SkyWest serves 42 cities in eight states with a fleet of 15 Brasilias, 35 Metros, and 1,528 employees.

1992



Groundbreaking on Corporate Office

A groundbreaking ceremony is held for the new corporate offices in St. George. The building will be 63,000 square feet, occupy 15 acres, cost \$3.6 million, and will house 250 employees.

Delta Connection Name Change

A commitment is made to change the name from, "SkyWest, the Delta Connection," to "Delta Connection operated by SkyWest."

Destination Excellence Program Begins

Destination Excellence Program begins, empowering front line employees to do the "right thing" for our customers, and exceed their expectations.

1993



\$3.6 Million Corporate Offices
\$3.6 million corporate offices in St. George.

20 Brasilias Flying
By the end of the year, 20 Brasilias are flying throughout the system, 21 more are on the way.

\$32 Million Stock Offering
A new stock offering generates \$32 million.

Stock Price Soars
The price of one share of SkyWest stock soared to \$26.50, a 141% increase in just 12 months.

SkyWest Worth \$100 Million
SkyWest is now worth more than \$100 million.

1994



50-Passenger Regional Jets Arrive
SkyWest's first four 50-passenger Bombardier manufactured Canadair Regional Jets arrive and are put into service.

Diverse Fleet
The fleet now consists of 28 Metros, 23 Brasilias and 4 CRJ200s.

Scenic Airlines Acquired
Scenic Airlines is acquired.

Enplanements Up
Enplanements increase from 48,000 to 340,000 passengers.

Revenues Increase 114%
Revenues increased 114% from 1993.

\$14.4 Million in Net Income
\$14.4 million in net income is earned.

Stock Price Continues to Rise
Stock price continues to rise, hitting a high of \$38.75.

1,800 Employees
1,800 employees make up the SkyWest team.

1995



Eight CRJ200s
The fleet receives four more CRJ200s, bringing the total to eight.

LAX's Number One Carrier
SkyWest operates 115 daily flights from LAX becoming the airport's number one carrier.

Code Share With Continental
A code sharing agreement is reached with Continental Airlines at LAX.

Cities Served Increases
SkyWest now serves 49 cities in 11 states.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan Begins
The Employee Stock Purchase Plan begins.

1996



1,900 Employees
1,900 employees now make up the SkyWest team.

Airline of Choice Motto
"Working together to be the airline of choice," is this year's motto.

Brasilias Replace All Metros
The transition from Metros to Brasilias is complete.

New Fleet
The fleet now consists of 47 Brasilias and 10 RJs.

1997



SkyWest Airlines 25th Anniversary
The Embraer Brasilia, painted to commemorate SkyWest Airlines' 25th Anniversary.

Additional Cities Served
SkyWest begins operating as United Express on October 1, in St. George, Utah, Yuma, Ariz., Las Vegas, Nev. and Los Angeles, Burbank, Fresno, Imperial, Monterey, Ontario, Palm Springs, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria, Calif.

SkyWest Nearly Doubles with United
SkyWest begins a code-sharing agreement with United Airlines. The new agreement nearly doubles the size of SkyWest.

120 Daily Flights Out of LAX
120 daily flights operate out of LAX.

\$10,111,000 Net Income
Net income is \$10,111,000.

1998



United Express Livery Plane Goes Online
In March, the first aircraft with United Express livery goes online.

San Francisco Expansion
On January 19, SkyWest announces San Francisco expansion as United Express. It adds 12 new California markets and 84 daily departures. The service begins on June 1.

Pacific Northwest Expansion
February 11, SkyWest announces new expansion in seven more California cities and 54 more daily departures in the Pacific Northwest.

First International Flight
April 1: the first SkyWest flight to venture out of the U.S. heads to Vancouver, Canada under the Delta Connection banner.

Portland, Oregon Hangar Opened

SkyWest's Portland, Ore. (PDX) Hangar is opened on April 5.

1999



Airline Carries 4 Million Passengers

SkyWest carries more than 4 million passengers this year.

60 More RJs Placed On Order

December 20: SkyWest places an order for 60 more RJs.

More EMB 120 Brasilias Arrive

12 more EMB 120 Brasilias arrive throughout the year.

Fleet Grows to 99

The year ends with a fleet of 99 aircraft.

Scenic Airlines Sold

Scenic Airlines is sold on December 28.

\$21,944,000 Net Income

Net income is \$21,944,000.

2000



Top Regional Airline of Year

SkyWest named Top Regional Airline of the Year by Professional Pilots magazine.

Best Managed Regional Airline

SkyWest named Best Managed Regional Airline by Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine.

People Department Created

The People Department is created by combining Human Resources, Marketing and Recruitment, Corporate Development, Internal and External Communications, and Community Service and Culture.

Ground Broken for New Facilities

Ground is broken for the SLC Hangar as well as a new addition to Corporate Headquarters.

Mini Indy Charitable Race

The Mini Indy Race is created to earn money for charity and the SkyWest Scholarship Fund.

2001



Best Managed Regional Again

Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine names SkyWest "Best Managed Regional Airline of the World" for the second year in a row.

Order for 64 More RJs

SkyWest announces orders for 64 additional RJs.

September 11 Changes Operations

From security to finances, the events of September 11 forever change the way the American airline industry operates.

Numerous New Routes

SkyWest begins numerous new routes as the events of September 11 affect the commercial airline industry.

2002



Regional Airline of Year

Air Transport World magazine names SkyWest Regional Airline of the Year.

100% Contract Flying

January 1: SkyWest becomes 100% fee-per departure, or contract flying.

CharterFest Extravaganza

CharterFest brings SkyWest employees and executives together in a four-day, 11-city extravaganza.

New Bases in Tucson

New Maintenance and Crew Bases are announced in Tucson (TUS).

2003



Number One On-Time Airline

The US Department of Transportation names SkyWest the number one on-time airline in the United States for 2003.

New Continental Service in Houston

May 19: a new code-share agreement with Continental Airlines is signed. SkyWest provides regional service for Continental in Houston, Texas as Continental Connection.

11-Year Agreement With United

A new 11-year rate and growth agreement is reached with United Airlines, making SkyWest the largest United Express carrier. The agreement calls for SkyWest to operate a fleet of 140 aircraft, including 55 turbo-prop and 50-seat regional jets.

70 -Passenger Regional Jets Ordered

SkyWest orders 30 of Bombardier's 70-passenger Canadair Regional Jet 700s (CRJ700) for operation in the United Express system.

Board Member Change

Board member Henry J. Eyring leaves SkyWest to serve as a mission president in Japan for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is replaced by W. Steve Albrecht.

Website Launched

SkyWest launches www.skywest.com on July 24.

Pro-Rate Service Out of SLC

SkyWest begins pro-rate service for eight of their Delta Connection EMB 120 markets out of the SLC hub.

Over 10 Million Passengers

SkyWest serves over 10 million passengers and has net earnings of \$66,787,000.00 for the year.

2004



Third Type of Aircraft Added
SkyWest adds a third aircraft type to its fleet; the 70-passenger Bombardier manufactured Canadair Regional Jet 700 (CRJ700). Service begins February 15 between Salt Lake City, Utah, Denver, Colo. and Wichita, Kan.

Number One On-Time Airline Again
SkyWest is named the number one on-time airline in the United States by the Department of Transportation for 2004.

Chicago Hub & Domicile Opens
The Chicago (ORD) hub and crew domicile officially opens.

7,000 Employees & 21 New Stations
SkyWest's workforce reaches 7,000 employees and 21 new stations opened throughout the year.

First Pilot Retires After 32 Years
Earl Snow, SkyWest's first pilot and most senior employee, retires after 32 years with the company.

Colorado Springs Base and Domicile Opens
A maintenance base and crew domicile opens in Colorado Springs, Colo. A new hangar will also be constructed.

Net Earnings \$81,952,000
SkyWest's net earnings are \$81,952,000.

13.4 Million Passengers
More than 13.4 million passengers are carried this year.

2005



SkyWest, Inc. Buys Atlantic Southeast
SkyWest, Inc. acquires Atlantic Southeast Airlines (ASA) from Delta Air Lines.

FAA Maintenance Award
SkyWest Airlines receives the FAA's Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Gold Award for outstanding attendance in initial and recurrent maintenance training.

Number One On-Time Mainland Airline
The U.S. Department of Transportation names SkyWest 2004's Number One On-Time Mainland Airline.

Ron Reber SkyWest Airlines President
Ron Reber becomes President of SkyWest Airlines.

Forbes Magazine Recognition
Forbes recognizes SkyWest Airlines as America's "Best Managed Transportation Company."

Tsunami & Hurricane Relief Donations
SkyWest employees donate \$40,000 to tsunami relief with a company match, and more than \$202,000 for ASA employee Hurricane Katrina relief with company match.

Mini Indy Raises \$100,000.00
Mini Indy 2005 raises over \$100,000 for United Way and SkyWest's scholarship fund.

9,100 SkyWest Airlines Employees
SkyWest Airlines employee count exceeds 9,100.

2006



Mini Indy Raises \$83,500.00
SkyWest raises \$83,500 during Mini Indy for United Way Dixie.

Bombardier CRJ900s Added To Fleet
SkyWest welcomes a fourth aircraft type into its modern fleet of regional aircraft: the 70-passenger, Bombardier manufactured CRJ900.

Midwest Airlines Agreement
SkyWest announces an agreement with Midwest Airlines to operate as Midwest Connect out of Kansas City, Mo. and Milwaukee, Wis. in April 2007.

Delivery of 250th 70-Passenger CRJ
SkyWest takes delivery of Bombardier's 250th 70-passenger CRJ.

FAA Maintenance Recognition
SkyWest receives the FAA's Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Gold Award 2005 for outstanding attendance in initial and recurrent maintenance training.

SkyWest, Inc. Board Change
SkyWest Inc. announces the appointment of Margaret "Peg" S. Billson to its Board of Directors of SkyWest.

\$145.8 Million Net Income
SkyWest carries 19.5 million passengers; net income is \$145.8 million.



2007



35-Year Anniversary

SkyWest's 35 year anniversary is marked with celebrations and a leadership tour of SkyWest's hubs in a special anniversary livery CRJ900.

FAA's AMT Award

SkyWest receives the FAA's highest AMT Award, the Diamond.

Key Leaders Retire

Ron Reber, President and COO of SkyWest Airlines and Steve Hart, vice president – market development retire.

Childs Named New COO & President

Russell "Chip" Childs is named new President and Chief Operating Officer of SkyWest Airlines.

SkyWest Remains Union-Free

After ALPA's third attempt to organize a union at SkyWest, SkyWest Airlines' Pilots vote to remain union-free, maintaining the airlines' open door culture for more than 35 years.

New Colorado Springs Facility

A new state-of-the-art maintenance facility in Colorado Springs is opened. It's the second largest hangar in the system, housing up to nine aircraft overnight.

22 New Regional Jets

On October 12, SkyWest announces plans to acquire 22 new Regional Jets as part of a fleet revitalization plan.

Midwest Connect Service Begins

April: SkyWest begins service as Midwest Connect

2008



Bombardier's Reliability Award

SkyWest receives Bombardier's 2007 Reliability Award for the Americas.

Over 20 Million Passengers Carried

20.9 million passengers are carried this year.

\$112.9 Million Net Income

SkyWest, Inc. net income is \$112.9 million.

New Flight Operations VP

SkyWest names Klen P. Brooks as vice president – flight operations after Brad Holt becomes president of SkyWest's sister carrier, ASA.

SkyWest Manages Midwest Connect Flights

Midwest Airlines transitions all Midwest Connect regional operations from Skyway Airlines to SkyWest Airlines.

SkyWest Operations Safety Department

SkyWest expands scope of the Operations Safety and Compliance department, naming David Faddis director.

Fuel Costs Cause Industry Woes

Oil peaks at \$147 per barrel in July. Eight airlines declare bankruptcy or go out of business in the wake of high fuel costs.

Capacity Reduced By 15%

SkyWest's total planned capacity is reduced by 15% as SkyWest's partners scale back their operations in response to fuel prices.

2009



AirTran Airways Partnership

SkyWest Airlines and AirTran Airways forge a new partnership to operate five 50-seat CRJ200 aircraft between Milwaukee and six destinations. The first flights begin from Milwaukee to Pittsburgh and St. Louis in Dec.

New Livery Unveiled

SkyWest unveils a new livery in blue and white.

Annual Airline Reliability Award

SkyWest Airlines receives Bombardier's 2008 Annual Airline Reliability Performance Award.

Operations Wind-down With Midwest

SkyWest reaches a mutual understanding with Midwest Airlines to wind-down Midwest Connect service.

Jerry Atkin, CEO, Anniversary

SkyWest, Inc. Chairman and CEO, Jerry C. Atkin celebrates 35 years of service.

Childs Elected Chair of RAA

Russell "Chip" Childs, President and COO of SkyWest Airlines, is elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the Regional Airline Association (RAA) for the 2009/2010 term.

2010



Leaders Donate Time & Bikes

At its annual leadership meeting, SkyWest leaders build and donate bicycles to local children in need.

Haiti Earthquake Donations

SkyWest Airlines donates more than \$184,000 to Haiti earthquake victims.

More Than 11,000 Employees

SkyWest Airlines boasts a fleet of 295 aircraft and more than 11,000 employees, serving more than 23 million passengers this year.

AMT Award of Excellence

The SkyWest Maintenance Department is awarded the 2010 AMT Employer Gold Award of Excellence from the FAA. More than 550 SkyWest mechanics earn individual AMT awards in 2010.

Third Bombardier Reliability Award

SkyWest Airlines wins its third Bombardier Airline Reliability Award for having the highest dispatch reliability. SkyWest places first overall in the CRJ200 product category for the North America region.

2011



Utah's First Intra-State Jet Service

In conjunction with the opening of the new St. George Municipal Airport, SkyWest introduces the first-ever intrastate jet service to Utah with its SGU-SLC route.

Alaska Airlines Agreement

SkyWest announces an agreement with Alaska Airlines to fly six West Coast routes.

SkyWest Begins Service with US Airways

SkyWest announces an agreement with US Airways to fly 16 routes in the western U.S. from Phoenix. The agreement includes 15 CRJ200 aircraft, and flying begins in December.

SkyWest Introduces Wi-fi to Flights

SkyWest begins installing wi-fi connectivity on all dual-class Delta Connection aircraft, bringing even more customer convenience onboard.

United/Continental Merger

As United completes its integration with Continental, SkyWest begins additional flying from the Houston hub.

SkyWest's InFlight Celebrates 25 Years

SkyWest's InFlight Department celebrates 25 years of in-flight service. The initial new hire flight attendant class in 1986 had just 24 students. By 2011, the department consists of more than 2,200 men and women who provide for the safety and service of SkyWest's millions of passengers each year.

AMT Award of Excellence

The SkyWest Maintenance Department receives another AMT Employer Gold Award for Excellence.

2012



SkyWest Airlines: 40 Years and Flying

American Airlines Agreement

SkyWest announces a new Capacity Purchase Agreement ("CPA") with American Airlines to operate 23 Bombardier CRJ200 regional jet aircraft under the American Eagle designation. The flights, operated primarily out of LAX, commence on Nov. 15.

SkyWest Sweeps Reliability Awards

SkyWest Airlines receives Bombardier's Airline Reliability Performance Award for the third year running for the CRJ200, and is newly awarded for the CRJ700 and CRJ900 this year, sweeping all product categories.

2013



SkyWest Secures Agreement to Fly 40 E175

SkyWest, Inc. announces an agreement with Embraer for the purchase of 100 new E175 dual-class jet aircraft, with 40 firm deliveries anticipated in 2014-15. The agreement also includes options for an additional 100 E175 aircraft and would be valued at USD \$8.3 billion if all 200 aircraft are ordered. SkyWest Airlines will operate the 40 firm E175 deliveries under a new Capacity Purchase Agreement ("CPA") with United Airlines.

Spirit of SkyWest: Crisis Fund

SkyWest Airlines launches the Spirit of SkyWest: Crisis Fund, a unique program that allows employees to help other employees in need.

SkyWest Receives Top Reliability Honors

SkyWest Airlines receives Bombardier's Airline Reliability Performance Award for the second consecutive year for the CRJ700 and CRJ900.

2,000 Flights in One Day

In July 2013, SkyWest Airlines hit a new milestone by successfully operating more than 2,000 flights in one day.

2014



First 76-Passenger E175 Received

SkyWest Airlines receives its first dual-class 76-passenger E175. The aircraft begins operations on May 17 between Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Washington Reagan National Airport.

Mike Gibson, VP of Maintenance Retires

After 26 years of service, Mike Gibson, vice president of Maintenance, retires. Bill Dykes assumes the role of VP.

SkyWest Earns CRJ700/900 Reliability Award

SkyWest was awarded Bombardier's Airline Reliability Award for maintaining top dispatch reliability with the CRJ700/900.

Transition to an All-Jet Fleet Announced

On Nov. 17, SkyWest announced they would begin transitioning to an all-jet fleet by removing the 30-seat EMB 120 Brasilia from service by summer 2015.

Jerry Celebrates 40 Years

Jerry Atkin celebrated 40 years with SkyWest on Sept. 1. Jerry has led the way for SkyWest to become a worldwide airline leader and is the longest-tenured CEO in the industry.

2015



Mini Indy Marks 15 Years

SkyWest's premier charity race, Mini Indy, raced into its 15th anniversary in 2015 and continues to bring together businesses from around the world to support those in need in Southern Utah.

Fort Wayne Hangar Opens

The addition of a new hangar in Fort Wayne, Indiana allows SkyWest to better support aircraft that are flying across the United States. The hangar is capable of housing four overnight aircraft.

E175 Service Begins for Alaska Airlines

The first, SkyWest-operated E175s for Alaska Airlines began flying in July with service from Seattle to both Milwaukee and Oklahoma City.

New Boise Hangar

SkyWest built a new 130,000 square-foot maintenance hangar in Boise, Idaho to help support large, dual-class aircraft. The facility is also geographically positioned to ensure the fleet receives regular touch time by mechanics.

2016



Chip Childs Succeeds Jerry Atkin

On Jan. 1, 2016, Chip Childs succeeded Jerry Atkin as the President and CEO of SkyWest, Inc. Chip was also elected to the SkyWest, Inc. Board of Directors. Jerry continues actively serving the company as SkyWest, Inc. Chairman of the Board.

Record-Setting Performance

The SkyWest team achieves multiple operating milestones, including 30 consecutive days with zero controllable cancellations and 191 total such days in 2016.

E175 Service Begins for Delta Air Lines

The first, SkyWest-operated E175s for Delta Air Lines begin flying from Seattle to San Diego. The 19 new Delta E175s bring the total number of the aircraft type at SkyWest to 63 with 41 more scheduled for delivery in 2017 for a total 104.

Detroit Crew Domicile & Maintenance Hangar

SkyWest opens a new crew domicile and maintenance hangar in Detroit to support a growing Delta operation in the Midwest.

2017



SkyWest Celebrates 45 Years of Flying

Additional Aircraft Orders

SkyWest, Inc. announces additional aircraft orders for Delta Air Lines and Alaska Airlines. Under the agreements, SkyWest Airlines will take delivery of 30 E175 SCs for Delta and 15 E175s for Alaska. The new aircraft are all expected to be in service by the third quarter of 2018.

BOI, SAN and ATL Domiciles Open

As the SkyWest operation grows and expands across the country, new crew domiciles are opened in Boise, San Diego and Atlanta, bringing the total number of SkyWest crew domiciles to 18.

New Maintenance Hangars

A new 90,000 foot maintenance hangar opens in Nashville and an additional hangar is opened in Milwaukee. Additionally, SkyWest announces a new maintenance base and hangar in Oklahoma City and a new maintenance line station in Chattanooga, Tennessee to be opened in 2018.

Habitat for Humanity

As part of SkyWest's celebration of 45 years of flying, SkyWest team members across the country participate in Habitat for Humanity builds in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City to give back to the communities in which employees live and work.

Hurricane Harvey Support

SkyWest people donate more than \$50,000 through the Spirit of SkyWest: Crisis Fund to aid SkyWest team members who suffered catastrophic loss due to record flooding as a result of Hurricane Flooding in Houston.

Brad Blake Named VP of OCC

Brad Blake is named VP of SkyWest's OCC, overseeing the SkyWest Operations Control Center as it plays an increasingly important role in SkyWest's operation performance.

2018



37 Million Passengers, 790,000 Flights, 270 Destinations

Implemented Electronic Maintenance Log

SkyWest becomes the first airline in the United States to use a fully electronic aircraft maintenance log.

Launch of the E175 SC and CRJ900 Atmosphere

The new aircraft provide more comfort and amenities for passengers.

44 New Aircraft to SkyWest

New flying agreements with airline partners bring 44 new aircraft to SkyWest.

Justin Esplin Named Information Technology VP

Justin Esplin succeeds Jim Jensen, who retired after 33 years of dedicated SkyWest service.

OKC Maintenance Base

SkyWest opens a new 135,000 square foot maintenance base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (OKC). SkyWest also moves to a larger hangar in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (MKE).

2019



Greg Wooley Named Airport Operations VP

Greg Wooley succeeds Steve Black and is responsible for airport ground operations at all SkyWest and vendor-handled locations.

Named one of Fortune's Most Admired Companies

Chip Childs Appointed Chair of NextGen

Chip Childs is appointed Chair of the FAA's NextGen Advisory Committee NAC by Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao.

Named One of Delta's Primary Delta Connection Carriers

New Agreement with American Airlines

New Agreement with American Airlines for 10 additional CRJ700s.

14,000 Employees, 40 Million Passengers

SkyWest grows to 14,000 employees and carries over 40 million passengers.

2020



Flying Agreements for 45 Additional Aircraft

SkyWest signed a new flying agreement with United Airlines for 25 additional E175s. A separate flying agreement secured 20 additional E175s with American Airlines.

Glassdoor Best Places to Work by Employees

Based solely on employee feedback, SkyWest is the only regional airline to make the Glassdoor list of Best Places to Work at number 89 out of 100.

Chip Childs Named a UT Business CEO OTY

Chip Childs is selected from over 200 nominees as one of the top CEOs in the State of Utah.

SkyWest Responds to COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented challenges across the aviation industry. SkyWest employees demonstrated incredible teamwork and focus as they navigated the crisis. SkyWest is among the first airlines to implement electrostatic spraying on aircraft, remote workstations for dispatchers, and a robust fleet storage and rotation plan optimized for industry recovery.

Mike Thompson Retires After Nearly 20 Years

Mike Thompson retired from SkyWest after nearly 20 years. Greg Wooley is named Executive Vice President – Operations overseeing the InFlight, Flight Operations, Airport Operations, OCC, and Safety Departments.

2021



Named Glassdoor Top 50 Best Places to Work

SkyWest is once again named a Glassdoor Best Place to Work, landing at #50 on the list. SkyWest is the only regional airline to be named and is the second-highest-rated Utah company.

Last New CRJ900

SkyWest welcomed the last CRJ900 to our fleet, N840SK. This is the last produced CRJ900.

Employees Raise \$60,000 for TX Winter Storms

SkyWest employees raise \$60,000 for co-workers affected by winter storms in Texas.

Celebrates 10 Years of Partnership with Alaska Airlines

SkyWest celebrates 10 years of partnership with Alaska Airlines

Celebrates 35 Years on the Nasdaq

SkyWest celebrates 35 years as a publicly traded company with Nasdaq.

2022



SkyWest turns 50!

One of "America's Best Large Employers"

SkyWest named one of Forbes "America's Best Large Employers" for the second year in a row.

Joe Sigg Selected as VP of Maintenance

Joe Sigg succeeds Bill Dykes who retired after more than 30 years at SkyWest.

Atlanta Added as the 19th Crew Domicile

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Carried More Than 40 Million Passengers