

Provincetown Airport Notes

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September 18, 1949

Charter flights were made during the week for Mrs. Alice Urann from Plymouth to Provincetown, Rita and Kent Paige to Marshfield, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith to Edgartown and return, Althea Boxell to Worcester, and Peter Mitchell from Edgartown to Provincetown.

A night flight in the BT-13 to Boston for George McDonald of Point Street was made Sunday night.

August 21, 1952

Peak Approaching

Activity around the Provincetown Airport is taking on its annual pre-Labor Day rush. This seems to occur each year during the last two weeks in August and is commonly referred to around the Airport as "the Storm Before The Calm".

During last week 291 passengers were carried between Provincetown and Boston by Provincetown-Boston Airline and on Monday of this week 74 passengers made the trip which is the highest day this year including the weekend before the Fourth of July. Despite the number of passengers it was still a simple task to accommodate the number, thanks to the Lockheed which, at times like these, is proving itself to be the real workhorse of the fleet.

Cape End Sight Seeing

You couldn't keep the airplanes on the ground Tuesday of this week after a couple of the sharper eyed Provincetown pilots spotted some nudists on the beach. After their return the word spread rapidly and sightseeing flights became a very popular item. One pair of young eighteen year old aviation enthusiasts took five passenger hops during the afternoon. In addition to the passengers pilots Rex Wisner and Jack Colburne were about to come to blows to see who would have the privilege of handling the next flight and while they weren't looking Tony Pereira managed to sneak in four of the hops. Meanwhile Pilot Kethcen, who was hard at work with training students, seemed to find it necessary to instruct his students on forced land-

ing during the afternoon. During this maneuver the instructor throttles back on the engine and makes the student show him where he would put the airplane in the event of engine failure. Of course, Provincetown's many miles of open beaches is the best place for a forced landing.

Airport Manager Van Arsdale didn't know what was going on until too late in the afternoon or he would have been up there handling a couple of passenger hops himself. He did, however, note that all of the passenger hopping pilots, during the afternoon, seemed to be particularly conscientious. If the nudists will keep bathing, the Airport sightseeing business should keep booming.

May 27, 1950

Last week established the record for the most number of passengers flown between Provincetown and Boston in 1950 when 75 persons made the flight with 67 on the airline and eight on special flights. This is the most number of passengers in any week since September 12. As an interesting comparison, in this same week during 1949 the Cape Cod Flying Service flew only 50 passengers between the two points, showing a 50 percent increase this year. Among the passengers were George Kimball of Nashua, New Hampshire and a party of seven of his employees who flew to the Cape Tip for the day returning on the late afternoon flight, Benjamin Ford on a round trip, Mrs. J. Pape and Mrs. D. Mercer, of New York City connecting from Northeast Airlines, Mrs. Edith Seltzer, Celia Nelson, Miss Regina Cahn, F. Boudreau, Phillip Conrad, Miss A. Boxell, Norman Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Donnelly, Norma Scafard, Mrs. Rosalie Wing, Ruth Hiebert, Mrs. Frederick Hammett, Marjorie Oliver, Barbara Rogers, Frank Rowe, and Warren Costa.



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Airline Marks 20th Anniversary

Tuesday, May 10, 1966 was the twentieth anniversary of the start of Provincetown-Boston Airline through its predecessor, Cape Cod Flying Service, which opened its doors at the Cape Cod Airport, Marston Mills May 10, 1946. John C. Van Arsdale started the service on that date and later moved to Provincetown in the Fall of 1948. Provincetown-Boston Airline was formed in November of 1949 and has continued operation since that date.