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Non-Stop to Grand Junction Begins June 1



U. S. Senator Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona presents Captain Dale Welling with a gold watch in commemoration of his historic flight. The Senator presented Co-pilot H. B. Wrasse and Stewardess Donna Bailey with letters of commendation for their efforts during this flight.

Senator Goldwater Presents Gold Watch

Pilot Dale Welling, co-pilot Herman B. Wrasse, and stewardess Donna Bailey, along with Frontier's Sunliner 276, are now a part of aviation history.

On Sunday, April 21, just 55 miles north of Phoenix about 12 ft. of the left wing was left on the rocky crags of New River Mountains when the Sunliner hit a down draft. Carrying twenty-three passengers and its crew, Captain Welling landed the plane safely in Phoenix.

Passengers and Company officials have commended the crew for their splendid work during the emergency. Passengers stated that Miss Bailey's calm reassurances did much to allay their fears.

Today Captain Welling wears a gold wrist watch, inscribed: "Knick of Time." This is the first watch presented by KOY-Rosenswag, Phoenix radio station and jeweler, and it was

personally given to him by U. S. Senator Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona. Wrasse and Bailey have received letters of recognition for their meritorious actions.

Captain Welling, 35, has been with Frontier as a pilot since 1948, and has been based in Phoenix since 1951. He is married, and has three children: Vicki, Marsha and Sheri. Co-Pilot Wrasse joined Frontier as a pilot in 1956, and is married. Stewardess Bailey completed her training in February, and is based in Phoenix.

Frontier's Sunliners cross the Continental Divide 22 times a day and fly more mountainous air miles than any other carrier in the United States. Frontier has received 10 National Safety Council awards, given annually for safe operation, which covers about 323 million air miles of flight since it began operation.

NBC TV Program OUTLOOK, Featuring Frontier, in Film Library

"The Flying Trolley Cars" is the film adaptation from the National Broadcasting Company's national television program, OUTLOOK, starring Chet Huntley. Seven copies each in 35 and 16 mm films are now on file in Frontier's film library, which have been made available by the National Broadcasting Company.

Back in March a three-man camera crew from NBC's Chicago office, recorded the doings of the personnel, Sunliners, and operations of Frontier for Chet Huntley's program. This was shown over the national television network on Sunday, March 17.

In the short time that these copies have been available in Frontier's film library there have been confirmed bookings for the ten-minute short in 75 theatres, 15 TV stations, and dozens of clubs and other organizations.

"The Flying Trolley Cars" tells the worth of a local service airline in the isolated communities of the West, as well as the problems of operating the service profitably. The presentation of this film throughout Frontier's system will bring to the attention of thousands the growth of Frontier, its many services, and especially, the area it serves.

Frontier Awarded Interim Non-Stop

Inauguration of Frontier's non-stop service to Grand Junction has been officially set for June 1. Authority for this non-stop service was granted by the Civil Aeronautics Board on April 30.

Flight Time

One flight will leave Denver at 7:10 a.m. and arrive in Grand Junction at 8:57 a.m., and the other leaves Grand Junction at 5:50 p.m., arriving in Denver at 7 p.m. This is in addition to the two round trips daily between Denver and Grand Junction: one eastbound and one westbound which overflies Pueblo and stops at Montrose and Gunnison, and one flight each way with stops at Pueblo in addition to Montrose and Gunnison.

Authority for the non-stop service was granted for the duration of United Air Lines suspension of flight to Grand Junction and for thirty days after resumption of Grand Junction stops by United. United suspended service to Grand Junction a year ago because Walker Field cannot accommodate DC-6's. It expects to resume service after the airport is enlarged.

Summer Flight at Cody Begins May 1

With the advent of longer daylight hours and the summer tourist traffic to Yellowstone National Park, Frontier will add evening southbound air service through Cody, Wyoming, beginning May 1. This flight leaves Cody at 7:31 a.m., arrives in Salt Lake City at 11:09 p.m. and in Denver, via the River-ton connection, at 11:55 p.m.

Yellowstone's nationwide appeal to the traveling public is being augmented by a comprehensive tour program, which will be sold throughout the world via connecting carriers and international tour service during the 1957 Park season. Yellowstone Park and all of its hotel and tourist facilities will be open to the public from June 17 through September 5 of this year. The new Canyon Hotel will add several hundred spacious modernly-appointed rooms to satisfy the demands of the ever-increasing number of people who visit Yellowstone during the short three-month summer season.