

Boston & Maine/Central Vermont Airways Airplanes

Boston-Maine/Central Vermont Airways Lockheed 10-A Electra NC16056 (c/n 1070)

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This rare photograph is from the Leo J. Kohn collection. On 1 March 1937 Boston-Maine/Central Vermont purchased National Airways (no relation to the company of the same name operating out of Florida). This concern had routes in Maine and on up to Montreal. They had acquired two Lockheed Electras (NC16055 and -56) which then passed to Boston-Maine/Central Vermont. During WW II the airline was required to move its head office away from the coast so the administrative offices, maintenance hangars, etc, were relocated to Burlington, Vermont. At this time the company was engaged in providing instrument flight training with some 15 to 20 Stinson SR-9 Reliants. The airline operation was curtailed to one air mail run using one of the Gullwing Stinsons, since the Electras were impressed into service with the U.S. Army Air Corps. NC16056 became a C-36A with serial number 42-57215.



Boston-Maine/Central Vermont Airways Stinson SM-6000 NC975W (c/n 5006)

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Boston-Maine Airways was incorporated on 1 August 1931 as a subsidiary of both the Boston & Maine and Maine Central Railroad Companies. It had no equipment of its own, but was operated by Pan American Airways' aircraft and crew. Its route was from Boston to Bangor, Maine, via Portland. This operation was discontinued in 1932 but resurrected on 11 Aug 1933 as Boston- Maine Airways, this time with its own equipment in the shape of two Stinson SM-6000s, (the so- called Stinson T). Meanwhile the Central Vermont Railroad had also floated its own airline, named, not implausibly, Central Vermont Airways. These two lines combined in 1934 to form Boston-Maine



/Central Vermont Airways with a through route from Boston to Montreal, via Bangor and Burlington.
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