

On this day in Alaska history

June 20, 1940

Fastest airmail service between Interior Alaska and Lower 48 initiated

The US Post Office Department had designated “Foreign Air Mail” (FAM) routes, and in the late 1930s awarded Pan American Airways (PAA) the first FAM to service Alaska. PAA combined their flight service from Juneau to Fairbanks via Whitehorse.

On **June 20, 1940** a PAA plane took off from Fairbanks. It carried mail that would be delivered to Seattle the next day, thus initiating the fastest airmail service between Interior Alaska and the Lower 48 states.

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