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Air North Air Taxi
Pilots: Tom Olsen
Ron Klein

Air north is a Conglomerate of several local air taxi operators. Cliff Fairchild of Ft. Yukon, Marvin Jones of Fairbanks, and Thomas Olsen of O.K. air taxi. The aircraft used in the 1960's were of the four place class such as the Aztec by Piper aircraft also Fairchild successfully operated a Commanche for about 8 years. Thomas Olsen of O.K. had several small aircraft and as the volume grew 4 twin beech: of about 9 passenger capacity were added to the fleet. By June 1981 Air North has retired the twin beech's and has one Britten twin Islander ~~twin~~ and one tri lander, two DC-3's and one C-46-R. Air North could be just stepping up from the third level air carrier to a second level air carrier. They are not subsidized but have carried the mail to the Yukon river area for about 10 years. Air North is the major operator off the Metro airport. This air port is 3 miles east of Fairbanks International