

“Eagles Must Fly”, book by Jack B. Jaynes, Delta’s First Inaugural Flight, June 1934 (Page 193).

Mr. Jack Jaynes, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Bureau of Aeronautics General Inspector, and Chief Airline Inspector, Southeast Region, Atlanta, and a friend of Mr. C.E. Woolman, selected himself to conduct the "Check Ride", for Delta Air Service, from Monroe, Louisiana to Atlanta, Georgia, in late June 1934.

Delta's First Inaugural Flight was flown in a Travel Air S-6000-B. The passengers were Mr. C.E. Woolman, and his friends and financial backers. Jack Belmont Jaynes was the Federal Airline Inspector on board and the pilot selected by Mr. Woolman for the flight was my father Joe Greer.

Jack B. Jaynes mentions this check flight on page 193 in his book published in 1982.

“I want to mention here my good friend, Mr. C.E. Woolman, President of Delta Air Lines, one of the most competent airline heads with whom it was my privilege to be associated.

In June, 1934, I was honored to be aboard Delta's inaugural flight from Monroe, La., to Atlanta, on which the pilot was Joe Greer, in a Travel Air 6000-B, a six-passenger single-engine airplane.”

This flight authorized Delta Air Service to return to air carrier operations and fly passengers for hire. Government regulations required that the airline, pilots, equipment, maintenance, communications, and navigational procedures, pass inspection prior to beginning flight schedules. Emergency landing fields, no more than fifty miles apart, had to be established along air-mail routes.

Delta Air Service began flying mail on the “Fourth of July” 1934. A commemorative stamp was issued and the Inaugural Flight was flown by Delta Air Service pilot Don Dice from Monroe, Louisiana.

Passenger flights began a second time on 5 August 1934, following a government required thirty-day probationary period. This second beginning was successful, with added revenue from Delta’s mail contract, Route 24, awarded by the government, and superb guidance with Mr. Woolman at the helm until his passing in 1966. Astute business management followed, and Delta now has routes world-wide.

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