

American Eagle ...

In observing several landings and boardings by American Eagle during its first six weeks, several things bear sharing. First, of course, is how few passengers there typically are (the specifics will be shared once AE announces their boardings at the end of September). Equally as interesting is that families are not using the service. Of the eight deplanings/boardings I have personally watched, there has been only one pair that were obviously a "couple." Virtually everyone using American Eagle is a single man or woman. One flight had six times as many men as women but that was an aberration. Most are about equal.

Only one passenger traveled with a non-revenue baby. Only one youngster under 15 got off or went on any flight. And only one other between 15 and adult age. Most interesting, perhaps, was that only one passenger in military uniform boarded or deplaned - in eight flights.

American Eagle personnel stationed in Cheyenne told parents seeing off an adult son that the problem for Cheyenne was the equipment - that the ERJ135 / E135Q airplanes are just not good at high altitude takeoffs. It is possible that the light loads on takeoff (they are no better on landings) is the result of American Eagle shutting down reservations at half a load or thereabouts because the equipment just does not handle takeoffs well at altitude. Because of the subsidy, it doesn't affect their profitability to fly half empty.

Takeoffs to the west that I witnessed were airborne far before the end of the runway. In fact, even with high temperatures and strong winds, the plane was about three to four times the height of the old air traffic control tower by the Army Guard buildings on the north side of the airport when it reached that point. They are airborne quickly. AE would have to have much heavier loads than it looks like they can attract to have any concern about trees well beyond the end of the runway.

Now, this is a roundabout!



In conclusion, I don't think the quick decision to reduce flights between Cheyenne and Dallas/Fort Worth to one a day had anything to do with passenger load. I believe it had to do with equipment. The Embraer jets available are not suitable for high altitude flights with heavy loads and American Eagle will simply burn through the subsidy - hauling how many ever passengers pilots feel safe to take off with and call it a failed experiment. It will look to the rest of the airline industry that Cheyenne will not support additional service and others will then avoid us, too.

Political endorsements

Politics are local.

And once again in Wyoming primary election, endorsements, even from other locals, don't amount to a bucket of warm spit. Less sometimes.

In spite of Colin Simpson releasing a letter of endorsement of former President George Bush the Elder, few voters were aware of that support. Not that their knowing would have made a difference.

Ron Micheli had the endorsements of most former Wyoming key legislators and all of the current far right legislators. His support was primarily based on religion and those endorsements meant nothing.

Sarah Palin announced that she was supporting Rita Meyer but it was nothing more than putting those words on a piece of paper or website. She didn't appear in Wyoming on behalf of Meyer.

Matt Mead didn't receive any public

endorsements but his secret support from Democratic governor Dave Freudenthal and fellow candidate Colin Simpson were must more productive.

Both the Cheyenne and Casper daily newspapers endorsed Matt Mead for governor but he didn't win the vote in either of their counties. The Casper daily endorsed Ted Adams for Superintendent of Schools and he finished behind the "under votes" in a field of four candidates.

An ultraconservative, one issue PAC called WyWatch endorsed, as all would expect, fellow far righter Ron Micheli. That support didn't help Ron much either.

Locally, a ragtag group trying to hitch a ride on the national Tea Party movement also endorsed candidates but you could ask a hundred voters here who they are and to whom their endorsements went and not more than two could tell you accurately. None of those endorsed by this group survived the primary.

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