Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport

Newly Expanded Airline Terminal (2012)
1920’s-World War II: Rosko Field
May, 1948: Federal construction grant received

Sept, 1948: Airport Open House & Grand Opening
1948: Air Service Delayed

Crow Wing County Board Rejects ALLOCATION FOR AIRPORT

School Board Will Adjust Overpayment

Rotarians Told Possibilities in Forest Industry

Brainerd Gets New WU Service

Charge Red Filibuster In the U. N.

Barkley Joins President at Vacation Spot

Act Delays Winter Use By Planes
March 1, 1949
Inaugural Airline Flight
March 2, 1949

First Cancellation

Scheduled flights by the Wisconsin Central Airlines, Inc., were not arriving at the Brainerd-Crow Wing County Airport this forenoon because of bad weather and limited visibility, a spokesman for the company stated.

When the sky is completely overcast regulations require a 1,000 foot ceiling and three miles of visibility. With a broken sky a 1,600 foot ceiling and one mile of visibility are required, it was explained. The ceiling this morning ranged from 350 to 500 feet.

There was a possibility of flights later in the day if the weather cleared, it was pointed out.
1949
First Terminal Building
Wings Airport Café

Food & hangar talk for 50+ years
With the advent of air service, Brainerd became connected to the world!
1954-1960: John Riedl, Sr. starts “Airmotive Ent.” FBO, becomes Airport Manager
1980’s: Significant Airport Growth & Change
1984: Airmotive’s fleet on display
1990-2007: Major expansions of runways & hangars
2012:
Newly expanded terminal opens
Where we are today:

- 80 based aircraft
- 2 long runways
- 12 organizations with 70+ year around employees
2013 & beyond:
- New Airport Mgr.
- New FBO owners
- SkyWest enters
- New Café owners