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American Airlines in May broke all records for the number of passenger miles flown in one month by a single air carrier.

To set the new mark, the Flagship Fleet surpassed its own best previous record, established in June last year, by more than six million passenger miles.

During May, AA carried 323,830 passengers a total of 162,113,299 passenger miles. The load factor for the month was 68.1 percent. In the previous record month 156,009,534 passenger miles were flown, and in May, 1949, the total was 143,534,479. This May showed a 12.9 percent increase over a year ago.

Mail, express and freight, while not at record levels, were much heavier than in May, 1949. Flagships carried 15.1 percent more mail ton-miles, 21.3 percent more express ton-miles and 22.7 percent more Airfreight ton-miles than it did last year during May.

Comparative loads for this year and last were: mail, 822,899 ton-miles against 715,242; express, 553,639 against 456,322; and Airfreight, 2,942,842 against 2,398,002.

Seat miles flown in scheduled operations also increased. The 238,151,006 flown this May represented 11.8 percent more than in 1949. Since two less aircraft are in use this year, the increase of 11.8 percent in seat miles flown indicates an even greater increase in fleet utilization.

The Blue Ribbon DC-6 Coach service load factor increased slightly during the month to 90.1 percent. It carried 6,209 passengers a total of 10,859,101 passenger miles. The cumulative load factor since service began on Easter Sunday stood at 88.5 percent at the end of May.

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