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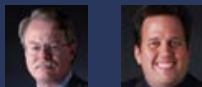
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Terry Maxon and Eric Torbenson write about items of interest to travelers and the aviation community.

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Monday morning trivia

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Let's face it -- 2009 was not a good year for many airline stocks. But some airlines actually saw the price of their shares increase during the year.

Our question this week: Name the U.S. passenger airline that saw its shares increase the most in value during 2009.

Bonus question: Name the U.S. passenger airline whose shares fared the worst last year.

Let's have another bonus: Of the nine largest U.S. passenger airlines, name the one whose shares did the best, and the one whose shares did the worst.

Answer: Pinnacle Airlines Corp., a Memphis-based company, saw its shares climb more than 300 percent in 2009. The holding company owns Pinnacle Airlines, which flies as Delta Express, and Colgan Air, which flies as Continental Express.

The losingest loser was Mesa Air Corp., whose shares slid more than 50 percent.

Among the nine major carriers, Southwest Airlines Co. shares increased over 32 percent. At bottom were US Airways Group shares, down 37 percent.

Airline company	Close Dec. 31, 2009	Close Dec. 31, 2008	Percent change
Pinnacle Airlines	\$6.88	\$1.70	304.7%
ExpressJet Holdings	\$4.82	\$1.70	183.5%
Southwest Airlines	\$11.43	\$8.62	32.6%
Alaska Air Group	\$34.56	\$29.25	18.2%
AirTran Holdings	\$5.22	\$4.44	17.6%
UAL	\$12.91	\$11.02	17.2%
Hawaiian Holdings	\$7.00	\$6.38	9.7%
Delta Air Lines	\$11.38	\$11.46	-0.7%
Continental Airlines	\$17.92	\$18.06	-0.8%
Allegiant Trave	\$47.17	\$48.57	-2.9%
SkyWest	\$16.92	\$18.60	-9.0%
JetBlue Airways	\$5.45	\$7.10	-23.2%
AMR	\$7.73	\$10.67	-27.6%
Republic Airways Holdings	\$7.38	\$10.67	-30.8%
US Airways Group	\$4.84	\$7.73	-37.4%
Mesa Air Group	\$0.12	\$0.26	-53.8%

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