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Did you know that the villa building where Ruissalon Maininki is located served as the terminal building for the air harbor in the 1920s?

In the 1920s, aircraft were symbols of the modern world. Flying and the freedom it brings were strongly glorified. The Turku Chamber of Commerce was up to date and set the scene of the turku airport debate in 1925. The planned location was either Pansio or Ruissalo. Pansio was supported by low establishment costs and low land value in Ruissalo. Ruissalo shared opinions because of its unique nature, even though the airport buildings were felt to dominate the island.

The airport project took a surprising turn when bank manager Grotenfelt sold his Ruissalo villa to the City of Turku in 1926. The villa, completed in 1917, was quickly transformed into office and waiting rooms at the new airport. The first official scheduled flight departed from Ruissalo on 2.5.1927.

However, the investment plans for the ground airport continued and Artukainen was chosen as the new location. When completed in 1935, it was the first civilian airport in Finland and the northernmost in the world.

The ruissalo air harbour was discontinued in 1938 and grotenfelt's villa was reused in 1943 when the Turku Yacht Club turned it into its pavilion.

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