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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Amron Kreider and Lewis Reisner co-founded Reisner Aero Service Inc., in 1925, as a fixed base operation (FBO) that operated a flying service and repaired and rebuilt airplanes. Their desire to construct a better airplane resulted in the formation of the Kreider-Reisner Aircraft Company, in 1926, and the development of the Challenger series of three-place, open-cockpit biplanes starting with the C-1 and culminating with the C-4C. In April 1929, the Kreider-Reisner Company became a subsidiary of the Fairchild Airplane Company which then re-designated the C-4C Challenger as the Fairchild KR-34C.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of various photographs, newsletters and articles relating to Kreider-Reisner and Fairchild Aircraft, including the Fairchild FC-2 Family, and the Fairchild KR (Challenger) Family, specifically the Fairchild KR-34 (Challenger C-4). Information is also included on the OX-5 Club and the American

Society of Mechanical Engineers (1931), as well as documents and photographs on aircraft construction and facilities, including the Kreider-Reisner Factory No.1 in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Fairchild FC-2 Family
- Fairchild KR (Challenger) Family

Types of Materials:

- Newsletters
- Photographs

Names:

- Fairchild Aircraft Corp