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## Republic Feeder Airlines Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Republic Feeder Airlines Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1945-1983 (bulk [ca. 1950s-1960s])
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.1989.0134
<b>Creator:</b>	Republic Airlines
<b>Extent:</b>	7.63 Cubic feet ((7 records center boxes))
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consisted of miscellaneous material, including annual reports, for companies that were later acquired by Republic Airlines.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Republic Feeder Airlines Collection, NASM.1989.0134 (NASM.1989.0134-M0000006-00130)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Minnesota Historical Society, Gift, 1989, 1989-0134, NASM

### Processing Information

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### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

This collection consist of various materials belonging to a group of airlines that eventually came under Republic Airlines. The product of mergers, this airline found its start in the small, postwar feeder airlines of the Mid- and Southwest. The nine small companies that became Republic include: West Coast Airlines, Wisconsin Central Airlines, North Central Airlines, Southwest Airways, Southern Airways, Bonanza Air Lines, Pacific Air Lines, Air West, and finally, Hughes Air West.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consisted of miscellaneous material, including annual reports for all companies that eventually came under Republic Airlines: route maps, photographs of various aircraft used, and publicity stickers, stamps, and notices. Press releases and newsletters are held for some of the companies. Much of the collection of press releases, progress reports, and information packets centers on the Boeing 727 series, the Boeing 747SP series, and the McDonnell Douglas DC-9 series. This collection also includes Bonanza Air Lines negatives.

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## General

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Air travel
- Airlines
- Boeing 727 Family
- Boeing 747SP (747-100SP)
- Douglas DC-9 Family
- Local service airlines
- Periodicals

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Maps
- Newsletters
- Photographs
- Press releases
- Publications
- Reports

Names:

- Air West
- Bonanza Air Lines
- Hughes Air West
- North Central Airlines
- Pacific Air Lines
- Southern Airways
- Southwest Airways

West Coast Airlines  
Wisconsin Central Airlines

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## Container Listing

Box 1	Republic Feeder Airlines Collection, 1945-1983, Photographs #1
Box 2	Republic Feeder Airlines Collection, 1945-1983, Photographs #2
Box 3	[Miscellaneous Material] Notes: Box contents were not scanned.
Box 4	[Miscellaneous Material] Notes: Box contents were not scanned.
Box 5, Folder 1	Douglas C-49K Operating Instructions
Box 5, Folder 2	Douglas DC-3 Structural Repair, May 10, 1946
Box 5, Folder 3	Douglas DC-9 Maintenance Facility and Equipment Planning Manual
Box 5, Folder 4	Civil Aeronautics Manual 18 (General CAM 18) - Maintenance, Repair, and Alteration of Airframes, Powerplants, Propellers, and Appliances, Revised November 1953
Box 5, Folder 5	Civil Aeronautics Manual 18 (General CAM 18) - Supplement Number 1, September 21, 1954
Box 5, Folder 6	Civil Aeronautics Manual 18 (General CAM 18) - Supplement Number 1, October 31, 1955
Box 5, Folder 7	Civil Aeronautics Manual 18 (General CAM 18) - Supplement Number 3, July 17, 1956
Box 5, Folder 8	Air Associates - "Aircraft Hardware" [Supply Catalog] [Includes Standards], January 1, 1953
Box 5, Folder 9	Hewlett-Packard "VHF Signal Generator 608E/F - Operating and Service Manual", February 1, 1970
Box 5, Folder 10	"Aircraft Mechanic's Pocket Manual"
Box 6, Folder 1	[Miscellaneous Material] Notes: Folder contents were not scanned.
Box 6, Folder 2	Boeing 727 Operating Instructions, Volume I, November 28, 1980
Box 6, Folder 3	Boeing 727 Operating Instructions, Volume I
Box 6, Folder 4	Boeing 727 Operating Instructions, Volume II

Box 6, Folder 5	<a href="#">Boeing 727 Operations Manual</a>
Box 6, Folder 6	<a href="#">Convair 340 - R4Y Service Training Study Guide, August 15, 1955</a>
Box 6, Folder 7	<a href="#">Convair 340 - R4Y Service Training Study Guide</a>
Box 6, Folder 8	<a href="#">Convair 340-R4Y Service Training Study Guide</a>
Box 7	[Miscellaneous Material] Notes: Box contents were not scanned.
Box 8	[Miscellaneous Material] Notes: Box contents were not scanned.
Box 9	[Miscellaneous Material] Notes: Box contents were not scanned.
Box 10	[Miscellaneous Material] Notes: Box contents were not scanned.
Box 11, Folder 1	<a href="#">Pacific Air Lines Station Manual No. 53 [1 of 3]</a>
Box 11, Folder 2	<a href="#">Pacific Air Lines Station Manual No. 53 [2 of 3]</a>
Box 11, Folder 3	<a href="#">Pacific Air Lines Station Manual No. 53 [3 of 3]</a>