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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	2003 National Air Tour Race Collection
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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Aviation Foundation of America, Inc., a nonprofit public charity, sponsored the re-creation of the National Air Tours in the fall of 2003. The National Air Tours, also know as the Ford Air Tours, originally took place from 1925-31. They were conceived by a group of "air-minded" Detroit businessmen, receiving significant support from Henry Ford and his son, Edsel B. Ford, to introduce Americans to the concept of air travel

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following material relating to the planning, execution, and media coverage of the 2003 National Air Tour (NAT): newspaper and magazine articles; NAT comments received from the public; NAT promotional vhs and dvds; NAT period music cd; set of six photo cds (a summary set sent out to NAT participants); numerous cds sent by participants and professional photographers; Air & Space NAT article; The Ford Air Tours 1925-1931 by Lesley Forden; "One Two" and "4,000 Miles" booklets; America Takes Flight (NAT PBS program) - dvd and vhs; NAT 2003 Local coverage TV news clips vhs tapes; media kit; "Fact Sheet/Route Map;" NAT posters; NAT merchandise order form; five different colored lanyards used by NAT participants and officials; participant guide book and phone directory; yellow volunteer card; full set of participant legal forms; NAT 12 by 18 inch tri-fold promotional flyer; VFR area charts covering route locations; sample participant letter; NAT articles as found on world wide web; and a printed copy of NAT official web site.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics -- Competitions
- Airplane racing
- Attach authorities
- National Air Tours

Types of Materials:

- DVDs
- Digital images
- Map - draft
- Posters
- Press releases
- Video recordings