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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Art Scholl Film Collection
Identifier:	NASM.2013.0006
Date:	(bulk 1968-1984)
Extent:	140 film items
Creator:	Scholl, Arthur "Art"
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

Arthur "Art" Scholl (1931-1985) was a three-time member of the U.S. Aerobatic Team, an air racer (placing several times at the National Air Races at Reno), an air show pilot, an aerial cameraman, and a fixed base operator with a school of international aerobatics. Scholl held all pilot ratings, and was a licensed aircraft and powerplant (A&P) mechanic and an authorized FAA Inspector. He also was a professor and head of the Department of Aeronautics at San Bernardino Valley College. Scholl performed across the United States and internationally from the late 1950s until his death in 1985. He flew a pair of de Havilland Canada DHC-1 Chipmunk aircraft, which he extensively modified and dubbed "Super Chipmunks." In 1959, Scholl began working for legendary Hollywood pilots Frank Tallman and Paul Mantz at Tallmantz Aviation and then later formed his own movie production company, producing and performing aerial photography and stunts for many commercials, movies and television shows, including "The Right Stuff,"

"The Great Waldo Pepper," and "The A-Team." Art Scholl was killed in 1985 while filming in a Pitts S-2S Special for the movie "Top Gun."

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 140 items comprising approximately 31 hours of 16 mm color film footage, shot by Art Scholl from 1968 to 1984. Footage includes aerobatic air show flying, aerial scenes, and shots of Scholl and his flying companion, his dog Aileron. There is also footage from the following Scholl productions: "North to Canada" and "Special Fantasy Flight: A Photographer's Dream."

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aerial photography
- Aeronautics
- Stunt flying

Types of Materials:

- Motion pictures (visual works)