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Collection Overview

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Creator:	Burda, Ron
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Summary:	This collection consists of aviation-related photography created by American photojournalist Ron Burda at air shows and air races between 1970 and 1999, and reference documents and publications collected by Burda during that period to aid in identifying the aircraft and people depicted in his photographs.
Digital Content:	Image(s): [NASM-9A20220-31] Lefty Gardner rounding Pylon No. 5 in his Lockheed P-38 "White Lightnin" during a race at the 18th Annual National Championship Air Races and Air Show, Reno, Nevada, September 18, 1981. Photo by Ron Burda.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Ron Burda (b. 1940) received his bachelor of science degree in Psychology/Journalism/Art from Brigham Young University in 1966 and his master's Degree in Mass Communications from San Jose State University in 1971. Burda served in the US Navy Air Reserve during the Vietnam War, 1966-1968. He served on the aircraft carrier USS *Ranger* (CV-61) as a Plane Chief for A-6 Intruder bombers and a Photographer's Mate 3/c. Starting in 1970, Burda was a photojournalist for the *San Jose Mercury and News*. The last 15 years before his retirement in 2000, he was the Senior Staff Photographer. Burda also was a frequent freelancer for leading aviation magazines.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists predominantly of aviation-related photography created by American photojournalist Ron Burda at air shows and air races between 1970 and 1999, and reference documents and publications collected by Burda during that period to aid in identifying the aircraft and people depicted in his photographs. Burda's photography from the 1970s and 1980s is predominantly 35mm black and white roll film negatives (accompanied by contact-printed proof sheets), with 35mm color transparencies (generally mounted as slides) becoming more prevalent in the 1980s before shifting to 35mm color negatives in the 1990s. The collection also includes 8 x 10 inch black and white (and a few color) enlargement prints made by Burda and 4 x 6 inch color prints made by commercial photo finishers. The photography includes views of aircraft in flight and on the ground, pilots, ground crew members, and other participants at air shows and races as well as some miscellaneous coverage of other aviation-related events in the southern California area including antique aircraft and hang glider fly-ins. A major feature of the collection is Burda's extensive coverage of the National Championship Air Races held annually at Reno, Nevada, including official race programs and press materials for each year from 1973 to 1996. Also covered are the California National Air Races (Mojave '74, '75, '76, and '79) and features on racing pilots R. J. "Bob" Love and Marvin Lee "Lefty" Gardner.

Arrangement

Collection materials are grouped in series by type of material (documents, photography, reference publications and books, etc.) Folders within a series are generally grouped by event title or subject and arranged in chronological order. The creator, Ron Burda, had originally arranged the bulk of his aviation photography in binders (and later in large envelopes) by calendar year, then event within a year; this arrangement has been retained as much as possible. Photography groups which span multiple years or were undated have been grouped at the beginning of the Photography series as *Aviation by Subject*. The *Aviation by Year* section of the Photography series has been grouped into subseries by photography format and arranged in chronological order. Additional arrangement details can be found at the series and subseries levels.

NOTE: Only a small amount of the photography contained in this collection has been digitized at this time.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Air shows
- Airplane racing
- Airplanes

Stunt flying

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives
Color slides
Photographs

Names:

National Championship Air Races

Container Listing

Documents

Arrangement: Materials in the Documents series are grouped by event and arranged chronologically by date. The first item in each folder is an official program for that event (if available), followed by additional documents collected by or created by Ron Burda relating to the event. Some folders may contain more than one copy of the official program; only one copy of each program has been digitized.

Box 1, Folder 1	1973, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including program), September 14-16, 1973 Notes: Reno-73, National Championship Air Races, September 14-16, 1973; includes caption sheet
Box 1, Folder 2	1974, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 13-15, 1974 Notes: Reno-74, National Championship Air Races, September 13-15, 1974; includes caption sheet
Box 1, Folder 3	1974, Documents, California National Air Races (Mojave '74), Program, October 12-14, 1974 Notes: Mojave 1974, California National Air Races, October 12-14, 1974
Box 1, Folder 4	1975, Documents, California National Air Races (Mojave '75)(including Program), April 4 to June 25, 1975 Notes: California National Air Races, and Air Show, Mojave, June 20-22, 1975; includes caption sheet
Box 1, Folder 5	1975, Documents, California National Air Races (Mojave '75) [copy photographs of documents], June 18-22, 1975
Box 1, Folder 6	1975, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September-October, 1975 Notes: Reno National Championship Air Races '75, September 12-13-14, 1975; includes caption sheet
Box 1, Folder 7	1976, Documents, Lincoln, California, Air Races, Program, May 15-16, 1976 Notes: Lincoln, California, Air Races, May 15-16, 1976
Box 1, Folder 8	1976, Documents, Lincoln [California] Air Race and Air Show, Program, May 18, 1976 Notes: Lincoln Air Race and and Air Show, May 18, 1976
Box 1, Folder 9	1976, Documents, California National Air Races (Mojave '76), Program, June 18-20, 1976 Notes: 4th California National Air Races & Air Show, Mojave, June 18, 19 & 20, 1976

Box 1, Folder 10	1976, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 10-12, 1976 Notes: Reno '76, National Championship Air Races, September 10, 11, 12, 1976
Box 1, Folder 11	1977, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 16-18, 1977 Notes: Reno '77, National Championship Air Races, September 16, 17, 18, 1977
Box 1, Folder 12	1978, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 15-17, 1978 Notes: 15th Annual Reno '78, National Championship Air Races, September 15, 16 & 17, 1978
Box 1, Folder 13	1979, Documents, International Air Race and Show (Homestead FL), Press Kit, February 26 to March 4, 1979 Notes: International Air Race & Show Press Kit, Homestead General Airport, Homestead, Florida, February 26 - March 4 [1979].
Box 1, Folder 14	1979, Documents, California National Air Races (Mojave '79), Program, June 22-24, 1979 Notes: California National Air Races, Mojave, June 22, 23, 24 [1979].
Box 1, Folder 15	1979, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 14-16, 1979 Notes: Reno '79, Sixteenth Annual National Championship Air Races / Show, September 14, 15, 16, 1979
Box 2, Folder 1	1980, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 12-14, 1980 Notes: Reno '80, 17th Annual National Championship Air Races and Show, September 12, 13, 14 [1980].
Box 2, Folder 2	1981, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 18-20, 1981 Notes: Reno '81, 18th Annual National Championship Air Races & Air Show, September 18, 19, 20 [1981].
Box 2, Folder 3	1982, Documents, The Great Livermore [California] Air Show, Program, July 25, 1982 Notes: The Great Livermore Air Show 1982 [Livermore, California], July 25, 1982.
Box 2, Folder 4	1982, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 17-19, 1982 Notes: Reno '82, 19th Annual National Championship Air Races and Air Show, September 17, 18, 19 [1982]; includes captions for Reno '82 slides.

Box 2, Folder 5	1983, Documents, The Great Livermore [California] Air Show, Program, July 24, 1983 Notes: The Great Livermore Air Show 1983 [Livermore, California], July 24, 1983.
Box 2, Folder 6	1983, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 15-18, 1983 Notes: Reno '83, 20th Annual National Championship Air Races and Air Show, September 15, 16, 17 & 18 [1983].
Box 2, Folder 7	1984, Documents, Reno National Championship Races, Press Kit (including Program), September 13-16, 1984 Notes: Reno '84, 21st Annual National Championship Air Races and Air Show, September 15, 16, 17 & 18 [1984].
Box 2, Folder 8	1985, Documents, Reno National Championship Races, Press Kit (including Program), September 12-15, 1985 Notes: Reno '85, 22st Annual National Championship Air Races and Air Show, September 12, 13, 14, 15 [1985].
Box 2, Folder 9	1986, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 11-14, 1986 Notes: Reno '86, 23st Annual National Championship Air Races and Air Show, September 11, 12, 13, 14 [1986].
Box 2, Folder 10	1987, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 17-20, 1987 Notes: Reno '87, 23st Annual National Championship Air Races and Air Show, September 17, 18, 19, 20, 1987.
Box 2, Folder 11	1988, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 15-18, 1988 Notes: 25th Anniversary National Championship Air Races & Air Show, September 15, 16, 17, 18, 1988.
Box 2, Folder 12	1989, Documents, Reno National Championship Races, Press Kit (including Program), September 14-17, 1989 Notes: Twenty-Sixth National Championship Air Races & Air Show, September 14, 15, 16, 17, 1989.
Box 2, Folder 13	1990, Documents, Reno National Championship Races, Press Kit (including Program), September 20-23, 1990 Notes: National Championship Air Races & Air Show, September 20, 21, 22, 23 [1990].
Box 2, Folder 14	1991, Documents, Reno National Championship Races, Press Kit (including Program), September 12-15, 1991 Notes: Twenty-Eighth National Championship Air Races & Air Show, September 12, 13, 14, 15, 1991.

Box 3, Folder 1	1992, Documents, Reno National Championship Races, Press Kit (including Program), September 17-20, 1992 Notes: 29th National Championship Air Races & Air Show, September 17-18-19-20, 1992.
Box 3, Folder 2	1993, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 16-19, 1993 Notes: 30th Anniversary National Championship Air Races & Air Show, September 16-19, 1993.
Box 3, Folder 3	1994, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), August 22 to September 20, 1994 Notes: National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada, September 15-18, 1994: the 31st Year!
Box 3, Folder 4	1995, Documents, Reno National Championship Races, Program, September 14-17, 1995 Notes: 32nd Annual National Championship Air Races, September 14-17, 1995 [Reno, Nevada].
Box 3, Folder 5	1996, Documents, Reno National Championship Races (including Program), September 12-15, 1996 Notes: 33rd Annual National Championship Air Races, September 12-15, 1996 [Reno, Nevada].
Box 3, Folder 6	2000, Documents, Reno National Championship Races, Program, September 14-17, 2000 Notes: Racing With Legends: The 37th Annual National Championship Air Races and Air Show, September 14-17, 2000, Reno, Nevada.

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Photography

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Aviation by Subject

Box 3, Folder 13	Aviation by Subject, Bob Love, circa 1970-1986
Box 5, Folder 1	Aviation by Subject, Famous Pilot Portraits, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), 1919, 1979, 1984, 1986 and undated
Box 5, Folder 2	Aviation by Subject, Fremont (California) Skysailing Report, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), 1969-1983
Box 5, Folder 3	Aviation by Subject, Lefty Gardner's Lockheed P-38 Racer at Reno, Mixed Formats, 1980-1984
Box 5, Folder 4	Aviation by Subject, Hiller UH-12E Helicopter, 4 x 6 inch color prints, circa 1995
Box 5, Folder 5	Aviation by Subject, Red Baron Air Racing Team Press Kit [undated], circa mid 1970s
Box 5, Folder 6	Aviation by Subject, Supersonic Racer Designs (Mach 1+ Racer, 1986; Project Dart, 2010), 1986-2010
Box 5, Folder 7	Aviation by Subject, B-25J Mitchell "Dream Lover" and 11th Annual Gathering of Warbirds (Madera, California), 1982 Notes: Includes slide captions.
Box 5, Folder 8	Aviation by Subject, Miscellaneous Black and White Prints (Enlargements), undated

Aviation by Year, Black and White, Mixed Formats

Arrangement: Folders containing proof sheets and negatives are grouped by roll. Film strips making up a roll are presented in frame number order.

Folders identified as "Proof Sheets and Negatives" contain 8 x 10 inch black and white contact printed proof sheet photographs created by Ron Burda; most have a glassine envelope taped to the reverse containing the 35mm black and white negatives (cut into strips of approximately 6 frames each) used to print the sheet. Many of the sheets include handwritten notes made by Burda.

Folders identified as "Enlargements" contain 8 x 10 inch black and white print photograph enlargements created by Ron Burda from his original 35mm black and white negatives.

Digital scans of individual frames selected from a specific roll appear first, followed by digital scans of the roll's contact sheet, then (if available) a digital scan (inverted) of the roll itself (in plastic negative strip page).

At this time, only a small portion of the roll film has been digitized.

Box 5, Folder 9	1971, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Antique Air Show (San Jose, California), 1971
Box 5, Folder 10	1972, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, 1972
Box 5, Folder 11	1973, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, 1973
Box 5, Folder 12	1973, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), 1973
Box 5, Folder 13	1973, Black and White Proof Sheets, Reno National Championship Races, September 14-16, 1973
Box 5, Folder 14	<p>1974, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, 1974</p> <p>Notes: 35mm b/w negative roll film: includes "PRPA Warbird Display Hayward CA 8/18/74"; gliders and sailplanes at Fremont, California, August 14, 1974 with Holly Johnston; P-51 Mustang and US Navy helicopter at San Jose CA Municipal Airport, March 23, 1974; one 4 x 5 inch b/w copy negative of photograph or artwork of Spitfire in flight; Watsonville Antique Fly-In, May 1974; NAS Moffett, June 27, 1974; and Reno Air Races rolls 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 [NASM-9A20357], 9-12, 14, and 15.</p>
Box 5, Folder 15	1974, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Watsonville, May 1974
Box 5, Folder 16	1974, Black and White Proof Sheets, Reno National Championship Races, September 13-15, 1974
Box 5, Folder 17	1974, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 13-15, 1974
Box 5, Folder 18	1974, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1974

Box 6, Folder 1	1975, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, 1975
Box 6, Folder 2	1975, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), California National Air Races (Mojave '75), June 20-22, 1975
Box 6, Folder 3	1975, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), NAS Moffet, July 25, 1975
Box 6, Folder 4	1975, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 12-14, 1975 Notes: Includes one 8 x 10 inch color print photograph.
Box 6, Folder 5	1975, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1975
Box 6, Folder 6	1976, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, 1976
Box 6, Folder 7	1976, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), California National Air Races (Mojave '76), June 18-20, 1976
Box 6, Folder 8	1976, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1976
Box 6, Folder 9	1977, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, August-September, 1977 Notes: Includes 1977 Reno Air Races rolls A through I; two rolls of Oshkosh (Wisconsin) Fly-In, August 1977.
Box 6, Folder 10	1977, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Hughes 500C Hercules Helicopter, April 1977
Box 6, Folder 11	1977, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 16-18, 1977
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Box 6, Folder 13	1978, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), West Coast National Antique Fly-In (Watsonville, California), May 23-25, 1978
Box 6, Folder 14	1978, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 15-17, 1978
Box 7, Folder 1	1979, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Miami Air Races, March 4, 1979 Notes: Black and white proof sheets with attached 35mm negatives, Rolls A-S.
Box 7, Folder 2	1979, Black and White Proof Sheets, Miami Air Races, March 4, 1979 Notes: Black and white proof sheets, Rolls A-S and sheet "Gary Flanders."
Box 7, Folder 3	1979, Black and White Print (Enlargements), Miami Air Races, March 4, 1979

Box 7, Folder 4	1979, Black and White Print (Enlargements) with Story "Skywrite Guide", April 29, 1979
Box 7, Folder 5	1979, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 14-16, 1979
Box 7, Folder 6	1979, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 14-16, 1979
Box 7, Folder 7	1979, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Miscellaneous, 1979
Box 7, Folder 8	1979, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1979
Box 7, Folder 9	1980, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Northern California Hang Glider Fly-In, June 17, 1980
Box 7, Folder 10	1980, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 12-14, 1980
Box 7, Folder 11	1980, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 12-14, 1980
Box 8, Folder 1	1980, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Miscellaneous, 1980
Box 8, Folder 2	1980, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1980
Box 8, Folder 3	1981, Black and White Print (Enlargements) with Story "Near Miss" (Fremont, California, Airport), May 1981
Box 8, Folder 4	1981, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 18-20, 1981 Notes: Includes roll NASM-9A20220.
Box 8, Folder 5	1981, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 18-20, 1981
Box 8, Folder 6	1981, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Miscellaneous, 1981
Box 8, Folder 7	1981, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1981
Box 8, Folder 8	1982, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, 1982
Box 8, Folder 9	1982, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Miscellaneous, 1982
Box 8, Folder 10	1982, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1982

Box 8, Folder 11	1983, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives and Color Transparencies, Livermore Air Show (Livermore, California), July 24, 1983
Box 8, Folder 12	1983, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 15-18, 1983
Box 8, Folder 13	1983, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 15-18, 1983
Box 8, Folder 14	1984, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Shafter (California) Warbirds Show, April 1984
Box 8, Folder 15	1984, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Stockton (California) Airshow, July 1984
Box 8, Folder 16	1984, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 13-16, 1984
Box 9, Folder 1	1985, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 12-15, 1985
Box 9, Folder 2	1985, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 12-15, 1985
Box 9, Folder 3	1985, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Miscellaneous, 1985
Box 9, Folder 4	1986, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Livermore (California) [partial], July 26, 1986
Box 9, Folder 5	1986, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Livermore (California), July 26, 1986
Box 9, Folder 6	1986, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Jim Nissen JN-4, August 1986
Box 9, Folder 7	1986, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Jim Nissen JN-4, August 1986
Box 9, Folder 8	1986, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 11-14, 1986
Box 9, Folder 9	1986, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 11-14, 1986
Box 9, Folder 10	1986, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Miscellaneous, 1986 Notes: Includes copy negatives of Bob Love photos of 1950s test pilots; Jerry Barnes; World War II aircraft.
Box 9, Folder 11	1987, Black and White Proof Sheets, Reno National Championship Races, September 17-20, 1987

Notes: Proof sheets for rolls NASM-9A20206 through NASM-9A20219 and NASM-9A20221 through NASM-9A20222. [Negatives for these rolls appear in the next folder (Box 9, Folder 12).]

Box 9, Folder 12	1987, Black and White Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 17-20, 1987 Notes: Negatives for rolls NASM-9A20206 through NASM-9A20219 and NASM-9A20221 through NASM-9A20222. [Proof sheets for these rolls appear in the previous folder (Box 9, Folder 11).]
Box 9, Folder 13	1987, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 17-20, 1987
Box 9, Folder 14	1987, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1987
Box 9, Folder 15	1988, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Hamilton AFB Base Air Race, May 8, 1988
Box 9, Folder 16	1988, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 15-18, 1988
Box 9, Folder 17	1988, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 15-18, 1988
Box 9, Folder 18	1988, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1988
Box 10, Folder 1	1989, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Livermore (California), July 1989
Box 10, Folder 2	1989, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 14-17, 1989
Box 10, Folder 3	1989, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 14-17, 1989
Box 10, Folder 4	1989, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Miscellaneous, 1989
Box 10, Folder 5	1990, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 20-23, 1990
Box 10, Folder 6	1990, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 20-23, 1990
Box 10, Folder 7	1991, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 12-15, 1991
Box 10, Folder 8	1991, Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, "Pond Racer" Assignment, September 12-15, 1991

Box 10, Folder 9 1991, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Miscellaneous, 1991

Box 10, Folder 10 1992, Black and White Proof Sheets and Negatives, Reno National Championship
Races, September 17-20, 1992

Aviation by Year, Color, Mixed Formats

Arrangement: Folders identified as "Proof Sheets and Negatives" contain 8 x 10 inch color contact printed proof sheet photographs created by Ron Burda; most have a glassine envelope taped to the reverse containing the 35mm color negatives (cut into strips of approximately 6 frames each) used to print the sheet. Many of the sheets include handwritten notes made by Burda. "Transparencies" are 35mm color transparencies (positives; unmounted slide film).

Folders identified as "Enlargements" contain 8 x 10 inch color print photograph enlargements created by Burda from his original 35mm color negatives or transparencies.

Materials identified as "4 x 6 inch Color Prints" appear to be commercially-printed color enlargements from 35mm color negatives, and generally appear either in the original photo finisher's paper photo wallet or plastic comb-bound mini photo album (most often 1-Hour Foto Express Color Labs, San Jose, California). The corresponding roll of negatives (cut into strips) may be found tucked into the wallet or album, or may have been removed by Burda to a separate film strip page.

Box 10, Folder 11	1979, Color Proofs and Negatives, Miami (Florida) Air Races, March 1979
Box 10, Folder 12	1979, Color Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1979
Box 10, Folder 13	1980, Color Proofs and Negatives, Miscellaneous, 1980
Box 10, Folder 14	1980, Color Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1980
Box 10, Folder 15	1981, Color Prints (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 18-20, 1981
Box 10, Folder 16	1982, Color Proofs and Negatives, Miscellaneous, 1982
Box 10, Folder 17	1982, Color Prints (Enlargements), Miscellaneous, 1982
Box 10, Folder 18	1984, 35mm Color Negatives and 4 x 6 inch Color Prints, Shafter (California) Warbirds Show, April 1984
Box 10, Folder 19	1987, 35mm Color Transparencies, Reno National Championship Races, September 17-20, 1987
Box 10, Folder 20	1987, 35mm Color Negatives and Transparencies, Miscellaneous (with Documents), 1987
Box 10, Folder 21	1988, 35mm Color Transparencies, Hamilton AFB Base Air Race, May 1988
Box 10, Folder 22	1988, 35mm Color Transparencies, Reno National Championship Races, September 15-18, 1988
Box 10, Folder 23	1989, 35mm Color Negatives and 4 x 6 inch Color Prints, Reno National Championship Races, September 14-17, 1989

	Notes: Color prints are housed in their original plastic comb-bound photo finisher mini-albums. (Cover only digitized as an example.)
Box 11, Folder 1	1990, 35mm Color Negatives and 4 x 6 inch Color Prints, Reno National Championship Races, September 20-23, 1990
Box 11, Folder 2	1990, 4 x 6 inch Color Prints, Reno National Championship Races, September 20-23, 1990 Notes: Color prints are housed in their original plastic comb-bound photo finisher mini-albums.
Box 11, Folder 3	1991, 35mm Color Proof Sheets, Reno National Championship Races, September 12-15, 1991
Box 11, Folder 4	1991, 35mm Color Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, "Pond Racer" Assignment, September 12-15, 1991
Box 11, Folder 5	1991, 4 x 6 inch Color Prints, Reno National Championship Races, September 12-15, 1991 Notes: Color prints are housed in their original plastic comb-bound photo finisher mini-album.
Box 11, Folder 6	1991, 35mm Color Transparencies and Black and White Prints (Enlargements), Lyle Shelton's R-3350 Engine, 1991
Box 11, Folder 7	1992, 35mm Color Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 17-20, 1992
Box 11, Folder 8	1993, 35mm Color Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 16-19, 1993 Notes: Includes photographs of Gee Bee R-2 replica airplane.
Box 11, Folder 9	1993, 35mm Color Proof Sheets, Reno National Championship Races, September 16-19, 1993
Box 11, Folder 10	1993, 35mm Color Print (Enlargements), Reno National Championship Races, September 16-19, 1993
Box 11, Folder 11	1994, 35mm Color Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 15-18, 1994
Box 11, Folder 12	1995, 35mm Color Negatives, Oakland (California), July 3, 1995 Notes: Includes photographs of Boeing B-29 Superfortress "Fifi"; Consolidated B-24 Liberator; North American P-51D "Straw Boss"; and Beech AT-11 Kansan.
Box 11, Folder 13	1995, 35mm Color Negatives with 4 x 6 inch Color Prints, Reno National Championship Races, September 14-17, 1995

Box 11, Folder 14	1995, 4 x 6 inch Color Prints, Reno National Championship Races, September 14-17, 1995 Notes: Color prints are housed in their original plastic comb-bound photo finisher mini-album.
Box 11, Folder 15	1996, 35mm Color Negatives, Hayward (California) Airfaire, August 28, 1996 Notes: Includes original story assignment printout.
Box 11, Folder 16	1997, 35mm Color Negatives, Reno National Championship Races, September 11-14, 1997 Notes: 34th Annual National Championship Air Races and Air Show, Reno, Nevada, "Celebrating 50 Years of American Air Supremacy."
Box 11, Folder 17	1999, 35mm Color Negatives and 4 x 6 inch Color Print, May-July 1999

Aviation by Year, Color, 35mm Color Slides

Arrangement: Photography in this subseries consists of mounted 35mm color slides (positive transparencies) housed in plastic slide pages each holding 20 slides. Slides remain in the original order in which they were received from Ron Burda; some pages include notes made by Burda.

Box 12, Folder 1	1971, 35mm Color Slides, Reid-Hillview (California) Antique Airshow (Photo Story), August-September 1971 Notes: Includes correspondence and slide caption list.
Box 12, Folder 2	1973, 35mm Color Slides, Reno National Championship Races, September 14-16, 1973
Box 12, Folder 3	1974, 35mm Color Slides, Reno National Championship Races, September 13-15, 1974
Box 12, Folder 4	1975, 35mm Color Slides, California National Air Races (Mojave '75), June 20-22, 1975
Box 12, Folder 5	1975, 35mm Color Slides, Reno National Championship Races, September 12-14, 1975
Box 12, Folder 6	1976, 35mm Color Slides, 1976 Notes: Mojave, Livermore CA, James Nissen and his Curtiss JN-4 Jenny, Fresno, Watsonville. Includes photocopy of article by Frank Sweeney (from unknown newspaper) on George Boreham and his Ryan PT-22, also photographed by Burda.
Box 12, Folder 7	1977, 35mm Color Slides, Cessna Aircraft at Hollister CA, June 1977 Notes: Cessna aircraft photographed at Hollister, California, June 1977.
Box 12, Folder 8	1978, 35mm Color Slides, 1978 Notes: 1978 Reno National Championship Races; sailplane N1239S in flight over Fremont CA
Box 12, Folder 9	1978, 35mm Color Slides, Reno National Championship Races, September 15-17, 1978
Box 12, Folder 10	1979, 35mm Color Slides, 1979 Notes: NAS Lemoore, 1979 Reno National Championship Races including Hinton's RB-51 crash.
Box 13, Folder 1	1980, 35mm Color Slides, 1980 Notes: 1980 Reno National Championship Races; Alameda
Box 13, Folder 2	1981, 35mm Color Slides, 1981 Notes: 1981 Reno National Championship Races; John Crocker over San Francisco Bay and Truckee CA

Box 13, Folder 3	1982, 35mm Color Slides, 1982 Notes: 1982 Reno National Championship Races; Skysailing at Femont CA, Madera, Livermore CA
Box 13, Folder 4	1983, 35mm Color Slides, Reno National Championship Races, September 15-18, 1983
Box 13, Folder 5	1984, 35mm Color Slides, Reno National Championship Races, September 13-16, 1984
Box 13, Folder 6	1985, 35mm Color Slides, Reno National Championship Races, September 12-15, 1985
Box 13, Folder 7	1986, 35mm Color Slides, 1986 Notes: Ken Bunker "Breezy" (ultralight) and Jim Nissen Curtiss JN-4 Jenny in May 1986; 1986 Reno National Championship Races
Box 13, Folder 8	1989, 35mm Color Slides, Pleasanton (California) Fire, June 21, 1989 Notes: Two 35mm color slides of fire-fighting aircraft: Bell UH-1 Huey helicopter with bucket and Grumman S2F Tracker water bomber.

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Publications

Box 3, Folder 7	Publications, Brochure, Planes of Fame Museum (Chino, California), circa 1982
Box 3, Folder 8	Publications, Drawings (3-view), Reno National Championship Races Unlimited Winners and others, 1964-1984 Notes: Copyright materials.
Box 3, Folder 9	Publications, Periodicals, The N.A.G. "RAG" (incomplete run), July 1976 - January 1991 Notes: Official Newsletter of Chapter "1" Northwestern Area Group, United States Air Racing Association.
Box 3, Folder 10	Publications, Miscellaneous, 1935, 1975-1996

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Books

Scope and Contents: The Books series contains copyrighted books collected by Ron Burda as reference materials. This series has not been digitized.

Box 4, Item 1	Jim Larsen, Directory of Unlimited Class Pylon Air Racers, American Air Museum, Inc. (Kirkland, Washington), 1971
Box 4, Item 2	Charles A. Mendenhall, The Gee Bee Racers: A Legacy of Speed, Specialty Press Publishers and Wholesalers, Inc. (North Branch, Minnesota), 1979
Box 4, Item 3	Robert Hull, September Champions: The Story of America's Air Racing Pioneers, (Stackpole Books (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania), 1979
Box 4, Item 4	Document, Bob Hull Books & Features, March 25, 1980 Notes: Letter to Ron Burda from Bob Hull, with attachments.
Box 4, Item 5	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: A Complete History, Volume I: 1909-1923, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1969
Box 4, Item 6	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: A Complete History, Volume II: 1924-1931, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1967
Box 4, Item 7	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: A Complete History, Volume III: 1932-1939, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1969
Box 4, Item 8	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: A Complete History, Volume IV: 1946-1967, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1969
Box 4, Item 9	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: 1969 Annual, Volume V, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1969
Box 4, Item 10	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: 1970 Annual, Volume VI, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1970
Box 4, Item 11	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: 1971 Annual, Volume VII, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1971
Box 4, Item 12	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: 1972 Annual, Volume VIII, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1972
Box 4, Item 13	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: 1973 Annual, Volume IX, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1973

Box 4, Item 14	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: 1974 Annual, Volume X, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1974
Box 4, Item 15	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: 1975 Annual, Volume XI, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1975
Box 4, Item 16	Reed Kinert, Racing Planes and Air Races: 1976 Annual, Volume XII, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1976
Box 4, Item 17	Dusty Carter, Racing Planes and Air Races: 1977-78 Biennial, Volume XIII, Reference Series No. 1, Aero Publishers, Inc. (Fallbrook, California), 1978

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Miscellaneous

Box 3, Folder 11

Miscellaneous, Aeroplane Photo Supply, "Photos of Historical and Modern Airplanes", circa 1955

Notes: Set of 82 2.75 x 4.5 inch black and white print photographs housed in their two original mailing envelopes from Aeroplane Photo Supply, P.O. Box 195, Toronto, Canada. Predominantly US and foreign military aircraft used in World War II, but includes a few WWII ships, World War I biplanes, and early 1950s experimental aircraft. Note from Ron Burda, "Purchased by mail order when I was a kid."

Box 3, Folder 12

Miscellaneous, Decals

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Oversized Materials

Box 14, Folder 1	<p>Miscellaneous, Custom Binder "Lyle Shelton's Rare Bear 77"</p> <p>Notes: Custom printed three-ring binder with covers featuring photography by Ron Burda. Burda had originally used this binder to hold plastic pages containing aviation-related color slides he shot in 1985 and 1986. These 35mm color slides have been removed from the binder and rehoused in the Photography Series, Aviation by Year, Color, 35mm Color Slides (Box 13, Folders 6 and 7).</p>
Box 14, Folder 2	<p>Miscellaneous, Newspaper Clippings, Rochester Sunday American, August 25, 1935</p> <p>Notes: Newspaper coverage "In Memoriam" following the deaths of aviator Wiley Post and humorist Will Rogers, <i>Rochester Sunday American</i> (Rochester, New York), August 25, 1935.</p>
Box 14, Folder 3	<p>1978, Documents, California Today: The Magazine of the San Jose Mercury News, November 12, 1978</p> <p>Notes: Frank Sweeney, "No Fear of Flying," <i>California Today: The Magazine of the San Jose Mercury News</i> (San Jose, California), November 12, 1978, pages 28-41, with photos by Ron Burda; coverage of the 1978 Reno National Championship Races. Includes original story text.</p>
Box 14, Folder 3	<p>1982, Documents, "Warbirds" Article, June 24, 1982</p> <p>Notes: Ken Castle, "Warbirds," <i>Venture: Celebrating the Active Life, San Jose Mercury News</i>, Thursday, June 24, 1982, pages 5E-6E, with photos by Ron Burda.</p>
Box 14, Folder 4	<p>1982, Documents, Air Show '82, Truckee-Tahoe [California] Airport, June 26-27, 1982</p> <p>Notes: "Air Show '82," <i>Sierra Sun</i>, Thursday, June 24, 1982.</p>

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