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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Ron Burda Air Racing Photography Collection
Identifier:	NASM.2013.0026
Date:	(bulk 1972-2001)
Extent:	3.63 Cubic feet ((4 boxes))
Creator:	Burda, Ron
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Ron Burda, Gift, 2013

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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 of 3.6 cubic feet of air show and air race photography taken by Ron Burda, 1972-2001. The photography includes the following types: color slides, black and white negatives, black and white contact sheets, and black and white prints. The collection also contains air show and air race programs and related press materials. The photography includes both aircraft shots and pilot portraits. While several air races are represented, much of the collection relates to the Reno Air Races, also known as the National Championship Air Races.

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