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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Nemesis Air Racing Video Tapes
Date:	1991-1996
Identifier:	NASM.2020.0007
Extent:	0.39 Cubic feet (14 VHS tapes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	<p>This collection consists of fourteen VHS tapes documenting a portion of the racing career of Nemesis, a small mid-wing, single-seat tractor monoplane with fixed landing gear designed and built in 1991 by Jon Sharp, Cory Bird, Dan Bond, and Steve Ericson.</p> <p>This collection is in English.</p>

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Jon and Patricia Sharp, Gift, 2019, NASM.2020.0007

Processing Information

Arranged and described (2019) and encoded (2020) by Jessamyn Lloyd.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Nemesis is a small mid-wing, single-seat tractor monoplane with fixed landing gear designed and built in 1991 by Jon Sharp, Cory Bird, Dan Bond, and Steve Ericson. The aircraft is built of pressure molded graphite epoxy foam core and is powered by a single Continental O-200, 100 horsepower air-cooled engine. The most successful aircraft in air racing history, Nemesis dominated its competition, winning 47 of its 50 contests from 1991 until its retirement in 1999. Flown by pilot and designer Jon Sharp, it won nine consecutive Reno Gold National Championships and 16 world speed records for its class. Nemesis was the International Formula One points champion every year from 1994 to 1998. In 1991 it won the George Owl Trophy for design

excellence. Nemesis is also a three time winner of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale's Louis Blériot Medal for the greatest achievement in speed, and a four time winner of the Pulitzer Trophy for air racing speed records.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of fourteen VHS tapes documenting a portion of the racing career of Nemesis. Most of the tapes concern the National Championship Air Races and Air Show in Reno, Nevada, but there is also footage pertaining to the Phoenix 500 Air Races in Mesa, Arizona, as well as some additional interviews and press coverage.

Arrangement

Collection is in chronological order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Airplane racing

Types of Materials:

- VHS (videotape format)