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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	National Air Races Negative Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0555
<b>Date:</b>	[ca. 1940s]
<b>Extent:</b>	0.25 Cubic feet ((1 box))
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

No donor information/Transfer from Aeronautics, Gift, unknown, XXXX-0555, unknown

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

### Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

This collection consists of 450 photographs including silver gelatin negatives and prints which document the National Air Races in the 1940s. Begun in 1920, the National Air Races were an annual, week-long event including formation flying, parachute drops, aerobatic displays, and races. The event included two privately sponsored, closed-circuit speed races: the Pulitzer Trophy race held from 1920 to 1925 and the Thompson Trophy race held from 1930 to 1939. Along with other competitions, the National Air Races fostered the development of aircraft in the 1920s and 1930s but ended during World War II.

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## Scope and Contents

The photos include images of aircraft, on the ground and in flight; pilots; and winners receiving trophies. Pilots portrayed include Charles Brown, Cook Cleland, Jacqueline Cochran, Joseph C. De Bona, Ben McKitten, Betty Skelton, and Roscoe Turner.

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## General

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics -- Awards
- Aeronautics -- Competitions
- Aeronautics -- Exhibitions
- Air pilots
- Airplane racing
- Airplanes
- Parachutes
- Stunt flying
- Women air pilots
- Women in aeronautics

Types of Materials:

- Photographs
- Photographs -- 1890-1920 -- Black-and-white negatives -- Glass

Names:

- Brown, Charles
- Cleland, Cook
- Cochran, Jacqueline
- De Bona, Joseph C.
- McKitten, Ben
- National Air Races
- Pulitzer Trophy Race
- Skelton, Betty, 1926-
- Thompson Trophy Race
- Turner, Roscoe, 1895-1970