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Collection Overview

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Title:	1925 Coupe d'Aviation Maritime Jacques Schneider (Jacques Schneider Maritime Aviation Cup) Souvenir Program
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Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0565.0095
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder; 9 x 12 inch booklet (56 pages))
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of a souvenir program, missing its front and back covers, from the 1925 Coupe d'Aviation Maritime Jacques Schneider (Jacques Schneider Maritime Aviation Cup) seaplane races held on October 24, 1925, in Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Transfer from NASM Aeronautics Department, 2010, NASM.XXXX.0565.0095

Related Materials

A heavily annotated copy of the program—which includes the missing covers—can be found in the [Samuel Donovan "Don" Swann Collection, NASM.1987.0062](#) , Box 1, Folder 9, Program, [Jacques Schneider Cup International Seaplanes Races \[annotated\]](#) , NASM-9A20016.

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Biographical / Historical

In 1912, Jacques Schneider (1879-1928), a wealthy French industrialist and aviation enthusiast, established the Coupe d'Aviation Maritime Jacques Schneider (Jacques Schneider Maritime Aviation Trophy), a competition to encourage the development of hydroaeroplanes (aircraft capable of taking off from and landing on the surface of the water such as seaplanes, floatplanes, and flying boats). The first race, in 1913, was held at Monaco; the rules dictated that the winner's country would host the following year's race. To retain the trophy, a competitor needed to win three races within a five-year period. Schneider's hope was that the competition would foster technical developments which would aid civil aviation, but by the 1920s the Schneider Trophy races had become speed competitions. Aircraft manufacturers Curtiss (United States), Supermarine (United Kingdom), Macchi (Italy) and others were encouraged by their native countries to develop designs specifically for the Schneider Trophy competitions. The 8th Schneider Trophy race—the first set to take place in the United States—was planned for 1924 but was postponed a year due to a lack of competitors. By 1925, aircraft specifically designed for the race were ready to compete on a triangular course laid out over the Chesapeake Bay near Baltimore, Maryland. On October 26, 1925, US Army Lt. James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle flew the Curtiss R3C-2 to victory for the United States with an average speed of 374 km/h (232.17 mph). The next day he flew the R3C-2 over a straight course at a world-record speed of 395 km/h (245.7 mph). A Macchi design (Macchi M.39) won the race in 1926, passing the trophy back to Italy. Supermarine designs won the 1927 (Supermarine S.5), 1929 (Supermarine S.6), and 1931 (Supermarine S.6B) competitions to permanently secure the Schneider Trophy for the United Kingdom.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a copy of "Jacques Schneider International Seaplane Races, Baltimore, U.S.A., Bay Shore Park, October 24, 1925" issued by The Flying Club of Baltimore (Baltimore, Maryland) as the official program for the 1925 Coupe d'Aviation Maritime Jacques Schneider (Jacques Schneider Maritime Aviation Cup) races held on October 24 in Baltimore, Maryland. The 12 by 9 inch program (56 pages) is missing its front and back covers. Several pages have been annotated in black ink by an unidentified hand, including a scorecard on page 23.

Arrangement

Pages are reproduced in numerical order.

See Also

[The Curtiss R3C-2 racer \(A19280002000\) which won the 1925 Schneider Trophy race is part of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum collection.](#)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics -- Competitions
- Aeronautics, Military

Air pilots
Airplanes
Seaplanes
advertising -- 20th century

Places:

Baltimore (Md.) -- 1920-1930
Chesapeake Bay Region (Md. and Va.) -- history

Container Listing

NASM-9A20015: [Official program, "Jacques Schneider International Seaplane
Races, Baltimore, U.S.A., Bay Shore Park", October 24, 1925](#)
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