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## National Air Races Scrapbooks

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	National Air Races Scrapbooks
<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1928-1933)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0845
<b>Extent:</b>	0.24 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	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. This collection consists of three unbound scrapbooks with newspaper clippings related to races in Chicago, Cleveland, and Los Angeles between 1928 and 1933.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Unknown, found in collection, Gift, Unknown, NASM.XXXX.0845.

### Processing Information

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### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of three 9 x 11.5 inch unbound scrapbooks of between 10 and 24 pages each. The three books are labeled as follows: "National Air Races (Cleveland) 1929-1932;" "National Air Races (Los Angeles) 1928-1933;" "National Air Races (Chicago) 1930-1933." Each scrapbook contains newspaper clippings relating to the relevant National Air Races. There is also a full photocopy of the Cleveland scrapbook.

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## Arrangement

The scrapbooks are arranged alphabetically by city.

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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 -- Exhibitions
- Airplane racing
- Parachuting

Types of Materials:

- Scrapbooks

Names:

- National Air Races

## Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	<a href="#">National Air Races (Chicago), 1930-1933</a>
Box 1, Folder 2	<a href="#">National Air Races (Cleveland), 1929-1932</a>
Box 1, Folder 3	<a href="#">National Air Races (Cleveland) [photocopy], 1929-1932</a>
Box 1, Folder 4	<a href="#">National Air Races (Los Angeles), 1928-1933</a>