Language of Material: English
Contributing Institution: San Diego Air and Space Museum Library and Archives
Title: Robert William Von Willer Personal Papers
Identifier/Call Number: SDASM.SC.10150
Physical Description: .3 Cubic Feet
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Date (bulk): bulk

Abstract: Robert Von Willer formed the Exotic Aircraft Company in El Cajon, specializing in the restoration of antique aircraft, including warbirds.

Biographical / Historical
Robert William Von Willer was born in January 26, 1942 and was the son of Robert William Von Willer (1921 - 2007) and Virginia M. Von Willer (1921 – 2010). He lived in Lakeside and El Cajon, graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1960, and married Jo E. Rhodes in 1961. In November 1969, Bob formed the Fleet Club with John Sommerfeld and published their first newsletter. Through the years, Bob had accumulated many aircraft parts and formed the Exotic Aircraft Company in El Cajon, specializing in the restoration of antique aircraft, including warbirds. He was an appraiser, dealer, expert collector, and mechanic for thirty years. Bob passed away on December 30, 2010.

Conditions Governing Use
The collection is open to research by appointment.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
The materials in this collection were donated to the San Diego Air & Space Museum in 2015. The collection has been processed and is open for research with no restrictions.

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Related Materials
Aircraft Vertical files.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Exotic Aircraft Restoration
Stinson 108
Stolp Starduster
Kaiser Fleetwings F-5
Ballanca 17-30A
Von Willer, Robert William

Box 1 of 2

Series I: Aircraft Records

Scope and Contents
The materials in these folders are primarily on a Bellanca 17-30A

Folder 1 - Compliance Reports
Folder 2 - Repair and Alteration
Folder 3 - Service & Warranty
Folder 4 - Airframe
Folder 5 - Rigging
Folder 6 - Electrical
Folder 7 - Landing Gear
Series I: Aircraft Records

Folder 8 - Autopilot
Folder 9 - Battery
Folder 10 - Beacons
Folder 11 - Engine
Folder 12 - Hydraulics
Folder 13 - Instruments
Folder 14 - Propeller
Folder 15 - Radios
Folder 16 - Narco
Folder 17 - Tires, Wheels and Brakes
Folder 18 - Vacuum Pump
Folder 19 - Misc.
Folder 20 - Misc. Records Personal
Folder 21 - Log Books (2)
Folder 22 - Stearman Modifications
Folder 23 - Stinson 108/ N40132 Paperwork

Series II: Drawings

Folder 1 - Wright Flying Machine (Patent Info.)
Folder 2 - Timm Aircraft Corp. Drawings
Folder 3 - Kaiser Fleetwings, Inc. Drawings
Folder 4 - Kaiser Fleetwings, Inc. Erection & Maintenance Instructions for F-5 Seabird Amphibian

Series III: Misc. Charts

Folder 5 - Sectional Aeronautical Charts

Series IV: Manuscript

Folder 6 - Manuscript 1. “I’m in Aviation Now” by Stan Mahoney, 1990

Series V: Photographs

Folder 7 - Photographs
  Physical Description: 1. One 5x7 (G.H. Holer) 2. Two 8x10 (Airport w/ Helopads) & (1931 Stinson plane) 3. One 6x4 (Old Rhinebeck plane) 4. One 8x8 (Biplane) 5. One oversized photo of WWII movie set

Series VI: Ephemera

Folder 8 - Ephemera
  Physical Description: 1. Twenty-two vintage-style post cards 2. One magazine ad (Curtiss Flying Service)

Series VII: Audio Visual

Physical Description: 2 DVDs “Runway Safety” & “CAPS Advisory DVD for First Responders”