Aerospace Oral History Project mssHM 80611 (1-50)

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**Abstract:** The aerospace oral history project consists of oral histories in PDF format and provides a range of perspectives related to the aerospace industry in Southern California.  
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**Biographical / Historical**  
These oral histories were conducted under the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West. The project, which started in 2005 and is still ongoing, is documenting the history of the Southern California aerospace industry.  

**Scope and Contents**  
The aerospace oral history project consists of 50 oral histories in PDF format and provides a range of perspectives related to the aerospace industry in Southern California. Interview subjects were selected to provide a range of perspectives on the aerospace industry, from senior corporate leaders to design engineers, manufacturing engineers, major airframe manufacturers, think tanks, smaller suppliers, and both military and civilian programs. Most of the interviews cover the period from World War II and the Cold War up to the present, although several interviews include memories of the 1920s and 1930s. The transcripts reflect guided oral histories conducted by professional historians; interviews have been transcribed for clarity, and reviewed for accuracy by the interviewee before being entered into the catalog. Some interviewees were interviewed multiple times.  

The oral history transcripts are available on the Link in PDF format only. The collection is ongoing and new oral histories will be added to the collection as they are completed. Because some of original audio files included off-the-record discussions, the original audio files are not accessible to researchers.  

**Processing Information**  
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**Related Materials**  
Lockheed Marin Oral History Project, 1982-2010. mssLMO  

**Arrangement**  
Interviews are listed alphabetically by interviewee last name. The PDFs in the Huntington Digital Library can be sorted a number of ways.  

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Oral histories (document genres) -- California  
Aeronautical engineers -- California, Southern -- History  
Aerospace engineering -- California, Southern -- History  
Aerospace engineers -- California, Southern -- History  
Aerospace industries -- California, Southern -- History -- 20th century  
Aircraft industry -- California, Southern  
Airplanes -- Design and construction
Airplanes, Military
Fighter planes
Guided missile industries
Jet planes, Military
Reconnaissance aircraft
Stealth aircraft
Supersonic planes
Test pilots
Women air pilots -- United States
Women aircraft industry employees
Women in aeronautics
Women in engineering
Axtell, James
Ayres, David
Baker, Andrew
Beall, Donald R.
Brown, Alan
Bullock, Frank E.
Cashen, John
Clauser, Francis H.
Cleven, Curtis
Cohen, Clarence Budd
Currie, Malcom R.
Davis, Allen V. C. (Allen Van Cleve)
Deverell, William, 1962-
Duffendack, Jack C.
Dyson, Ken
Friedman, Louis
Gasich, W.E. (Welko E.), 1922-
Gibb, Ron
Graham, Lloyd
Hicks, Donald A.
Huben, Michael Gerald (Jerry)
Husmann, Richard, 1927-
Janssen, Volker, (Historian)
Johnson, Betty
Jones, Thomas V., 1920-2014
Karafantis, Layne
Katz, Elliott
Keville, Jesse F.
Kibble, Larry
Kinnu, James
Kresa, Kent
Lackman, Les
Lewis, Daniel, 1959-
Loschke, Robert
MacDonald, Forrest
Mitzner, Kenneth
Mullin, Sherman N.
Murphy, Robert
Nichols, Donald L., 1932-
Paulikas, George, 1936-
Pidhayny, Denny, 1919-
Ramo, Simon
Stacey, Alvin
Szep, Joseph
Waaland, Irving
Westwick, Peter J.
Wilson, E. Milton
Zadorozny, Edward
Zoller, Curt J., 1920-2014
Aerospace Corporation
Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West
California Institute of Technology
Douglas Aircraft Company
Hughes Aircraft Company
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation
Rand Corporation
Rockwell International

David "Dave" Ayres interviewed by Layne Karafantis HM 80611 (46) 2019 June 6
James "Jim" Axtell interviewed by Layne Karafantis HM 80611 (45) 2019 April 10
Andrew Baker interviewed by Volker Janssen HM 80611 (32) 2010 May 5
Donald Beall interviewed by Volker Janssen HM 80611 (3) 2009 November 24
Alan Brown interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (1) 2010 November 15
Frank Bullock interviewed by Volker Janssen HM 80611 (28) 2009 August 21
John Cashen interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (35) 2010 December 15
John Cashen interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (36) 2014 April 25
Francis Clauer interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (5) 2011 April 13
Curtis Cleven interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (23) 2010 April 6
Clarence B. Cohen interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (20) 2010 October 12
Malcolm R. Currie interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (14) 2013 May 9
Allen Van Cleve Davis interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (24) 2012 February 23
John (Jack) C. Duffendack interviewed by William Deverell, Sherman Mullin, and Peter Westwick HM 80611 (8) 2008 June 12
Ken Dyson and Robert Loschke interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (27) 2012 January 9
Louis Friedman interviewed by Amir Alexander and Peter Westwick HM 80611 (42) 2015 January 28
Welko Gasic interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (11) 2010 October 28
Ron Gibb interviewed by Layne Karafantis HM 80611 (47) 2019 April 1
Lloyd Graham interviewed by Volker Janssen HM 80611 (16) 2010 January 14
Donald "Don" A. Hicks interviewed by Layne Karafantis HM 80611 (48) 2019 February 27 2019 April 3
Michael Gerald (Jerry) Huben interviewed by Volker Janssen HM 80611 (21) 2009 September 3
Richard Husmann interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (13) 2010 June 30
Betty Johnson interviewed by Peter Westwick HM 80611 (2) 2010 August 19
Thomas V. Jones interviewed by William Deverell and Daniel Lewis HM 80611 (29) 2005 October 10

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Thomas V. Jones interviewed by William Deverell  HM 80611 (30)  2006 March 3
Thomas V. Jones interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (31)  2010 February 16
Elliott Katz interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (4)  2010 June 14
Jesse Keville interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (18)  2010 April 29
Larry Kibble interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (22)  2014 May 15
James Kinnu interviewed by Volker Janssen  HM 80611 (37)  2010 December 8
James Kinnu interviewed by Volker Janssen  HM 80611 (38)  2011 February 22
Kent Kresa interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (40)  2018 December 7
Les Lackman interviewed by Peter Westwick, William Deverell, and Kerri Bennett  HM 80611 (41)  2017 September 7
Forrest MacDonald interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (19)  2012 February 2
Kenneth Mitzner interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (39)  2016 January 25
Sherman Mullin interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (43)  2018 December 12
Sherman Mullin interviewed by Peter Westwick and William Deverell  HM 80611 (44)  2019 January 24
Robert Murphy interviewed by Volker Janssen  HM 80611 (9)  2009 August 25
Donald "Don" Nichols interviewed by Layne Karafantis  HM 80611 (50)  2019 April 8-9
George Paulikas interviewed by Volker Janssen  HM 80611 (6)  2009 September 4
Denny Pidhayny interviewed by Volker Janssen  HM 80611 (12)  2010 April 30
Simon Ramo interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (10)  2010 December 4
Alvin Stacey interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (17)  2012 June 4
Joseph Szep interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (15)  2010 November 23
Irving Waaland interviewed by Volker Janssen  HM 80611 (33)  2010 November 10
Irving Waaland interviewed by Volker Janssen  HM 80611 (34)  2010 November 15
E. Milton Wilson interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (26)  2010 April 14
Edward "Ed Z" Zadorozny interviewed by Layne Karafantis  HM 80611 (49)  2019 July 7
Harriet Zimney interviewed by Peter Westwick  HM 80611 (7)  2010 May 5
Curt Zoller interviewed by Volker Janssen  HM 80611 (25)  2010 October 25