

Guide to the  
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## ***Biographical Sketch***

Arthur "Art" L. Schoeni was born in Washington State in the area of Mount St. Helens volcano. He attended high school in Medford, Oregon where he found his passion for photography. In 1930, he graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in journalism. Schoeni worked as a teacher in Medford and was the editor of the Medford Daily News. During the 1940s, he joined the United Press, which is now called United Press International located in Olympia, Washington. While serving in the US. Navy during World War II, he worked as a feature editor for the Naval Aviation News. Schoeni retired from the Navy as a lieutenant commander and joined Chance Vought Aircraft in Dallas, Texas in 1953 and worked as a technical writer and photographer in their public relations department until his retirement in 1972, after nine-teen years of service. Arthur "Art" L. Schoeni passed away in July of 2000 in Dallas, Texas at the age of ninety-four.

## ***Sources:***

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Naval Aviation News, Nov./Dec. 2000. "Former NANews Editor Dies." [Online] 6 February 2008. <<http://www.history.navy.mil/nan/backissues/2000s/2000/nd2000/ppp.pdf>>

## ***Series Description***

The Arthur L. Schoeni Papers are arranged in one series by document type:

.4 linear ft. (one manuscript box), Box 1 organized by document type: .08 linear ft. (four folders), photographs arranged alphabetically in Aviation, Flying Pancake, Miscellaneous, and Various Aircraft, 1920-1988; .08 linear ft. (one folder) manuscript for articles arranged alphabetically by title, n.d.; .25 linear ft. (three folders) scrapbook *Our Companies Heritage* arranged numerically in index form, and scrapbook magazine articles, 1971-1974, n.d.; .02 linear ft. (one folder) photographs prints removed from negative envelopes, n.d.; .02 linear ft. (one folder) publication *50 Years of Aviation. 1917-1967*, n.d.

.08 linear ft. (two folders in oversize box 10.5 x 12 x 3), Box 2 photographic negatives, arranged in original order, 1917-1947.

.21 linear ft. (two folders in oversize box 14 x 18 x 6), Box 3 loose oversize photographs, arranged by size, n.d.

## ***Scope and Content***

This collection contains photograph prints, photograph negatives, manuscripts, typescripts, clippings, and scrapbooks collected by the donor. The Arthur L. Schoeni Papers are housed in one legal size manuscript box, one oversize box (10.5 x 12.5 x 3), and one oversize box (14 x 18 x 6) totaling 2.77 linear ft.

After the initial accessioning procedure, the collection was processed and the archivist imposed order and arranged the collection in one series by document type. The photographs take up the bigger part of the Schoeni Papers. The images depict aircraft of various Chance Vought models, particularly the V-173 "Flying Pancake," other manufacturers, and of personnel. Noteworthy are pictures of Neil Armstrong and John Glenn with the latter being signed by Glenn.

The manuscripts for articles contain manuscripts and typescripts used by the donor for his publications. The scrapbook *Our Company's Heritage* contains short articles from a company newsletter or other publications. The scrapbooks Magazine Articles are clippings of articles from various aviation magazines.

The negatives show the Certificate of Incorporation of Lewis and Vought Corporation, regulations for Operation on Aircraft, model plans for various Chance Vought aircraft, and tables of Vought Aircraft and Missile Production from 1917-1972.

## ***Provenance Statement***

The Arthur L. Schoeni Papers were donated to the History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas, by Arthur L. Schoeni in December of 1996.

## ***Literary Rights Statement***

Permission to publish material from this collection in any form, current or future, must be obtained from the Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas.

## ***Note to the Researcher***

Metal staples and paper clips were removed from the documents. Some of the typescripts were edited by cutting and pasting. Pages with deteriorated paste were photocopied. Most clippings affixed to paper with adhesive. Where the adhesive was failing, photocopies were made and the originals discarded. Where negatives were in envelopes, any identifying text from the envelope is retained in a sleeve, followed by the negatives contained therein.

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- 1 = CAT/Air American Archives
- 2 = Doolittle Archives
- 3 = Lighter than Air Archives
- 4 = George Williams, Jr., World War I Aviation Library
- 5 = History of Aviation Archives

### **Image Format Code**

- P = Photograph/Postcard
- S = Slide
- N = Negative
- T = Positive Transparency
- B = Black and White
- C = Color

### **Example: 5ALS-1-1-PB1**

- 5 = History of Aviation Archives
- ALS = Arthur L. Schoeni Papers
- 1 = Box Number
- 1 = Folder Number
- P = Photograph/Postcard
- B = Black and White
- 1 = Image Number

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## Box 1

### Folder

### Title, Dates, and Description

- 1      Photographs--Aviation (1920–1988)  
  
Image 5ALS-1-1-PB1 to 5ALS-1-1-PB15.  
Photographs of dirigibles, aircraft, Neil Armstrong in trainer, John Glenn in cockpit, John Konrad chief test pilot, and Jack Walton. Photocopies of the 1920 Regulations for Operation of Aircraft and of several dirigibles with text on the back.
  
- 2      Photographs--Flying Pancake (1944–1948)  
  
Image 5ALS-1-2-PB1 to 5ALS-1-2-PB12.  
Chance Vought V-173 / XF5U-1 in flight and on the ground.
  
- 3      Photographs--Miscellaneous (1920-1988)  
  
Image 5ALS-1-3-PB1 to 5ALS-1-3-PB3.  
Photograph of Arthur Schoeni with displays of magazine covers, of an Armistice Ticket distributed by the Japanese over the Guadalcanal Island battlefield, and three pilots and a rear view of the aircraft.
  
- 4      Photographs--Various Aircraft (1957–1970)  
  
Image 5ALS-1-4-PB1 to Image 5ALS-1-4-PB20.  
Charles Lindbergh and the Spirit of St. Louis, navy tail section mated to a Marines body. For negative of this image, see 5ALS-2-2-NB43 through 5ALS-2-2-NB48. Various Vought aircraft in flight, Ling-Temco-Vought plane and Vought-Hiller-Ryan XC-142A.

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## Box 1

### Folder                      Title, Dates, and Description

5                      Manuscripts for Articles, n.d.

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB1—Caption: “Chance Vought A-7 Corsair IIs and F8 Crusaders from reserve squadrons at Naval Air Station Alameda, California, fly formation over the bay area.”

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB2—Caption: “Chance Milton Vought at the controls of a Wright B biplane used at the Max Lillie school of aviation to train fliers.”

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB3—Caption: “Because of its strong downwash with its tilt wing angled, the XC-142A easily stirred up dust clouds if operated from unprepared runways.”

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB4—Caption: “XC-142A V/STOL transport makes a vertical landing on the small flight deck of the Navy amphibious transport dock, USS Ogden, during test operations at sea off the California coast.”

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB5—Caption: “XC-142A with tilt-wing slightly raised flies over Mountain Creek Lake at Vought plant in Dallas, Texas.”

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB6—Caption: “Packaged dummy cargo drops from rear ramp of XC-142A during high-altitude tests at Naval Air Station El Centro, California.”

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB7—Caption: “XC-142A hovers nearly vertically while making practice pickup and rescue of a dummy from lake near Vought plant in Dallas, Texas.”

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB8—Caption: “XC-142A takes off from the angled flight deck of the carrier Bennington during sea trials off the California coast.”

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB9—Caption: “Last of the five XC-142A V/STOLs makes a short takeoff at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as NASA pilots turned it over to the Air Force Museum.”

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5                    Manuscripts for Articles, n.d.

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB10—Caption: “With its wing at a sharp angle at low altitude, the XC-142A encountered air recirculation problems which destroyed its lift and caused an accident.”

Image 5ALS-1-5-PB11—[No description]

Typescript titles include: Schoeni, Arthur L., *Chance Vought's Biplane Corsairs*; Schoeni, Arthur L., *Crusader*. (with photograph 5ALS-1-5-PB1); Schoeni, Arthur L., *The 'Flying Pancake'*; Schoeni, Arthur L., Lillie-Vought Biplane. *Chance M. Vought's Early Designs of World War I Era*. (with photograph 5ALS-1-5-PB2); Schoeni, Arthur L., *Turboprop, Tiltwing Transport*. (with photographs 5ALS-1-5-PB3 through 5ALS-1-5-PB11).

Schoeni, Arthur L., “Cutlass. The History of Chance Vought’s unusual USN Fighter.” Part One, *Air Classics*, 12, no. 6, (1976); Schoeni, Arthur L., “Cutlass: Chance Vought’s Twin-jet Fighter encounters a Number of Development Problems.” Part Two, *Air Classics*, n.d.; Schoeni, Arthur L., Cutlass Chance Vought’s unusual, and only partially successful, Fighter makes way for a new Generation of Jet Fighter.” Part Three, *Air Classics*, n.d.; Schoeni, Arthur L., “Vought XF5U-1 Flying Flapjack.” *Historical Aviation Album*, Volume 8.

6                    Scrapbook--Our Company's Heritage (1971–1978)

These appear to be brief articles from a company newsletter or other serial publication. Names mentioned include Simplex, VE-7, first O2U-1 float plane, O2U sea plane, UO-1, Max Lillie, Vought's first biplane, Lillie-Vought biplane, Jimmy Doolittle, Wright B, tractor plane, Alouette helicopter, V-92C Corsair, Regulus, V-173, VE-7, New York-Toronto reliability race, Waterman's biplane, VE-10 flying boat, Birdseye G. Lewis, McCormick-Romme doughnut plane, FU-1, XF2U, XF3U, XO5U-1, O3U, SBU, XO4U-1, F8U-3, V-143, OS2U-3, F7U, VS-326, SO2U, XSB2U-3, F4U, flying pancake, F6U Pirate, Blue Angels, F7U-1 Cutlass, Kingfisher, Zero, PA-6, SF4U-1, F8U, George Franko, Harry Vought, Admiral Tate, FG-1D.

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### Folder                      Title, Dates, and Description

- 7                      Scrapbook--Magazine Articles (1 of 2) (1974–1991)  
                            Image 5ALS-1-7-PB1—This photograph was on the cover of the scrapbook.
- These items include a typescript table of contents and clippings of articles. Included are: “Cutlass.” *Air Classics* 12, no. 6 (1976); “The Flying Pancakes.” *Air Classics* 11, no. 8 (1975); “Chance Vought Cutlass.” *Aeroplane Monthly* 3, no. 1 (1975); “Short Little Ugly Fella. The unflattering Nickname above belong to the LTV A-7 Corsair II.” *Aeroplane Monthly* (August 1974); “Tilt-Wing Transport.” *Aeroplane Monthly* 4, no. 10 (1976); “The Flying Pancakes.” *Aeroplane Monthly* (November 1975); “The Flying Pancakes.” *Aeroplane Monthly* (December 1975); “Vought-Sikorsky VS-326.” *Air Classics* 13, no. 3 (1977); “The Mayday Kingfisher.” Part One. *Air Classics* 13, no. 7 (1977); “The Mayday Kingfisher.” Part Two. *Air Classics* 18, no. 8 (1977); Table of Contents (?) *American Aviation Historical Society Journal* (Fall 1989); “Kingfisher Pilot.” *Air Classics* (March 1978); “Ghost Riders in the Sky. Complete Story of the Weird and Wild Regulus Series of guided Missiles.” *Air Classics Quarterly Review* 4, no. 2 (1977); “Sixty Years of Vought.” *Aeroplane Monthly* (July 1977); “Crusader.” Part One. *Air Classics* 13, no. 11 (1977); “Crusader.” Part Two. *Air Classics* 13, no. 12 (1977); “Crusader.” Part Three. *Air Classics* 14, no. 1 (1978).
- 8                      Scrapbook--Magazine Articles (2 of 2) (1974–1991)  
                            Image 5ALS-1-8-PC1 (30 May 1976)—Group photograph of former Corsair test pilots with display Corsair in the background.
- Articles included are: “No Wings! What has the Chance Vought F-8 Crusader done seven times that had been done but twice since the Wright Brothers flew? Flown with its wings folded!” *Air Combat* 6, no. 4 (1978); “XC-142A. The Tri-Service Turboprop Tiltwing Transport.” *Air Classics* 15, no. 5 (1979); “May Day! May Day!” *Aeroplane Monthly* (November 1979); “New Role for an Old Plane.” *All Hands* (March 1976); “Turning the A-7 Corsair into a two-seat trainer.” *All Hands* (March 1975); “The Big Guns!” *Maintenance Digest* (Summer 1978); “New Role for Proven Veteran.” *Maintenance Digest* (Summer 1978); “Crash. Der Bruchpilot.” *Flieger Magazine* (September 1978); “Lost at Sea.” *Air Classics* 15, no. 6 (1979).

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8 Scrapbook--Magazine Articles (2 of 2) (1974–1991)

“Carrier Calamities.” *Aeroplane Monthly* (June 1978); “The First Corsairs.” Part One. *Air Classics* 15, no. 9 (1979); “The First Corsairs.” Part Two. *Air Classics* 15, no. 10 (1979); “Northrop-Vought V-143.” *Air Classics* 16, no. 2 (1980); “You Can't Win 'Em All--Vought's Pirate.” *The Hook* (Spring 1980); “Corsairs for Two.” *Air Combat* 8, no. 6 (1980); “Project One Grand.” *Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc.* 2, no. 2 (1981); “Pioneer Pirate.” *Aeroplane Monthly* (December 1981); “Lillie-Vought Biplane, Chance M. Vought's Early Designs of World War I Era.” *American Aviation Historical Society Journal* (Fall/Winter 1983); “Navy Celebrates 75 Years of Aviation, Vought Airplanes Have Key Role.” (June 1986); “Look Ma, No Wings!” *Aeroplane Monthly* (August 1987); “24 Former F-4U Pilots Hold Reunion.” (With photograph 5ALS-1-8-PC1) *Profile* (June 1976); Matt, Paul R., “Chance Milton Vought, FAI-156, 1890-1930.” *Historical Aviation Album*; “Chance Vought and Early Naval Aviation.”; “Letting Go of a Legacy.” *Dallas Times Herald*, (2 June 1991); “Corsair II Details.” *American Aviation Historical Society Journal* 17, no. 4 (1972); “Card Stunts.” *Naval Aviation News* 69, no. 5 (1987); “Goof Proofs.” *American Aviation Historical Society Journal* (Summer 1987).

9 Photographic Prints Removed from Negative Envelopes

Image 5ALS-1-9-PB1, /T—Regulus II, during JATO (Jet-Assisted Take-Off) launch. Negative of this print is 5ALS-2-2-NB40.

Image 5ALS-1-9-PB2, /BL—Regulus II, during JATO (Jet-Assisted Take-Off) launch. Negative of this print is 5ALS-2-2-NB41.

Image 5ALS-1-9-PB3, /BR—Regulus II, during JATO (Jet-Assisted Take-Off) launch, JATO exploding. Negative of this print is 5ALS-2-2-NB42.

Image 5ALS-1-9-PB4, /T—Man with flight suit standing on top of airplane, view from rear of plane, with text added to the jet exits. Titled “Man from Mars.” Negative of this image at 5ALS-2-2-NB49.



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## Box 2

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2      Photograph negatives (continued) (1949–1972)

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB17 to 5ALS-2-2-NB26.

Table, Vought Aircraft and Missile Production, 1917-1972.

Photograph negatives (continued) (1949–1972)

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB27 to 5ALS-2-2-NB33, /BL (1972).

Negative reproductions of an article “The McCormick-Romme Umbrellaplane, 1911.” *American Aviation Historical Society Journal* (Fall 1972).

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB34, /BL (1950).

Negative 31A, showing a Vought F4U-5 crashing aboard the USS Coral Sea in 1950. See *Air Classics*, June 1979 (Box 1, Folder 8).

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB35, /BL (1950).

Negative 32A, showing a Vought F4U-5 crashing aboard the USS Coral Sea in 1950. See *Air Classics*, June 1979 (Box 1, Folder 8).

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB36, /BL (14 October 1949).

Negative 33A, showing a Vought F4U-4 81100 of VMF 322 crashing aboard the USS Sicily in 1949. See *Aeroplane Monthly*, June 1978 (Box 1, Folder 8).

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB37, /BR (14 October 1949).

Negative 34A, showing a Vought F4U-4 81100 of VMF 322 crashing aboard the USS Sicily in 1949. See *Aeroplane Monthly*, June 1978 (Box 1, Folder 8).

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB38 to 5ALS-2-2-NB39, /BR.

Promotional photograph, Cutlass with enlarged praying mantis.

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB40, /BR.

Regulus II, during JATO (Jet-Assisted Take-Off) launch. Print of this negative is 5ALS-1-9-PB1.

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### Folder                    Title, Dates, and Description

2                    Photograph negatives (continued) (1949–1972)

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB41, /BR.

Regulus II, during JATO (Jet-Assisted Take-Off) launch. Print of this negative is 5ALS-1-9-PB2.

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB42, /BR.

Regulus II, during JATO (Jet-Assisted Take-Off) launch, JATO exploding. Print of this negative is 5ALS-1-9-PB3.

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB43 to 5ALS-2-2-NB48.

Shows a Navy tail section mated to a Marines body. For print of this negative (or one of the similar negatives), see 5ALS-1-4-PB3.

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB49, /BL.

Man with flight suit standing on top of airplane, view from rear of plant. Titled “Man from Mars.” For print of this image see 5ALS-1-9-PB4 and several other similar prints in the collection. The envelope in which this negative was stored also has a small print of this negative, backwards and with red crop marks.

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB50 to 5ALS-2-2-NB51, /T.

Man with flight suit standing on top of airplane, view from rear of plant.

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB52 to 5ALS-2-2-NB53, /BL.

Three Cutlasses flying in formation. The envelope in which this negative was stored also has a small print of this negative, with crop marks.

Image 5ALS-2-2-NB54, /BR.

F8U-2N, in flight, close-up of nose. Print of this negative at 5ALS-1-9-PB5.

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## Box 3

### Folder                    Title, Dates, and Description

Oversize photographs

- 1                    Loose Oversize Photographs, n.d.

Image 5ALS-3-1-PB1— Image 5ALS-3-1-PC51.

Various Vought aircraft: Crusader F8E, Navy Crusader F8U-3, F8U-2N, Navy F8U-1E, Moon Lander Trainer, Navy F8D with Sidewinder missiles, A-7E Corsair II, F8U-2, Saturn missile fuel tank. Navy TF8A, XC-142A, A7E, A-7D, Vought employee Dr. Getza Gedeon, Regulus II, F8U-2NE, XF8U-1, F7U-3 Cutlasses, XC-142 V/STOL Downtowner. A-7 Corsair II. A-7 YA-7H. F8U-3,

- 2                    Loose Oversize Photographs, n.d.

Image 5ALS-3-2-PC1— Image 5ALS-3-2-PB9.

Various Vought aircraft: F8U-2, F8U-1 Navy Crusader. F7U-3 Cutlass Regulus, F8U-1, F8U-1P aircraft.

Image 5ALS-3-2-PB4.

Two jets in flight: A-7A Corsair and F8D Crusader. See also 5ALS-3-2-PB7.

Image 5ALS-3-2-PB7.

Two jets in flight: A-7A Corsair and F8D Crusader. See also 5ALS-3-2-PB4.

## ***Index of Aircraft Photographs***

This index is organized alphabetically by manufacturer, and there under by model. If the version is known, versions are listed in italics, alphabetized beneath the model number. Each photograph is then provided, in numeric order.

### **Vought**

Crusader F8U

5ALS-2-1-NB34

5ALS-2-1-PB33

***Material Removed List***

.16 linear ft. (two folders) of duplicate photographs, negatives, clippings, folders. Books were removed from the collection, catalogued and moved to the HAC Stacks.