

Aircraft Photos by Emil Strasser

Part IV 1930s

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(Photos courtesy of Gerry Liang)



*Emil at the Merced, California, Antique Fly-In, June 1989.
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Part IV of the Emil Strasser collection will take us back through the years to the 1930s with visits to Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale, California, and Lockheed Air Terminal in Burbank, California. We will also go to Cleveland, Ohio, and the National Air Races and to Emil's home town airport in Akron, Ohio. This collection is truly a treasure of aviation history, thanks to Gerry Liang for making it available to the AAHS.



The prototype Lockheed 12A, NX16052, s/n 1201 at Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale, California, July 11, 1936.



Beech B-17L, NC 12592, c/n 12 of Stanavo at the 1934 National Air Races at Cleveland on September 2, 1934. This Staggerwing had a Jacobs L-4, 225 hp engine.



The American Gyro Crusader, AG-4, NX14429 with retractable landing gear. Emil took this photo at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, on June 20, 1936. The Crusader had 2 Menasco C-4-S, 150 hp engines.



Ford 5-AT-D (103) of 1931, XA-FON, operated by Transportes Aereos de Jalisco and named Estrella Fugaz at Grand Central in 1948. The original engines were replaced with 3 Pratt & Whitney 985, 450 hp engines and cowlings from Vultee BT-13 trainers.



Boeing 247D, NC13358, c/n 1739 of Pennsylvania Central Airlines on final into Akron, Ohio Municipal Airport during July 1939.



Republic F-84B-1 I-RE Thunderjet, 45-59556 of the U.S. Air Force at The National Air Races, in Cleveland, September 1948.



Transamerican Airlines Corp. Fokker AF-10A trimotor, NC 147H at Akron, Ohio, May 6, 1932. Many of the wooden-winged Fokker AF-10 and AF-10A aircraft were scrapped after the March 31, 1931, crash of a TWA AF-10A that killed Knute Rockne, the famous Notre Dame football coach.



Bach 3-CT-9 trimotor , NC809M (19) of Union Air Lines, at Grand Central AirTerminal, Glendale, California, June 2, 1936. The nose engine is a Pratt & Whitney 450 hp and the 2 under-wing engines are Wright J-6 , R-760 , 225 hp engines.



Boeing P-12E of the U.S. Army Air Corps at the National Air Races at Cleveland, September 2, 1937.



This Stinson U trimotor , NC 12196 (s/n 9023) was operated by the San Francisco Examiner newspaper in the early 1930s. Three Lycoming R-680-BA, 240 hp engines powered the aircraft.



California Air Service Limited operated this Alexander Eaglerock A-12 Special Combo-Wing, NC3157 (312). Emil shot this photo at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, California, on March 28, 1936.



A Stinson SM-600 , NC978W (5009) tri-motor at Akron, Ohio Municipal Airport in 1938. A beautiful photo made with the old reliable Kodak Monitor 616 camera.

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