

National Aircraft Photo Collection:

Roger Besecker has come up with what we think could be an interesting idea. He believes that a centralized file, with a curator, could service aircraft photographers around the country. As he explains - "I don't mean for the members to give up treasured rare negs but from now on to snap extras and donate them. The cost would be negligible and the fruits could be enjoyed by all. My idea was to send in a list of the negs gathered in just before each issue of the Journal and it be published as a regular feature. That would eliminate the list of separate catalogs etc. Those sending in negs should put them in either glassine or kraft envelopes and type or write clearly all pertinent data on the outside. This data would be copied off for the quarterly list. Each negative would be numbered; and if too many dupes come in, the later ones could be returned to the donor with appropriate thanks. Perhaps even a swap deal could be worked up with Air Britain. This could benefit both organizations. Why not when the idea is mentioned ask members to drop a post card with either a 'yes' or 'no' on it, and if enough favor it then we are in business.

"If I handle it I'd rather have the prints made commercially due to time involved etc. I believe I mentioned I can get prints in 24 hr. service at 10¢ each. Actually I think they can be done for 9¢, and if so the difference could pay for costs of stamps, etc. In any event close financial records would be kept. Negs loaned would be on a library like basis. Returned within 1 week of receipt."

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