Middaugh, Oliver

Oliver Middaugh Photograph Collection:
Airplanes in Alaska, ca. 1927-1960s

PCA 553

24 b&w prints

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Until his retirement in 2011, after 25 years of service, Oliver Middaugh was a maintenance worker for the Turlock Unified School District in Turlock, California. Now that he has retired Mr. Middaugh plans “to do some traveling” which includes a trip to Alaska. Information from TurlockJournal.com article posted on August 16, 2011

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Photographs from early to mid 20th century of various airlines and airplanes from throughout Alaska.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Alaska Aviation; Wien Airlines, Alaska Coastal Airlines; Pacific Northern Airlines; U.S. Navy Aviation; Elmendorf Air Force Base

INVENTORY

1 ACEA PBY on landing strip. Photo: Alaska Travel Bureau

2 U.S. Navy PV2 11/15/1948 over Glacier Bay (Photo US Navy). Verso: “Alaska Gets its face mapped—30,000 square miles of rugged Alaskan terrain were recently photomapped by six Lockheed P2V Neptunes from Navy Photographic Squadron One. It was the first time in 20 years that nay extensive photomapping has been done in the Alaska area. A Summer-long project, the survey was undertaken by the Navy in cooperation with the department of the Interior. Special improved cameras secured data to determine the waterpower possibilities of the “panhandle” area from Skagway to the South. The project further will be used in estimates of paper pulp resources in that area and to supply more accurate maps than are now available. Navy personnel processed the results “on the spot” as the planes returned to their field on Annette Island near Ketchikan. Three of a series of three. H-9197.”


5 Army Plane on skis with supplies inside. Photo credit unknown.

6 Wien Hamilton airplane crash through the ice. Noel Wein Pilot, Harding Lake near Fairbanks. All escaped unhurt. Northwest Airlines leased the plane later from Johnson Flying service around October 1956 for a historic flight across the nation. Photo: Noel

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Wein. Verso: “Ford Tri-Motor went through thawing ice of Harding Lake near Fairbanks. 10 [Passengers] were aboard and were preparing to take off for Nome on skis. This is [the] same plane Northwest Airlines leased from Johnson Flying Service at Missoula, Montana to make historic 30 year anniversary flight across the nation about October of 1956. Ship is still doing yeoman work for Johnson Flying Service. All passengers escaped unharmed from this accident as did pilot N. Wien.”

7 Wein Air Hamilton at Barrow 1935 on iced over lagoon. Ice buildup in back is from Arctic Ocean. Noel Wein pilot and James Stewart co-pilot later went on to PAA Alaska and Honolulu runs. Noel Wien photo. Verso: “Landing Ford Tri-Motor at Barrow Village on lagoon. In background notice ice pressure in from Arctic Ocean. The multi engine Ford all metal Ship No. 8419 was of great interest to the Eskimo [Eskimo]. Noel Wien Pilot. James Stewart co pilot now a [semon?] pilot with PAA Alaska and Honolulu runs.”

8 Noel Wien in his Hisso Standard in 1927 on first commercial flight to Nome. Photo: Fairchild News Bureau. Verso: “From Spare Prop to Prop Jet—Alaska’s first licensed commercial pilot, Noel Wien, now vice president of Wien Alaska Airlines, flew this Hisso Standard in 1927 to make the first commercial flight to Nome, Alaska. Because Alaska’s landing fields were few and far between, and all of them soft and muddy, nose-overs were frequent and spare propellers were always carried. Today, Noel Wien and his brother, Sigurd, president of Wien, have added the first two jet-age transports to their far-northern airline---Fairchild F-27 Propjets. Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp. Hagerstown, Maryland. Regent 3-3600, Ext. 537-Nights RE 3-5160.”

9 Air France L-1049 Super Connie at Anchorage Airport. 1950’s from Terminal. Mac’s Foto [Anchorage].

10 Air France L-1049 Super Connie at Anchorage Airport. 1950’s photo from rear. Mac’s Foto [Anchorage].

11 Pacific Northern Airlines DC-3 NC28380 in flight across Mt. Fairweather. Photo PNA.


13 Pilot and fisherman conclude a memorable guided fishing excursion to one of Alaska’s trout filled lakes; plane and people unknown. Photo: Department of Economic Development and Planning-Alaska Travel Division Box 2391, Juneau. Verso: “Examining a fine catch, pilot and fisherman conclude a memorable guided fishing excursion to one of Alaska’s trout-filled lakes.”

14 Pacific Northern Airlines [PNA] Travel Air 5-6000 on lake; PNA Photo.

16 Pat Martin Transport DC-3, 1946. Photographer unknown. Verso: “DC-3 and Scenic Alaska. The scenery that is Alaska is seen behind this Douglas DC-3. A Pacific Northern Airlines Douglas DC-3 as is used on the Intra-Alaska routes is pictured against a background of Alaska mountains. The DC-3’s were first obtained by PNA in 1946 and are used on Intra-Alaska routes.”

17 Two planes in formation. Alaska Airlines photo 11. Photo: Cinema Service, Seattle WA.

18 One of three Wien Airlines Super c46’s 48V. Wien Photo. Verso: “One of three Super C-46’s carrying 40 passengers on schedule year around in Northern Alaska are especially suited for tourist operation in Summer.”


20 Hamilton Eight Place Metalplane at Candle, Alaska. Seward Peninsula, 1929. Verso: “Same plane Col Carl Ben was later that year killed in on north coast of Siberia near North Cape.”


23 The Highways and By-ways of Alaska. State of Alaska Division of Tourism and Economic Development [Rm. 310 Alaska Office Bldg Juneau] Verso: “The Highways and Bi-ways of Alaska, it has been said, provide more sheer grandeur and scenic beauty per mile than any other roads found anywhere. Here a motorist and her youngster stop to admire the view of one of the 49th states thousands of bays, arms, and passages.”


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