

COLLECTING POLICY

Why we collect:

The EAA AirVenture Museum endeavors to collect aviation materials to provide support for the programs of the Museum and EAA.

Programs directly supported

"What we collect for"

MUSEUM – display, restoration, education and research

LIBRARY/ARCHIVES – display and research

FLIGHT OPERATIONS – educational outreach, Pioneer Airport, Young Eagles and staff transport

Programs indirectly supported

"What we do not collect for, but our collections are used to support"

EDITORIAL – magazines, publications and web pages

S-M-T/EDUCATION – program support

EAA MEMBERSHIP - program support

AIRVENTURE – program support

Our major collection categories

Aircraft	Memorabilia
Aircraft	Models
Parts	Photography
Artwork	Propulsion
Clothing	Recordings
Documents	Vehicles
Equipment	Weapons
Insignia	
Instruments	

Collecting activities will be guided by but not limited to the following two collecting areas:

a) Specific collecting area 1 – *general and sport aviation* (covering the whole history of aviation).

Small collections needing emphasis

Aerobatics (Historical materials only)

Air mail

Airports

Air racing (Historical materials only)

Air shows

Aviation cinema

Aviation training

Barnstorming

EAA history

Pioneer aviators (male and female and minorities)

Philately (stamps)

Flight records (NAA, FAI)

General aviation manufacturing

Scripophily (aviation stock certificates)

Collections needing continued emphasis

- Aerial & aviation photography
- Aviation toys
- Charles A. Lindbergh
- Propulsion
- S.J. Wittman
- Ultralight aircraft
- Early and pioneering aircraft
- Mature collections
- Aerial navigation
- Aerobatic aircraft
- Air Racing aircraft
- Avionics
- Homebuilt aircraft
- Sailplane/Glider aircraft
- Rotorcraft
- Vintage aircraft

b) Specific collecting area 2 – *military aviation* (covering WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, War Against Terrorism)

- Small collections needing emphasis
- Civil Air Patrol
- Propaganda

Collections needing continued emphasis

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| Atomic weapons | RAF |
| Aviation unit memorabilia | RCAF |
| Homefront | Regia Aeronautica (Italian) |
| Japanese Army Air Force | Royal Flying Corps |
| Japanese Imperial Navy | Signal Corps |
| Lafayette Escadrille | U.S. Naval Aviation |
| Manufacturing | WAFS |
| Nose art | U.S.S. Enterprise CV-6 |

Mature collections-Current holdings are sufficient for present needs

- Aircraft recognition
- Communications
- Luftwaffe
- P.O.W.s
- Photo reconnaissance
- Radar
- Rationing
- WW2 Warbird Aircraft
- WASPS

WITHIN EACH SPECIFIC COLLECTION CATEGORY THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES AND POLICIES WILL APPLY:

1. Aircraft

The scope of the aircraft collection will represent the interests of the EAA membership through the collecting of Aerobatic, Homebuilt, Ultralight, Vintage and Warbird aircraft. It will also reflect the interests of our visiting public by collecting general aviation, replica and technologically significant aircraft. Our general policy is to improve the quality of the aircraft collection without increasing its quantity.

Collecting priorities

Historically significant examples – including prototypes

Generic examples – when needed for program support

Replica examples – when original aircraft no longer exist or are not reasonably available and an example is needed for program support.

2. Aircraft Parts

This category includes airframe components specific to an individual aircraft type.

Aircraft parts will be collected with the following limitations:

- a. Support for flight operations – We will accept a limited number of spares for aircraft on the current flight operations list.
- b. Restoration of collection aircraft –Parts required for collection aircraft currently undergoing restoration.
- c. Artifacts with individual historic significance – Related to specific aircraft, events or individuals significant to our focus on recreational aviation.
- d. Generic/Vintage examples - For display, educational or research collection use.

3. Artwork

Original artworks (any media) and prints from original works that focus on themes related to general, sport, vintage and homebuilt aviation will be collected based on their perceived quality, the artist's reputation, any signatures they might contain and their display potential. The artwork collection will be used for research, public display in the museum and display in corporate offices and public areas

4. Clothing

Clothing will be collected in these areas.

- a. Historic civilian/military aviation clothing – Related to events or personalities.
 - b. Generic civilian/military aviation clothing – For display or research collection use.
 - c. Expendable civilian/military aviation clothing – For living history/educational use.
- [WE ARE CURRENTLY HEAVY ON MILITARY CLOTHING AND LIGHT ON CIVIL AVIATION ITEMS, PARTICULARLY RELATING TO WOMEN IN AVIATION]**

5. Documents

Documents will be collected in these areas.

- a. Historic ephemera – Related to personalities, artifacts or equipment significant to general, sport, vintage or homebuilt aviation. These are part of our archival holdings.
- b. Books – For library and staff reference use.
- c. Serials – Magazines, journals for library use.
- d. Manuals generic – Related to collection items.
- e. Manuals historic – Related to rare artifacts or equipment. These are part of our archival holdings.
- f. Aircraft plans – For homebuilt aircraft designs and a limited selection of vintage designs.

6. Equipment

Aviation equipment, components and supplies will be collected in the following areas.

Communication	Mess/Rations
Electrical	Navigation
Engineering	Oxygen
Ground Handling	Personal
Hardware	Survival
Mechanical	Tools
Medical	Training

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8. Insignia

This category includes both two and three-dimensional representations of insignia including patches, decals, buttons, bumper stickers and jewelry. They will be collected in these areas.

- a. EAA – Convention, chapters, members, divisions
- b. Military Aviation – Groups, manufacturers, aircraft
- c. General Aviation – Manufacturers, aircraft

9. Instruments

Instruments from aircraft and aviation equipment will be collected for:

- a. Support for flight operations – We will accept a limited numbers of spares for aircraft on the current flight operations list.
- b. Restoration of collection aircraft – A list of parts required for collection aircraft needing restoration should be developed and such acquisitions limited to items on this list.
- c. Artifacts with individual historic significance – Related to specific aircraft, events or individuals significant to our focus on recreational aviation.
- d. Generic/Vintage examples - For display, educational or research collection use.

10. Memorabilia

This category includes items related to events, personalities, manufacturers, aircraft, parts or equipment that do not fit in other categories. In many cases these items would be part of our archival holdings. It includes aviation related toys and games, trophies and plaques.

11. Models

Models of the following types will be collected based on their subject matter, quality, history and the display needs of the museum.

- a. Scratch-built
- b. Commercial
- c. Plastic
- d. Radio Control
- e. Large scale

[CURRENTLY WE ARE HEAVY ON MILITARY MODELS AND LARGE-SCALE MODELS. WE ARE LACKING IN THE AREAS OF HOMEBUILT, SPORT AND GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT, WHICH SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF OUR COLLECTING EFFORTS.]

12. Photography

The following types of aerial photographic materials and equipment will be collected.

- a. Camera & camera accessories
- b. Developing equipment
- c. Photographic prints, slides, negatives
- d. Digital images

13. Propulsion

Aircraft engines, propellers & associated parts will be collected in the following areas.

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14. Recordings

Aviation related recordings of the following types will be collected.

- a. Audio – phonograph records, reel-to-reel & cassette tapes, digital
- b. Video – 3/4in., Beta & VHS tapes, digital

15. Vehicles

Aviation related vehicles will be collected in the following areas.

- a. Automobiles
- b. Trucks
- c. Trailers
- d. Aircraft Tugs and mobile equipment

16. Weapons

Aviation related weapons, weapon parts, ammunition and ancillary equipment will be collected in the following areas.

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| Ammunition | Hand guns – pistols, revolvers |
| Anti-Aircraft Artillery | Long guns – rifles, shotguns |
| Bombs – Aerial | Rockets |
| Bombing equipment | Shotguns |
| Edged weapons – knives, swords | Torpedoes |
| Machine guns | Turrets |