Descriptive Summary

Creator Information  Maris, James R., 1919-2008

Title  James R. Maris papers

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Abstract  The James R. Maris papers document aspects of the Department of Aviation Technology’s administration and teaching. Papers include a department administrative procedures manual, 1973; Professor Maris’ course outlines, lectures and notes for AT 358, Aviation History class, publications and handbooks on aviation careers, records of Purdue’s Aviation Technology Flying Club including meeting minutes, reports, constitution, elections, scrapbook (1971-1973) and membership files, 1990-1994; a 1944 declassified maintenance manual (stamped “Aretz Flying Service, Lafayette, IN) for Army aircraft PT 19, 23, 26. Also includes over 500 slides documenting Dr. Maris’ work on experimental aircraft including the construction of a Starduster and Ultra Lites (1970-1982). There are selected books from Dr. Maris' library which have been cataloged and added to the book collection in the Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections.

Extent  4.8 cubic feet

Finding Aid Author  Mary A. Sego

Languages  English

Repository  Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Location Information:  ASC

Access Restrictions:  Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information:  Donated by the Maris family to Professor Thomas Carney, Purdue University Department of Aviation Technology.
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Subjects and Genres

Persons
Maris, James R.,

Organizations
Purdue University. Dept. of Aviation Technology
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Topics
Purdue University. Dept. of Aviation Technology
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Form and Genre Types
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Lecture notes in aviation
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Papers
Publications
Records
Scrapbooks
Slides

Occupations
Professor
Military pilots--1940-1950
Biography of James R. Maris

James R. Maris was born September 13, 1919 in Lafayette, Colorado to Foster Melvin Maris and Elizabeth Osborn Maris. He was married on January 16, 1943, in Montgomery, Alabama, to S. Lucille Carr. They had four daughters, Cathy, Nancy, Susan and Vickie.

Maris was a professor of aviation technology and was instrumental in the organization and development of the Department of Aviation Technology at Purdue University. He served as department head from 1955 through 1982 and then held a position as assistant to the dean in the School of Technology where he retired in 1984. Purdue is noted for establishing new standards of aviation education by developing two-year associate degrees and four-year bachelor’s degrees in aviation maintenance, aviation electronics, and flight during this time. He also was involved in the founding of the University Aviation Association.

Mr. Maris served in the Army Air Corps and later, the Air Force. He flew numerous planes, but spent the majority of his flying hours piloting B-24 bombers in World War II. He and his crew flew 30 missions out of Wembley, England. His second mission was D-Day. He was called back to active duty for the Korean War and retired from the Air Force Reserves in 1979 with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

He was a member and elder emeritus of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, where he was active in many roles. He was also a member of the Reserve Officers Association, Alpha Eta Rho, Experimental Aircraft Association and Purdue University Retirees. He volunteered many hours for the Church Women United Food Pantry and the Purdue Visitors' Center and gave tours of the airport to school children and Purdue visitors.

His hobbies included building planes and a car, attending air shows, public speaking about World War II, photography, creative writing, poetry writing, and volunteering.

Professor Maris died January 9, 2008 in Lafayette, Indiana.

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Scope

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Arrangement

1. Scrapbook, 1971-1973 (0.25 cubic feet). The scrapbook features the Purdue Aviation Technology Flying Club. Included are a typed history of Purdue’s flying clubs, club constitution, news clippings, photographs, and souvenir program for “Tournament of Champions, 1971 National Intercollegiate Airmeet, May 11th, 12th and 13th,” 1971-1973. Many of the news clippings feature information on the Blue Angels, and Rosemary Merims, the first woman to graduate from Purdue’s Aviation Technology program and one of the first 8 females chosen for the United States Navy flight training. The material in the scrapbook remains in original order.

2. Slides, circa 1970-1982 (0.25 cubic feet). This series of slides contains approximately 570 slides; 1 package features a Starduster biplane constructed by Jim Maris (circa 1972); 7 packages of Q2 experimental aircraft and construction slides; and 1 package of slides on Ultra Lites, circa 1970-1982. The slides are housed in an archival box and remain in the labeled packages, as were received by the Archives.

3. Handbooks, Guides, Directories, Administrative Procedures and Lecture Material, circa 1970-1982 (0.4 cubic feet). Materials include an Aviation Technology Department administrative procedures manual, 1973; Professor Maris’ course outlines, lectures and notes for AT 358, Aviation History class, including lecture overheads which provide historical aircraft images, publications and handbooks on aviation careers,

4. Records of Purdue’s Aviation Technology Flying Club, 1991-1994 (0.4 cubic feet). Includes a checklist for Purdue PA-28-161, constitution, election results, flight
instructor lists, flying club forms, meeting minutes, membership agreement forms, club newsletter; *The Av. Tech. Flyer*, operating regulations, reports, time (flight) records and logs, work credit policy and other materials that were compiled by Professor Maris while he was the club’s advisor.

5. **Selected Books from Professor Maris’ Library, circa 1942-2003 (3.5 cubic feet).** The books have been cataloged, with a special note that they were a gift of the Maris Family. Selections include titles focused on aviation history, pilot autobiographies, *Air News* yearbooks, pictorial histories of aviation and a comprehensive *Time-Life* series; *The Epic of Flight*.

**Descriptive Rules**
Describing Archives: A Content Standard

**Processing Information**
Whenever possible, original order of the materials has been retained. All materials have been housed in acid-free folders and acid-free boxes for preservation purposes.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

(0.25 cubic feet)

Box 1  Scrapbook and Slides

Item 1. Scrapbook. Purdue Aviation Technology Flying Club. Includes a typed history of Purdue’s flying clubs, club constitution, news clippings, photographs, and souvenir program for “Tournament of Champions, 1971 National Intercollegiate Airmeet, May 11th, 12th and 13th,” 1971-1973 [news clippings feature information on the Blue Angels, and Rosemary Merims, the first woman to graduate from Purdue’s Aviation Technology program and one of the first 8 females chosen for the United States Navy flight training]

Series 2. Slides – Starduster Biplane, Q2 Experimental Aircraft and Ultra Lites, circa 1970-1982
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(0.4 cubic feet)

Box 2  Handbooks, Guides, Directories, Administrative Procedures, Publications, Lecture Materials, 1944-1982

Folders


Item 1. Aviation-- where career opportunities are bright : student handbook


3. Binder. Department of Aviation Technology, Administrative Procedures Manual, #16, with note clipped on the front, “Prof. Maris, Jim – For your historical file. You ran a good, effective tight ship when you were a dept. head. They are still living on this fine direction you set. – Sarge,” 1973


**Series 4. Records of Purdue’s Aviation Technology Flying Club, 1991-1994**
(0.4 cubic feet)

**Box 3**  *Aviation Technology Flying Club Records, 1991-1994*

**Folder**
1. Time records, general notes and minutes, 1991-1993
2. Election reports, 1991-1993
4. Phone list, 1992-1993
7. Loan request, circa 1991-1993
8. Aviation Technology Flying Club, Purdue University audit records, 1991
13. Constitution, revised 1993, includes a copy of the Purdue University Financial Procedures Manual, dated 1987
19. Aviation Technology Flying Club information sheet, circa 1993
21. Work credit policy, 1992
23. Maintenance of 510 PU, circa 1992
25. “Scott Arms, unauthorized flight to Fort Wayne, event on January 24, 1992***
Series 5. Selected Books from Professor Maris’ Library – Cataloged and Added to Special Collections, circa 1942-2003
(3.5 cubic feet)

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