

Robert E. Canaan photographs, 1944-1999.
Archival Collection 43

Title: Robert E. Canaan photographs, 1944-1999.

Creator: Canaan, Robert, 1922-2012.

Call Number: Archival Collection 43

Quantity: 27 linear feet (1 bankers box, 1 oversized flat box, 1 glass plate negative box, 7 clamshell boxes, and 14 clamshell binder boxes)

Abstract: The Robert E. Canaan photographs, 1944-1999 has 4,177 black-and-white negatives, color transparencies, and color negatives. The images cover various various road races and SCCA National races. Images are from venues such as the Auto Club Raceway at Pomona, Santa Ana Air Base, Pebble Beach, Madeira Drive, Golden Gate Park, Moffett Field Naval Air Station, and Santa Barbara Municipal Airport. Notable images are of the Troutman-Barnes Special and the first Muntz Jet. Also included are photographic prints, CD-ROMs, digital images, and documents regarding the personal life of Robert Canaan, including his spiritual writings. The Robert E. Canaan negatives are digitized and available on the [Revs Digital Library](http://stanford.io/2qFDL4l) (<http://stanford.io/2qFDL4l>).

Language: Materials are in English.

Biography: Robert E. Canaan (1922-2012) lived in Southern California in the late 1940s through the mid-1950s. Canaan took photos that were featured in *Road & Track*, *Auto*, *Hop Up* and other magazines. He worked for Frank Kurtis and Kurtis Kraft photographing many of the cars as they were being built. Canaan's work has also been seen in numerous books, such as *American Road Racing: 1948-1950* by Joel Finn, and *Otto Vu* by Tony Adriaenssens.

Scope and Content Note: The Robert E. Canaan photographs, 1944-1999 consist of negatives, CD-ROMS, photographic prints, documentation, reports, ephemera, books, and other items which is organized into five series according to format:

Series 1 (Negatives): Includes 4,177 black-and-white negatives, color transparencies, and color negatives. Images are from venues such as the Auto Club Raceway at Pomona, Santa Ana Air Base, Pebble Beach, Madeira Drive, Golden Gate Park, Moffett Field Naval Air Station, and Santa Barbara Municipal Airport. Notable images are of the Troutman-Barnes Special and the first Muntz Jet. The Robert E. Canaan negatives are digitized and available on the [Revs Digital Library](http://stanford.io/2qFDL4l) (<http://stanford.io/2qFDL4l>).

Series 2 (CD-ROMS): Includes digital images on races, car shows, museums, and the personal life of Robert Canaan on 37 CD-ROMS. Also included on these discs are Robert Canaan's personal and spiritual writings.

Series 3 (Photographic Prints): Includes photographic prints of various hot rods, race cars, motorcycles, and sports car marques such as Troutman-Barnes, Maserati, Ferrari, and Porsche.

Series 4 (Documents, Reports, Scrapbooks): Includes various research documents, pamphlets, and scrapbooks such as Kurtis Kraft's Open Wheeled Race Cars and Kurtis Kraft Sports Cars.

Series 5 (Bob Canaan and Duke Manor(?) Photography): Includes negatives of various subjects such as Porsche Speedsters, Kurtis Race Cars, Aston Martin, Production cars: Jaguar and MG, and Midget Dirt Track Cars. Also included are miscellaneous prints.

Acquisition Note: The Miles C. Collier Collection acquired the Robert E. Canaan photographs, 1944-1999 in 2012 (accession number 2012-009).

Access Restrictions: The Robert E. Canaan photographs, 1944-1999 is open for research.

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Series 2 (CD-ROMS)		
Box	Folder	Contents
4		Digital Images and Ephemera. The file consists of a collection of digital images on races, car shows, museums, and the personal life of Bob Canaan on 37 CD-ROMS. Compact discs also include personal and spiritual writings
Series 3 (Photographic prints)		
Box	File	Contents
5	1	Hot Rods and Showroom Sports Cars
5	2	Motorcycles
5	3	Race Cars
5	4	Sports Cars
6	1	Close-Ups, Custom Cars
6	2	Motorcycles
6	3	Motorcycles
7	1	Race Cars
7	2	Sports Cars (Cockpit Shots – Driver – Close Ups – Engines – Motorcycles – Porsches – 550)
7	3	Sports Cars (Hill – Miles – Troutman – Barnes – Maserati – C-Jag – Ferrari)
7	4	Sports Cars
7	5	Sports Cars
8	1	Miscellaneous, 1951
8	2	Miscellaneous, 1951
8	3	Road & Track and Hop Up Magazine Shots, 1952
8	4	Road & Track and Hop Up Magazine Shots, 1952
9	1	Miscellaneous, Prints and Documents
9	2	Miscellaneous
9	3	Miscellaneous

Series 4 (Documents, Reports, and Scrapbooks)		
Box	File	Contents
10	1	Memorial Service Pamphlet
10	2	Photocopies
10	3	Research Documents
11	Book 1	California Sports Car Race Reports, 1950-1956.
12	Book 2	Colored Photos of Classic Racing Cars and Custom Hot Rods
13	Book 3	European Sports Car Racing, Under 1500cc (Book 2)
14	Book 4	European Sports Car Racing, Over 1500cc (Book 3)
15	Book 5	Formula Three Racing in California
15	Book 6	Twenty Years of Automobile
15	Book 7	Miscellaneous Photos and Documents
16	Book 8	Kurtis Kraft's Open Wheeled Race Cars (Book 1)
17	Book 9	Kurtis Kraft's Open Wheeled Race Cars (Book 2)
18	Book 10	Kurtis Kraft Sports Cars
19	Book 11	Motorcycle Racing in America (Book 7)
20	Book 12	Phil Hill and Ken Miles: Photographs of Two Auto Racing Stars Early Careers
20	Book 13	A Pictorial Essay of the Dick Troutman and Tom Barnes Mercury Special
21	Book 14	Book of Small Copies of Many of My Car Photos (Reference guide)
21	Book 15	Canaan Photos: Articles and Photographs Accepted for Publication
21	Book 16	Racing Articles
21	Book 17	Reference Guide to CD-ROM Images
21	Book 18	Reference Guide to Photographs
Series 5 (Bob Canaan and Duke Manor(?) Photography)		
Box	File	Contents
22	1-28	Negatives
23	1	Prints - Miscellaneous