James R. Loosen (1924– ) Papers
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Photographs of Trans World Airlines (TWA) pilots, flight attendants, and early airplanes. Loosen was a pilot and in Flight Operations management.

BIOGRAPHY:

James Loosen was born September 2, 1924 in Kansas City, Missouri. While attending Rockhurst College, he was called from reserve to active duty with the Army Air Corps. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet Program, receiving his wings and commission on May 23, 1944. Loosen flew fighter and bomber aircraft while in the military. He was separated from active duty March 23, 1946, but maintained military affiliation until 1950, flying different aircraft in the Air Force reserves. On April 15, 1946, he was employed by Transcontinental and Western Airline. He retired from TWA in late 1983, after serving in several Flight Operations management positions.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection of photographs were taken at the Fairfax Airport, Kansas City, Kansas, at a Pilot’s meeting, held by Captain “Doc” Mesker, Chief Pilot, Kansas City, Missouri. Included are photographs of groups of pilots, flight attendants, interior and exterior photos of early model airplanes.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Pilots meeting, Fairfax Airport, Kansas City, KS. pre 1954.


Photo 5. Pilots Group: Everett Wolf, Jim Loosen (staff in Flight Operations), N.G. Carper, Bill Sellers, T.J. Gaughan, Seth Strahan,


Photo 12. Flight controls, interior view of cockpit. #605.

Photo 13. Interior view, early plane with wicker seats (from a Ford or Fokker tri-motor aircraft.)

Photo 14. Passengers ready to board early plane #601 ca. 1930’s

Photo 15. Interior view, early plane with wicker seats, with passengers.

Photo 16. Interior view, male flight attendant serving passenger
Photo 17. Pilot standing by TWA U.S. Mail A.M. 34 plane