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**COVER:** Rudy Arnold visited Floyd Bennett Field during 1939 to record US Coast Guard activities where he photographed this Grumman JF-2 Duck assigned to the USCG unit at the field. Rudy had obtained a supply of the new Kodachrome color film so he was able to record his visit in glorious color. The original Kodachrome had a film speed of just 10 (later 12) so it was very difficult to shoot moving objects since the shutter speed had to be accordingly slow. However, Rudy did a magnificent job. (Rudy Arnold/National Archives)

**THIS PAGE:** We decided to use another Grumman product photographed by Rudy Arnold on this page. Flying from Grumman's factory after the war, the photographer captured two of the company's new Model G-44A Widgeon amphibians (back in the day when such aircraft were painted in beautiful, bright schemes). The lead aircraft is NC86607 c/n 1433 that went to Ben Smith in May 1947. It soon traveled to France but then went on to Israel (probably smuggled) to join that nation's new air force. It went into service with No. 1 Squadron with the serial B-72, later 1201, but was out of the inventory by 1949. (Rudy Arnold/National Archives)



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