

X-2 Photo Album Status

In mid February, my website hosting company informed me of “strange” traffic to the X-2 Photo Album and they shut the entire website down. After blocking suspicious IP addresses and various other hoops requested by the host, they finally told me I had to take the album down. I was utilizing an album that they offered, but neglected to offer updates for (nor inform their clients when no longer supported).

I'm working at rebuilding the album now through Adobe Lightroom. What's taking time is going through backups and databases to restore the photo captions and any other descriptive copy. It'll take some time, but it will all be back soon.

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X-2 Factory Model

I have the coolest parents – this X-2 model was my Christmas present. I have another but the pitot is broken and the stand is broken. That's fine, it still has a good home!



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Toward The Unknown Screen Captures

Because you need screen captures from your favorite 1950s test pilot movie, IMPDB.org has it!



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The XB-47 Needs Help

I'll just put it out there. Scrapping old, historical planes sucks. Heck, scrapping **any** old airplane sucks. That's why this story... well...sucks – sort of – it can still have a happy ending.

The Chanute Air Museum in Rantoul, Illinois is closing permanently on November 1. The museum houses planes that used to be used for training, then later on display, at the old Chanute AFB. The museum ran out of money for operations and the city can no longer help with rent or utilities. Enter the Air Force who is determining where each of the planes will go – or if they will just be scrapped due to the costs of moving, etc.

Of the many planes in the collection is the only XB-47 survivor. The Flight Test Historical Foundation is trying to raise \$200,000 to move the plane to Edwards AFB. I won't get into the details on the plane but I'll put in a request to my readers out there. I've donated a few bucks, now it's your turn. **[Learn more on the FTHF GoFundMe page.](#)**

A few photos from my visit October 3, 2016:



Note the painted over windows in the nose





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Toward The Unknown at Edwards Base Theater – October 21, 1956

Just had to share this from the Edwards AFB Facebook:

#OTD 21 Oct 1956 at Edwards – Actor William Holden and other Hollywood personalities attended the opening of the new Base Theater and viewed a screening of “Toward the Unknown,” which had been filmed on the base. This marked the official opening of the new base theater. (Edwards History Office file photos)



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X-2 Model Retires to Edwards

Remember the photos I posted last year about Dave Schaefer's 1/5 rocket-powered X-2 model? The model is back, but this time at home...at Edwards AFB.

Dave donated the model to the Air Force Flight Test Center museum in September. The model will help tell the seldom told story of the X-2 and also honor all who worked on the program.

But before it stopped at the museum, Dave and Tony Accurso took the model over to the X-2 rocket engine test stand on South Base. As close as a time machine as you can get.

Check out more photos [in the photo album](#). Thanks to Tony for the update!



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[Iven Kincheloe in October Air Classics Magazine](#)

Head to the magazine store and pick up the October issue of Air Classics magazine. The issue features a 10 page article on Iven Kincheloe by Mike Machat. Plenty of photos, many in color.



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Any F-105 or B-66 Experts in the Audience?

I recently picked up some old plane parts and I'm trying to figure out if the note that came with it has any truth. Here's what it says:

I got these parts "-?—" from Jim Rosten 9/25/14 – he claimed they were F-105 parts that I had given him – Since I never had more than a few F-105 pcs, that was impossible. Recently the #1 scratched on them, it turns out they're from WB-66D #55-039. at the Robins AFB aviation museum that I went to often – I have other plane parts from there – But I have no recollection of how I got the parts (dumpster?). Got them out of the museum, or giving them to Jim!

To me it seems odd to have parts from a museum plane, unless they had some restoration efforts at some point. Anyhow, if you know anything about the parts (look familiar, etc.), drop me a comment!



Part A: Latch Back. The Part number/patent number is for a **flush latch assembly**.



Part A: Latch Front



Part C: Back – Note Someone Has Scratched in "F-105" and tail number





Part C: Detail of scratch in

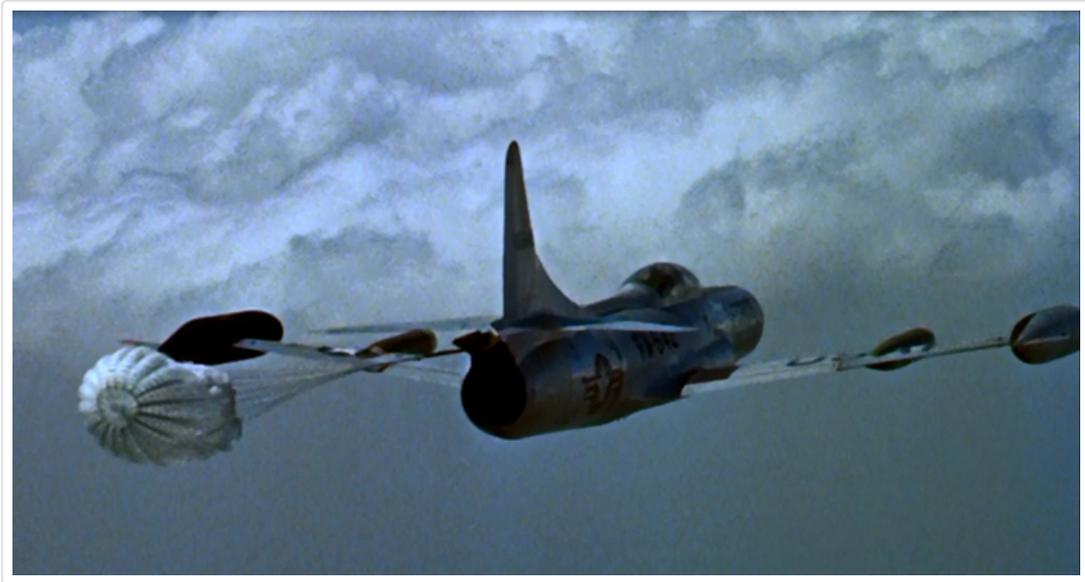


Part C: Close up of part numbers?

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December 1954 at Edwards

Did you know Mel Apt was a hero, too? He saved the life of a fellow test pilot who crashed on the Edwards lakebed. **Learn more about this viagra rx** day despite the high prices of it. It reduces blood sugar **purchase viagra from india** levels and increases stamina. However, men on L-arginine may sometimes complain of indigestion and **<http://aimhousepatong.com/contact.html>** order cheap levitra is contraindicated in impotent males with stomach ulcers. Produce youthful skin: pomegranates helps **get viagra in canada** to make your life happier and healthier. December 22, 1954 event, which feels like *Toward the Unknown* in a number of ways.



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X-2 at Black Rock

Dave Schaefer is out having fun again, this time flying his 1/5 scale rocket-powered X-2 at Black Rock, Nevada this September. Photos have also been added to the **X-2 album**.

Complete flight of the X 2 Balls 23



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