

New X-2 Artwork

Photographer and artist John Bedke forwarded me this recent X-2 piece of his. See the rest of John's work at LaughingCatsStudio.com.



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X-2 Crash Site Memorial in the Works

Fifty five years after his fatal crash, a memorial is in the works to honor Capt. Mel Apt and the Bell X-2. Located in the Kramer Hills area, just east of Edwards AFB, the crash site memorial will be installed this Fall or Winter.

Many thanks to Greg Frazier for spearheading this effort and keeping me updated! As soon as more details (and photos) are available, I will post here on the blog.

More details can be found on the [WreckChasing.com message board](#).



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Air Research & Development Command Issue

Cover from the October 1954 issue of Life of the Soldier and the Airman, a recruiting magazine/handout.



THIS MONTH'S COVER:

Symbolic of the mission of the Air Research and Development Command are these 12 airplanes which provide the USAF with "qualitative superiority" over any air force in the world. Top to bottom, left to right, they are:



B-36, B-47, B-45, KC-97, F-86D, F-89, F-94C, F-80, XF-92A, F-84, X-4, and T-28A. Air Force flyers (left to right) are: Maj. Charles E. Yeager, test pilot, first man in the world to fly faster than the speed of sound; Maj. Harold G. Russell, test pilot; Col. Fred J. Ascani, test pilot; Brig. Gen. J. Stanley Holtoner, Commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center; Lt. Col. Jack

Ridley, test pilot; and Maj. Arthur Murray, test pilot, first man to fly an experimental aircraft (the X-5) cross country.

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Edwards AFB in My Backyard

This is as exciting as it gets in Milwaukee: The carcass of a Shorts 330 in Edwards markings, tail number 40458 (aka N264AC) If you have any information on this plane, please drop me a note!

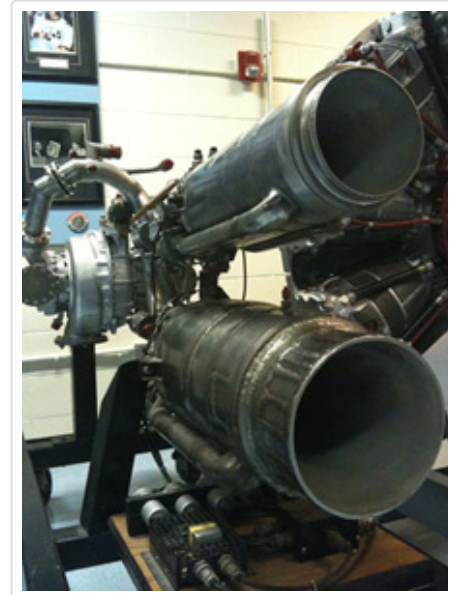


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XLR-25 Rocket Engine Images Added to Album

Thanks to Mike R., I've just added a series of photos of a Curtiss-Wright XLR-25 rocket engine to the [X-2 Photo Album](#).

The two-chambered engine is on display at [The Aviation Hall of Fame of New Jersey](#) in Teterboro.



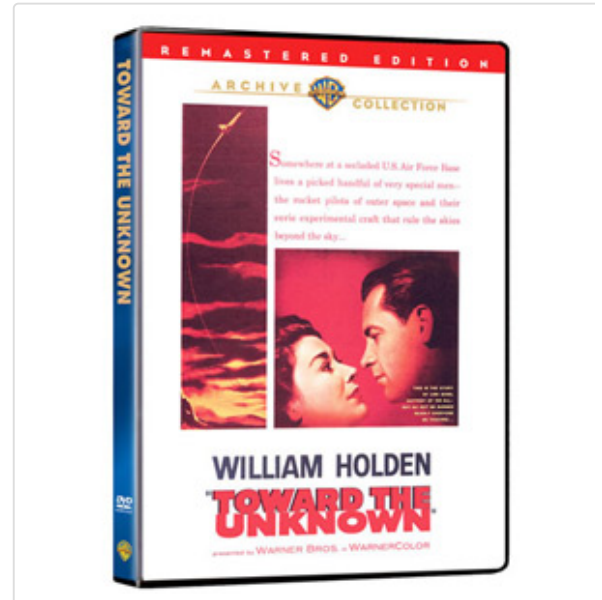
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Toward The Unknown On DVD!

Toward The Unknown is now available, remastered, from the [Warner Brothers Archive Collection](#). It is a "print-on-demand" DVD, which is the 'new' standard it appears for classic film. That model is fine by me: it allows companies such as WB to offer rare, classic films without having to worry about mass distribution to all the stores. I've purchased from the Archive Collection before with no issues,

When you buy TTU, and I know you will, pick up a copy of [The McConnell Story](#) also and support the WB Archive!

Once I get my copy from WB, I'll share some screen caps and more information!



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Quantum Leap X-2 Restoration Update

Tom Dozier, team lead on the X-2 mockup restoration at the [Planes of Fame](#) museum has sent over some restoration progress photos. Check out the pics in the [X-2 Photo Album](#).



March 23rd, 2011 | Category: [Quantum Leap](#), [X-2](#) | Comments are closed

Pete Everest Featured in Friends of the RAF Newsletter

[The Society of Friends of the Royal Air Force Museum](#) just sent out their Spring issue of *The Flying M* newsletter and Roy was kind enough to send me a copy. This particular issue offers an article on Pete Everest and the X-2.



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Collings Foundation Picks Up F-100 – Carrie Happy

Other than the X-2, one of my other favorite planes is the F-100 Super Sabre. Oddly, I've never seen one fly, but hope to change that soon. The Collings Foundation, which usually brings its small air force to this neck of the woods every July for [EAA](#), is now the proud owner of a F-100F.

I hope they keep the Thunderbird markings or at least something colorful (no Vietnam flat camo, please). I would also like to put my few bucks in for a F-100 t-shirt (I already have one of their [slick F-4 shirts](#)).

Learn more on the [Collings web site](#). And yes, I wouldn't mind purchasing a ride in the jet.



February 14th, 2011 | Category: [F-100](#) | Comments are closed

TTU Photo Album Update

Just added a new [Toward The Unknown movie poster](#) to the TTU Photo Album. Many thanks to Richard L. for the image.

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