

## FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT THE AIRPARK AND ITS AIRCRAFT

- City of Palmdale and United States Air Force officials broke ground on the 26.4-acre Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Palmdale Plant 42 on October 20, 1998.
- The first plane at the Airpark was the F-100 Super Sabre. The F-100 Super Sabre at the Airpark was once involved in an unexpected low supersonic flyby during its first flight at Air Force Plant 42. The F-100 was actually used as an Air Force Thunderbird during a Far East Tour in 1959.

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- The F-104 Starfighter on display at the Airpark was used at Edwards Air Force Test Pilot School and was flown by the late legendary aviator Lt. Col. Robert Riedenaer. During the 1950s and 1960s, the F-104 was referred to as "the missile with a man in it."



- The A-7 Corsair II on display was used for target practice at China Lake Naval Weapons Center prior to arriving at the Airpark.

- The Airpark uses salvaged aircraft parts as decorative elements. For instance, the signage on the restoration building is attached to an aircraft refueling probe from an A-7 Corsair II.

## DONATING TO THE AIRPARK

Do you have an aircraft, supplies, equipment or monetary donation that you would like to make to Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Palmdale Plant 42? Donations to the Airpark may be made through Palmdale Community Foundation, a nonprofit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. If you are interested in donating, please call 661/267-5611.

## VOLUNTEERING AT THE AIRPARK

Airpark volunteers, many of whom are retired aerospace workers, have generously and faithfully donated their time and expertise to prepare the planes for display. They are extremely proud of the Airpark and its celebration of the rich aerospace heritage of Palmdale. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please call 661/267-5611.

## ADOPT-A-PLANE PROGRAM

Adopt-a-Plane is a program in which a group commits to cleaning a particular aircraft display on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Materials and tools will be provided by the City, and the group will receive the following recognition:

- Recognition in a press release distributed the week prior to the first scheduled cleaning
- Group name will be displayed on a sign next to the aircraft
- Group name will be placed on the City of Palmdale website on the Airpark page
- Group will be invited to attend special events at the Airpark.

## VISITING THE AIRPARK

Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Palmdale Plant 42 is located at 2001 E. Avenue P between 20th Street East and 25th Street East on the north side of Avenue P in Palmdale.

Hours of Operation  
Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays  
11 am to 4 pm

Guided tours with Airpark staff or volunteers are available upon request. To schedule a tour, please call 661/267-5611.



[www.cityofpalmdale.org/airpark](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/airpark)



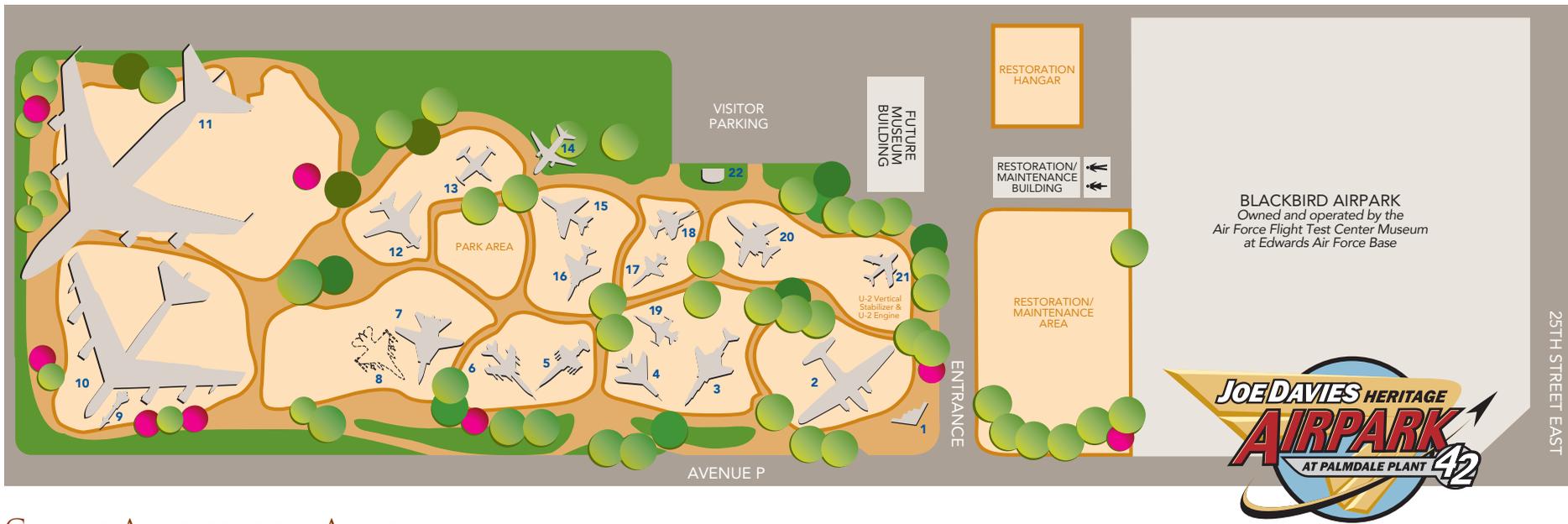
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Palmdale, CA 93550



Celebrating the aerospace  
heritage of Palmdale!





## CURRENT AIRCRAFT AT THE AIRPARK

- 1 B-2 Spirit** SN 88-0330  
Built by Northrop Grumman Corporation. The Spirit of Air Force Plant 42 is a 1:8 scale model of the B-2 created especially for the Airpark. Donated by Northrop Grumman.
- 2 C-46 Commando** BuNo. 44-78019-A  
The C-46 Commando was built by Curtiss-Wright and used primarily as a military transport aircraft. Acquired from Arizona Aerospace Foundation/ Pima Air & Space Museum.
- 3 F-101 Voodoo** BuNo. 58-0324  
Built by McDonnell Aircraft. Acquired by the City of Palmdale.
- 4 F-100 Super Sabre** BuNo. 54-2299  
Built by North American Aviation. On loan from United States Air Force. Former Thunderbird.
- 5 F-104 Starfighter** BuNo. 57-0915  
Built by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. On loan from United States Air Force.
- 6 F-105 Thunderchief** BuNo. 62-4416  
Built by Republic Aircraft Corporation. On loan from United States Air Force.
- 7 F-14 Tomcat** BuNo. 16-4350  
Built by Northrop Grumman Corporation. On loan from United States Navy.
- 8 F-16 Fighting Falcon "Old Salty"** BuNo. 78-0105 Built by Lockheed Martin. Donated by Lockheed Martin.
- 9 AGM-28 Hound Dog Missile** #M-025  
Built by North American Aviation, the Hound Dog was carried by B-52 bombers. On loan from United States Air Force.
- 10 B-52 Stratofortress** BuNo. 57-0038  
The B-52 Stratofortress was built by The Boeing Company to carry nuclear weapons during the Cold War Era. It has the longest unrefueled range of any bomber. On loan from United States Air Force.
- 11 Boeing 747** Tail #N911NA  
Built by The Boeing Company, this shuttle vehicle transport carrier is on loan from NASA.
- 12 Triumph – Prototype Business Jet** SN W143SC Designed by Burt Rutan. Donated by Scaled Composites, Mojave.
- 13 T-33 Shooting Star** BuNo. 51-4533  
Built by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. Acquired by the City from Lyle Strader of Shafter Airport in Bakersfield, CA, in 2007.
- 14 X-55A ACCA** SN S0303A-0963  
This Advanced Composite Cargo Airplane was built at Lockheed Martin's Palmdale plant, donated by Lockheed Martin.
- 15 A-7 Corsair II** BuNo. 15-4449  
Built by Ling-Temco-Vought Aerospace Corporation. On loan from United States Navy.
- 16 F-4 Phantom II** BuNo. 65-0696  
Built by McDonnell Aircraft Corporation. On loan from United States Air Force.
- 17 T-38 Talon** BuNo. 63-8182  
Built by Northrop Aircraft Corporation. On loan from United States Air Force.
- 18 A-4 Skyhawk** BuNo. 14-5067  
Built by Douglas Aircraft Corporation. On loan from United States Navy.
- 19 F-5 Tiger Freedom Fighter** BuNo. 74-1529  
Built by Northrop Aircraft Corporation. On loan from United States Navy.
- 20 C-140 Jetstar** BuNo. N814NA  
Built by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. On loan from NASA.
- 21 F-86 Sabre** BuNo. N91FS  
Built by North American Aviation. Donated by BAE Systems.
- 22 Space Shuttle Evacuation Test Sled**  
*Future aircraft at the Airpark may include the F-117 Nighthawk, F-102 Delta Dagger, B-2 Spirit (full scale), Boeing 767, F-22 Raptor, F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and X-31 Enhanced Fighter.*

## ABOUT THE AIRPARK

Visitors to Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Palmdale Plant 42 may view a collection of aircraft flown, tested, designed, produced or modified at U.S. Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale.

The first five-acre phase of the Airpark includes 19 planes on display and a scale model of the B-2 Spirit. More than 40 aircraft will be on display when the park is completed.



The Airpark exists primarily because of volunteer support along with aircraft and material donations. When a plane is donated, volunteers disassemble the craft, transport it to the Airpark, and restore it piece by piece before reassembling it for display.

Most of the restoration work is done in a 3,500-square-foot shop donated by Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. A future visitors center and museum will be built to house private donations accumulated by the City as well as a snack bar and gift shop.

## ABOUT U.S. AIR FORCE PLANT 42



Originally known as Palmdale Airport, the U.S. Army Air Corps used the airfield as a base during World War II

(1940-1946). Ownership was transferred to Los Angeles County in 1946 for use as a municipal airport, but the Cold War and lack of suitable airspace in the Los Angeles basin created the need for an advanced development facility for the fledgling U.S. Air Force. In 1951, the U.S. Air Force purchased approximately 5,800 acres of land from Los Angeles County and established Plant 42 in Palmdale in 1953 as the premier production flight test installation in the world.

U.S. Air Force Plant 42 is home to The Boeing Company, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, Northrop Grumman and NASA Dryden Flight Research Center.