## 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.

## 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.

- 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 Riedenauer. 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.

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**JOIN THE AIRPARK FAMILY!**

Celebrating the aerospace heritage of Palmdale!
**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.

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