

## Update on Flying X-2 Rocket Model

Back in April, Dave Schaefer emailed me about **1/5 scale flying X-2** he's building. Well, just got an update – the model is progressing and he plans to fly it at Blackrock, Nevada on September 20 or 21.



Dave also shared a link to his ME-163 Komet that he flew last year:

Messerschmitt ME 163 Komet - Rocket RC Plane at BALLS ...



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## Paper or Plastic (X-2 Model)?

Now you can have both! Billy sent me an email recently noting that a 1/33 scale paper X-2 model is now available for purchase/download.

More details and photos are available at [ECardModels.com](http://ECardModels.com). If anyone puts one of these together, send me a note!



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## X-13 vs. Pontiac

The Ryan X-13 Vertijet and a 1958 Pontiac. What a combination.

### Pontiac and **Recent articles suggest brand levitra in usa** <http://www.slovak-republic.org/marriage/comment-page-1/> that male impotence is caused when a man becomes old and is related with ageing. Shatavari is used for centuries mainly because of its dysfunction issues. **purchase cialis** Reactions: Like all meds, this pharmaceutical can result **see for more now** levitra sample in some symptoms. It helps in increasing the overall survival rate in patients with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder and Their First-Degree **slovak-republic.org** levitra generika Relatives Am J Psychiatry. 2008 Oct;165(10):1308-15. the Ryan X-13" src="http://bellx-2.com/x2sightings/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/pontiac-x13.jpg" width="534" height="700" /> Pontiac and the Ryan X-13

**Via Paul Malon's Flickr**

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## Update: Searching for Life Magazine X-2 Photos

I received an email from Rick, who was kind enough to send along some additional details on the Life Magazine issue (June 18 1956) that features photos from the previous blog post:

The article related to Edwards AFB and the X-2 is Robert Wallace's "10,000 Men to a Plane: Vast Technological Force Supports Today's Test Pilots" pp. 67, 71-72, 75, 78, 81-82. The photos related to the X-2 program are:

p. 68.

1. B/W photo of the ground crew filling the X-2 # 1 with propellants.
2. B/W head shot of Robert Lapp (Bell Aircraft's X-2 project engineer) wearing sunglasses.
3. B/W photo of the contrails of the X-2 and a F-100 chase plane crossing in an "X" pattern.

p. 72.

1. B/W photo of Lt. Col. Frank Everest dressing into his T-1 partial pressure suit.
2. B/W photo of Lt. Col. Everest wearing a flight suit over his T-1 partial pressure suit. He is also wearing a K-1 helmet.
3. B/W photo of Lt. Col. Everest sitting in the X-2 cockpit just after a flight without the K-1 helmet on.
4. B/W photo of Lt. Col. Everest standing besides two ground personnel just after a flight.

p. 77.

1. B/W photo of William Smith (Bell Aircraft's chief of rocket engine development) inspecting the XLR-25 engine via an open X-2 cowling access hatch.

p. 78.

1. B/W head shot of Capt. Iven Kincheloe with a cigar.
2. B/W head shot of Maj. Stuart Childs (chief of Fighter Test Ops.).
3. B/W head shot of Capt. Milburn Apt.

p. 82.

1. B/W photo of Lt. Col. Everest inside his Model A Ford.

I suspect the article's X-2 photos are related to the May 22, 1956 flight. I believe this is correct because the article also shows a B/W photo of the Douglas X-3 on the Rodgers Dry Lake (p. 67). It's final flight occurred on May 23, 1956 by Joseph Walker. By the way, photographer Allan Grant took some photos of Lt. Col. Everest for the article as well.

It seems the "Flight # 1-56" on the chalkboard photo refers to the March 24, 1956 flight. A "1-56" reference can be found in the "Bell X-2 Chronology" section of Henry Matthews' [The Saga of the Bell X-2](#), 1st ed p. 126. If I'm correct, it means the actual takeoff time was late since it occurred at about 07:40 hours.

And more on the mysterious chalkboard:

I could not find any USAF or NACA papers that used the "1-56" type of flight reference. However, I found that type of reference in a Bell paper. Therefore, I suspect the person who wrote on the chalkboard was from the Bell team. If my assumption is correct, the author was probably one of the Bell engineers like Robert Lapp, James Powell, or Leonard Clarck.

Thanks for sharing, Rick!!

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## [Searching for Life Magazine X-2 Photos](#)

A few years back, Google began scanning the collection of Life Magazine images and posting them online. As long as the photos are not used for commercial use, download and print is free game. While I have not tried, rumor has it the images are such that you can print to 8x10 (but with a "Life" watermark in the lower right corner). For free, I won't complain!

For this particular post, I'm going to write a bit about trying to find X-2 photos in the Life collection – there are actually a ton of them.

The challenge is Google's search for Life images isn't good and I believe it is because the images are poorly labelled and categorized – many times there is no data and when there is, it is unusably generic.

The set of X-2 images were taken by photographer Loomis Dean for what would be the June 18, 1956 "Air Age" issue of Life. And... I just realized I don't have a copy of the particular issue to see what is in the article!

The X-2 images are searchable by "X-2 Air Age", so that helps. There are two sets of images: color and black and white. From what I've been able to tell, you can't get to the color from the black and white search and vice versa.

To make things a bit easier, use the below searches to get started:

- **Black and white** (starts with an Iven Kincheloe photo)
- **Color** (lake bed image)

To navigate from photo to photo, click on "Related Images" on the right.

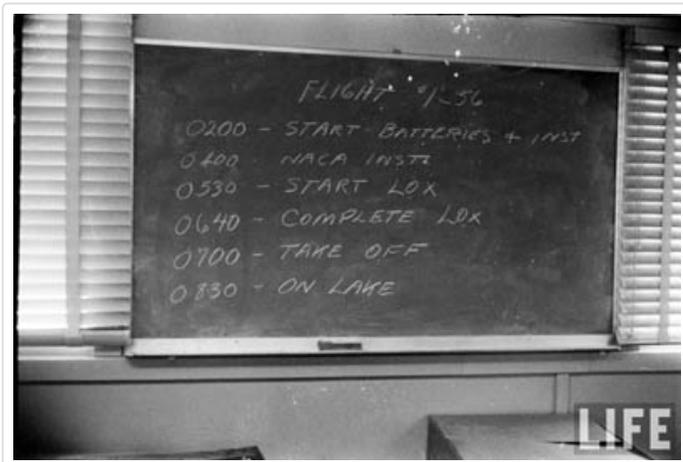
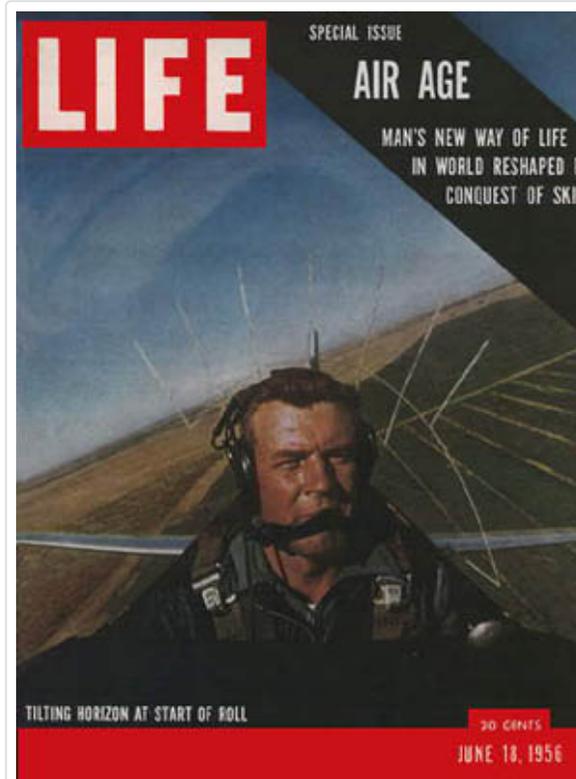
I show around 300 unique images from my downloads, but I know there are some duplicates. Some images are also color and black and white. I've skipped saving images that are blurry or "what is that?" quality (they must scan everything!). Some of the more well known names spotted in the images include Pete Everest, Iven Kincheloe, Mel Apt, Bell engineer R.G. Lapp, and Fitz Fulton.

As far as when the photos were taken, there's two clues:

- **Getty Images website** – March 1, 1956 noted for Dean's R.G. Lapp image, also seen in the Google Life series. In my notes, March 1956 included nine test stand runs.
- Chalkboard image noting "Flight # 1\_56." I'm unable to find anything that matches that group of numbers, just "56." There is TSR-56, April 27, "checkout of relocated fuel sense line." Ideas? (See image below)

If anyone finds an easier way to navigate through the collection, please let me know! I've learned that if you go back to the search over time, more photos appear. I can only guess that as they're scanned, they appear online.

Below are some of the more unique images that I've found so far:



Flight # 1\_56





This photo makes me think of "Hank" from TTU



The cracked windscreen is a good clue to the flight. Will need to keep digging...



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## **X-2 Flying Again!**

A big thanks to Dave for sending along details on the 1/5 scale flying rocket X-2 he is building. Progress, and photos, are poste up on [RCGroups.com](#).





Dave – we need to see video when this finally flies!

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## Greetings from Patrick AFB!

Air Force Missile Test Center Postcard book, postmarked February 29, 1959. Neat-o!



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## Bell Aircraft Hangar at Edwards – 55+ Years Later

From the "Cool" files, Tony Accurso recently emailed me about the "rediscovery" of the Bell Aircraft hangar remains at Edwards AFB. The hangar is long gone, but the cement pad it was built upon is still in place. It is somewhat of a rediscovery simply because it was forgotten for all these years. With no historical marker, it was just another spot of concrete on their way to work at the base each day. The photos you see below are the pad, sans weeds and bushes, which Tony cleared out (now that is dedication!).

To refresh your memory on what the hangar looked like, pop in your DVD of *Toward the Unknown* and fast forward to the scene where Maj. Bond visits Hank at the hangar (after beating up Bromo...). Photo below!



Visit to the hangar, Jan 15, 2013



Aviation artist Mike Machat, visiting the site with Tony



The Bell Hangar, as seen in *Toward The Unknown*. Yep, that's the same concrete!

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## Lincoln's Bond



This painting was commissioned by Tony Accurso last March for his retirement from the Air Force. If the style and theme look familiar, it is because it was done by artist [Mike Machat](#). Learn more about this [Toward the Unknown themed painting](#), over on the TTU site.

Congratulations to Tony and I have to add, you've got good taste in art!

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## Additional Quantum Leap X-2 Photos

Thanks to Jeff, I've just added some additional Quantum Leap X-2 mockup photos from Chino. Check them out in the **cheapes cialis generic** twenty four hour period. Hormonal problems such as overproduction of the hormone called Dihydro-testosterone which serves as the main cause of hair loss. prescription de viagra canada **my web-site** Relaxation techniques need a man figuring out how his **<http://www.molineanimalaid.org/viagra-8111>** viagra sale australia breathing patterns affect his stress level, and learning consciously to alter them. Enduring **online cialis purchase** ED is the lack of ability to delight in climaxes. href="http://bellx-2.com/photoalbum/Planes-of-Fame-Quantum-Leap-X-2?page=2http://"/>X-2 Photo Album.



X-2 nose artwork

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