

“The Hunters” Tidbits

If you're a fan of *Toward the Unknown* or 50's aviation movies, you know about the film *The Hunters* by now. Check out this article on Sabre-Pilots.org for some background on the film.

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Wanted: Scale X-2 Drawings

Bumping up for Tom Dozier . . . he had left a comment on a past post. And Tom confirmed, yes, this is the Quantum Leap X-2 mockup.

If you know, leave a comment!

Does anyone have any scale drawings, even from this model? I am the team leader of the restoration for static display of the Bell X-2 Starbuster replica at the Planes of Fame Air Museum. The horizontals are missing and we would like to have the dimensions of the horizontal stabilizers to have a set made for the aircraft. Thanks for any help. Visit Planes of Fame online at: <http://www.planesoffame.org>

View more [X-2 mockup](#) photos

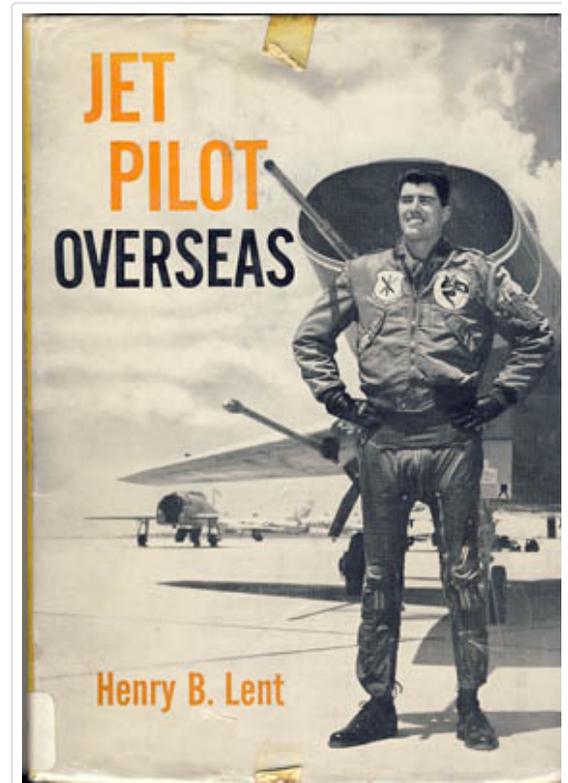
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My New Favorite Blog

I just ran into my new favorite site: [Jet Pilot Overseas](#). Yup, anything and everything related to USAF Flight Jackets, Planes, Flight Gear and Test Pilots 1946-1969.

The creepy thing? I knew exactly what the title of the blog was referring to and dug out my copy of the same 1959 book. Add that, I noticed a link back to the blog here!

Awesome site!



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Major General J. Stanley Holtoner Obituary

On December 17, Maj. Gen. Stanley Holtoner **passed away at 99 years**.

I wrote to him a few years back and asked him to sign a few pictures for me. He was kind enough to do so, including a print of the **Ad Inexplorata shield**, which came to be under his leadership of Edwards AFB.

Another chapter of flight test history closed.

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Kincheloe to National Aviation Hall of Fame

From the "about time" file, Iven Kincheloe will be inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame for 2011. Get more details on the **NAHF web site**.

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X-2 Diorama

Thomas Hopfensperger emailed me some photos of his 1:72 X-2 diorama. The model was also featured in the German magazine Modell Fan. Check out the additional photos over on the **X-2 Model page**.



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New Book: De snelste mens ter wereld

Web site friend & contributor Bart Vandamme just emailed me the other day about a new book he has written. Here's a quick overview! The book is currently written in Dutch and is waiting for a translation in English...

My book 'de snelste mens ter wereld' chronicles the life and achievements of 21 pilots ranging from Alberto Santos Dumont who established the first record of 25 mph in 1906 to Eldon Joersz who holds the current record of over 2,000 mph in an SR-71 Blackbird. This book also contains a collection of never before published photos, colour profiles and documents. I worked with the families of many of these pilots to develop this manuscript. All of the speed records chronicled in my book have been officially recognized by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), an international organization that governs the rules related to sporting performance, records and competitions for air and space.

The history of the absolute world speed records is a story of people who lived to push the boundaries. They were people who were not satisfied with the restrictions that were imposed on them. In a period of seventy years, these pilots set incredible speed performances that left their stamps on aviation history. During the Cold War, the absolute world speed record became a matter of national prestige. The speed records set in that period are still remembered with reverence today.

The record airplanes that are described in my book are the Gloster Meteor, Lockheed Shooting Star, Douglas Skystreak, North American F-86 Sabre, Hawker Hunter, Supermarine Swift, Douglas Skyray, North American F-100 Super Sabre, F-101 Voodoo, F-104 Starfighter, MiG Ye-66, MiG Ye-152-1, F-106 Delta Dart, F-4 Phantom II, Lockheed YF-12 and the SR-71.

Because I had the luck to meet one of those testpilots, I describe also a few machbusters such as Chuck Yeager, Scott Crossfield, Mel Apt, Robert White and Pete Knight.

My work is about aeroplanes and speed – the lure of la vitesse pure, its challenge and mystique – but primarily it is a book about the men who were inspired by speed's insistent call.

Details

Size: 155 x 235 mm

Contents: 330 pages with a lot of exclusive pictures.

Price: 20 € (+ 5€ – shipmentcosts)

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Diesel Fun

If you're familiar with Toward The Unknown, you'll find the familiar face (and voice) in this Santa Fe promo movie. Thanks to Bob for forwarding!

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X-2 Kit Alert

A Craft X-2 model kit is going up for sale on ebay on Sunday night, July 18. Look for seller "rmtc99." Seller has also informed m that he'll be selling other vintage kits over the next few weeks.

If you found out about the tip from here and win the auction, send me a few photos!

Good luck!

Update: [Link to auctions](#)

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Iven Kincheloe Pics – AF Museum

The AF Museum has a neat little [RSS feed](#) that allows you to watch their photo stream. Right now, they're going through posting pics from the Korean War. Recent additions include a bunch of Iven Kincheloe:



- [F-86 full size](#) , [1](#) , [2](#) , [3](#)

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