



Grumman F8F-2, BuNo 121787, now N148E, at Bracket Airport, near Pomona, California, late 1968. Owned by John Church of Carmel. Colors, black, gold trim, white pin stripe. Raced at Reno 1966 & 1967, carried Race Number 11. Was red with white trim in 1966. As "stock" Bearcat, lightened by removal of armor, it placed Third in Unlimited Class in 1967 at average speed of 331 mph. (Photo — Tim Piedimonte, 67-5-22-28)

THE LANDING STRIP

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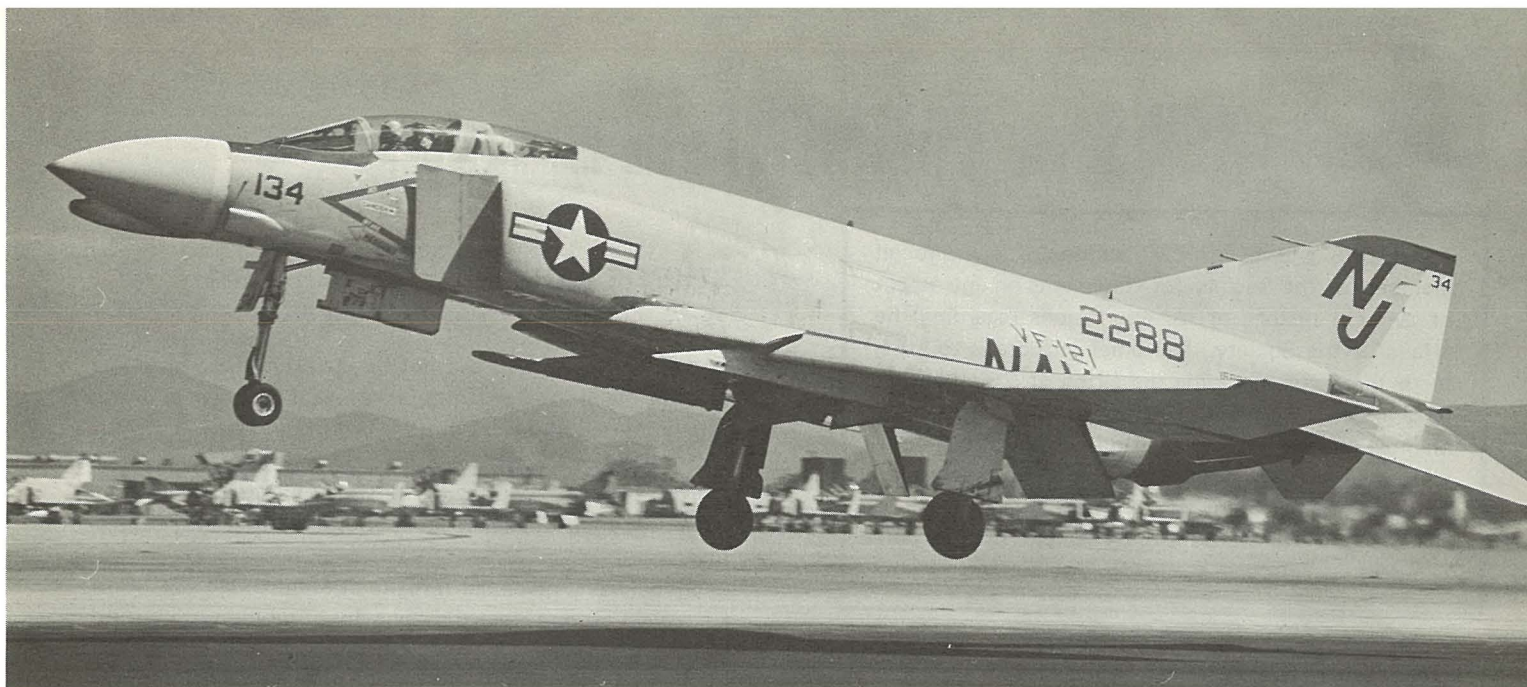


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Jim Sullivan is Aircraft Specialist on the Vought F4U and is compiling a history in depth of this airplane. His interest in naval aviation and other military aircraft brought forth the "Landing Strip" idea which began in Fall 1968 issue of the Journal. Never one to be caught before the camera he sent in this photo, really of an ex-French Navy F-4U-7. Re: "landing photos" he says:

"Many years from now those who think that the "The Landing Strip" photographs are too contemporary will find that they are just as rare as those of Wright Flyers, DH-4s or Martin B-10s. I can't erase a mental image of some 90-year old Member writing you that those "modern aircraft" have no place in our Journal."

Jim feels that here is the place for display of airplanes of today as well as those of earlier eras, that the aviation-oriented younger generation, not brought up in the lore of DH-4s, Wacos, B-10 and the like, are really tuned in on the F-100s, F-4Hs, Boeing 747s. Members are invited to submit their own particularly outstanding or favorite pictures of aircraft in either takeoff or landing attitudes.



McDonnell F-4B, NAS MIRAMAR, August 1968. (Photo – Warren M. Bodie)



Fairchild UC-123B came into Shaw AFB with deflector apparatus on nose. (Photo – Jim Sullivan)



Boeing B-52D, S/n 55-0880, in camouflage finish. (Photo – Charles Meyer)

Lockheed C-121, s/n 54-0175, in markings of North Carolina, at Shaw AFB in late 1966 just prior to changeover to C-124's. (Photo – Sullivan)

