

FORUM of FLIGHT

This issue of the Forum focuses on uncataloged images from the AAHS archives donated by Charles "Chuck" Stewart focusing on aerial tanker operations from the 1990s to mid-2010s. These images, and thousands more, are targeted for processing in AAHSPlaneSpotter where volunteers assist in cataloging them. Interested in helping? Go to www.AAHSPlaneSpotter.com and check the system out.

The FORUM is presented as an opportunity for each member to participate in the *Journal* by submitting interesting or unusual photographs. Most of the images come from contributions to the AAHS archives. Unfortunately, with older images the contributor information has been lost. Where known, we acknowledge them.

Negatives, slides, black-and-white, or color photos with good contrast may be used if they have smooth surfaces. Digital submissions are also acceptable, but please provide high resolution images (>3,000 pixels wide). Please include as much information as possible about the image such as: date, place, msn (manufacturer's serial number), names, etc., plus proper photo credit (it may be from your collection but taken by another photographer).

Send submissions to the Editorial Committee marked "Forum of Flight," P.O. Box 483, Riverside, CA 92502-0483. Mark any material to be returned: "Return to (your name and complete address)." Or you may wish to have your material added to the AAHS photo archives.

TMB's Boeing B-17G, N3702G, 43-38635, Tanker E-61, at Tulare, California. TBM operated this aircraft from April 1967 to 1979. Currently on display as "Virgin's Delight" at the USAF Museum at the former Castle AFB, California.



Grumman F7F-3, N6179C, BuNo 80494, operated as Sis-Q Flying Service Tanker E-23 out of Santa Rosa, Calif., from 1963 to 1974. Crashed and was destroyed September 26, 1974.





A. California Department of Forestry's (CAL Fire) Grumman S-2T, N424DF, Tanker 83, working the Old Fire in Devils Cyn Basin north of San Bernardino, Calif., on October 25, 2003.

B. Neptune's Lockheed P2V-7, Tanker 10, drops downhill on the Bluff Fire in Cherry Valley, Calif., on October 14, 1995

C. Aero Union's Lockheed SP-2H, N716AU, Tanker 16 continues the retardant line in Devil's Canyon Basin north of San Bernardino, Calif., during the Old Fire on October 25, 2003

D. Coulson Flying Tankers Nex Gen Airtanker Lockheed L-100, N130FF, Tanker 131, seen May 15, 2014, at an undisclosed location.

E. Heavy Lift's Erickson S-64E Skycrane, N44094, dropping on burning Joshua trees during the Turtle Fire near West Cajon, Calif., on July 26, 1999.



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A - Aero Flite's Canadair CL-215, N262NR, Tanker 262, making a drop on the Redlands Fire on August 28, 2011.

B - Erickson's S-64E Air-Cranes, Tankers 43 and 45, drawing up 2,000 gallons of water from the Mountain High Ski Resort's reservoir during the Wrightwood Fire on September 2, 1996.

C - San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Air Attack Bell UH-1H, N305SB, working the Redlands Fire on August 28, 2011.

D - California Department of Forestry (CAL FIRE) Grumman S-2T, N437DF, Tanker 73, completing a retardant pass on the Redlands Fire August 28, 2011.

E - Neptune Aviation Services BAE-146-200, N472NA, Tanker 10, photographed on May 15, 2014, at an undisclosed location.



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