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THE FEZ SEZ TONY HUMPHRIES

Greetings and welcome to another fun-packed edition of the ASM newsletter, and probably a considerably less

fun-packed installment of the Fez Sez series, which is now in actual fact, notably and conspicuously Fez-less. Why? Well, I don't suppose you have any idea how hard it is to find a good Fez these days? Take it from me, it's tricky. Especially if you want one of the more



interesting leopard pattern ones or one that fits anyone bigger than a six-year-old. Sure, you can get a maroon one like the ones that the Shriners wear, but where's the fun in that? These are tough times for the dedicated novelty Fez enthusiast, believe me!

Anyway, as I'm sure you are aware, particularly if you attended the last meeting, we have an election coming up for two positions on the E-Board at the November meeting. Hopefully this newsletter should include a (brief) manifesto from many if not all of the candidates for the Pro-tem and Contest Director positions. I'll certainly be interested to read those, as I hope that you will also, but in the meantime I wish all of those standing for election this year the best of luck. The other positions on the Board are, as I'm sure you know, staying the same. The same incumbents will continue into next year, presumably in many cases (and certainly in the case of President) because no one else is daft enough to want to do this job! Actually it is more fun than it appears, so although it is too late for this year, please consider standing next year for election to the 2016 E-Board. The club is only as good as the people who contribute to it and a great way to contribute is to join the board and help to run it. You'll hear more of this next October I'm sure, but it couldn't hurt to get a little early nagging in, ahead of the curve and all that.

As far as the elections go, I hope that all current members will participate and vote for your preferred candidates. If people don't vote in elections (I'm talking in

October highlights, top to bottom: members looking over contest entries before the meeting; and Dave Straub conducts a well-attended clinic on tools of the trade.





general terms here) then we often end up with representation that may be rather less than ideal. You only have to look at Washington, DC, to see some of the clowns who have ended up there because people didn't get out and vote. Of course, hopefully we don't have any actual clowns in ASM (I certainly haven't noticed any comically small cars in the parking lot, or indeed any members wearing the red noses, enormous custard-filled pants, or size 47 shoes that would indicate otherwise) but if you want people on the board who represent your views and/or the way that you want to see the club run, please make sure that you vote for them accordingly. If you don't vote, then you're saying that you are happy with the Status Quo (not the English rock band—no one would be happy with them, especially these days). If you are, then that's okay too, but if not, make sure that you vote to effect the change that you want to see.

Changing the subject somewhat, we have had, as I'm sure you've noticed, some very large newsletters recently with some excellent contributions from you the membership. I would like to thank all of you who have contributed or who intend to do so in the future. For those who have not, please consider doing so if you possibly can. You don't need to be Charles Dickens to write an article for the newsletter. In fact I'd really prefer it if you weren't... He's been dead for 150 years and was boring enough the first time around. The last thing we need is to have him re-animated and lurching around searching for fresh brains or plot ideas (not that he ever had many of those, if you ask me...*). That would never do. So just write something simple and send it off to Joe and I'm sure he'll be happy to include it for you. One thing that I have noted recently in particular, is a lack of kit-build or modeling product reviews. I'm sure you've all built something recently or have a memorable build that you can recall from the past (not always for the best of reasons either I suspect, if you're anything like me) so feel free to tell us all what made that kit so good. Or not. Or maybe you've tried a new tool or technique that others might be interested in. I will try and submit a few of those myself in the coming months, but I would encourage you all to have a go at this too. We'd love to hear your thoughts and if you can accompany those with pictures, so much the better (although it's not a requirement). So why not give it a go? Go, on! You know you want to...

*Having been exposed to Charles Dickens's work repeatedly and very much against my will as a schoolboy, I have made it my life's work never to hear a good word said about the man and his tedious, repetitious, pretentious, predictable drivel. If you had been to the same schools as I did, you'd understand. Luckily for you, I don't think any of you did...

Year 2014 Contest Quick Reference Chart Titles in **blue** indicate contests for points 03 Jan Special Contest #1 SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY Sponsored Contest: "Frickin' Laser Beams" (Patrick Dick) Sponsored Contest: "Best Ford-themed model" (Patrick Dick) **07 Feb ASM Swap Meet**—no contest. **07 Mar** Open Contest—Any kit/subject/scale. 04 Apr Special Contest #2 **FAMILY TIES 02 May Japan**—Any kit/subject/scale. 13 Jun Special Contest #3 WORLD WAR I Sponsored Contest: "D-Day, June 1944" (ASM E-Board) **11 Jul No meeting** due to Chile Con 3. ■ **01 Aug ASM Swap Meet**—no points contest. Sponsored Contest: "Best French Subject" (Tony Humphries) 05 Sep Special Contest #4 SEAPLANES / AMPHIBIANS Sponsored Contest: "Electronic Warfare" (Gil De La Plain) **03 Oct** Speed Demons—Any kit/subject/ scale. Sponsored Contest: "Assam Valley" (Don Smith) **07 Nov Open Contest**—Any kit/subject/scale. Sponsored Contest: "Russian Bombers" (Tim Wood) ■ 05 Dec Special Contest #5 **CORSAIRS AND MUSTANGS** Plus Model of the Year competition! Tentative 2015 Schedule—subject to change! 09 Jan Special Contest #1A BATTLE OF THE BULGE PLUS 70 SPECIAL CONTEST #1B Sponsored Contest: "Fanta-storical"

SCI-FI/SCIENCE/REAL SPACE/FANTASY (Josh Pals & Patrick Dick) **06 Feb ASM Swap Meet**—no contest. **06 Mar** Open Contest—Any kit/subject/scale. [Tentative] Sponsored Contest: "Adversaries" (Mike & Matt Blohm)

Note: Due to work conflicts affecting the sponsors, the Adversaries contest is on hiatus—a new date *will* be announced, so don't throw those models out yet! These and other changes also affect the January contest schedule, so a few 2015 items are now shown for planning purposes. The most up-to-date details on the contest rules, as always, are on the ASM Website:

http://tinyurl.com/asmsched

CANDIDATES

As elections are held at the November meeting, candidates for contested positions were offered the opportunity to submit brief statements for publication. Two responded, and their statements follow.

Keith Liotta

Hi fellow ASMers, my name is KEITH Liotta. I've been a club member since 1980, but in the past five years haven't been around too much due to my job. I'm back again and would like to get involved in making our club even better. No promises of free cookies at club meetings, no disparaging comments about my running mates. I'm just asking for your vote for a chance to help out. Thank you.

Jerry Little

My name is Jerry Little (ASM #I-33) and I am standing for the 2015 ASM Contest Director position. I've been a member of ASM for the past two and a half years since moving to Albuquerque while in the Air Force. I've been modeling for over years and have participated at every level to include club level positions as President (Red River Modelers), pro-tem board member (San Antonio and Virginia Beach), and Contest Director for local and regional events. I also was a contest judge and all levels. Most recently, I retired from the Air Force where I spent 27 years serving in different stations around the country. This gave me the opportunity to experience different model clubs and contest and to see the different approaches to how things are accomplished.

My intention is to focus on growth. I want the club to experience growth in two specific areas. First, participation; I would like to see an increase in the number of people partici-

pating in our local contest. To do that, I would like to limit the points contest to 6 per year with three being "open." We will maintain the standard two Swap Meets and three Special Contests with no points. Points towards Modeler of the Year will remain the same; however, I'd like to stick to Ribbons for awards (except for special awards and themes). In terms of subjects, I appreciate the approach John Tate used to pick with the group, so that what I will do also. My intention is to allow modelers to focus on not rushing to get models completed and improve quality.

FRED'S FOTO FILE FRED FRANCESCHI

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[Editor's note: The full text of Fred's article and all of his photos from this Ft. Irwin set (larger and in full resolution) are in the Bonus Pages. -JW]

The second area for growth is making better modelers. To do that, we should incorporate more clinics in the meeting time. We have a wealth of knowledge in the club and we need to tap that and improve the skills of the members. This has to be done on a scheduled basis. The relief created in the contest schedule will allow time for clinics. We'll start with Airbrush 101 early in the year so we can hopefully see the results in future club contest. However, we won't be limited to subject... anything to make better modelers!

We need to get everyone involved. It's just more fun that way!

CONTEST DIRECTOR UPDATE JOHN TATE

A nice turnout of models at the October 3 meeting, for the "Speed" points contest and Don Smith's "Assam Valley-Best CBI fighter" sponsored contest. Aleya Montano won a People's Choice and Best of Show for her Blue Angels F-18, Jerry Little won People's Choice in Intermediate for a ½2 N1K2 "George" with Best of Show in Intermediate going to Adrian Montano for his ½2 1968 Dutch Grand Prix—Fastest Lap Matra. In Master's, Larry Glenn won a People's Choice for his ½2 SR-71 and Victor Maestas won Best of Show for a ¼8 Douglas D-558. Don Smith's "Assam Valley" sponsored award went to my Hasegawa ¼8 Ki-43-II Oscar.

With bonus points added in from the State Fair, a close race has developed in Masters— Ken Liotta is in the lead after a good sustained effort, but at least four other modelers are within striking range for Modeler of the Year. As the November contest is an open-themed points contest and the last points contest of the year, I expect heavy competition as modelers make their final bid for the MoY title. And don't forget Tim Wood's "Russian Bomber" sponsored contest in November— there are a lot of interesting subjects that fit that contest theme, so make an effort to dig into the modeling stash and come up with something eye-catching.

Mike Blohm's "Adversary" sponsored contest, originally scheduled for the October contest and tentatively moved to the November contest, will be held in 2015 due to Mike's work commitments.

Another reminder: get to work on your Corsair or Mustang entry for the December 5 Special Contest, as two WWII veterans will be appearing at our meeting; these gentlemen were connected with these famous warplanes during the War, so make a special effort to put your best models on the table in honor of their service.

I continue to be impressed with the quantity and quality of models at our club contests. There have been some standout models and modelers this year, and I believe the club's talent level has never been stronger, which was confirmed by ASM's great showing at our recent Chile Con 3 Regional contest. Keep up the great work and don't hesitate to bring a display model or work-in-progress so the rest of the club can take a look at the newest releases and latest projects.

IN THE BONUS PAGES! JOE WALTERS

In this month's **Bonus Pages**:

- Photos of the winners of both September contests
- Mike Blohm's Battleship Memorial Park Report Part 1
- All of Fred's photos from Ft. Irwin
- A special Guest Foto File in response to last issue's!

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BONUS PAGES! OCTOBER CONTEST WINNERS

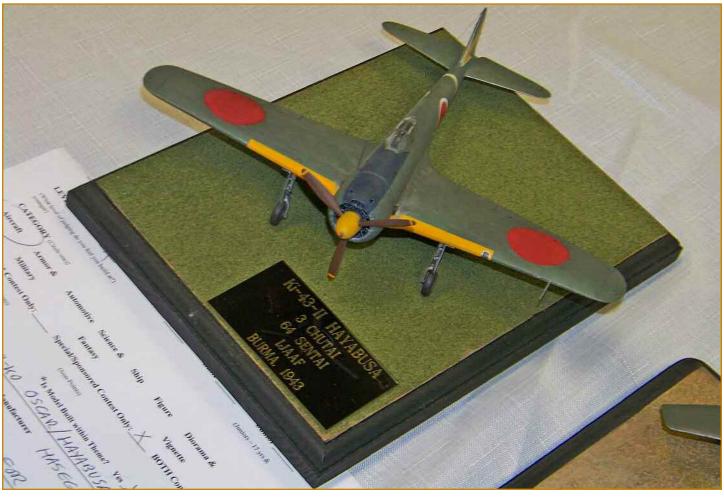
From the October "Speed Demons" Contest, top to bottom: Aleya Montaño's *Blue Angels F-18 Hornet* (Juniors) and Adrian Montaño's *1968 Dutch Grand Prix Fastest Lap Matra* (Intermediate).





Top: Victor Maestas's *Douglas D-558-1 Skystreak* (Masters). There were no Basic entries. Bottom: For the "Assam Valley" Sponsored contest, John Tate's *Ki-43-II-Ko Hayabusha* took home the win.





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Ah, good ol' Fort Irwin again. I was there for 22 weeks, and I think all of them were in late June and early to mid July. The photos of the multi-color camouflaged tanks and PCs were taken in 1961, when I was still in the antiaircraft unit.



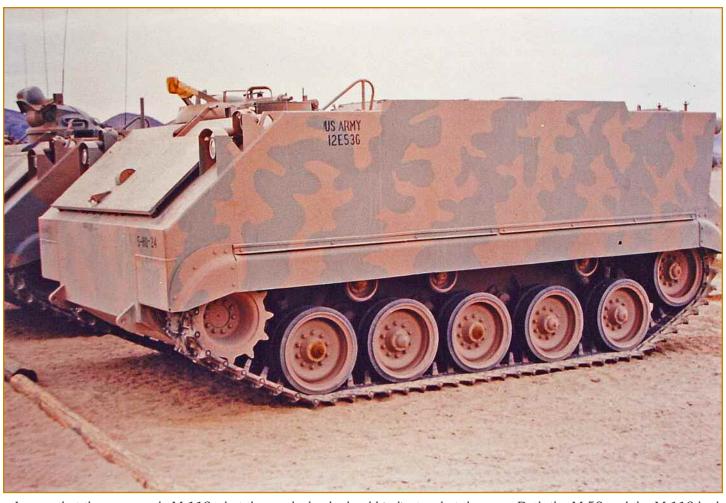
These are M-48 or M-48A1 tanks. The engine cover grates are low, indicating gasoline engines, not the diesel engines used in the later versions. And when I grab my FM 5-22, dated January 1956, off my shelf and look at the color chips on page 46, the light brownish color is No. 1—Desert Sand. The green is probably No. 9—Light Green. Yes, I have saved a few of my old army manuals. And all this is before the Federal Standard (FS) color charts. I took this shot and the photos of the multi-color armored vehicles in 1961.



Above: An M4 Sherman tank with metal tracks. It looks like it has the long barrel 76 mm gun. I will let the track-heads among us do the specific identification. Also taken in 1961.

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I guess that these are early M-113s, but the road wheels should indicate what they are. Both the M-59 and the M-113 look similar to me, and I can see that the front three road wheels on these are spaced closer together than the rear two.



Next four photos: M-48 tanks on tank trails in the wide open spaces. These photos were taken in 1962, maybe after I was in a tank unit. I'd need to go through a box full of old army orders and paperwork to verify when I changed units, and it wouldn't change the photos.

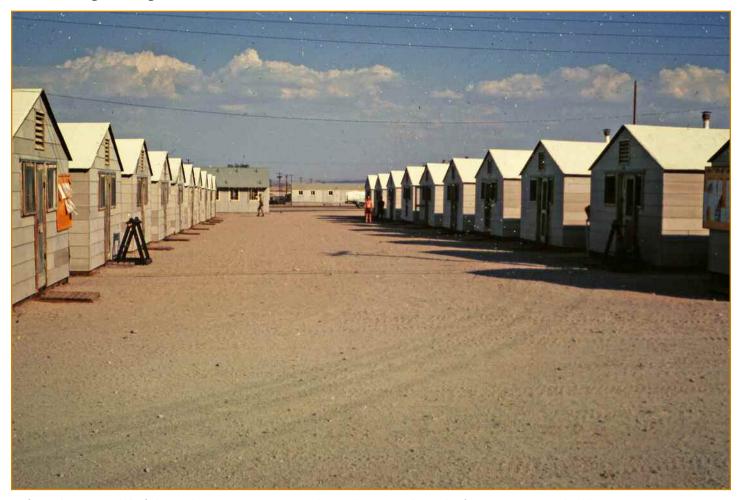








Home, sweet homes. When I was in Antiaircraft, we lived in air conditioned barracks. Then, in my later (armor) years, we lived in these small huts when we were not living in the field. This all happened around fifty years ago, so my memory of the details is fading—thank goodness.



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BONUS PAGES! GORDON'S FOTO FILE J.E. Motts • Photos by Gordon H. Motts

[Editor's Note: Last month's edition of Fred's Foto File inspired Mr. J.E. Motts of El Paso, Texas, who emailed this response and this set of photos, related to Fred's text and imagery of the RCAT radio-control target drones.



These photos were taken by J.E.'s father, Gordon H. Motts, who worked on these things. As these are some rather spectacular photos, we thank Mr. Motts for his response and for his permission to run this item in our newsletter!]

I have attached the photos that my dad had taken when he worked for Radio-Plane back in the '50s. The first one is of a Nike Hercules and in front of it is the RP-76 drone that was dropped from the F-89s. I'm sorry, I know hardly anything about it and what I do know is from hearing my dad talk about it.

This photo is just a little different view.



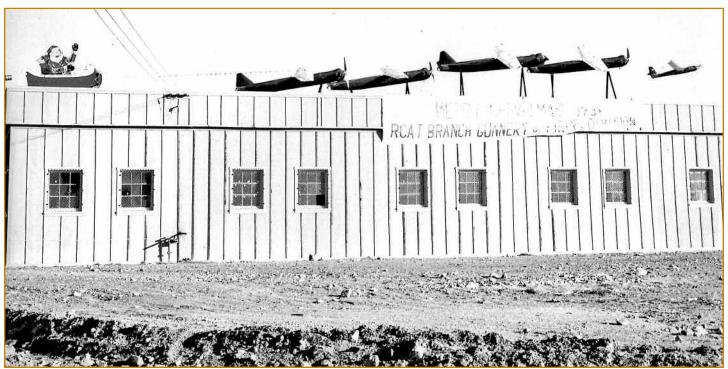
Below is the RP-76 being loaded into the plane behind it. I think that is an old C-46 but don't hold me to it. I'm not up on my planes like I used to be! I wish I had a close-up of the RP-76.



This shot is of the RP-77 being readied for an upcoming launch. This is the Turbine powered version. The man standing in front of the right wing is my dad. He was not only a mechanic on them but did a lot of the electronics on them too. Must be why he liked R/C aircraft so much, as that was his hobby.



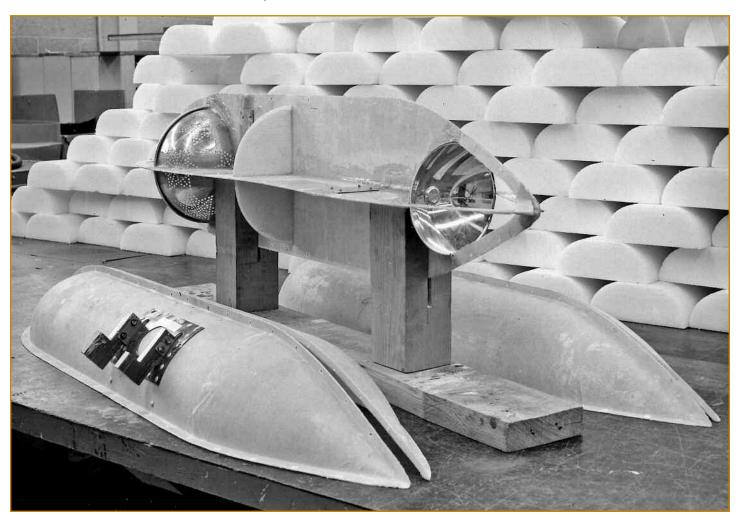
The photo below was taken at Christmastime and, as you can see, Santa had traded in his Reindeer for RCATs to pull his sleigh. This was on top of one of the buildings at the main shop here in El Paso, or it could have been out at the White Sands Missile range.



Here is the RP-77 during a launch. You can clearly see the JATO bottles/tubes that were attached to the sides of the fuselage.



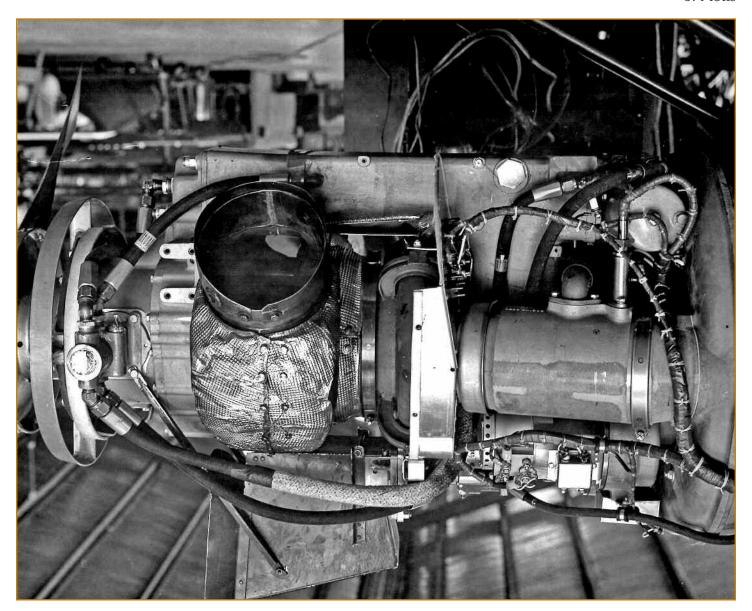
Here you can see the reflectors that were in the wing pods on the RP-77. The front reflector looks more like a kitchen colander; I'm sure it wasn't, but you never know.



And the last one is of the turbine in the RP-77. I think the main focus is on the exhaust port, other than that I have no clue about it or it had developed a problem or what.

I hope you enjoy these and you may use them if you like. My dad's name was Gordon H. Motts.

J. Motts



BONUS PAGES! FIELD TRIP MIKE BLOHM

Battleship Memorial Park - Part 1

This is part one of a multi-part trip report on a visit to Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile, Alabama, in October 2014. The park is located on the eastern edge of Mobile just off Interstate 10. The park includes not only the USS Alabama (BB-60) battleship, but also the USS Drum submarine, a large collection of aircraft, and a fair number of armored vehicles. So you basically have something for everyone in the scale modeling hobby. To adequately cover everything on display there will be separate reports provided for the ASM Newsletter and Website.

This trip report will cover their aircraft collection and displays. It had been about 25 years since I last visited the Park and it has grown significantly in size. I think they had about five aircraft back then. Now they have 23 aircraft, with about half of them inside a large building called the Medal of Honor Aircraft Pavilion. The most notable aircraft include a Lockheed A-12 (the CIA single-seat version of the SR-71A) and the YF-17 prototype aircraft number 2 that went on to become the F/A-18 for the US Navy. Other aircraft include an OS-2U Kingfisher, a P-51D in Tuskegee Airman (332 Fighter Group) markings, C-47D in D-Day markings, B-25J in Air Apache markings (bat on nose), HU-16E Albatross, AD-1, F-86L, F9F-5, B-52D, A-4L, F-105B, F-4C. RF-8G, A-6, MiG-17A, F-14A, F-15A, F-16A, F/A-18, UH-19, CH-21, UH-1H, VH-1N, SH-2F, HH-52A, and Redstone missile. As seems to be my recent luck, they had some kind of a function being set up and it looked like the A-12 had been pushed outside to make room for tables. The aircraft are all in good condition, other than a few of the outside aircraft that may have been recent additions and are awaiting restoration. Plan on a couple of hours just to tour the aircraft section of the Park. The Park is open every day except Christmas Day, from 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. from April to September and 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. from October to March. The next installment will cover the USS Alabama. Check out the Park's website (http://www.ussalabama.com)





Above: OS2U Kingfisher Below: P-51D Mustang





B-25J Mitchell Below: C-47D Skytrain





Above: A1-D Skyraider Below: F9F-5P Panther



Right: CH-21B Workhorse Below: UH-19 Chickasaw







Above: F-86L Sabre Below: A-4L Skyhawk





Above: F-105B Thunderchief Below: A-6 Prowler





Above: F-4C Phantom II Below: RF-8G Crusader



B-52D Stratofortress











Above: F-14A Tomcat Below: F-15A Eagle





Above: YF-17 Below: F/A-18 Hornet





Above: PGM-11 Redstone Short Range Ballistic Missile (SRBM) Below: SH-2F Seasprite





Above: UH-1H Huey Below: VH-1N Huey





Above: HH-52A Seaguard Below: HU-16E Albatross





Above: MiG 17A Below: SH-60B





Above: Building exterior Below: Two images of the "Medal of Honor" aircraft display





BONUS PAGES! SOUTHWEST COMPLICATES MATTERS JOE WALTERS

On the heels of the announcement of the airline's new livery (covered last issue), Southwest Airlines already is modifying its paint scheme on at least some planes. This comes from a deal made with Apple Inc., who recently bought the "Beats" music system. To promote this joint venture, this special modification of the "Heart" livery was announced. A few small photos, shown here, were provided, showing a pair of red headphones around the cockpit and a bit of promotional text on the aft fuselage.

If you're interested in the details of this collaboration, you can find them on Southwest's website. As far as specific addresses go, I'll be equally forthcoming with that information as Southwest was when I asked them about their new colors last month. But you can probably figure it out!









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