

Phantom Flyer

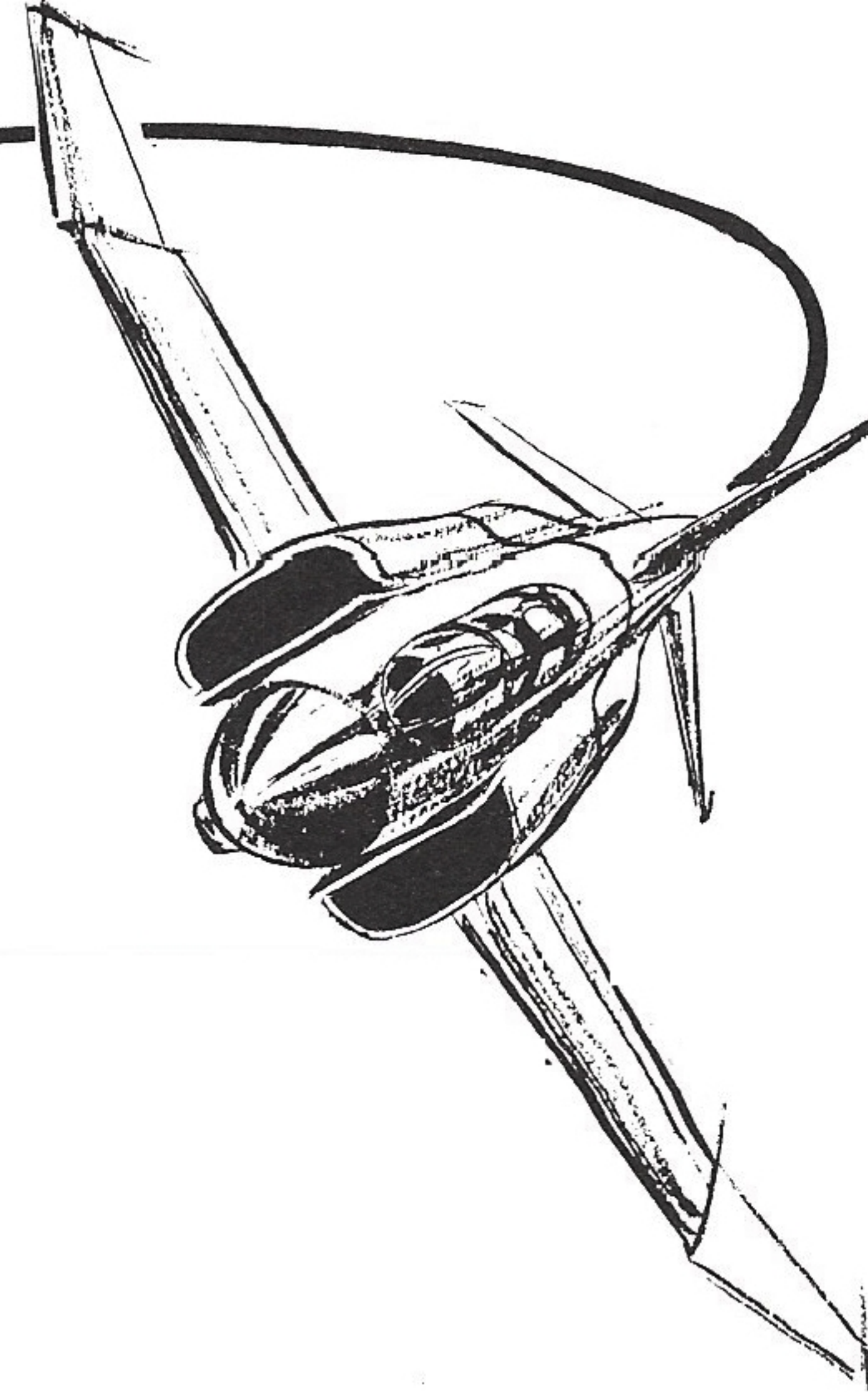


PHOTO FEATURE: F-4 Phantom II

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This month's photo pages are devoted to aircraft assigned to and flown by squadron and air group commanders in the U.S. Navy. Part 2, for the October issue, will continue on this subject and add aircraft flown by USMC squadron commanders. One can only be sorry that color reproduction is beyond the scope of our publication.

1. F-4J No. 155741 of VF-21 (The Freelancers). This Phantom is assigned by the squadron for the use of the Commanding Officer of Attack Carrier Air Wing Two based aboard the USS Ranger. Photo by Duane Kasulka.

2. F-4B No. 151478. Another "Double Nuts" flown by VF-21 at a date earlier than the one shown above. An immaculate aircraft, it shows the latest antennae additions for the F-4B series. Photo by Clay Jansson.

3. F-4B No. 152972. This VF-32 aircraft is assigned to the Commander of Attack Carrier Air Wing One on the USS John F. Kennedy. Note the small black CVW-1 on the antenna housing on the vertical tail. Photo by Duane Kasulka.

4. F-4B No. 153009. VF-51 provides the Air Group Commander's aircraft aboard the USS Coral Sea with this Phantastic Phinish. It's colors are detailed in this month's Phantom of the Month and this photo compliments the plain old squadron bird shown on the cover. Photo by Clay Jansson.

5. F-4J No. 155861. This "Double Nuts" was flown by Capt. Tom "CAG" Rogers while VF-84 operated from the USS Roosevelt. Color data for this aircraft can be found in Vol. I No. 9 of the Flyer. The only changes are in Air Group letters and carrier name. The stars on the rudder are in the varying squadron colors. Photo by Duane Kasulka.

6. F-4J No. 155800. This aircraft was detailed in the Vol. I No. 8 Phantom of the Month with the following corrections. The carrier's name has been changed and the wing tips are now black. The ")))" has been added to the wing tips and a black stripe has been painted on the wing tanks. At that time there was speculation as to the stars on the fuselage sides, and it would appear now that they are in the Group's squadron colors as are the stars on the VF-84 rudder. Photo by Clay Jansson.

