

B-47 Variants on Display and location

XB-47 #2 46-066 Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum, Rantoul, IL



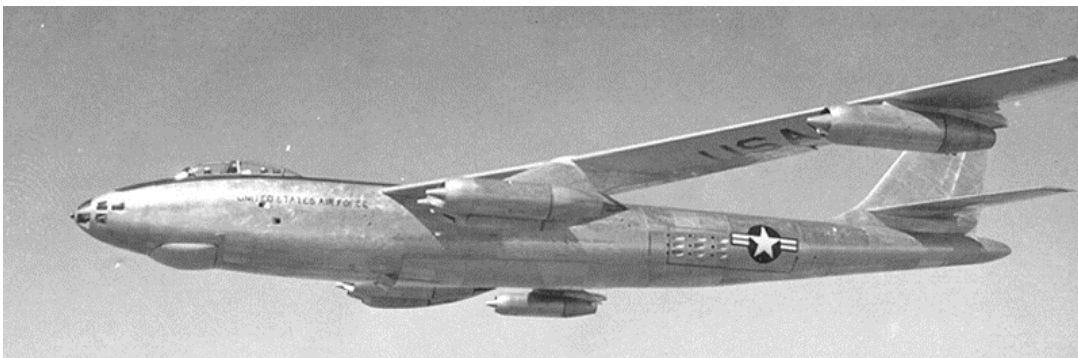
XB-47 46-066 in flight



XB-47 46-066 with a modification that installed an "E" nose.

The second built *XB-47*, 46-066 first flew on July 21, 1948. Following its delivery to the USAF in December of that year, it served as a flying test bed until its retirement in 1954. Its final destination was Chanute AFB where it was used as a maintenance and familiarization aircraft.

B-47A 49-1901 Pima Air & Space Museum, Tucson, AZ



EB-47E 53-2135 Pima Air & Space Museum, Tucson, AZ



B-47B 50-062 Mighty 8th Air Force Heritage Museum, Savannah, GA



This B-47 Stratojet (Manufactures Serial number 50-062) is a TB-47B, a training version of the bomber aircraft. It was built by the Boeing Airplane Company at Wichita, Kansas and delivered to the US Air Force on 7 February 1952. This aircraft was first assigned to the Strategic Air Command's training Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. In January 1957, the aircraft was re-designated as a JTB-47B to be used as a flying test platform. It was transferred to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, where it remained for the rest of its service life. In April 1967, the aircraft was dropped from the US Air Force inventory and was allocated for museum use.

B-47B 51-2120 Whiteman AFB, MO



B-47B S/N 51-2120 at the current home of the 509th BW and the B-2 Bomber Fleet

B-47B 51-2075 Air Force Flight Test Center Museum, Edwards AFB, CA



Air Force Test Center Museum

The B-47B at Edwards AFB belongs to the Air Force Flight Test Center Museum. Although it is not currently a display aircraft, it serves as an electronic and photographic target.

B-47B 51-2315 Grissom Air Museum, Peru, IN



This March, 1961 photo shows the museum's B-47 shortly after landing at what was then Bunker Hill AFB. Note the missing right outboard engine (#6). The engine exploded during an in-flight refueling, taking 15 feet of the wing with it. The wing was repaired, and the plane remained in service until an extra hard landing broke it's back. It was then turned over to the museum where it remains today.



WB-47E 51-2360 Hill Aerospace Museum, Hill AFB, UT



Built in 1952, this WB-47E was one of the last Stratojets in the USAF inventory. Following modification in 1962 to the WB configuration, it operated out of Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico as a "Hurricane Hunter" until it's retirement in 1965. This Aircraft is being restored at Hill AFB UT.

B-47E 51-2387 Kansas Aircraft Museum, Wichita, KS



51-2387 Was formerly located at the Oklahoma City Air Park. The Kansas Aviation Museum acquired this Wichita built B47 in 2007. It was formerly located at the Oklahoma City fairgrounds and was in danger of destruction. The fair officials had to remove four aircraft from the parking lot including this B47, a B52D, DC-3 and Aero Commander to make room for facility expansion. We were the last Museum called before the B47 was to be destroyed. We had about 30 days to remove it. We were able to put together a group of volunteers, donations and companies to retrieve the aircraft from OKC and remove it to the Museum ramp located adjacent to McConnell AFB at Wichita . In May of this year reassembly started and now the aircraft is sitting on it's main gear. We still need to find or fabricate outrigger gear and refinish the aircraft exterior. The aircraft had been setting on concrete pillars at OKC to which they had used the upper landing gear strut parts of the main trucks and outrigger struts to mount the aircraft and discarded the lower parts. We were able to acquire a used set of main gear from the Air Force museum and refurbish them and install them on the aircraft. Many of our volunteers on this aircraft had also worked on the restoration of 53-4213 which now rests inside the front gate of McConnell AFB. 51-2387 sets on KAM's ramp within site of the Boeing plant in which she was manufactured. More photos later when the aircraft is finished. Tim Bonnell Sr., CIC | President Kansas Aviation Museum

WB-47E 51-7066 Seattle Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA



Now on display at the Seattle Museum of Flight, 51-7066 was the last B-47 Stratojet to fly a weather reconnaissance mission on October 29, 1969. The next day, Lt Col Raymond Hamilton along with Lt Col William Payton and Navigator Major Homero Lomas participated in the last active duty USAF flight in this WB-47E, 51-7066 on October 30th 1969. They departed McClellan AFB enroute to Boeing Aircraft CO. WB-47E 51-7066 was subsequently turned over to the Seattle Museum of Flight where it resides today. It is located within a few hundred yards from where Bob Robbins made his first flight in the XB-47 on Dec 17, 1947 on this airport runway.

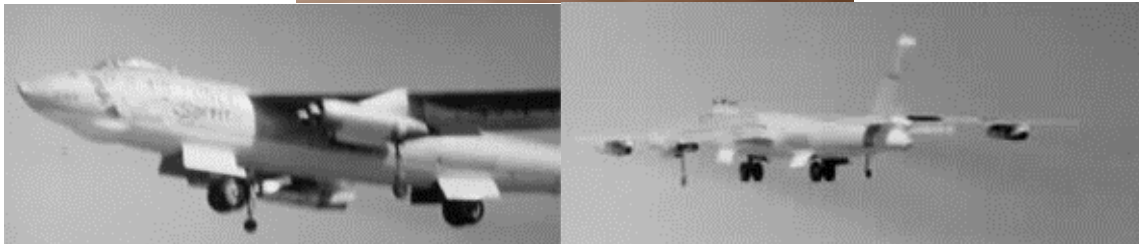
B-47E	51-7071	Hightower Park, Altus, OK
-------	---------	---------------------------



From the plaque located in front of 51-7071

On April 22, 1955 Col. Audrin R. Walker, 96th Bombardment Wing Commander, landed this, the first bomber on the runway of Altus Air Force Base. In special ceremonies attended by a number of prominent national, state and local figures, the bomber was christened "The City of Altus" with an easy-breaking bottle containing mixtures of waters from the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and from Lake Altus. The blending of the waters was symbolic of the Stratojet's defensive capabilities for the entire United States.

B-47E	52-166	Castle Air Museum, CA
-------	--------	-----------------------



The last flight of a B-47 occurred on June 16, 1986 when 52-0166 flew 43 minutes from the China Lake Naval Weapons Center to Castle AFB, CA. It was piloted by Maj. General J.D. Moore and Co-pilot Lt. Colonel Dale E. Wolfe.



"Spirit" had survived nearly twenty years in the Mojave Desert where it had been used as a radar target for bombing and gunnery practice by the US Navy. It's restoration to flying status took more than four years and 36,000 hours of work for 160 military and civilian volunteers



Maj. Gen J D Moore paying a visit to Castle AFB Museum

EB-47E 52-410 S. Dakota Air and Space Museum, Ellsworth AFB, SD



EB-47E 52-410 flying with the Navy was in Goose Bay Labrador for "winter tests" in 1966



EB-47E 52-410 parked at former Pease AFB NH

52-410 was one of two B-47s operated by the US Navy until the late 1970s. It's final flight took place in December, 1977 when it was flown to Pease AFB, NH and put on display at the main gate. Following the closure of Pease AFB in 1991, it was disassembled and trucked to Ellsworth AFB, SD where it now awaits reassembly. More recent information (Dec 2002) has indicated this project was unable to be completed. The nose section and engines were now being sent to Dayton OH to be used on the RB-47H 52-4299 project.

EB-47E 52-412 Dyess Linear Air Park, Dyess, TX



EB-47E 52-0412, one of two B-47s flown by the Navy from the mid 1960s until retirement in 1977



B-47E

52-595

Little Rock AFB, AR



B-47E

52-1412

Strategic Air & Space Museum, Ashland, NE



B-47E

53-2104

Pueblo Historical Aircraft Society, Pueblo, CO



B-47E

53-2275

March Air Reserve Base, CA



In addition to its static display B-47, The March Field Museum possesses the original B-47B cockpit used during the filming of all of the in-flight sequences in the Jimmy Stewart film "Strategic Air Command."



B-47E

53-2276

8th Air Force Museum, Barksdale AFB, LA



B-47E 53-2280 Originally In the USAF Museum, Dayton, OH



53-2280, a JB-47E was originally placed in the United States Air Force Museum. This aircraft now resides in the outside display park at the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History in Albuquerque, NM. It is substantially together but awaits further restoration.



B-47E 53-2385 Plattsburgh, NY



B-47E

53-4213

McConnell AFB, KS



The aircraft was manufactured by Boeing Aircraft, Wichita, Kansas, and delivered to the USAF on 26 March 1956. It was the 1007th of over 2042 B-47 Stratojets produced by Boeing. The total number of the model B-47E produced was 1341. It was assigned to the 308th Bombardment (Medium) Wing of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) at Hunter Air Force Base (AFB), Georgia. The Wing deployed to Sidi Slimane Air Base in Morocco. The aircraft was then assigned to the 98th Bombardment Wing, Medium, (SAC) at Lincoln AFB, Nebraska. It was dropped from the USAF inventory on December 1965 and transferred to the USAF Museum inventory.

RB-47E

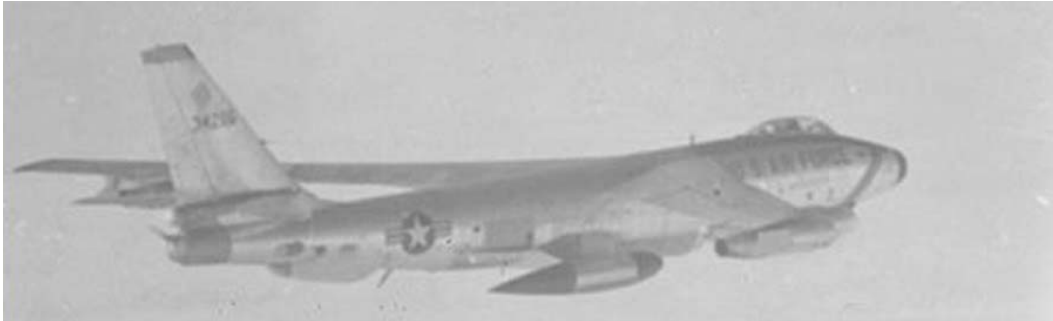
53-4257

Tinker AFB, OK



This RB-47E (53-4257) was at the Confederate Air Force Museum in Harlingen, TX and is now at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City. When the CAF moved out of Harlingen (for Midland), the AF Museum took most of the outdoor display airplanes and redistributed them. Some were scrapped as all of them had a lot of corrosion. Tinker is a very nice "airpark" on the north side of the base with quite a few airplanes. This RB-47E has been painted gray. Even though it is not an accurate finish, it does protect it somewhat from the elements. It is the only preserved RB-47E left. It originally came to Harlingen from Wright-Patt AFB where it had been a test-bed aircraft.

RB-47H 53-4296 USAF Armament Museum, Valparaiso, FL



53-4296 is one of three RB-47Hs currently on display. Towards the end of its military career, it was used as a radar test bed for the then new General Dynamics F-111A "Aardvark". Its unique "H" model nose was replaced with an Aardvark like nose section during testing. Upon the completion of the program, the test equipment was removed and an "E" model nose was applied.

RB-47H 53-4299 On Display at USAF Museum, Dayton, OH



After suffering years of vandalism and neglect, 53-4299 was moved in the fall of 1998 from its home in Salina, KS to the USAF Museum at Dayton, OH.



While in active duty 53-4299 was assigned to the 55th SRW, Forbes AFB KS and saw service at many Operational Locations throughout the world. In the below view shows where it is now located in the cold war section of the US Air Force Museum in Dayton OH.

