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The Artistry of Acade Whyte

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Artist and Engineer



Andy Whyte was born in Bridgeport, in 1926 and grew up with a love of aviation, instilled by a father who served in both the British Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Air Force. In the Second World War he served in the U.S. Navy as a flight engineer/gunner, starting out in SBDs, then in PBMs, PBYs and PV- 2s. Andy spent a total of 10 years on active duty and reserve service. He then attended the University of Oklahoma, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. In 1951 he joined Sikorsky Aircraft working first in the Transmission Group and then in the Advanced Design Group. Most of Sikorsky people probably know him as an artist but he also did the preliminary layouts on the S-92, the "Blackhawk", ABC, the S-76 and many designs that never went into production. As to art work, Andy never had any formal lessons. He says "It is basically a hobby that got out of hand". He has also flown with the U.S. Air Force and donated about twenty paintings to the Air Force Art Program. He is now a member of the

Society of Illustrators in New York, the Society of Marine Artists and is the past President of the American Society of Aviation Artists. Quote - "Retirement is a very busy part of ones life".



Left: Corsair Low Pass

Bottom Left: F-106s of the New Zealand Air Guard - Andy Whyte up in rear cockpit of foreground aircraft



Andy has done many renderings and paintings of Sikorsky aircraft from all dates, but his other work is not often seen. We have selected paintings that show that Andy is no one subject artist, but has wide ranging interests on which to exercise his versatile talent.

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Top: PanAm S-42 Hongkong Clipper

Above:
Air Force MH-60 Rescue mission

Right: S-40



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Top Left: Curtis O2-U

Top Right: Corsairs in Pacific Theater

Left: American Airlines Curtis Airliner

Bottom Left: Two Gruman F3F-3s Peel Off

Bottom Right: Two DeHavilland DH-9s over the Forth Bridge





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A Different Drummer





Top Left: Capt. Cooke's Endeavour

off Bora-Bora

Top Right: Mallards at Sunset

Center Right: Cougar in Bridgeport Zoo





Left: Pronghorn Antelope

Right: Oyster Boat



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