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What a Lovely bit of nose art.

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## Bob Ryan.

Dear friends, as you know by now Brother Dave has decided to stand down from his post as Secretary and I have also decided to stand down as competition secretary as well, as I think it would be nice to have new blood in the job as I have done the job for some years now covering the club stand at shows. So good luck to whoever takes over. I hope you get the support from the club as I have.

Bob Ryan.

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Alan Carr    Thursday, March 3, 2005

PENSACOLA, Fla. - The biggest plane ever to land on an aircraft carrier, a four-engine turbo prop transport, has become a museum piece after the short-lived experiment, but the pilot who flew those missions says the Navy is showing renewed interest 42 years later.

The hulking Marine Corps cargo plane, configured as a tanker, is the newest addition to the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola. The KC-130 made 21 full-stop landings aboard the USS Forrestal in November 1963.

The pilot, retired Rear Adm. James H. Flatley III recalled Thursday that his colleagues doubted such a big plane could land on a carrier. The KC-130 has a 132-foot wingspan and the total weight, including cargo and fuel, ranged from 40 to 60 tons during Flatley's landings.

The C-2, which is now used to deliver cargo to carriers, has an 80-foot wingspan and a maximum weight of 28.7 tons.

``Everybody kind of laughed about (the KC-130) and said `we may look at it around the field here, but that thing's never going to the ship," Flatley said from his home in Mount Pleasant, S.C. ``Six weeks later we were all done."

Navy officials summoned Flatley to the Pentagon to discuss the project about six months ago. Today's larger carriers could more easily land C-130s, but their main interest is for the proposed ``sea basing" of troops and equipment on platforms or large ships instead of in foreign countries.

Such sea bases could include runways slightly longer than the Forrestal's 1,017-foot flight deck.

``You could run C-130s in and out of there all day," Flatley said.

The experiment began with a series of touch-and-go landings off Jacksonville and then full-stop landings off Cape Cod, Mass., all without benefit of a tailhook that usually brings carrier planes to a stop.

Instead, Flatley and his two crew members flew the plane slower than normal before hitting the brakes and reversing the engines to bring it to a stop in only about 275 feet.

``We were standing, literally standing, on the brakes before we hit down," Flatley said.

The plane also had plenty of power to get back into the air without a catapult or rockets sometimes used for short takeoffs.

Flatley, now 71, went on to set a record with 1,608 carrier landings, mostly in jets, that stood for 10 years. The KC-130 saw service in Vietnam, as did Flatley, and other war zones, most recently Afghanistan and Iraq.

A variant of the C-130 Hercules, Flatley's carrier plane made its last flight Tuesday from Miramar Marine Corps Air Station near San Diego to become part of the museum's outdoor aircraft display at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Flatley was a fighter pilot like his father, a Word War II Navy ace. He was fresh out of test pilot school at the Naval Air Test Center at Patuxent River, Md., when he got the C-130 assignment although he had never before flown anything with more than one engine.

The C-1 Trader that normally delivered supplies to carriers at sea was too small to haul large spare parts such as a jet engine. The Navy needed something bigger for carriers in the Indian Ocean far from friendly ports.

Shortly after the tests, the Navy reduced its Indian Ocean presence and the C-2 Greyhound, a larger cargo plane built for carrier use, was beginning to replace the C-1, Flatley said. ``The realization was `Gee, we know we can do this, we don't need it right now and, besides, the pilots that fly C-130s don't want to do this,'" he said.

``So they just tucked it away on a top shelf somewhere to use later."

The Navy kept Flatley's feat a secret for about a year but then awarded him a Distinguished Flying Cross. Co-pilot W.W. ``Smokey" Stovall, and flight engineer Ed Brennan, both now deceased, received Air Medals.

Another flight engineer, Al Seive, who took turns with Brennan, went unrecognized until last year when the KC-130 flew to his hometown, Cincinnati, for a belated Air Medal presentation.

## Ha! Ha! From the Norfolk Nerd.

Once upon a time, a perfect man and a perfect woman met. After a perfect courtship, they had a perfect wedding. Their life together was, of course, perfect. One snowy, stormy Christmas Eve, this perfect couple was driving their perfect car along a winding road, when they noticed someone at the side of the road in distress. Being the perfect couple, they stopped to help. There stood Santa Claus with a huge bundle of toys. Not wanting to disappoint any children on the eve of Christmas, the perfect couple loaded Santa and his toys into their vehicle. Soon they were driving along delivering the toys. Unfortunately, the driving conditions deteriorated and the perfect couple; and Santa Claus had an accident. Only one of them survived the accident.

Question: Who was the survivor?  
(Scroll down for the answer.)

Answer: The perfect woman survived. She's the only one who really existed in the first place. Everyone knows there is no Santa Claus and there is no such thing as a perfect man.  
\*\*\*\* Women stop reading here, that is the end of the joke.  
Men keep scrolling.

So, if there is no perfect man and no Santa Claus, the woman must have been driving.  
This explains why there was a car accident.

Men Keep scrolling  
By the way, if you're a woman and you're still reading, this illustrates another point: Women never listen

Subject: Fw: Wendy...

A few days before John married Wendy, he had her name tattooed on his penis to show her how much he loved her  
When erect, the name was fully visible; when deflated, it read Wy.

After the ceremony, they went to Jamaica on their honeymoon.

Wendy was delighted with John's "special emblem of devotion."

Their hotel had two beaches, one traditional and one nudist.

After two days of the traditional beach, Wendy suggested visiting the clothing optional beach.

As Wendy lay on her towel in the hot sun, she asked John if he'd bring her a cold drink.

He walked across the sand to the little hut and asked the bartender, who was also naked, for two pina coladas.

John tried not to stare, but he noticed that the bartender also had "Wy" tattooed on his penis.

"Hey," John said and smiled, "what a coincidence.

Your girlfriend must also be named Wendy."

"Oh no, mon," the bartender said and laughed.

"Mine say

..... "WELCOME TO JAMAICA. ENJOY YOUR STAY."

Subject: Fw: Profound thoughts

Did you ever stop and wonder.....

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these pink dangly things here and drink whatever comes out?"

Who was the first person to say, "See that chicken there? I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta its bum."

Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their bum when they ask where the bathroom is?

Why does your Obstetrician, Gynaecologist leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

Can blind people see their dreams? Do they dream??

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests? (This one kills me!!!!)

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables,  
then what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Stop singing and read on . . .

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you,  
but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?  
Do you ever wonder why you gave me your e-mail address in the first place?

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Just a few Patches for U.S Army.



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O.K that's it for this month, see you all next month, don't forget it's the Model of the year competition as well?