



MATTY B's

AIRWOLF
THE TRIP 3

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LOCATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

During 2006 and 2007 I took a couple of trips to the USA. During the first trip I remained in LA during the second however I was able to cover San Francisco, Las Vegas and again back to LA.

Whilst in the area I popped into some of the filming locations which appeared in Airwolf. It really was a trip of a lifetime and a fantastic opportunity to see some of the locations up close.

I have put together some of the pictures I took and I hope you enjoy looking at what the locations look like now. It was a great experience visiting the hangar that was used as the location for Santini Air, I think the best of the trip!

I have many more pictures and I am very happy to help with directions to the locations if you wish plan your own Airwolf Trip.

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MONUMENT VALLEY

Arizona / Utah

After driving from Las Vegas to Monument Valley (about 7 hours) I stayed overnight at the Kayenta Holiday Inn.

The next day I had a great tour around the Valley by a guide from the 'Sacred Monument' tour company (www.monumentvalley.net). To get to the Airwolf locations you have to go into the restricted areas.

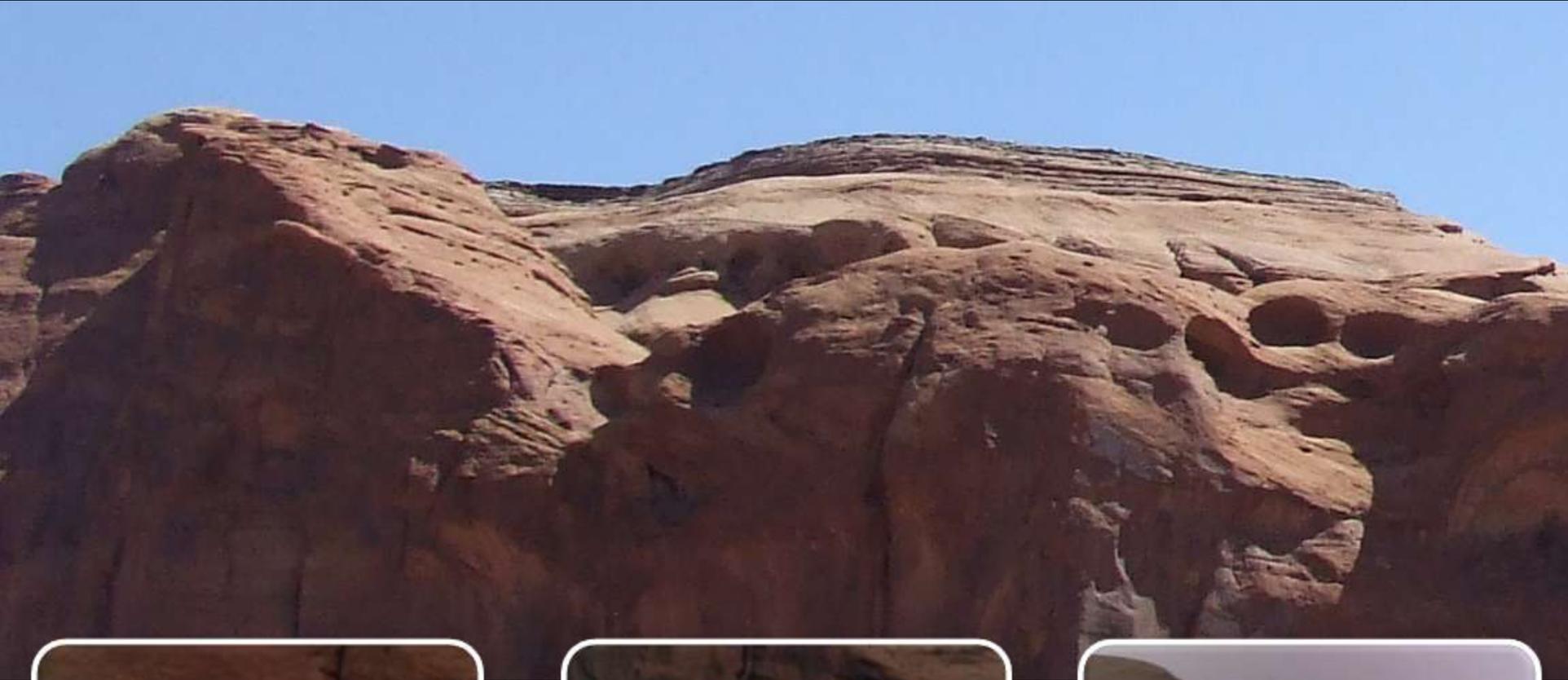




The Lair! Actually called Thunderbird Mesa. If you look to the left of the picture above you can see a line going vertically up the face of the rock. This is where Airwolf would appear from. See the picture opposite.



A close up shot of the top. I could almost see her popping out!



A full shot of Thunderbird Mesa, you can see from the pictures below that Airwolf flew over it in some of the stock footage shots.





After Thunderbird Mesa it was on to the Hidden Arch. This location was used as the vehicle entrance to the Lair.



▲ Looks like the tree has grown



▲ It even has a hole at the top



▲ Ever wondered what was inside?



▲ Walking down to the Hidden Arch



The Totem Pole

DESERT CENTER

California



Whilst driving from Vegas to LA I took a detour to Desert Center. This location was used as Pope County in the episode *'Sweet Britches'*.



Desert Center, in Riverside County California, is a small town with a population of 125 located mid way between the cities of Indio and Blythe. It lies at the junction of Interstate 10 and Route 177 (Desert Center-Rice Road).



The Desert Center Market or is it *The Rack*?



▲ The Café close up



▲ The location of the Sheriff's office



▲ Route 177



▲ Looking towards the town



The Post Office



The location where Caitlin landed her chopper



The café and location of Sheriff Bogan's Office





After experiencing Desert Center's intense heat it only seemed fitting to pop into the Café for a drink. Look what was on the wall, I was amazed at these pictures.

I thought about offering the owner some money for them but I decided better of it...

...I thought they belonged there as they had hung on the same wall for over 20 years. It only seemed fitting they remained as it is part of Airwolf's history.

I hope that anyone else who visits Desert Center feels the same!



LAKE HEMET

California



After the visit to Desert Center I drove towards California and popped into Lake Hemet. The filming location for Hawke's lake.

◀ The water level has changed but you can clearly make out the famous scenery.



▲ More pictures of the lake



▲ Taken from the pilot episode

Another picture of the lake



QUEEN MARY

Long Beach - California



After arriving in LA I visited The Queen Mary which served as the location for the third season episode '*Desperate Monday*'. The ship is now a floating hotel and opened as a tourist attraction on the 8th May 1971.



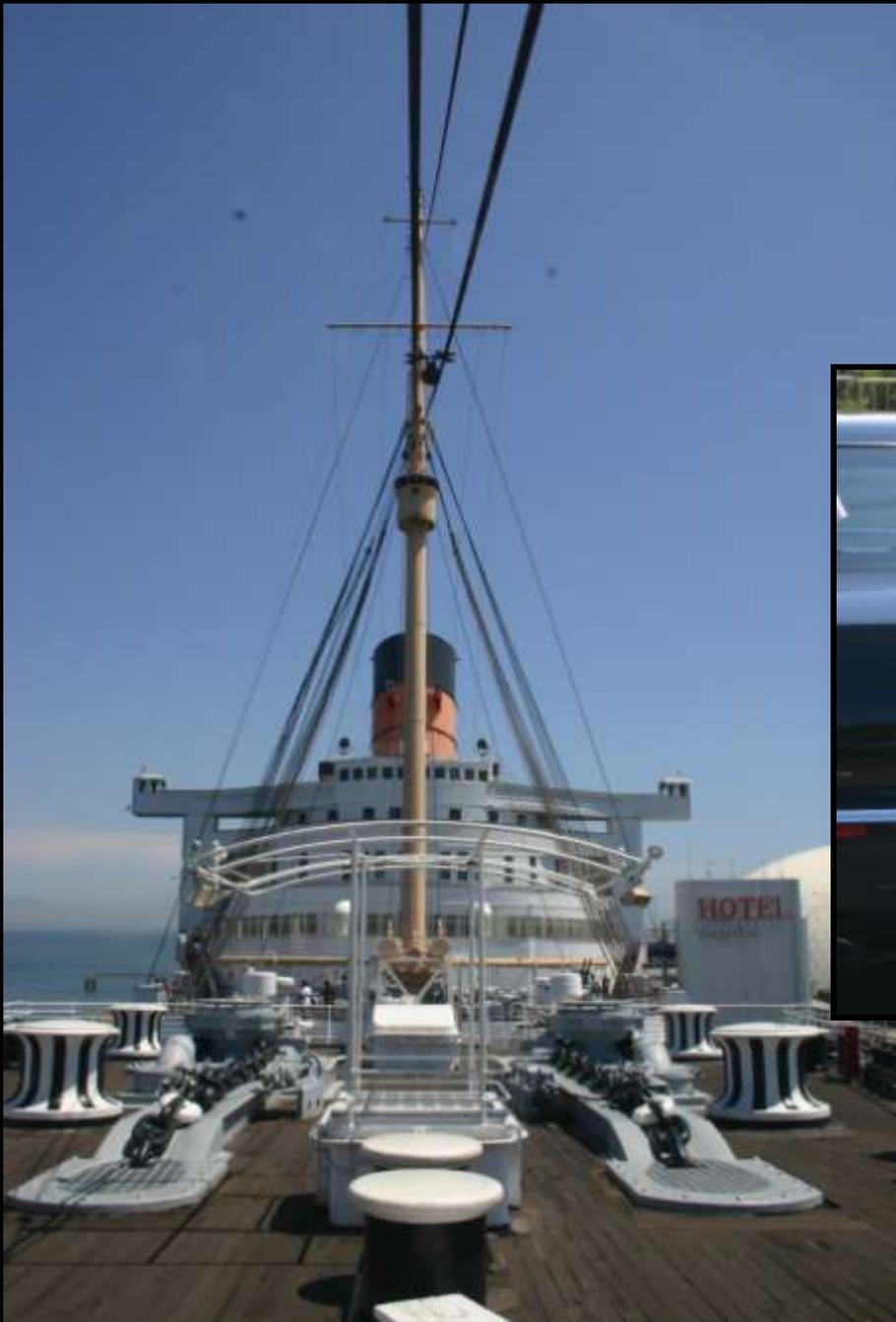
A re-creation of the famous shot from the episode, if only I was there about 20 years ago!

The Steps and walkway. Now the entrance to the Ghosts and Legends exhibit.





Sir Winston's restaurant and bar.
Taken from where Zebra Squad ran past!



◀ Taken from the bow of the Queen Mary just where Airwolf hovered.



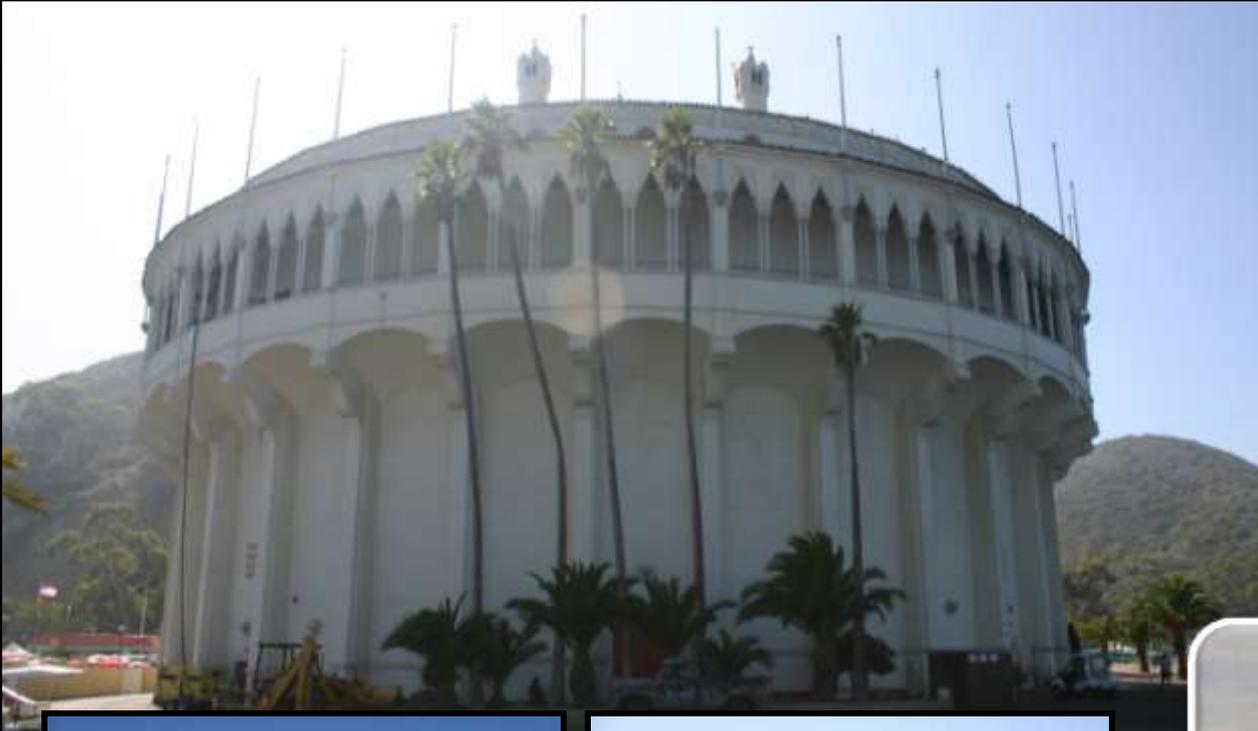
▲ I didn't expect to find this parked outside!
Does anyone know who owns this car?

AVALON - CATALINA ISLAND

California

Whilst in LA I took the Catalina Express to Santa Catalina Island, a rocky island off the coast of California. The town of Avalon featured as San Remo in the episode *'Sins of the Past'*.

◀ The famous casino built by William Wrigley in 1929.



▲ More pictures of the casino



▲ Picture of the casino taken from the episode *'Sins of the Past'*

◀ The 'San Remo' Yacht Club



▲ and ▼ The street where Hawke was chased



◀ Shots of the yacht club taken from the episode unsurprisingly its actual name is the Catalina Yacht Club!





▲ Descanso Beach.
This was where Hawke was
found after going overboard on
the boat.



THE FIRM BUILDING

Thousand Oaks, California



Whilst in LA I stopped by One Baxter Way, home of the Baxter Corporation and in the series home of the FIRM.



Some more pictures

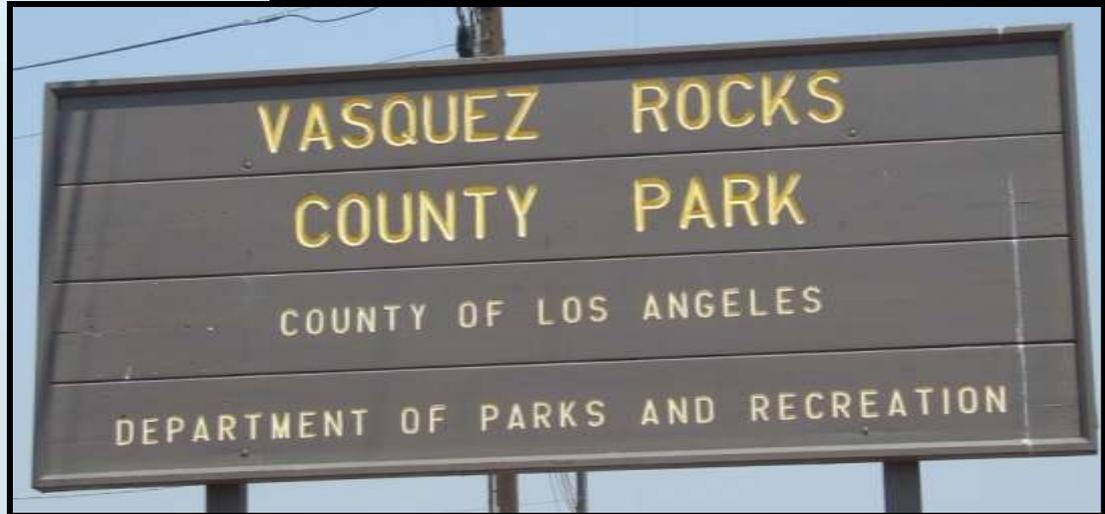
VASQUEZ ROCKS

Agua Dulce - California



Vasquez Rocks was used as the filming location for *Devil's Anvil* in the original pilot episode and again in the third season episode 'The Horn of Plenty'. I visited the rocks on both trips to LA in 2006 and 2007.





Vasquez Rocks Natural Area Park is a 905 acre Los Angeles County park acquired by LA County in the 1970s.

It is in the Agua Dulce vicinity between the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley just north of Los Angeles and can be seen easily by motorists driving on the Antelope Valley Freeway.



View of the rocks as seen in the episode *'The Horn of Plenty'*

View of the location where Red Star control was located during the filming of the pilot episode



SANTINI AIR

Van Nuys, California



Once in LA I couldn't resist a visit to Waterman Drive, the previous home of Jetcopters. This was the location of Santini Air during the show. It hasn't really changed in over 20 years!



The inside of the hangar as it stands now.
Again, not much difference.





More pictures of the outside of the hangar.



▲ The hangar opposite



▲ and ▼ the offices



JETCOPTERS

Van Nuys, California

I had to stop off and pickup a jacket from Jetcopters. I had the privilege of meeting Kevin La Rosa, his wife and son. They shared some amazing stories about Airwolf and showed me some home photos of the lady!



▲ This picture hangs proudly over the stairs! Sorry about the quality.



▲ The entrance to the offices. They now occupy the whole building and have just purchased a Lear Jet.



Another area at Van Nuys used in the show from the episode *'The Girl who Fell from the Sky'*. Next to the new Jetcopters Office.