

North American Aviation SNJ



SNJ - The Most Successful Trainer Ever Produced

The SNJ was the Navy's advanced trainer from 1936 through the forties and its primary trainer during much of the fifties. The SNJ is considered to be the most successful training aircraft ever produced. The SNJ represented a transition from the slower, less complex trainers to a high performance type that would prepare student aviators for the more advanced fleet aircraft. It was not only heavier and larger than these predecessors, but also incorporated retractable landing gear. Later versions were also fitted with arresting hooks as well as more powerful electrical systems to accommodate instrument training requirements. In addition to its training role, the SNJs were used as command and staff transports and played an important role in the development of the modern aircraft carrier.

A LITTLE ABOUT THIS SNJ

This aircraft recently underwent major restoration. This aircraft is as a gunnery trainer and is painted in the Navy's classic dark on light blue paint scheme used by combat aircraft. It has a .30 cal gun in the cowl, one on the wing, and provisions for another .30 cal gun for a rear gunner. This airplane is owned and piloted by Jim Buckley and John Currenti of the Dixie Wing. **Rides available.**

