

C-47 History

Tail number N8021Z

(United States Army Air Force s/n 43-15978)

(Construction Number (C/N): 20444)



- Circa 1943, constructed as a C-47A-90-DL by Douglas at Long Beach, California, USA. (United States Army Air Force s/n 43-15978)
- On Nov 30, 1945, the aircraft left military service and was purchased by Standard Airlines Inc. Tail number was changed to NC25644. *Note: Shield's B. Craft began the Standard Airways operation in 1946 as a non-scheduled charter company. It started with two DC-3's out of San Diego CA and Seattle WA and flew cargo and service men who had been discharged or on short leave.*



- From 1953 - ~1970, the aircraft belonged to the US based Proctor & Gamble Company. (tail numbers: N25644, N5W, N5PG)
- In 1971, the aircraft was transferred to Proctor & Gamble Company Canada Ltd. (tail numbers: CF-QZU & CF-PAG)
- In 1973, the aircraft was sold to Laurentian Air Services Ltd (Sep 5, 1973- Nov 30, 1974) (tail numbers: CF-PAG&C-FPAG)



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Notes: C-47A ex-USAF 43-15978 as seen at New Tamiami, Florida in November 1979.

- On, Jul 12, 1979, the aircraft was sold to Sunset Aircraft Sales & Leasing Inc. The Tail number was once again changed to N8021Z.
- On Oct 6, 1980, the aircraft was sold to Atkins Aviation in McAllen TX. *They were a part 135 certificate Cargo. They serviced Mexico, Continental US and Canada*
- Early 90's (Aug 28, 1991), the aircraft was sold to IFL Group in Michigan (an Auto Freight company). *They became the largest DC-3 operator in the world, until the transitioned to newer aircraft*
- Mid 90's, the aircraft was purchased back by Atkins Aviation and relocated back to McAllen, TX
- On 27 November 1998, the aircraft was once again sold. Craftech Enterprises Inc of McAllen, TX purchased the aircraft. Labeled "Beep Beep".
- On 15 May 2000, the aircraft was sold to Falcon Aero Inc, and relocated to Fredericksburg, TX (LAST FLIGHT).

Note: When the aircraft arrived at T82, it was cannibalized to rebuild another DC-3. From that point on, it has been a static display at the airport.

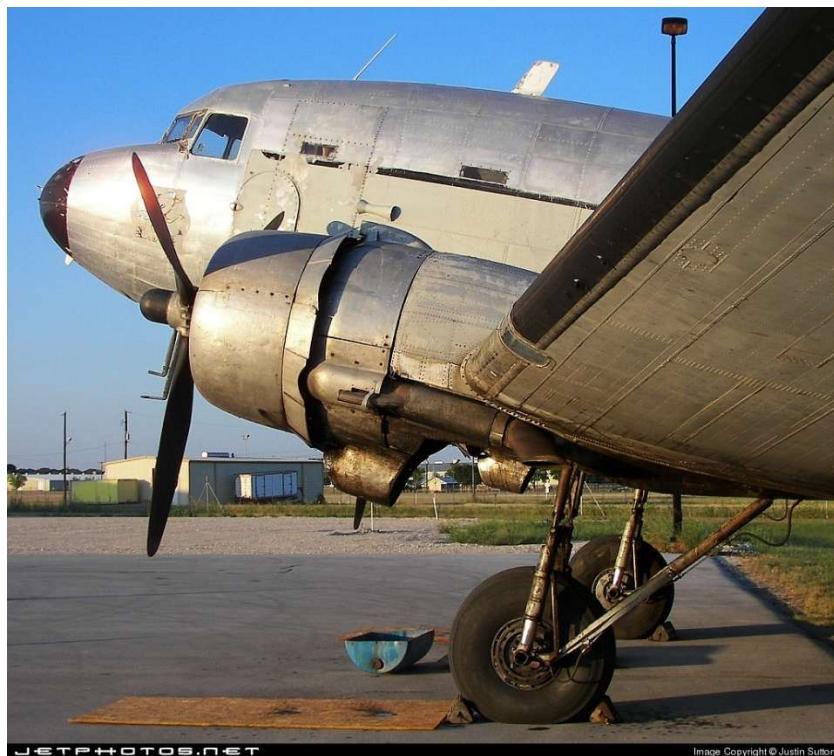
- 1 January 2012, certificate of airworthiness for N8021Z (DC3C, C/N 20444) issued.





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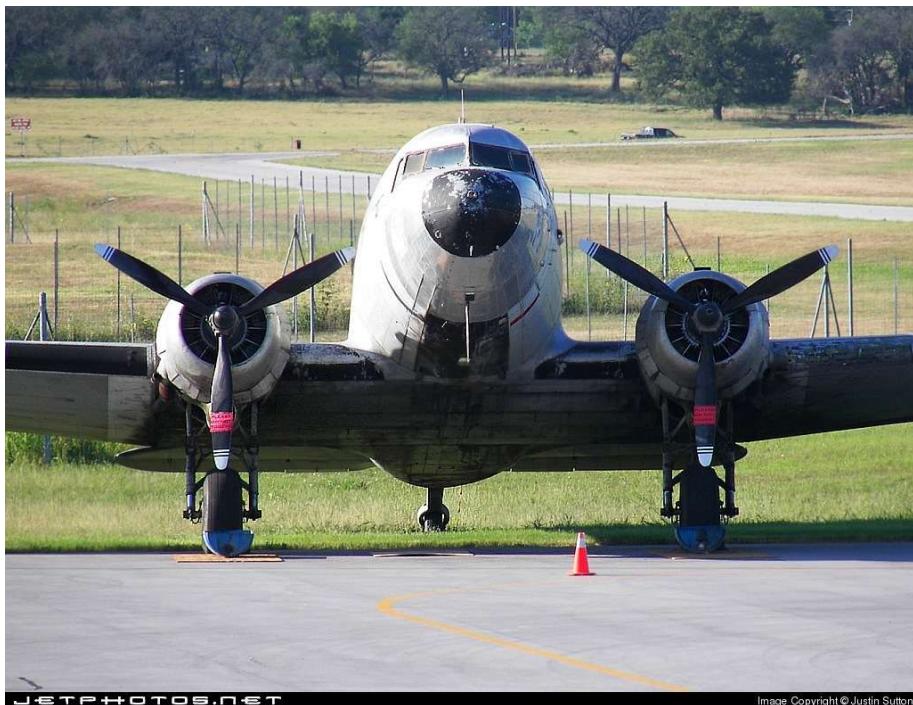


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Tail #/Registration History

McDonnell Douglas C-47A-90-DL , MSN 20444

N8021Z Falcon Aero Inc May 15, 2000

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N8021Z Corporate Express Aug 28, 1991

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N8021Z	Sunset Aircraft Sales & Leasing Inc Jul 12, 1979
C-FPAG	Laurentian Air Services Ltd Nov 30, 1974
CF-PAG	Laurentian Air Services Ltd Sep 5, 1973
CF-PAG	Proctor & Gamble Company Canada Ltd Nov 30, 1971
CF-QZU	Proctor & Gamble Company Canada Ltd Oct 19, 1971
N5PG	Proctor & Gamble Company Sep 30, 1968
N5W	Proctor & Gamble Company May 5, 1953
N25644	Proctor & Gamble Company Mar 31, 1953
NC25644	Standard Airlines Inc Nov 30, 1945
43-15978	USAF U.S. Air Force Jun 3, 1944