

# HISTORIC AIRCRAFT WRECKS — OF — SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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Clear weather and a natural harbor made NORTH PARK an early on aviation hub, but success in flight was included with devastating tragedies. In 1922, army pilot Charles F. Professionals estimate that dozens more are on the sea floor off the coastline. The remains of more than 500 aircrafts lie scattered across the county's deserts and mountains. In 1978, Pacific Southwest Airlines Air travel 178 collided midair over NORTH PARK and crashed in the home North Park neighborhood, claiming the lives of 144 people in that which was the most severe airline disaster of the period. Webber's DeHavilland biplane proceeded to go missing over Cuyamaca Rancho Condition Park. Author and aircraft accident study expert G. Pat Macha recounts these and other stories of astonishing survival, heroism and heartbreaking fatality.



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Wreck profiles right from the start of the aviation age to the brand new millennium In a typical year, San Diego County has a lot more than 265 days of sunny flying weather. There has always been a great deal of military flying in the area, and the wartime production and later on experimental aircraft operating from the Convair plant at Lindbergh Field through the late 1940s to the mid-1960s contributes to the curiosity in the region's aviation background. Southern California native, aviation archaeologist, and author G. Pat Macha provides been exploring and documenting historic aircraft wrecks for more than 50 years. Having written a fifty percent dozen books on crashes and crash sites, Macha's latest work, *Historic Aircraft Wrecks of San Diego County* (The History Press, 978-1-46711-836-1, \$21.99) information wrecks in the area right from the start of the aviation age group to the new millennium. I particularly appreciated how Macha focused on one aircraft accident with each chapter and tied that event to comparable tragedies..*Historic Aircraft Wrecks of NORTH PARK County* is split up into sections describing aircraft wrecks up to World Battle II, the war years, the ones that occurred in the incredible growth years after the war, and concludes with an interesting chapter detailing several crash sites away the San Diego coast. It is a great companion to *Historical Aircraft Wrecks of San Bernardino County* and *Historic Aircraft Wrecks of LA County*. There are dozens more historic aircraft profiles in this highly informative book. This is especially the very best of Pat Macha's series of his county-by-county survey of Aircraft Wrecks in southern California. Off-shore wrecks have huge variations from the most common fare of Navy aircraft and fine detail additional interesting types that went down in to the sea off San Diego including a 10-engine B-36D Peacemaker. Commercial wrecks detailed consist of American Airlines' DC-3 NC21799 Flagship Baltimore, and the Sept. Many of the wreck types described in the book are really uncommon, including a Douglas TBD-1 Devistator and a Vought O2U-3 Corsair. This is especially the best of Pat Macha's group of his county-by-county survey of . Macha brings about the human part of each accident, if the occupants survived or fulfilled a tragic end, showing the depth of his research, which attention to detail makes for a fascinating read.. 25, 1978, mid-air of a C-172 and a PSA Boeing 727. His understanding of where these aircraft found rest in addition has enabled him also to take numerous family members to the ultimate resting places of the aircraft getting closure to many family. Pat Macha is definitely a full time income and breathing treasure for historians just about everywhere who would like to learn about producing the past alive. For anyone with an intention in aircraft mishaps and their causes and outcomes, you can't fail with Pat Macha. One can't wait for the next reserve in this series.



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