



OL' RED NOSE

Nose Art concepts for the Commemorative Air Force P-51D "Old Red Nose" by Chad Hill

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Please find the rough pencil sketches for the “Old Red Nose” nose art project. My goal in designing this nose art for the new livery was to play up the heritage in the name “Old Red Nose” that has identified 42-73843 as belonging to the Commemorative Air Force for the last 50 years, in a way similar to my approach to the art for the “Ol’ 927” B-24 project last year.

While the B-24 project was a clean slate to start from, I felt very strongly that since the P-51 is painted as a 4th FG Mustang, the nose art created should look like it could have come from one of the artists in that time period. To that end, I felt it was important that the lettering be similar to the type of lettering used on actual planes and that certain elements found on historical 4th FG nose art be incorporated into the design, such as the use and placement of circles for the art, or placement of a pin up girl on the fuselage, or the use of a cartoon character to depict the name of the aircraft. Details like this will really set the Mustang apart, and will give the CAF an ownable nose art identity that as has been demonstrated with Ol’ 927, can be great for marketing, awareness and merchandising PX sales.

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Concept #1 features a cartoon cowboy to relate to Texas and the CAF. He is rarin' to get down to business, red nose and all. The name is handled in a style following historical examples from the 4th FG.



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Concept #2 also features a cartoon cowboy relating to Texas/CAF. "Old Red Nose" himself is craning his neck around out of the O to get a better view of the action around him.



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Concept #3 utilizes typography similar to Red Dog and features our friend "old red nose" out causing trouble while out on the town.



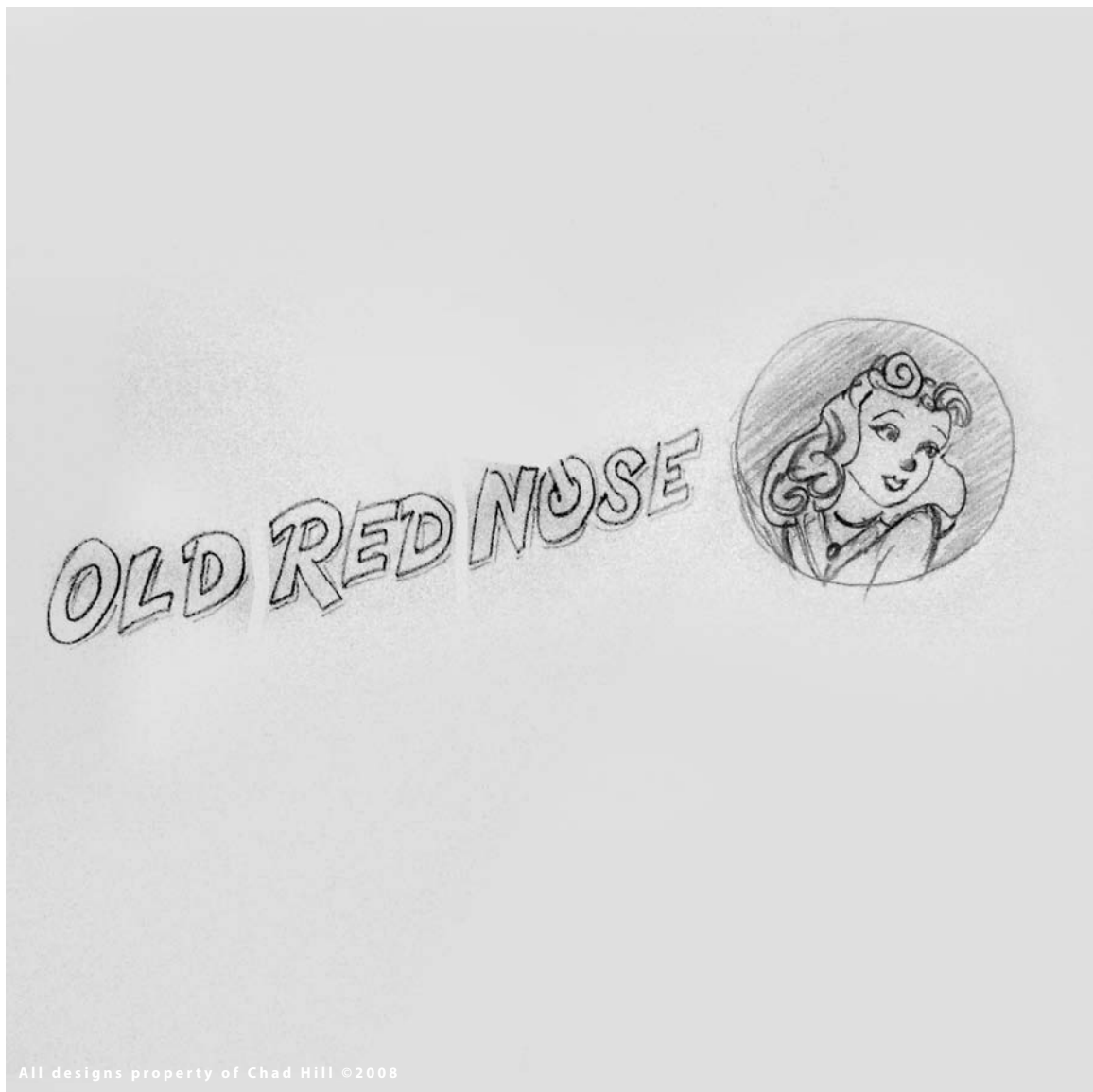
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Concept #4 utilizes typography similar to Red Dog and depicts "old red nose" as a faithful friend ready to take a bite out of Jerry, in a style similar to Iron Ass.



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Concept #5 again depicts “old red nose” as a faithful friend ready to defend his master at all costs. He is shown in a dive and his red nose and snout mimics the prop and nose of a Mustang complete with Mustang Air Vent “whiskers”. He has the national insignia star as part of his coat and his tail is in full attack mode. Collar also features the national insignia.



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Concept #6 features similar 4th FG nose art typography and light-heartedly depicts "old red nose" as the girl back home that you love no matter what.



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Concept #7 features similar 4th FG nose art typography and root tootin' cowgirl to remind everyone of Ol' Red Nose's Texas roots. Red nose optional.



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Concept #8 is the most playfully risqué, depicting "Ol' Red Nose" as a boisterous pussy cat frolics with a beautiful girl, reminding everyone of one of the things worth fighting for.