

## **Tallmantz Aviation**

***Tallmantz Aviation, Inc., was formed in 1961 by pilots Frank G. Tallman (1919-1978) and Paul Mantz (1903-1965). The firm's services included airplane operations, an FAA-approved repair facility, jet fueling, aircraft storage, and flight testing. Aviation services provided to the motion picture industry included modern and antique aircraft, aerial photography, aerial stunts and crashes, location spotting, mockups, props, research, and charters. Tallmantz specialized in aerial photography using modified B-25s that featured flying platforms. Their roster of planes also consisted of B-26s, P-51s, F9Fs, and Corsairs. Pilots and technical advisers included company president Tallman, Mantz, and Frank Pine, who was later vice president and director of operations. Tallman and Mantz both lost their lives in airplane crashes, Mantz during the filming of "Flight of the Phoenix" (1965). Mantz had previously provided motion picture flying services through Paul Mantz Air Services out of the Lockheed Air Terminal at Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport in California. The company had moved to Orange County (now John Wayne) Airport in Santa Ana, California, in 1956. Paul Mantz Air Services was then superseded by Tallmantz Aviation, which was based at the Orange County Airport. An aviation museum operated by Mantz and Tallman called Movieland of the Air Museum was located adjacent to the Tallmantz hangar. The museum exhibited historical aircraft, replicas, and artifacts, all of which were available as rentals to motion picture studios and advertising agencies. Tallmantz Aviation and the museum ceased operations around 1991.***



Frank Tallman



Paul Mantz