

Re: FWD: Paul Tibbits, pilot of "Enola Gay", dead at 92

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The friend who gave it to me mentioned that the whole keyboard's design was based on that of the IBM Selectric typewriter. I've used one of those, and still haven't figured out exactly how the letter ball worked from a mechanical point of view; but it was great when you revved the damn thing up and it hummed and vibrated like it had a 1/4 horsepower electric motor from a washing machine running inside of it. You'd think the SOB was going to jump right off the desk after tearing your fingers off. :-D

Oh yeah... I keep hoping to find one of those in a garage sale some day.