



## The Collings Foundation B-24 at Janes Field, Blaine in 2005

Shortly after repainting. She was formerly "The Dragon and His Tail".

### Hobby for a Lifetime.....

By Jack Mugan

When I was much younger there were a lot of different hobbies available to occupy a kid's free time, as we were unencumbered by the likes of TV and video games. We had the movies, the radio and comic books. So we had lots of time to indulge ourselves with hobbies like collecting stamps, matchbooks, marbles, milk bottle tops, and comic books. I'm sure there were many

other collectable items, but those come readily to mind. At that tender age, collecting model kits as a hobby wasn't even an option. We bought them, spent a pleasurable afternoon building (and maybe even painting them), and then all too often, destroying them with a left over firecracker or a BB gun. I don't remember ever owning two un-built model kits at one time.

After drifting away from our childhood hobbies, many of us

advanced to full time girls and cars as a replacement. Therefore, hobbies often re-entered our lives soon after we settled into the work and family phase, as a form of therapy or cheap entertainment. In any case, I'm sure most of us really didn't think we'd be engaged in the hobby the rest of our lives, it was just something to do when you had a few minutes. Surprise, somewhere along the way the hobby becomes a part of your life, and possi-

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## TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday August 11, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:30, so come early.

Picture your model here! Send me a photo of your model, and it'll be used to fill these little white spaces at the ends of the columns.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – July 2007

The July 2007 meeting of the Twin City Aero Historians was called to order by President Johannes Allert at 1:05 PM on Saturday July 14. Thirty-one members were present.

### Guests and New Memebers:

Mike Mischler, invited as a guest by Axel, attended the meeting. Mike builds ships, armor, and airplanes and is looking for information on the IPMS Color Guide Cross Reference.

Vendor Report: Only one vendor attended, Axel. He still has additional copies of the latest Schiffler catalogue.

Show Table: This month the Show Table was presented by Steve Hustad.

Lockheed Constellation: Bob Friskney talked about the Lockheed Constellation and the model kits available for it.

Ken Jensen: After the break the club took time to call Ken and gave him a group: GET WELL call. Ken is in rehab after breaking a bone in his hip and is recovering!

Nordic Con: Jeff Fries suggested to the club that the raffle at the event have a "premium prize" for which tickets would cost five dollars. Motion was made that the club allocate \$250 for 3 premium items for this raffle. The motion was seconded and passed by voice acclamation. Jeff will update the club on the auction at the August meeting. All members wishing to donate items to the raffle are urged to bring these to the August meeting so Jeff can prepare for the raffle.

Registration forms will be available on-line at the Nordic Con website and at the registration table day

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## From the President

by Johannes Allert

***“Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country!” ~ President John F. Kennedy***

I love that quote and have always enjoyed hearing it replayed. It not only reflects a moment in our country's history, but was also a challenge to a generation for a call to action. Now, we all know that a Hobby Club's existence pales in comparison to matters of state, nevertheless being actively involved is necessary for its survival.

Myself, as well as some of the other club officers, have chosen not to run for another term in office. Not because it's a drag or takes too much of our time. Quite the contrary! Simply put, we feel it's time for others to step up and get into the game. Ask any of the past/present Officers, Webmasters, Newsletter Editors, or Contest Chairmen and we will tell you that effort and involvement take up about 2% of your time. There may be times where it seems like more, but overall that's about it. Simply put – this ain't rocket science!

Several years back, some of the Wisconsin Clubs hosted a model contest at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, WI. Although the event sometimes felt repetitious, most would agree it was a fun time. One of the reasons for its demise was that the same 'usual suspects' had to run it every year. They reached out for a hand, and got the cold shoulder instead. As a result, the contest is but a memory.

None of us are predicting 'end of the world as we know it', but to be honest, it's high time some of the newer members get involved. As for the older, long time members - we haven't put you out on the ice flow yet! Times have changed, but the club always needs wisdom

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and experience! Our current Vice President, Frank Cuden, has been a stellar example of that!

We'll be taking nominations at the September meeting, so start thinking what you could do for your club!



of show. Cost will be \$10 for unlimited entries.

**Advertising:** Don Stauffer will get the information on Nordic Con to the IPMS Journal, Finescale Modeler, and other magazines and media. Bob Maderich also brought posters to be put in the various hobby shops in town.

**Vendors:** Sean Brzozowski will give a status report on the vendors attending Nordic Con at the August meeting.

**Special Awards:** Tom Norrbohm needs the checks for the Awards from individuals and other clubs to prepare for the event.

**Ballots** will need to be prepared for **Models of the Movies** and **Most Popular** awards.

**Judging:** Steve Hustad presented the discussion on judging for the event. Scott will put a "No Sweeps Rule" and the registration form on the Website. Based on feedback from last year's event, models will be judged before they go into the display room. Broad categories will be established (for example Ships, Figures, 1/72 Aircraft, 1/48 Aircraft). Modelers may submit multiple models in a category, but only one model per category will be judged; the decision which model, if entering multiple kits in one category will be based on the modelers choice, the judges recommendations, or a combination of both. Judges will use a point system to rate the model(s).

**Suggestions** were made to improve the event from last years Nordic Con:

1. Better sound system is needed, Bernie Kugel will help this subject.
2. Better record keeping of the funds generated by the event by tracking registration fees, public admissions intake, and money generated from the raffle(s).
3. Slide show of each winning entry to be placed on the website.
4. Placing awards by the kit so entrants and general public can see the winners at the event.
5. Club displays for the five clubs in the Twin Cities with information about joining the clubs, where/when meetings are held.

**TCAH Social Meeting and Paint-In:** The next meeting will be July 27th at Fleming Field from 7 PM to 10 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30



### **Airline Chatter** *by Terry Love*

The following are most of the airline orders for new flight equipment that was announced at the Paris Air Show during the last couple of weeks of June. The every-other-year event draws thousands of spectators, and is the vehicle of airline orders since they have a world stage at this event.

U S Airways ordered 22 Airbus A-350s, 60 more Airbus A-320s, and 10 more Airbus A-330s. Deal is worth \$10 Billion. U S Air has the largest fleet of A-320s in the world.

Emirates, the Dubai-based airline, ordered 8 more Airbus A-380s, bringing their total on order to 55. The order for 8 costs \$2.6 Billion.

Lion Air of Indonesia, ordered 40 more Boeing 737-800ERs, bringing their total ordered to 100.

GE Leasing Company ordered 6 more Boeing 777 freighters. This brings GE's total to 39 Boeing 777 freighters ordered.

Boeing announced a sale to ILFC, owned by Steven Udvar-Hazy of 52 Boeing 787 Dreamliners, 10 Boeing 737-800s and 1 Boeing 777-300ER airliner. The order came to \$8.8 Billion.

Boeing announced that sales for the 737 models have surpassed 7,000.

Kingfisher, the low cost Indian airline, ordered 15 Airbus A-350s, 5 Airbus A-340s, 10 Airbus A-330s, and 20 Airbus A-320s. The total deal is worth \$7.2 Billion.

Air France ordered 9 Boeing 777-300ERs with options for 9 more. Air France already has a fleet of 46 Boeing 777s, plus a further 14 more on order. Air France will now retire their Boeing 747 fleet.

KLM ordered 7 Boeing 737-800s.

Etihad Airways ordered 5 Airbus A-330s, 4 Airbus A-340s, and 3 Airbus A-330 freighters. The deal is worth \$2.4 Billion.

Airbus announced that they sold an Airbus A-380 super jumbo jet for a private personal jet to a man. Airbus said that the new owner is NOT from America or Europe. That leaves the oil-rich Middle East. There are 20 Boeing 747 private jets around the world.

Tiger Airways of Singapore ordered 30 Airbus A-320s worth \$2.2 Billion.

Avianca ordered 19 airliners worth \$1.9 Billion from Boeing.

Easy Jet ordered 35 Airbus A-319s worth \$2.4 Billion.

Hong Kong Airlines ordered 51 airliners from Boeing worth \$5.6 Billion.

Singapore Airways ordered 20 Airbus A-350s with an option for 20

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more. Deal is worth \$3.7 Billion.

China Southern Airlines ordered 45 airliners worth \$3.69 Billion. They will buy 25 Boeing 737-800s and 20 Airbus A-320s.

Air Berlin ordered 25 Boeing 787s worth \$4 Billion.

TAM, the Brazilian airline, ordered 22 Airbus A-350s and 4 Airbus A-330 airliners. Deal is worth \$5.4 Billion.

Saudi Arabia's National Air Services (NAS) ordered 38 New Airbus A-320s worth \$2.4 Billion.

Airbus announced totals from the Paris Air Show. Airbus says that they sold 425 firm orders in Paris. These figures include 13 new orders for their Airbus A-380 super jumbo airliner, bringing its total to 173 sold. The Airbus A-350 received a total of 141 orders, bringing its total to 232 - 154 firm orders and 78 options. The Airbus A-350s only competition is the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, which has 677 orders. Airbus A-330/A-340 series gained 132 orders, including the new A0330-200 freighter, which won 46 orders.. The Airbus A-320 gained 390 orders. Airbus now has 600 firm orders this year giving them a small lead over Boeing, which has received 510 firm orders. Boeing's orders are worth more than Airbus's orders, though.

Northwest Airlines sold 9 of its Airbus A-319s. NWA will also cut its DC-9 fleet from 115 to 93 this year.

Airbus says that 786 Airbus A-330s have been ordered and they have delivered 481 of them.

Boeing now has orders for 677 Boeing 787 Dreamliners worth over \$100 Billion. Production slots are sold out through 2013.

United Airlines will hire 100 new pilots this year. This will be the first time that United has hired pilot

since 2001. NWA is also considering hiring new pilots, since they have called back all of their pilots on lay-off.

A little humor here - Japan Airlines and All Nippon Airways modified their contracts with Boeing to add bidets to their 787 Dreamliners on order, and automatic toilet lid closers on the toilets. Remember the Continental Airlines flight from Europe a few weeks ago? I wonder how you are going to explain the "bathroom functions" to some "unsophisticated travelers" like Pakistanis, Egyptians, African tribesmen, etc.

Boeing rolled out their new 787 Dreamliner model on July 8, 2007 - 7/8/07. It is a carbon-composite, light-weight aluminum and titanium aircraft that promises a 20% savings in fuel burns. Some 50% of the primary structure is carbon composite material versus only 12% on the Boeing 777 model. Instead of panels bolted together, the 787s fuselage is woven out of composite in large barrels, saving tens of thousands of parts. Composite material will not rust, or corrode thus providing a more moist cabin for passengers. The 787 will cruise at Mach 0.85 or 570 MPH at 40,000 feet altitude. Range will be up to 8,200 miles hauling up to 250 passengers. It is 186 feet long and has a wingspan of 197 feet. List price for a 787 Dreamliner is from \$146 million to \$200 million, depending on model and configuration.



Johan,

Our son Hugo was born on 5th July (although it could be said that he made it to the 4th of July if using US Central Time. He was born 3.40 am Central European Time!)

Hugo is very well but a bit skinny so he needs to beef up a bit, birth weight was 5 lb 9 oz, though still in the normal range.

We are now back at home from the hospital. Helene is still recovering from an operation they had to make, but all is fine and improving in the right direction.



Hope you and Lori are doing fine with life and things and the dogs!

I sure miss you all over there. It's good to be able to read the Newsletter from here. Send my best regards to all the guys at TCAH, it's meeting day today!

Regards  
Mikael



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bly figures into your retirement plans as well.

The hobby of building models usually started out simple enough, solid wood or stick and paper, but then along came plastic, and the Genie was out of the bottle. It mattered little if your interest was boats, planes, armor, figures or cars, as plastic would eventually find its way into every facet of the model-building hobby. For modelers, this was an exciting time and the possibilities were unlimited. In a blink of an eye, there were model clubs to join and model magazines to buy, with model shops popping up all over town, and just when we thought it couldn't get better, imported kits arrived on the scene. There must be a God.

You're probably saying, I get all that, but what's the point? The point is the evolution of the hobby and its effect over a long period of time. The hobby never stays at entry level, but grows over the years as you learn your craft. As your areas of interests in the hobby widens, so does the scope of your abilities. Some get involved with their club as an extension to their hobby, while others may find writing about their

hobby projects in hobby related publications as another way of sharing their fun. Writing a book about your particular area of interest, or becoming involved in photography are also common extensions to the hobby as well, and often result in a whole new direction for your interest from where you started.

Back a few decades, few could have foreseen the impact of the computer and the digital camera or the sweeping changes they would bring to our lives, let alone our hobby. Where television took people away from their hobbies, the computer and digital cameras could actually enhanced the hobby experience, and open up a whole new world of opportunities. Hobby shops began to disappear from the scene being replaced by direct mail and on-line shopping. For those of us who were fortunate to enjoy the hobby shop era, this was not necessarily seen as a good thing, but times change, and we must adjust accordingly.

As I see it, the only benefit of getting older is the perspective you acquire of the changes in your life. I believe hobbies have a way of helping people through difficult times by offering moments of escape from

daily problems. These major problems can be put on the back burner for a little while, as you engage yourself in your own little world where you can feel creative and in control.

Hobbies can create memories and friendships that last a lifetime. No matter where you live or retire, thanks to computers and flat-rate long distance, we can continue to enjoy the hobby and friendships as long as we are able. Model-builders are fortunate to have a national organization with chapters all over the nation, so there is a good chance you can re-locate to a new club and enlarge your circle of modeling friends once again.

So, to summarize, though you may have started out to build a model once upon a time, over the course of a lifetime, you may well have become an artist, an author, a photographer or maybe a collector, or all of these things in the pursuit of your hobby. Only when you can look back at all the fun it's been, can you really appreciate the true value your hobby has given you, and truly feel sorry for those who didn't find the time to develop one of their own.



I'm using some old photos of this B-24 to fill out the issue, because we are out of reader submissions to print. Pop a top on a cool one, think about what you enjoy in your hobby, and write about it. You'd be surprised, what you take for granted is new and exciting to someone else.

Give it a try!

The Editor



## Agenda—August Meeting

Welcome Guests & New Members  
 What's new? News from the Vendors & Members  
 Show & Tell  
 Forum - tba  
 Break  
 Business Meeting - Nordic Con  
 Old & New Business  
 Club Raffle (If any donations from Hobby Shops)



The club is in need of your donations for the September Nordicon Raffle. We would like you, if possible, to bring them to the August meeting. See Jeff Fries for your dropoff.

Many Thanks



## Adam Sheda Goes to Fiddler's Green

By George Mellinger

I knew Adam Sheda, from back when he first started coming to TCAH in 1997, when he was still in high school. I was one of the members he latched onto, because he had an interest in the Russian "Great Patriotic War". He officially joined in 1998. Most of us remember the old Adam as an awkward kid, who had not yet mastered the social graces, or how to mix comfortably with people old enough to be his parents. But his heart and intentions were always good. I also remember that he was a superior modeler for his age. Not as skilled perhaps as members like Frank Cuden or Tom Norrbohm, but then, the old guys had been modeling three times as long as Adam had been breathing. He had the potential to become a real pro with a bit more experience

Adam left TCAH in 1999 to enlist in the US Army. Some of us thought it might be just what was needed to turn the boy into a man. We presumed that after he got discharged, he would set modeling aside and busy himself with dating, and drinking, and the other business of young men, and maybe, just maybe come back to the club about the time of his mid-life crisis.

The army was good for Adam. He completed his service in Germany and made Sergeant. Returning home after discharge, he decided that he had to join the Minnesota Army National Guard, specifically so he could go to Iraq. Adam did either an 18 or a 22 month tour, depending on which newspaper account you read. He served with C-1/136 Infantry. Somewhere along the way he made Staff Sergeant. That proves Adam did grow up. Whether he retained his interest in model building, I do not know. I do know that his experiences would have made him a much more interesting person to speak with than the kid I knew before.

Adam returned home from Iraq on June 23. Only a week later, on June 30, he was shot and killed by a neighbor in his apartment building. I very much regret that I never got to know, or even meet, the new Adam Sheda. Adam, when it comes my time, and I go to Fiddler's Green, I'll be looking for you. We'll get reacquainted, drink a few, and then you can tell me which are the best hobby shops up there.



## ON THE TABLE JULY 2007

| Modelers Name   | Kit/Manufacturer         | Scale | Comments                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Steve Hustad    | Fujimi Ju-87G2           | 1/72  | Diorama of Rudel's surrender |
| Bernie Kugel    | Otaki P-47D              | 1/48  | Work in Progress             |
| Bernie Kugel    | Fujimi Graf Spee         | 1/700 | Work in Progress             |
| Bernie Kugel    | Trumpeter USS Washington | 1/700 | Work in Progress             |
| Bernie Kugel    | Trumpeter USS Hornet     | 1/700 | Work in Progress             |
| Frank Cuden     | Fujimi A-7D Corsair      | 1/72  |                              |
| Frank Cuden     | Fujimi YA-7F Corsair     | 1/72  | Maintrack conversion set     |
| Steve Jantscher | Tamiya Jagdpanther       | 1/35  |                              |
| Steve Macey     | Academy F-8E             | 1/72  |                              |
| John Dunphy     | Academy F8F Bearcat      | 1/48  |                              |

## Directions to the Club Meeting Location

**Where: South St. Paul Municipal Airport, a.k.a. Fleming Field,** located on the southern extremity of South St. Paul, south of I-494, west of Concord Street and East of Highway 52.

### If coming from the western Twin Cities going east on 494:

- Exit at the 7th and 5th Avenue exit (Exit No.65)
- Turn right (South) on 7th Ave and go approximately .6 miles to a 4-way Stop sign. This is South Street W. To your left there will be a McDonald's; to your right front there will be a Walgreen's.
- Turn left (East) at the 4-way Stop onto
- South Street W and go approximately .6 miles. Along the way you will encounter three more Stop signs—the third Stop sign (Henry Avenue) will be a "T" intersection. At the "T" intersection on your left will be homes and on your right softball fields.
- Turn right (south) onto Henry Ave. and go approximately .2

miles toward the Fleming Field airport terminal building.

### If coming from east Twin Cities on westbound 494:

- Exit at the 7th and 5th Avenue exit (Exit No.65)
- Turn left (South) on 7th Ave and go approximately .6 miles to a 4-way Stop sign. This is South Street W. To your left front there will be a small strip mall; to your right there will be an Amoco station.
- Turn left (East) at the 4-way Stop onto
- South Street W and go approximately .4 miles. Along the way you will encounter two more Stop signs—the third Stop sign (Henry Avenue) will be a "T" intersection. At the "T" intersection on your left will be homes and on your right softball fields.
- Turn right (south) onto Henry Ave. and go approximately .2 miles toward the Fleming Field airport terminal building.

The terminal is on the right with parking available.

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