



The Collings Foundation B-17 at Janes Field, Blaine in 2005

Painted in the color scheme of "Nine o Nine".

National Aviation Hall of Fame Grows by Five

By George Mellinger

There are now 195 names in the National Aviation Hall of Fame, which was established in 1962 in Dayton Ohio. Though an independent voluntary organization, the NAHF is located in a wing of the USAF Museum at Wright-Patterson. These names commemorate some of the brightest stars of American aviation history. Enshrinees are

mainly, but not solely, pilots. Some are designers and engineers. Others may have made a contribution through business. Some are authors or even entertainers. There are aces and astronauts. All have made a significant contribution to aviation.

This year five new members were enshrined to bring the national Aviation Hall of Fame to its current total, and I had the honor of attending the banquet and Enshrinement ceremony on July 21.

This was a formal affair, tuxedo and black tie, preferably, or dark suits. Serving officers wore their formal dress blues, and those who had them wore their medals, not just the ribbons but the full gongs. After the social hour, the banquet opened with the Presentation of The Colors by an Air Force Honor Guard, preceded by a piper in full dress kit. There was an invocation, and then the first toast of the evening, to Orville and Wilbur Wright, without

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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday September 8, 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 – August 2007

The August 11th 2007 meeting of the Twin City Aero Historians was called to order at 1:10 PM by President Johannes Allert. Thirty-nine members were present.

Guests and New Members-

Please welcome Mike Jacques and Hal Hitchick, both new members. Mike models 1/144 Jets and 1/72 scale Second World War aircraft.

Vendors Report- Axel reported on a new book **Touching Space**. From **Roll Models**, **John** (welcome back!) has new books from Classic on the ME-210/410 Hornisse; **Luftwaffe at War**; and new decals from **Lifelike**. Winston, from **Wings and Treads** showed off the new I-400 submarine kit from **Tamiya**, and an M4 Mortar Carrier.

Show and Tell-Pat Butler conducted the Show and Tell, complete listing is contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Presentation-Dave Pluth discussed how to establish a website, drawing from his experience with establishing **j-aircraft**. Dave also gave tips on word processing and software needed to set up a website.

Gathering of Legends Trip-Spook Johns and Sun Country Airlines are sponsoring a trip to Columbus OH for this event. The Gathering includes over 100 NA P-51D Mustangs, and a performance by the Thunderbirds. Tickets (\$199 round trip) will go on sale Wednesday August 15th for the September 29th departure.

Presidents Corner-Johannes brought up several items for the club: Elections are coming up and the nomination process will happen at the September meeting. **12 O'Clock High** will be the movie on TPT Channel 2 tonight at 8

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From the President

by Johannes Allert

You have a 0.2 Grade Average... Fat, drunk and stupid is no way to go through life, son. ~ Dean Wormer from the movie "Animal House" 1978

September marks that time of the year where kids go back to school, and we go back to modeling! As a refresher, we've included a list of terms, slang and acronyms from our hobby. So, time to sit up straight and pay attention! Frank! Take that gum out of your mouth! Here goes!

'Boy Wonder' - An extremely talented youth who builds better than most adults. Posses the ability to make grown men wet their pants and cry at contests. Their only hope is that these 'Boy Wonders' soon grown up and discover girls. (See Fletcher Warren)

I.L.M.W. (I Love Me Wall) - Location where all model trophies (including honorable mentions and participation ribbons) hang. Replaces the use of a mirror.

IPMS National Convention - A cross between a religious pilgrimage and a weekend in Vegas. It's something EVERY modeler MUST go to before they die. By the way - information on how much you spent on models stays here when you leave here.

Joy Sucker - Modeler turned curmudgeon. These individuals take delight looking for the gray mass within the silver lining of every cloud. Why build when you can rip on someone else's project, right?

M.A.D.D. (Modelers Attention Deficit Disorder) - Affliction which occurs mostly in adult modelers where, just as soon as they start a model, they lose interest and go on to something new. The unfinished

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kit is soon relegated to the Modeler Bone Yard. (See below)

'Making candy out of crap' –

Taking a dog of a kit and making it into an award winner. (See Steve Hustad, Frank Cuden, Bob Steinbrun, Steve Macey). By the way, as soon as they finish making masterpieces from dogs, the model companies come out with a new & improved release. Just ask Steve Hustad. Happens every time.

M.E.K. (Methyl Ethel Ketone) –

High grade, fast drying glue found at Hardware stores in bulk. Also known as nectar of the Model Gods.

Model Baal – Unlike the Joy

Sucker, these individuals actually build models and have won awards - thus have become an authority on everything related to modeling. Just ask them!

Modeler Bone Yard - Place

where all unfinished projects go to **DIE!** Some Modeler Bone Yards have been known to eclipse the Davis-Monahan Storage Facility in Arizona.

Model Nazi – Distant cousin to

the Joy Sucker, these individuals export their view of the modeling world upon others with an air of authority & law. If you build it, they will come.

O.O.B. (Out Of Box) - A kit

which is built using only the parts & decals it came with. Truly a rare bird these days!

R.M.B.R (Repetitive Model

Buyers Remorse) – Person who goes out and buys a kit, gets rid of it, then buys it again, only to get rid of it – again. Reconsiders and buys it again, then...well, you get the idea. (See most of us!)

Sage – Individual who posses a

lifetime of experience and patience. Builds from scratch. ("After-market!?!? We don't need no stink-

ing after-market!") Make most of us 40 something's look like wimps by using time-tested techniques. Known to use 'Cleveland Plans' (See Ken Jensen).

Shelf of Doom – Where all recently purchased kits go and lie in wait to be built. In many cases, this can be an eternity.

Shelf Queen – Longest reigning kit on the Shelf of Doom.

Shermaholic – Person who loves Sherman tanks in any way, shape or form and will go to any length to defend its performance on the battlefield. Hint - Never use the word 'ronson' in their presence.

Speed Builder – Building a kit in record time while also doing a good job on it. This individual is known to have used legal substances (consuming 2 liters of Mountain Dew) while in the process of building an award winning kit. (See Bernie Kugel)

Trophy Hog – Individual who has already won enough awards to collapse the I.L.M.W -- just from one kit! Can't get enough of that validation! Can easily be spotted within close proximity of their masterpiece at contests. Excels at 'marketing' their model to bystanders and judges. Like the Roman conqueror, they fail to remember – all glory is soon fleeting.



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PM. Since the September meeting will be a working meeting for NordicCon, Johannes suggested that the club provide food. A motion was made to purchase party platters from Jimmy John's; motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

NordicCon- The remainder of the meeting was devoted to NordicCon planning as follows below:

Raffle- We need items for the raffle. The last opportunity will be at the September meeting to bring items in so Jeff Fries can

evaluate which raffle level these should be placed. So go through those kits, decals, and aftermarket sets so they can go to good homes and find themselves proudly on future contest tables throughout the land.

Flyers-Bob Maderich passed out more flyers to be taken to local hobby shops, he himself will take on the immovable forces at the Dungeon.

Registration and Ballots-Larry will send Dave Pluth the registration form, Dave will fix on the web site. Larry will also take care of the ballots for the People's Choice award.

Advertising-Bob reported that we do have a listing in Finescale Modeler and the IPMS Journal. Bob will also try to get the event listed in the Star-Tribune's weekend listings calendar.

Vendor Tables-Sean reported that space is very limited, as of the meeting only two tables remain.

Photography-Steve Erickson volunteered to take photos for the newsletter and web site. Winston is trying to have Jeff Herne form Model X attend and take photos.

Awards-Tom will be making the following Special Awards, those sponsoring an award need to get the money to Tom ASAP;

1. Best German Aircraft-sponsor Luftwaffe SIG
2. Best Competition Vehicle-sponsor RPM
3. Best 1/48th Armor-sponsors Wings and Treads and Zumbro Valley IPMS
4. Best Armor-sponsor Johannes Allert
5. Best Out of the Box-sponsor tentatively Wings and Treads
6. Best Polish Subject-sponsor Sean Brzozowski
7. Best USMC Subject-sponsor Mark Krumrey
8. Best Figure-sponsor Minnesota Military Figure Society
9. Most Unique Model-Minnesota Scale Modelers
10. Best Ship-sponsor tentatively Dave Pluth
11. Best USAF Subject (in

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honor of the 60th Anniversary of the United States Air Force

Goal is to have awards given out by 3 PM.

New Business

R5 2009-Winston wants feedback on interest in sponsoring the 2009 R5 at the Kaehler Hotel in Rochester MN. He has talked to the hotel and a preliminary estimate is that we could get 11000 square feet of space for \$350. Winston also reported on the 2007 R5 in Ottawa, IL; the event drew only 250 models and from his perspective as a vendor was not too successful; in addition attendance was sparse. The R5 2008 will be held in Omaha.

AMMPS Nationals-will be held in Indianapolis on April 10th through the 12th 2008....



Airline Chatter by Terry Love

Jet Blue got itself into a huge PR nightmare (worse than stranding all of those passengers on the ramp for hours in a snow storm last February) a few weeks ago. They supported a national convention called the "daily kos" which is a very far politically left hate group. When the traveling public (especially businessmen) heard about it, they left Jet Blue in droves. Jet Blue instantly dropped support of Daily Kos. The new President of Jet Blue is a politically active left wing Democrat. Public opinion of an airline works.

Northwest Airlines's fully owned subsidiary airline, Compass Airlines, took delivery of its new Embraer EMB-175 on July 18, 2007. It is the first of 36 ordered. It holds 12 in first class and 64 in coach.

United Airlines received over 1,000 qualified pilots applications the first week after they announced that they will be firing 100 pilots.

Northwest Airlines is the charter airline for 8 NFL teams this football season, including the champions Indianapolis Colts. Also NWA is the charter airline for at least 10 NCAA Division 1 college football teams. Plus they are the charter airline for Notre Dame this year including any post-season bowl games.

Northwest Airlines announced on July 24, that they will hire from 250 to 300 pilots in the next 12 months. In the next 8 days, NWA received more than 1,000 qualified applications, and by 14 days, more than 1,400 had been received.

Mesaba Airlines will build a new maintenance facility in Des Moines. It will be a 4-bay hanger and support for Mesaba's fleet of Bombardier CRJ-200s and CRJ-900 aircraft. Cost will be about \$12 million, and should be done by the end of next year.

Singapore Airways will receive their first Airbus A-380 on October 15.

American Airlines recalled 460 more flight attendants. These are all from former TWA employees. 200 more are expected to be recalled by year's end. Only a few are expected to return, since they have long since found other employment. The TWA flight attendants were all laid off in September of 2001 - all 2,069 of them.

Aeroflot, the airline of Russia, ordered a total of 44 more airliners from Boeing and Airbus for a total cost of \$5.81 Billion. Ah, Capitalism!!!!!! Aeroflot, in the past, has ordered airliners from both Boeing and Airbus.

Spirit Airlines was founded in Detroit in 1980. It has grown to become a major low-cost airlines serving mainly the east coast, Florida, and the Caribbean. They just announced that they are pulling out of Detroit and concentrating on Florida

and Caribbean development. Actually, costs were too high in Michigan, and NWA literally OWNS Detroit airlines business, and NWA is a very stiff competitor.

US Airways and American Airlines are vying for the latest America to China flights. They have found out something that Northwest Airlines has known for over 60 years - US to China air service can be very profitable. Now that China has the Olympics coming up and trade between American and China is booming, there is a huge demand for airline seats to and from China.

Compass Airlines, owned by Northwest Airlines, will begin service from Detroit in January to various cities. Compass will have 10 jets by the end of the year, and the remaining 26 by the end of 2008. This will enable NWA to start retiring more of their Douglas DC-9 airliners.

Cathay Pacific Airlines of Hong Kong just ordered 5 more Boeing 777-300 ERs bring their total to 23 Boeings on order. The 5 new Boeing 777-300-ERs will cost \$1.4 Billion. Cathay Pacific currently operates 24 Boeing 747-400s, 17 Boeing 777-300s, 6 Boeing 747-400 freighters, 7 Boeing 747-200 freighters and 6 Boeing 747-400 freighters that Boeing is converting from passenger aircraft to cargo aircraft. Cathay Pacific has 2 more 747-400 BCF and 6 more Boeing 747-400ER freighters on order. Additionally, Dragonair, a Cathay Pacific subsidiary, operates 6 Boeing 747 freighters with 3 more Boeing 747-400 BCF freighters on order. The cargo by air business into and out of China is booming, growing, and expanding very rapidly.

Commercial air travel has grown 8 percent in the past five years, from 683 million passengers per year in 2001, to 740 million passengers in 2006, and the FAA expects that number to jump to 1.2 Billion passengers by 2020. The airlines will be growing respectively.

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However, a very large number of airline pilots are in their 50s, and will be retiring on the mandatory age limit of 60. Therefore, it is expected that there will be a shortage of qualified airline pilots in the next few years. This has already affected some countries like Japan, and the Middle East where the majority of their pilots are not native to that country. After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, many of the 10,000 pilots who were furloughed opted to take early retirement packages, changed professions, or sought pilot jobs with international carriers.

Jet Airways of India, has most of their pilots from America. It is a global industry now. A pilot can take his skills anywhere in the world and be hired. Also, a portion of skilled former military airline pilots are National Guard members, and are deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, and cannot be used by airlines. Also many prospective civilian pilots have been discouraged by the pay cuts and reduced benefits in the industry. The average salary for a first officer in his fifth year in 2004 was \$95,000 (after various pay and benefits cuts), but fell even further to \$83,000 in 2007.

Boeing has announced that their new 787 Dreamliner will not fly until October sometime. The first deliveries of the 787 to the airlines will go to All Nippon Airways by the end of May. In the meantime, the 787 must pass all flight testing and qualifications. It took 11 months of flight testing for the Boeing 777. Several Chinese airlines are next in line for deliveries who want to use them for the Olympic games in China which begin in August of 2008.

Midwest Airlines has been sold to an investment group called TPG Capital - a private equity firm with Northwest Airlines being a substantial investor - for an amount in excess of \$400 million. TPG has been

investing in airlines for years. Air Tran Airlines pulled out of the bidding. This prevents Air Tran from having a hub in Milwaukee and competing with NWA there. Midwest Airlines has 50% of the flights in Milwaukee while NWA has about 20%. Lets see now - Midwest has a hub in Milwaukee, and is the largest competitor with NWA there. Now NWA has "some input" with TPG, who now owns Midwest. I wonder if some competition will be less in Milwaukee in the future - Hmmm mmmmmmmmm. NWA will start code-sharing with Midwest, and "explore joint cost reductions such as joint fuel purchasing" and that is only the beginning.



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whom, there would be no Aviation Hall of Fame. Without whom, you and I would have no hobby. There followed the introductions, speeches, the banquet itself, and then the awards.

First on the list of Enshrinees was my friend Walter



Boyne, the reason I attended.

I'm proud to say that I have been Walt's friend for seven years now. Walt joined the Air Force in 1951 and soloed in December 1952. There followed a twenty-three year career flying the B-50, B-47, and B-52, and participating in some of the early nuke tests, and also a tour in Southeast Asia. After retiring from the USAF, he took a position with the Smithsonian Air Museum, and became director in 1981. Among his specific accomplish-

ments are the restoration of Silver Hill, the beginnings of the Udvar Hazy Museum, and the creation of *Air & Space* magazine. Subsequently he became involved in Television, including the *Wings* series, and much else. Along the way, Walt began writing, even before leaving the Air Force. As of now, he is the author of a thousand articles, 44 non-fiction books, and 7 novels, all concerned with aviation. And still counting. During Walt's career, he has gone from writing simple books about the winged hardware we so love, to serious histories, and more recently to aviation books of serious strategic analysis. Some of his books have been translated into Russian and Chinese, and are part of the curriculum for senior officer education in those, and other countries. Yes, it is true that Walt's productivity has increased since the introduction of computerized word-processing. But still he is remarkably productive, seemingly always at his keyboard. I know my emails are received and answered almost always within minutes; Walt is obviously at the keyboard when I intrude. And though not documented in his enshrinement, Walt should also be recognized as a leader and scholar who inspires other writers. He has been a principle influence motivating me to continue my writing and serious researching, and through shared e-mails I have become friendly with other noted scholars who have benefited as Walt's acolytes.

The second enshrinee was Steve Fossett, who has set 116 official world records in numerous fields, sailboats, balloons, dirigibles, gliders, and of course, airplanes, including the first solo, non-stop, round-the-world speed record, and a 50,727 foot altitude glider record. On my drive home from Dayton, I was inspired to complete my 900 mile trip in 16 hours, non-stop, save for food & fuel.

The third enshrine was one Evelyn Bryan Johnson. This lady

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IPMS – Twin City Aero Historians’ “NordicCon”

Category:

Entry Number:

Model:

Scale:

Manufacturer:

Modifications/Notes:

Name:

Address:

Category: Entry Number:

Agenda—September 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 September meeting. See Jeff Fries for your dropoff.



Many Thanks

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has amassed a total of nearly 60,000 hours of flight time in her log, mainly as a flight instructor, though also as a racing pilot. She has also worked with the FAA and other aeronautics commissions, has sold Cessnas, and still works as a regional airport manager. Oh yes, I almost forgot to mention, she is 97 years old. She told the audience "I'll retire some day when I get old enough". Evelyn is described as "a role model for girls". Bull! – she should count as a role model for just about any man as well!

Next was Sally K. Ride, America's First Lady of Space with

two trips into space and participating in numerous managerial aspects of NASA management including participation in both shuttle accident investigation committees. Another one who should be an inspiration to more than just the ladies.

Finally, there was Frederick K. Smith. He served two tours in Viet Nam, the first as a combat platoon leader, and the second as a FAC pilot flying the OV-10A, with over 200 sorties. After he left the service, he got a business idea, and founded FedEx, of which he is now the Chairman, President, and CEO. We were reminded that FedEx, which has revolutionized the way

corporations do business, has a fleet of 600 transport aircraft, which makes it one of the largest air forces in the world, probably just missing the ten largest distinction. Here we have a man who is a flier, but was enshrined not for his flying, but for his business contribution to aviation.

Next year, I intend to attend the ceremonies again. It is officially still a secret until December, but I have learned the name of one of next year's enshrinees, and I don't want to miss it. Besides, it will mean yet one more visit to Wright-Patterson.



ON THE TABLE AUGUST 2007

Modeler	Scale/Manufacturer	Subject	Comments
Steve Jantscher	1/35 Tamiya	Jagdpanther	
Steve Jantscher	1/35 DML	STUG-III	work in progress
Mark Jacques	1/35 DML	E-100	
Mike Jacques	1/110 Monogram	B-58 Hustler	
Mike Jacques	1/100	'Fantasy' Fw-380	
Mike Jacques	1/48 Otaki	Ki-44 Tojo	
Bernard Kugel	1/700 Tamiya	IJN Yamato	Tom's Modelworks etch
Gary Anderson	1/30 Games Workshop	Tombking Chariot	
Fletcher Warren	1/35 Tamiya	Bergepanzer	CMK resin/scratch build WIP
Rick Verner	1/72 Airfix	N/A F-86D Sabre	WIP
Rick Verner	1/72 Hasegawa	Republic P-47D	WIP
Rick Verner	1/72 Hasegawa	AH-64 Apache	WIP
Hal Hitchcock	1/32 Tamiya	Mitsubishi Zero	
Steve Hustad	1/72	Junkers Ju-88G1	destroyed plane diorama

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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