



Nordicon 2008

A Table of Planes, of Cars, of Tanks, Even of Sci Fi

NordicCon Wrap-up by Bernie Kugel

This Years NordicCon was considered a great success. It was held at the North Aire Banquet Hall (Knights of Columbus) on Sept. 27, 2008. It was are first year at this venue and with almost 4000 sq.ft. We had plenty of room, and lighting was decent. We had several vendors at NordicCon with 25 tables sold.

We had a total of 90 entrants, with a total of 343 models in competition. We had 288 models in

Open, 48 in our theme "Back to the Fifties", and 7 models in our Junior category. We gave out in awards a total of 15 golds, 18 silvers, and 16 bronzes.

For the first time that I know of at a model contest. This years NordicCon had food available on-site. A special thanks goes out to Vicky and Judi and the rest of North Aire Catering for putting on a great spread. The spaghetti dinner was a big hit and I hope this is something that will be considered for future NordicCons and other model contest as well.

And another special thanks to Steve Jantcher, and Mark Hembree at FineScale Modeler for taking pictures. This helps promote our contest and our local clubs.

The only complaint that I heard was some people were disappointed that it was not a judged contest. I have decided that I will take over as head judge for the next NordicCon and if it works out, I will continue as head judge. So my hopes is that it will only get better in the future.

Thank you for all the volunteers
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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday October 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.

From the Vice President

by Larry Donovan

First off, I hope everyone had a great time at this year's NordicCon! I know my wallet/checkbook was substantially lighter than when I walked into the building; and I "burned" through two sets of batteries taking pictures of the great models on display. Comments from the feedback forms we passed out at the registration table were very positive, the new venue getting particularly high marks. A big thank-you to all the volunteers who took the extra time to help on this year show, and especially to Bernie for putting it altogether! A great job done by all. We'll have more re-cap on NordicCon in this newsletter and at the meeting. More importantly, for me at least, was the inspiration I get at shows/contests like NordicCon.

It comes from simple things like asking a fellow modeler how did he get that great weathering job, or how that kit went together. It is the people, both the organizers of the event and the attendees who make the event special!

The October meeting on the 11th has quite a lot to offer for everyone, so I encourage you all to "C'mon down" (or up, or over, depending on where you live!). First, I get to conduct the meeting...should be good for a laugh or two as I stumble over simple English words. More importantly, we will have Don Stauffer talking about photographing models (the plastic ones we build!!) in our continuing seminar series. As I said above we will re-cap NordicCon for the club from the financial aspect as well as what we did well and what we could do better. We will also continue the countdown to "Election 2008" by taking any additional nominations; a subject I'll return to in a minute. We'll have our vendors' reports on what's new on the market, time to get those holiday "wish lists" ready. Because of all the above, I would like to start the meeting proper at 1

PM.

As I stated before in this missive, we will be taking any additional nominations for club officers at the October meeting. I really want to encourage you, the reader, that if you can spare some time and talent, our club would benefit! We can have the fattest treasury report in the world, and have great ideas on what to do, but the truth be told, nothing happens without the other part of the equation: Talent + Time + Treasure = a successful, fun Twin City Aero Historians club. Whether it is a NordicCon, a pizzafest, a club auction, or the many things we do throughout the year, nothing happens unless there is someone who steps up to the plate to carry it off. For these events and happenings to continue we need your ideas and inspiration, and time and talent. Please consider running for an office, or taking care of one of the events we sponsor each year, or maybe you have a great idea for a new event---we can get it done! All it takes is Talent + Time!!!

One last thing before I sign off on this month's missive. Don't forget the Bernie Kugel Challenge: Best Brush Paint Model (or Air-brushed Figure, if you are so inclined); while the contest will be judged at April's meeting, it is never too early to start...believe me I know! Until the October meeting, happy modeling!!!



Airline Chatter

by Terry Love

Delta Airlines will begin service from Nashville to Cancun, Mexico. This is a further example of how Delta is adding on international flights and not domestic.

Continental Airlines will begin service Newark to Shanghai, China using Boeing 777-300 equipment.

Southwest Airlines fuel hedge is running out. Southwest will cut nearly 200 flights starting in January, due to high fuel costs. Southwest still plans to take delivery of 14 new Boeing 737-800s next year, and retire some older Boeing 737s. Southwest will end up with around 530 Boeing 737s.

United Airlines will layoff 1550 flight attendants or 10% of their total, in order to cut costs.

Zoom Airlines of Canada, a low-cost trans-Atlantic carrier, has filed for bankruptcy.

Alitalia, the national airline of Italy, has filed for bankruptcy.

Alaska Airlines retired the last of their MD-80s on August 30th. Alaska's fleet at the end of this year, will be 116 Boeing 737-800s. The MD-80 burned 1100 gallons per hour while the Boeing 737-800 burns only 850 gallons per hour. Both hold roughly the same amount of passengers and freight.

U S Air will begin flights to Tel Aviv, Israel next July.

Gulf Air ordered 4 more Boeing 787 Dreamliners, bringing to 24 the total number ordered by Gulf Air.

Spirit Airlines, a low cost carrier, laid off 120 pilots of the 500 that fly for Spirit. This is due to a drastic cut back of flights, and parking of equipment. Cause - high jet fuel prices.

Alaska Airlines will cut 1000 jobs

in its shrinking of size.

S7 Airlines, the Russian airline founded after the collapse of the Soviet Union, is doing a TOTAL fleet renewal. They are parking ALL Russian made aircraft. They have terrible operational and environmental performances. S7 Airlines is the second largest airline in Russia behind Aeroflot. S7 Airlines received 6 new Airbus A-320s and 8 Boeing 737-800s this year. Next year, S7 Airlines will receive 4 more Boeing 737-800s and 7 Boeing 767-300ERs. In 2009, S7 Airlines will also receive 25 new Airbus A-320s. In 2010, S7 Airlines will receive 10 Boeing 737-800s. In 2014, the first of 15 Boeing 787 Dreamliners will arrive. Could Aeroflot be in deep trouble with this plan by S7 Airlines?

Continental Airlines will cut 363 pilots from its payroll due to parking of some airliners. 216 other pilots will take leaves or early retirement. 140 pilot jobs were saved when pilots agreed to trim their work hours below 80 hours per month to around 60 hours per month.

Midwest Airlines has returned all of their flight equipment, or parked, and kept 9 Boeing 717s for a smaller operation. They sold routes to Republic Airlines for \$60 million to keep in operation.

Olympic Airlines of Greece, is owned by the Greek Government. They are going to shut it down, and re-launch it under a new structure. This is thier way of bankruptcy.

Alitalia Airlines, the major airline of Italy, is in really bad financial condition. The end may be a few days away.

Singapore airlines received its 6th Airbus A-380 Super Jumbo airliner on Thursday, September 18.

Qantas Airlines of Australia, took delivery of its first Airbus A-380 super jumbo jet, on Friday, September 19.

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and help we received the day of the contest. NordicCon is one of the premier contest in the states, and it couldn't be this way with out your help. And a "Very Very Special Thank You" to Bob Maderich who helped me out with advice as well as hard work when I needed assistance.

Thank you for a great NordicCon,
Bernard Kugel
2008 NordicCon Chair
Twin City Aero Historians



2008 NordicCon Awards list: "Back To The Fifties"

Best of Show:

Paul Ooi – Supermarine Seafire Gold:

Tom Bausch – FJ-1 Fury
Bernard Kugel – USS Antietam
Merrill Anderson – F-84G

Silver:

John Bernier – F4U5N Corsair
Bob Maderich – '50 Ford pickup
Bob Folder – Grumman Bearcat
Bronze:

Jim Schnettler – '57 Chevy
Eric Zabel – '55 Chevy
Dave Gatz – Bell H-13

2008 NordicCon awards list: Special

Best Competition Vehicle by RPM
Jim Mulligan – McClaren M8B

Best Ordinance

Peter Rasmussen – Sdkfz 251/9

Best German Jet (1937-Present) by
MN Luft SIG
L Hektor – He.162

Best Ship

Clayton Johnson – VASA

Most Unique Model by Minnesota
Scale Modelers

Chris Olsen – Logging Scow "Bull
of the North"

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Best Polish subject
Rob Folder – PZL-24

Best Figure by MMFS
Scott Premeau - 82nd Airborne

2008 NordicCon awards list:

Open

Gold:

Eric Zabel – F-4B Phantom
Tim Streeter - "Mail call" Diorama
Scott Johnson – Sdkfz 251/22
Jim Mulligan – '49 Ford
Steve Erickson – Spitfire Mk.V
Jim Thiewes – SS Sturmtrouper
Scott Premeau – 82nd Airborne
Peter Rasmussen – Grille
George Ramono – Stalenez
Ray Smith – Ba.349 Natter
Chris Ross – Imperial Star
Destroyer
Mike Bedard – DUKW

Silver:

Eric Morningstar – P-47D
Tom Morgan – Neiuport 28
John Bernier – Templar Sgt
Hal Hitchcock – A-1J Skyraider
Jim Kloek – USS Alaska
Scott Johnson – Ju.87 Stuka
Rick Rasmussen – Ferdinand
Clayton Johnson – VASA
Kyle Nelson – T-34/76
Merrill Anderson – Neiuport 17
Bill Reed – '70's Garage Diorama
Tom Bausch – Ryan Dark Shark
Robert Hayman – Beverly Hillbilly's
truck
Sean Brzozowski – Polish F-16C

Bronze:

Scott Harvieux – USS Enterprise
CVN-65
Rob Schape – Tiger I
Kirby Hughes – '74 AMX
Jim Ross – NX-01 Enterprise
Paul Ooi – IJN Yamato
Jim Johnson – '70 Plymouth
Curtis Wacker – Yugoslavian AA
tank
Rob Folder – CH-47 Chinook
John Dillon – Ohka Bomb
John Dunphy – Ki-84
John Larson – T-65 X-Wing fighter

2008 NordicCon awards list:

Juniors

Best Junior:

Dakota Knight – Willy's Jeep

Silver:

John Schnettler – '40 Ford Coupe

Bronze:

Ariana Vermilyea – Kuragone

Joe Ooi – Gundam



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES –
September 2008**

Bob Maderich called the meeting to order at 1:15. Larry Donovan gave the Tres. Report. Axel, John, and Greg gave vendor reports. We would like to change up the display case. Please see Ken Hornby as he has the key. Merrill Anderson "Ground Pounder" contest has been held. Sean Brzozowski's Polish F-16 took first. Rick Verner's A-4 took second. And Bernie Kugel's Su-25 Frogfoot took third.

The club made a motion and decision to purchase new halogen lights for NordicCon. We had Nominations for next years officers. President: Dave Nelson, Vice Pres. Larry Donovan, Treasurer: Dave Hueffmeier, Secretary: Merrill Anderson. We will have more nominations next month.

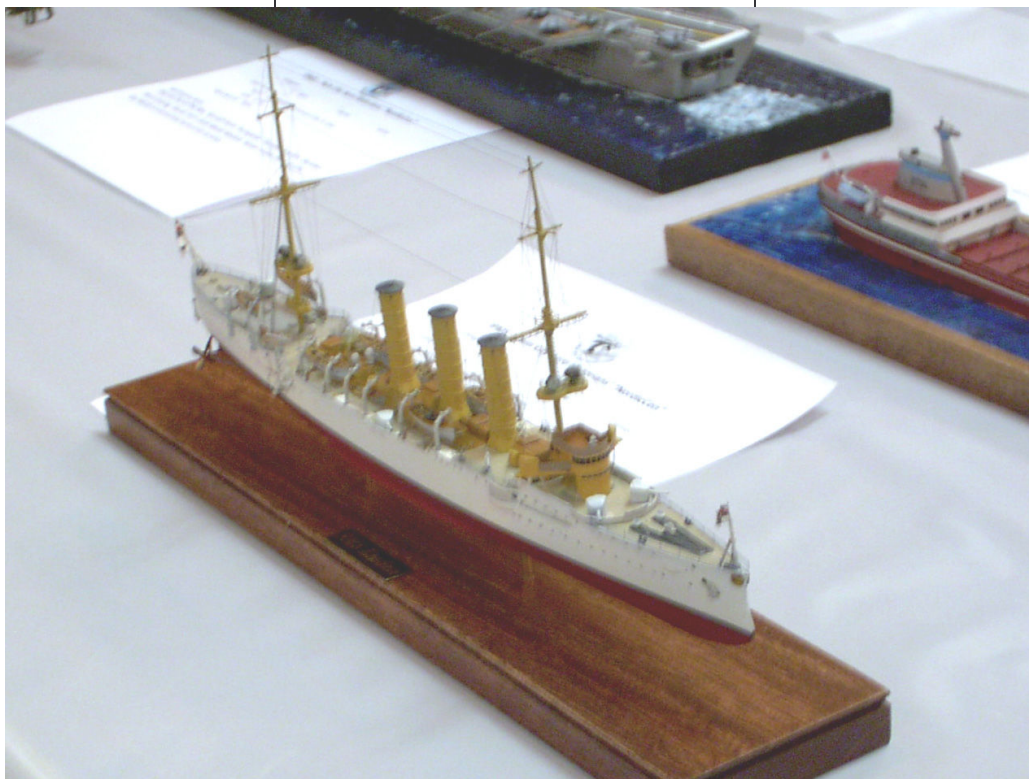


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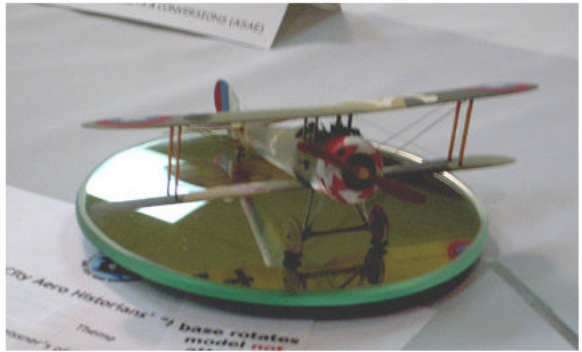
We're running out of 'Good Stuff' and need to fill some of this white space. Not only could you write something, but photos of Models like Frank's O-2 on the cover (see the kind of placement we'll give you) or photos of planes at air-shows (or anywhere) like those in this issue are great, too.

Email submissions to the editor at bob@loumc.com or mail them to the address on Page 2.





A Selection of Images from Nordicon 2008



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ON THE TABLE September 2008

Name	Model	Manufacturer	Scale
Bob Maderich	Lancia Rally Car		1/24
"	Tiger I Diorama	Skybow	1/48
Bernie Kugel	3 F-18 Hornets	Hasegawa	1/72
"	IJN Kirashima	Fujimi	1/700
"	USS Juneau	DML	1/700
Mike Mishler	Jagdtiger	Tamiya	1/35
"	Typhoon mkIIb	Monogram	1/48
Gary Anderson	IJN CL Myoko	GHQ	1/2400
Steve Hustad	Ju-52 diorama	Heller, Prieser	1/72
Nora Verner	Ki-43	Fujimi	1/72
"	F-8 Crusader	ESCI	1/72
Patrick Verner	Hurricane	Airfix	1/72
"	SBD Dauntless	Testors	1/72
Rick Verner	2 A-4 Adversary	Monogram	1/48
"	OA-4M	Monogram	1/48
"	OA-4M	Italeri	1/72

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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The Twin Cities Aero Historians (TCAH) meet the second Saturday of every month at 1:30pm.

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