



## 1/48 Accurate Miniatures B-25 C/D by Mark Rossmann

The B-25C was manufactured at the Inglewood North American and the B-25D was manufactured at the Kansas City North American plant, with deliveries of both models beginning in January of 1942. Block numbers for "C" and "D" were identical; -5, -10, -15, -20, -25. The "D" had two additional block numbers of -30 and -35. In all 1619 "C" and 2290 "D" models were produced.

Autopilot, 24 volt electrical

system, larger wing tanks and removable bomb bay tank became standard features. The more powerful R-2600-13 engine with Holly Carburetors replaced former R-2600-9 engines. Individual exhaust stacks requiring exit fairings on the cowlings gave later "C" and "D"s an easy identification feature. The bomb bay was enlarged; fittings to carry under wing bombs increased load from 3,000 lbs to 5,100 lbs, and short belly torpedo were in-

cluded. .50 caliber nose gun replaced the previous .30 caliber, also adding an astrodome for the navigator to take star/sun fixes.

67 "C" and "D" models went to the British as "Mitchell II's", 162 to the Netherlands, 4 to Canada and 29 to Brazil. One "D" was converted to an F-10 photo recon, which proved successful. Ten more were ordered with more powerful R-2600-29 en-

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**TCAH This Month**

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday February 13, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:30 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:30, so com early.

**Secretary's Notes**  
*by Mark Jacques*

Thank you Gene D. and Erik Zabel for coming to check us out. Erik brought in a variety of subject matter for the table. Very impressive, indeed (now there was mention in the background of a ship or some other watercraft).

Bernie K., encouraged by his experiences with the Pegasus Mustang and Zero kits has issued a challenge for the June meeting. The challenge: build either a 1/72 HobbyBoss Snap-Tite kit, a 1/48 Pegasus E-Z Snapz kit or an Eduard "Week-end" kit.

New business for the February 2010 meeting: Nominations for the TCAH Annual Awards. As usual, these are:  
.Member of the Year  
.Modeler of the Year  
.Historian of the Year  
.Newsletter of the Year

Great news! Nordicon 2010 is on for Saturday, 25 September 2010. This year's event will be held (with thanks to John Ross, Jr., hereafter known as: "JR") at Productivity, Inc., 15150 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, Plymouth, MN 55447. The theme for this year is "**Higher, Faster, Farther**".

The committee consists of:  
John Ross - Chair  
Bob Maderich - Vice-Chair  
Bernie Kugel - Judging  
Sean Brzozowski - Vendors

As in the past, John Roll has graciously offered to coordinate with IPMS for the announcement. Don Stauffer will likely help out again with the fliers since he has copies of previous years fliers. The usual crew of "volunteers" and "draftees" will be

"encouraged" to participate when called upon for their expertise and talents. JR is looking for volunteers for various areas: an assistant to FSM, Security team and lead; registration, and clean up among others. The committee will present further details as they become available.

The club Constitution and By-Laws have been updated as voted on and by the time you read this should be posted on the website (hopefully I will remember to get them to Sean on time!!!).



**From the Prez**  
*by Larry Donovan*

I do hope the February newsletter finds everyone bundled up against the wild cold winds of January; hopefully those of you in the Northlands receiving the newsletter by mail will not get lost between mailbox and hearth. And I hope that we are all crouched amongst the workbenches throughout the land; we cannot wait to see your latest creations on our show table or at the upcoming contests (of which more below).

The good news is that we will be throwing a Nordic Con fete this September 26th. Thanks are due to the diligence of John Ross in obtaining a no-cost venue, and we should also thank the firm for which he works for providing this space. Thanks are due to Bob Maderich (Bob II) for helping John and evaluating the site's potential for having the contest and show at this location. Additionally the club also thanks Gary Chambers who did a great job in "reconning" the CAF hanger as a possible site.

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**Airline Chatter**

by Terry Love

Boeing flew 787 Dreamliner number two on December 23, but this time it was already painted in full livery marking of ANA – All Nippon Airways.

LAN, the airline of Chile, ordered 30 Airbus A-320s. Cost of the deal is \$1.97 Billion.

China Eastern Airlines ordered 16 Airbus A-330s. Cost will be about \$2.6 Billion.

SAS has contracted to sell its entire fleet of MD-80s to Allegiant Air Lines.

Mesa Airlines, the regional commuter airline, filed for bankruptcy on January 5. They plan on trimming the fleet, and to re-energize as a stronger airline. They will park 52 of their 130 airliners, and retire 25 more.

Northwest Airlines retired its last Boeing 747-200 series on December 29, 2009. Its crew was Captain Bruce Correll, First Officer Shannon Pastewicz, and Second Officer Kathy O'Brien. Its last flight was from Tokyo to Chicago O'Hare. It was freighter N632US, fleet number 6732. Even though it still as some useful life remaining on the hull, it was flown to Arkansas for scrapping.

Northwest Airlines logo is fading away. After 84 years of service, Northwest Airlines will fade away in the next two months. The FAA approved the merger of Delta Airlines and Northwest Airlines on December 31, 2009. Therefore, the NWA logo and name will disappear from boarding passes, airport monitors, and the airliners. Over 200 of the ex-Northwest Airlines airliners have been painted.

Boeing has 263 orders for new airliners in 2009, but they also had 121 cancellations for a net sales total of 142 airliners. That is the fewest since 1994 when Boeing received 125 orders only. In 2007, Boeing had a record sales year of 1413 net orders. Boeing had a backlog of 3375 aircraft, and delivered 481 airliners in 2009. In the fourth quarter of 2009, Boeing delivered 92 737 models, 2 747 models, 3 7657 models, and 25 777 models, for a total of 122 delivered. On the military side, Boeing delivered 3 AH-64 Apache helicopters, 7 CH-47 Chinook helicopters, 3 F-15 fighters, 13 F/A-18 Hornets, 1 T-45 trainer (the last one built and delivered) , and 1 767 tanker.

Virgin Atlantic Airways ordered ten Airbus A-330s. This is Airbus's first order of the new year.

Airbus delivered 3 A-380s in December, bringing last year's total to 10 of the huge A-380s delivered. Airbus delivered a total of 498 airliners in the year 2009.



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gines. Much excessive weight was stripped off for improved speed, while the cameras were positioned in the rear fuselage and mounted on a tri-metrogen arrangement in the chin.

Models are the 1/48 Accurate Miniature B-25 which are well engineered. The only problem was the decals were printed off center, but after locating the Albatros "Dragons and tigers and girls..oh my!" 5 years ago, I decided it was time to build some of them.

Aircraft #1 on the sheet is a B-25C-5-NA (s/n 42-53451) of the 310<sup>th</sup> BG / 428<sup>th</sup> BS M.T.O. located in Tunisia in 1943. Noted are the yellow horizontal bands on the tail, these were adopted in April of 1943. This aircraft does carry the lower turret which was deleted from later "C" and "D" versions. It was noted that the periscope finder was useless to track enemy fighters, it just made the gunners dizzy.

The "D" bomber is aircraft #2 on the sheet and is a B-25D-10 (s/n 41-30026) of the 345<sup>th</sup> BG / 498<sup>th</sup> BS P.T.O., located at Port Moresby in October 1943. Note the all white tails designating this squadron. This aircraft does not carry the lower turret and is capped over. It also carries field modified four .50 cal's in the bombardier nose compartment and twin 50's on each fuselage side.

Information obtained from decal sheet, Squadron Signal Publications #34, Instruction sheet and Osprey's B25 Mitchell Units of the MTO.



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though John will provide more information about Nordic Con in another section of this newsletter, let me second his appeal for volunteers to help have a successful event. There are a multitude of ways you can contribute, I have touched on some of them in recent letters but have thought of a few more. For example, most of us do the hobby shop tour on meeting Saturdays...how about taking some of the fliers to the store of your choice each month to help with our publicity.

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## Upcoming Model Events

by Mark Jacques

**6 February 2010 – Hope It Don't Snow Show** – Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers @ Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, 1517 16<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Rochester, MN, 9:00 am to 5:00pm. Registration begins at 9:00 am.

**26 to 28 February 2010 – Model Mania IV** - in conjunction with The World Of Wheels Car Show @ St. Paul River Center, 175 W. Kellogg, St. Paul, MN 55402

**20 March 2010 – Omacon 2010** – IPMS/Ft. Crook @ Mid America Center, One Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA

**27 March 2010 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Show and Contest** – IPMS/South Central Modelers @ Five Lakes Center, 308 South State Street, Fairmont, MN.

**10 April 2010 – The Cabin Fever Classic** - IPMS/Red River @ West Acres Regional Shopping Center, 3902 13<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W., Moorhead, MN.

**10 April 2010 – Mad-City Model Contest** – IPMS/Mad City @ the Radisson Hotel, 517 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison, WI.

**10 April 2010 – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Plastic Surgeons Contest** – IPMS/Plastic Surgeons @ the Valley Free Church, 4343 Fuller Road, Des Moines, IA. [www.ipms-plastic-surgeons.com](http://www.ipms-plastic-surgeons.com)

**22 to 24 April 2010 – AMPS 2010 International Convention** – The Armor Modeling and Preservation Society @ WW2 Victory Museum, Auburn, IN. 2010 Theme: "Bought & Forgot".

**29 May 2010 – Boots and Treads Show** – Minnesota Mili-

tary Figure Society @ Fleming Field Municipal Airport Terminal Building, 17345 Henry Street, South Saint Paul, MN. Registration begins @ 9:00am, Admission opens @ 10:00 am.

**6 June 2010 – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual NNL-North** – RPM Minneapolis @ Bloomington Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55420

**4 to 7 August 2010 – IPMS/USA National Convention** – IPMS/USA, West Building, Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ

**25 September 2010 – Nordicon 2010** - "Higher, Farther, Faster" – Twin Cities Aero Historians @ Productivity Inc., 15150 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Plymouth, MN 55447.



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Maybe you know of a vendor who might be interested in coming to Nordic Con; let Sean B know, even if it is a vendor who has not been to Nordic Con in a while, it never hurts to ask! Can you sponsor a Special Award? Speaking for myself (and Dave H) can you spend a half-hour on the registration crew? Finally there will be monthly updates at club meetings and in the business/executive/post meeting after the adjournment (and remember this meeting is open to all members).

I have to say what a spectacular show table at the January meeting. It is really fun to see completed models, works in progress, and even "first" peeks if you just purchased from one of our vendors. I for one really enjoyed some of the "easy" kit builds featured in January. While these are not the equals to the "profi" kits or kits containing

every photo-etched and resin bits made under the sun, the level of detail in these "easy" models is pretty darn good. And definitely do not misconstrue the above to be dismissive of the wonderful and complex and nicely finished models, remember it is the modeler, not the model that makes it great. And, just as important, is to have FUN with the hobby! Even without a theme to the table in a particular month, just "bring 'em on" for all of us to see. One "theme/contest" was put out for the June meeting by Bernie Kugel: build and bring to the meeting a Hobby Boss easy kit or a Pegasus "snap"kit.

February is the beginning of the first sights of Spring. In addition to pitchers and catchers reporting on February 22, the month sees the annual "hope it Don't Snow" contest sponsored by the Zumbro Valley chapter of the IPMS. The Zumbro club has acquired a new contest site at the Ramada in Rochester, with easy access and parking...yep no getting lost in a myriad of tunnels and ending up in the "highly contagious" ward of Mayo. This show is always fun; the club does a great job in getting vendors, running a smooth contest, and more importantly it is for some of us the first contact with other modelers since the snows of November. I highly urge that, if you can, to attend this great event, you will have a lot of fun doing so...and start thinking how to sneak those "goodies" you have purchased into the house. On a related note, there are several in our club who are very relieved that I am getting a ride this year, instead of using the Focus as a snowmobile. There are a ton of other contests this Spring: March 20 is Omacon at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs (IA.); and about three weeks later

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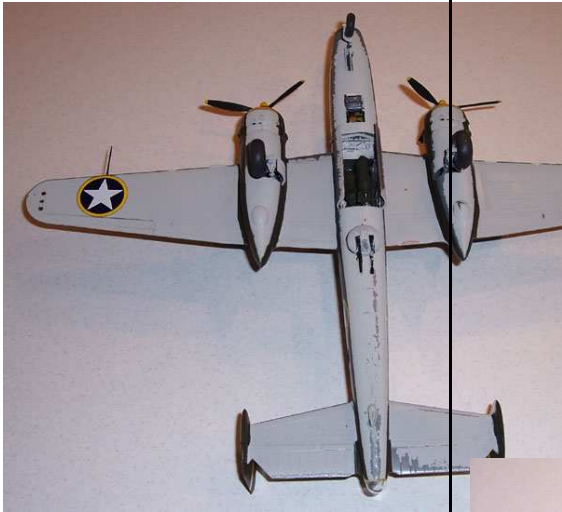


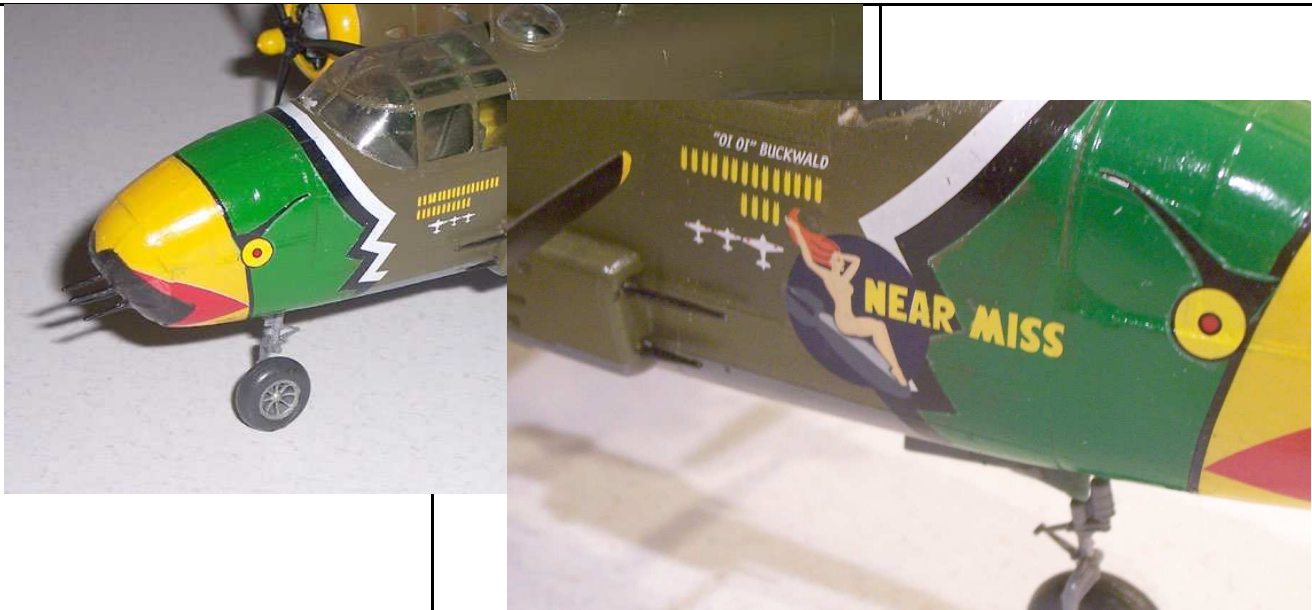
there are three shows to choose from on April 10th! Can you say "Roadtrip!".

So, as many of you, I continue to "cobble" away at my new worktable. With acrylic paints and careful use of cements and/or fillers my significant other allows me to use the living room to complete the Sweet Pioneer Mustang kits, the new Airfix Pr. 19, and the Hasegawa Ki-84. Dare I finish a fourth kit for Rochester? The world wonders! See you at Hope it Don't Snow or the club meeting in February.

Have fun with your modeling!!







**On The Table—January 2010**

<b>Modeler</b>	<b>Kit</b>	<b>Scale</b>
Bernie Kugel	Pegasus Snap A6M2 Zero	1/48
Bob Maderich	Mitsubishi Pajero Rally Car	1/24
Bob Maderich	Monogram – '57 Corvette	1/24
Bob Maderich	Monogram – '58 Corvette	1/24
Erik Zabel	Moraine Saulnier Type N	1/48
Erik Zabel	P-40N	1/72
Erik Zabel	Tauro Models Fiat 3000	1/35
Erik Zabel	Panther G	1/72
Erik Zabel	General Grant Figure	120mm
Erik Zabel	1959 Cadillac Eldorado	1/25
Erik Zabel	1967 Camaro SS350	1/25
Erik Zabel	Fine Molds Y-Wing Fighter	1/72
Jim Kloek	F-89D	1/72
Jim Kloek	Tamiya GMC 2.5 ton Truck	1/48
Sean Brzozowski	Tamiya Spitfire Vb	1/48
Sean Brzozowski	Tamiya & Gasoline Sherman Min-roller "Aunt Jemima"	1/48
Larry Donovan	Airfix Spitfire Mk XIX (WIP)	1/72
Larry Donovan	Sweet P-51 (WIP)	1/144



## 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 1-494, 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

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See above for the new meeting locations and directions.

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