

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

See above for the new meeting locations and directions.

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**1/48 Hasegawa F-51D**  
by Mark Rossmann

### "Flying Cheetah's" S.A.A.F Korea by Mark Rossmann

In July 1953 U.N. Forces and North Korea signed a truce, which ended 3 years of conflict, but as yet no Peace Treaty has been signed. The S.A.A.F. entered the air war fray on November 16 of 1950, with No. 2 "Flying Cheetahs" flying their Mustangs into airfield K-9 at Pusan. The unit joined the 18th

FBW as it made its move into North Korea and was therefore attached to the 18<sup>th</sup> FBW for the duration of the war. The Cheetahs flew with great courage and bombing accuracy contributing to the 18<sup>th</sup>'s overall effectiveness. Many F-51's suffered heavy battle damage and were able to fly or glide back to friendly territory crash landing their fighters. U.S. ground crews were always available to assist the South Africans with repairs.

SAAF records show 95 Mustangs were bought; with 74 lost to all causes... the greatest cost were the 34 pilots killed or MIA.

### Conversion to the F-86F

In December of 1952 the "Cheetahs" turned in their Mustangs at Kisarazu AB. Starting in January new F-86-30's arrived, however initially flying dual-controlled T-33's until

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**TCAH This Month**

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday July 10, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:30 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:30, so come early.



**Secretary's Notes**  
 by Mark Jacques

The meeting was called to order at 1:30PM.

Welcome to Adam Jones (a friend of Nathan Garcia), Adam is just getting into modeling.

**Vendor update:** Axel was not available. Gregg Drawbaugh had a "smattering of stuff", including some Forest Service markings for a 1:72 S2 Tracker to show that he does do more than airliners. As he informed us last month, John Roll is on his summer tour. And finally, Winston is working a show.

See later in the newsletter for a detailed list of the display of workmanship from our "On the Table", as presented by our esteemed Bernie K.

The **June** challenge turned into a 1/48 Pegasus E-Z Snapz kit display with 2 V-2's (John R. Ross and Steve Erickson), a P51-C (John P. Ross), a Me-262 (John P. Ross) and an FW190 (Steve Erickson).

**17 to 18 July 2010 – Duluth Air Show (featuring the USAF Thunderbirds, "Tora, Tora, Tora" and others) – Duluth International Airport, Tickets (include Free Parking in GA Lot): Family Day Pass (2 Adults, 2 Youth) \$46 Advance/\$52 Gate; Adult Day Pass \$17 Advance/\$23 Gate; Youth Day Pass (6-17 years old) \$12 Advance/\$17 Gate; Children Day Pass (0-5) Free. [www.duluthairshow.com/2010/index/html](http://www.duluthairshow.com/2010/index/html)**

**Nordicon 2010:** According to John R. Ross (J.R.), Nordicon 2010 is progressing nicely. There will be the raffle and a silent auction for some larger quality kits and possibly a

completed work or two. There is still a need for volunteers for security, assistants for registration, judging, the raffle area, and anywhere else there is a need. As mentioned last month, there will be a meeting for volunteers with Pizza at Fleming Field on Friday 30 July 2010. The committee will present further details as they become available. Remember, if you are interested in sponsoring a "special" award, contact Tom Norrbohm (the cost for a special award is a nominal \$40.00). For those who are considering reducing your stash by selling some off at Nordicon, contact Sean Brzozowski to reserve a table (\$25/table).

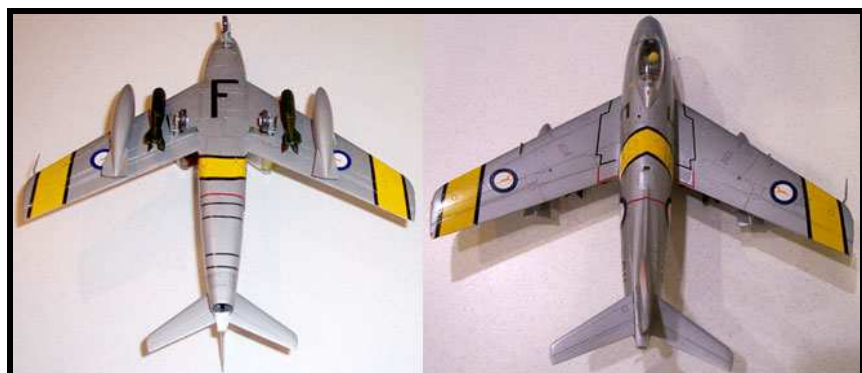
**Old business:** No old business to discuss. Just a re-iteration of the special awards and vendor tables items above. For those wishing to receive a hard copy of the Treasurer's report, please contact Dave Hueffmeier. Copies of the club roster are available from Mark Jacques on request.

If anyone out there has photos from last year's Nordicon event and would like to share them with the club, please forward them to Sean Brzozowski to post on our website.

**New business:** According to our esteemed Webmaster (Sean B.), Nordicon is now our registered domain name (all for the nominal annual fee of \$19.86 with GoDaddy.com). Sean has set-it up so when somebody enters Nordicon.com into their web browser they are directed to the Nordicon page of our web site. No other new business was brought up. I heard from a limping bird of the possible return of an old practice involving tickets, models, books, decals,

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On The Table—June 2010			
Modeler	Kit	Manufacturer	Scale
Kyle Nelson	Bust – WWII Soviet Sailor	Young Miniatures	1:10
Kyle Nelson	KV-2 Early Turret	Trumpeter	1:35
David Nelson	M12 GMC	Academy	1:35
Chuck Bauer	Russian Battle-cruiser Kirov	Trumpeter	1:350
Mark Krumrey	Albatros D-II	Encore	1:32
John P. Ross	P51C "Snap Challenge"	Pegasus	1:48
John P. Ross	Me-262 "Snap Challenge"	Pegasus	1:48
John R. Ross	V-2 "Snap Challenge"	Pegasus	1:48
John R. Ross	USS Enterprise "Refit"	Polar Lights	1:1000
John R. Ross	USS Kelvin	Star Craft	1:1400
John R. Ross	Igor	Jimmy Flinston	---
John R. Ross	Iron Modeler Challenge	Wonderfest	---
Sean Brzozowski	Polish Firefly Vc	Fighting 48 <sup>th</sup>	1:48
Sean Brzozowski	PzKpfw KV-1a 753(r)	Hobby Boss	1:48
Don Stauffer	XF5F (BlackHawks)	Minicraft	1:48
Don Stauffer	Colombo Express (Container Ship)	Revell of Germany	1:700
John Higgins	PLI Bell 47-G	Italeri	1:48
Steve Erickson	V-2 "Snap Challenge"	Pegasus	1:48
Steve Erickson	FW190 (in progress) "Snap Challenge"	Pegasus	1:48
Nathan Garcia	SBD Dauntless	Revell	1:48
Nathan Garcia	Willy Jeep	Tamiya	1:35
Nathan Garcia	Kettenkrad	Tamiya	1:35
Mark Rossman	B25C	Accurate Miniatures	1:48
Mark Rossman	P51	Accurate Miniatures	1:48
Paul Le Vvintre	M4 Sherman	Tamiya	1:35
Paul Le Vvintre	PzKpfw III	Tamiya	1:35



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 its pilots were considered ready to solo, by March 31 the "Cheetahs" received all there Sabres. Once all squadron pilots had soloed, the first order of business was to master fighter-interceptor tactics. Maintenance of the Sabres was truly a UN effort with all three squadron crewman assisting each other group. The "Cheetahs" participated in the massive May Day raid against the Pyongyang radio tower. The SAAF Sabres had the tri-colored chevron of the 18<sup>th</sup> FBW in the colors of there air force.

The F-51D is a 1/48 Hasegawa kit. It was an easy build, painted with Testors silver spray paint. I utilized the kit decals, which are a bit inaccurate in color where the red Springbok should have been SAAF orange. This represents No. 2 Squadrons #36, "Miss Marunouchi" in 1952, carrying rockets and napalm.

The F-86F-30 is a 1/48 Academy kit. Was an easy build, although you have to mind the fit as you marry both fuselage halves, watch it behind the cockpit. Secondly if you like them buttoned up, you can get a better fit of the machine gun panels by gluing the machine guns in place first. This will give you overall support of the panel from sinking into the panel cut-out. The decals are from AeroMaster 48-711 SAAF Sabres. This is from 1952 at Osan AB, No 2 Squadron, "#611 F "Danny Boy"". The SAAF orange is correct on these decals.

References:  
 Hasegawa Instruction Sheet  
 Osprey Front Line Color #1 – F-51 Mustang Units over Korea  
 Osprey Front Line Color #2 – F-86 Sabre Fighter-Bomber Units over Korea



**Airline Chatter**  
 by Terry Love

Emirates Airlines, the Dubai-based airline, is expanding greatly. They plan to hire 3,000 cabin crew this year. Most will be foreign – mainly European. This will meet the demands of its expanding fleet and network.

Delta Airlines plans to begin non-stop service from Minneapolis to Mexico City on December 1 using Airbus A-320 aircraft.

United Airlines announced the route that they will operate when the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner comes online. It will fly from Houston to Auckland, New Zealand on November 16, 2011.

Delta Airlines will hire about 300 pilots this year. The majority, if not all, will come from Delta's regional airlines like Mesaba, Pinnacle, etc.

Airbus is on track for the Airbus A-350 to fly in 2013. The Airbus A-350 is Airbus's version of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

Aeroflot, the Russian airline, ordered up to 65 Boeing 787-800s, beating rival Airbus. The order is for 50 firm aircraft, and an option for 15 more. Aeroflot does say it will continue to buy and use Airbus airliners. Presently Aeroflot flies 67 Airbus aircraft. Capitalism beats Communism again!!

Airbus delivered its 30<sup>th</sup> Airbus A-380 on Friday, June 4 to Lufthansa.

Emirates Airlines, in one of the most expensive airliner orders in history, ordered 32 Airbus A-380 super jumbo double-deck airliners. Cost is around \$11 Billion. This is Airbus's largest ever

order. Emirates Airlines is the largest Arab world's airline.

TAM, Brazils largest airline, ordered 25 Airbus A-320s worth \$3 Billion. This order and the above Emirates order were announced at the Berlin Air Show. TAMs order consists of % Airbus A-350s worth about \$1.3 Billion, and 20 Airbus A-320s worth about \$1.7 Billion.

Finnair, the Finnish airline, ordered 5 Airbus A321ERs. This was part of the announcements from Airbus at the Berlin Air Show. Cost is \$485 million.

Germania, a German charter airline, ordered 5 Airbus A-319s worth \$372 million. This was the last order announced at the Berlin Air Show.

Continental Airlines announced its first African route with a daily flight from Houston to Lagos, Nigeria starting on November 11, 2011 using a Boeing 787 Dreamliner as flight equipment.

Boeing announced that the Boeing 787 Dreamliner passed

its 1000<sup>th</sup> test flight hour. About 40% of t he flight tests are now done. There have been very few glitches in the flight test program. The sixth 787 will join the fleet on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Employment in the U S airline industry fell 4.1%, extending a 22 month slide that has brought total employment to its lowest levels since the Transportation Department began keeping statistics in 1990.



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 and a touch of chance for those taking part.

Coming in September: Bob Friskney will present "Fun at Fedex/Kinkos".

The theme for the October 2010 meeting is Vietnam era US Navy/Marine aircraft 1970 to 1974 and their North Vietnamese counterparts with a guest speaker Capt (ret.) Ken Volker, who served with VF-51 Screaming Eagles during 2 cruises in '71-'72 aboard the U.S. S Coral Sea.



**1/48 Academy F-86F-30**  
 by Mark Rossmann

**Upcoming Model Events**

by Mark Jacques

**Upcoming Model Events**

**9-10 July 2010 – KC AMPS Con 2010** – IPMS/KC AMPS @ The Kansas Expo Center, 1 Expocenter Drive, Topeka, KS <http://kcamp.org>

**10 July 2010 - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Car Contest** – IPMS South Central Modelers @ Fairbault County Fairgrounds, White Oak Street, Blue Earth, MN 56013 [http://public.fofki.com/72superduty/south\\_central\\_model/](http://public.fofki.com/72superduty/south_central_model/)

**17 July 2010 – NIMCON/NORTHERN ILLINOIS MODELERS CONTEST** – IPMS Lake Region Scale Modelers @ McHenry County College, 8900 U.S. 14, Crystal Lake, IL [www.lrs.org](http://www.lrs.org)

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**4 to 7 August 2010 – IPMS/USA National Convention** – IPMS/USA, West Building, Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ [www.ipmsusa2010.org](http://www.ipmsusa2010.org)

**11 September 2010 - Gateway to the West Show and Swap Meet** – IPMS Gateway @ The Hitter's Choice Batting Cages, 534 Workman Road, Eureka, MO, [www.ipms-gateway.com/invite2010.htm](http://www.ipms-gateway.com/invite2010.htm)

**18 September 2010 – OzCon 2010** – Emerald City Modelers @ the Kansas Aviation Museum, 3350 South George Washington Boulevard, Wichita, KS, [www.ipmswichita.org](http://www.ipmswichita.org).

**25 September 2010 – Nordicon 2010 - “Higher, Farther, Faster”** – Twin Cities Aero Historians @ Productivity Inc., 15150 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Plymouth, MN 55447. [www.aerohistorians.org](http://www.aerohistorians.org)

**16 October 2010 – Glue Crew 2010 Model Contest and Swap Meet** – The Glue Crew @ Howard Johnson Inn and Conference Center, 7101 Mountain Road, Wausau, WI [www.thegluecrew.com](http://www.thegluecrew.com)

**30 October 2010 – KC Con 2010** – IPMS/Great Plains @ The First Church of the Nazarene, 11811 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO, Contact Stuart Malone at 913-530-3529 or [smalone@kc.rr.com](mailto:smalone@kc.rr.com)

**Nordicon 2010 Update**  
by John Ross

Things are progressing well with Nordic Con 2010. I just got confirmation from Finescale Modeler that once again, they will be attending our event. Mark Hembree commented that this was one of his favorite events because they get a lot of material from all the great work they see here.

A couple of things we need your help on are the Raffle and Volunteers. We are trying something different this year with the raffle. We will have our regular raffle and we will have a silent auction. For stocking the raffle we are asking for your help

by donating a complete, unstarted kit. We would prefer something still sealed. We will use these kits to stock the raffle and any larger items we will likely put into the silent auction. To prime the silent auction and donations, I am donating a 1/32 Tamiya F-15E and my Father (The real John Ross) is donating a 1/32 Academy F/A-18C, we also have a couple of donations from Moebius Models. We were also looking to see if anyone wanted to donate a complete kit, as we often get people visiting that don't build but would like to buy something like that.

To that end we would like to begin collecting Raffle items at both the July and August meeting. Please bring any of your donations to the either (or both) of the next two meetings. I will be there collecting them. This will help us determine whether we need to purchase any items, what and how much. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to Raffle donations, we will also need the help of some Volunteers. We will need the usual help setting things up and tearing things down. We are planning on setting things up on Friday night and tear down will begin after the show sometime Saturday afternoon. We may also need some help transporting tables, but we will not know more about this until we get closer to the event. A new area we will need help with is security; we have two areas where we just need to place someone to restrict access to the rest of the facility. I am thinking that we would need a total of 6 people each doing a 2 hour shift. Please consider signing up at the next meeting or sending me an e-mail at

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[plasticmodeler@yahoo.com](mailto:plasticmodeler@yahoo.com).

Coming up in July we also have a meeting for the Judges and Volunteers. The meeting will be on Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30pm (7/30 at 7:30). This meeting will be held at Productivity Inc., 15150 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue No, Plymouth, MN 55447. This is the location for this year's Nordic Con event. Pizza and sodas will be provided.

Finally, if you have some awards from previous Nordic Con's you'd like to recycle we would be happy to take those off your hands and reuse them. You can bring them to any meeting and please give them to either Larry or Bernie.

Thanks and hope to see you at Nordic Con, Happy Building!

**Cockpit Figures**

by Noel Allard

Mark Rossmann's Canadair Sabre on the cover of the June Aero Historian looks terrific. I only wish I could see each month's displays in person. One thing I did notice that makes me happy...he has the seated figure of a pilot in the cockpit. I have been on this campaign for years without much notice. When I see that figure...it makes me imagine that it's me in the cockpit, ready to fly the plane. I think it adds another dimension to a nice model. I advocate you all add figures to your models. Put yourself in the cockpits.



**Special October Event**

Presentation by retired Navy Captain Ken Volker. Ken flew F4 Phantoms, with VF-51 Screaming Eagles, on two deployments to Vietnam aboard the USS Coral Sea, 1971-1972. He was also posted to Top Gun after his deployment. Our October Theme Month will be US Navy/Marine Vietnam Aircraft from 1970 to 1974, and there North Vietnamese counterparts such as the Mig 17, 19 and 21's. So start planning and building and mark this special event on your calendar!



Mark Rossmann's SAAF F-51D

