

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:**
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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.
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 - Turn right (south) onto Henry Ave. and go approximately .2 miles toward the Fleming Field airport terminal building
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See above for the new meeting locations and directions.

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1/48 Mustang
by Mark Rossmann

Iwo Jima VLR Mustangs Part 2 - 506th FG by Mark L. Rossmann

The "Sun Setters", were the VLR Mustang pilots of the 15th, 21st and 506th Fighter groups, VII Fighter Command based on Iwo Jima

The 506th FG was delivered by ship to Guam on March 17th 1945, a week later the unit flew to Tinian. Seven weeks of CAP

and practice missions were flown while North Field on Iwo was prepared for their arrival. Finally on May 11, the FG landed at North, but first combat missions didn't occur until May 18th when the weather cleared. Black Friday, June 1, took its toll on the 506th losing its formation leader Lt. Col. Scandrett, Capt's. Edmund Crenshaw and Lawrence Smith, 2nd Lt's James Best, Robert Kripple, Robert Griffeth, Leonard Kloiber, William

Saks, Thomas Kerrigan and Robert Harvey, 1st Lt's Gale Loomis and Archie Ridley along with the rest of the VII fighter command, as 24 pilots lost there lives and not one to enemy fire, all to mother nature.

457th FS P-51's were assigned numbers 500 to 549 and was commanded in the following order by Maj. Malcolm C. Watters and Maj. Daun G.

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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday February 19, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:30 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:30, so come early.

Remember February 2011 meeting will be on February 19th-same time and place, just different date.

From the Prez
by Larry Donovan

Hello and welcome to the February newsletter!

While we all sit, bunkered and hopefully warm, at our workbenches, we can gleefully ignore winter's howling and model to our heart's content. Not a bad way to spend a day, isn't it!

First, and foremost, is a reminder that February's meeting date has been changed to February 19th, the THIRD Saturday of the month. This was done as many club members are planning on attending the Zumbro Valley IPMS "Hope It Don't Snow" show on the 12th, which would be the usual meeting date. Hopefully as many of us will be in attendance at the show in Rochester. It is not only our Region's kick-off event, but the Zumbro club has consistently delivered a well-organized, and most importantly fun, show. If you have not been to "Hope It Don't Snow" I urge you to "c'mon down" for a great time. And the rumors of a certain club president tooling down along Highway 52, along a snowmobile trail, in a Ford Focus, are merely that, rumor only. Someone else is driving this year!

The February meeting on the 19th (regular time, vendor baiting at 12:30; regular place, Fleming Field) will be action-packed as always. Hopefully the "show table" will be positively groaning with models from the Rochester show...maybe some will bring to the meeting some of the "hardware" won.

February will also have the nominations for the annual Club awards. For those new to the
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Secretary's Notes
by Mark Jacques

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

Guests/Visitors: Jim Kampmann, Jim Johnson, Bill Reed and Adam are guests of the contest sponsor. No new members this month.

Vendor update: Check www.RollModels.com for the latest offerings from Roll Models including several new books (such as Hacks - Utility Planes of the Mighty Eighth from Atelier Kecay Publications), kits (such as the rapidly disappearing Airfix 1/48th de Havilland Sea Vixen FAW.2 – the four John brought to the meeting were purchased prior to the start of the meeting), etc.; though Greg was not present, check www.drawdecals.com for the latest offerings from Greg Drawbaugh; www.wingsntreads.com for the latest from Winston; and www.schifferbooks.com for Schiffer Publishing's offerings available through Axel including 3 new books.

No "On the Table" this month due to the club contest. See later in the newsletter for the contest summary and results. The upcoming schedule of club events is tentative due to the historic events of this month:

- February 2011 - "Mustang Round-up" – Dave Hueffmeier, The meeting date has been changed to February 19th to avoid conflicting with "Hope it Don't Snow" show in Rochester. 2010 Annual Club Awards nominations begin.

- March 2011 – no show table - Club Auction part Deux, nominations for the 2010 Club Awards,

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2010 TCAH Bob Maderich Invitational Model Contest winners

We had 17 entrants with 59 models entered.

Category 1: WWI and Biplanes <u>5 models entered</u> 1 st BobMaderich Fokker D.VIII 2 nd Eric Zabel Fokker D.VIII 3 rd Gary Anderson Goshawk F11C-2	Category 2: Aircraft 1/72 Prop <u>6 models entered</u> 1 st John Dunphy F4F Wildcat 2 nd Larry Donovan Ki-84	Category 3: Aircraft 1/48 Prop <u>11 models entered</u> 1 st Dennis Strand P-47D 2 nd Don Stauffer Curtiss A-12 3 rd John P Ross Typhoon
Category 4: Aircraft 1/32 <u>4 models entered</u> 1 st John P Ross Fw.190A-5 2 nd John Dunphy P-40 3 rd Bruce McLain Ta.152	Category 5: Aircraft Jet <u>9 models entered</u> 1 st Eric Morningstar F-11F tiger 2 nd Bernie Kugel TSR.2 3 rd John P Ross F-105D	Category 6: Armor <u>6 models entered</u> 1 st Don Burgoyne JSU-152 2 nd Eric Zabel M8 Greyhound 3 rd Sean Brzozowski IDF Sherman
Category 7: Ships <u>2 models entered</u> 1 st Gary Anderson Black Falcon 2 nd Don Stauffer Container Ship	Category 8: Automotive <u>12 models entered</u> 1 st Don Stauffer Bugatti 2 nd Bob Maderich 64 Chevy Truck 3 rd Eric Zabel Sauber Petronus	Category 9: Sci-Fi and Misc. <u>4 models entered</u> 1 st Eric Zabel Jawa Sandcrawler 2 nd Steve Erickson BMW A-4/ V-2 3 rd John R Ross USS Enterprise Refit

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 ton, MN. The dinner/ceremony cost is \$45, reservations must be received by 15 April 2011. Larry brought copies of the reservation forms for anyone so inclined. As noted a few months ago, our own Noel Allard is among the inductees.

NordicCon: a call for a committee for the event with a chair. Bob Maderich volunteered to take the chair position, Larry has again volunteered to handle registration, Bernie is in charge of judging, we need someone to be the contact for vendors, the theme has yet to be decided – please think about ideas for the show theme for discussion at next month's meeting.

Discussion of the Fleming Field situation - we are locked in for our dates and fee for 2011. In that the City of South Saint Paul is placing tighter control of Fleming Field operations, combined with the fact that we are not tenants, count on an increase in fees for 2012. What that increase will amount to remains to be seen. Related to that, how much of an increase is the TCAH willing to accept as reasonable? Keep in mind that we are (and have been for some time) only paying \$100 for the entire year. If the rate increase causes TCAH to balk, what are our options for meeting locations?

IPMS National Convention 2011 on August 3 - 6, 2011: do we as a club desire to do a club display, what "special" award are we going to sponsor, etc.? As an aside any interest in a club members road trip to the show?

No other new business was brought up.

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.

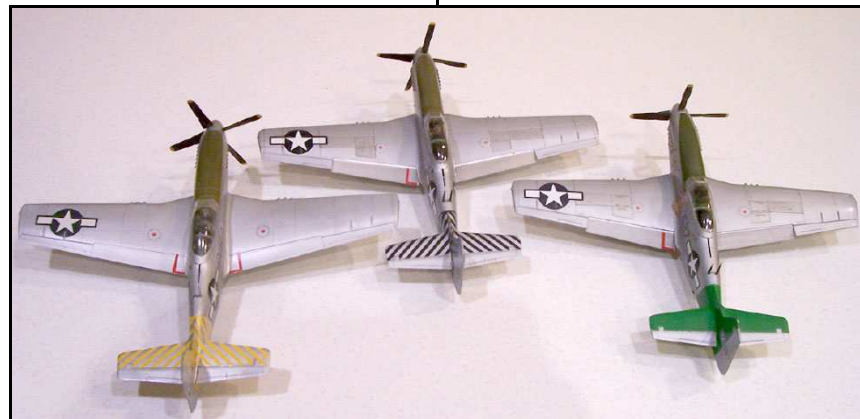


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 Anthony.

"HEL-ETER(left side) / LIL – TODDIE(right side)" #527 were flown by 1st Lt's. John W. Winnen and Phillip G. Alston, as in most cases there were more pilots than planes. This was the late paint scheme with the solid green tail, early paint job had green striped tail as in aircraft #550. #527 was lost in August while Alston was on leave in Hawaii.

458th FS P-51's were assigned numbers 550 to 599 and was commanded by Maj. Harrison Shipman.

"Madam Wham-Dam" #550, was piloted by Maj. Shipman. However on the fateful "Black Friday" Lt. Col Scandrett deputy commander of the 506th was flying the plane and did not return. The blue striped tail was the initial markings of this unit until later in June when they became solid blue, as in aircraft #527.



462nd FS P-51's were assigned numbers 600 to 649 and was commanded by Maj. Thomas D. DeJarnette.

"Dina B" #615 was piloted by Lt. Willie Willis which shows several mission markings. However I have no other information on this pilot or plane. These were the initial markings of this unit until later in June when they became solid yellow.

These are among the last USAAF Mustang units to be activated for combat. If you would like to know more about the VII Fighter command, the Banzai attack and the storm of June 1, you will enjoy reading the following:

References: Osprey Aviation Elite Units – Very Long Range Mustang Units of the Pacific War – Author: Carl Molesworth.

Web Site: 506thfightergroup.org

Decals: AreoMaster 48-794 through 797.

** Help! looking for 1/48 scale markings for a 21st FG/72nd FS **



Airline Chatter
 by Terry Love

Southwest Airlines says that they will keep the newly acquired 86 Boeing 717s (DC-9) from the Air tran merger.

Shandong Airlines of China, bought 15 Boeing 737-800s. The value of the deal is \$1.2 Billion.

China Eastern Airlines started out the new year by ordering 50 Airbus airliners for \$3.2 Billion. All aircraft orders from China must have approval of the Communist government. In fact, they place the orders for the airline.

Delta Airlines is planning to scale back the use of their 50-seat regional jets used in smaller markets.

Easy Jet, the low cost airline of the UK, ordered 15 Airbus A-320s and canceled an order for the A-319s already on order. Presently, Easy Jet has a fleet of 182 Airbus A-320s.

Boeing announced that CIT Aerospace, a leasing company, ordered 38 Boeing 737-800s. Cost is \$3.15 Billion.

Asiana Airlines of Korea, ordered 6 Airbus A-380s worth around \$1.78 Billion.

Boeing received 530 net orders for the 737-800 series. This is up by 142 from 142 for 2009. Boeing delivered 462 airliners in 2010. Boeing delivered 74 Boeing 777s, and received 46 net orders in 2010.

Boeing said that all 683 Boeing 757-200 models must be inspected for cracks. American Airlines has 124 Boeing 757s.

Boeing's milestone for

2010 was that the 787 surpassed 2400 flight hours of testing. Also the new 747-800 surpassed 1500 test flight hours.

U S Airways said that the partially disassembled Airbus A-320 that crashed into the Hudson River at New York City will be given to the Carolina Aviation Museum.

Boeing has just built the 1,000th Boeing 767 model. It was for All Nippon Airways. Three decades after it was introduced, the 767 has just 50 deliveries left before production ends to allow more room for 787 production. Unless the U S Air Force orders the 767 as their next tanker, the last 767 will be built in less than two years.

Delta Airlines recently completed installing lie-flat seats in business class in all 8 of their Boeing 777-200ERs. Next lie-flat seats in business class will be installed on all 767-400ERs, 767-300ERs, and Airbus A-330-200s, and A-330-300s. A total of 79 aircraft will be done by this summer.

Airbus announced the world's biggest commercial aircraft order. Indigo, the low cost airline of India, ordered 180 Airbus A-320s worth \$15.5 Billion.

Delta Airlines' last flight of a DC-9-40 was on December 31, 2010 when the last flight was flown from Orlando to Sanford, Florida. This DC-9 was the last "red tailed" aircraft in the fleet. No more red tails. All former Northwest Airlines aircraft are now painted in the Delta Airlines scheme.

Delta Airlines is still the largest operator of DC-9 aircraft!! Yes, Delta does operate 34

Douglas DC-9-50s. All were former North Central Airlines and then Republic Airlines aircraft.

Delta Airlines is considering a huge aircraft order for up to 200 aircraft to modernize, and consolidate its fleet. Over half of the order would be for a single-aisle version with deliveries beginning as early as 2013. A full order of 200 jets would set a record. Filling the order with 200 Boeing 737-800s would cost \$16.2 Billion. Narrow body airliners make up more than 80% of Delta's fleet. Douglas DC-9-50s were first delivered in 1976 - 35 years ago - but they still have lots of life left in them, and are economical to operate on a per-seat basis. Delta Airlines wants to reduce maintenance costs, and fuel costs.

Mexicana Airlines declared bankruptcy and ceased operations last August. But they returned to service on January 24. They will start off by operating six Airbus A-320-s over 8 different routes - six of which are to America. Mexicana's goal is to return to using 28 of their parked airliners. 2,000 employees were called back from the 8,000 previously employed.

United Airlines/Continental Airlines is also considering more airliners, like rival Delta Airlines. United Airlines is looking for a little over 100 new narrow-body airliners.

Interjet, the lowcost airline of Mexico, ordered 15 Russian Sukhoi Superjets for \$650 million. Superjets look like a DC-9 and hold 98 passengers. Currently, Interjet has 22 Airbus A-320s.

Air India ordered 10 Airbus
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Upcoming Model Events
by Mark Jacques

12 February 2011 - 2011 "Hope It Don't Snow Show" – IPMS 5-33 Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers @ Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, 1517 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN, contact George Romano at 507-281-4175 or romano@infonet.isl.net or visit the club website at www.royalresin.net/ZumbroValleyScaleModelers.html

5 March 2011 – The Cabin Fever Classic – Red River Scale Modelers @ West Acres Regional Shopping Center, 3902 13th Avenue, Fargo, ND, contact Tom Kavanaugh at (701) 241-9568 or Kavanaugh@cableone.net or visit the club website at http://ipmsrrsm.webs.com

26 March 2011 – 7th Annual Model Show and Contest – IPMS/South Central Modelers @ Five Lakes Center, 308 South State Street, Fairmont, MN. 9:00am to 4:00pm, Registration 'till Noon; Entry Fee: \$1.00 per model. Categories: Aircraft, Automotive, Dioramas, Figures, Military Vehicles, Ships, Space, Sci-Fi, Miscellaneous, and Juniors. Website: http://public.fotki.com/73superduty/south_central_model/ contacts: Dave Morrow @ 507-345-4370 / dalurch@charter.net or Gregory Pausewang @ 507-526-3531 / 57chevy1957@bevcomm.net

2 April 2011 – Surgicon 17 – IPMS Plastic Surgeons @ Valley Evangelical Free Church, 4343 Fuller Road, West Des Moines, IA. Contact: www.ipms-plasticsurgeons.com or Scott Staudt at 641-342-6291.

16 April 2011 – Model Fest'11 – IPMS West Central Missouri (WC MO) @ Good

Shepard United Methodist Church Gathering Place, 9555 N. Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO. Contact: www.ipmswcmo.org or Marty Nevshemal at 864-576-8688.

7 May 2011 – Mad-City Modelers Show – Mad-City Modelers @ Doubledays Banquette House, 4586 Baxter Road, Cottage Grove, WI, contact Kerry Fiske @ 608-438-1842 or fiske1@centurylink.com

21 May 2011 – Boots and Treads II – Minnesota Military Figure Society/AMPS @ Flemming Field Municipal Airport Terminal Building, 17345 Henry Street, South Saint Paul, MN. Registration begins @ 9:00am; Admission opens @ 10:00 am. http://mmfs.wetpaint.com

3 – 6 August 2011 – IPMS/USA National Convention: "Omaha by the Sea" – IPMS/USA @ La Vista Convention Center, Omaha, NE contact: www.ipmsusa2011.org or email omahabythesea@cox.net


24 September 2010 – Nordicon 2010 - "Theme to be Announced" – Twin Cities Aero Historians @ Knight of Columbus Hall, Fridley, MN. www.aerohistorians.org

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A-330s and 10 Airbus A-320s. Presently, Air India has 135 airliners.

Airbus sold 574 airliners in 2010 worth \$74 Billion. Boeing sold 530 airliners in 2010 worth \$80 Billion.

Virgin America Airlines ordered 60 Airbus A-320s for \$5 Billion. This order includes the 10,000th Airbus aircraft to be

built by Airbus in their 40 year history.

Boeing says that deliveries of the new 787 Dreamliner will begin in July of this year. 

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Aero Historians these awards are to recognize achievements in 2010 for the following:

- Modeler of the Year;
- Historian of the Year;
- Newsletter Article or Presentation of the Year;
- and
- Club Member of the Year.

All but Club Member of the year are chosen by the club; Member of the Year is selected by the past three recipients of this award. Voting will be at the March meeting and awards will be presented as part of the annual April meeting and lunch.

Speaking of the April meeting, we need to get ideas for the lunch so start thinking about this now so the "party planning committee" can get started.

Bob Friskney will give his presentation, oft delayed due to our wonderful Minnesota weather. Bob will talk for twenty minutes on a subject he is very knowledgeable: civil aviation, particularly in the passenger airline area. After Bob's twenty minutes, he will answer questions based on the subject. My personal thanks go to Bob as he has been very patient in being "bumped" from the schedule!

Another subject that will be addressed February will be the theme for Nordic Con 2011 edition. Various themes have been floated through the internet group, all great ideas. The

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theme needs to be finalized so that the Advertising Committee can get the first fliers and posters completed; as we have seen in the past shows, theme can drive excitement and interest. Additionally we need to get our "special awards" committed as early as possible, again to have these listed on the first fliers/posters will help drive entrants.

I am very excited to introduce a new part of our meeting environment. Joe Grimme sent me an idea earlier this month that is very original, and I think, will be a lot of fun. We are going to introduce a Decal Swap. We all have bits and pieces of decal sheets that have no current use for one's modeling but may have an important role in another's project. The mechanics of the program are as follows:

a. Members wishing to participate will bring their own sheets and scissors to a designated part of the terminal lobby.

b. Each member participating in the swap will designate the decals he/she brings by initialling an unimportant area of the decals/sheets.

c. Let the trading begin! it is important to note that there will be NO BUYING or SELLING of decals/sheets at the swap. We have great vendors who sell fine decal lines so support them with your hard-earned. Decals will be SWAPPED only!

d. Swapping will be held before the meeting, during the break, or after the meeting in the designated area only. The Sergeant-At-Arms will notify the group to finish up 10 minutes before the meeting starts. He will also enforce decorum at the swap area.

e. Additionally, Joe has received permission from the

Fleming Airport management staff to provide the use of the terminal's copying machine. This is so that in addition to decals, members may make copies of instructions for other members. The charge will be 25 cents/page to cover paper costs. Please note that other than the copy cost NO BUYING OR SELLING of instructions will be allowed; this is to protect trademark and/or copyright issues. As Joe wrote so eloquently in his letter to me: modelers would be able to obtain decals not easily available from other sources; modelers will have some extra cash to spend on our vendors; and it adds to the fun element of our Club, something I am always striving for! Finally Joe has volunteered his time in being the "point person" for this event. Thank you Joe for this great idea and "taking up the burden" for administering the idea!!!

My last topic, before closing, regards the Club Auction Part Deux. As many of the membership the weather for the regular club auction, in November was terrible. Although many members were unable to attend, we did have a sizeable amount of kits on the table, so we went ahead with the auction and it was very successful. Since many of you missed this auction, a second auction will be held at the March meeting! So start going through those piles of unwanted kits to bring to the meeting in March---one person's shelf o' doom is another's treasure trove.

Hope to see as many of you at Rochester as possible as well as the February meeting on the 19th. Happy building!



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• April 2011 – no show table topic selected, the 2011 annual Club Awards presentation and feast – says it all,
• May 2011 - "Hawks" - Dave Hueffmeier.
• August 2011 Challenge – Towed Artillery – Bob Maderich II

Old business: After some discussion of the unusual conditions surrounding the annual election the membership in attendance was given the opportunity to ratify the elections of club officers for 2011. The ballot was read, no additions/changes to the ballot were made. A motion was made and seconded, and passed, that the ballot be accepted in whole by voice vote. For those who missed the meeting (or are still buried in their snow caves), the following were elected:

- President: Larry Donovan
- Vice President: Merrill Anderson
- Treasurer: Dave Hueffmeier
- Secretary: Mark Jacques
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Jeff Kurth

Because of the wonderful weather we survived in November and again in December, the TCAH Club Auction "Part Deux" will be held in March 2011.

The current \$10 dues fee for regular members and \$5 for Junior and Senior members is being continued as the motion was made last month.

New business: Larry announced the upcoming Aviation Hall of Fame awards and banquet is Saturday, April 30, 2011 at the Ramada Mall of America, 2300 American Blvd., Blooming-

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