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### 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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  - 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
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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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**1/72nd Special Hobby Brewster Bermuda**  
 by Frank Cuden

### Yesterday's Saturdays ... by Jack Muga

There once was a time I could hardly wait for Saturday mornings. All week long I would look forward to the weekend when I would get together with my friends Bob Nelson, Ken Johnson and George Minarick,

the Northern contingent of the club, to begin the long trek to the southern part of the Twin Cities. Our first destination was Custom Hobbies, if for no other reason, just to see who was there. Ma Schroeder's shop was kind of the unofficial club shop back then, the place where members would meet up most Saturday mornings before the club meetings.

The shop was located on a side street in a small simple storefront. One half of the store was for arts and crafts and was run by the owner, affectionately known as Ma Schroeder. The other side was devoted to model kits and was staffed with modelers, some who were

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**TCAH This Month**

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

**Remember March 2011 meeting will be back on the regularly scheduled second Saturday, March 12, and will host another Club Auction.**

**From the Prez**  
 by Larry Donovan

Hello and welcome to the March 2011 Newsletter!

Why it seems we just met less than a week ago...oops, we DID meet just a week ago (as I write this column)! It's these darn 28-day Februarys, they go by to fast!

Talking about our meeting last week, it was happily apparent that Spring, must be indeed, just around the corner! Proof of this is that our members who reside in the hinterlands and provinces were finally allowed, by Nature's good graces, to join us on Saturday. Welcome back Mr Cuden, Mr Allard...it was fun to see you once again. I would say that we hope you will be now free to travel to the Cities for our monthly meetings but I hope I do not jinx it. As we saw the Sunday after the meeting, Winter's fury is still upon us. And who knows what Spring will bring?

I would like to thank, not only as President but a member also, Bob Friskney! If you do not know, Bob was to give a presentation on modeling commercial aviation in October. Due to club business he very gracefully moved the presentation to November. Then again we moved it to December, the "lost meeting", canceled as it was by the December 11th snowstorm. Bob was finally able to deliver his presentation on January. For those of us who stayed, it was a wonderful presentation on commercial aviation, specifically markings. Bob showed us how to deal with badly performing or outright inaccurate decal sheets by using

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**Secretary's Notes**  
 by Mark Jacques

The meeting was called to order at 1:32PM.

**Guests/Visitors:** No guests or new members this month.

**Vendor update:** Check www.RollModels.com for the latest offerings from Roll Models including several new books (including several Osprey new releases), kits (including Eastern Express WWI a/c, HR Models HD-1 Italian & Swiss a/c, new Eduard kits, etc.), etc.; check www.drawdecals.com for the latest offerings from Greg Drawbaugh including a couple of sets out of approximately 50 new sets (including many new U.S. Navy schemes); check www.wingsntreads.com for the latest from Winston; and www.schifferbooks.com for Schiffer Publishing's offerings available through Axel including 4 new books including a pictorial history of "Cape Canaveral".

This month's show table theme is "Mustang Round-up", this resulted in eleven-11 fine examples of this iconic fighter aircraft (no "pony" cars were entered - sorry), modeled in both 1:48<sup>th</sup> and 1:144<sup>th</sup> scales. See later in the newsletter for a detailed list of the display of workmanship from our "On the Table", as presented by John R. Ross. The upcoming schedule of club events is:

- March 2011 - no show table - Club Auction part Deux, final nominations for and election of the 2010 Club Awards,
- April 2011 - no show table selected, the 2011 annual Club Awards presentation and feast - says it all,
- May 2011 - "Hawks" -

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**On The Table—February 2011**

Modeler	Kit	Manufacturer	Scale
John P. Ross	P-51B	Tamiya	1:48
John P. Ross	F-6C	Tamiya	1:48
John R. Ross	P-51B "Blue Nose"	Tamiya	1:48
John R. Ross	F-16A "Tiger Meet"	Revell AG	1:72
Larry Donovan	P-51B	Sweet	1:144
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Frank Cuden	C-46	Welsh Models	1:144
Frank Cuden	C-130	Minicraft	1:144
Bernie Kugel	F-4F	Testors	1:48
Bernie Kugel	F-4G	Testors	1:48
Bernie Kugel	F-4S	Testors	1:48
Jim Kloek	USS Midway	Loose Canon	1:700
John Eian	MiG-15 Bis	Tamiya	1:48
John Eian	MiG-17F (LIM5)	Smer	1:48
John Eian	MiG-19S	Historiq	1:48
John Eian	Canadair Sabre 6	Hasegawa	1:48
Dennis Strand	P-51 Mustang	Hasegawa	1:48
Dennis Strand	F7F Tigercat	AMT/Ertl	1:48
Steve Hustad	Messerschmitt Bf 110G4	Italeri/Hawkeye Designs	1:72
Sean Brzozowski	Mustang Mk.III	Tamiya	1:48
Mark Rossman	P-51D	Tamiya	1:48
Mark Rossman	P-51D	Tamiya	1:48
Mark Rossman	F-6A	Tamiya	1:48
Mark Rossman	P-51D	Tamiya	1:48

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 members of TCAH. On any given Saturday you could find fellow club members swapping rumors or talking about their current projects, and yes, even buying a model or two. More often than not there would be another group of club members from another part of town doing the same thing. Eventually it would be time for lunch.

Right across the street from the hobby shop was a small neighborhood tavern called Mat's, where the specialty of the house was the infamous Juicy-Lucy hamburger, two hamburger patties with a hot cheese center.

Walking inside the dark interior, especially on a sunny day, was a dramatic visual change, and the odor of grilled onions and fried hamburgers, combined with a slight smell of stale beer got the old taste buds up to full alert in short order.

By now the group may have grown a bit, as we were often joined by Kenny Ring, and Tom Norrbohm as well as Frank Cuden and Sid Bremer and several others. The size of the group varied, but the topic of conversation was always about aviation and modeling. Most of the group would order the house specialty with fries and a coke except Frank, who would order two plain burgers and a cup of coffee.

After lunch it was off to Ring's, a very small hole in the wall hobby shop that was jammed with kits from floor to ceiling, but right on the way to the meeting, and always worth the time to stop and check the stock on hand. Soon it was time to get to the club meeting or, if it wasn't a meeting Saturday, off to another hobby shop.

After the meeting we usually stopped at the old Hub Hobbies, and then finishing off the day at Medical Center Cycle, a hobby shop in Crystal that was on the way home for us guys from the north end of town.

As the years passed, some of the hobby shops moved to new locations. Custom Hobbies moved further south where Mark Copeland and Bernie Fletcher sometimes worked the counter. Hub Hobbies moved west but spun off a new shop called Hobby Depot where Tom Norrbohm joined their staff. I believe Mark Copeland worked there for a while as well. I seem to remember there always being a club member working at one or more of these shops, and you could always see member's models on display.

Other shops found their way into our hobby shop routes like Woodcraft on Lake Street and Scale Models Supply in St. Paul, which started business from a house before moving to their current location.



I look back fondly to those good old Saturdays, and recall so many old friends, when hobby shops were plentiful and we thought it would always be that way. But time passes and today, most of the shops have disappeared, having been replaced by the Internet and E-Bay. Now we have a worldwide virtual hobby shop, with wonderful kits to choose from, and new friends from anywhere on the planet, but I sure miss those Saturdays, driving the hobby shop route and enjoying a Juicy-Lucy with old friends.



The filler photos are from the archives. The photos on pages 5 and 6 are of F-86s built and submitted by Mark Rossmann.



**Airline Chatter**  
 by Terry Love

Maximus Cargo, an air freight airline based in Abu Dhabi, bought 3 used Airbus A-300-600s and is converting them to freighters.

Airbus raised their prices 4.4% for the year 2011.

LAN Airlines of Chile, and TAM airlines of Brazil, have agreed to merge. Details to follow.

Boeing announced that China ordered 185 Boeing 737-800s and 15 Boeing 777s worth \$19 Billion. This is one of Boeing's largest orders in history.

American Airlines ordered 2 Boeing 777-300ERs.

Boeing has 865 orders on the books for the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner. These orders are worth \$139 Billion.

Ethiad Airways, the airline of Abu Dhabi, is trying to buy Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic Airways.

Virgin America will buy 60 new Airbus A-320s. Presently they have 34 Airbus A-320s. Virgin America plans to have 111 by 2019.

Alaska Airlines ordered 15 Boeing 737-800ERs for \$858 million. Presently Alaska Airlines has 114 Boeing 737s.

Airbus delivered, in 2010, 15 corporate jet versions of their airliners. They delivered 13 Airbus A-320s and Airbus A-330s.

Boeing submitted to the U S Air Force, its final bid for 179 aerial refueling tankers. Decision

by the Air Force for its new tanker will be announced in March.

Airbus confirmed that they will increase the production rate of their A-330 as it cashes in on delays to the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. Presently they build 8 per month. It is going to 10 per month.

Skymark Airlines, a low cost airline from Japan, ordered 4 Airbus A-380s for \$1.5 Billion.

Delta Airlines will retire more than 100 regional and mainline aircraft over the next 12 to 18 months. This means that the 35 Douglas DC-9-50s will be retired. Delta is also going to retire 26 SAAB-340s, and about 60 Bombardier CRJ-100s. Delta also issued letters for RFP (requests for proposals) for 200 narrow-body airliners to replace all DC-9s, all Airbus A-320s, and possibly all Boeing 757s. Decision is quite some time in the future. It is possible that Delta Airlines and Southwest Airlines will be discussing a replacement for the Boeing 737 model, as their RFP.

El Al, the airline of Israel, bought 4 Boeing 737-900ERs.

United Airlines/Continental Airlines will lay off 500 excess personnel in Houston, due to duplicate positions in the new airline.

American Airlines recalled 545 laid off flight attendants last October. On February, American announced that they will recall 368 more flight attendants back from furlough.

Boeing announced that now the testing for the 787 Dreamliner is almost complete, that they are going to start

designing an all-new successor for the 737 model, their last selling airliner.

Boeing rolled out the new Boeing 747-800 on Monday, February 14. It has been completely redone since the original Boeing 747 rolled out 42 years ago.

LAN Chile bought 3 Boeing 767-300ERs from Boeing for \$510 million.

United Airlines grounded all 96 of their Boeing 757s for a one-time computer check, on Wednesday, February 16. This disrupted scheduled flights for almost two days. Also it inconvenienced the least number of passengers.

Delta Airlines earned \$1.4 Billion in 2010. They shared \$313 million with the employees in the form of a profit-sharing payment.

United Airlines shared \$224 million in their profit-sharing with their employees.



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 Dave Hueffmeier,  
 • June 2011 – no theme selected as yet,  
 • July 2011 – no theme selected as yet,  
 • August 2011 Challenge – Towed Artillery – Bob Maderich II,  
 • September 2011 – “Back in Black”, NordicCon set for 24 September 2011.

**Old business:**

Because of the wonderful weather this winter, the TCAH

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**Upcoming Model Events**  
by Mark Jacques

**5 March 2011 – The Cabin Fever Classic** – Red River Scale Modelers @ West Acres Regional Shopping Center, 3902 13<sup>th</sup> 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 – 7<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://public.fotki.com/73superduty/south_central_model/) contacts: Dave Morrow @ 507-345-4370 / [dalurch@charter.net](mailto:dalurch@charter.net) or Gregory Pausewang @ 507-526-3531 / [57chevy1957@bevcomm.net](mailto: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](http://www.ipms-plasticsurgeons.com) or Scott Staudt at 641-342-6291.

**16 April 2011 – Model Fest'11** – IPMS West Central Missouri (WCMO) @ Good Shepard United Methodist Church Gathering Place, 9555 N. Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO. Contact: [www.ipmswcmo.org](http://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](mailto:fiske1@centurylink.com)

**21 May 2011 – Boots and Treads II – "Then and Now"** – 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](http://www.ipmsusa2011.org) or email [omahabythesea@cox.net](mailto:omahabythesea@cox.net)

**24 September 2010 – Nordic Con 2010 - "Back In Black"** – Twin Cities Aero Historians @ Knight of Columbus Hall, Fridley, MN. [www.aerohistorians.org](http://www.aerohistorians.org)



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the simplest of methods: use your resources to copy a picture, calculate and enlarge the frame to your chosen scale, cut masks from paper or tape, and paint away. Bob also included a handy dandy scale conversion chart for those of us who are, err, mathematically weak. The beauty of the presentation is that it also has applications to other genres---now I am no longer afraid of cheat lines in case the decal disintegrates. Thank you Bob for the great presentation!

We also had a great show-table, thanks to one and all who brought their models. And it was a great theme, "Mustang Round-up" so thank you John Ross the Younger for moderating! Now, we will not be having a show table for the March or April meeting (more of which later) so

hopefully May's table will be absolutely groaning with plastic! Maybe some of us, he says as he points a finger to himself, will **finally (!)** finish a few things, like his 1/48th Crusader tank...which he is building for *Boots and Treads II*, not *Boots and Treads MXMXXX!*

The club's **Auction Part Deux** will be the focus of our March 2011 meeting. So get busy and wade through those piles of plastic and bring some of that "pile of doom" to the Auction. Let us face it, we will never build **all** of those tens, hundreds, nay thousands of models...in a specific case the 250 or so odd kits a certain President has in the (formerly known as) spare bedroom. And at the pace he builds, many of these will actually be decomposed should he live that long. We will also need some help to arrange the kits, bits, and decals for the audience's viewing pleasure.

Speaking of decals, do not forget that Joe Grimme is running the Decal Swap and Instruction program. We all have those odds and ends from kits past that may not be needed anymore, while other club members do need that "little extra" roundel, Werk Number, code letter. Additionally some of us may be missing in-instruction sheets, pages, books for that model we **now** are starting on. This new part of our meeting will hopefully address those needs. We also have procured space in the Newsletter, thanks to our editor Bob Arko, to advertise those needs. See the February newsletter for the specifics on the program. The important point to remember is that no money change hands, due to copyright and trademark issues. The only exception to this is for

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use of the Fleming Terminal copy machine for copying instruction sheets, twenty-five cents/page. **Wants and Needs can be sent to Joe, Bob, or I for inclusion in the newsletter.** Bob would like submissions for the following months newsletter by the third Friday of the month.

The Annual Club Awards meeting will be in April. Final nominations and voting will be done in March, with the Award ceremony in April. To remind everyone, the club votes for the following awards: **Modeler of the Year, Historian of the Year, Best Newsletter Article or Presentation of the Year. Club Member of the Year** will be named by the last three recipients of that award. And don't forget to bring your bibs, as the Annual Club Awards Lunch is at this meeting! The Lunch Committee (aka Bernie and I) will present options at the March meeting so stay tuned!

May will be a return to our normal madness with another great theme show table, and of course everyone scrambling to finish their entries for the Nats in Omaha. Hard to believe, but the Convention is only **six** months away!

So, a full plate for the next half year---Auction, Club Awards, *Boots and Treads II*, the IPMS Nationals. And we still have *Nordic Con* to look forward to in September! Time to buckle down and get busy on that bench!



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Club Auction "Part Deux" will be held in March 2011. So bring your kits from your shelf/stack/closet of doom, and cash, of course. As our illustrious President so eloquently put it "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".

**NordicCon:** The theme for the show is "Back in Black" – the flyer has been posted on the updated website page – check it out! Flyers were also available at the meeting. The committee is now taking calls for special awards – the sooner these can be posted, the better.

**IPMS National Convention 2011** on August 3 - 6, 2011: after the break it was decided by voted to sponsor a "special" award at the Nationals. As an aside any interest in a club members road trip to the show?

**New business:** As Larry announced in his column in the newsletter: "Bring Us Your Tired Refuse of Decal Disposals..." a recurring decal swap occurring in the lobby before the meeting and during breaks hosted by Joe Grimme. This program will be in a "pilot" mode for a few months. Details of which were covered in the February newsletter.



Nominations for the annual Twin Cities Aero Historians awards opened with:

- 2010 Modeler of the Year: Eric Zabel, Frank Cuden, John P. Ross;
  - 2010 Historian of the Year: Mark Rossman, Terry Love, Gary Chambers;
  - 2010 Newsletter Article/Presentation of the Year: Mark Rossman, Terry Love, Dave Nelson;
  - 2010 Member of the Year: as usual, the awardees from the past 3 years will select the honoree.
- And the chairman for the awards event is, once again, Larry Donovan.

No other new business was brought up.

The current \$10 dues fee for regular members and \$5 for Junior and Senior members.

Bob Friskney finally was able to make his long awaited presentation: "Fun at FedEx/Kinkos".

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.

