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**Eduard 1/48 P-39Q**  
by Mark L. Rossmann

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The P-39 was much maligned by many operators except for the Soviets, besides being deployed in every theater it also served as a training fighter for future USAF aces.

This is P-39Q-10 of Lt. "Bud" Anderson, 363<sup>rd</sup> FS / 357<sup>th</sup> FG out of Oroville, Ca. The first "Old Crow" and it would appear on all future fighters including his Viet Nam F-105. Like his friend

Chuck Yeager, and squadron mates, they appreciated the P-39 as a trainer. All units of the 357<sup>th</sup> were assigned the Airacobra for training, then they were the first group in the ETO to get Mustangs, beginning operations in Feb. of 44.

The 357<sup>th</sup> scored a higher number of air-to-air kills than any other unit in the 8<sup>th</sup> AF. Contributing to about one fourth of all Mustang kills, second only to the 354<sup>th</sup> FG. One picture has the P-39 of Anderson and his P-

51 from November of 44, in the OD scheme. Used the SuperScale 48-1067

P-51B/D Mustangs of Bud Anderson and is a Tamiya kit.

I also had the distinct pleasure of meeting "Bud" Anderson about 5 years ago at the "Wings of the North" air show at the Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie, Mn. I was fortunate to have him sign my Osprey Aircraft of the Aces "Mustang Aces of the Eighth Air

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## TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday January 14, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:00, so come early.



## The TCAH Chronicles

*by Tom Norrbohm*

To mark our 45<sup>th</sup> year in existence, I thought I would take pen to paper (or in this case, fingers to keyboard) and for the next year give you highlights to the club's past. This might be the history of a single event such as Mini Air Expo, or one of our many displays or IPMS Regionals. It might be something that happened that month in the past. This month I will bring you the highlights of the club's first year in existence, from January to December of 1967.

My sources are the *complete* TCAH Newsletter archives I have starting with issue #1. Also, as a member of this club since 1971, I can give personal insights to many of these events.

**PRELUDE:** The *very first* meeting was held on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1966 at the home of John Moore, the club's founder. John had met several like minded fellows that shared his enthusiasm for the hobby. Be they modelers, writers, artists or just airplane nuts in general, he wanted to get them all together under one roof at one time, possibly once a month. 15 people showed up at John's home, with another 10 who were enthused but could not attend. One thing was certain, they would not fail due to lack of interest.

**1967:** January's meeting almost never happened! A winter storm dumped a lot of snow and 6 hearty souls made the trek to George Mellinger's house in the Fort Snelling area. Much of the Fort Snelling area had been cleared out, but the walk from the street to George's house was in knee deep snow! A successful meeting was had,

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## Secretary's Notes

*by Jeff Fries*

Meeting called to order at 1pm.

Due to club contest this month business will be brief. Larry has changed our starting time back to 12:30 bating and meeting at 1:30.

Vendors report : Axel reported no new releases this month.

John Roll : A few of the new releases were F6F-3 Weekender by Eduard

Staggerwing by Roden in 48th and a book on the IAR 80 among others

George Mellinger gave report on the book "Five Down No Glory"

We will be trying a new aspect of a seminar each month. January will have Larry describing his tools of the hobby. Jn April Bernie has agreed to talk about Tamiya Acrylic paints .

At present Club banquet committee have been looking at three places and will have update hopefully next month.

Nordicon for 2012 Theme will be "AS SEEN ON TV" as reported by Bernie.

Rest of the time Members voted on their ballots

Bernie tallied votes and awarded gift certificates to winners

1st place received \$15. 2nd place \$10. 3rd place \$5 in form of gift certificates

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## Airline Chatter

by Terry Love

Boeing announced the totals for sales from the Abu Dubai Air Show – 359 in new orders! They were as follows:

-Emirates ordered 50 Boeing 777-300ERs with options for 20 more – value is \$18 Billion

-Oman Air ordered 6 Boeing 787-800 Dreamliners

-Qatar Airways ordered 2 Boeing 777 Freighters

-Lions Air ordered 20 Boeing 737-800s and 29 Boeing 737-900s plus options for 150 more.

-Singapore Airlines ordered 8 Boeing 777-300ERs.

-Aviation Capital Group (a leasor) ordered 55 Boeing 737-800s

-Ethihad Airlines ordered 12 more Boeing 787 Dreamliners. Deal is worth \$2.8 Billion.

-unidentified customer ordered 8 Boeing 777s.

Delta Airlines will trim the 2012 international flights. They are chopping Atlanta to Shanghai, Moscow, Prague, Copenhagen, Tel Aviv, and Athens.



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NOTE : 68 models by 16 participants were there for us to enjoy. Winners are listed on Page 7.



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even with 6 members. Of the six, 3 were new members of which two were members of the MN ANG and they came up with a permanent monthly meeting place on the MN ANG base. New member Tom Weir would make arrangements to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Bldg. 641 for future meetings. The highlight of the meeting was George showing everyone his model and book collection and topping it off with showing his Dad's railroad layout, circa 1895.

February would bring a new centrally located meeting place at the MN ANG base and favorable weather. Expectations were high that there would be a good turnout this month, but only 16 people would eventually show up that day. It is apparent early on that members are not just building out of the box kits, but scratch building and using vac-u-forms kits to achieve their goals. Members Noel Allard and Loren Johnson are just two builders showcasing their talents in this area. Noel with his scratch balsa models in 1/100<sup>th</sup> scale. Loren with his mastery of vac-u-forms to build the oddball WWI aircraft in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale. Concerns for the future attendance of meetings are addressed. Possibly some planned programs to sustain interest in the club, or better attendance to make the programming worth the effort. *(45 years later, nothing much has changed. We have no problems with attendance, but coming up with interesting programs continues to be a challenge year in and year out).*

March is a well attended meeting with 21 present. Lots of models, books and photos for everyone to look at. The model of the month was a custom built F4B-4 built by Bob Reineck.

Painted in maroon with yellow striping, this is Bob's version of what could be done to a civilian F4B-4. Club had access to a slide projector and 75 a/c slides were shown. A club display is put together representing the work of various members. Its first stop is at Medical Center Cycle in Crystal (hobby shop was in the lower level where the bike shop was) to be followed by Shoppers City in Maplewood and Gagers at Brookdale Shopping Center. A volunteer is looked for to give an airbrush demo, something many of the members have requested *(at this time in 1967, airbrushing of models appears to be done by a select few. Hand brushing and spray cans seem to be the norm. I would not use a professional airbrush in my modeling until I graduated from high school in 1974 having built models since I was five years old).*

Due to a mix up, no newsletter is sent out for the April meeting and no notes are provided for that meeting. The May meeting is a huge success with a large turnout *(no numbers given)*. Member Bob Kaye of HisAirDec decals is hosting the meeting at his place of business. Members get a first hand look at his vast library of magazines and reference materials that he uses in his decal business. Bob would be one of the first to produce *accurate* decals for the modeling enthusiast who wanted to finish off his model with the correct decals as to size, color and shape *(years later after Bob's death in 1988, I would have the opportunity to go through several boxes from his estate that contained remnants of his decal business. He had many photos which I still have, that showed the level of his desire to get the correct*

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## Upcoming Model Events

by Mark Jacques

**4 February 2011 - 2012 "Hope It Don't Snow Show"** – IPMS 5-33 Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers @ Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, 1517 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.royalresin.net/ZumbroValleyScaleModelers.html)

**24 March 2012 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Show and Contest** – IPMS/South Central Modelers of Minnesota @ Five Lakes Centre, 308 South State Street, Fairmont, MN. 9:00am to 4:00pm, Registration 'till Noon; Entry Fee: \$1.00 per model. Website: [http://public.fotki.com/73superduty/south\\_central\\_model/](http://public.fotki.com/73superduty/south_central_model/) contact Gregory Pausewang (507) 526-3531.

**14 April 2012 – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Surgicon** – IPMS/Plastic Surgeons @ Valley Free Church, 4343 Fuller Road, West Des Moines, IA. Contact Scot Staudt at (515) 559-7305, email: [staudt3@yahoo.com](mailto:staudt3@yahoo.com), or visit the club website at [www.ipms-plasticsurgeons.com](http://www.ipms-plasticsurgeons.com).

**26 to 28 April 2012 – AMPS International Show** – The Armor Modeling and Preservation Society @ WW2 Victory Museum, Auburn, IN. Theme to be announced.

**5 May 2012 – Mad-City Modeler's Model Show** – IPMS/Mad-City Modelers @ Double-days Banquet House, 4586 Baxter Rd, Cottage Grove WI. Contact Michael Luedke (262) 567-9147 or email at [highlanderforensic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:highlanderforensic@sbcglobal.net).

**19 May 2012 – Fleacon VIII** –

IPMS/Lippisch Chapter IPMS @ PS Hangar at the Eastern Iowa Airport, 3411 Beech Way SW, Cedar Rapids, IA. Contact Charlie Kucera at (319) 389-0877, email at [djchkucera@aol.com](mailto:djchkucera@aol.com), or visit the club website at [www.ipms-usa-lippisch-chapter.org](http://www.ipms-usa-lippisch-chapter.org)

**8 to 11 August 2012 – IPMS-USA National Convention "Explore Historic Florida"** – IPMS Pelican Model Club @Disney's Contemporary Resort, 4600 N. World Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 [www.ipmsusa2012.org](http://www.ipmsusa2012.org)

**29 September 2012 – Nordic-Con 2010 – Theme "As Seen on TV"** – Twin Cities Aero Historians @ Productivity Inc., 15150 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Plymouth, MN 55447. [www.aerohistorians.org](http://www.aerohistorians.org)



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*information to make accurate decals).* Member Don Theiss gave a demo on using an airbrush. Many are impressed by the quality of the work, to the point that one member is rumored to have said that he was going to throw his whole collection away now that he has an airbrush and is going to start all over! Don would eventually give a total of 3 demos on the art of airbrushing. A three member program committee is formed to help plan future projects and or programs. Current club model display is at Woodcraft Hobby Shop in Donaldsons/Golden Rule in St. Paul. The display so far has been a tremendous success everywhere it's been so far to date.

Summer meetings bring changes in the meeting time and

location. Meeting is back at Bldg. 641 on the MN ANG base and the time is now changed from 1PM to 1:30. No planned program for the meetings during the summer months and the July and August meetings will again be on the first Saturday of the month. Plans are in the works for a big public display of models in October. The display will be on the MN ANG base to be determined later. Public access will be limited so the models will be 'safe' from curious hands. The ANG is enthused about the project and hope things will be more definite in the near future. Dell Merchant at Medical Center Cycle has pulled all the stops out to improve his stock on the hobby shop side of the business. 6 to 8 lines of imported kits have been added, along with import publications and magazines to go along with them. By vote, it was decided to have annual dues of \$1. Jim Hayes volunteers to be Club Treasurer, the first club officer of the club, to join John Moore as President.

With the September meeting comes word from General Dolney that the public open house for the club model display will be on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> (this will also be the club meeting day) at the Airlift Operations Bldg #684. The display will be open to viewing by the public from 2pm to 4pm and free of charge. All the members are encouraged to participate and bring lots and lots of models to have on display. They hope to get 150+ models to show off to the public. Some fantastic models are brought in by a newcomer Tom Walsh. Coming to live in Minnesota via Detroit, Tom is an IPMS member and was very active with the Detroit club. Many a mouth was left open after viewing Tom's models. Noel Allard brings up a

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point that we are 'Aero Historians' and not just modelers, but open to anyone with an interest in aviation history, whether they are a modeler or not.

The October club display is a success. Approximately 350 visitors showed up to see the models (no model count is given and by looking at the few photos I have in the club history of the event, it would be hard to even make an educated guess). A special thanks is given to Noel Allard for his work on signs and posters and contacts with Sherm Booen, as well as other members involved. At this time, John Moore has put 'Member of I.P.M.S.' on the newsletter heading below Twin City Aero Historians, Plastic & Solid Scale A/C Modelers (John is the editor of the newsletter at this time, which is basically a one sheet mimeograph). John wants the club to consider their organization to be the local representative of IPMS. John, as Regional Coordinator, can spread the word of their group to other members who may be in the area to visit or passing

through (in 1967, the idea of club chapters in IPMS does not yet exist). Medical Center Cycle has received some new merchandise from Japan. Tamiya, Fujimi, Hasegawa and Nichimo kits are now available along with publications from Kookaburra and Aircraft Profiles. Also, the club's first roster is in the works with plans to print it in the near future.

The recent model display brings in a new member, one of the club's youngest at that time. His name is Jerry (Jeff) Kurth. He was quite happy to discover the club and has recruited at least two more new members as well. The members are glad to see the hobby attracting more of the younger generation (Jeff is in his late teens) and hope this is a continuing trend (just four years later, I would join the club becoming the youngest at that time at the ripe 'young' age of 14). A new hobby shop is mentioned, Moeller's Hobby Center in Robbinsdale.

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I hope you enjoyed this

article. I will continue to post new articles in the coming months and look forward to your comments. Coming up next.... TCAH's Crown Jewel..... Mini-Air Expo.



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Force". The picture of that signature also shows a picture of his P-39 from Aircraft of the Aces "P-39 Airacobra Aces of World War 2".

This version still retained 3 bladed Aerodynamics prop. The two 30 caliber guns per wing were replaced by single under wing 50 caliber gun pods, plane also could carry a single bomb on the belly rack.

This is the 1/48 Eduard P-39Q weekend kit, it is well designed, instructions are clear and concise. The kit contains decals for the "71<sup>st</sup> TRS, 82<sup>nd</sup> TRG Snooks II". I used AeroMaster 48-593 Airacobra's at War Pt 1, they were well printed and had no issues with transferring them to the model. Used Model Masters Olive Drab spray paint and Tamiya USAF AS-7 gray spray paint.

References:

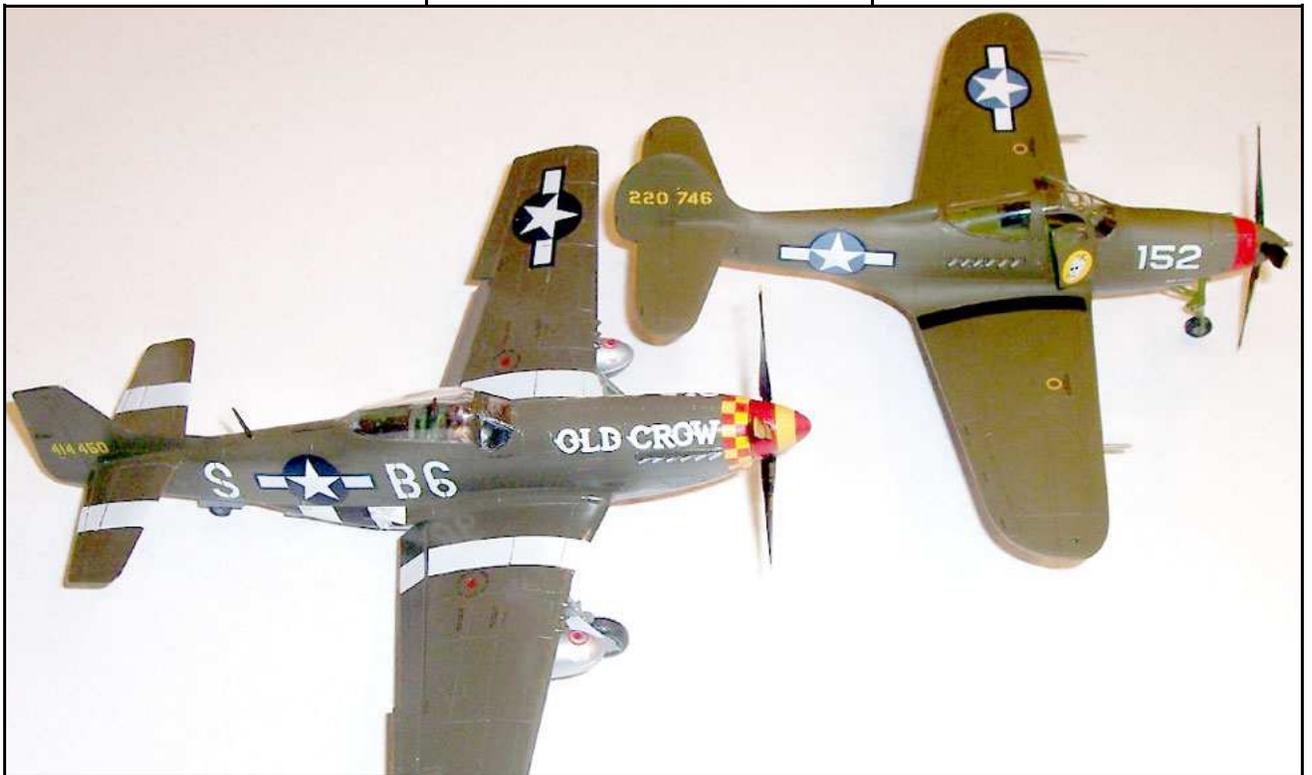
Eduard instructions

P-39 Airacobra in action – Squadron/Signal Publications

Osprey Aircraft of the Aces: #1 – Mustang Aces of the Eight Air Force.

#36 – P-39 Airacobra Aces of World War 2





Category 1: WWI and BiPlanes:  
 1st Eric Zabel Albatross D.V  
 2nd Bob Maderich Fokker Dr.1  
 3rd Don Stauffer Staggerwing

Category 2: 1/72 and smaller,  
 Prop  
 1st James Kloek B-24  
 2nd John P Ross P-51D  
 3rd Eric Zabel C-47

Category 3: 1/48 Prop  
 1st Dennis Strand Avro Manchester  
 2nd John P Ross Spitfire Mk XII  
 3rd John R Ross F6F-3

Category 4: 1/32  
 1st Eric Zabel P-40B  
 2nd Tom Norrbohm Bf.109E-1  
 3rd John Dunphy Ki-44

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 1st Eric Morningstar F-84F  
 2nd Bernie Kugel MiG-21SMT  
 3rd Eric Zabel F-86

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 1st Sean Brzozowski Polish Firefly  
 2nd Eric Zabel King Tiger  
 3rd Bob Maderich Pak 43

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 2nd Don Stauffer Le Reale  
 3rd Bob Maderich Pibber

Category 8: Automotive  
 1st Bob Maderich 50 Ford Pickup  
 2nd Jim Kampmann 32 Ford  
 3rd Eric Zabel Astin DBR9

Category 9: Sci-Fi and Misc  
 1st Bob Ferreria Flak 88 Diorama  
 2nd John R Ross X-Wing  
 3rd Eric Zabel Snowspeeder



## 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.
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  - Turn left (East) at the 4-way Stop onto
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- The terminal is on the right with

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