

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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- 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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Battering Rams (1944)

With the increased pressure caused by the American bombing raids through late 1943 and early 1944, a new method of attacking the bombers was proposed by Major H.-G. Von Kornatski, an associate of Adolf

Galland; simply for specially armored fighters to get in as close to the bombers as possible before opening fire, even (as a last resort) deliberately ramming the bomber. It was dangerous and, to most experienced aces, foolhardy, but predicted results were such that a special Staffel was formed to test the tactical viability. Sturmstaffel 1 was the first experimental unit to fly the so-called Sturmböcke (Battering

Rams) Focke-Wulf Fw 190 aircraft and was attached to JG 3. Such was their success that in April-May 1944 the Sturmstaffel was expanded into a specialized bomber 'killer' gruppen, IV/JG 3, led by Hauptmann Wilhelm Moritz. Sturmstaffel 1 was redesignated 11./JG 3 in May 1944. On 12 February 1944, Major Müller was appointed Gruppenkommandeur of IV.

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TCAH This Month

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



Thoughts from a Caveman Modeler
 by Frank Cuden
 (Caveman Modeler)

What do you bring to "The party?" Naw, I don't mean what you bring for the annual Club Auction - I mean, "What do YOU bring to "The Party?" By "Party", I mean the monthly meetings. I know we all come to meetings for various reasons - to socialize with like-minded members, to check out the latest and greatest from Roll Models, and Winston, to share something you've learned, be it an upcoming event or something you've built, or maybe to just attend the meeting - our reasons for attending are many, no doubt. However, what do you BRING? Given that I'm enjoying my 70th year on this planet and have been building model aircraft for about 60 of those years now, with around 40 as a TCAH member, I recently asked myself that very question: What do I bring? Usually, its my latest model completion and hopefully, an adequate explanation of how I did it. I also bring my modeling knowledge and experience. And then I started thinking about what others "bring" to "the party." You want find a decal perhaps? Joe Grimme took it upon himself to run a "decal bank", maybe providing a resource for someone in search of an out-of-production sheet - that's what he brings. Greg Drawbaugh, as in DrawDecals will fill your needs with his products. You want to check out a new magazine, buy a kit or two, a decal sheet, or an aftermarket product? You go see John Roll and if he doesn't have it, the chances are good that he'll get it for you. That's what he brings to "The "Party." You looking for a book? You go see Axel Kornfuehrer and John. Do you need some information

Secretary's Notes
 by Jeff Fries

Our banquet served as April's meeting therefore minutes are few. Attendance was 21 members and 14 visitors. Meals were served at 6:30pm and later our speaker was retired General Rayond T. Klosowski who was based at Duluth Air Guard base gave his talk on flying the RF-4 and doing mapping at Gitmo in earlier years. Opinion : with such low attendance at this one wonders why so many voted to have one..

Starting in May we will be giving out a ticket for each model on the show table (limit 5 tickets) and you will save them until Dec when we draw gift certificates as yet amount not decided. Remember to place second half of ticket in provided jar before leaving meeting..



about an airliner? You talk to Bob Friskney and you can email Terry Love out there in Kansas. All things Russian? George Mellinger will help you out. F-4 Phantoms? Randy Koivisto and Dave Prettyman will come through for you. A-6 Intruders? Ken Sallman. Dave Gatts gets into the in's and out's of building and correcting kits. How about help with a natural metal finish? Mark Krumry's your man - ever see his Stratocruisers? Whoee! 8th Air Force information and history - Mark Copeland's "Da Man." Do you want to build a ship model? Bob Steinbrunn could help you there. Old information? Any one of us over 60 can help - if we can remember the stuff! Jeff Fries, Ken Jensen, me, and a few

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Fleet of Delta Airlines
 By Terry Love

TYPE	No	On Order	
Airbus	A-319	59	5
Airbus	A-320	80	2
Airbus	A-330-200	11	
Airbus	A-330-300	21	
Boeing	737-700	10	
Boeing	737-800	73	
Boeing	737-900		100
Boeing	747-400	15	
Boeing	757-200	155	
Boeing	757-300	16	
Boeing	767-300	79	
Boeing	777-200ER	18	
Boeing	787 Dreamliner		18
DC-9-51		24	
MD-88		117	
MD-90		31	32
The following are the airliners that are parked:			
Boeing	747-400	1	
Boeing	757-200	20	
Boeing	767-300	6	
DC-9-51		10	

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Die unter persönlicher Führung ihres Geschwaderkommodore Major Dahl kämpfende IV. Sturmgruppe Jagdgeschwader 3, mit ihrem Kommandeur Hauptmann Moritz, zeichnete sich durch Abschluß von 30 viermotorigen Bombern besonders aus.

Direct English translation

The under the personal leadership of its wing commander Major Dahl fighting 4th assault group of the 3rd fighter wing, with its commander,

Captain Moritz, distinguished itself exceptionally by shooting down of 30 four-engine bombers.

Hasegawa has provided a well thought out designed model. It allows for an A8, A8/R2 and A8/R8 version of this fine fighter. This series was armed with 4 20mm cannon, 13mm mg, firing alignment device and a methanol water injector. It was the most numerous model of the FW190 produced.

Spray paints used were Tamiya AS-4, AS-5, AS-1 and Model Master Flat Black. The kit provides for canopy masks which worked very well. Kit decals

were used to create Unteroffizier Willi Maximowitz's Sturm IV, JG3 Salzwedel from June of 1944, possibly deployed briefly at Normandy and is identified by the "Winged U" badge and the wavy bar. It's possible I have the incorrect propeller cap color, I have black as designated by the kit, the Osprey book shows it red.

References:
Kit instructions
Osprey's Aircraft of the Aces #9, Focke-Wulf FW190 Aces of the Western Front
Wikipedia - JG3



Airline Chatter by Terry Love

Southwest Airlines will take delivery of 33 Boeing 737-800s this year, and will accept 41 more next year.

U S Airways earned \$71 million in the year 2011.

Japan Air Lines took delivery of its first 2 Boeing 787 Dreamliners on March 26.

China Eastern Airlines, one of China's largest air lines, cancelled its order for 24 Boeing 787 Dreamliners. It was done via the Chinese government, who handles all airlines transactions. China is obviously upset at the US for some reason.

Pinnacle Airlines filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy on April 1.

Delta Airlines, struggling with high fuel costs, is considering purchasing the ConocoPhillips 185,000 barrels per day refinery in Trainer, Pennsylvania. It will produce jet fuel only for Delta Airlines.

Pinnacle Airlines merged with Mesaba Airlines.

Boeing delivered 137 airliners in the first quarter of this year.

Air France took delivery on April 10 of their 60th Boeing 777ER. Air France will take delivery of 4 more Boeing 777s this year.

Trans Aero Airlines of Russia, ordered 4 Boeing 787 Dreamliners for \$750 million. Capitalism at its best !!

Pinnacle Airlines wants to fly ONLY for Delta Airlines as their

feeder airline. Therefore, they are cancelling the contracts that they have for other airlines.

Garuda, the major airline of Indonesia, ordered 11 Airbus A-330-300s.

Delta Airlines will spend \$160 million to update their hub at LaGuardia airport in New York City.

Air India, the national airline of India, is bankrupt. The government of India "invested" \$1.3 Billion to keep the airline flying.

Delta Airlines spent over \$12 Billion on jet fuel in 2011. That is more than \$1 Billion per month !!

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others come to mind.....Are you perhaps thinking about writing a modeling article? Bob Steinbrunn, Don Stauffer and maybe even yours truly are the ones to talk with. Wanting to really pick up on detailing the daylights out of a model - talk to Steve Hustad. How about information regarding a car model you want to build? Bob Maderich is your man - others too, but you get the idea. Tanks? Johannes Allert, and again, Bob Steinbrunn are a couple that I know of. Want to write a book? Ken Hornby, Bob Steinbrunn and Noel Allard are good resources. I know Noel lives in the far North but he does have an email address. Want to join IPMS? Our Chapter Contact is John Roll - talk with him. Photography? Gary Chambers, Sid Bremer, Merrill Anderson, and Sean "What's-his-name" probably stand at the ready to help you. Me-109 building would certainly merit a talk with Tom Norrbohm. Steve Macey has

considerable knowledge of Canadian aircraft - he'd be the one to tap there. Here's one - computer help - all ya gotta do is ask and you'll find the club members are rampant with such knowledge and information. If this "Caveman" could figure out one of those new-fangled things and use it effectively, I'm sure anyone can!

Maybe you have "eyes" to run for office - boy, there's a wealth of "has-beens" in that area and I'm one of 'em. It was a blast, being both Vice-President (twice) and President of this merry "Band Of Brothers", so if the spirit moves you, think about bringing your skills in that area to "The Party" and help grow TCAH through your service. We need you to carry on the proud history of our club.

Over the years, a common bond of the club has been its multiplicity of inner resource - photographers, model builders, historians, collectors, writers, "players" in the industry, and those of us with general hobby knowledge. So you see, we all bring something to "The Party." Reading Tom's "TCAH Chronicles" got me to thinking about all of the above and I realized that even though the club has changed from "all things aviation, displays and contests" over the years, and the fact that new faces have dominated the "skyline" from the days of yore, we still, as a club, are doing quite well, thank you. We've recognized the "PM" diversity aspect of our "PM'S orientation - as in, "Plastic Modelers." While the club still retains a strong aviation slant, other genres have come to the fore, and our club has expanded as a result. I must confess that my memory, during this 70th

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June 2-3 • Blaine, MN • Discover Aviation Days
Fly-in, WWII warbirds, other vintage and modern aircraft. Admission: Check website. Anoka County Airport (Jane's Field), 8891 Airport Road, C-8. Info@DiscoverAviationDays.org. 763-568-6072. www.discoveraviationdays.org

June 8-10 • Olivehurst, CA • Golden West Regional Fly-In and Airshow
70th anniversary celebration of Doolittle Raid, Camp Beale, and Marysville Army Airfield. Admission: Check website. Yuba County Airport, Marysville/Olivehurst. info@goldenwestflyin.org. 530-852-0321. www.goldenwestflyin.org

June 9-10 • Mankato, MN • Minnesota Air Spectacular 2012
AeroShell Aerobatic Team flying AT-6 Texans, other air performances. Admission: Check website. Mankato Regional Airport, 3030 Airport Road. mnairspectacular.com

June 16 • Rexburg, ID • Legacy Flight Museum Air Show
Museum's P-51, P-63, TBM Avenger and other planes in flight. Admission: free. Legacy Flight Museum, Airport Road. legacyflightmuseum@yahoo.com. 208-359-5905. www.legacyflightmuseum.com/airshow.aspx

June 16-17 • Olympia, WA • The Olympic Air Show
Vintage warbirds, living history military encampments, aerobatics and flybys by vintage and modern military and civilian planes. Admission: adults, \$15 (\$25 for weekend); age 6 or younger, free; special photographer pass, \$100, online purchases only. Olympic Flight Museum, 7637-A Old Highway 99 SE. info@olympicflightmuseum.com. 360-705-3925. olympicairshow.weebly.com

June 16-17 • Gaylord, MI • Wings Over Gaylord
B-17, B-25, C-47 on display and available for rides, historic and modern military and civilian aircraft, aerobatics, big-band hangar dance, 1950s dance. Admission: adults, \$10; ages 6-12, \$5; age 5 and younger, free. Gaylord Regional Airport, 1100 Aero Drive. www.wingsovergaylord.org

June 16-17 • Norfolk, NE • Nebraska Airfest
Dogfights between P-51 Mustang and Japanese Zero, aerobatics, cockpit tour of B-25 Mitchell, skydiving by US Army Golden Knights, hot air balloon flights, free children's rides, speakers. Admission: \$10. Norfolk Regional Airport. info@nebraskaaairfest.com. 402-316-4216. www.nebraskaaairfest.com

June 16-17 • North Kingstown, RI • Rhode Island Open House and Air Show
WWII aircraft displayed and flying, modern jets, civilian performers. Admission: free; \$10 parking donation directly supports Hasbro Children's Hospital. 210 Airport Street. michael.martin.7@ang.af.mil. www.riairshow.org

June 22-24 • Greenfield, IN • Indianapolis Air Show
WWII and modern airplanes, survivors from sinking of USS Indianapolis. Admission: adults, \$15; ages 6-12, \$5; age 5 or younger, free; lower rates Friday. 4078 N. Aviation Way. info@indyairshow.com. 317-335-7252. www.indyairshow.com

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July 1 • Gig Harbor, WA • Tacoma Freedom Fair Wings and Wheels
WWII and modern airplanes, B-17 rides, flying and static displays. Admission: age 18 and older, \$12; ages 7-17, \$5; age 6 or younger, free. Tacoma Narrows Airport, 1202 26th Avenue NW. staff@freedomfair.com. 253-507-9357. www.freedomfair.com

July 2-4 • St. Louis, MO • Fair Saint Louis Air Show
AeroShell Aerobatic Team flying AT-6 Texans, plus WWII and modern aircraft in flight. Admission: Check website. Soldiers Memorial (between 14th and Tucker and Market and Pine streets). info@celebratestlouis.org. 314-434-3434. celebratestlouis.org/fair-saint-louis/air-show

July 7-8 • Vandalia, OH • Dayton Air Show
Modern and WWII planes flying and displayed, and "Tora! Tora! Tora!", a dramatic re-creation of the Pearl Harbor attack. Admission: adults, \$20; ages 6-11, \$15; senior citizens, \$15; age 5 and younger, free. Check website for other ticket options. Dayton International Airport, 3800 Wright Dr. info@daytonairshow.com. 937-898-5901. www.daytonairshow.com

July 13-15 • Geneseo, NY • Geneseo Air Show
WWII and modern aircraft in flying and static displays. Admission: Check website. 1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum, 3489 Big Tree Lane. Office@1941HAG.org. 585-243-2100. www.1941hag.org/index.html

July 14-15 • Willoughby, OH • A Gathering of Eagles XVI
WWII and modern aircraft in flying and static displays; aircraft rides in a B-25. Admission: Check website. United States Aviation Museum Lost Nation Airport. ajmb@roadrunner.com. www.usam.us

July 14-15 • Eden Prairie, MN • AirExpo 2012
WWII aircraft flying and static displays. Admission: adults, \$15; ages 8-12, \$5; age 7 and younger, free. Flying Cloud Airport, 10110 Flying Cloud Drive. info@airexpo-mn.org. 952-746-6100. www.airexpo-mn.org

July 21-22 • Sioux Falls, SD • Sioux Falls Airshow
WWII and modern aircraft in flying and on display; AT-6, B-25, P-51, L-5, PT-13, other aircraft. Admission: Free. Sioux Falls Regional Airport, Joe Foss Field, 2801 Jaycee Lane. cnelson@nelsonandnelsoncpas.com. www.siouxfallsairshow.com

Aug. 3-5 • Seattle, WA • 2012 Boeing Air Show at Seafair Weekend
WWII Historic Flight Foundation Spitfire and Mustang; Douglas A-26 Invader, modern civilian and military aircraft. Admission: adults, \$30; seniors and youth, \$10. Genesee Park/Lake Washington. info@seafair.com. 206-728-0123. www.seafair.com/AnEvent.aspx?ID=13&SecID=917

Aug. 4-5 • Chicopee, MA • The Great New England Air Show
WWII AT-6/SNJ aerobatics team, C-47, TBM Avenger, B-25, P-40, Corsair, P-47, P-51, other WWII and modern planes, Geico Skytypers. Admission: Free. Westover Air Reserve Base. budphoto@charter.net. www.greatnewenglandairshow.com

Upcoming Model Events

by Mark Jacques

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 .

19 May 2012 – IPMS Region 5 Convention – IPMS West Central Missouri Chapter @the Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS, contact Marty Nevshemal at (816) 916-8613 or visit the club's website: www.novaipms.org.

20 May 2012 –>NNL North – 14th Annual Model Car Show – RPM – Mpls @ Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 American Blvd. W., Bloomington, MN. Info: www.NNLNorth.com or www.RPMModelClub.com or Contact Bob Maderich at (612) 423-2985

9 to 10 June 2012 – Heartland Model Car Nationals – KC Slammers @ Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS. Contact Bill Barker @ (913) 250-0906, wlb19@yahoo.com or www.kcslammers.com

5 August 2012 - 5th Annual GTR Summer NNL – IPMS/GTR Auto Modelers @ the Algonquin Township Office, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, IL, contact Chuck Herrmann @ (847) 516-0211, gtrchab@yahoo.com or visit the club website at www.gtrautomodelers.freesevers.com

8 to 11 August 2012 – IPMS-USA National Convention "Discover Historic Florida", Themes: The Race to Space 1962 – 1972; 1942: Guadalcanal; 1942: Stalingrad; A Cold War Heats Up: The Cuban Mis-

sile Crisis (50th Anniversary); 100 Years of Chevrolet: 1912 - 2012 – IPMS Pelican Model Club @Disney's Contemporary Resort, 4600 N. World Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 www.ipmsusa2012.org

29 September 2012 – Nordic-Con 2010 – Theme "As Seen on TV" – Twin Cities Aero Historians @ Productivity Inc., 15150 25th Ave. N., Plymouth, MN 55447. www.aerohistorians.org

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 year of its existence, is not what it once was and for that I apologize. Even though I recognize faces, I still don't know those faces' names, nor do I know the full breadth of our inner resource. Bear with me- it'll only get worse, and I'm sure there are others who can offer a plethora of info - just ask. I have attempted to compile some disciplines and interest areas that I know of and I'm sure there are more. Over the years of my TCAH membership, one goal I've had is to become a better builder so I've not been shy, asking others about their techniques. John Eian's models are examples of what I'm talking about - Steve Erickson, of course, Bob Steinbrunn, Steve Macy, Steve Hustad and others show their skills regularly. And I'm not done learning yet. We only learn by repetition so pick some brains and "kick it up a notch" - your building, that is - that's what I'm trying to do. In conclusion, we all bring ourselves and our knowledge to "The Party." Think about it some and then attend and enjoy, and share. Let's see some different names up there, the next time somebody writes one of these.....



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 (Sturm)/JG 3. He claimed three four-engine bombers on 8 March to record his 120th-122nd victories.

Flying modified Fw 190A-R8's with extra armor and wing-mounted 30mm MK-108 cannons, IV.(Sturm)/JG 3 became both renowned with the Luftwaffe and feared by the bomber crews. Due to their added weight (some 400 lbs) and lack of speed, the Sturmböcke aircraft had to be escorted by conventional fighters.

On 7 July 1944 a force of 1,129 B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-24 Liberators set out from England to bomb aircraft factories in the Leipzig area and the synthetic oil plants at Boehlen, Leuna-Merseburg and Lützkendorf. This formation was intercepted by a German Gefechtsverband composed of IV(Sturm) Gruppe JG 3 escorted by two Gruppen of Bf 109s from Jagdgeschwader 300 led by Major Walther Dahl. Dahl drove the attack to point-blank range behind the Liberators of the 492nd Bomb Group before opening fire. 492nd Bomb Group was temporarily without fighter cover. Within about a minute the entire squadron of twelve B-24s had been annihilated. The 2nd Air Division lost 28 Liberators that day, the majority to the Sturmgruppe attack. IV./JG 3 lost nine fighters shot down and three more suffered damage and made crash landings; five of the unit's pilots were killed.

This event, also known as the Luftschlacht bei Oschersleben (aerial battle at Oschersleben), earned both Dahl and Moritz a reference in the Wehrmachtbericht, an information bulletin issued by the headquarters of the Wehrmacht,

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 on 8 July 1944. To be singled out individually in the Wehrmachtbericht was an honor and was entered in the Orders and Decorations' section of a soldier's Service Record Book.

was relieved from command of IV./ JG 3 due to a complete nervous breakdown. In February 1945, IV./JG 3 moved to the Eastern Front, undertaking freie-Jagd and ground attack missions on the Oder front. IV./JG 3 veteran Obfw. 'Willi' Maximowitz, of 14./JG 3, quickly amassed

October 1943)
 Iron Cross (1939)
 2nd Class
 1st Class
 German Cross in Gold in 1945 as Major in the IV./ Jagdgeschwader 3
 Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross on 18 July 1944 as



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Wilhelm Moritz (29 June 1913 - 2010) was a German Luftwaffe ace and recipient of the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross (German: Ritterkreuz des Eisernen Kreuzes) during World War II. The Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross was awarded to recognize extreme battlefield bravery or successful military leadership. During his career Wilhelm Moritz was credited with 44 victories in 500+ missions. On 5 December 1944, Major Moritz

some 12 Soviet aircraft shot down, including being credited with three Soviet Boston bombers and a fighter shot down on 11 March alone. However on 20 April Maximowitz was shot down and killed, having attained 27 claims exclusively with JG 3.

Awards
 Flugzeugführerabzeichen
 Front Flying Clasp of the Luftwaffe
 Ehrenpokal der Luftwaffe (11

Major and Gruppenkommandeur IV./ Jagdgeschwader 3 "Udet" Mentioned in the Wehrmachtbericht on 8 July 1944

Reference in the Wehrmachtbericht Date 8 July 1944:

Original German Wehrmachtbericht wording
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