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Hasegawa 1/48 scale F-86 Sabre
by Mark L. Rossmann

58th FBW Sabre's 1955-1958 by Mark L. Rossmann

Brief History: The 58 FBG moved to (K2) Taegu Air Base, South Korea, in August 1952. Having entered the war with the F-84D Thunderjets, the 58th FBG transitioned in late 1952 to the new "G" model, designed

with more speed and range. The wing earned a second DUC for its actions in the last three months of the war for targeting airfields, railways, enemy positions, bridges, dams, electric power plants and vehicles.

These missions were not easy, by December 1952, 18 members of the 58 FBG had perished. By the wars conclusion, according to recent listings from

the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office, the fates of 14 members assigned to the 58 FBG are still unaccounted.

After the armistice, the 58th provided air defense, via the F-86F, for South Korea. From the spring of 1953 through November 8 1954, the 58th FBG ser-

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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday August 9, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:00, so come early.



From the Prez

by Johannes Allert

While August is another laid back month, we also recognize that summer is almost over and before you know it, the State Fair will be upon us quickly followed by Labor Day, and then it's back to school for kids. Likewise, the tempo of the club picks up in the fall with greater attendance at meetings, dues renewal, and Nordicon in October. Just a reminder to everyone that beginning in September, we will start taking nominations for all club officer positions. The field for the 2014-15 year is wide open. Nominations will be taken in September and October with the final vote set for November.



Secretary's Notes

by John Dunphy

Johan called the meeting to order at 1:25. No guests or Old Business. **NEW BUSINESS:** Club sponsored a trophy package at the IPMS Nat'l's covering the Airliner's category. Nordic Con 2014: They need volunteers to help out with security at the event itself. They also need someone to be the Head Judge. See John Ross Jr. Deadline for Special Awards for Nordic Con is the end of August. See Bob Maderich or Tom Norrbohm. Cost is \$25 each with checks payable to Tom Norrbohm. Vendor tables are \$25 before September 1st, \$30 after. Show and Tell by Dave Prettyman. Meeting adjourned.



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vice-tested a "reinforced" wing organization which exercised direct control of the tactical components of the attached wings, from Taegu. These tactical components were deployed on rotational basis to Taiwan from March 15th, 1955 through July 1, 1958 from Osan Air Base. On November 8th 1957, the group was re-designated the 58th Fighter Bomber Wing, still consisting of the F-86 equipped 69th, 310th and 311th Fighter Bomber Squadrons. These were duly inactivated on July 1, 1958, because in June 1958 the 58th FBW was renamed to the 58th Tactical Missile Group and re-armed in October of 1958 with the TM-61C (Matador) tactical missile to provide a deterrent against attacks on South Korea, a mission that continued until 1962. It is hard to glean information from this time frame, however the following site gives insight to an unfortunate incident that took the life of Lt. Bob Ford of the 311th FBS:

<http://www.bob-fordmemorial.com/view/?pageID=169371>

Construction: These are Hasegawa 1/48 models of the F-86-30 and two -40s and are well constructed with very good instructions. Each aircraft took about 1 month to complete. I found fit issues of the nose cone to the fuselage in all three. The fuselage was narrower at some points, so I used toothpick stuck in between the air intake and the body to widen for a better fit. Also, upper fuselage halves portion between the cockpit and tail had to be filled on all 3 models, as a rounded edge on the left fuselage was not 90 degree square to the right side. Original boxed decals were yellowed a bit but I was not

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Airline Chatter

by Terry Love

Boeing delivered on July 1, its 1,500th Boeing 747 model built since 1968.

American has now painted all Boeing 777s in their new paint scheme. About half of all American Airlines' Boeing 737s have now been painted.

China Eastern Airlines, the largest Chinese airline, has launched a new budget airline called China United. This airline would be the first Chinese Communist government airline to enter the low-cost travel market.

Boeing outpaced Airbus for the first half of the year. Boeing sold 499 airliners net including 4 cancellations. Airbus sold 290 airliners net including 255 cancellations.

Delta Airlines announced that they are cutting flights to Venezuela due to the political situation in that country. Delta will have only one flight per week now.

Boeing delivered its first Boeing 787-900 stretched Dreamliner on July 1 to Air Zealand.

Delta Airlines will begin service from New York and Atlanta to Barbados this December.

Qatar Airways rejected the first three Airbus A-380s. Qatar is very disappointed with Airbus.

Airbus announced that they are going to re-engine the good

selling A-330 with more fuel-efficient engines.

During the Farnborough Air Show in England in July, Airbus announced orders for 496 airliners valued at \$75.3 Billion. Purchase orders were for 358 airliners worth \$38.4 Billion, and options were for 138 airliners worth \$36.9 Billion. 363 Airbus A-320s were ordered.

During the air show Boeing announced 201 orders valued at \$40.2 Billion. Boeing has now more year-to-date orders than Airbus with 783 versus 645.

Below are most of the orders announced at Farnborough:

- Emirates Airlines ordered 150 Boeing 777 valued at \$56 Billion. Emirates is the world's largest operator of the Boeing 777. They now have 208 pending delivery. They operate 138 of them in their fleet now.
- OKAY airlines of China ordered 10 Boeing 737-800s for \$1 Billion.
- IAG - International Group - a leasing company, ordered 20 Airbus A-320s. All are destined for British Airways.
- ALC - Air Lease Corporation - a leasing company, ordered 25 Airbus A-330s and 60 Airbus A-321s.
- SMBC - a Japanese leasing company - ordered 43 Airbus A-320s in a deal worth \$4.2 Billion.
- Air Lease - an American leasing company - ordered 6 Boeing 777-300ERs, and 20 Boeing 737-800s.

- BOC - a Chinese leasing company - ordered 43 Airbus A-320s in a deal worth \$4.2 Billion.
- Intrepid Aviation - an American leasing company - ordered 6 Boeing 777-300ERs valued at \$1.9 Billion.
- Air Asia ordered 50 Airbus A-330s.
- CIT - an American leasing company - ordered 10 Boeing 787-900 stretched Dreamliners.
- Qatar Airways ordered 50 Boeing 777-300s worth \$19 Billion. Air Mauritius ordered 6 Airbus A-350s.
- Transaero, a Russian airline, ordered 20 Airbus A-330s. Deal is worth \$5.3 Billion.
- Hong Kong Airlines, a Chinese airline, cancelled an order for 10 Airbus A-380s and ordered 70 Airbus A-320s. Deal is valued at \$7 Billion.
- Hainan Airlines of China ordered 50 Boeing 737-800s valued at \$5.1 Billion.



Treasurer's Report—July

by Tom Norrbohm

Expenses this month for IPMS Nationals trophy package and June/July newsletter was \$185.62. Income was \$25.00. Our balance as of 7/13/14 is \$4859.10.







Nordicon Update

by John R. Ross

As time keeps marching and our event date, Saturday October 25th gets closer, I'll try to keep you posted on things to look for at the event this year. This month I thought I would focus on our Seminars. We added seminars a couple of years to help share more information with other modelers and to help people fill some of the time while the judging is occurring.

This year we are fortunate to have 4 seminars. The first starts at 10am and will be Bob Steinbrunn doing a historical presentation on his experiences in Vietnam. This will be in conjunction with his book on Vietnam era helicopters and their pilots. At 11:30 we will be running two concurrent seminars, one will be a round table discussion on model car painting and getting that perfect finish (this works for aircraft too), the other will focus on figure/

fantasy painting.

Finally, at 1:30 Mark Crumrey will focus on building WWI aircraft, specifically Wingnut line of kits. As you can see we have a pretty diverse set of topics and we may still have one or two others depending on commitments made.

A couple of opportunities to pitch in, like every year we will need help setting up and tearing down the venue. We'll have more information and details about this as we get closer, but depending on if you are a morning or afternoon person. The more help we get the faster we can do both. Another new item this year is security. In an effort to make the event more self-sufficient, we will be charging admission to the event for people not entering something in the contest. We will be charging \$5 for anyone 18 and older, anyone younger will have free admission. Because we will be charging for admission we will be setting up a

check point to look for the hand stamp and we will be looking for people to take one hour shifts. Interested parties can contact John R. Ross.

Finally a reminder about Raffle and Silent Auction donations. Please bring you donations to any of the upcoming meetings, John R. Ross will be collecting and your support is greatly appreciated.

Until next month Thank you and get those NordicCon Entries completed!



From the Editor

Dutch Van Kirk, the last surviving crew member of the *Enola Gay*, died on July 28, 2014, just 10 days short of the 69th anniversary of his mission to Hiroshima. Wikipedia has a page on his career at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodore_Van_Kirk.



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going to use them anyway. One resin cockpit seat, from Legend, was used for the 311th jet; it worked out quite well with no issues of fit.

Painting: Overall using Testors Silver Metallic spray, the noses used Testors, Red, Yellow and Blue spray paint. The tail cones I used Testors Metalizer spray and hand painted the interiors.

FU-628 sprayed with Testors Glosscoat. FU-329 sprayed with Testors semi-Glosscoat and FU-538 sprayed with Testors Dullcoat.

Decals: Are from the AeroMaster "Post Korea War Sabres" numbers 48-699, -700 and -701. I saw these Lightning Bolt squadron markings and had to build them. They are crisp, well manufactured in Mexico, dating back to 2004. They provide enough squadron decals to build both aircraft on a sheet with one set of stencils. All

decals went on fine using Solve-Set. It is noted that all time Sabre guru, Larry Davis, supplied information for these sheets.

Aircraft: This is a -30 with the 6-3 fixed wing and fence originally equipped by North American. Use the F86F-30 kits from Hasegawa or Academy,

FU-628, "The Portland Rose" of the 69th FBS, was flown by Lt. R.B. Ochs likely around 1957. From AM 48-701.

These next two are F86F-30's with the -40 wing applied by the Air Force during IRAN upgrades. The modified wing features a 30 centimeter (1 foot) wingtip extension on the "6-3" wing, and restores the leading-edge slats, thus, redesignating the aircraft as an F86F-40. The only 1/48th kit available with the -40 wings is from Hasegawa. Also note, I did not use the fuel tanks from the -40 kits, used tanks from the -30's as they matched the drawings.

FU-329, "Bee Gee's Bird" of the 310th FBS, was flown by Lt. E. William Gregory around 1957. From AM 48-699.

FU-538, "Miss Jane" of the 311th FBS, was flown by Lt. W.H. Johnston. His armorer was A/2c Morris Shirley, again circa 1957. From AM 48-699

Conclusion: The kits were excellent except for the noted fuselage filling. If you want a F86F-30 you can get the Academy kit for a few bucks less than the Hasegawa version, both are good. The F86F-40 you will need the Hasegawa kit. I have 3 more of these to build, FU-537 and FU-386 from 48-700 and FU-781 from 48-701, all are -30's.

References: I hope I got the information correct on the squadrons. Information obtained from AeroMaster Decals, Wikipedia site about the 58th FBW, and the GlobalSecurity Website.



On The Table—July 2014

Modeler	Kit	Manufacturer	Scale
DENNIS STRAND	BLACKBURN SKUA MkII	SPECIAL HOBBY	1/48
JOHN EIAN	P-80A	FOX3/MONOGRAM	1/48
KEITH BRUSTEN	PANZER IV F/G	DRAGON	1/35
MARTY AGATHER	F-16N	HASEGAWA	1/48
ERIK ZABEL	YB-49	ITALERI	1/72
DAVID GATTS	ME-262 SCHNELLBOMBER	VARIOUS	1/48
" "	BF-109G-10	REVELL/RESIN	1/48

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:

- 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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