

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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The Twin Cities Aero Historians (TCAH) meet the second Saturday of every month at 1:00pm.

See above for the new meeting locations and directions.

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PT-19 by Frank Cuden

This is the Planet Models 1/48th scale all resin kit of the PT-19. The real aircraft resides in a Brazilian museum and I happened to see a few photos of it on Airliners.net. I liked the scheme and doing the usual cockpit construction and detail painting.

The project got under way back in 2010. I added brake lines to the gear legs and used a combination of decals and paint for the scheme. Wood grain for the prop was achieved with a

base coat of Deck Tan and that was followed by dry-brushing the prop blades with a couple of shades of rust and brown. Light silver/gray was painted on the cutting edges to represent the thin metal of the real deal. The Sensenich prop logos were hand-painted, as was the winged emblem on the vertical tail. I used Testors enamel Dark Red and White, Floquil SP Lettering Gray and B & O Blue for the scheme. The wing walks and piping on the stripe were black ScaleMaster decals.

Due to the exhaust configuration, I had to make 12 exhaust stacks, 6 per side, from

plastic tubing and these were inserted into a carved out trough under the cowling. The Internet photos showed good detail for those. I painted them Testors Steel.

The pitot tube was made from plastic rod and I added a "Remove Before Flight" tag from my spares box. Replacement main wheels came from a cigar box I have that's chuck full of wheels from old projects and discarded kits picked up "along the way." The roll over bar was scratch built and painted Floquil Engine Black.

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- President**, Robert Maderich II
- Vice-President**, John R. Ross
- Secretary**, Marty Agather
- Treasurer**, Dennis Strand
- Historian**, Tom Norrbohm

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TCAH This Month

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



From the VP
 by John R. Ross

I'll start by congratulating a few people from last month's meeting. First and foremost are our special award winners Bob Arko and Sean Brzozowski. Without these guys we'd have a heck of time communicating with each other. As I mentioned in the meeting, they are very much the glue holding our club together. Thanks again for your time and devotion to the club! Just as important - congratulations to Eric Zabel, Club Member of the year, Mark Rossmann, Historian of the year and Mark Krumery, Modeler of the year. All well-deserved and we as a club we are very lucky to have them as members.

I wanted to also thank everyone that helped us kick off the Club Challenge at the meeting. We have a theme to rally around "The Shelf of Doom" and I really hope we can use it as a spring board for lots of activities. We will be spending some time at the May meeting smoothing out the rough edges but the concept is to choose a kit or book that has been languishing in our stacks and build or read them. Then let's right a little about it. You can do a book report, a kit review or really dig in and write something about a specific event or equipment. If you're a builder and don't like the research part, let's try to pair you up with some-

one that loves to do the research. While much of what we do is solitary, there's nothing that says we can't work as teams. Plus in the end we all win, we all get to do what we like and hopefully we'll get a lot of articles for the newsletter.

Speaking of newsletter articles, let's try to remember Bob Arko's plea at the meeting. While Mark Rossman does a great job on writing, I'd bet he'd love to read a few other things. Let's remember that these don't need to be full fledged, annotated articles. In some cases maybe it's just a few paragraphs talking about your latest build, or maybe it's a kit review of something people don't normally find in a magazine. What about a book review or recommendations. Maybe it's a tip or technique you'd love to share with club. Remember the newsletter is about communications, information, learning and dare I say entertainment.

As mentioned in the April meeting I will be submitting a separate report of the survey results. Nothing earth shattering from the few people that took the time to share their feeling about the club but again it reinforces the sentiment of the last paragraph of having a more robust newsletter.

After a discussion on our actual club start date, it sounds like next year will be our 50th Anniversary. 50 years is quite the milestone and certainly worthy of a celebration. While the event itself is about a year away, we really need to have someone step up and chair the event. It's going to take time to get other volunteers, put together the event, find a place to hold it, etc.... I would offer to chair this myself but my plate is a bit full,
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On The Table—April 2005

Modeler	Kit	Manufacturer	Scale
Bob Steinbrunn	TWA book and Die cast airliners		
Merrill Anderson	French FT-17	Meng	1/35
Dave Heffernen	P-51 B	Tamiya	1/48
Mark Rossmann	P-51 C	Tamiya	1/48
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Bernard Kugel	Collection		1/72
John Ross Sr.	F-100	Trumpeter	1/48
Dave Kopydlowski	F-4F	Academy	1/72
Dave Kopydlowski	T-28	Testors	1/72
Jim Kloek	USS Independence	Dragon	1/700
Jim Kloek	USS Princeton	Skywave	1/700
Mark Krumrey	USS Saratoga	Trumpeter	1/350

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To animate the model, I cut the elevators and placed them in the "down" position. It's a very nice model when built up and Planet Models did their homework when it came to making the kit. It's just one of those you don't see "on the table" every day. I would like to thank Jack Muga for "donating" the kit to "poor little ole me." Good Modeling.



July 11th Guest Speaker

Ken Rohde 1st Lt. USAAF retired, copilot of B-17G 954Q, 748th Squadron, 457th BG, 8th AF.

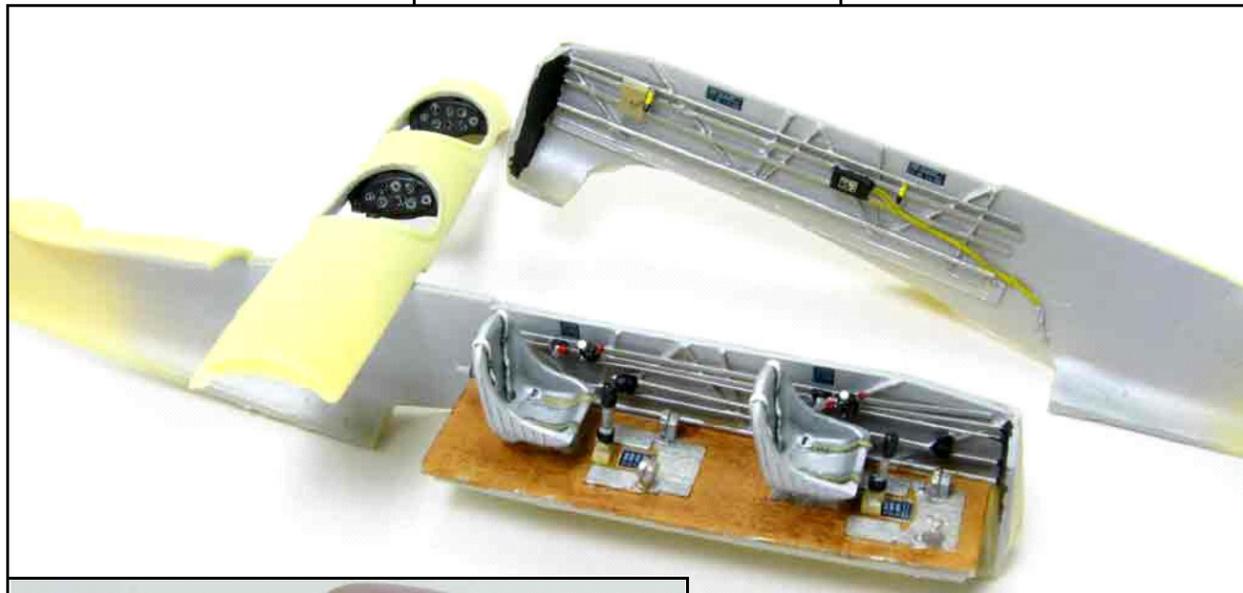
Drafted before Pearl, Ken Rohde became an infantry soldier and served in the South Pacific. Applying for pilot training, it took more than a year and a half to process the documents, then passing the written test that his orders were finally cut for the USAAF.

Flying in the ETO, from August to December 1944, Lt. Rohde was the first crewman of

the 457th to complete the 35 mission limit, flying as copilot for "Queenie" and on his very first mission and others as spare copilot for the lead ship. Turning down a 6 year extension offer in the USAAF after VJ day, Lt. Rohde retired and became a successful engineer with SPX.

Please join us to hear one of the last remaining hero's of WWII.

Modelers, bring in your 8th Air Force B-17 and B-24 models for display.



Airline Chatter

by Terry Love

Silk Way Airlines is a Asian cargo airline. They ordered 3 Boeing 747-800 freighters valued at \$1.1 Billion. Since Boeing has introduced the 747-800 version of the 747, they have sold 28 passenger versions and 56 cargo versions. Boeing has 35 on back order.

Shanghai Airlines retired its last Boeing 757.

Emirates Airlines of Dubai, will begin service to Orlando on September 1, using Boeing 777-300ER airliners. It will be a 14 hour and 10 minute flight.

Hainan Airlines of China ordered 30 Boeing 787 Dreamliners valued at \$7.7 Billion. All airliner orders for new aircraft, goes through the Chinese Communist Government.

Aero Mexico is starting to expand routes into the U S. Newest additions are Mexico City to Sacramento and Mexico City to Ontario. Aero Mexico currently flies into 10 U S cities - 5 of them in California.

Oman Air ordered 20 Boeing 737-800s. They already have 21 in their fleet. They have 9 Boeing 787 Dreamliners on order.

Emirates Airlines retired its last Airbus A-340.

Delta Airlines is considering making a new international hub in Shanghai.

Copa Airlines of Panama ordered 61 Boeing 737-800s. The deal is worth \$6.6 Billion.

Southwest Airlines requested to fly from Denver to Puerto Varierta.

Boeing donated the prototype 787 Dreamliner to Pima County Air Museum. The aircraft was a test aircraft and could not be converted to an airliner.

LAN Chile retired its last Airbus A-340.



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so I am hoping someone else will step up, I will certainly offer my assistance to whomever might step up.

May's meeting promises to be another great event and Bernie Kugel will be stepping up to do a presentation on how to use Pledge Floor Multi-care (Future) to build and finish your models. A must for everyone's building arsenal. See you at the meeting.



Treasurer's Report

by Dennis Strand

A late check was deposited for our club auction. This breaks the one thousand dollar barrier and brings our total income from the auction to \$1029.00

However, we have had some expenditures this month. They include the cost of annual awards for distinguished club members, printing costs for an updated TCAH roster, renewal for the domain name on our web page, and sponsorship for an IMPS Nationals trophy package. This brings our expenses to \$184.89. At this time, I still need to issue a check for the April food costs, but the current club balance is \$5156.66 as of 4/15/15.

Counting up the members on our new club roster, the total membership at this time is 76.



Secretary's Notes
by Marty Agather

Lunch Meeting

OPENING COMMENTS

Our esteemed president was out of town attending a model show, so the meeting was chaired by VP John Ross

NEW MEMBERS Or GUESTS

None

Members in Attendance: 35

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis had an excused absence and was not available. Preliminary results of last month's auction are receipts of

close to \$ 1,000

VENDOR REPORTS

Roll: Albion Alloys Photo etch connectors U-Tube Scale Aircraft Conversions Barracuda Wicker seats, Wheels
Kitty Hawk F-86D
Aeroplast PZL SkyTruck
Pavla Resin 1/48 Lockheed U2

Axel
Schiffer Voodoo,

OLD BUSINESS

This date:
1945 Buchenwald is liberated
1947 Jackie Robinson
1970 Appolo 13 liftoff

April 10th 50 German Jets downed 10 bombers
April 30th Hitler assassinated himself
April 14th Axel liberated

Nordicon Update:
Event TShirt : A dozen or so members expressed interest in a shirt.

IPMS National Contest, Our award has been approved: 1/48 pre WWII biplanes

Club challenge: A couple of options

- 1) Shelf of Doom?
- 2) Out of your comfort zone?

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Are there specific rules?

Q: Mark motions: for Fun Club Challenge. not judged per se

Axel seconds

Shelf of Doom: Bring Ideas next month as to timing, classifications, and other suggestions to make it a fun event.

NEW BUSINESS

Copies of the newsletter: John will print a couple of copies and bring to meetings.

50th anniversary Banquet: Looking for a Chair: In January of 1967 the first

meeting took place in John Moore's Basement with George Mellinger January of 2017 for the 50 year anniversary

Jim Goodall: two new books, Schiffer B-2 Spirit Bomber, Sea Wolf submarines

Call for new articles for newsletter :
Kit Reviews
Historical Research
Short articles are acceptable

MONTHLY TOPIC - Annual Awards

Modeler and Historian of the year are selected by votes of the membership.

Modeler of the Year Mark

Krumery

Historian of the year Mark Rossmann

Outstanding Club member of the year: Three previous Outstanding Club Members vote on the award

Outstanding Club Member: Eric Zabel

Special Awards:
Bob Arko
Sean Brzozowski

