

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 I-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 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
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The terminal is on the right with

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The group is open to aviation enthusiasts from teenagers on up who are interested in aviation modeling, photography, collecting, art and writing. For more information contact Larry Donovan at 651-501-4755.

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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B-17 Painting
By Bob Arko

Guest Speaker Jim Rohde
by Mark L. Rossmann

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

drafted before Pearl Harbor. He 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 and then pass the written test, so 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 to return home. He flew as copilot for "Queenie", and on his very first mission and others as spare co-pilot for the missions' lead B-17. Turning down a 6 year extension offer in the USAAF after VJ day, Lt. Rohde retired and became a successful engineer with SPX.

Last year Ken was

scheduled as our July guest speaker, a family emergency called him away. Then in August he incurred some medical issues that now keeps him grounded in his Florida community. However, please join us as his son Jim, who helped with the publishing of his book "The Four R's", will tell his story of one of the last remaining hero's of WWII.

Earlier this year for our club auction Bob Bailey provided a number of his models, many

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TCAH Officers**President**, John R. Ross**Vice-President**, Robert Maderich II**Secretary**, Marty Agather**Treasurer**, Dennis Strand**Historian**, Tom Norrbohm**From the Prez**
by John R. Ross

And just like that the State Fair and Summer are behind us. And in a few short months we'll have lots of indoor time on our hands.... Sadly, I won't be at this month's meeting but I assure you we will have plenty in store for you. Bob will be running the meeting.

almost there. At the meeting I asked for 4 more articles and I think we have commitments from two people so we just need two more. It doesn't need to be anything elaborate or long. Please think about sharing some of your experiences.

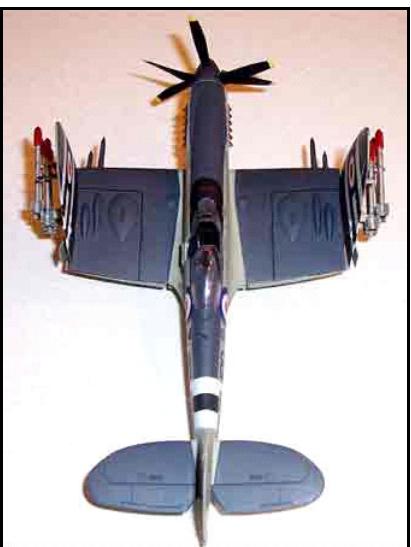
Finally I just want to let you know we have a few things coming up in the next few months starting with October and Frank Cuden sharing some of his modeling talents. In November we have our elections, and then a presentation on the Arduino boards from Erik Zabel and myself. December is our White Elephant, January our Club Contest.

**Newsletter Info**

Article Submission Deadline: 22nd of each month

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Dennis Strand**TCAH This Month**

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday September 10, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:00, so come early.



For starters we need to get the nominations in for our leadership positions. Marty and Dennis have decided that they will be happy to stay where they are as secretary and treasurer, so that mainly leaves our leadership roles open. Please consider the positions and next year promises to be a special year for the club celebrating its 50th Anniversary, quite an accomplishment and deserves to be recognized.

Things for NordicCon are starting to take shape, as customary we are looking for donations for the Raffle and Make-N-Take. We will also begin looking for volunteers. As discussed in the meeting last month we need judges, so if you are interested or you'd just like to learn so you can judge next year, please contact Bernie Kugel or Mark Rossman. In addition to judges we will also be looking for people to help set up and tear down. Without your help, we can put these types of events on, so please give this some consideration. Just a reminder that NordicCon is Saturday, 10/22 at the Boy Scout Base Camp in Bloomington.

What inspires you? We started a series of articles this year in the newsletter to share how people got interested and inspired. Our goal was to have a year's worth of articles and we're

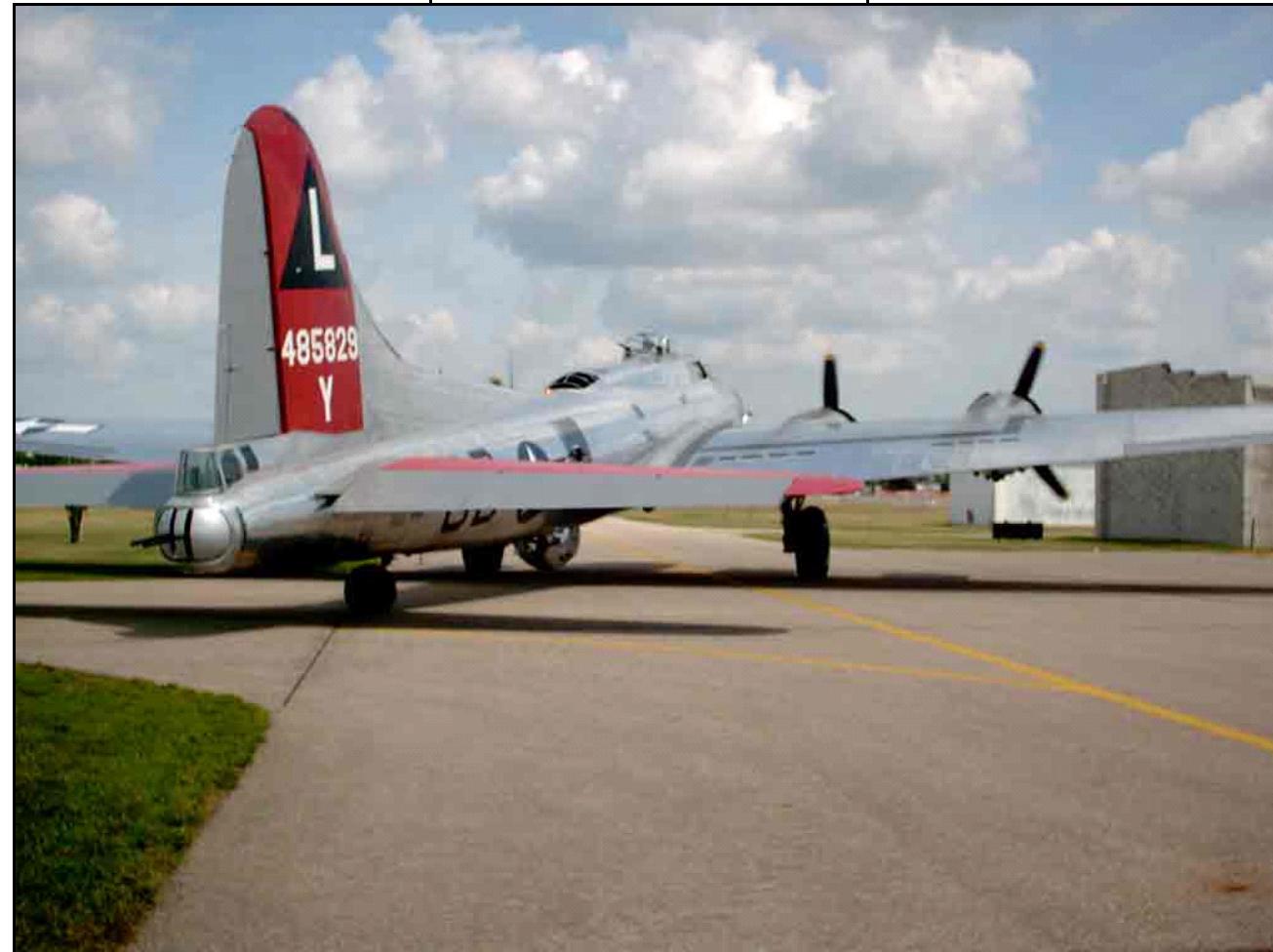
Treasurer's Report—August
by Dennis Strand

Johannes Allert got things rolling by renewing his TCAH membership for 2017. This is an excellent reminder to everyone that our membership drive begins in September. Please consider renewing early rather than later. This helps keep our club roster current and more accurate. Twin City Aero Historian dues are still \$15.00 per year. A late fee of \$5.00 is added after December 31, 2016.

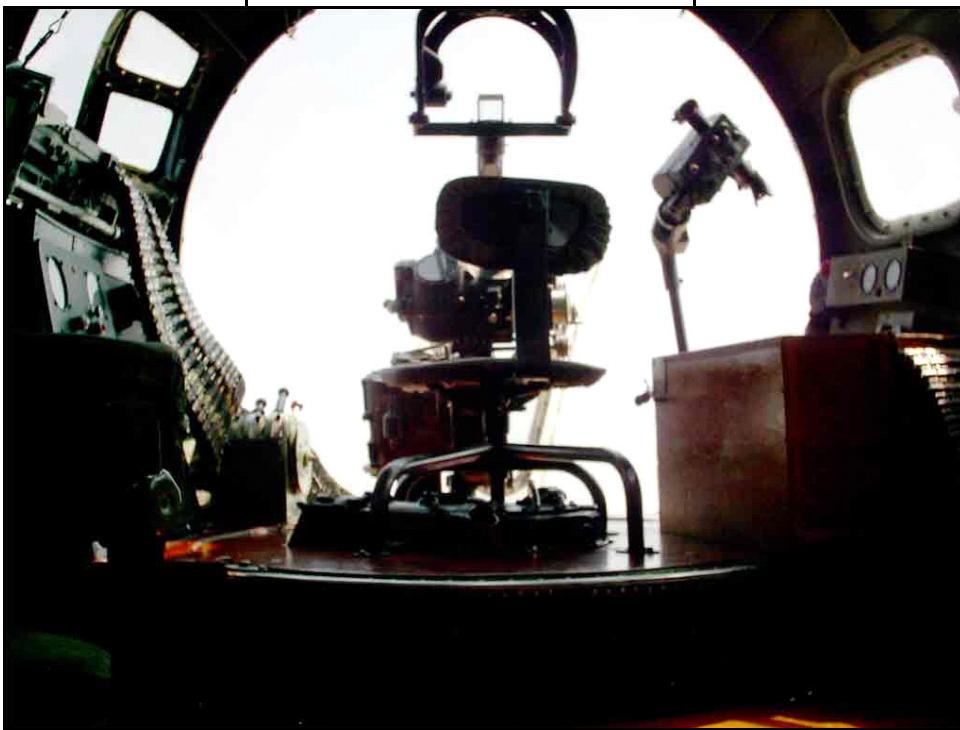
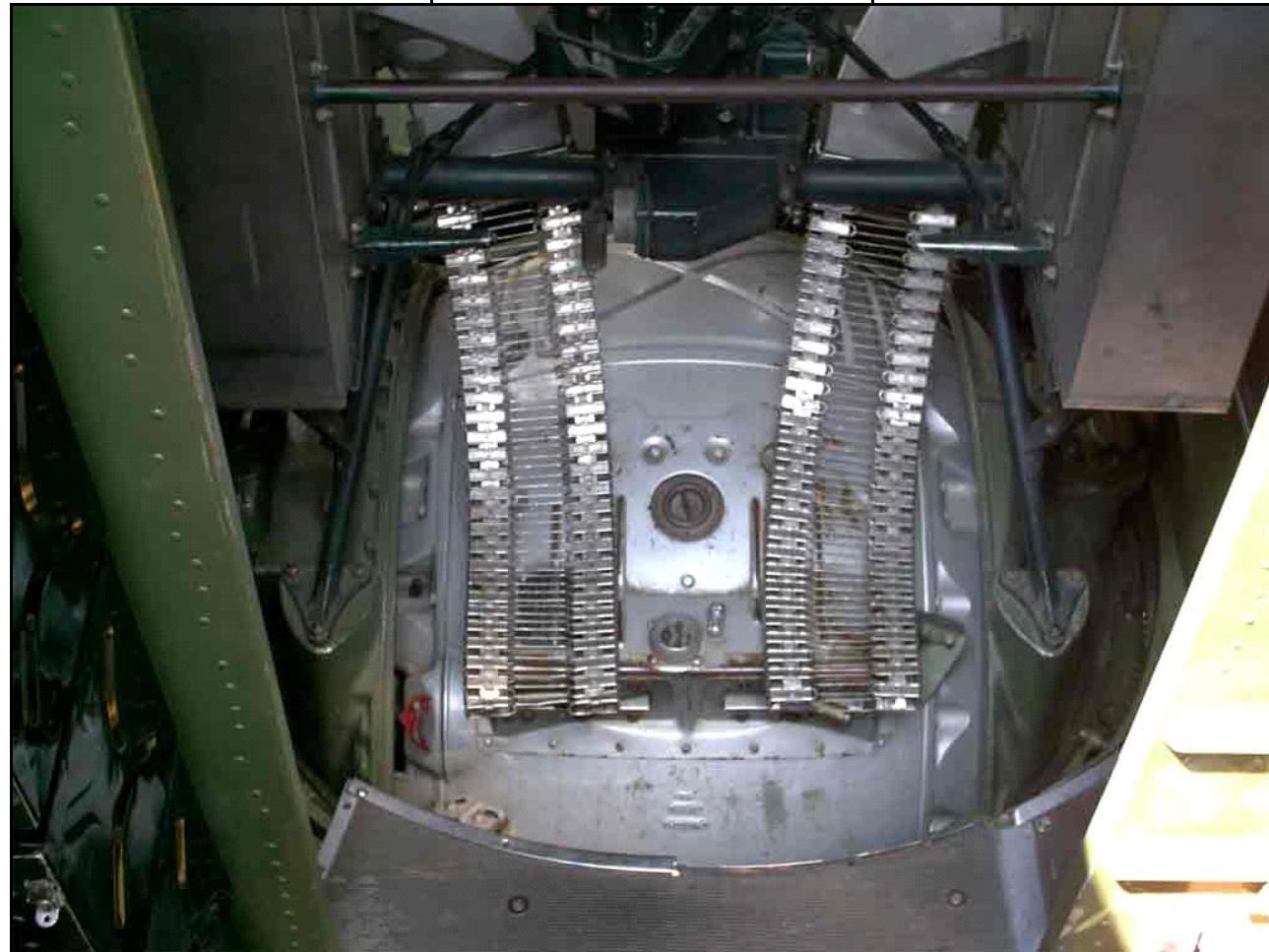
Other news includes a cost of \$25.00 for a trophy to be awarded at Nordic Con. Our current club total is \$6,187.34

I received a preliminary draft of the TCAH Roster from Tom Norrbohm. I will bring it to the September meeting, so please check it out and make sure all your information is correct and current before the next printing.

See you then.

**Yankee Air Museum B-17G "Yankee Lady"**2008 Air Expo—Flying Cloud Airport
Photo by Bob Arko**On The Table—August 2016**

Name	Model	Manufacturer	Scale
Mark R.	F-86D	Academy	
Steve Jantcher	Chieftain	Takom	
Bernie Kugel	MPC Collection	various	1/72
Dennis Strand	TBM Avenger	Accurate Miniatures	1/48
Bob Maderich	Porche 917	Fujimi	
Bob Maderich	VW Cargo Bus	Revell	
Erik Zabel	Air Force One	Minicraft	1/144
Erik Zabel	F-4J	Hasegawa	1/72
Don Stauffer	Mercury-Atlas	Horizon Models	1/72



Airline Chatter by Terry Love

The rating are in. The top 10 world's best airlines are as follows:

- 1 - Emirates Airlines
- 2 - Qatar Airways
- 3 - Singapore Airlines
- 4 - Cathay Pacific
- 5 - ANA - All Nippon Airways
- 6 - Turkish Airlines
- 7 - Etihad Airways
- 8 - EVA Airlines (Japan)
- 9 - Qantas
- 10 – Lufthansa

Also, Etihad Airways was rated the world's best First Class. Qatar Airways was rated the world's best Business Class. Virgin American was rated the best airlines in North America.

Jet Blue Airlines after the Farnborough Air Show ordered 30 more Airbus A-321s. Value of the order is about \$3.4 Billion.

Malaysian Air ordered 25 Boeing 737-800s for \$5.5 Billion.

United Airlines will add a second daily flight from San Francisco to Shanghai, China using a Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

American Airlines says that Miami is their number one hub for cargo operations worldwide.

United Airlines is expanding the number of flight operations at San Jose, California, especially to Chicago and the easy. Silicon Valley is growing. Also from San Jose to LaGuardia in New York City, and LaGuardia to Chattanooga and Chicago to Chattanooga.

Jet Blue Airlines is adding LaGuardia in New York City to Reno, and LaGuardia to Long Beach, California.

From the VP by Bob Maderich II

Welcome to the September newsletter! I will be running the meeting this month, as John is away. We have a guest speaker, Jim Rohde, who will talk about his father's experiences in WWII. Our own Bernie will also present a model of a B-17 to Jim to give to Ken, his dad. Kudos to Mark Rossmann for organizing this. He always does a great job on the historical end of things for the club. Please let him know this!

We will also be voting on a donation to the Nordicon show. This involves some snap airplane kits for the "Make and Take" for the show. The company, Pegasus, has some great beginner models.

Finally, just another plug from Erik and I for the January Float Plane challenge. There are LOTS of models of very cool military and civilian planes that qualify for this challenge. Get out of your comfort zone and try one.

See you in September, looks like a lively and fun meeting



(Continued from page 1) partially built, along with decals and many great build notes. Bob is retiring and moving and needed to get these in the hands of modelers who would appreciate the work done. One model, a B-17G, was of importance to him and he wanted something special done. A suggestion was made to commission the B-17 "Queenie" and present it to Jim Rhode to present to his father Ken. The model was placed in the expert hands of Bernie Kugel and completed late in August.

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

Please welcome Ken's son Jim Rohde, who helped with the publishing of his book "The Four R's". He will tell his story of one of the last remaining heroes of WWII.



B-17 Gallery
Collings Foundation B-17G "Nine O Nine"
2005 Tour—Anoka County Blaine Airport
All photos by Bob Arko

