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Here's a couple of shots of my finished Wolfpack 1/72nd scale T-2 Buckeye. Minus the vacuformed canopy, windshield,

the Remove Before Flight flags and an ill-fitting Pavla resin interior, it's out of the box. Decals came from my larder and the tail emblem had to be hand-painted. Years ago, Jack Mugan made press-on outlines of the

PMTC (Point Mugu Training Center) emblem for me so like a "paint-by-number" picture I just filled the open areas with blue, gold and white paint. I edged the emblem with thin white decal striping.



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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.



President's Report

by *Bernie Kugel*

Happy New Year to you all.

Starting out we have the issue with our meeting place. As of now, SSP management is asking a monthly rental fee of \$25 an hour in a 4 hour block for the meeting room. We are trying to get them to give us a reduced rate. We are still working on it, and a line of communication between us and SSP management is still open. A BIG shout out to our Treasurer, Dennis Strand for doing most of the communications with SSP management. Thank you so very, very much. We have been looking into other options and please feel free to contact me with any concerns. I will be happy to address them.

WE ARE HAVING OUR JANUARY MEETING AT FLEMING FIELD

Meeting room opens at noon. That has not changed, and we are not being charged the \$25 an hour for the room.

Now on to the fun stuff, I'm looking forward to our annual club contest this month. Please bring your models that were built (or finished) in 2016. There are 12 categories with only a few changes to make it a better contest. Prizes are Club Gift Certificates; \$15, \$10, and \$5 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. So get them finished up by Saturday.

- The categories are:
- 1: WWI and Biplanes, all scales
 - 2: 1/72 Propeller Aircraft
 - 3: 1/48 Propeller Aircraft
 - 4: 1/72 Jet Aircraft
 - 5: 1/48 Jet Aircraft
 - 6: 1/32 Aircraft

- 7: Armor, all scales
- 8: Ships, all scales
- 9: Automotive, all scales
- 10: Sci-fi
- 11: Misc
- 12: Juniors

We will need help with counting up the ballots. It would be nice to have a new crew to do it this year. So if you would like to be part of the team, please step up.

Speaking of stepping up, NordicCon is still nine months away but we need a new head Aircraft judge. I have been doing it for the past number of years and I feel that I should step aside and let someone else take the reins.

See you at the meeting,

Take care



Treasurer's Report

by *Dennis Strand*

This month I have some unsettling news that needs to be shared by the TCAH membership. Yesterday, December 13, I had a phone conversation with Philip Tiedeman, the airport manager at Fleming Field. He stated that the South St. Paul City Council had voted to increase the rent for the meeting room in the administration building. This amount is to be \$25.00 per hour for a minimum of 4 hours. Commercial enterprises on the field could utilize the room free of charge. (Editor's note: See Bernie Kugel's President's Column for an update).

I reminded him that we
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have been there for 14 years and have displays in the administration building as well as the CAF hangar. I also said that we appreciate the opportunity to meet at the field, but such a massive increase in cost was excessive. He told me that we were not alone and that other groups also had major concerns. He said he would look into it further and let me know of any changes. I told him that we plan to meet in the room on January 14 and discuss the situation with the membership. He noted the date and took my phone number. I emailed President Bernie and he opened up the subject for debate on our web site.

I want to mention, that because we no longer pay postage for mailing out the newsletter, we save an average of \$62.00 per month. This amounts to \$744.00 per year. If we raise membership dues to \$20.00 and we have at least 60 paying members, this would add another \$300.00 annually. We could handle this crisis without too much of a problem. Think about it and bring your thoughts to the January meeting.

Now for the more mundane fiscal status report. We had no expenses last month. There were 9 members who renewed, giving us an income of \$135.00. Currently our membership totals 51. This includes "life" members. Our total cash assets are \$6119.56 at this time.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season to ring out 2016. 2017 is going to be very interesting. We can all hope for the best.

Queenie Delivered
by Mark L. Rossmann

I received a response back from Ken Rhode, upon his travel to Florida, to see his dad and deliver Queenie. Thanks to TCAH for taking the time in September to hear his story and for providing the model of Queenie, through the fine efforts of Bernie.

Ken Rohde went home in December of "44", this is the final picture of Queenie after getting shot up and crash landing in allied territory in western Germany, Feb "45".

Thanks,

Mark Rossmann

Tonight, 12/10/16, we presented dad with the model of "Queenie" made for him by Bernie Kugel of the Twin Cities Aero Historians.

Dad was very pleased and impressed by the detail. In the picture are Ken, myself born during his tour with the 8th Army Air Force in 1944, and John a

retired pastor born when dad was in the Infantry in Fiji in 1942.

I shared pics of the model with Steve Shaffer at work. He made the stand and helped me figure how to get it to dad. UPS and styrofoam "peanuts" were the key. We watched "12 O'clock High" Sunday and it is a classic.

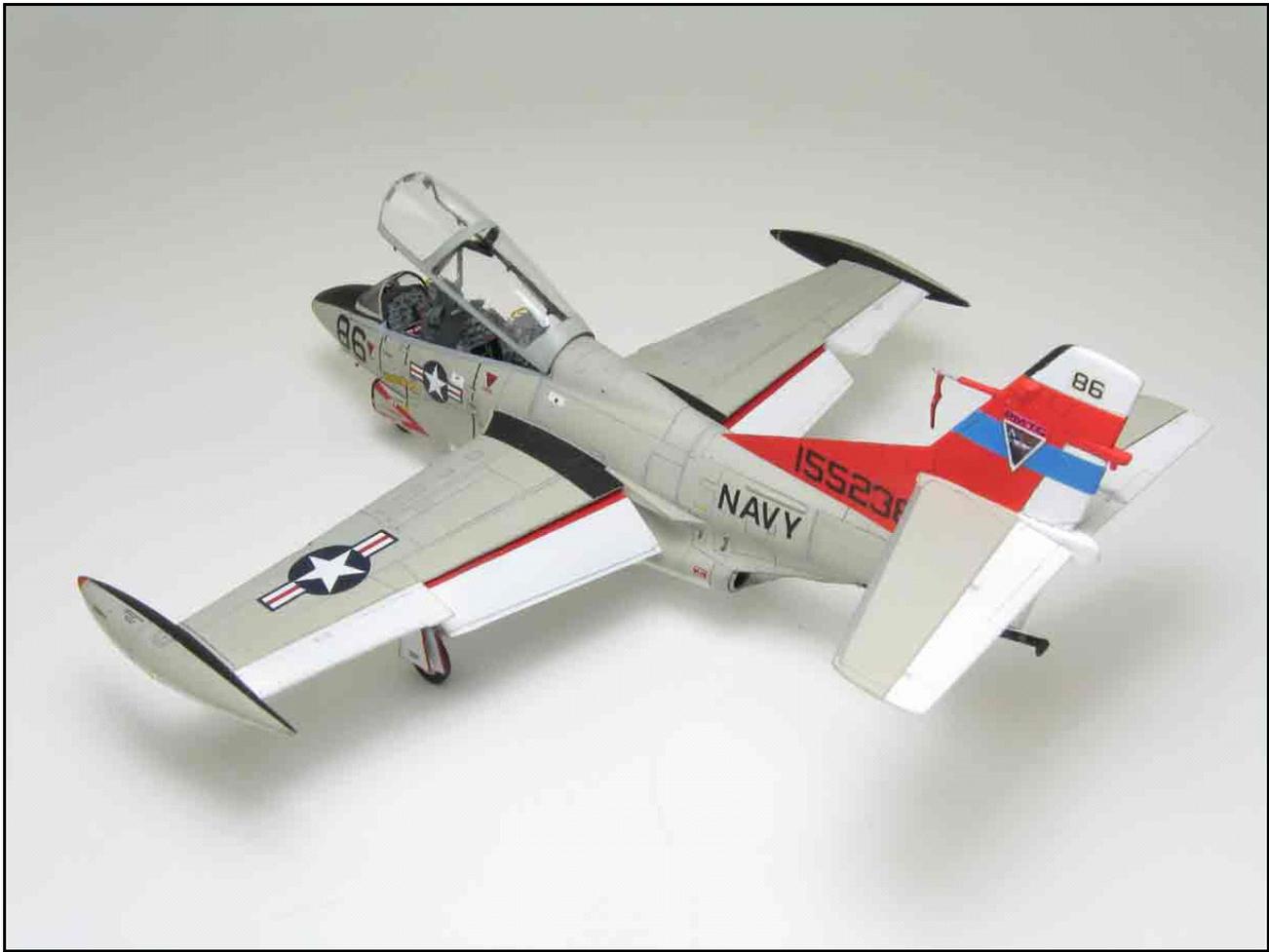
The picture of his "Air Force" on top of his cabinet includes a B24 and a B17G made by a commercial company. The details on the 17 were not quite right but...Bernie got it right. The interior detail of 50 caliber guns and other features are impressive.

Thanks to Bernie, you and the club for presenting this model to dad. Today he is 96 and a half and going strong.

Many Thanks,

Jim Rhode





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Naval Aircraft Factory TS-1
by Noel Allard

Congratulations to Bernie Kugel and Jeff Fries for stepping up to the top posts! I know you guys will add another aspect to the long club history. Glad to see that Nordicon was a success again. I miss living in the cities and joining all the fun. I have been busy scratchbuilding over the years and just finished a 1/72 scale Naval Aircraft Factory

TS-1 training plane, marked with 1928 Minneapolis Naval Reserve markings, including a gopher emblem on the fuselage. I am sending a picture. I'm working on an HO model railroad caboose right now, with markings of one which my dad rode as a Soo Line conductor several times. My next airplane project is a Curtiss MF Seagull flying boat as flown by Walter Bullock for Fawcett Publications (Captain Billy) from their Breezy Point resort back in

1929.

Just a note to Mark Rossman. I'm happy to see one of your F9F's with a pilot in the seat. Too many great models out there with no relation to scale such as a figure provides!







From the VP
by Jeff Fries

We are now in our 50th year as a club and this month we will be doing our club contest. So get those projects finished to enter and fill the tables. We also will be awarding the Huffmeier award.

Fifty years Yipes!! I really feel old now. I notice it as I go through my workshop looking for an item I know I own, but for the life of me don't recall where I put it. Probably one reason my building never got better.



Tool Time
by Bob Arko

"Shaken, not stirred". Not only a James Bond quote, but how I like to mix my paint. Have you ever watched them add the

colorant pigment to a can of paint at the hardware store? After squirting in the color, they put a quart, or a gallon, or even a 5-gallon bucket into an industrial grade shaker, agitate the heck out of it (I struggled passing up a straight line like that), and after a few minutes that neutral base turns into the color of your dreams (or at least of your paint chip). The color is even all the way through, and you don't have to stir it until you have let it sit around a while and begin to separate.

Hobby paint shakers are available that are sized to take our dinky little 1/2 to one ounce bottles, but prices range from \$30 to \$200 dollars! Yikes! What's a naturally frugal (read "cheap") guy like me to do?

Well, the picture below is the answer I found. I took an old,

worn-out Saber Saw, a quick release clamp, and with a little custom grinding on the end of the clamp bar I mated the two like inserting a saw blade. I insert a bottle of paint in the clamp jaws and torque them down. I learned the hard way to use a rubber band as a "safety", in case I don't get the jaws tight enough. I add two or three .177 caliber BBs to the bottle as agitators, and I'm set to go. Sort of my own rattle can, without the gas.

This model of saw is variable speed, so I can control how violently the bottle is shaken. At high speeds the rubber band becomes more of a necessity than a precaution.

There is a tendency to introduce air bubbles into the paint with this method, so some folks prefer stirring. But me, I think Mr. Bond's advice is right on.



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

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See above for the new meeting locations and directions.

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