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**Academy Helldiver/A-25 Shrike**  
*by Frank Cuden*

## **A-25 Shrike** *by Frank Cuden*

This is the Academy Helldiver in an A-25 Shrike, U. S. Army Air Force scheme. It was a war weary target tug based in Georgia in 1946. Steve Macey advised me of the Wolfpack

decal sheet that contained these markings and I was glad that he did, as it made for a nice model. I used a bottle of Model Master Olive Drab and then lightened some of it to spray the small wing panels. The Neutral Gray bottom was sprayed using Tamiya acrylic, thinned with lacquer

thinner. Weathering was done with pastel powder and a silver pencil. There was a photo of this one on the Internet and it appeared to be in worse shape than the weathering I did to the model. Had I duplicated the photo, it would have looked like a derelict!

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**Vice-President**, Jeff Fries

**Secretary**, Marty Agather

**Treasurer**, Dennis Strand

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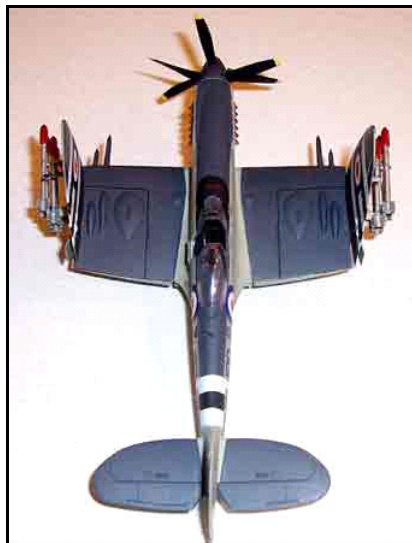
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## TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday November 11, 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*

Fall is here and model building season has begun. NordicCon was a success and while entrants were down, we had more spectators and vendor tables sold, so that help make it up. There was also many people that showed up and never heard of the area clubs. Information was given so hopefully they will show up at a future meeting.

At the October meeting, I mentioned that I had pictures taken of the NordicCon memorial awards and sent them to their families. All was appreciated. Nancy Kurth sent a thank you card that I will bring to the November meeting.

A member of the MN ANG Museum contacted me and talked to me before the meeting. They are building a display of member of the MN ANG that served in WWII and would like to have 1/32 models built of his aircraft: A-36A, P-40E, and a P-47D. I told him I would bring it up to the club and if anyone has interest, please contact me and I will forward his information to you.

Dennis's B-25 project is coming along, but we still need a few more finished in the next month. Please contact Dennis

with any progress.

Nominations were taken for next years officers:

President – Bernie Kugel

Vice-President – Jeff Fries,  
John R. Ross

Treasurer – Dennis Strand

Secretary – Merrill Anderson,  
Bob Ferreira

I will have ballots made for the meeting.

At the November meeting Bob Maderich will give a demo on using the Molotow Chrome pens. And we are going to have a Theme for Show N Tell this month. Please bring in the "Oldest" model in your collection. Either being a kit you built 40 years ago or was molded 40 years ago and you just finished it. If we want to, we can try to bring Theme months back and see what happens.

After the meeting we watched Episode 4 of "Four Years of Thunder" which talked about the U.S. Aviation involvement in WWI.

Remember that we have our "White Elephant" Challenge in December and our Club Contest and "Early Jet 46-55" Challenge in January.

Model on



**Airline Chatter***by Terry Love*

Japan Air Lines ordered four more Boeing 787 Dreamliners. The order is worth \$918 million. Japan Air Lines presently has 25 Boeing 787 Dreamliners in service.

Turkish Airlines ordered 40 Boeing 787 Dreamliners in a deal worth \$1.1 Billion.

Qatar Airways ordered two Boeing 747-800 freighters and four Boeing 777-300ERs. Deal is worth \$2.2 Billion.

Air Canada will begin service from Toronto to Bucharest, Romania next June 7.

Delta Airlines lost \$120 million due to Hurricane Irma when they cancelled 2,200 flights.

Delta Airlines is shopping for a replacement for 50 wide-bodied airliners to replace Boeing 747-400s and Boeing 767-300ERs that are planned for retirement. Delta Airlines currently has on order ten Airbus A-330-300s, and 18 Boeing 787 Dreamliners. Delta Airlines currently has 58 Boeing 767-300ERs, and 16 Boeing 747-400s. The Boeing 747s were inherited from the merger with Northwest Airlines in 2008.

**Treasurer's Report***by Dennis Strand*

At the October meeting there were 11 people who renewed their membership. This gave the club an income of \$165.00. We also paid for gift certificates amounting to \$30.00, giving TCAH a cash total of \$5138.03.

As I mentioned at the October meeting, it is important the club to keep up with membership dues. Besides the annual auction, it is the only source of revenue TCAH has available. At the end of September in 2016 we had \$5942.13 and in the same period this year we had \$4968.13. It is true that we had several unexpected expenses this year, but I want members to understand that with fewer members in recent years and having Nordic Con as a separate entity, our funds are trending downward.

One solution would be to increase dues next year. Give it some thought and we can discuss this at the next meeting. At this time we have enough funds available as the club moves forward.

See you at Fleming!

**Doolittle B-25 Build***by Dennis Strand*

This month I believe we turned a corner with the B-25 builds. Ken Hornby and Bernie Kugel arrived at the October meeting with completed kits. Bob Ferreira brought in his second B-25 and Mark Rossmann came with an almost complete kit, requiring only a couple minor touch ups. Erick Zabel has a finished model that he entered in Nordic Con. He is planning to bring it to the November meeting. Bob Arko also said he should be done with his model by November and Dave Perzel sent an email and said he should be finished with his backup kit by the next meeting as well.

Dave Herbert, Keith Brustin, Marty Agather, Steve Jantscher, Randy Koivisto and Bob Maderich all have kits in various stages of assembly and painting. I have not heard from Paul Burpee and Chris Songalia has a backup kit ready to start, if needed.

Together with the five B-25 models that I already had in my possession, we now have ten completed kits and, at least, six under construction. I must say, you guys are really bringing it together as we approach year's end and the kits all look excellent to me as far as fit and finish. Well done gentlemen! I wish to thank everyone who is contributing their time and effort to this project.

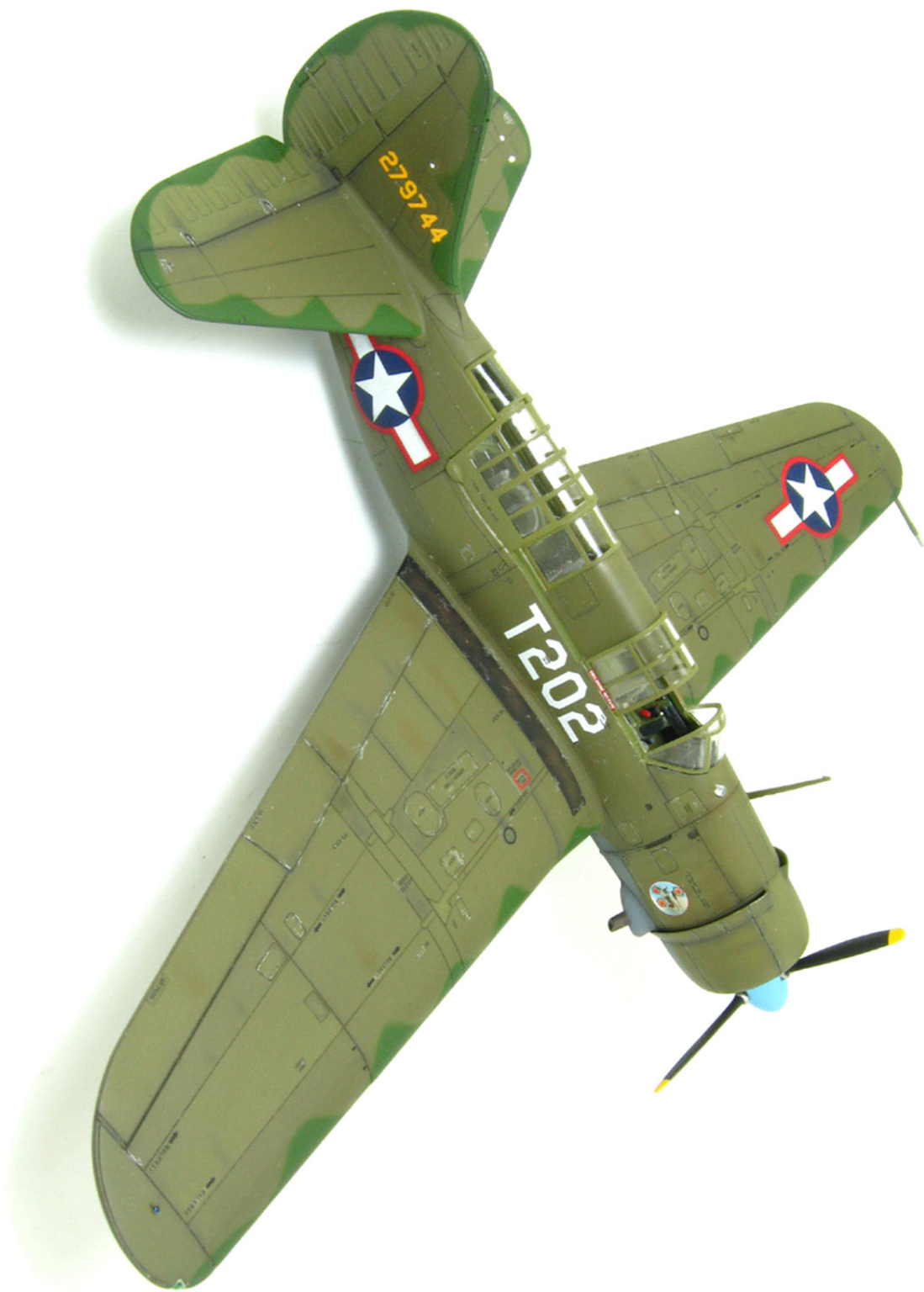
I sent an email to Todd Lofquist, the Museum Officer at the Commemorative Air Force hangar and told him about the current status for the Doolittle Project. I have not heard back from him yet, but I am sure he will be pleased.

**Vice-President's Report***by Jeff Fries*

This month are elections for officers so bring pen or pencil. For the first time we are asking for show and tell having members bring their oldest built model, ex. (you know the one you used the wrong color or slobbered more glue than need

be on.) It will be a different subject but enjoyable also. Now that winter has made a call building should pickup for some as weather makes indoor things more at ease.







## **My Second Year Proposal** *by Bernie Kugel*

Last year as President was an eye opening experience. I had been President of a smaller club for a number of years and took what I learned from that to this club. But in all, I had fun doing it and look forward to another year if the club so chooses. And hopefully you like the way I've run this club and will let me continue doing so.

Last year we had an issue dealing with possibly a large rent increase with our meeting venue. I took it upon myself to write a letter to the city government asking them to make a deal with us. I was able to secure our meeting place for both us as well as the MMFS for the next few years. I also purchased a computer for club use and so far using it for Show N Tell with the camera purchased by the MMFS has

worked to make our meetings more enjoyable. We also use it to watch videos after the meeting. So far, all have enjoyed it.

My ideas for this coming year is to kick start up my recruiting project for all clubs. I've got people lined up to help me and I will start on bringing it up really soon. The website that I am creating for this will have a calendar of all club meetings and local events that everyone can use.

My plan for TCAH is to keep having our monthly meetings light and fun. If we need any real serious discussion, we will have a separate meeting either before or afterward.

If anyone has any concerns or questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

Bernie Kugel



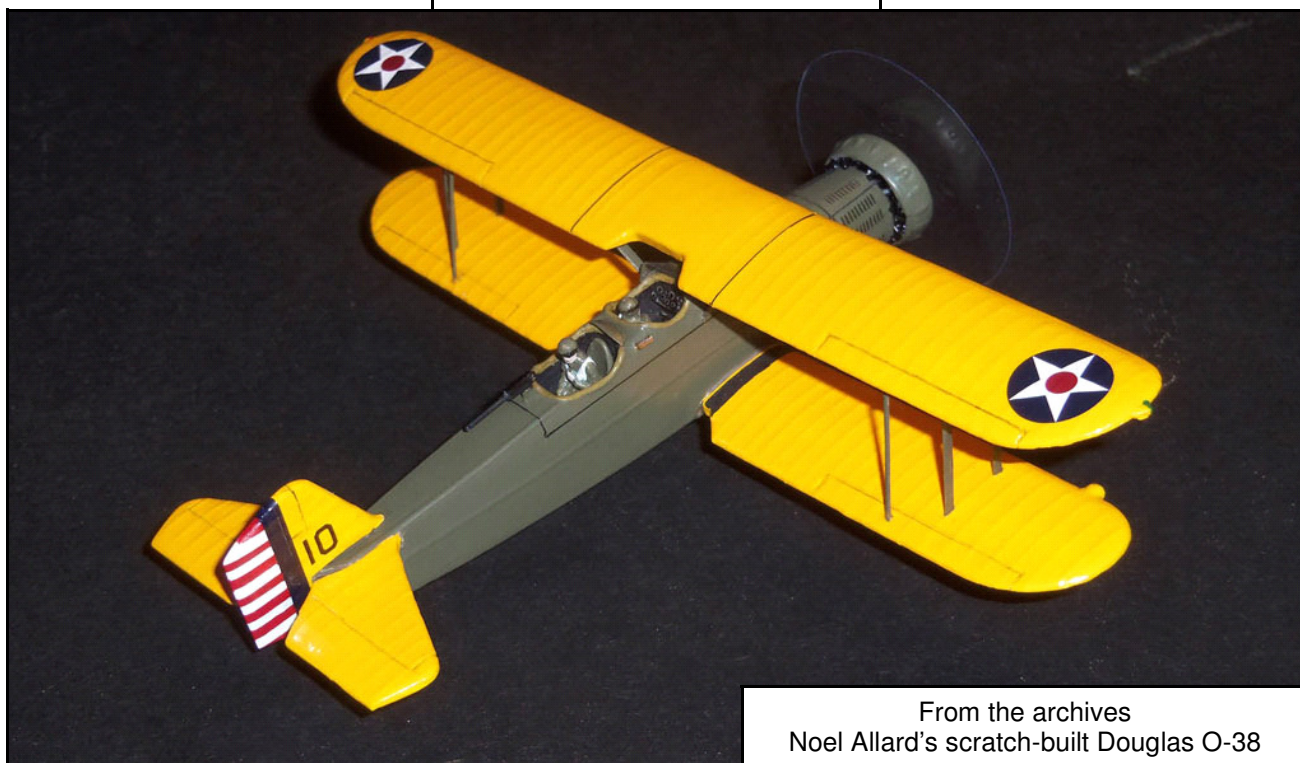
## **Dues Are Due** *by Dennis Strand*

If you are unable to attend the TCAH meetings, I invite you to renew or initiate your membership by sending a check or money order for \$15.00 to:

Dennis Strand  
833 Manomin Ave.,  
St. Paul, MN 55107.

There is a late fee of \$5.00 for renewals received after December 31, 1917. So, get your dues in and I will send you a TCAH membership card by return mail.

This year, we are putting together a new TCAH Roster built from scratch. So, please include contact information that you wish to be included on the roster with your membership fees, ie: name, address, phone and email.



From the archives  
Noel Allard's scratch-built Douglas O-38



## 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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