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Tamiya 1/72nd scale P-51D
by Frank Cuden

Canadian P-51D "CF-FUZ"
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Wanting to do yet another 1/72nd scale P-51D I decided to do something a little different than the often-modeled World War II Mustangs, and at that time, the search was on. When Greg Drawbaugh of DrawDecals released markings for the well-known Canadian P-51D "CF-FUZ", I jumped on the idea of making a model of it. I didn't have a Mustang kit in my stash so when Steve Macey offered to sell me his partially-started Tamiya P-51D kit, it was off to the races. You guys may know I do some writing for Random Thoughts, the Canadian IPMS publication and a short discussion with its Editor opened the flood-gates for me with him sending me quite a few pictures of the actual aircraft. The plane was owned by Mr. Gary Mccann up those parts and I was fortunate to have talked by phone with him a couple of

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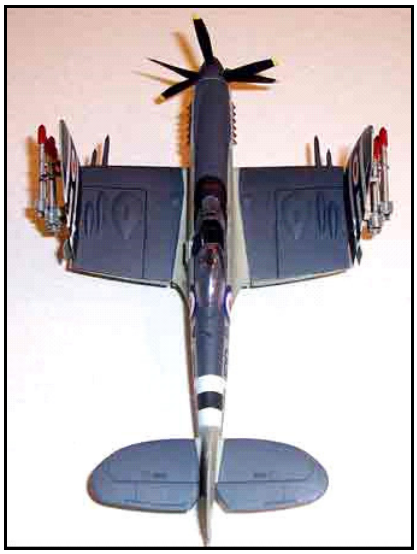
TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held November 9, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Come early.



President's Report
by Bernie Kugel

First off, I want to say Thank you to all the members of our club for letting me be your President for the last three years. While during that time there has been some frustrations, most times it has been good. It is now time for me to move on. I am still going to be a member and hope that someday I will find enjoyment building model aircraft again. I need some time to myself and will take a few months off from club activities.

At our October meeting, we enjoyed watching the snow flurries outside. We had a large Show N Tell table. And we had nominations for club officers. We will vote on next month: President/Steve Janschter, Vice-President/Steve Shaffer, Treasurer/Dennis Strand, Secretary/Bob Maderich.

One last time,
Model on

Treasurer's Report
by Dennis Strand

This month there were no expenses recorded to our club account. An income of $180.00 was realized through 12 membership renewals. Remember you can send $15.00 to: Dennis Strand, 833 Manomin Ave., St. Paul, MN 55107 and I will get a 2020 TCAH membership card to you by return mail.

Be well everyone and I should see you at the November meeting.

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times. In addition, I got in touch with the Troy, Wisconsin facility that did the work to make it into a two-place Mustang, and they sent me cockpit shots of the red leatherette interior they added per Mr. McCann's request. I started in the cockpit, removing the radio gear and using a spare Mustang seat I had. Half round plastic strips represented the pleating on the seat and on the sidewalls. It was just one of those things where an idea worked and the whole cockpit came out just fine. The rest of the build proceeded as normal and a coat of Testors enamel black adorned the airframe. Greg's decals did the rest. I staggered the inner gear doors to represent their un-even bleed down after the engine is shut down and I also dropped the flaps. Although kind of a major build, you can see the end result and when I come to a meeting(!) I'll bring it along. Greg's decals for CF-FUZ are also available in 1/48th scale, should anyone want to build that model in that scale. Good modeling to youse guys, and I hope to see you soon.

CUSTOM MODEL HOBBY REUNION GALA

Parkway Pizza

4359 Minnehaha Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406
(612) 729-9090
www.parkwaypizzamn.com

Friday, November 22, 2019
6:00pm – Social Hour - 7:00pm – Pizza Buffet

So, here's an interesting fact. At one time, the Twin Cities and the surrounding metro area had 37 hobby shops, now we have just a handful.

My goodness, how times have changed....

Names such as **Medical Center Cycle, Jolly's, Rings Hobby Shop, University Hobbies, Gagers,** and **Woodcraft Hobby**were legendaryand certainlybring backfond memories for all of us who have been a part of the modeling community for all these years. But the most celebrated hobby shop of all in the Twin Cities was undoubtedly, **Custom Model Hobby,** which was located on the corner of 44thStreet and Minnehaha Avenue in South Minneapolis.***It was simply plastic modeling heaven!!***

Known by such nicknames as "**Custom"** or merely, "**the Shop,"** it began legacy at the original site on 35th Street and Cedar Avenue in the middle '70s, then finally moving to its final location on 44th Street and Minnehaha Ave.

Economic challenges and a changing hobby market led the owners Ray and Mae Schroeder to close **Custom Model Hobby**in the summer of 1982. On August 22, 1982 at 7:00pm the key was turned on the locks of the front door and the "**the Shop**" was gone forever. *Can you believe that was 37 years ago?*

The building saw many changes over the next three decades. It first became **Custom Crafts;** an expansion of Mae Schroeder's other business interest. Over the years it housed many businesses from a photography studio to a real estate office. Presently it is the site of **Parkway Pizza**, a local neighborhood award winning pizza restaurant. The actual area of the building that housed **Custom Model Hobby** is now a portion of their dining area!!

I thought it would be fun to take a trip down memory lane and celebrate the memories we shared and the friendships that began at **Custom Model Hobby** all those years ago.

Therefore, arrangements have been made for a **Custom Model Hobby Reunion Gala**to be held on Friday, November 22, 2019 at 6:00pm at **Parkway Pizza**, located at 4359 Minnehaha Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406. The restaurant owners have agreed to turn their dining room, the site of the old **Custom Model Hobby**, into our own private dining area exclusively for this event!!

Parkway Pizza will be furnishing a special pizza buffet dinner including salad and bread sticks (**ALL YOU CAN EAT**).

The cost is as follows:

Option #1 – Full pizza buffet, salad, bread sticks and **unlimited** craft beer selections, tax and gratuity for **$25.00** per person.

Option #2 – Full pizza buffet, salad, bread sticks and **unlimited**soft drinks, tax and gratuity for **$20.00** per person.

You will be required to pay at the door. Please bring cash or check (*just makes the math easier)*. Even if you don't remember **Custom Model Hobby**, it doesn't matter, please come anyway!!Wives, significant others are also invited and are more than welcome!!

Come and enjoy some fantastic food, take a trip down memory lane and see some old faces and enjoy some great laughs!! If you have any pictures from the old shop, bring them along!

*** This is not an event sponsored in anyway by the **Twin City Aero Historians**. ***

If you have any questions, please contact me at (952) 239-6202 or email me at moke388@isd.net.

Mark Copeland
Member of TCAH - 1977

CF-FUZ

On The Table—October 2019

Name	Model	Manufacturer	Scale
Steve Janscher	F-14D	GWH	1/72
Steve Janscher	Kawasaki Ninja H2R	Meng	1/9
Steve Janscher	Star Destroyer	Bandai	1/5000
Steve Erickson	DW 520	Tamiya	1/48
Steve Erickson	P-51B	Tamiya	1/48
Steve Erickson	P-51A	Accurate Minatures	1/48
Dennis Strand	Dingo Scout Car	Tamiya	1/48
Bill Read	66 Ford Utility Truck	Mobius/Model King	1/24
Don Stauffer	USS Saratoga	Trumpeter	1/700
Don Stauffer	Ford T Speedster	ICM	1/24
Don Stauffer	Honda Trail 70	MPC	1/8
Erik Zabel	72 Vega Funny Car	Revell	1/25
Erik Zabel	Aliens Dropship	Halcyon	1/72
Erik Zabel	M5A1 Stuart	AFV Club	1/35
Bob Maderich	BMW R75	Lion Roar	1/35
Bob Maderich	Harley	Mini-art	1/35
Bob Maderich	Zundapp	Tasca	1/24
Bob Maderich	Type VIID U-boat	Revell	1/144
Bob Maderich	S-100 Schnellboot	Revell	1/72
Marty Agather	F-35A	KittyHawk	1/48
Dave Heffernan	P-51B	Tamiya	1/48
Dave Heffernan	P-51D	Tamiya	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 High*way* 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 parking available.

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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.

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.

Mail Newsletter material to the editor and address changes to the treasurer.