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This is the Sword 1/72nd scale FJ-3 Fury that I recently completed. I did some scratch-building and used Caracal's aftermarket sheet for the model. Paint is Testors Model Master Dark Sea Blue along with Floquil Old Silver for the wing and tail leading edges. Floquil Coach Green covered the wheel wells and inside of the gear doors. I added a few things to the nose gear leg and made a FOD cover for the intake from .010 sheet

plastic. The kit canopy and windshield were used as masters to vacuform replacements, using .015 clear plastic. The kit I bought was the FJ-3M version but I later found out that by eliminating the wing pylons and missiles, it could be built as an FJ-3 which I decided to do. The instructions are vague regarding placement of the landing gear and doors but in the end, I was able to figure it all out. There were some problems with the thinness of the Caracal decals and after sufficient soaking, I found it difficult to move them off of the backing sheet. A fingertip finally did the job and thankfully,

none were lost. Using noted U.S. Navy aircraft authority Tommy Tomason's blog site, I found good information on the FJ-3 and that helped me modify the nose to a more downward slope along with the positioning of the nose gear leg. His site is a plethora of info on various U.S. Navy aircraft. The fuselage stripes don't continue on the bottom of the fuselage and I don't know if that was prototypical. The scheme offered a colorful jet from the 50's.



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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday May 11, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 12:00 pm. The annual Pizza Fest will begin at 12:00, with the annual Club Auction planned to start at 12:45.



President's Report

by Bernie Kugel

Spring is here and hopefully NO MORE SNOW!

We had our April meeting at Productivity Inc in Plymouth. It was well attended and I would like to thank our VP John R. Ross for providing us this location. We are at Fleming for the rest of the year.

Merrill Anderson has issued a Club Challenge for April 2020, Grumman "Cat" Challenge. Wildcat, Hellcat, Tomcat, etc. We asked John Roll to contact IPMS and TCAH will sponsor a trophy package for the national convention.

At our May meeting it will be busy. We are having our annual pizza luncheon and then go right into the club auction. Lunch begins at 12:00 pm and hoping to start the auction at 12:45. There will be no Show-N -Tell.

We will have ballots for our club awards at the meeting. We are voting for "Modeler of the Year". Nominees are:

Steve Shaffer,
Dave Perzel,
Bruce McClain,
Jim Kloek,
John R. Ross, and
Keith Brusten.

Earlier this year it was decided to put the "Historian" and "Newsletter" awards on hold this year.

Hope to see you all at the lunch and auction,

Model On



Treasurer's Report

by Dennis Strand

This month we had an expense of \$33.50 in order to continue our domain name for the web site and the purchase of awards for the 2019 IPMSUSA National Convention at \$85.00. On the plus side, we have one returning and one new member. Welcome to David Johnson and John Carlson. As we have actually only received \$15.00 for dues up to this point, our club total is \$4666.02.

This year we have postponed our TCAH auction until May. Please bring models and related items as well as lots of money to our annual event back at Fleming Field on Saturday, May 11th. This is a big annual fund raiser for the club. I understand that we will also have food. Come one and all. Bid, buy and eat to your hearts content. See you there.



CAF Update

by Dennis Strand

I was invited to a museum meeting in the CAF hangar on March 20th. During this meeting, it was brought up to me that there is considerable wall space behind the Aero Historian display case at the hangar. I was asked if TCAH would consider putting up some kind of display in this area. Several CAF members suggested various possibilities, 1.) A Battle of Britain display, 2.) A display relating to aerial battles in the Pacific during WWII, 3.) A place where we could rotate models by showing a "Model of the Month".

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TCAH History (continued)

by Frank Cuden

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A three part long-term model display was set up at the Science Museum in Saint Paul. Part one began in January and covered aviation from the Wright Brothers through World War I. Part two replaced it in mid-summer, and included the Golden Age and World War II. Part three began in November and covered post war, airliners, and civil aircraft.

TCAH modeling talent received national publicity when Jack Mugan and Chuck Mayer placed first and third, respectively, in a contest sponsored by "1001 Model Airplane Ideas" magazine.

April's meeting was a double feature, with Sherm Boen as a

guest speaker and a Viet Nam contest and display theme. The June newsletter featured photographs for the first time. The July meeting was a picnic at Indian Mounds Park in Saint Paul, with nine members and their families attending.

Several members provided models for a World war II display at the Brooklyn Center Library, a very popular exhibit.

A liaison was established with the Minneapolis Piston Poppers flying model club with the idea of co-sponsoring model displays or contests.

TCAH stalwarts Nelson, Mayer, Robinson, Zimmerman, Ennis and Olmstead provided a display at the Duluth AFB open house. No wind this time. Several members attended the IPMS National in Wichita with

Tom Walsh winning best-in-show.

Minnesota ANG C-119 Boxcars were replaced by C-130 Hercules transports.

George Minarik began coordinating the ordering of TCAH calendars, a task he performed for many years.

New names in 1970: John Connerton, Dave Sandsness, Bill Hong, Tim Case, Ed Kueppers, Wally Forman, Harold Johnson, Ken Kaye, Steve Fletcher, Alvin Ricks, Mel Harry, Fred Charles and Don Bloese.









Noel Allard took this picture at Oshkosh 2017, and what's neat about it is that there were eleven B-25s lined up in two tight rows, reminding him very much of the lineup on the USS Hornet as it headed for the Tokyo bombing raid in 1942.

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I said that I would bring up the subject at the next TCAH meeting and invited them to visit the display of the Battle of Midway that we have at the Fleming Field terminal building. During the April TCAH meeting I did bring up the subject. I was pleasantly surprised to receive a number of creative suggestions about what could be done. Among them were:

- 1.) Have some aviation artwork displayed behind the case.
- 2.) Build a model of a P-47 razorback. This would coordinate with the engine display of a Thunderbolt that crashed in Europe and was recently recovered.
- 3.) Build models of aircraft that were flown by Minnesotans.

These are all good ideas. I will attend another museum meeting in the near future. I will report that I presented the situation to TCAH members and tell them about our discussion. It would be a good thing if we could do a low budget project that would enhance our display case. We could even include some TCAH promotional material. Let me know what you think.



On The Table—April 2019

Name	Model	Manufacturer	Scale
Bernie Kugel	Star Wars collection	Bandai	1/144
Sean Brzozowski	JDASF Type 10	Tamiya	1/35
Mark Jacques	M41 Walker Bulldog	Tamiya	1/35
Steve Shaffer	BSG Colonial Reaper	Mobeius	1/32
Steve Shaffer	Unicorn Banshee Gundam	Bandai	1/100
Jim Kloek	PB4Y-2 Privateer	Monogram/Koster	1/48
Jim Kloek	F3F-1	Accurate Minatures	1/48
Steve Erickson	Me.262	Tamiya	1/48
Steve Erickson	Spitfire PRIG	Tamiya	1/48
Steve Erickson	Spitfire Mk II	Tamiya	1/48
Steve Erickson	T-35/76	Tamiya	1/35
Steve Erickson	M3 Stuart	Tamiya	1/35
John R Ross	B-Wing	Bandai	1/72
Bruce McClain	F-14B	Hasegawa	1/48
Dennis Strand	USN 80' Elco PT boat	Merit	1/48
Dennis Strand	CW SNC-1 Falcon	Planet Models	1/48
Dennis Strand	F8F-1 Bearcat	HobbyCraft	1/48
Dennis Strand	F4F-4 Wildcat	Tamiya	1/48
Dennis Strand	F6F-3 Hellcat	Hasegawa	1/48
Dennis Strand	OU2U Kingfisher	Monogram	1/48
Dennis Strand	F4U-1D Corsair	Tamiya	1/48

Directions to the Club Meeting Location

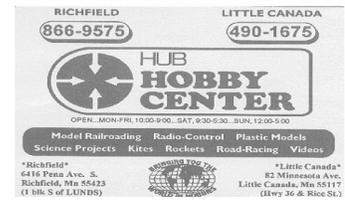
Where: South St. Paul Municipal Airport, a.k.a. Fleming Field, located on the southern extremity of South St. Paul, south of 1-494, west of Concord Street and East of Highway 52.

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 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.