



Hobby Craft 1/48 scale NE-1 (Piper Cub)
by Frank Cuden

US Navy NE-1
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Years ago, I bought a 1/48th scale "Piper's" Propagteam decal sheet and I recently got around to building the 1/48th scale Hobby Craft kit that has languished in my cabinet of un-built future projects. One of the choices on the decal sheet was for a Navy-designated NE-1 that was attached to the 32nd LTA (Lighter Than Air) Squadron. The squadron had patrol blimps and

was based at Moffet Field.

I added a lot to the cockpit and I sanded the top and bottom wings to attain the stretched fabric look. I also had to make new cooling shrouds for the top of the exposed cylinders. The prop was painted light tan and I streaked the "wood grain", using Testors enamel Wood. I added fine wire for the exposed aileron cables on the top and bottom of the wings along with the bracing wires between the horizontal and vertical tail.

The fuselage halves were molded in clear plastic so I went through a lot of Tamiya Masking Tape as I first masked the inside of the side windows so I could spray Floquil Engine Black in the cockpit. The Navy painted the interiors of those Cubs black. Later on in the build, I had to mask the outsides of the windows when the blue and gray were sprayed on the model. Model Master Light Gull Gray and Intermediate Blue were

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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday November 12, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Come early.



President's Address

by Mark Copeland

Hello Everyone!! Well, here we go for another round of winter in Minnesota!! As much as I complain about the cold and the snow, like we all do, I still enjoy the change in seasons.

I am sorry to say that I will not be attending the upcoming November TCAH meeting because of a prior commitment that will have me in London, England on that day. Our Vice President, Steve Hustad will also be traveling that weekend as will Bob Maderich, our Club Secretary. So we will be in the good and capable hands of our faithful Treasurer, Dennis Strand to lead the meeting on November 12th.

Our annual club auction last month raised \$549.00 to go into our club coffers. Thank you to Bob Maderich, my co-pilot auctioneer. to Vice President, Steve Hustad who sorted out the auction lots and for Denny Strand and Marty Agather for keeping the books straight. But most of all, thank you to all who donated items for the auction and for all the bidders that made it a success!!

This month's theme is **Vietnam Aircraft 1940 to Present** which should prove to be an interesting subject. I hope that everyone can bring a nice display of models to commemorate this important historical period in aviation history.

Our December meeting will be the annual "White Elephant" contest and event. This has proven to be a lot of fun over the years, so pick out a new, unbuilt kit and join in on the fun.

Our annual club elections were due in November, however we posed a motion to the membership, discussion followed and a vote was taken in favor of electing our current slate of officers for another term in 2023. Therefore, we will not be holding an election of TCAH Club Officers at the November meeting.

I will be thinking of you all on November 12th while I'm in "Blighty" and will raise a pint to TCAH!! Cheers lads!!



Treasurer's Report

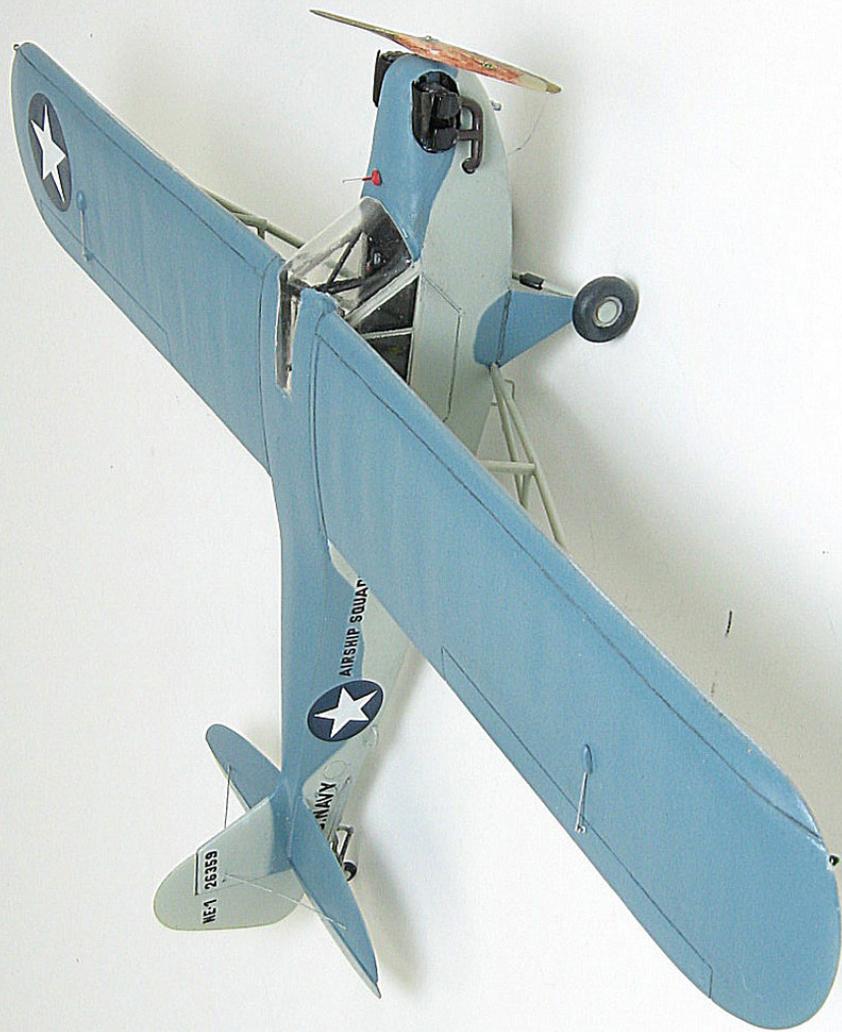
by Dennis Strand

Last month, the club held our annual auction. Although we did not break any records, there was a reasonable total of \$549.00 in sales. During the down time, before and after the bidding wars, there were 7 TCAH membership renewals. This was an additional \$105.00 income. Our club account now stands at \$4787.05.

This is a good number. The average expenditure each year is about \$2000.00. However, it does vary up or down from year to year. We should have enough funds to cover any standard debts and still have a little cushion for unexpected costs.

If you have not renewed for 2023, please send a check to: Dennis Strand, 833 Manomin Ave., St. Paul, MN 55107 and I will send you a TCAH membership card. Otherwise, see me at the November meeting. Thanks to everyone who organized or participated in this important event.





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.

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used for the camouflage paint. Using stretched clear sprue, I added the fuel indicator just forward of the one-piece vacuformed windshield and overhead observation window

It was a fun build and a rather unusual "Piper Cub" to add to my showcase. Thanks go to Steve Macey for his helpful research with the project.

