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**Memory Lane: Published 10 years ago this month in The Aero Historian
Monogram 1/48 scale C-47**

**"The Voice" a C-47 used by the French in Vietnam for PSYOPs warfare
by Mark L. Rossmann**

Secretary's Message *by Bob Maderich II*

My goodness, it is the last TCAH meeting of the year, wow, how time flies. But December brings us the always anticipated "White Elephant" gift exchange that we have had now for a few years. This is always a good time, with the 'F' word (fun) being the most important part of it.

So, here are the simple rules:

- 1) Bring a wrapped kit, (preferably a plane that YOU would like to build, not a piece of junk, please!) and put it on the pile of other presents.
- 2) Get a number from Dennis
- 3) And we begin, if you have

#1 you go up to the pile, pick out a kit, open it and wait for the inevitable.

The next person (#2) gets the choice to either steal your kit, or pick one from the pile. If you had your kit stolen, you may get another wrapped kit from the pile. And it goes on 'til all the numbers are gone.

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- President**, Mark Copeland
- Vice-President**, Steve Hustad
- Secretary**, Bob Maderich
- Treasurer**, Dennis Strand
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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday December 10, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Come early.

This month is our annual White Elephant event!



President's Address
by Mark Copeland

Happy Holidays Everyone!! Here we are in December, already!! Where the heck has 2022 gone?? My goodness, time certainly flies!!

To begin, a big thank you goes out to Dennis Strand for doing a great job with the November meeting. I was on a long trip in England, our Vice President, Steve Hustad and Secretary, Bob Maderich were also unavailable, so we turned to Dennis to run the show. Thank you for taking the reins for us Denny!! Great job!!

Our December meeting is the annual club "White Elephant" event. It's always a fun time and something many of our members look forward too. Bob Maderich and Erik Zabel will do the officiating for the event. Bring a wrapped model kit to the meeting and join in on the fun!! Further information can be found in the subsequent article in this issue from Bob Maderich which explains the "rules of engagement" for the event.

At the November meeting, we took down our list of club monthly themes for calendar year 2023. These will be published starting in the January 2023 newsletter and will also be available on the club website. There was also a vote taken to move the club auction to April, rather than in October. Therefore we will have our annual club auction this coming April in 2023.

Next month, January 2023, is the annual TCAH club contest. This is a "friendly competition" amongst the membership to showcase their modeling with fellow club members. It's always

fun and a great day of seeing some fantastic models. Bob Maderich and Steve Hustad have been working hard to refine the categories and purchase the gift certificates from **Scale Model Supplies**. We will be providing more information at the December meeting and in the January newsletter for the specific categories and judging. It should be a great meeting!!

Looking ahead for 2023, I would like to set a date for a new club photograph to update our website. The three pictures that are presently on the website date back in the late 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s. We will pick a month which will likely give us fair weather and possibly arrange it with the Commemorative Air Force to use their hanger or better yet, their B-25J Mitchell as a backdrop.

On behalf of the club officers, I want to wish each one of you all the best for a happy holiday season and a joyous and healthy, 2023.



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- 4) The idea of the "White Elephant" is to get people to finish their models. If you have finished your kit from 2021' WE, you get special treatment. As in, you get to choose last. And you have immunity, no one can steal your kit.

So, it behooves one to finish their kit to get a late number for a model you really do want.

If you have any other questions, I will answer them at the meeting. Now let's have some fun!



Meeting Minutes

by Dennis Strand

The November meeting of the Twin City Aero Historians was called to order at 1:00 PM. An inquiry was made for any guests or new members that were present. We were in luck and welcomed Kevin Waba, Jeremy Fox and Thomas L Crayne as new members. Kevin has a huge collection of unbuilt kits and is currently working on 1/144 scale aircraft models. Welcome aboard gentlemen! Also, Jay Budge brought a guest who also graced us with a very informative talk about his military experiences. His name was David May and he was a U.S. Marine Captain and CO of an Amtrac unit in Viet Nam Circa. 1965. He spoke of several of his encounters with the enemy which included a time when his unit was pinned down in a rice paddy. Fortunately an A-6 Intruder came diving out of the clouds and fired a string of rockets along the tree line. Captain May said, "After that, there was no more shooting from the tree line." There is no doubt that the Intruder attack saved many American lives.

Next up was the Treasury Report. For details I will guide you to the report entered elsewhere in this newsletter.

When Old Business was brought up we were reminded of the passing of Mike Sibley. He was a long time member and was a previous president of TCAH. Those present honored him with a moment of silence. On another somber note, a flower arrangement was sent by the Twin City Aero Historians to the Memorial Service for our member Dave DeBace, who died shortly after our most recent Nordic Con.

An update on the club displays in the Commemorative Air Force hangar was then addressed. The "Hookem' Cow" Liberator was a B-24H which served in England during WWII. It was named by the pilot and crew chief, who were both from South St. Paul. The name was derived from an organization founded in 1916 that promoted the city's stockyard and meat packing industry. The CAF asked if TCAH could make a model of it and we accommodated. Erik Zabel built a great 1/72 scale rendition and it was adorned with an accurate set of decals produced by Don Stauffer. Although, it was previously displayed before for a brief period of time, it has now been placed in a new and improved display to include placards and photos in addition to the model. Erik and Don are given credit on a small placard and their membership to the Twin City Aero Historians is noted.

The theme of our large display case has been changed from U.S. Naval Aviation of the Second World War to a multinational display of WWII warplanes. There are 17 1/48 scale models representing 14 different countries. Many subjects from single engine fighters to 4 engine bombers are present. There were several positive comments while we were setting up, so take a look if you get a chance.

There are other TCAH models evident in the CAF Museum area

1.) A TBM-1c Avenger in the George H. W. Bush display

2.) A N2S--3 (Naval Factory version of a PT-17 Stearman) and a North American SNJ in a cabinet

Honoring U.S. Naval Aviation training that occurred in the Twin City area.

3.) A TB-25K radar training aircraft that illustrates how "Miss Mitchell", the CAF's 1/1 scale B-25, appeared in 1958.

A reminder was given about the "White Elephant" event that is scheduled for the December meeting. This is when people bring a decent unbuilt model that has been gift wrapped. The participants place them all together on a table then draw numbers. Each person goes up in turn and selects a "Christmas present". They open it and show the other players what model they have picked out. You can keep that kit or "steal" from someone that has a model that you like better. Players can also make deals and trade at any time, as long as both people are in agreement. If you bring a model that you received and built from a previous "White Elephant" contest, you are safe and no one can "steal" from you. It can be real fun, so I encourage everyone to join in.

New Business basically included the Theme Schedule as seen below. However, a basic change in our club calendar of events occurred when a motion was raised and seconded that placed the Annual Club Auction from October to April. The Ukrainian War theme was then slotted for October.

Monthly Themes 2023


January 2023 – Annual Club Contest

February 2023 – Real Space

March 2023 - Helicopters

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Directions to the Club Meeting Location

<p>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.</p> <p>If coming from the western Twin Cities going east on 494:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • miles toward the Fleming Field airport terminal building. <p>If coming from east Twin Cities on westbound 494:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>The terminal is on the right with parking available.</p>	<p>The Aero Historian is published monthly by the Twin City Aero Historians, Inc., a joint chapter of the American Aviation Historical Society and International Plastic Modelers Society/USA, for members and readers as part of their annual dues or fees.</p> <p>The group is open to aviation enthusiasts from teenagers on up who are interested in aviation modeling, photography, collecting, art and writing.</p> <p>The Twin Cities Aero Historians (TCAH) meet the second Saturday of every month at 1:00pm.</p> <p>See above for the new meeting locations and directions.</p> <p>Mail Newsletter material to the editor and address changes to the treasurer.</p>
<p><i>(Continued from page 3)</i> April 2023 – Annual Club Auction</p> <p>May - Axis</p> <p>June 2023 - Carrier Aircraft/Carriers</p> <p>July 2023 – Sci Fi</p> <p>Aug 2023 - 1/32 Scale</p> <p>September 2023 – Korea/Viet Nam</p> <p>October – Ukrainian War</p> <p>November – Interwar Years</p> <p>December – White Elephant – Christmas Event</p> <p>“Show & Tell” was hosted by the masterful Steve Erikson, who guided us through all the models</p>	<p>that were brought in by our members. Thanks Steve.</p> <p>The meeting was then adjourned sometime after 2:00PM. Thanks to everyone who attended. Bring a cool, giftwrapped model to the December meeting and see what happens. </p>	<p>Jeff and Peter. The \$325.00 rent was paid to the City of South St. Paul for the use of our meeting room for 2023. This gives us the total of \$4694.72.</p> <p>We currently have 33 paid members and 8 life members to be listed on our new roster for next year.</p> <p>Remember, you can send a check for \$15.00 to: Dennis Strand, 833 Manomin Ave., St. Paul, MN 55107 and I will send you a 2023 TCAH membership card.</p>
	<p>Treasurer’s Report <i>by Dennis Strand</i></p> <p>This month the club collected 2023 membership dues from 12 individuals for an income of \$180.00. We also took in \$25.00 from Jeff Fries. He donated this amount from the sale of several model kits. Peter Martin contributed \$5.00 to the club when he paid his dues. Thanks</p>	