



**Spirit of St. Louis at Little Falls, Minnesota 1927**

*Photo provided by Noel Allard*

## **CHARLES LINDBERGH AND HIS STRANGE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS**

*by Noel Allard*

Of course there is almost no one who hasn't heard the name of Charles Lindbergh and know about his solo Atlantic crossing in 1927. He became the most famous person in the world after the feat and is still remembered in every corner of the globe.

Fewer remember that he was a pacifist leading up to WWII and made the US government leaders angry with his rhetoric. He also appeared to be anti-

semitic. Fewer even know that after America's entry into WWII, Lindbergh flew many missions in the South Pacific and instructed fighter pilots on getting the most out of their P-38 aircraft.

Never-the-less, his aviation accomplishments made him a God. Certainly, one would think that his final resting place would be a magnificent monument, and his marker, a fitting tribute to his aerial spirit. Might his memory not have been marked with a large granite stone and a bronze plaque. Speed Holman, for example, barnstormer, stunt pilot and airline pioneer, is buried at the height of land across the river

from the Minneapolis Airport with a unique visible bronze marker, and a huge stone monument in St. Paul acknowledges that "He belonged to the heights – and the heights claimed him!" Surely, we would have expected Lindbergh to have been cremated and his ashes spread from the air over his hometown, Little Falls, MN, or over the Atlantic Ocean, or some other ethereal high place reserved for the world's greatest aviators.

Lindbergh would have none of that. His resting place and marker were planned by himself with the intention that he not be

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**President**, Mark Copeland

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## TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday October 14, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Come early.



## President's Address

*by Mark Copeland*

**NordicCon 2023** is in the books and what a **NordicCon it was!!** Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the success of the event. It is very inspiring to see the cooperative effort and teamwork that was displayed by our membership to make it a great show!!

Please remember that October and November are our annual membership dues collection months. \$15.00 is our annual dues and should be paid to our trusted treasurer, Dennis Strand. If you can't make either of the meetings, your certainly can drop a check in the mail to Dennis. Make checks payable to:

## TCAH

Mail the check to:

**Dennis Strand**  
**833 Manomin Avenue**  
**St. Paul, MN 55107**

Club elections will be in November and the current slate of officers have volunteered to serve for another year. To keep the elections fair, we invite anyone who would like to run for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer to place their name into nomination. Elections will be held at the November TCAH meeting and if there are no other candidates, we will vote to retain the current slate of officers.

Once again, thank you to everyone who volunteered to make NordicCon 2023 a great success!!



## Treasurer's Report

*by Dennis Strand*

Well, we are off to a good start with the club's membership drive. We had 15 people pay dues for 2024 at the September meeting. This gave us a \$225.00 income. There were no recent expenses. Our Bank account stands at \$5501.36. Let's keep this going. You can catch me at a meeting or send \$15.00 to:

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

Club dues and our annual auction are TCAH's only sources of income. So, it is important that everyone signs up. The earlier, the better. The goal is to get all current members listed by December 31 so that we can get a current and accurate roster printed in a timely manner.



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bothered or in any way honored after his death. In Reeve Lindbergh's book, No More Words, a book she wrote about the last days of her mother, Ann Morrow Lindbergh, Charles Lindbergh's wife. Reeve relates: "During his final ten days in Maui, he consulted with the gravedigger, requesting that certain hymns be sung at his funeral and asked that specific items be placed with him in his coffin..." His body "...was buried in a grave eight feet square and twelve feet deep, according to Hawaiian tradition, with layer after layer of lava rocks around and above him. The farm boy from Minnesota who had flown the Atlantic Ocean was tucked inside a cliff overlooking the

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**On The Table—September 2023**

Modeler	Kit	Manufacturer	Scale
Ed Vigilante	M48 Patton tank	Monogram	1/35
	AC-47 "Puff the MD"	Monogram	1/90
Paul Dial	M-24 Chaffee	Tamiya	1/35
Steve Erickson	M-47 Bulldog	Tamiya	1/35
	BT-7	Tamiya	1/35
	Stug IV	Tamiya	1/35
Franklin Haws	P-51 Mustang	Hasegawa	1/48
Josh Barney	AH-64D	Academy	1/72
Ryder King	Tiger I	Tamiya	1/35
Bernie Kugel	Seafire III	Revell	1/32
	Spitfire PR IXc	Revell	1/32
	ME-262 B	Revell	1/32
	BF 109 G-6	Hasegawa	1/32
Keith Brusten	Tiger I	Das Werks	1/16
Tom Crayne	AG Zero	Revell	1/32
Bob Maderich	Ducati Moto GP	Tamiya	1/12
	1963 Watson Roadster	SMTS	1/43
Dave Perzel	Vampire FB.5	Airfix	1/48
Bruce McLain	B-1B	Monogram	1/72
Steve Hustad	Focke Wulf FW 190 D9 "Yellow 8"	IBG	1/72
	Focke Wulf FW 190 D9 "Brown 9"	AZ models	1/72
Noel Allard	Allard Sports car	SMTS	1/43

## 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:**

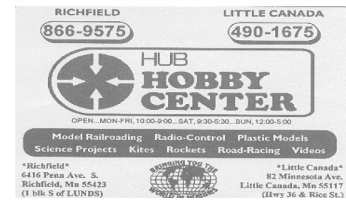
- Exit at the 7th and 5th Avenue exit (Exit No.65)
- Turn right (South) on 7th Ave and go approximately .6 miles to a 4-way Stop sign. This is South Street W. To your left there will be a McDonald's; to your right front there will be a Walgreen's.
- Turn left (East) at the 4-way Stop onto
- South Street 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.



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.

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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Pacific..."

Anne Morrow, Lindbergh's wife, debated with her daughter Reeve, prior to Ann's death as to what to do with her cremated ashes. Should she have some of herself scattered over her husband's grave in Maui? It seemed only fitting, after forty-five years together, that she be represented in his final resting place, but she certainly didn't want to dig up all those heavy rocks and have herself sunk down inside the grave with him in another heavy coffin. "It might disturb his peace."

Lindbergh's life is very well detailed in Scott Berg's biography of him. Lindy was a loner from his earliest days. His firstborn son was kidnapped and murdered. That may have played

a role, a PTSD role in his entire remaining life that left him only tolerant of other people, unable to really bond with his family, spending as much time away from them as he could, retiring to Hawaii to work by himself in a medical lab, and having himself buried apart from the public, in a simple inaccessible place, deep in the earth under rocks that man would not pull asunder, or conveniently gather to honor his spirit.



We need articles from the membership.