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**CAF MN Wing P-51C in 2009
In front of the Collings Foundation B-17
At the Anoka County Blaine Airport
(Janes Field)
1/1 Scale
Photo by Bob Arko**

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TCAH This Month

November theme- A "Silk Purse" from a "Sows Ear" (a build from a notoriously bad kit)

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



President's Address

by Mark Copeland

I am writing this column in the beautiful and famous, Angel Hotel in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, England, where I am leading a tour through the bomber and fighter airfields of the United States - Eighth Air Force, during WWII.

I want to open by thanking Steve Hustad, our club Vice President for covering for me at the last meeting and for leading the upcoming November meeting. My job responsibilities have taken me to England and France for just over five weeks and Steve has done a great job "keeping the wheels turning" for the club.

November is our annual dues collection month. Please see Dennis Strand to update your club dues for 2024/2025. The cost remains the same at \$15.00 USD. We would like to have everyone paid as soon as possible to update the roster.

December's meeting will be a real treat with the "White Elephant" event to ring in the Holidays plus we have asked Steve Hustad to do a reprise of his 2024 IPMS National seminar presentation on small scale dioramas. Steve has an excellent presentation that was well received in Madison. Don't miss the opportunity to see this awesome seminar by one of the best modelers in the world.

I will see you all in December and I had better sign-off now. It is time to gather my folks, load the bus and head off to Thorpe Abbots this morning where the 100th Bomb Group served during WWII! Not a bad gig!

Stay well and thanks for being a member of TCAH!



Treasurer's Report

by Dennis Strand

There were \$58.50 additional expenses for Nordic Con 2024. 16 members renewed their membership for 2025 during the October club meeting giving us revenues of \$240.00 and Chris Siembeck was kind enough to donate \$5.00 to the club coffers. Our TCAH balance comes to \$ 6165.17.

Remember, you can send your \$15.00 renewal to:

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

or see me at the November meeting.



Short Issue

by the Editor

We need article submissions to keep the Newsletter going. Please consider writing about your current project.



On The Table October 2024

MODELER	KIT	MANUFACTURER	SCALE
John Dunphy	P-40	Academy	1/48
	P-47	Tamiya	1/48
Bob Ferreira	Spitfire F-24	Matchbox	1/32
Jim Kloek	USS Texas	Trumpeter	1/700
Steve Erickson	MK I Firefly	Dragon	1/35
	Stug III	Tamiya	1/35
	Type 3 Chi-nu	Fine Molds	1/35
	ME 163	Hawk	1/48
Ken Sallman	P-40E	Hasegawa	1/48
	P-40N	Hasegawa	1/48
	P-51b	Eduard	1/48
Dave Perzel	1971 Olds 442	Revell	1/25
John Munoz	T-34	Tamiya	1/35
Steve Hustad	Tiger I, AusF H/E	Revell/Orion	1/72
Bob Maderich II	VW Cabriolet 1971	Revell	1/25
	Zundapp 750/w sidecar	Lion Roar	1/35
Bernie Kugel	JU-87b Stuka	Revell	1/32
	P-51D Mustang	Hasegawa	1/32
Dennis Strand	SB2A Brewster Bermuda	Wings 48	1/48
Winston Vermilyea	P-47H	Tamiya	1/48
	Caproni F6m	Vespa	1/48
	Tiger I	Tamiya	1/48
Dave Gatz	XF90	Vacform/Revell	1/48
	LSM Landing Craft	Revell	1/144

Directions to the Club Meeting Location

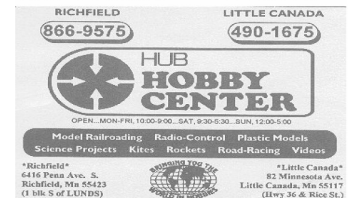
Where: South St. Paul Municipal Airport, a.k.a. Fleming Field, located on the southern extremity of South St. Paul, south of 1-494, west of Concord Street and East of Highway 52.

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.

Monthly Themes 2024

January-TCAH Club Contest

February-Water subjects. (ships, floatplanes, etc)

March-Commonwealth subjects. (British, Aussie, Irish, etc.)

April-Club Auction. (Bring all your stuff you don't want anymore)

May-Ugly subjects (you are left to your own opinions here!)

June-The Golden Age (subjects between the wars) (1920-1940)

July-Modern Military subjects (1991-present)

August- World War One subjects

September- Sci fi and real space

October- modeling 'disasters' (again, you decide what that is for you)

November- A "Silk Purse" from a "Sows Ear" (a build from a notoriously bad kit)

December- our annual "White Elephant" kit exchange

