

## 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

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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. For more information contact Larry Donovan at 651-501-4755.

The Twin Cities Aero Historians (TCAH) meet the second Saturday of every month at 1:30pm.

See above for the new meeting locations and directions.

Mail Newsletter material and address changes to the treasurer.

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## P-51 by Mark Rossmann

### 506<sup>th</sup> FG / 457<sup>th</sup> FS Colors by Mark Rossmann

The "Sun Setters", were the VLR Mustang pilots of the 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 506<sup>th</sup> Fighter groups, VII Fighter Command based on Iwo Jima

The 506<sup>th</sup> FG was delivered by ship to Guam on March 17<sup>th</sup> 1945, a week later the unit flew to Tinian. 7 weeks of CAP and





practice missions were flown while North Field on Iwo was prepared for their arrival. Finally on May 11, the FG landed at North, first combat missions didn't occur until May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Black Friday, June 1, occurred when a large weather front was entered by all 3 Fighter groups. As a result 27 planes and 24 pilots were lost, on that day's mission no plane was lost

to fighters or ground fire. Headquarters lost Lt. Col. Harvey Scandrett and Capt. Edmund. The 457<sup>th</sup> lost the most pilots from the 506th FG; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt's Robert Kripple, Robert Griffith, Leonard Kloiber, William Saks. Lt. Lawrence Grennan 457<sup>th</sup> - bailed out at 5,000 ft. 10 miles from Iwo and was rescued.

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<div><div><b>TCAH Officers</b></div><div><div><b>President</b>, Larry Donovan</div><div><b>Vice-President</b>, Mark Jacques</div><div><b>Secretary</b>, Jeff Fries</div><div><b>Treasurer</b>, Dave Hueffmeier</div><div><b>Historian</b>, Tom Norrbohm</div><div><b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>, Bernie Kugel</div></div></div>	<div><div><b>Secretary's Notes</b> by Jeff Fries</div><div><p>Meeting called to order by Mark as President had work conflict. Visitor and guest speaker introduced. Nordic Con results were given.</p><p>VENDOR REPORT: Schiffer Publishing;; Axel announced new book</p><p>Republic Air Lines by our life member Terry Love.</p><p>Terry will be in town for book signing Oct. 19.</p><p>Rollmodels : Out now Classic Pub. Junkers Ju 87, Kalmbach Pub. Modeling Fighters. Also new several new Trumpeter subjects. Consult Rollmodels website for that needed item.</p><p>Nominations were taken for the year 2013 President, Merrill Anderson, Johann Allert Vice President, Frank Cuden Secretary, John Dunphy Treasurer, Jeff Fries, Tom Norrbohm Sargent-At-Arms, Bob Maderich Voting will take place at November meeting.</p><p>After a brief break Our guest speaker Kim Jacobson gave lengthy talk on Viet Nam missions as chopper pilot.</p><p>There was no business meeting due to lack of time.</p><p>REMINDER. Next month is White Elephant/Gift exchange. Participants are asked to wrap items.</p></div></div>	<div><div><i>(Continued from page 1)</i></div><div><p>In the end the 457<sup>th</sup> claimed 12 enemy aircraft shot down, with Capt Abner M. Aust as the only ace for the 457<sup>th</sup> FS and the 506th FG. On 16 July he was credited with three Ki-84's and two Zero's on 10 August. He remained in the Air Force flying 300 mission in F-4 Phantoms during Vietnam. Nine 457<sup>th</sup> pilots were to pay the ultimate price for the victory over Japan.</p><p>457<sup>th</sup> was commanded by: Maj. Malcom Waters 10/44 to 1/6/45 and Maj. Daun Anthony 2/6/45 to EOW.</p><p>457<sup>th</sup> FS P-51's were assigned numbers 500 to 549 and were painted with 4 inch green stripes on the rear fuselage vertical fins and stabilizer but not on the rudder or elevators. Planes began changing their identification scheme about mid-June as they went from striped tails to solid color tails, this in an effort to simplify the painting process and to have better identification of each fighter squadron. Some aircraft carried the unit badge on the rear of the cowling on the port side.</p><p>Here are two examples of the aircraft markings, stripes and solid.</p><p>"NIP 'NOCKER" (both sides), with an incomplete unit badge on port side. #531 was flown by 1 Lt. Wesley Murphy Jr., from airfield #3. He scored his only kill on 16 July shooting down a "Tojo" and damaging a "Zeke" over Nagoya. This is a Tamiya 1/48 P-51D, decals are from SuperScale sheet 48-1152.</p><p>"HEL-ETER(1st Lt. John W. Winnen, port side for his wife Helen and son Peter) / LIL –</p><div></div></div></div>
<div><div><b>Newsletter Info</b></div><div><p>Article Submission Deadline: 22nd of each month</p><p>Editor</p><p><b>Bob Arko</b> 6417 Rice Court Lino Lakes, MN 55014 651-481-8887 boba@arkokraft.com</p><p>Distribution Editor</p><p><b>Rick Schmierer</b> 1852 E. 39 Street Minneapolis, MN 55407 612-721-8787 rmschmierer@comcast.net</p><p>Send articles to:</p><p><b>Bob Arko</b> 6417 Rice court Lino Lakes, MN 55014 boba@arkokraft.com</p><p>Send Change of Address Notice to: Dave Hueffmeier</p></div></div>	<div><div><b>TCAH This Month</b></div><div><p>The monthly meeting will be held Saturday November 10, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:00, so come early.</p><div></div></div></div>	
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On The Table—October 2012			
Name	Item	Manufacture	Scale
Frank Cuden	F-102	Hasagawa	72nd
Gary Anderson	Angel Fink (Figure ?)	Revell	Unk
John Dunphy	Ventura	Revell	48th
Bob Engelstad	Ki 44 (70th FS)	Hasagawa	72nd
Bob Engelstad	Ki 44 (23rd FS)	Tamiya	72nd
Bob Engelstad	Ki 27	Hasagawa	72nd
Bob Engelstad	Ki 48 Lily	Hasagawa	72nd
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Bob Maderich	T-Wing (Star Wars)	Fine Molds	72nd
Bob Maderich	Sd.Kfz 250/3	Tamiya	48th
Mark Rossman	F-84F	Revell	48th
Mark Rossman	AH-1 Cobra	Monogram	48th
Emil Salinaz	KY-5-1	Otaki	48th
Erik Zabel	Panzer I	Ilalareri	72nd





## Airline Chatter by Terry Love

Boeing delivered the first Boeing 787 Dreamliner built in South Carolina on October 5. It is going to Air India.

Southwest Airlines ordered 268 pairs of winglets for the balance of their fleet that does not already have them. Southwest Airlines expects to save \$150 million annually in just fuel costs. The winglets also reduce takeoff noise, and extend the range of the airliner. Winglets are the vertical fins on each end of the aircraft's wing. They improve aerodynamics. They cost about \$1 million per pair.

All Nippon Airways ordered 11 more Boeing 787 Dreamliners for \$3.3 Billion.

United Airlines received its first Boeing 787 Dreamliner on September 28.

Delta Airlines's new jet fuel refinery has now started producing 185,000 barrels of jet fuel daily.

GOL, the low-cost airline of Brazil, ordered 60 Boeing 737-800s valued at \$6 Billion.

Emirates Airlines is looking to purchase 40 more Airbus A-380 jumbo jets, but the Dubai airport is running short of space for the large amount of the airliners.

Southern Air transport has filed for bankruptcy. Southern Air Transport is a cargo airline that contracts a lot to the U S Government – mainly out of Miami.

Airbus says that they have over 1200 orders for their Airbus A-330 airliner. 900 have been delivered to 120 customers.

Cameroon's government agreed to purchase 2 Boeing 787 Dreamliners for \$429 million for their national airline – Camair.

Turkish Airlines, THY, ordered 15 Airbus A-330-300s.

Delta Airlines is adding flights to Paris, France next year. The additional flights will be year-round and seasonal from 11 different airports including Atlanta, Boston, Newark, and New York City. Delta Airlines is reducing flights to Barcelona, Spain, and Milan, Italy.

Embraer delivered its 900<sup>th</sup> E airliner to Kenya Airways.

Atilara retired its last MD-80 on October 27.

Korean Airlines will retire its last Airbus A-300 on January 31, 2013.

Alaska Airlines ordered 50 Boeing 737-800s.



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TODDIE(1st Lt. Phillip G. Alston starboard side after his daughter). #527 flew from airfield #3, as in most cases there were more pilots than planes. This was the late paint scheme with the solid green tail, #527 was lost in August while Alston was on leave in Hawaii. This is an ICM 1/48 P-51D, decals from AeroMaster sheet 48-795.

The twin UHF antennas were actually made out of wood. I fashioned mine out of flat end toothpicks.

These are among the last USAAF Mustang units to be activated for combat. If you would like to know more about the VII Fighter command, the Banzai attack and the storm of June 1, you will enjoy reading the following:

References: Osprey Aviation Elite Units – Very Long Range Mustang Units of the Pacific War – Author: Carl Molesworth.

Decals: AeroMaster 48-794 through 797 and SuperScale 48-1152.

Web Site:  
506<sup>th</sup>fighter group.org





**Upcoming Model Events**  
*by Mark Jacques*

**3 November 2012 – KC CON 2012** – IPMS/Great Plains & IPMS/KC AMPS @ Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene, 11811 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO. 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For more information, contact Stuart Malone at 913-530-3529, or email him at [smalone@kcrr.com](mailto:smalone@kcrr.com), or visit the website at [www.ipmsgreatplains.org](http://www.ipmsgreatplains.org)

**2 February 2011 - 2012 "Hope It Don't Snow Show"** – IPMS 5-33 Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers @ Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, 1517 16<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Rochester, MN. Special awards include: Best "Hog" (in honor of the show being on Groundhog's Day, Best Drag Racing Subject, Best Fantasy/Science Fiction Subject, Best

Figure, Best Jet, Best Middle Eastern Subject 1890 - Present, Best Modern Armor, Best "Ready to Paint" Model, Best Real Space Subject, Best Rocket Powered Aircraft/Early Jet, Best Scratchbuilt, Vacuformed or Converted Subject, Best Vietnam Era Subject, Best WWI Subject, Best WWII Bust, Best WWII Polish Subject, Best Youth Subject and Best 1:48th Scale Armor. For more information, contact Kris Krco at 507-254-4646 or [zvsm@gmail.com](mailto:zvsm@gmail.com) or visit the club website at [www.royalresin.net/ZumbroValleyScaleModelers.html](http://www.royalresin.net/ZumbroValleyScaleModelers.html)

**23 March 2013 – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Show and Contest** – IPMS/South Central Modelers of Minnesota @ Five Lakes Centre, 308 South State Street, Fairmont, MN. 9:00am to 4:00pm, Registration 'till Noon; Entry Fee: \$1.00 per model. Website: [http://](http://public.fotki.com/73superduty/south_central_model)

[public.fotki.com/73superduty/south\\_central\\_model](http://public.fotki.com/73superduty/south_central_model) ; contact Gregory Pausewang [57chevy1957@bevcomm.net](mailto:57chevy1957@bevcomm.net) or at (507) 526-3531.

**27 April 2013 – Fleacon 9** – Alexander Lippisch @ PS Air Hanger @ Easter Iowa Airport, Cedar Rapids, IA contact Bill Kreuger @ 319-362-9602 <http://ipms-usa-lippisch-chapter.org/wordpress/>

**14 to 17 August 2013 – 2013 IPMS/USA Nationals – "The Thin Air Nationals"** – JQ Hammons Conference and Convention Center & Embassy Suites Hotel, Loveland Colorado ( [www.embassysuitesloveland.com](http://www.embassysuitesloveland.com) or 970-593-6200) Watch the IPMS/USA website and the Journal for more information or contact [info@ipmsusa2013.com](mailto:info@ipmsusa2013.com)

