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**1/72 Czech Master all-resin Martin AM-1 Mauler**  
*by Frank Cuden*

## **Martin AM-1 Mauler** *by Frank Cuden*

Despite the recuperation from surgery, I can still model and this is the latest - the Czech Master all-resin 1/72nd scale Martin AM-1 Mauler. It seems in model form, they're always seen in Dark Sea Blue but having

gotten the Steve Ginter book on the aircraft, I found a couple of photos of a natural metal bird from the NATC (Naval Air Training Center) and opted for it. Base coat of Floquil Old Silver, followed by 4 shades of Alclad II. The bomb came in the kit and the Tiny Tim's were aftermarket from a company called "Attack

Squadron."

The kit had nice torpedoes and HVAR rockets, but again, Maulers are often seen with that load, so I went with something different, figuring they'd have hung all sorts of stuff underneath for test purposes.



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### TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday November 8, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:00, so come early.



### Election Results

A new slate of officers has been voted in. The election results are:

President: **Bob Maderich II**

Vice President: **John R. Ross**

Secretary: **Marty Agather**

Treasurer: **Dennis Strand**

Congratulations to our incoming leaders, and Thank You, Gentlemen, for stepping up when your club needed you.



### MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWALS—Final Reminder

It is that time of year again. Per the club vote this last spring, dues are \$15.00 with the hardcopy newsletter being dropped in favor of the digital one downloaded from the club web site. The Senior and Junior memberships have also been dropped allowing for a flat rate of \$15 for everyone. Deadline for dues is Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 after which you will incur a \$5.00 penalty on top of the \$15.

Checks are to be made out to TCAH and you can pay me at the meeting or mail your check to me at: Tom Norrbohm, 9936 Columbus Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55420.



### From the Prez

*by Bob Maderich II*

Well, here I am as your new Prez and I am happy to serve you, the membership. As are the other new people (John, Marty, and Dennis) at the front of the room. First let me thank Johann, Frank, Mark, John and Tom for their service over the last few years. Kudos to them! Also, a big thanks to two individuals that don't get a lot of credit. Bob Arko and Sean Brzozowski keep the information flowing thru the newsletter and the website. Both work very hard at their respective duties and should be commended.

At the December meeting I'm going to get a calender going for 2015 and try to get the months filled with some interesting topics. So.....I may be asking some of you to share your knowledge and expertise with the group at the meetings.

Two further points will be talked about:

1) How to strike the balance between Modeling and History for the club. I'll ask for input.

2) What do you, the members, want to see at TCAH meetings? We might facilitate this with a survey.

So, let's have a good time with the "White Elephant" gift exchange at the December meeting. And, get your thinking caps on for new year and see what you can bring to the club.



### FINAL SNAIL MAIL ISSUE

As approved by the membership earlier this year, delivery of the Newsletter by the U.S. Postal Service will cease with the January 2015 issue. The Newsletter will continue to be available for download from the Club's website. A big Thank You and Well Done to Rick Schmierer, who handled the printing and mailing for the last ten years.

**Airline Chatter**  
by Terry Love

Boeing announced an order for 10 Boeing 767 freighters from SF Airlines, a subsidiary of Shenzhen Airlines of China. Boeing will convert existing 767-300ER airliners from passenger to freighter configuration. Chinese government is handling the deal.

Kunming Airlines of China ordered 10 Boeing 737-800s for about \$900 million. Chinese government is handling this deal also.

KLM retired their last MD-11 on October 27. It was the last scheduled passenger flight on any MD-11 worldwide. Only 200 MD-11s were built. All remaining MD-11s are now freighters.

KLM will lay off 7500 employees or 25% of its workforce. KLM has a debt of \$5.6 Billion, and these layoffs are aimed at reducing this debt.

Southwest Airlines added 27 nonstop flights from Dallas Love Field on Sunday, November 2. There are more to come.

Boeing 737 first flew on April of 1967. It has the fuselage of a Boeing 707, which first flew in 1954. Since then, almost 9,000 have been built, and over 4,000 more are on order. Cost is about \$100 million each. More than 500 airlines of the world fly them. Boeing has decided to start designing a replacement for the 737. It will not be ready until about 2030. It will be slightly larger than the present 737, and will be made of composite material.

Air Canada presently operates a fleet of 23 Boeing 777-300ERs. Air Canada just ordered 2 more.

Emirates Airlines with 68 Airbus A-380 super jumbo airliners in their inventory, will begin service to Dallas, San Francisco, Houston, Boston, and Chicago will all destinations to

Dubai, UAE.

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial - a Japanese leasing company - ordered 80 Boeing 737-800s valued at about \$8.5 Billion.

Delta Airlines is expanding the number of gates they have in Seattle from 11 to 30. Delta is making a hub out of Seattle, and a huge international gateway to the orient.

Airbus has had firm orders for 11,021 Airbus A-320s since 1984. Delta Airlines ordered 50 long haul wide-bodied airliners worth \$14 Billion. Delta ordered 25 Airbus A-330s, and 25 Airbus A-350s. Delta really wanted the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, but the rival Airbus A-350 could be delivered much earlier. Boeing tried to make a deal with Delta by offering the Boeing 777 as a stop-gap.

Delta Airlines is retiring all of their Boeing 747s and 767s in the near future.











**Secretary's Notes**  
*by Marty Agather*

**Nordicon Report:**

John Ross reported that there were almost 500 models entered, and while accounting is not complete, it appears that the event was financially successful. Next year's Nordicon will take place on the 4th Saturday of October.

**White Elephant:**

Due to the guest speaker in November, the White Elephant is postponed until the December meeting, and will consist of 2 components: model exchange and book exchange. To participate in either, bring the appropriate White Elephant gift wrapped. Fun will be had by all.

**Club Contest:**

The club contest has been moved to the January meeting.

**On the Table:**

Club president Johannes Allert, asked that the discussion for 'On the Table' be kept brief to make sure we had time for our guest speaker. Subjects included Sci-Fi, Surface Vessels, Armor, and World War I, World War II, and Korean vintage aircraft. In honor of our speaker, there were a number of Korean War era piston and jet powered aircraft.

**Guest Speaker:**

Dr David Longworth regaled club members and visitors from the Minnesota wing of the Commemorative Air Force with stories of flying Corsairs and Panthers. When asked what it was like to ditch a Corsair, he responded: 'You can't believe

how much racket it makes, and then it is totally silent. When I looked out, the nose was already underwater, and I was in water up to my waist.'

He provided us with a great overview of Naval aviation, and reminded us of the sacrifice our veterans have made for this country.



**White Elephant / Club Contest**  
*by John R. Ross*

A reminder that our December meeting is also our White Elephant event. For those that are not familiar with this event, it somewhat like a gift exchange. The way it works is that you bring a complete, unstarted model kit, valued at \$20 or more, wrapped to the meeting. The kits will be placed on a table and you will be able to draw a number. Once we have everyone that is participating in the drawing, we start calling numbers. The first person up chooses a kit out of the pile and opens it, but don't leave yet.... The next person comes up and has the option of choosing an item from the pile or taking the item from the first person. If they choose from the pile, again they unwrap the kit and wait, if he chooses to take the kit from the first person, then the first person selects another kit from the pile, opens it and waits.... This process continues until all of the gifts are gone. As you might imagine it can get quite tense especially as popular items are discovered. To add an interesting twist the event, if you complete last year's White Elephant kit and bring it to the December meeting for show and

tell, you get two things:

- 1) you get a favored position in the drawing, towards the end, so you get to see many of the kits in the event and
- 2) you get immunity from anyone taking the kit you selected.

Another angle we want to introduce this year is a book exchange. We would run this in a separate drawing and administrate it the same way we do the kit exchange. We would like to get as much participation as possible from as many of the club members as we can. We are hoping to see a lot of participation in both exchanges, so please dig through you SSR (Strategic Styrene Reserve) or your book shelves and wrap a couple of items to share. We always have a great time with the exchange and you never know what you're going to get....

A reminder that we will be holding our Annual Club Contest at the January meeting. This is your chance to compete with your fellow club members. The event is for any of your kits built in 2014, so you still have some time to finish those entries for the contest. Once again I'll be running the contest, but as always I'll be looking for some help in tabulating the results. The more help I get, the faster we can determine the results and the shorter the meeting can be. Please let me know if you are interested in processing ballots. I'll also be reviewing our categories and will try to present those at the December meeting for review and approval.

See you in December!



**Club Survey**  
*by John R. Ross*

Having new officers means we need to learn more about what works and what doesn't for the club and how we can improve things. Below is a list of questions we would like to get each member to complete. These are not Yes and No answers because we really want to hear from you. We will have a paper copy of the survey and we also hope to have it on-line through our Web Site, so if you don't mind typing you can complete it there or if you prefer to write we can get it from you on paper. We would like to hear

from everyone so please take some time to reflect on the questions and provide us with your honest feedback.

- 1) What do you LIKE MOST about the Club?
- 2) What do you LEAST LIKE about the Club?
- 3) What do you LIKE MOST about Meetings?
- 4) What do you LEAST LIKE about Meetings?
- 5) What do you want to get out of our Meetings?
- 6) What do you think the Meetings are for?
- 7) What is the Club About to you?
- 8) What, if any, changes

would you like to see the Club make?

9) What, if any, changes would you like to see the Meetings make?

10) How would you feel about changing the start time for the meeting from 1:30 to 1:00?

We will publish the web address for the survey once it is set up. Thank you and we look forward to your responses.



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

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