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B-58A Hustler

ID: Accepted USAF Feb 1962

FD: To museum in 1968.

This is only 1 of 6 remaining B-58's. This aircraft, "Greased Lightning", set a speed record from Tokyo to London on Oct 16, 1963. 8028 miles with an average speed of 938 mph, taking 8 hrs 35 min and 20.4 seconds. A second speed record from Tokyo to Anchorage of 3 hrs 9 min and 41.8 seconds averaging 1098 mph. The pod underneath carried nuclear bomb and extra fuel tanks.

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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday June 14, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:00, so come early.



From the Prez

by Johannes Allert

Since attendance at summer meetings is lightly attended, this column will be short and sweet. A simple reminder for the membership to bring kits in for donation to the Nordicon raffle in the fall. John Ross is the point-of-contact for collecting those donations. Consider running for club office next fall. Until next meeting. Enjoy the warmth and light of summer!



Treasurer's Report—May

by Tom Norrbohm

We took in one new member Keith Brusten of Woodbury, welcome aboard Keith! Income this month was \$10 in dues, with expenses of \$115.08 for the newsletter, gift certificates and Nordic Con special award. Our balance as of 5/12/14 is \$5009.72.



The Strategic Air Command Museum—Part 2

by Mark L. Rossmann

Note: This photo-article will be broken into parts to use the available space in several issues. Part 2 is presented throughout this issue.



Secretary's Notes

by John Dunphy

Meeting brought to order by Johan at 1:25pm. New member Keith Brusten. No Old Business. **New Business:** Motion made and carried to drop the hardcopy version of the newsletter and go with an all digital one effective January 2015. Motion made and carried to decrease the dues to \$15.00 flat rate and eliminate the Senior and Junior dues, effective September when 2015 dues renewal start. **Nordic Con Update:** Looking for help for Make-N-Take; If you want to sponsor a Special Award, see Bob Maderich by the August meeting. Cost is \$25.00 per award. You can make and sponsor your own award if you so desire, but be sure to see Bob Maderich first. The club vote to sponsor a 'Best Aircraft' Special Award for Nordic Con. If you wish to bring in Nordic Con Raffle stuff, see John Ross, Jr. Mark Krumrey hosted Show-N-Tell.



Airline Chatter

by Terry Love

Azul, the third largest airline in Brazil, ordered 6 Airbus A-330s and 5 Airbus A-350s for deliveries beginning in 2017. These aircraft will be utilized for routes into the US.

Shandong Airlines has ordered 50 Boeing 737-800s through the Chinese Communist Government. Value of the deal is \$4.6 Billion.

Aeroflot, the Russian airline, now has 100 airbus A-320s in their fleet. Boeing delivered the 75th Boeing 747 to Lufthansa in May. Lufthansa has one more on order. Lufthansa received their first 747 in 1970 - 44 years ago !!

Pan American is back ! !A holding company purchased the rights to the name and logo of old Pan Am.They are leasing Boeing 737-800s.

Delta Airlines will begin service to Zurich, Switzerland and Rome, Italy year round beginning on June 16.

Odyssey Airlines is a new airline just getting organized now. It will be for business travelers. They are leasing 10 Bombardier C series airliners that have the range to fly London to New York. It holds 40 passengers.

Emirates Airlines and Etihad Airlines are launching a new service. It is Premium Class. There are actual bedrooms in the first class section of various airliners. It contains bedroom doors, a double bed, flat screen TV, and a bathroom. They are in a "luxury race" with Qatar Airlines, the only 5 star airline in the world. They are planning an upgrade from this Premium

Class. It is called Residence Service. This has more floor space than Premium Class. It includes a double bed, bathroom, lounge area, and a butler - not a Flight Attendant. This will be available only on the Airbus A-380. Fare from London to Abu Dhabi is \$20,000 one way. A private jet would cost close to \$100,000.

Qatar Airlines launched on May 15, a new business class service to London using Airbus A-319s. Instead of having 100 seats, it holds 40.

Ryan Air, the largest low cost carrier in Europe, will expand with flights to the US by 2019. They are based in Ireland. (Shades of Freddie Laker).

China Southern Airlines, Asia's largest airline by passengers carried, ordered, via the Chinese Communist Government, 80 more airbus A-320s for \$2.3 Billion. China Southern also ordered 70 Airbus A-320s in March. They will be built at the Airbus factory in China.



B-29A Superfortress

NORTHWEST AIRLINES FREIGHTERS

by Terry Love

After the 2008 merger between Delta Airlines and Northwest Airlines, Delta, as the surviving airline, decided to retire all of the Boeing 747-200s in the Northwest fleet, including the freighters. NWA had 12 freighters with swing-up noses.

The last freighter flight was on December 19, 2009 as the 747 freighter touched down at Chicago from Osaka, Japan with a full load of 75 tons of freight. It was Boeing 747-251F, N632NW. The data on some of the NWA freighters are as follows:

N number	MSN	Hours	Cycles
N623NW	21705	103,117	18,171
N624NW	21706	106,418	19,109
N631NW	23111	99,246	18,118
N632NW	25112	93,928	14,625
N939NW	23887	80,975	17,442
N640NW	23888	80,466	17,267
N643NW	22245	91,392	22,176
N644NW	24177	76,406	14,122

Most were stored at Marana Air Park in Arizona. The above 8 freighters retired in December of 2009. Another 4 had already been retired by Delta, shortly after the merger. In August of 2010, Delta sold all twelve freighters to Kalitta Air of Ypsilanti, Michigan.





FB-111A Aardvark

Initial deployment: Nov 1970, 340th Bomb Group, Carswell AFB, TX.

Final Deployment: Mar 1988, 380th Bomb Wing, Plattsburgh AFB, NY.

One of the last four to leave the base ending the career of this type with SAC.



U-2 Dragon Lady

Flew from bases in Pakistan and UK until May 1960 when Francis Gary Powers was shot down by a Russian SAM. Initially aircraft pictured was a U-2A but converted to a "C" in 1968. Delivered to museum in 1982. U-2's are still being used for ISR missions around the globe.



RF-4C Phantom Recon
 ID: Aug 1966, 67th Tactical Recon Wing (TAC), Mountain Home AFB, ID.
 FD: Mar 1972, 155th (ANG), Lincoln, NB



B-36J Peacemaker (This is a huge aircraft, bigger than B-52)
 ID: Dec 1953, 7th Bombardment Wing (SAC), Carswell AFB, TX.
 FD: Aug 1956, 95th Bombardment Wing (SAC), Biggs AFB, TX.
 Known as the "Magnesium Monster" by its pilots, it was the largest production aircraft ever built. These aircraft never dropped a bomb in a wartime situation. With the B-47 and B-52 on the -line these aircraft were withdrawn from service in 1959. If you want to see one of these aircraft fly, watch the movie "Strategic Air Command" starring James Stewart.



B-36J



B-36J



HU-16B Albatross

ID: Sept 1951, 2nd Rescue Squadron(FEAF), Clark AFB, Philippines

FD: Feb 1962, 95th Strategic Wing (SAC) Goode Bay, Newfoundland.

This was a Navy ordered SAW aircraft, but dropped its requirement. The Air Force actually took delivery of these aircraft first using them for Search And Rescue.

On The Table—May 2014

Modeler	Kit	Manufacturer	Scale
JOHN DUNPHY	JAPANESE GEORGE FIGHTER	HASEGAWA	1/32
MARK ROSSMANN	F-80C	MONOGRAM	1/48
"	SPITFIRE LF MK.IX	ICM	1/48
KEITH BRUSTEN	E-100	TRUMPETER	1/35
BOB MADERICH	FORD MK IV 1967	LeMANS MINI	1/24
"	JS II RUSSIAN TANK	TAMIYA	1/35
"	TU-52	REVELL/MONO	1/48
DON STAUFFER	CA-38 SAN FRANCISCO	TRUMPETER	1/350
MERRILL ANDERSON	FCM CHAR 2C	MENG	1/35
"	ST CHAMOND 1917 FRENCH	TAKOM	1/35
JIM KLOEK	B-26 'FLAK BAIT'	HASEGAWA	1/72
"	USS ALABAMA	PIT ROAD	1/700
DENNIS STRAND	CURTISS-WRIGHT SNC-1	PLANET MODELS	1/48
ERIK ZABEL	MIG 29A	ACADEMY	1/48
"	JUNKERS G38	REVELL	1/144
"	HAWK 82	AIRFIX	1/72
"	TIGER I	DRAGON	1/72
CHUCK BAUER	USS ARIZONA	TRUMPETER	1/200

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.

See above for the new meeting locations and directions.

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