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Revell 1/181 B-36
by Frank Cuden

Revell B-36 Part 2 *by Frank Cuden*

If you saw the first B-36 model photo in last month's TCAH newsletter, you know its the old Revell 1/181st scale kit from the 50's. Being fortunate enough to get a mostly-built one on the cheap, I embarked on the project and added landing gear

and was able to get the cracked-off wing glued back in place. Lots of sanding took place to remove the embossed locations for the decals on the fuselage and wings. It would have been hard to miss placing the decals correctly with those kinds of guides but they had to be removed. Dry seams have plagued the build because everything looked solid when I

began the partial "re-construction" and after sanding all the seams, they kept appearing when I sprayed on coat upon coat of Alclad II's Gray Primer. What you see this time is a base coat of Floquil Old Silver (Yes, Randy, I still have an ample supply!). From now on, it'll be masking and spraying panels with the addition of some

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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held September 8, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 12:30 pm. Vendor baiting will begin about 12:00, so come early.



From the Prez
by Bernie Kugel

Busy time here. NordicCon coming up on the 29th. Aaron Skinner from FSM coming to visit the week after our meeting. Getting busy.

Aaron Skinner is the editor of FineScale Modeler. Scott Murray of MMFS has been talking to him and he is coming to visit and will make an appearance at the September MMFS and RPM meetings. All are welcome to attend either or both meetings and bring models to show. The MMFS meeting is Friday, September 14th at 7pm at Fleming Field. The RPM meeting is on Saturday, September 15th at 1pm at the Southdale Library. Mr. Skinner will discuss publishing model related material.

As for TCAH, all is going smoothly. At our meeting this month, Bob Ferriera will give a presentation on Resin Casting and our monthly theme is "Battle of Britain". So dust off those Spitfires and Heinkels.

See you at the meeting and hopefully NordicCon

Model on



Treasurer's Report
by Dennis Strand

This month begins our membership drive for TCAH. You can join for 2019 at any time, from the September meeting to December 31, 2018. After that date, a \$5.00 late fee is attached. This additional amount is requested to encourage members to join before the end of the year. In this way we have

a much better chance to produce a current and accurate club roster for 2019. As you may have noticed we have had a couple of issues in this department in the recent past. But, thanks to Bob Ferreira our current club secretary (and his wife), we have an improved layout and correct account of our TCAH members on our March 2018 roster. I wish to keep this standard in place.

If you cannot attend meetings, you can send a check for \$15.00 to Dennis Strand, 833 Manomin Ave., St. Paul, MN 55107 and I will send you a fresh off the press 2019 Twin City Aero Historians membership card by return mail. We now have 70 members including 9 non-paying "Life" members. The remaining 61 membership dues, assuming everyone joins us for 2019, amounts to only \$915.00. Our typical annual expenses are about \$2000.00. Considering we received \$961.00 for the club auction in March, you can see, things are getting a little thin for revenues in 2019. There is no need for alarm, but I just want everyone to know that we are trending slightly down at this time. Please renew your TCAH membership as soon as you can. It would be appreciated.

As far as our current expenses are concerned; \$125.00 went to Nordic Con for special award trophies and \$6.70 postage was needed for club business. Expenses totaled \$131.70 for August. There was no income during this period. The club balance stands at \$5093.94



Airline Chatter

by Terry Love

Air Canada began service from Montreal to Lisbon, Portugal this summer.

Delta Airlines ordered 20 Bombardier CBJ-900s. Cost is \$961 Million. The CBJ-900 holds 90 seats. So far, Bombardier has received orders for over 2,000 CBJ-900s.

Boeing announced that through the end of May, and before the Farnborough Air Show, they had received orders for 306 airliners.

FedEx has 57 Boeing 767 freighters, and 34 Boeing 777 freighters. They also have various other smaller freighters to feed their hubs.

Alaska Airlines has started service from San Jose, California to Washington, DC.

Southwest Airlines now operates Minneapolis to Oakland and Minneapolis to Orlando.

American Airlines now operates Buffalo, New York to Miami, Florida.

Boeing will decide next year about designing a new commercial airliner.



60th Anniversary of 1958 B-52 Crash

by Maj Will Craig, CAP
St Paul Composite Squadron
Commander

I am reaching out to see whether your organization is aware of or organizing any type of memorial for the 60th anniversary of the B-52 crash on

16 September 1958 in Inver Grove Heights.

I am reaching out to all the organizations named on the memorial plaque to see whether my CAP squadron can be of any assistance.

Through helpful referrals, we learned that the EAA chapter at SGS was interested in doing something on or around that date. The EAA plans have crystallized around visiting the site on the 18th as part of their regular meeting night, planned as an EAA Chapter program, only for EAA members.

Several responded to my initial email with thoughtful and helpful suggestions about how to "do it up right" for marking the anniversary - coordinating with local media for coverage of the observance, having family members of the aircrew present, having a dozen or more military and civic organizations represented or participating, backup indoor venue, coordinating the invitation and inclusion of local, state, and national dignitaries, having pieces from the crash displayed, coordinating with local museums for special exhibits, etc.

There is nothing preventing others from organizing an observance along these lines; I can only speak for my particular organization (St Paul Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol) that time constraints preclude the organization and planning of something as elaborate as has been suggested. However, I want my CAP cadets and members to learn the history and significance of the site and to have the opportunity to recognize and remember those who were killed (and those affected on the ground), and we do not want the

anniversary to pass unobserved.

To that end, my CAP squadron is planning to hold a simple memorial observance at the monument at 1500 on Sunday 16 September 2018. We plan to have a cadet color guard, a CAP chaplain, a recounting of the circumstances surrounding the crash and its aftermath, and an eyewitness to the crash describe what he saw. Participants will be asked to arrive by 1445; we expect that the observance will conclude by 1530. Community members and members of the organizations who sponsored the monument and/or have an interest in aviation history are welcome to join us and attend our simple memorial observance. We do not plan to have the media present, and we will postpone or cancel in the event of inclement weather, with updates to the schedule to be posted on our squadron website (www.stpaulcap.org).

Individuals or organizations who want to plan their own observance(s) are welcome to do so. I am willing to pass along announcements of other observances to all recipients of this message upon request (as well as to take you off this recipient list if you do not wish to receive further emails on this subject). If anyone would like to assist us by preparing a portion of the recounting of the history of the crash to share at the CAP observance, please let me know and we will include you in our program.







Photos from 2018 Nationals
by Mark Rossmann



Nordicon Update

by John R. Ross

It's already September, the State Fair is over and summer is winding down quickly. This also means NordicCon is just around the corner, Saturday 9/29 officially. NordicCon doesn't happen without a lot of work and help from a lot of people and clubs. Not only do we get help from the 4 sponsoring clubs (TCAH, MMFS, RPM & OMG) but we also get help from many outstate clubs, but we can always use more help. As with every year, we need help setting up and tearing down, we need judges, we need volunteers to work at the Make-N-Take and we need your contributions for the raffle. Please bring an item

to donate to the raffle, to the next meeting. Bob Maderich will be collecting those. Bernie Kugel will have the signup sheet for judging, Terry Sorg will be looking for Make-N-Take volunteers (just looking for an hour from people) and Erik Zabel will be around if you are interested in getting a vendor table to sell off some of the treasures you won't get to.

Because this the last regular meeting before the event, I will be there to do pre-registration. Please take the time to fill out your forms in advance or at the meeting at pre-register, you will save yourself a lot of time and help reduce the wait the show. Don't worry if you don't know every model you will be entering,

you can always add more the day of the event if you. The cost this year is that same as last year \$15 for unlimited entries or if you are just showing up to see the entries and vendors it's \$5 admission for adults.

Please plan on stopping out and seeing the show, doors open at 9am, Registration ends at Noon, and show wraps up around 4pm. The event is at the Inver Grove Heights Community Center, just down Highway 52 from where the club meets. We are in the Veterans Memorial Community Center or National Guard Gymnasium. You can get more information at www.nordicon.com Hope to see you there!



HELP NEEDED*by Noel Allard*

Most of you TCAHers remember the museum that Buzz Kaplan created at Owatonna with the three T-38 Talons on pylons outside, displayed as a Thunderbird skyburst formation. Quite a dramatic display! Jim Hanson, the FBO at Albert Lea, was one of the museum staff who obtained those aircraft, and created the display outside, as well as the displays inside the museum. He recently had a house fire and is rebuilding his home. He wishes to replicate the display of T-38s in model form to

have in his future man-cave. He is not a modeler and is looking for one who would be willing to build the three Talon models and mount them like the original full-sized display. He would supply the kits, enough photos to help with the job and is willing to pay the modeler's asking price for the work. (He's also been known to serve steaks on the grill and tours of his extensive wine-cellar to his friends!) He is not asking for super-detailing, Thunderbird decals come with the kits, so it is mainly a job of building the models and making the burst diorama from lucite rods or something similar. Sound

interesting?

Any one of you willing to take on this project can contact either Noel Allard or contact Jim Hanson directly at:
jimhanson73@me.com.

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color later on. In addition to a Classic Airframes 1/48th scale P-51H and an RS 1/72nd P-51H on the "active", I've "enjoyed" more than enough casual modeling this past month. Again, stay tuned.....

**On The Table—August 2018**

Modeler	Kit	Manufacturer	Scale
Scott Harveix	Merkava Mk IV w/railcar	Meng	1/35
Bob Maderich	Siemens Schukart DIII	Eduard	1/35
Bob Maderich	March 86c Indy car	AMT	1/25
Bob Maderich	BMW 635si	Tamiya	1/24
Dennis Strand	B-25J Mitchell	Monogram	1/48
Bernie Kugel	Darth Vader	Bandai	1/12
Bernie Kugel	Porsche GT1 engine	Tamiya	1/24
Bernie Kugel	Hispano engine	Wingnuts	1/32
Paul Burpee	M4 Sherman	Monogram	1/32
Jeff Fries	Me 109's	Aurora	1/48
Steve Hustad	Fw 190	Eduard	1/72
Don Stauffer	XF5U Flapjack	Kittyhawk	1/48
Bruce McClain	Ju 188	Italeri	1/72
Bruce McClain	B-26G	Hasegawa	1/72

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 1:00pm.

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