

# The Aero Historian



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**TCAH April meeting moved to Productivity Inc in Plymouth.  
15150 25th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55447  
Open Noon until 3:00. Meeting starts at 1:00 pm.**



**Hasegawa 1/8 scale Fokker DR. I Triplane**  
*by Bob Steinbrunn*

## Thanks

*From Bob Steinbrunn*

I just wanted to pass on a 'thank you' to TCAH for sponsoring a trophy at the recent IPMS R5Con held in Madison, WI, on March 2nd, 2019. My Fokker Dr.I triplane, a 1/8 scale

Hasegawa model of wood, brass, pewter, and other media won the following:

First Place in the biplane category.

Best World War One Aircraft (sponsored by TCAH)

Best Aircraft in Show.

I very much appreciate the trophy sponsorship, and it was good to see a number of TCAH members at the show, including the inimitable Bernie Kugel.

Cheers!

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**President**, Bernie Kugel  
**Vice-President**, John R. Ross  
**Secretary**, Bob Ferreria  
**Treasurer**, Dennis Strand  
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**TCAH This Month**

The monthly meeting will be held April 13, at  
**Productivity Inc.,  
Plymouth,**  
beginning at 1:00 pm. Come early.



**President's Report**  
*by Bernie Kugel*

Will this snow ever end! Hopefully we are done for the season. Once again the weather put a damper on our meeting. Even though it was not as bad as predicted, being safe was most important. And I received no complaints about postponing the auction.

We will now have our auction in May along with our club luncheon. We will move our awards ceremony to June.

As you can see, and I've brought it up in the last newsletter, I was unable to secure a library meeting room for our April meeting. Our VP John R. Ross has acquired the meeting room at Productivity Inc. in Plymouth for our meeting. Address should be on the cover of this newsletter. This is the location that we had NordicCon at a few years ago.

We will be taking nominations for our club awards and Sean will give a demo on Photographing your models.

At the March meeting it was lightly attended but a fun time none the least. We had 16 people show up and started the meeting early. I called the meeting at 1:15 and got out of there just as the rain started.

Hope to see you at the meeting,

Model on



**Treasurer's Report**  
*by Dennis Strand*

This report will be brief as there has been no financial activity with the club in the last 30 days. The total in the TCAH account remains at \$4703.02



**Monthly Themes and Demos**  
*by Bob Ferreira*

Here is a list of the TCAH monthly themes and demos.

**Themes:**

- April US Navy
- May Soviet
- June D-day
- July The space program, Apollo
- August Multi-engined, three or more
- September Colorfully, Civil air, race, golden age
- October Non-flying
- November Seaplanes
- December Winter camo

**TCAH round tables and demos:**

- April Sean Brzozowski photog-raphy
- May Canopies round table
- June John Ross Jr. Airbrush cleaning, Clear coats round table
- July Vac-u-forming round table
- August Photo etch round table
- September Erik Zabel & John Ross Jr. Arduino led lighting
- October Bases round table
- November Water for ships



**Some More TCAH History**  
*by Frank Cuden*

1969

“January and February meetings were held at the St. Louis Park Community Center, then shifted to the North Central Airlines Training Center on 28th Avenue South. In November, the meeting site was again moved, this time to the St. Paul Science Museum.

In February, a steering committee met at Noel Allard’s home to draft a club constitution, including a formal set of officers for the club. The meeting was the embryo for the business or ‘mini’ meetings at member’s homes in addition to the general membership meeting. Dues were doubled (up to \$2.00), and could be paid with postage stamps if desired.

March attendance exceeded 35 for the first time. Modeler of the month displays were begun, with one member bringing a number of his models to the meeting.

Member Lee Smith arranged a tour of the Naval Air Station in mid-summer.

TCAH participated in the Duluth Air Force Base open house in August, with models, photos, prints and uniforms being displayed. Gusty winds were a problem but no major disasters occurred.

In September, Noel Allard became the newsletter editor, complete with typesetting under a headline, and a logo featuring a Spitfire and a Stuka. Up to then, the newsletter was typed, copied and distributed by John Moore.

Another large display, ‘Planes and Things’, was held in October at Brookdale. Over 480 models were included, as well as photos, patches, uniforms and Chuck Mayer’s slide show.

Some new names in 1969 included Dave Weitzel, George Minarik, Gordon Larson, Dave Zimmerman, Ken Johnson, Bernie Fletcher, Jim Smith, Barry Rosch and Jerry Tuttle.”



**B-25s at Oshkosh**  
*by Mark L. Rossmann*

Mark has provided more photos from the 2017 Oshkosh air show. Some are spread throughout the issue. These are B-25s from the show.











**On The Table—March 2019**

Name	Model	Manufacturer	Scale
Sean Brzozowski	Hannebau II	Squadron	1/72
Keith Brusten	Panther G	Trumpeter	1/16
Dennis Strand	Beaufighter	Tamiya	1/48
Bernard Kugel	WWII Aircraft	Various	1/72
Bob Maderich	Char 2c	Meng	1/35
Bob Maderich	Fokker D.VII	Dragon	1/48
Erik Zable	USS Los Angeles	Hobby Boss	1/700
Erik Zable	Russian Typhoon	Hobby Boss	1/700
Erik Zable	FW A16	Planet Models	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:**

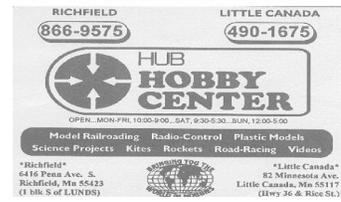
- Exit at the 7th and 5th Avenue exit (Exit No.65)
- Turn right (South) on 7th Ave and go approximately .6 miles to a 4-way Stop sign. This is South Street W. To your left there will be a McDonald's; to your right front there will be a Walgreen's.
- Turn left (East) at the 4-way Stop onto
- South Street 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 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.