



**Fujimi 1/72 A-4E Skyhawk**  
by *Frank Cuden*

**A-4E Aggressor Skyhawk**  
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The last 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Fujimi A-4E kit in my un-built cabinet came to the forefront when I purchased a Gekko Graphics "Aggressive Scooters" 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale decal sheet. I chose a rather different wrap-around camouflage scheme from the sheet that consisted of Light

Ghost gray, Light Sea gray, Navy blue Gray and Intermediate Blue. The aircraft had evidently wore this scheme for a short while when based at Miramar. The Fujimi kits filled the bill for Skyhawk modeling for a number of years and I still have one of their TA-4J/F's left in my stash. After assembly, this build was all about the scheme and I used small "sausages" of Paper Tac to designate and provide soft

but tight-edged camouflage demarcation lines. I masked over the "sausages" and the patterns turned out well. My trusty Binks air brush doesn't give me a real tight spray pattern, hence my using the Paper Tak method. Since this was an Aggressor aircraft, there were no red interiors inside the dropped flaps, nor was there any red color on the slat  
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## TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday September 10, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Come early.



## President's Address

by Mark Copeland

Hello Everyone!!! It's my favorite time of the year.... autumn. Not just because of the colorful foliage and the crisp fall weather, it's also that wonderful fall tradition.....**NordiCon**!!! Our chance to bring the Twin Cities modeling community together!! I am so looking forward to September 24<sup>th</sup> and the chance to bask in the enjoyment of our hobby, see old and new friends and see the outpouring of the amazing talent that lies within our modeling community.

**NordiCon** was the brainchild of our member Steve Hustad, back in the mid-1990s. Since then, it has grown exponentially to become one of the premier events in the Midwest. It has gained a credible following through the years because of the way it is professionally organized and run by the very dedicated group of volunteers. Our club is very blessed for having these individuals make **NordiCon** an annual "must go to" show for many modelers throughout the region.

On the note, don't forget that we are going to have sign-up sheets for volunteering at the show. The most critical being the set-up prior to the show and the tear down after the day is over. I will defer the volunteer sign-ups to Bob Maderich and Erik Zabel at the September meeting. Your help is needed and would be very much appreciated.

Club elections are up in November. The current slate of officers have all volunteered to take another "spin around the patch" and serve for another year.

However, abiding with our

club by-laws, if you wish to "throw your hat in the ring" for one of the offices (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) you are more than welcome to present your bid to our Secretary, Bob Maderich.

We will hold the formal election at the November meeting.

Our September theme will be a salute to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Air Force. So let's see a nice table full of USAF subjects this month!! "We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey! Nothing will stop the U.S. Air Force!"

For those who are purveyors of scale modeling podcasts, our own Steve Hustad was the featured guest on Episode 71 of **Plastic Model Mojo**. Steve did a superb job describing how to sculpt and paint 1/72 scale figures, not to mention a lively discussion about his unprecedented win at the **2022 IPMS Convention** in Omaha in July. To my understanding, it has been the most popular episode for a first day drop since Mike and Dave have been broadcasting!! Give it a listen!!

[www.plasticmodelmojo.com](http://www.plasticmodelmojo.com)

As we mentioned at the last meeting, TCAH has been asked to participate in the **Airline Collectible Sale & Get Together** at the Best Western Plus Hotel at 1901 Killebrew Drive in Bloomington. The show will feature anything and everything about airliners. From models, timetables, T-shirts, photos and postcards to safety cards and timetables. This show is premiere event in the Upper Midwest and offers any airline enthusiast a fantastic experience

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The Midwest's Largest Scale Model Contest  
**NORDIC-CON**



**Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 9am to 4pm**

Veterans Memorial Community Center | 8055 Barbara Ave | Inver Grove Heights, MN

**Contest Admission:** \$15 for an unlimited amount of entries. **General Admission:** \$5  
Activities Include: The Model Contest • Raffle and Silent Auction • Make-n-Take for Kids • Vendor Area

**Vendor Information:** Erik Zabel : 612-275-4371 or ZabelErik@hotmail.com

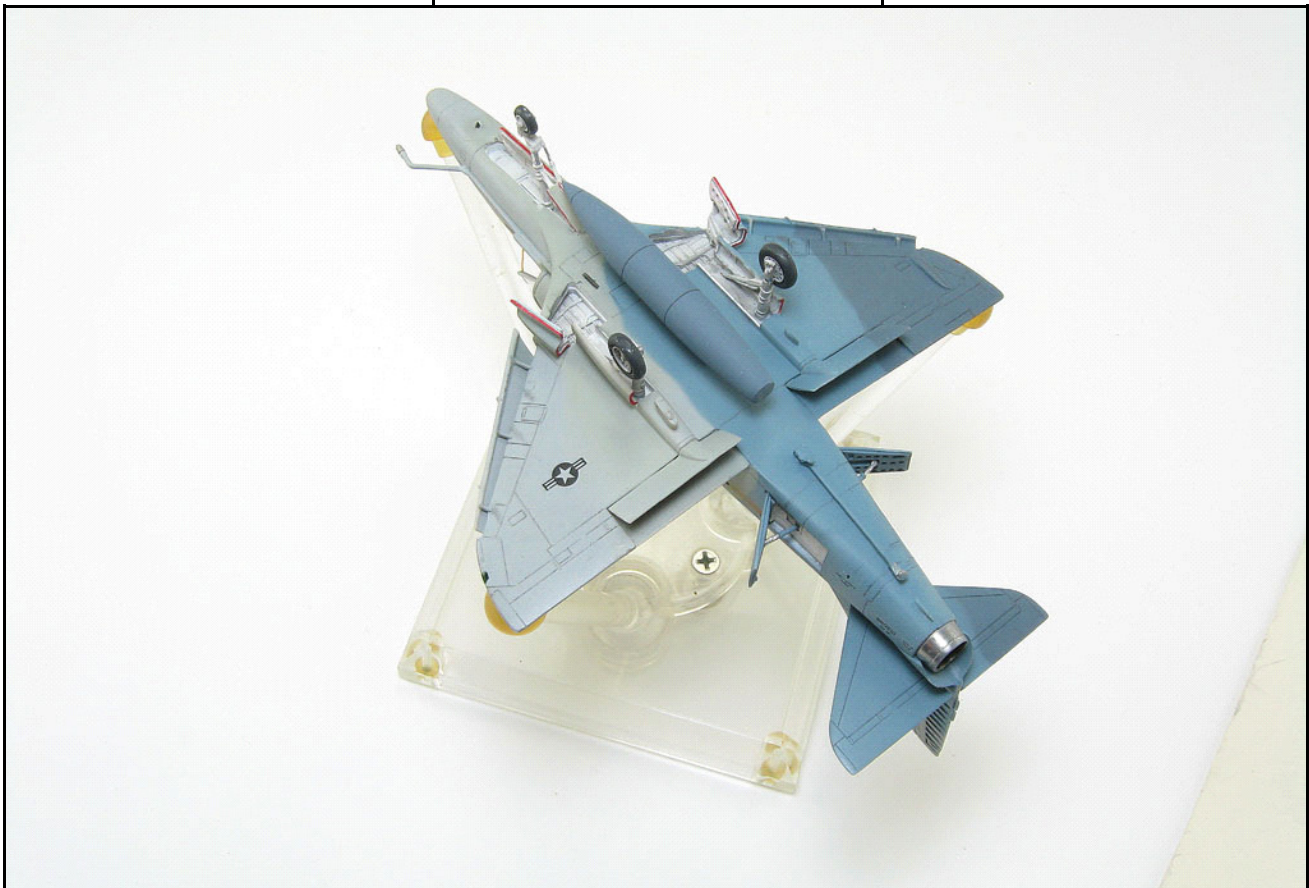
**Show Information:** Bob Maderich : 612-423-2985 or RobertMaderich@hotmail.com

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of nostalgia and history.

The event organizer, Bruce Kitt, has offered TCAH a free table for our club to display our member's respective airliner models. There is also going to be a people's choice award for the most popular model entry. The hours are from 9:00am to 4:00pm. If you are interested in displaying any of your airliner models for a few hours, it would be greatly appreciated and it should be a lot of fun!!

For further information contact: Bill Rosenbloom or Bill Marchessault at (612) 386-5080 or [bill@airlineposters.com](mailto:bill@airlineposters.com). Or visit their website at [www.nwahistory.org](http://www.nwahistory.org). Or contact me personally for assistance.

Just as a reminder, the October meeting is our annual club auction. This is a major fund-raising event for TCAH. Please think about downsizing some of your stash to support the club!!

Lastly, I have been hired to lead a tour to England for the **National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force** and will be absent for the November meeting. Vice President, Steve Hustad will handily cover the proceedings in my absence.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting!! Stay well, friends!!



### Treasurer's Report by Dennis Strand

This month we had 3 membership dues paid to the club for a total income of \$45.00. We paid for an additional trophy to be presented at Nordic Con. Our club account amounts to \$4155.72

I will not be able to attend the September meeting, but this is the month that the club begins its membership drive. If you wish, you can send a \$15.00 check to: Dennis Strand, 833 Manomin Ave., St. Paul, MN 55107 and I will send you a 2023 TCAH membership card. Otherwise, you can catch me at one of the following meetings. Please

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## The 2022 Minneapolis-St. Paul Aviation Collectible Sale & Get-Together. Jet-powered excitement!

See old pals  
once again!

And make  
new friends!



**Saturday, October 8, 2022, 9 am to 4 pm**

Photo by Mike Martin

**At the Best Western Plus Hotel in Bloomington, MN, across from the Mall of America.**

**Admission only \$5 (kids under 12 free): proceeds support the Northwest Airlines History Center. Free parking. Free shuttle ride from MSP Airport. Or use METRO Blue or Red Lines to the MOA.**

## On The Table—August 2022

<b>Modeler</b>	<b>Kit</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Scale</b>
Paul Dial	1985 Chevy IROC Z-28	MPC	1/25
	U-22 Osprey	Italeri	1/48
	Ford GT	AMT	1/25
Tom Norrbohm	Fairey Swordfish MK.1	Tamiya	1/48
Jay Budge	Paper airplanes	White Wings	
Erik Zabel	Skyraider A-1J	Tamiya	1/48
	A-37 Dragonfly	Squadron	1/48
	F-4B Phantom	Academy	1/48
Steve Jantscher	Type 69II tank	Takon	1/35
John Dunphy	F4-F Wildcat	Tamiya	1/48
David Gatts	FW189	MPM	1/48
Bob Ferreira	(3) P-51 Mustangs	Airfix	1/72
Dennis Strand	HE178	Condor	1/48
	Gloster 28/39	Special Hobby	1/48
Dave Perzel	Mirage IIIC	Eduard	1/48
Don Stauffer	Middle ages Fishing boat	Zvezda	1/48
	(3) Martin M4B's	Trumpeter	1/350
Bob Maderich	Maserati 250F Diorama	MFH	1/43
	Gloster Meteor	DML	1/72
	Jeep with Recoiless Rifle	AFV Club	1/35
Harold Parsons	Kifr C2	AMK	1/48
Steve Erickson	M4-105	Tamiya	1/35
	M36 B1	Italeri	1/35
	P-80A	Hobby Boss	1/48
	P-40F	AMT	
Josh Barney	Pirate Ship in a Bottle		
	2010 International truck	Monogram	1/25
	1977 Ford van	AMT	1/25
	1978 Plow truck	Revell	1/24

## 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:**

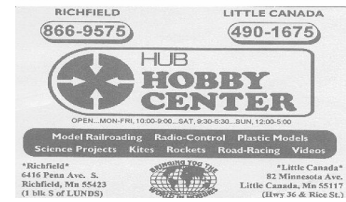
- Exit at the 7th and 5th Avenue exit (Exit No.65)
- Turn right (South) on 7th Ave and go approximately .6 miles to a 4-way Stop sign. This is South Street W. To your left there will be a McDonald's; to your right front there will be a Walgreen's.
- Turn left (East) at the 4-way Stop onto
- South Street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

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try to make your renewal before December 31. This helps a great deal in getting our club roster out in a reasonable time frame.



**Secretary's Message**  
*by Bob Maderich II*

Hello fellow TCAH members, here is your "On the Table" for the August meeting. Our intrepid photographer, Sean, was not at the meeting, so we do not have accompanying photos, so use your imagination! BTW, remember, September's theme is the "75th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force".



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housings. Even the tail hook was painted and included in the camouflage pattern. I painted the insides of the dive brake wells with Testors enamel White and that was done so ground maintenance crews could readily see any hydraulic leaks. I dipped the windshield and canopy in Future because they were thin enough and in scale so I didn't have to vacuform replacements. Two rear-view mirrors were added under the forward canopy frame. An aftermarket Aires A-4 interior provided a well detailed cockpit. I enjoyed the build, especially with the rather unusual camouflage scheme.

