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*by Mark L. Rossmann*

## **Club Contest at January Meeting** by Mark Copeland

These are the categories for the TCAH January 2023 Club Contest. Any TCAH member in good standing can enter as many models in each category; however, you will only be able to win one award in each category. No sweeps are allowed.

The Categories are:

- 1) **Biplanes and/or those predominately of fabric, all scales.**
- 2) **1/72<sup>nd</sup> (and smaller) - Single Engine Propeller or Jets.**
- 3) **1/72<sup>nd</sup> (and smaller) - Multi-Engine Propeller or Jets.**

4) **1/48<sup>th</sup> - Single Engine – Propeller or Jets.**

5) **1/48<sup>th</sup> - Multi-Engine – Propeller or Jets.**

6) **1/32<sup>nd</sup> and larger Scale Aircraft, all.**

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## TCAH Officers

**President**, Mark Copeland

**Vice-President**, Steve Hustad

**Secretary**, Bob Maderich

**Treasurer**, Dennis Strand

**Historian**, Merrill Anderson

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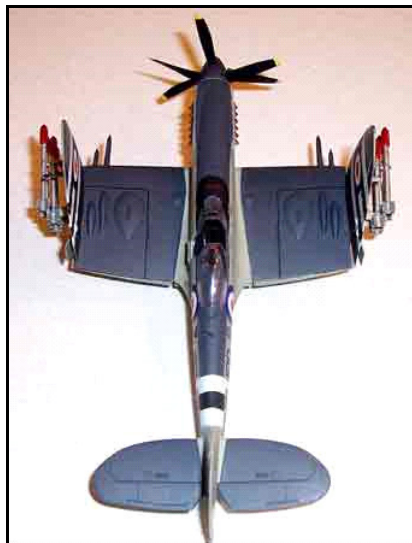
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## TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday January 14, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Come early.



## President's Address

*by Mark Copeland*

Happy New Year everyone!! I hope each of you had a wonderful Holiday Season and your 2023 is off to a good start!!

As we move into the club's 56th year, we will start off 2023 with our annual TCAH club contest at the January meeting (January 14th). This is our annual club contest that highlights the talent of our members. This is a "friendly competition" spread across ten categories; however, we have room to expand and add more categories depending on the turnout. We can't determine that until the day of the contest.

To enter the contest, you must be a current TCAH member.

Everyone will receive a ballot where each member will select your top favorite two entries in each category. We will tabulate the ballots and announce the winners at the end of the meeting. The first place winner in each category will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate at Scale Model Supplies. The second prize winner will receive a \$15.00 certificate and third prize will receive a \$10.00 certificate.

You can enter as many categories as you wish however, you can only win one award in each category. There are no sweeps.

Aforementioned, this is a "friendly competition" between the membership and we hope that we will have a solid turnout!! A big thanks goes out to Vice President, Steve Hustad for organizing the categories and ballot blanks and Secretary, Bob Maderich for facilitating and arranging the gift certificates at Scale Model Supplies. Thank

you fellows for organizing the contest for us all!!

We had a situation last month with a damaged model at the December meeting. This certainly wasn't an intentional occurrence, but as a reminder to everyone, please be conscious and careful when you are looking at the models on the table. Nametag lanyards, camera straps, cell phones, etc. can all be the culprits as they swing and accidentally strike a model. Just be aware and extra careful when viewing the models on the table.

In other news, the annual "Hope It Don't Snow" is set for February 4th in Rochester, Minnesota. Hosted by our friends, the Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers, this show is one of the best model shows going and a nice break from the winter doldrums. Further information can be found at their website,

<http://www.royaleresin.net/Zumbro/showinfo.html>.

It's a short drive down Hwy. 52 to Rochester and is a really fun day!! If you have never attended the show, you will be very surprised!! It is run by a great bunch of dedicated modelers in Rochester in a wonderful hotel facility. We just have to "hope it don't snow." We will have informational flyers at the January meeting!!

Here is hoping for a great 2023 for the Twin City Aero Historians!!!!



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# 2023

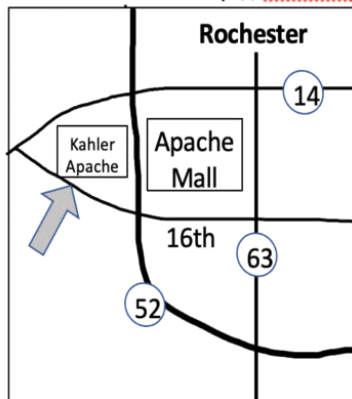
# "Hope It Don't Snow"

*Saturday,  
February 4<sup>th</sup>  
Rochester Empire Event Center*

## Southeast Minnesota's Biggest Little Model Show

- **9 Categories** (Aircraft, Armor, Cars, Ships, Figures, Dioramas, Miscellaneous, Youth, and *Sci-Fi*)
- **Lots of Special Awards**
- **Vendors**
- **\$15 for unlimited entries**
- **Free Admission**
- **Model Raffle**

Forms and info: <http://www.royaleresin.net/Zumbro/showinfo.html>



**Registration 9am  
Awards 3pm**

See You At The Show  
February 4<sup>th</sup> In (Hopefully) Snow Free

***Rochester  
Minnesota***

[1517 16th Street SW Rochester, MN 55902](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1517+16th+Street+SW+Rochester,+MN+55902)



## 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.

### Monthly Themes 2023

January 2023 – Annual Club Contest

February 2023 – Real Space

March 2023 - Helicopters

April 2023 – Annual Club Auction

May - Axis

June 2023 - Carrier Aircraft/ Carriers

July 2023 – Sci Fi

Aug 2023 - 1/32 Scale

September 2023 – Korea/ Viet Nam

October – Ukrainian War

November – Interwar Years

December – White Elephant – Christmas Event

### Treasurer's Report by Dennis Strand

Last month was pretty active financially. The club stocked up on membership cards, an officer's IPMS dues were paid, a Christmas gift was given to the Fleming Field administration and our annual charter fees were paid to the IPMS. These expenses totaled \$221.88. However there were 16 people who renewed their membership and we received a \$15.00 donation. Our income came to \$255.00. We currently have 49 paid members and 8 "life" members. Our cash assets stand at \$4679.72.

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**7) Misc. – Helicopters, Drones, Gliders, 'Real Space', 'Wet Stuff', etc.**

**8) Armor & Military Soft Skins – all scales/types.**

**9) Automotive – all scales/types.**

**10) Fantasy & Sci-Fi (all).**

On the day of the contest, we will have the latitude to add splits or additional categories if entries warrant.

