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by **Mark L. Rossmann**

Twin City Aero Historians Club Contest 2023 Results

Category 1 – Biplanes – All scales / All eras

1. Steve Erickson – Ki-10
“Perry”
2. Harold Parsons –
Freidrichoffen FF.33
Floatplane

Category 2—Aircraft – Single En- gine Propeller or Jet – 1/72 and smaller

1. Bob Ferreira – North
American P-51D Mus-
tang
2. Bob Maderich – Super-
marine Spitfire Mk. I

Category 3 – Aircraft – Multi- Engine Propeller or Jet – 1/72 and smaller

1. Erik Zabel – Junkers Ju-
88A-1
2. Bob Ferreira – Fairchild

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TCAH Officers

President, Mark Copeland

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Secretary, Bob Maderich

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Historian, Merrill Anderson

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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday February 11, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Come early.

President's Address

by Mark Copeland

It was certainly refreshing to see such a wonderful turnout for our annual **TCAH** model contest last month. The tables were full of fantastic builds and the sheer quality of the entries was absolutely mind-blowing. A big thank you goes out to Harold Parsons, Steve Hustad, Dennis Strand and Bob Maderich for assisting with the contest set-up and ballot tabulation. Bob also went to the all the trouble of organizing the gift certificates with **Scale Model Supplies (SMS)**. You are a rock star, Robert!! Overall, the contest went very well with 50+ entries!! Congratulations to the winners and enjoy using your **SMS** gift certificates!!

In other news, several TCAH members made the trek down to Rochester for the annual "**Hope it Don't Snow**" show on February 4th. It was a fantastic show with a terrific turnout. **TCAH** members brought home several awards from the show and club was well represented.

The **Zumbrota Valley Scale Modelers** did their usual first class job and should be duly congratulated on a wonderful event. The modeling community in the Upper Midwest is certainly richer for their efforts and TCAH has built a solid partnership our friends to the south.

Coming up in March, there are a couple excellent events coming up. First, our friends in Madison, Wisconsin will be holding their annual contest at the **Alliant Energy Center** on March 4th, 2023. I personally attended their contest last year with Steve Hustad, along with Bob Maderich, Cameron Jamison and Bill Read, and it

was superb!! The **Mad City Modelers**, the host club, do a first class job and the venue is where the 2024 IPNS Nationals will be held.

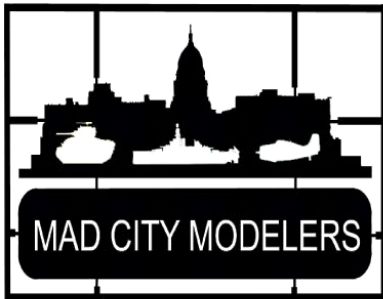
Also in March, a little closer to home, here in Minneapolis is **MARSCON 2023**. The theme is "When Books Come Alive" and there are dozens of events that circle around science fiction and fantasy books, film, costume contests, guest celebrities and a myriad of different events. **MARSCON 2023** is being held at the **Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul – Mall of America**, 3800 American Blvd, Bloomington, MN. - March 10th -12th, 2023.

They are looking for some TCAH modeler's to display at the event, which sounds like it will be very well attended. This also gets you through the door to the event which sounds like a blast!! If you are interested, you can contact the Convention Co-Chair, Mr. Ben Huset at P.O. Box 21213, Eagan, Minnesota 55121 – (651) 587-0486 – Ben@Marscon.org. More information can be found at their awesome website, www.marscon.org.

Our theme for our February meeting is "Real Space" which covers a gamut of different subjects. Bring your builds of anything that is space related. Should be really fun!!

Will hope to see all of you on February 11th at the meeting!!!





IPMS USA Mad City Modelers 27th Annual Contest

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th, 2023

Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way
Madison, WI 53719

Registration 9-Noon
Judging Noon-3
Awards 4pm

ENTRY FEE

\$15.00 for First 5 Entries-\$2 Each Additional
Intermediates \$5.00 for All Models Entered/ Juniors Free
Spectators \$5.00 Per Adult or Children Over 12
Children Under 12 Free
Police, Fire, EMS and Active Duty Military with ID Free
Vendors \$30.00/8' Table Before February 1st, \$35.00/8' Table After

THEME AWARD

'Utility and Transports'

(Military, Civil and Sci-Fi, if it moves stuff or people it applies)

AWARDS

Wayne B. Grinnell Award - Best of Show * Jim Turek Award Best Junior * Scott Hoffland Award for Modeling Excellence * Dave Raatz Tail Hook Award * The Last Square Award – People's Choice Best Armor * Best Aircraft * Best Auto * Best Figure * Best Ship * Best Marine Corp Subject * Best Sci-Fi - Real Space * Best WWI Aircraft * Best Out of The Box * Best Miscellaneous

SHOW CATEGORIES

- Biplanes, Triplanes and others that are predominately fabric, struts & rigging and Larger
- Biplanes, Triplanes and others that are predominately fabric, struts & rigging 1/33 and Smaller
- Aircraft 1/72 Scale and Smaller Single Engine Prop
- Aircraft 1/72 Scale and Smaller Multi-Engine Prop
- Aircraft 1/72 Scale and Smaller Jets
- Aircraft 1/48 Scale Single Engine Prop
- Aircraft 1/48 Scale Multi-Engine Prop
- Aircraft 1/48 Scale Jets
- Aircraft 1/32 Scale and Larger Prop
- Aircraft 1/32 Scale and Larger Jets
- Aircraft - Other
- Rotary Winged Aircraft - All
- Armor 1/72 Scale and Smaller - All
- Armor 1/48 Scale - All
- Armor 1/35 Scale Central/Axis 1914-1945 Tracked Closed Top
- Armor 1/35 Scale Allied 1914-1945 Tracked Closed Top
- Armor 1/35 Scale Open Tops with Interiors - All
- Armor 1/35 Scale Armored Cars, Halftracks, and Softskins - All
- Armor 1/35 Scale 1946 to Present - All
- Artillery - All Scales
- Armor Other - Prototypes / Paper Panzers and Other
- Ships 1/350 and Larger - Early Steam to 1945
- Ships 1/351 and Smaller - Early Steam to 1945
- Ships 1/350 and Larger - 1946 to Present
- Ships 1/351 and Smaller - 1946 to Present
- Ships Sailing - All
- Submarines - All
- Cars - Street Rod
- Cars - Street Machine
- Cars - Custom
- Cars - Drag Racing
- Cars - Curbside
- Cars - Race Closed Wheel
- Cars - Race Open Wheel
- Cars - Factory Stock
- Cars - Patina/Ratrod/Junkers
- Commercial Vehicles
- Trucks
- Motorcycles – All
- Figures 53mm and Smaller Historic
- Figures 54mm to 70mm - Historic
- Figures 71mm to 120mm - Historic
- Figures Sci-Fi/Fantasy - All Scales
- Figures Mounted - All Scales
- Busts - All Scales
- Figures 28mm - Gaming
- Figures - Other
- Science Fiction - All Scales
- Real Space - All Scales
- Gundam / Gunpla - All Scales
- Dioramas – Aircraft
- Dioramas - Armor
- Dioramas - All Others
- Dioramas - Vignettes (5 figures or less)
- Paper Models - All Scales
- Basic Kit Build - Aircraft
- Basic Kit Build - Armor
- Basic Kit Build - Ships
- Basic Kit Build - Auto
- Basic Kit Build - Other
- Toons and Eggs
- Distressed – Heavily Weathered, Damaged or Abandoned (other than autos)
- Juniors up to Ages 12 - All Scales
- Intermediate Ages 13 to 17 - All Scales
- Miscellaneous
- TOP GUN AWARD - Any model that has won an award at one of our previous shows

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ON THE TABLES BY 12:00 NOON

- IPMS No Sweeps Rules in Effect
- IPMS Rules of Decorum in Effect Including No Nudes
- All of the Following are Exclusively at the Discretion of the Show Organizers and are Final
- Awards, Splits & Categories

FOOD AVAILABLE ON SITE.

CARRY-INS OK IN CONTEST AREA.

A General Raffle and a Grand Prize Raffle.

Show, Vendor Tables and Awards Sponsorship

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C-119 Flying Boxcar

3. Heinkel He-111H-6 – Bob Maderich

Category 4 – Aircraft – Single Engine Propeller or Jet – 1/48th

1. Steve Jantscher – Grumman F4F-4 Wildcat
2. Dennis Strand – TBD Devastator
3. Jeremy Fox – General Dynamics F-16A

Category 5 – Aircraft – Jets – 1/48

1. Dave Heffernan – Blackburn Buccaneer
2. Grumman F-14A – Steve Rewey
3. Grumman F-14A – Erik Zabel

Category 6 – Aircraft 1/32 and larger

1. Jay Fudge – Chance Vought F4U-1A Corsair

Category 7 – Miscellaneous – Helicopters, Drones, Gliders, Real Space

1. Piasecki H-21 Helicopter – Harold Parsons
2. Wright Cyclone Engine – Don Stauffer
3. Grunnau Baby II – Dennis Strand

Category 8 – Armor / Soft Skin Vehicles – All Scales/Types

1. Bob Ferreira – Jagdpanther
2. Steve Erickson – M18 Hellcat
3. T-69-2 – Steve Jantscher
4. Franklin Haws – U.S. Armored Car

Category 9 – Automotive – All Scales / All Types

1. Honda F-1 – Bob Ferreira
2. Pale Tan Ford – Cameron Jamison
3. Red Bull Truck – Bill Read
4. Gold Racer – Bob Maderich

Category 10 – Fantasy / Science Fiction

1. Bob Ferreira – Gundam Figure
2. Chris Steinbeck – Space Ship
3. “Rick” Figure from the “Walking Dead” – Josh Barney

Category 11 – Scratch built – Vac-u-Form – Conversions

1. Oberursel Engine – Gordy Larson
2. Hearse Wagon – Noel Alland

Category 12 – 1/48th Multi-Engine Propeller

1. IA-58 Pucara – Steve

Jantscher

2. North American B-25 Mitchell – Tom Crayne
3. Fokker G.1 – Dennis Strand

Treasurer’s Report
by Dennis Strand

Hello everyone. Last month’s expenses included \$680.00 for gift certificates awarded to our TCAH Club Contest winners and \$190.00 for two trophy packages for the IPMS Nationals. We had two final renewal memberships for 2023, adding \$30.00 to our coffers. This gives the club \$3812.84 in cash assets. Total membership stands at 63 paying members and 8 “Life” members. I will sort out my list of names and contact information and pass it on to Bob Ferreira at the February meeting. He agreed to arrange the updated information and see about printing a current club roster. Thanks Bob!



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

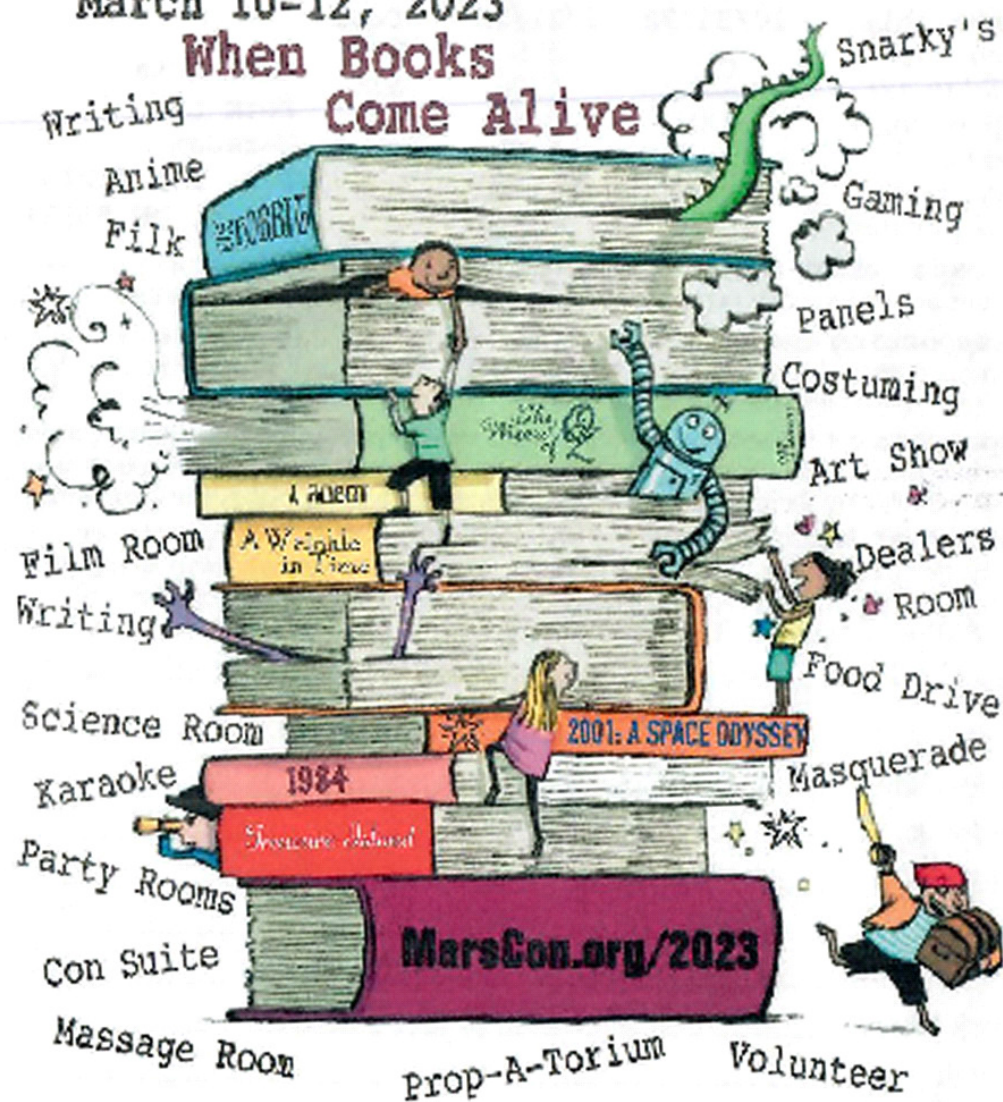
November – Interwar Years

December – White Elephant – Christmas Event

MarsCon 2023

March 10-12, 2023

**When Books
Come Alive**



Hilton Minneapolis/St Paul

Airport/Mall of America

3800 American Blvd. E.

Bloomington, MN 55425

<http://www.marscon.org/2020>

When Books Come Alive **MarsCon 2023**

Full Weekend Membership	Through 10/31/22	Through 1/31/23	At The Door	March 10-12
Teen/Adult	\$45	\$55	\$70	
Child (6-12)	\$25	\$30	\$35	
Supporting †	\$30	\$35	†	
Sponsor †	\$80	\$80	\$80	
Party Host (x2 per party)	\$35 ea	\$45 ea	n/a	

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MarsCon
P.O. Box 21213
Eagan, MN 55121

No registration charge for children under six. Badges happily provided for this age group upon request—however, they don't need to wear badges.

† **Supporting members** pay a reduced rate through 1/31/2023 to hold memberships and then complete the purchase by paying an additional \$25.00 at any time up to and including at the door.

† **Sponsors** get the satisfaction that comes with knowing that some extra yummy snack in the Consuite or perhaps another mic for Mainstage or an extra Guest was made possible by their contribution. A donation to MarsCon Makes the Con Better!

Party Host Discount We offer a discount for the first two party hosts per party. Party hosts must include at the same time a Party Request form along with two registrations. NO EXCEPTIONS. The Party Host discount offer is valid until 1/31/2023—after that At The Door rates apply.

Registration Information Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

Address(2): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Badge Type:

- ☐ Teen/Adult \$ _____
- ☐ Child (6-12) \$ _____
- ☐ Supporting \$ _____
- ☐ Sponsor \$80

Please e-mail me:

- ☐ Mars Today Updates
- ☐ Progress Reports as PDFs

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convention name

Amount Enclosed: _____

I want information about

- ☐ Dealer's Room ☐ Art Show ☐ Gaming Room
- ☐ Masquerade ☐ Party Room ☒ **VOLUNTEERING**



Christine Galey
Media Guest of Honor



P.C. Hodgell
Author Guest of Honor

MarsCon 2023
March 10th - 12th, 2023

When Books Come Alive!

Snarky's

Writing
Anime
Filk
Gaming
Panels
Costuming
Art Show
Wizard of Oz
I. Flabot
A Wrinkle in Time
2001: A Space Odyssey
1984
Treasure Island
Vingt Mille Lieues
Sous Les Mers
Masquerade
Food Drive

Volunteer
Dealers' Room
Prop-a-Torium
Improv
Film Room
Science Room
Karaoke
Party Rooms
Con Suite
Message Room

Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America
3800 American Blvd E
Bloomington, Minnesota 55425



Bonnie Gordon
Musical Guest of Honor



Bradley Galey
Media Guest of Honor

MarsCon.org/2023

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.