

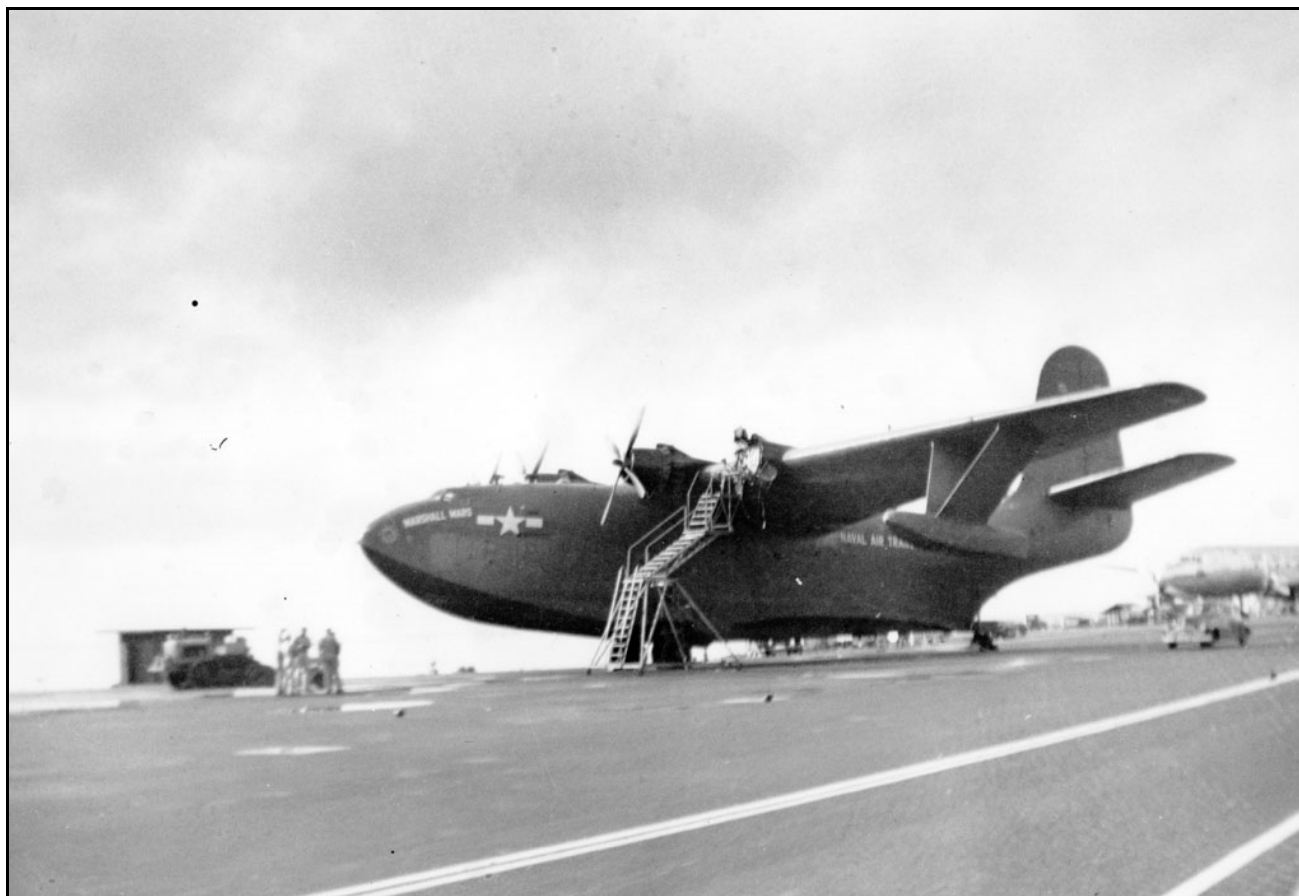
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Martin JRM "Marshall Mars" at Pearl Harbor, 1946

1946 Photos by **Phil Fries**

Martin JRM Mars

by Jeff Fries

The JRM1 was a development flying boat series for the U. S. Navy by the Glenn L. Martin Company.

Wingspan 200ft Length 117ft
Engines 4 R-3350 Cyclones
giving 2000 hp .The aircraft's top
speed of 243 mph ceiling at

19,700 ft and a range of 3700
miles.

The first one called Hawaii
Mars had a V tail and during
early tests suffered a fire and
burned in the Cheesecake Bay
area.

The remaining aircraft were
named "Caroline Mars", "Hawaii II
Mars", "Philippine

Mars", "Marianas Mars" and
"Marshall Mars."

In 1959 four of these aircraft
were sold to the British Columbia
Forest Companies and were
converted with water tanks to
serve as "Water Bombers" to
fight forest fires. They also
displayed new paint schemes of
white and red. Today only two

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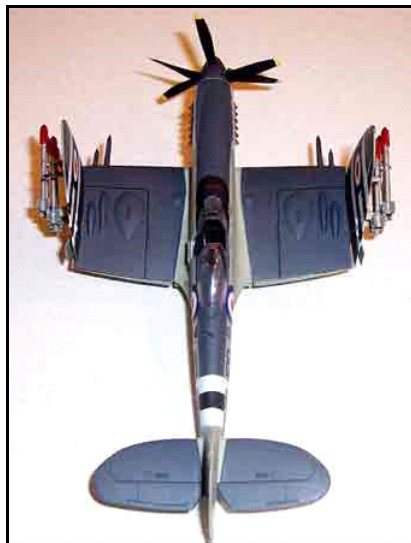
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TCAH This Month

The monthly meeting will be held Saturday April 8, at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, beginning at 1:00 pm. Come early.

CLUB AUCTION



President's Address

by Mark Copeland

Well, the snow is finally melting and I think spring is actually going to make it this year!!

Our April meeting (April 8th) brings on our annual club auction. This always proves to be very popular and fun annual meeting that is our major fund raising event to help replenish the club coffers. All proceeds go directly into the TCAH treasury.

The auction will start at 1:00pm or perhaps slightly earlier depending on the number of items we have on the table. Plan on arriving between 12:00pm to 12:30pm to do a preview of the items and to secure a good seat. Each person who wishes to participate in the auction will receive a number printed on a card. As the auction goes along, your purchases will be recorded by your assigned number. At the end of the auction we will tally up each individual's purchases and then you can pay Dennis Strand, our club Treasurer, with cash or with a personal check. No credit cards or money transfers (ex. PAYPAL) will be accepted.

Please look through your stash and bring anything aviation or model related to place in the auction. We will also accept any items that you think are worthy of putting on the auction block.

Remember, your generosity only benefits the club!!

At our last meeting, we learned of the sudden passing of our longtime club member, Gerald "Gerry" Fritsch, on March 10, 2023. Gerry first joined the club in 1973, however he moved to Colorado in the mid-80s. After

25 years of living in Colorado, he then moved back to the Twin Cities and re-joined the club shortly thereafter. Gerry was also a member of the local club RPM, OMG and IPMS.

His service was held on Sunday, March 26th and was attended by members from the club. A flower arrangement was sent to the service on behalf of the TCAH membership and we will have a card at the April meeting for everyone to sign. A special thanks goes to Gerry's longtime friend and TCAH member, Tom Norrbohm, for supplying all the information for Gerry's inclusion to our "Gone West" page and for assisting his family through this difficult time.

Mark your calendar for May 20, 2023 for the IPMS Region V Convention that will be held in Eagle River, Wisconsin at the Eagle River Derby Track Convention Hall from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Eagle River is just north of Rhinelander, Wisconsin and is roughly a four hour drive from the Twin Cities. It should be a great event and a nice time of year to be in Northern Wisconsin!!

We will see you all at the April meeting and I look forward to a great auction!!



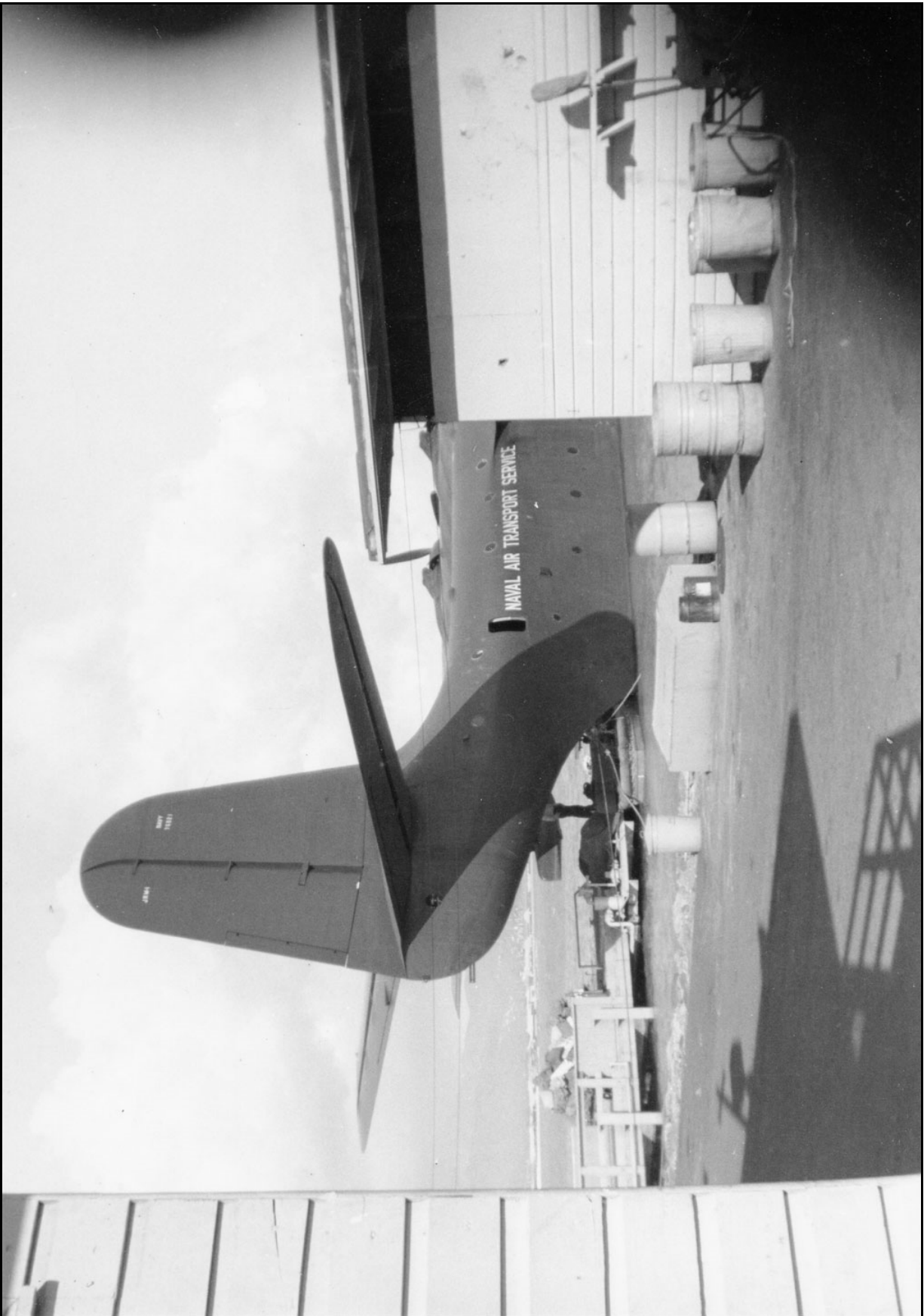
Treasurer's Report

by Dennis Strand

The TCAH bank account remains at \$3,812.84. Don't forget to bring all your expendable modeling goodies to our annual auction at the April meeting. This event is a main contributor to the club's financial welfare.











Hawaii Mars as a
Fire Bomber

On The Table—March 2023

Modeler	Subject	Kit	Scale
Paul Dial	Soviet T-60 diorama	Zvezda	1/35
	M18 Hellcat diorama	Tamiya	1/35
Bob Maderich	1953 Studebaker	AMT	1/24
	Nieuport 17	Eduard	1/48
Josh Barney	F-16 cockpit	Italeri	1/12
Ryder King	Deathstar	Bandai	?
Steve Jantscher	F-35A	Tamiya	1/48
Franklin Hawes	Model T pickup	ICM	1/35
Bill Read	1917 Ford Model T	ICM	1/35
Rick Koehnen	Hafner Rotobuggy	Scratchbuilt	1/72
	Piesecki crane	Scratchbuilt	1/144
Dennis Strand	Dornier Do17e-1	Hobbycraft	1/48
	Flettner 265	Czech Model	1/48
Ed Vigilante	Bell H-13	Revell	1/35
	UH-1C	Hobbycraft	1/48
Steve Hustad	Panther G Diorama	Vespid	1/72
	Jagdtiger Diorama	Dragon	1/72
Harold Parsons	Sikorski MH-60	Minicraft	1/48
	Lynx Westlund	Airfix	1/48
	Hughes 500mp	Hasegawa	1/48
	Bell Cobra	Revell	1/48
	MI-2	Special Hobby	1/48
	YH-32 Hornet	AMP	1/48
	Bell OH135 Sioux	Italeri	1/48
	Kaman Seasprite	Matchbox/Revell	1/48
	MI-2	Aeroplast	1/48
	Sikorski	Special Hobby	1/48
	Huey Bell UH-1	Monogram	1/48
	2, yes, 2 Machi M5	Fly models	1/48

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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still exists those being Philippine Mars and Hawaii Mars.

The "Marshal Mars" ended its life on April 5 1950 after suffering engine fire landing on the water, burned and exploded sinking in the process, off of Ke 'ehl Lagoon in Honolulu.

The posted photos are of the "Marshall Mars" at Pearl getting an engine serviced as my brother Phil Fries stated as it had returned after leaving earlier and reported it had lost an engine over Diamond Head. Phil had taken these photos when based at Pearl in 1946.

Note: The boat had no landing gear it begs to wonder what was used to get her on the tarmac for repair.



Monthly Themes 2023

April 2023 – Annual Club Auction

May 2023- 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

