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DANG ! Models, Modelers ! Who left door open ?



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Models : everyone

The *Official MINUTES* of SVSM July are now here, free to be read ! *by* Chris Bucholtz

At the July meeting... Dave Anderson announced the Egg Planes Speed Build contest, a benefit for the Bay Area Dragons, at the Bascom Library. Want to build one? It's a \$20 entry fee. Want to build two? It's just \$30! Modesto Hobbies is providing the egg planes. For more details, talk to Dave at the next meeting.



Steve Travis reported that Peter Kwan donated 20 armor kits to our Veterans Administration Model Drive, more evidence of the generosity of the model community. –

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Editor's Ravings – this month's editor, Mick Burton

(shameless plug: www.mickbmodeler.com)

EDITOR'S RECIPE FOR "POT LUCK SURPRISE"



Congratulations and Kudos in order for President Mike Woolson for showing up and carrying off the whole night's July Meeting. He was ably assisted by his young cousin David, seen here, who's getting into scale model hobby in a big way. Michael was also a patient soul, considering I left him having to explain the 1/48 F-18 & C-131 box scale kits that I gleefully sent David home with ...

Major Props to VP David Anderson and VP Christine Anderson, for showing up and carrying off the NEW SVSM Monthly Kit Raffle, which they lead effort for. Here's a snapshot look at the wicked fine two prizes :



THEN, THIS JUST IN ! No, you're not imagining, that really is R-9 RC Chris Bucholtz in USAAF uniform, with civilians Laramie, Keiko Wright, manning a full display table at San Jose's "Spirit of '45" event

Held on August 9th, from 12-4 PM at History Park, a retro experience in more way than obvious theme.

For this Editor, a visit to this neck of the woods to take these shots, was also chance to recall how he'd



been in this vicinity back in 1983 first time manning the SJ-IPMS registration desk for our annual contest. Memories on all fronts this past Saturday, indeed. Soon will have a promotional article on this "Spirit" event coming. *That's it for now.* -mb



All this is my giving Jim Lund's sharing at the July SVSM meet at least some proper respect. Ideally, would have had shot selection as illustration in the minutes, but no practical manner to fit in balanced manner. SO – enjoy the array here, which includes a look at cover of one of Jim's very limited run books, which do some real justice to his collection. Thanks, J L !



In model talk... Kinley Calvert finished his model of the Star Trek USS Reliant several years ago, and was surprised when an attendee of the science fiction club he belongs to tried to buy it from him! Kinley's also



working on a 1:1 resin model of the sidearm used on "Space: 1999," which looks a lot like a staple gun. Kinley doesn't build resin often, but he wants to give it a try.



Ken Miller's decals for his MD-80 shattered, and the heat marred the paint on the model on the way to the airliner show in Los Angeles.

However, he had several winners at the meeting – a Pokemon 767 and 747 from the Bandai kits and a 777 kit he got at the show – notable because it was sold in a box that said it was a 737!

Chris Bucholtz has restarted his 1:72 Chevrolet of Canada C60L 3-ton truck conversion after his



cat chewed up the frame from his first try. Chris says using a second IBG kit brings back not-so-fond memories of the extensive flash and sprue attachments. Chris is also hard at work on Hasegawa's A-3 Skywarrior, adding the canopy, assembling the engines and cutting the leading-edge slats. He says nice details in some areas is wasted by rough fit and some seams, especially on the engine intakes, are difficult to reach.



John Carr has two police cruisers under way: a '92 "Whale Tail" Caprice, which had covered rear wheels and was the first police car John drove, and a 1994 Caprice LT1 SS, which he said was a great car. Both kits are from Revell.



Mark Schynert did considerable work on Williams Brothers' 1:72 Northrop Gamma to make it a 2D; he's depicting it as the example that ended up as a hack at "Project 19" in Ethiopia, a secret base for repairing P-40s, where it was



operated by the Army Corps of Engineers in olive drab-over-neutral gray colors. His Hasegawa Spitfire Mk. VII has been nothing if not straightforward, he says, and he's also making progress on his Airfix P-51D, which has a troublesome canopy that requires some filling and sanding.

Gabriel Lee had two Battlestars from "Battlestar: Galactica," both from Moebius: the Pegasus from 1978 and the same ship named from the reboot in 2003. The kits include cardboard inserts form the landing bays with forced-perspective interior detail. He painted his new-generation Battlestar by priming it in gray, then painting the whole model flat black, then applying layers of grays until he reached a finish he liked. Gabriel also has an Airfix P-51D almost finished; his is in an all-black scheme from the Dominican Republic.



Lou Orselli stepped up to John Carr's invitation to build a model for the San Jose Police Department vehicles display; he's building the OH-6 the department operated, using the Kai Tek kit. He's already cut open the doors and added the T-tail, but his big task will be converting the helicopter from four to five rotors!



Al Kuhn is preparing to start work on a Pegasus kit of the Etrich Taube. He says it will be an exercise in rigging, with about 100 rigging lines – but that’s a drop in the bucket compared to the 600 lines on his model sailing ship!



Laramie Wright’s Swedish “S-Tank” is the first of its type he’s built since the old Aurora kit back in the 1960s.

Laramie’s model came from the Trumpeter kit. He’s also at work on an Academy M3 Stuart; he plans on finishing it as a tank from 1942 in defense of Luzon.

Thanh Nguyen spent 2½ years building Zoukei-Mura’s 1:32 A-1J Skyraider.

He improved the sharkmouth design on the cowling with bits of tooth-shaped white decal film, making his A-1 a little more accurate.



Cliff Kranz had not one but two 1:48 Monogram F-106 Delta Darts on the table, one a single-seater with California Air National Guard markings and an open missile bay (thanks to Cliff's modifications) and the other a TF-106 built using a Maintrack conversion.



He started the conversion in the 1980s and just finished it last month!



Cliff also brought in his twin C-5 built from two Otaki 1:144 kits; the proposal for the twin C-5 as a Space Shuttle carrier was real but the markings for a FedEx super-hauler were not.

Ron Wergin's 1:32 Revell Ki-43 has great surface detail and a lot of extra engineering – but the cowling took Ron three or four hours to get aligned. Ron replaced the pilot's head and scratch-built one of his arms.



Kent McClure's PBY Catalina egg plane is painted and will soon wear Dutch markings, and his 1:72 Saladin armored car is nearly done, now boasting a radio antenna made from a cat's whisker.

Kent used the Italeri quick-build version of the ISU-122 to create his 1:72 SP gun, and since the kit also has parts for the ISU-152, he's

building the other vehicle in the box as that gun.

Kent's also making good progress on an Airfix P-51D Mustang for the Fremont group build.

Brad Chun's Mustang drag racer was inspired by something he'd seen on the streets of Oakland!

He's assisted in his efforts by the fact that the kit already has a three-inch chop.

Brad's also doing a lot of remedial work to flash and ejector pin marks on his 1937 Ford, and he's cut off the fenders and added a modern Mustang drive train, engine to his Revell 1955 pickup truck.



Mark Balderrama added some painting details to his Evangelion 2.2 robotic unit, and he also built some "paper planes" from paper kits, including a Grumman Cougar.



Jim Lund picked up a neat "Tin Tin" book targeted toward a French audience – not only are they assumed to be smarter, judging by the history and science content of the book, but it also came with a 1:100 model of a Bellanca Pacemaker. Jim also had the major parts of a new major build, a 1:72 Boeing PBB-1 Sea Ranger, which Mike Herrill carved and vacuformed.

(Photos of these may be found on the Editorial page, where proper space for Jim's fine items was found – Ed)

And the Model of the Month went to... Steve Travis, for his amazing scratch-built 1:8 belly tanker racer! Steve made the body from a sectioned main tank from a 1:72 space shuttle stack, then added the rest of the interior using parts from other 1:8 kits: an engine from the Exterminator dragster, the front and rear axle and water tank from the Big Red Rod, and so on. His steering rod is on its third incarnation – the first two broke during assembly. The battery is two fuel tanks from 1:20 cars cemented together; the fuel tank is a cut-up traveling toothbrush holder. Most of the parts are pinned in place so Steve can remove them and show off what's below!

Our contest this month was "Trinity." Laramie Wright had his Roden Fokker F.1 prototype on the table; the triplane was modified to represent the prototype of the famous Fokker. Mark Balderrama built a trio of paper models of the Avro CF-105 Arrow, the Lockheed XFV-1 Salmon, and the Taylor Aerocar. Cliff Kranz brought in his 1:12 Little Boy bomb, taking the contest theme very literally. And the winners were... with an Honorable Mention, the 1930s-era three-deck IJN Akagi, by Greg Plummer. Greg used photoetched parts for the deck supports and the rails; Greg is still looking forward to detailing the 1:700 biplanes. In third place, with his 1:72 Dragon Neubaufahrzeug, the unwieldy three-turreted tank that represented Nazi Germany's first attempt at a heavy tank. Laramie painted his model with Vallejo paints, finishing the model as one of three sent to Norway. In second, with his M3 Lee, was Laramie Wright again! Laramie used parts of three kits – Tamiya, Academy and Tamiya – to create a replica of the M3 used in the movie "Sahara." And in first place, with his trio of 1:72 Fokker Triplanes, was Al Kuhn! Al used a Roden kit to replicate Lothar von Richtofen's machine (after filling a lot of sinkholes!), a Roden kit for his second drie-decker, and an Eduard strip-down all photoetched kit for his piece de resistance. Al used Floquil railroad paints to finish his little Fokkers. – *fini CB*

(Photos & coverage of this contest were published in July TAMS - Ed)



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