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FOR NEW YEAR, SVSM IS VISITED BY A PRINCESS !

Official January Minutes, continued on sheet 3

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TAKING A LOOK AT BUILDING THE FUTURE, WITH THOSE WHO ARE, THANKFULLY

NEXT Saturday is IPMS Sonoma County/IPMS Mt Diablo hosted Hobby Expo 2014 , theme "Building The Future". There



on the left, with my vibrant thanks again, is a team doing just that! Say hello to the Juniors IPMS club & to Lily Liu, her "Bay Area Dragons" took a huge step forward 1/25/14. Seems there's youth out there more than Willing, Able & Ready to HAVE FUN BUILDING MODELS.

know why Bill is "challenging" me at the door here, my bad) ably staged yet another EXCELLENT SUCCESS nearly now 30 years long in the building, namely NNL West with 2014. When I took these shots, still before 11am, and already the



Another clan of slightly more "senior" Juniors ☺ (now you



Model Display item count was at 980! By 1230 it was 1020 plus, more coming in. "The Car Model Folks" again showed how to build the fun into the future, and that's a truly epic effort that grows every year !

Mr Arthur C. Clarke, CBE (1917 – 2005) was most famous for the novel and movie 2001: A Space Odyssey. A world renown science fiction writer, Arthur was also an RAF radar technician during WWII, first to conceive of satellite communication in 1945, chairman of the British Interplanetary Society from 1947-1950, won the UNESCO Prize for the Popularization of Science in 1961 and was nominated for a Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964.

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Now a challenge to all you modeler types. On left, my great luck sponsor this year of award "BEST Sci-Fi" at Hobby Expo. On right, the "box" it comes in! Thanks



to the industrious and magically creative effort of Greg Reynolds plus a lot of others on the Hobby Expo team, we again have this chance to meet compete, socialize and generally have too damned much fun to open our Region Nine year. So Please, someone build something, enter it to try for

this award or the others, and give everyone another reason to make sure there's more events like this in our future ! Lily and Greg, Chris, Nat, Bill, Mike, Dave, Anita, all the others who all work to "make it so", deserve no less and far more - mickb

SVSM EDITOR' s CONTEST FEBRUARY 2014 " From GODDARD To GAGARIN "

ANY & ALL "Real Space" subjects literally from the beginning. Paper Proposals to Prototypes, All.

Basic premise: ANY subject you like, any Nation or period. As long as it's clearly connected to Real Space Age in development or design. X-15, X-17, X-38 included. Don't forget the "Lifting Bodies" series which lead to the recently retired Space Shuttle. That's the M2F-1, 2,3, HL-10, X-24. Also Soviet counterparts (EP-01, Buran). A Titan I, II, III, Redstone, or Thor ballistic missile is okay even as military (war) payload version (since they have "civil" booster cousins). Same applies to Soviet SS-6. Obviously the Mercury/Gemini/Apollo, Vostok, Soyuz, Salyut, Luna programs qualify. As do all the "spy satellites" and their launch vehicles. Don't forget there's more than a few other nations that have put vehicles into Real Space, with kits or means available to model. There's a LOT of potential kits to put in as entries. Make your own "crash effort" join in with Editor's birthday month fun



NOW THIS IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO START NEW YEAR OFF



THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF January by Chris Bucholtz

At the January meeting... Steve Travis let us know that, after paying taxes, the VA Model Drive funds stand at \$2996. He also informed us that Ron Wergin sold \$836 in books and kits to help the drive. Thanks to all who continue to make this program run!



IPMS/Bay Area Dragons, the first junior club in IPMS, will have its first meeting on Jan. 25. For location and details, check the SVSM web page at www.svsm.org.

In model talk...

Jim Lund brought in his 1:72 Saro Princess, a kit mastered by Mike Herrill (*Execuform*) and sold by Sea Wings. The kit has been described as “unbuildable,” which is a description that Jim’s model puts to rest.

He built his in a month!



Cliff Kranz is completing a collection of 1:48 models his father started depicting aircraft he worked on while stationed at Pearl Harbor during WWII by completing a Testors/Hawk F8F-1 Bearcat. His Trumpeter Panhard self-propelled gun is a nice kit, but the center wheels were molded in vinyl and they were painted on the real item. Since vinyl is hard to paint with enamels, Cliff used an automotive primer as a base.



His lovely model of the LeClerc tank is from Heller, even though Cliff describes the real tank as “fugly.” This is Cliff’s second attempt – the first one didn’t survive construction. Cliff is also battling an A-Model Tu-126, which suffers from complex engineering (although the cockpit is nice).



Gabriel Lee had Pegasus’ 1:18 great white shark on the table, built and awaiting paint; he was kind enough to bring the spare head (in biting mode) to go with his cruising carcharodon carcharias. Gabriel’s also planning to do some plastic surgery to a 1:144 747 to turn it into the Skyfleet Aviation prototype



saved from destruction by James Bond in “Casino Royale” (the real 747 can be seen in the background of track shots in Top Gear).

Ron Wergin had a good time with his Airfix 1:72 P-51D Mustang, although he says the plastic was a little soft. The decals from his 352nd FG bird came from a Czech producer and were very thin; his metal finish came via the new-formulation Rub-and-Buff.



Brad Chun had a collection of mostly-finished roadsters, including a five-window coupe he finished the day before for his first completion of 2014! Also parked on the table were a Willys gasser with a scratch-built hood scoop, a sedan he bought as a hulk and rehabilitated with some 1940 Ford wheels, a 1950 Oldsmobile from which he's shaved the chrome from the fenders, door handles and hood trim, a Rat Roadster that he built mostly from the box, and his “never-ending” Lowboy he's converted from the Rat Roadster with lots of scratch-building.





Frank Babbitt is building a trio of 1:72 C-130s, one each from Airfix, Italeri and AMT, and points out that all of them are inaccurate. He's also building a 1:48 C-47 from Monogram as part of his current obsession with transports.



Ken Miller had a host of airliners on the tables, starting with his MD-80, a simple 1:144 kit that has just eight parts and about that many horrible gaps, which needed shimming, filling and much sanding.



His Airfix 727 is nearing the painting stage and will wear the Braniff Calder U.S. flag scheme. Ken has a Welsh Models MD-87 in a similar state; he added strakes to the engines and noted that the aircraft had a different tail than the MD-80. His MD-87 will wear the unusual all-white scheme American Airlines flew after it acquired these planes from Reno Air. Ken's also building a smaller scale 747 from Bandai that will sport the Pokemon scheme.

His L1011 was going to be the carrier plane for his Pegasus rocket, but the engine exhausts are wrong so he'll do one of PSA's short-lived Tristars instead.



Ken's also building one of Revell's old 707s; he lost the kit engines twice, but was rescued by some spares from Jim Lund's collection when Jim abandoned 1:144 scale.



Jim Priete is converting Academy's venerable 1:72 PV-1 Ventura into a nightfighter; he says it goes together well, even though he's correcting the oil cooler intakes and substituting R-2800 engines from Cooper Details.



Ben Pada's 1:48 Tamiya Il-2 Stormovik is painted as if it has no paint, with bare metal and wood showing. His Hasegawa



1:48 P-39 Airacobra is close to completion, and Ben's finished an Italeri Macchi C.200, built from the Tamiya boxing. He said the decals included in this issue were very nice. Biggest of all was Ben's in-progress 1:32 Tamiya F4U-1 Corsair; Ben used Mr. Color paints on the big bird.



Kent McClure has made a lot of progress painting the various parts of his 1:6 resin figure of Naru Narusegawa from the anime show "Love Hina;" he brush-painted the parts with craft acrylics after using a lot of Tamiya white putty as filler.

Randy Ray has most of the hull and running gear of HobbyBoss's Panzer III completed; the tracks have proven challenging because they are distinct and different lengths and because the kit instructions give the wrong number of links per side! Randy's also building a Revell of Germany F-16C as the "Orange Lion," a Dutch aircraft with a special scheme. Randy says the fit of the kit is somewhat challenging.

Steve Travis took an AMT 1932 Phaeton, extended the body by a scale 4 1/2 inches and chopped it as well, then converted it into an extended two-door from a four-door. He built the tonneau cover from sheet styrene and painted it and the interior with textured paint. Micromark screws hold the tonneau in place. He dropped a 327 engine from a Chevy pickup under the hood and finished up his rod with the can-can dancer nose art from an IPMS Journal decal sheet.



Eric McClure's Academy 1:72 F-8E is painted and decaled; his Marine Crusader now awaits weathering.



Mike Schwarze corrected the toes of the Lindberg "Jurassic Park" dilophosaurus, and he painted the inside of the mouth even though no one will ever see it! Mike is also correcting a velociraptor from the same series of kits. Mike's Thompson's gazelle wears a shiny coat of gold paint; it's a test bed for another project. Mike used polymer clay to make some life-size trilobites, shrimp and other prehistoric sea life and baby Cthulhu and two minions/babysitters. Mike also had some Star Trek starships on the table, starting with the classic Klingon D-7 cruiser (much puttying and filling was needed!), the upper half of a Romulan Warbird in 1:435th scale, and the 1993 version of the Klingon D-7, which he says is going together very well.



Laramie Wright finds Tamiya's 1:48 F4F-4 Wildcat to be a viceless kit; it goes together very well and the shape is right on the nose. Laramie's painted aircraft wears the markings of VF-6 ace Don Runyon, with Runyon's markings from a SuperScale sheet and the kit decals for the national markings. Laramie's also been hard at work on the old DML Panzer IV "Schweissenlossen," which has a front glacis plate that is too short and needed extra work with styrene strip. Laramie has also launched an Airfix 1:350 Trafalgar-class submarine; he says the model is a little over-engineered.

His will end up being HMS Triumphant because that will allow him to scratchbuild the ship's unique screw shroud.

Chris Bucholtz finally completed his Pegasus F9C-2 Sparrowhawk, done in the markings it wore in 1934 while flying from the dirigible USS Macon.

Chris also has a P-51D nearly finished; his Tamiya 1:72 model wears Roscoe Brown's markings, the same plane that was on cover of Chris' Osprey book on the Tuskegee Airmen.



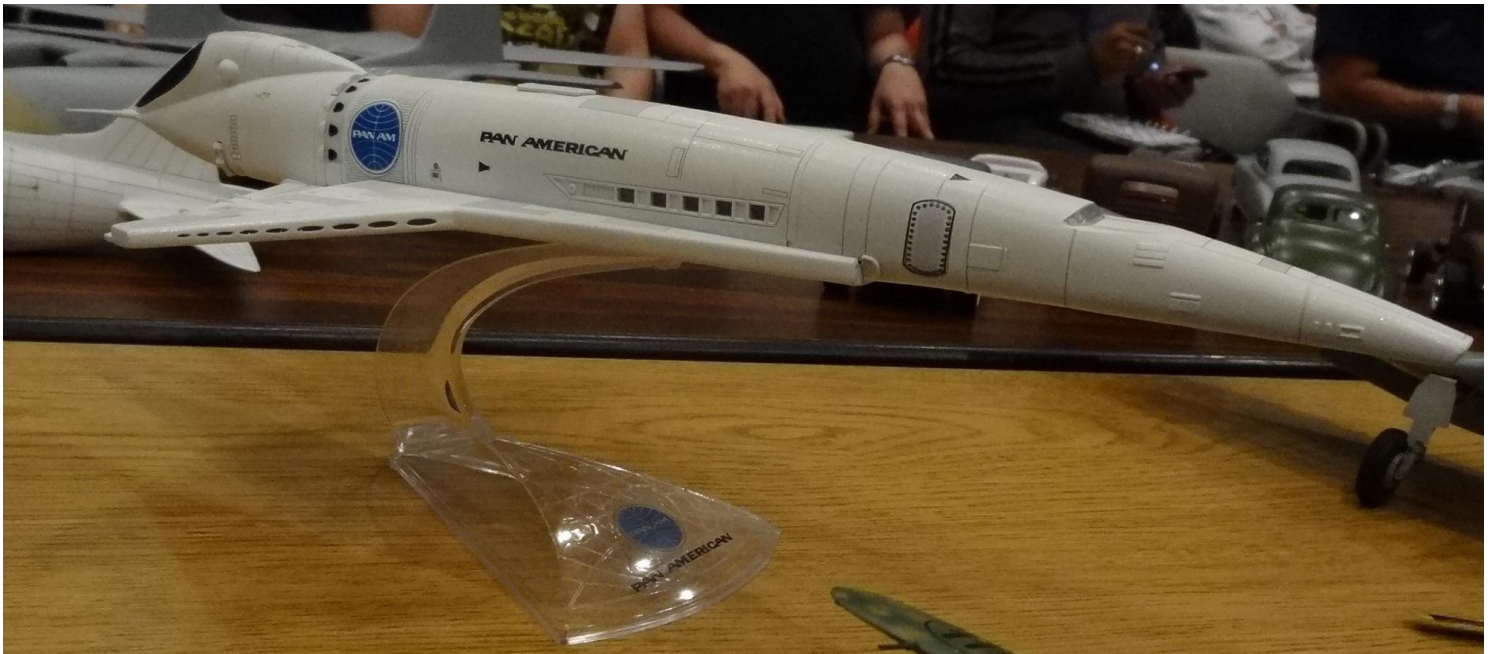
And the model of the month goes to...

Kinley Calvert's Moebius Orion shuttle from the movie *2001*. Detail and accuracy-wise, it's much better than the old Aurora model, but the fit was lacking and required a lot of putty and extra work.

Fini- for now !



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