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NOW IS THE TRUE *GOLDEN AGE* OF MODELS



WELCOME ONE AND ALL

LOOK AROUND YOU OR IN THE MIRROR –
YOU ARE SEEING THE FACE OF S.V.S.M. AT FIFTY !!! *THANK YOU* FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN ©

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

(shameless plug: www.mickbmodeler.com)

OUR LATEST NEW YEAR IS HERE

No, you haven't seen the last of scale modelers mixing it up on the convention floor in Santa Clara, as we have our fine folks of NNL West to thank for that fact in best manner possible. Namely, **SHOWING UP** and **ATTENDING** 2014 event.

Here's an excellent means to remind you all. This is coming up **FAST**, only **TWO WEEKS** past our **FIRST MEETING**.

NNL West
2014
50th Anniversary of '64

- '64 Mustang
- '64 Pontiac (& Ferrari!) GTO's, etc.
- **Subtheme:** Racecars of the '50's!

www.nnlwest.org
Sat, Feb 1, Santa Clara Convention Center
9am-4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$15

Why, who knows, may even inspire you into a last minute “winning concept on theme” for the SVC # 1

– mickb

IN A CELEBRATION OF RECENT HOLIDAY EVENTS



THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF DECEMBER ! by Chris Bucholtz

At the December meeting, we wasted no time with frivolity or good tidings and went right into the bloodbath that is the annual gift exchange. Here is a record of that shocking event:

IL-4 In Action, Air Force Legends: XB-51 and McClellan AFB books: Opened and taken home by Steve Travis.

Monogram 1:48 Me 410: Opened and taken home by Mike Schwarze.

Cyberhobby 1:72 Gloster Meteor III: Opened by Chris Zanella, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Anita Travis.

Dragon 1:35 Panzer IB: Opened by Tom Orsua, stolen and taken home by Brian Sakai.

Hobby Boss 1:72 Seahawk Mk. 100: Opened by Randy Ray, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.

Hasegawa 1:48 P-47D Thunderbolt: Opened by Tom Orsua, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Laramie Wright.

Airfix 1:72 BAC TSR.2: Opened by Eric Lenk, stolen by Brian Sakai, stolen by Steve Quock, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin.

Tamiya 1:48 P-51B Mustang: Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Randy Ray.

Academy 1:144 PSA 777: Opened by Mike Schwarze, stolen by Mike Meek, stolen and taken home by Eric Lenk.

Aviation Usk 1:72 B-32 Dominator: Opened by Greg Plummer, stolen by P.A. Aguirre, stolen and taken home by Chris Bucholtz

Tamiya 1:35 Panzer III Ausf H and Tamiya 1:35 37mm Flak: Opened and taken home by Eric Lenk.

Revell 1:187 USS Lionfish: Opened by Steve Quock, stolen and taken home by Eric Lenk.

Accurate Miniatures 1:48 Ilyushin Il-2: Opened and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.

Revell 1:32 F-104 Starfighter: Opened by Steve Quock, stolen and taken home by Carlos Lopez.

Academy 1:48 Mikoyan MiG-21: Opened by Brian Sakai, stolen and taken home by Kent McClure.

Revell 1:48 Hs 129 and Revell 1:72 Horton IX: Opened by Mark Balderrama, stolen by Christine Anderson, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Dave Balderrama.

Italeri 1:72 Frece Tricolore set: Opened by Laramie Wright, stolen by Brian Sakai, stolen by P.A. Aguirre, stolen and taken home by Brian Sakai.

Trumpeter 1:700 Vittorio: Opened by Chris Zanella, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.

DECEMBER GIFT ROUT OFFICIALLY NOW RECORDED !

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Books Sherman and Half-Track Attack: Opened and taken home by Roy Sutherland.

Academy 1:35 Achilles: Opened by Christine Anderson, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen by Eric Lenk, stolen and taken home by Kent McClure.

Revell 1:144 Airbus A380: Opened by Mike Schwarze, stolen by P.A. Aguirre, stolen by Tom Orsua, stolen and taken home by P.A. Aguirre.

Roden 1:48 T-28 Trojan: Opened by Brian Sakai, stolen by Mike Meek, stolen by Brian Sakai, stolen and taken home by Bill Ferrante.

Trumpeter 1:35 T-62 Model 1962: Opened by P.A. Aguirre, stolen by Laramie Wright. Stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.

Tamiya 1:48 Spitfire V: Opened by Elizabeth Driver-Bucholtz, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.

Revell 1:48 P-38 Lightning: Opened and taken home by Tom Orsua.

MPC 1:72 Ju 88: Opened and taken home by Christine Balderrama.

Revell 1:24 Ernie Ervin Texaco Thunderbird: Opened by Eric Lenk, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Greg Plummer.

Accurate Miniatures 1:48 SB2C-1C Helldiver: Opened by Mike Schwarze, stolen by Steve Quock, stolen by P.A. Aguirre, stolen and taken home by Steve Quock.

Kombrig 1:700 USS Baltimore: Opened by Dave Anderson, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Brian Sakai, stolen and taken home by Dave Anderson.

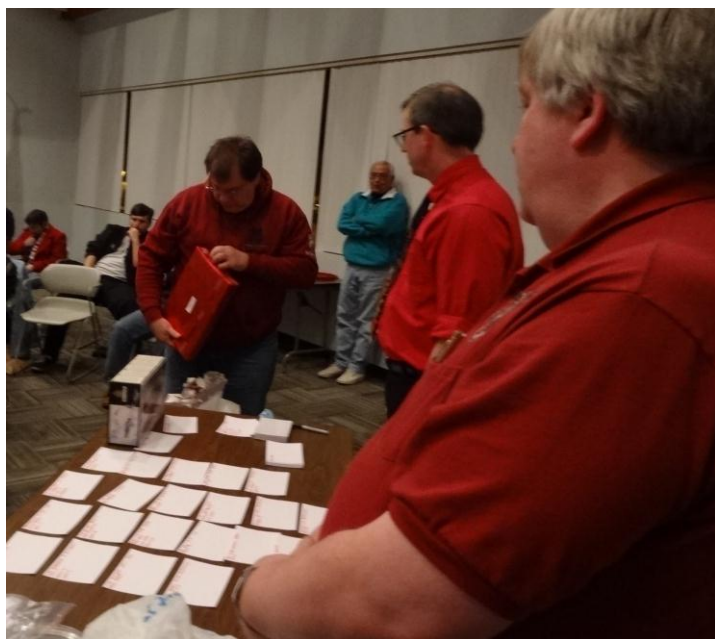
Academy 1:144 B-29 and Special Hobby 1:72 Focke Wulf Flitzer: Opened and taken home by Max Balderrama.

Dragon 1:35 Panzer IV Ausf E "Vorpanzer": Opened by Mike Schwarze, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin.

Fujimi 1:72 Phantom FGR.2: Opened by Elizabeth Driver-Bucholtz, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Elizabeth Driver-Bucholtz, stolen and taken home by Kris Balderrama.

Hasegawa 1:32 P-47D Thunderbolt: Opened by Tom Orsua, stolen by Brian Sakai, stolen by Steve Travis, stolen and taken home by Greg Plummer.

F-102 Delta Dagger Walk-Around and F-84 Thunderjet Walk-Around: opened and taken home by Elizabeth Driver-Bucholtz.



Minicraft 1:144 Air Force One 707: Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Tom Orsua.

AMT 1:24 Oldsmobile 443 and Electra: Opened and taken home by Christine Anderson.

Valom 1:72 Armstrong Whitworth Albermarle: Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Brian Sakai, stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen and taken home by P.A. Aguirre.

Fujimi 1:48 Messerschmitt Bf 110: Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.

MORE DECEMBER TUMULT RECORDED !

(from page 4)

Revell 1:426 USS Arizona: Opened and taken home by Chris Zanella.
Fujimi 1:72 JIN1 Gekko: Opened by Elizabeth Driver-Bucholtz, stolen by P.A. Aguirre, stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.
Monogram Visible P-51 Mustang: Opened by Mark Balderrama, stolen by Christine Anderson, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Mark Balderrama.
Trumpeter 1:48 Focke Wulf Ta 152C: Opened by Bill Ferrante, stolen by Roy Sutherland, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.
Platz 1:72 T-33 Shooting Star: Opened by Chris Zanella, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Steve Travis, stolen and taken home by Brian Sakai.
Hasegawa 1:72 Ju 88G-6: Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Brian Sakai, stolen and taken home by Laramie Wright.
Revell 1:40 Corporal Missile: Opened by Eric Lenk, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.
Tamiya 1:72 A6M2 Zero: Opened by Elizabeth Driver-Bucholtz, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by John Heck.
Tamiya 1:48 Fiesler Fi 156: Opened by Steve Travis, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin.
Dragon 1:72 Ar 234B: Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Kris Balderrama.
Airfix 1:72 F-86F Sabre and A-4B Skyhawk: Opened by Dave Anderson, stolen by Steve Quock, stolen by Bill Ferrante, stolen and taken home by Steve Quock.
Revell 1:720 USS Arizona and book: Opened by Anita Travis, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Vladimir Yakubov, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.
Sword 1:72 F-94 Starfire: Opened by Brian Sakai, stolen by P.A. Aguirre, stolen by Brian Sakai, stolen and taken home by Eric McClure.
Trumpeter 1:72 BAC Lightning F1A/F2: opened by Mike Meek, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Steve Quock.
Trumpeter 1:72 CH-47 Chinook: Opened by Carlos Lopez, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.
Testors 1:48 F-104 Starfighter: Opened and taken home by Tom Orsua.
Testors 1:32 F-117 Nighthawk: Opened and taken home by Ray McCarley.
Academy 1:72 F-117 Nighthawk: Opened by Bill Ferrante, stolen and taken home by Randy Ray.
Trumpeter 1:35 T-62 Model 1962: Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Laramie Wright, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Laramie Wright.
MPM 1:72 Armstrong Whitworth Seahawk: Opened by Brian Sakai, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen and taken home by Vladimir Yakubov.
Monogram 1:48 deHavilland Mosquito: Opened by Kent McClure, stolen and taken home by Steve Travis.
Imai 1:20 Renault 4CV: Opened by Bill Ferrante, stolen and taken home by Randy Ray.
Italeri 1:72 Hawk 100: Opened by Vladimir Yakubov, stolen and taken home by Bill Ferrante with the aid of a \$5 bribe.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN 2013 XMAS THEFT

FOR NOW, AS YOU HAVE SOWN, SO SHALL YOU REAP ! MOOO HHAAAAHHAAAA ... or somesuch

*Meaning no harm nor foul, merely renewing past mayhem Messrs Bucholtz (Club Sec'y) & Burton (Alleged Editor) now take this moment to **ANNOUNCE 2014 SVSM SPEED BUILD***

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GRANDSON OF Our "Ninety Day Wonders" Club Contests !

The participants are limited to those listed in "Official Club Minutes for December 2013", whose names are clearly Legion

IN OTHER WORDS, A LOT OF THE LOT OF YOU ALL .

Granting that a good number of you are newer memberships or are of the legion of those who aren't apt to remember these odd contests we occasionally put on, we will review now the simple equations which comprise "90 Day Wonders Mk III" Member's Club Contest planned for APRIL 2014 meeting

- 1 . ALL POTENTIAL ENTRIES are limited to those gift items listed in the Official Minutes. So we're clear on that. It doesn't have to be the person who is listed as having took it home, who builds entry.
- 2 . ALL POTENTIAL ENTRANTS are limited to those listed in the Official Minutes. But that's a big list, as you likely have read. Again, if items on list have since traded/sold/given to new hands that are also on the list, they can be entered. As long as item & entrant are on the list, some way, is OK.
- 3 . The ENTRIES TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN, must be FINISHED at Contest Entry time. No fancy or restrictive rules on how, just the simple fact of having the item DONE, hon. Feel free to show up in any case, as always, seeing the effort in progress in any case is a reward in itself.
- 4 . The "90 Day Wonders" Part and parcel of the name of the game is this: Twice in the past, we'd filled "dead time" between Christmas Meeting and Kickoff Classic events with an announced in advance club contest effectively using the "approx. ninety days in between Xmas meet & March Meet" as the allowed build time, using ONLY the items in Gift Exchange. Since this one is being announced in January, it's consequently going to clock to APRIL meeting for "the ninety". OK?
- 5 . There will be the easily convertible "US Gov Issue Gift Certificates" for 1st, 2nd 3rd, place if show.

Angelo Deogracias

2-1962 to 12-2013

My sad and definitely unexpected duty to report the passing a major friend of many years, a great soul who was on this plane far too short a time but made the most of it, our *Ahhhdeeo* ☺ (that is on purpose, happens to be the personalized plate he had when he lived here in CA)

Angelo was a Midwestern Man to the core, proudly reminded me of his ties to homeland Indiana (Indianapolis) and why he “bled blue” (University of Michigan). We became good friends not long after he joined our odd band of characters on Thursday nights, having recently become a member of then SJSM and as a further evidence of being corrupted thoroughly by me and the infamous “Red” (Rodney) Williams, also a Fremont Hornet. He made sure that his deep and abiding loyalty as your fierce friend was not so miserly given, his true love of competition and in the sport of auto racing was brought to fore fast when with “Racer” Mike Meek and “Island” Ben Pada, who knew him well. Also a compatriot of complex similar notes for whom “SPAD” always had glad tidings when he could join us for “road warrior” trips, William the Young Ferrante. Angelo always admired how Bill’s sense of quiet determination tempered many of us “fireheads”.

Angelo was one of absolute keys to why the 1998 IPMS NATS

ever came to pass, went as well as it did, and pioneered some of the major parts of infrastructure now in place.

Of all reasons left to all of us who knew him and could call him friend, that’s probably singly the most shocking as common reference point for all of us to bring home the shock of losing him so soon. This event was only held 15 years ago! Why our Angelo hadn’t even met the lovely Tracy whom luckily he had years of marriage to, yet. That’s them above right, enjoying the 2004 IPMS NATS as “customers” in Arizona, after we three had spent a lovely day before at the Botanical Gardens where he again “showed me the door” when it came to photography!

I miss him and know he’d enjoy that I put him in left shot here, looking over what I wrote about him, with his ever so serious focused QA Engineer eye. Then burst out in a “Fighting 99” segue, if I looked too sad or upset. Here’s to you on your last flight out, dear SPAD. Damned if you didn’t make it before me, Schmoeness. – mick

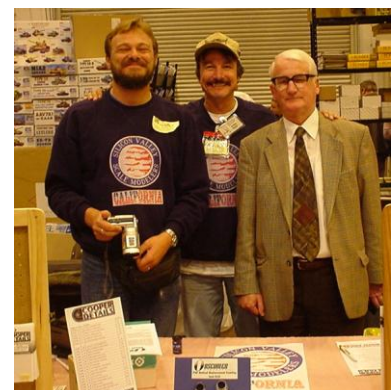
Ron Firth

1928 -2013

Now, I am sure, by now, more than a few of you are going, *Ron who?* There’s Robin, oh, seem to remember that bloke from years back, English or somesuch. Who be Ron?

Well wonder no more my readers. These two shots of him I’ve got from my collection from my last trip to Telford in 2002, as now be my only memories of the last drink I’ll have shared with a true English Gentleman. A truly Great Modeller and Editor, Sir Ron

I’d learned online at first of year how, oddly, on day before SPAD left this “mortal coil” (a Ron “whimsy”) it was that first Editor to ever ask me to write/shoot for likes of his modeler magazine, ceased his lease in this realm. Airfix Tribute Forum, where Ron hung out nearly to the last as “fluff75 “ had just an excellent tribute posted by one who never met him in person, so sad. “...but his models never showed any sign of diminished ability. I hope I am as good as he was if I reach his age” That is so perfectly put. Thanks, “Brews” Godspeed, Ron! -mick



The First & The Last of Red's Latest Tale

Whereupon this Editor embarks on a sensible division of an article into two parts for one month pub.

In earliest January 2014, I received 32 plus photos and a three page article which fit perfectly next in the 3 so far “erratically published series” I call “MY FM” (Meet Your Fellow Modeler), from Life Member RJ Williams.

Since having edited material and organized the photos supplied, determined best application for all to keep it in cohesion yet serve it all “in one sitting” for a read, would be to put the added photos for end of the story FIRST.

SO here you go. The “meat and potatoes” that go with these will be found in January 2014 TAMS. At the final part of “2013 A Banner Year Modelling” article, by the aforementioned Rodney J. Williams. All photos taken in November 2013 at the Commemorative Air Force Museum in Mesa, Arizona, after Red went to Modelzona ‘13

CAF Mesa Museum

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**By R.J. Williams
2013**

**“A Grand Old Dame
takes leave of her hangar
so taxis forth for another
mission to inspire...”**



“SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY, Aloft Again”



Soon enough to be joined in Arizona's clean blue air
by the CAF Mesa Museum B-25



All shot
11/2013
By R.J. Williams



7:00 PM

FRIDAY

JANUARY 17

at

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd

Milpitas, CA

