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PROVING GROUNDS REVISITED WITH NNL



Tremendous response and a lot of fun to be had at NNL West 2013 Show (Ablly assisted with a great shopping expo)
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This year's Nameless National Luminaries West event was again in marvelous exhibit Hall A of the Santa Clara Convention Center. It was seeing how well an event combining kits for sale and kits well built that directly put a desire to try it out for a West Coast IPMS Nats years ago. Of course putting bee to have SVSM *(continued page 3)*

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

HEY who's the rude bastard hogging all the space here? OH! It's me. Yes, the Kickoff Classic has moved itself in to front & center for launch not long after you'll get this.

We'll be having TWO vehicles in 1/1 scale for display, a lucky thing for the Contest Director (me) that great folks are willing to step up to make this happen. There's those I owe great debt of gratitude, respect and serious awe, for many years being involved with this event. Know too, too well, what it costs in human capital better than \$\$ capital.

This is my 30th year with this club. Also second shot as Editor, which many know was how I started as an Officer, short time after becoming member (Include Treas & Sec'y when it was my post). Strikes me as perfect segue point to join our outgoing President Joseph in taking on downtime.

Not so much free time as more time for me, with several other projects, this Sheet Editor being one of them. I'll be holding fast to the Fremont Hornets TriCity Classic event, too. However, I have some others who are truly seriously in mood to try themselves out as Kickoff Classic Captains.

To which I say in huge volume broadcast... HOOORAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAY. And THANKS ! - mickb



SVSM 2013 Kickoff Classic Saturday, March 23, 2013 Theme: "Go The Distance"



Santa Clara Convention Center Hall D 5001 Great America Parkway Santa Clara CA 95054

9:00 AM Doors Open 12:30 PM Registration Closes 1:05 PM Judges Meeting 1:15 PM Judging Begins 3:30 PM Awards Presentation
2013 SVSM KOC Theme "Go The Distance" Round the Clock or Round the World (Eligible: Any subject defined record setter, or in endurance racing, etc)



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Thanks to MVTF Museum/Chris Hughes,
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Contestant Admission Pricing: \$ 12 Senior, Unlimited number of models entry
\$ 2 Junior, up to 5 models included, enter 6 or more = 5 dollars flat fee
\$ 1 Sub-Junior, up to 5 models included, enter 6 or more = 5 dollars flat fee

Spectators admission fee \$ 5, family members of contestants are admit free, as are spectators under 12.

Vendor Contact: VP Mike Meek, call Mr Meek at (408) 686-1985, leave message, inquire for pricing. Valid CA Sales Tax Permit req'd.
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SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME MARCH 2013 "That's A Spicy Meatball"

While it may be a hard one to swallow, this dietary diatribe of a theme was independently tested during a meal after it was cooked up by your Editor. Chief aim of this recipe was to enable a wide variety of subjects that are otherwise unrelated, to be blended for competition. Ingredients of this non culinary conspiracy are: FINISHED items of either Mediterranean Seacoast Nations (of which there are MANY) OR the Nation of Japan (thus the meatball...) Aircraft, Armor, Autos, Figures, Animals, all eligible along with Maritime subjects, as long as they are as outlined above. So Italian, French, Greek, Turkish, Cypriot, Libyan, Spanish, Israeli (to name a few) and Japanese Air Forces or Ground Forces are easily competitive. That alone ought to spice things up. Bon Appetit.

SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME APRIL 2013 "Belated Birthdays"

There's no escaping it. Either one has another birthday, or we wish you still were. So moved in that spirit to try, Editor is hosting a second shot at finishing something THIS YEAR for Bill's Excellent Adventure. SO now, if you had one underway for the February offering, finish it! If you have something done that fits for it, bring it on. Sole idea: enter a model of a vehicle or figure that was active in year of your birth or something that occurred on the day of your birth from any year. Bill's example, he could build a 1962 'Vette or a Lancaster that bombed the Tirpitz on November 12, 1944. As long as it ties into your birth year or birthday, anything is eligible. Try it.

SVSM MEMBER'S CONTEST THEME JUNE 2013 "UNKNOWN HISTORY"

Thanks to Webmaster Vladimir Yakubov for being "Instigator, Special Project" on this idea here. The concept is simple enough. Examples given include the Yak-23 "Flora" test flown in USAF markings at WPAF before it was returned to Eastern Bloc from whence it came. Or the Russian warship that was docked in SF Bay back in 1904 (during the Russo-Japanese War) thus subject to possible internment if not embarked within 24 hours. I'm not sure in fact what happened to that one. Or of course a LOCAL favorite, tied to Oakland and El Cerrito. What is it? The Capelis XC-12 from the Safety Airplane Corporation. Be prepared to share when you bring entries!

SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME JULY 2013 "CORVETTE SUMMER"

What better way to mark the American Birthday Celebration theme? HeartBeat of America indeed, Chevrolet captured it now for SIXTY years running with this 4 wheel fountain of eternal youth. Don't be shy, there are SO many models out there to choose from, surely at least one appeals to each and every one of you. Okay, no, fine. Well expect I'll see at least a few of the old girl. If you're not in an automotive mood, still may vy for Editor's award money with a "legitimate" maritime version, of which there's an abundant potential in sail, steam, steel!

SUPER THUNDER STING CAR event applauded for success (continued from page 1)

Kickoffs held there, in bonnet of a certain obsessed Contest Director vet who shall remain nameless. Happily for him, “1963” themed “show only” event seemed to sufficiently fill the Hall. With over a 1000 (900 plus officially counted but one attendee who brings a table full, never deals with paperwork, but hey great participation so...) fine scale autos to look at, appreciate, wonder over and just take in on table after table after table. Combine that with a vigorous vendor area response (36 different ones, like many recent West Coast NNL shows with some in business of offering ,deals for non automotive items they had to sell) all on the other half of the Hall. Thus, you may see like this attendee, one can host a “show not a contest”, charge 15 bucks at the door, and end it smiling!



Following the best ever attended Hobby Expo 2013 in Petaluma put on a week before, was truly major uplift in the mood for starting year in the view of this member of our social modeling community. Don't think I'm alone.



Evidence? Surrounded here by a goodly glut of (mostly) “on theme” display autos, our own Bill Bauer at “the theme table” Above is new

SVSM member Larry Fernandez, with a stunning crop of cars himself, three that may suddenly strike you as very familiar if you made the February meeting, night before. Chrysler Turbine Car in stock configuration executed flawlessly to my eye, was a featured real car for 1963 theme on NNL flyer. The sweet black '63 “vert Vette Racer” and classic silver Stingray , in the background a black '63 Stude. All nice !

WHAT ? NO 1963 SUPER THUNDER STING CAR showed up at the>NNL event (continued from page 4)



Well, why not make it front and center, after all it's on theme and opened up for potential customer's viewing. A definite "revelatory" car design, the 1963 Studebaker Avanti elicits even when person didn't intend to voice it, an opinion of strong like or dislike. Not bad legacy for a man who is also lauded in the same period for being a brilliant shaper of refrigerators (Coldspot) and Coca Cola vend machines. Raymond Loewy, a hero of mine. Opine as you like about the relative beauty or utility of this American "personal luxury car", name another who survived a difficult birth that saw its parent company dissolve within its first year, was sold to two Indiana car dealers who began it's second life which thru a series of others, saw this basic design being produced into 2007. Below in foreground is the Avanti that punctuated on Utah salt flats the "presumed inflated" claim, wasn't that. Car with the dealer offered customer option of a Paxton supercharger like in this, you could see 160 MPH plus in this car. In background, another sight of the Turbine, a classic aqua 1963 Karmann Ghia and another Vette!



That's unconscionable. NO '63 SUPER THUNDER STING CAR? Fine I'll JUST WRAP UP then ! (from page 4)



Of course, there was plenty beyond the 1963 themed. A very useful and intriguing display was this one with a “simple red Pickup” but in a descending scale cascade



This colorful grouping captured what many displays were like, lively, varied with a signature character to them but nothing obvious beyond being very appealing,.



Above are two “Junior” table displays and I am so jealous of how “Predicta” in blue turned out. I did this kit when I was a kid, and even today never see such a result when I return for try #2 My applaud to this modeler, hope he stays the course. Next to that pair, one carefully posed and executed ‘Dozer, trailer and tractor. Check “unfinished” finish on that body shell, tasty, no?

Lastly for this article (MORE coming in the March TAMS) is my talisman, a picture to provoke this builder to be at Kickoff Classic 2013. What a way to compete for “See Shelby Won” as Special award. Comes with enough on trailer to qualify as “collection”; Hot ! OK, for now, coverage fini-- Mickb



"BIRTHDAY PARTY" CONTEST GAVE GIFTS FOR THOSE WHO SHOWED



Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting contest for February for past few years has been "Editor's Theme" as a vanity project, it's his birthday month and gift to himself. This year was different, however. Treasurer and all around great guy Bill Ferrante had come up with this great concept which hit square on the mark for the Editor.

The idea : either to build a model of a vehicle or figure that was active in the year of your birth or something that occurred on the *day of your birth*, from *any* year. Bill's example was he could build a 1962 Corvette or a Lancaster that bombed the Tirpitz on November 12, 1944. As long as it ties into your birth year or birthday, anything. Well, Bill and I weren't celebrating finishes for this go around, however others did manage it. One actually provided in the best "club contest convolution" tradition, a worthy stretch of rules application.



New member Larry Fernandez crafted Chevrolet trio which all tied to 1958, which worked out fine for him and us.

Open top white "vert" Impala with a red top and a variegated red interior led off the group. Middle, a "closed top 'vert" in red with white cap. Again he had a red interior with grey/black seat panels. Very nice chrome work.

Above, Larry's clever "hypothetical" or "phantom", an actual Chevrolet Nomad for 1958. As was pointed out in the meeting discussion of model talk, true there was a 1958 sold as a Nomad, but Larry made it clear that to him it was a rebadged Chevy wagon not real deal. One significant deviant feature which Larry's "FauxNomad" corrects is the true two door style of original models. He noted yes, real 1958 had four doors, standard for station wagons except for of course, Nomad until then.

Fourth member of the monthly contest crew, a blue Ford from Cliff Kranz, which he qualified for by documenting "birthday" relationship, in a manner I'd not conceived



More Birthday coverage here and now (from page 6)



Okay, now that you know the players, who won the plays? Here we go:

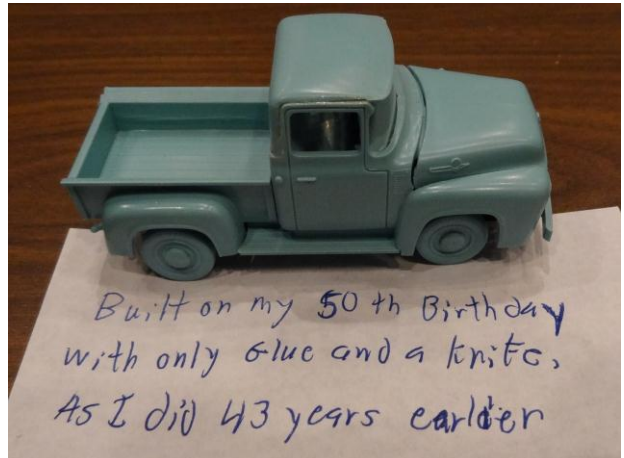
FIRST PLACE went to Larry Fernandez for his sweet ride in glossy white and red (fine matching to factory offerings for the year, I've looked up 1958 Chevy data since the meeting, my curiosity being aroused by the color combo inside of the two convertibles.)



SECOND PLACE also was in Larry's hands, which he used to make this true two door 1958 with convertible magic that wasn't obvious at least to me, until he'd given his model talk. In retrospect, I'd told him that he was quite the modeler, that maybe my 1st and 2nd assigns as judge ought to be swapped. No matter, \$20 won by him.

THIRD PLACE and last \$10 from Editor's Prize Pocket Money went to Cliff Kranz and his Blue Ford PU which he "built on his 50th birthday just like his first one at age 7, with a knife and glue"

Excellent legal expansion, Cliff, now we'll include that means of allowing entry in the upcoming "Editor's Theme Club Contest" for April. No fooling, this theme deserves a further tryout, so we do with "Belated Birthdays" as theme. One more chance to finish entries for club contest rules set out for February plus Cliff's one additional rider. I know of at least two who didn't complete plan for this long announced contest, with 1956 year in common. So see what arrives after the Kickoff, hey? Thanks y'all. -mick



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF SVSM MEETING 03-15-13

Friday, March 15 2013

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Editor's Contest Theme is "That's A Spicy Meatball". With 21 Mediterranean countries and the Empire of Japan, how can one miss on eligible subject material?

Saturday, March 23 2013

IPMS/SVSM host KOC 2013 contest & show "Go The Distance" is theme. Dakar Rally, 24 hr Le Mans, as examples of endurance and/or long distance racing. Other subjects include Round the World craft (air/sea) like USS Nautilus, Rutan Voyager, or "Lucky Lady". Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy.

Friday, April 18 2013

IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting, "Belated Birthdays" is theme. One more chance to finish entries for club contest rules set out for February. Discussion of KOC event and how it went the distance.

Saturday, April 27 2013

IPMS Seattle hosts Spring Show, Renton Community Ctr, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy, Renton WA

Saturday, May 4 2013

IPMS Las Vegas "Best of the West 18" Railroad Pass Hotel & Casino, 2800 S Boulder Hwy, Henderson NV

Friday, May 17 2013

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Editor's Contest Theme is " May Day, May Day ? "

Saturday, June 15 2013

North Olympic Peninsula Modelers Society Contest, Bldg 204, Fort Worden State Park, Fort Worden WA

Friday, June 21 2013

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Member's Contest Theme is " Unknown History "

Friday, July 19 2013

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Editor's Contest Theme is " Corvette Summer "

Wednesday thru Saturday, August 14-17 2013

IPMS/ Colorado Group host The Thin-Air Nationals. Located @ J Q Hammons Conference Center & Embassy Suites Hotel, Loveland CO. Website for rules/awards/themes and details <http://www.ipmsusa2013.com>

Friday, August 16 2013

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Theme: "Hey where did the Editor run off to???"

Saturday, September 7 2013

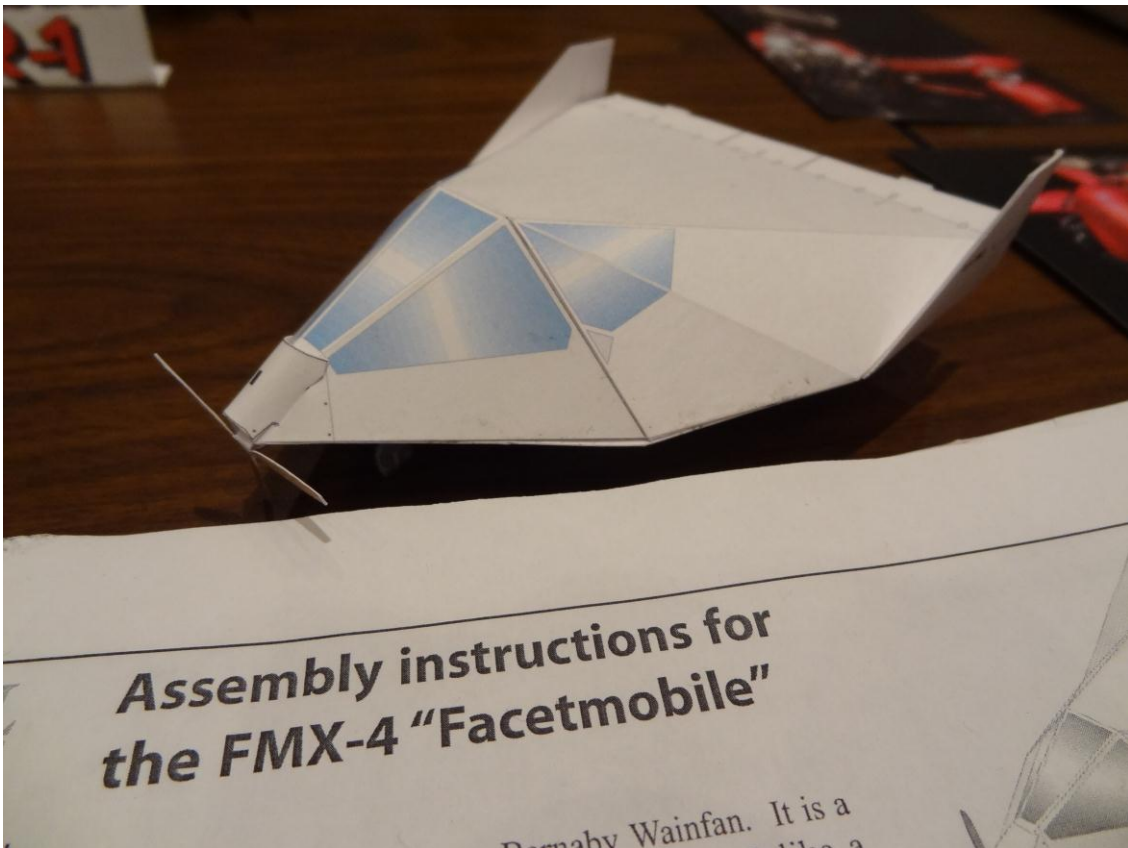
Reno High Rollers host #14, theme "Civil Wars" Desert Heights Elementary, 13948 Mt Bismark, Stead, NV

Sunday, September 29 2013

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host "Tri City IX", Contest Theme is " Soldier of Orange" (They're going Dutch!)

Saturday, November 2 2013

Antelope Valley Group host their 17th Desert Classic ! Theme TBA, held at their home locale in Lancaster CA



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
Mark Balderrama**

FOR WINNING FEBRUARY MODEL OF THE MONTH



7:00 PM

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MARCH 15

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