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APRIL NO FOOLING ... A TURNOUT ... MY CALL



The *ALLEGED MINUTES*
of SVSM April

by Dan Bunton's Bro

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LOOK TO THE FUTURE !

For 2014-15 SVSM President, welcome to "Helo" Mike Woolson & his E-Board team ☺

Mixture of "new and old" in Officers recipe, all very good news for "building the future" As '13 -'14 President Bill IPMS San Jose Scale Modelers to Silicon Valley Scale Modelers, he's

now reenlisted as a new VP.

It's all good !

Joining us for another first in our next 5-Oh, our 1st Woman VP, thanks to Christine for her taking this !

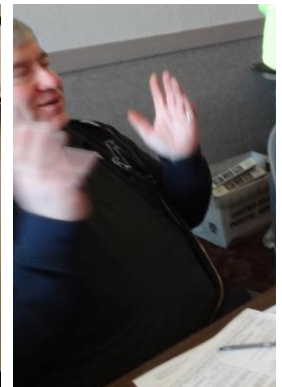
Her husband, Dave Anderson accepted as VP elect. So there, awesome start.



Chris Bucholtz, Club Secretary, what else could he want to do? We were so sure he wanted *less* time with his models ...



Mick B, drinking in hopes he 's able later to swear he'd been not in right mind, meant not to accept a new term as Editor... Tough luck



Then on right, Mick caught a shot of Mike reacting to becoming new SVSM President and Bill Ferrante learning he's now off that duty (but before he remembered that he's now VP, Treasurer (21+ years!) and of course, The Other Editor ...☺)

To reprise the great looking future of our Region Nine and part of my thanks to those of "Third Generation of SVSM" now taking on the Executive, seems an excellent point to remind of other recent fine progress within our community.

Such as recalling that 2013 saw the FIRST Junior IPMS Club (as an Actual designated and chartered so entity) formed, also bringing us OUR FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT in IPMS Region Nine. That's her, Jinyi Lily Liu, right next to Dave Anderson, part of her support staff. Congratulations Lily, you and your team is making life vibrant

Finally I want to close out this early publish issue of the OSS, with picture to emphasize that new VP Christine has an executive action in hand, in case anyone thinks "women have their place", not as CEO With THANKS to y'all for a brighter future outlook - mickb



CLUB CONTEST MAY 2014 "The Eighties"

For a full and complete reminder of this contest go here: <http://www.mickbmodeler.com/may-2014-svsm.php>



Photos: Mick Burton Models : everyone

At April meeting, contest chairman Mike Woolson reviewed everyone on our First Silicon Valley Classic, by which two weeks prior, we proudly, quietly celebrated our 50th year anniversary as an IPMS-USA chapter. With great margins, the response to the tremendously smooth running, vibrantly attended return to our Napredak Hall venue proved Mike's the Man for the Job ! One of his ideas he put forward and personally made the effort to be securing: Gourmet food truck there at midmorning to late lunch time, assuredly made a solid check in REPEAT Column! Mike wholly took the helm from the prior Director and he made excellent use of past experiences to be sure. Better though, is how he made this new contest his own, from the start over a year ago. A tremendous plus to build the future 50 years on. I know this confidently for this simple reason: I was the last Contest Director and have been working with Mike as an alumnus staffer, during that time. Very proudly part of his team, glad to put the "stats" forward at our meeting, along with the proper context to underscore the SUCCESS of our 50th and 1st

Our best numbers we had to share in an important growth goal area, resulted in a much deserved thanks from us to the members of the **Bay Area Dragons** model club. Their President, Lily Liu, and crucial support from Mike Woolson, Christine and Dave Anderson, others helped put out the call for more entrants from the juniors' club.

They came through magnificently with **TEN more modelers** for this show, best stats we've had in YEARS. As well, the BAD contingent brought a much appreciated zest to the First SVC's Make 'n Take. Dave reported on their behalf how official count was 52 models "out of the box and into builder's hands" out of 55 available! That too, another record and great "present step to the future". CD Mike splendidly wrapped up our after battle report announcing best numbers out of this 50th and 1st event, the SECURED DATE for NEXT YEAR's SV CLASSIC

That's right. Silicon Valley Classic # 2 is set up, approved and on deposit with Napredak Hall for 4-11-2015. How do you like them numbers? The Editor at that point recommended we consider keeping this team around.

Mindful of all this, President Bill Ferrante soon enough prompted to recall we normally hold elective processes Shortly after the Annual Contest, thus launched discussion with intent to move on for nominations to be made.

Not ones to look a gift horse in the mouth, membership present assented to whole matter being opened, dealt and closed with a recorded "unanimous by acclamation" election of the following nominated E-board 2014/15:

President	Mike Woolson	VP	William Ferrante	VP	Christine Anderson
VP	David Anderson	Sec'y	Chris Bucholtz	Treas	William Ferrante

And oh yes, Mick Burton was returned as Newsletter Editor. Oh well. Condolences, I mean congrats, all of you

While true that Chris Bucholtz wasn't present to defend himself, he wasn't the first Officer elect "in absentia". If he chooses to decline this post? The Newsletter Editor will be made to fill in until next election. Save chance showing a passionately fervent seeker to wrest this post into their own hands, pressing their case to the E-board.

After the smoke filled room cleared... New President Mike Woolson launched us into the FUN part of the meet

In model talk... Mick Burton tried to pass off as "no big deal" his recently completed, now one legged, early P-51D from Hasegawa's 1/48 kit. This item started out life as 5 dollar (that's right, FIVE US \$) purchase of the



kit from an offering at a SJSVM (Tomcats) meeting. An ambitious plan to make this his 26th Q-scale Mustang finished, foiled by his own hand, Mick relayed to us so: A very late night home from a hard week. Too tired to realize as he did it, placing weighty Results Binder (SVC) for easy retrieval in back of his car. By so doing it, handily remove one complete set of his P-51 main gear. How? For in shadows of his path, lay that very same Passion Wagon. Now directly underneath that binder.

Next day (before meeting nite), a search equal in futility to the one for "MH370 Malaysia in the Pacific" found no clue where his right gear set vaporized. So Burton posed it for show at April meeting. A 1/72 Wermacht dude filling in somewhat, as missing leg. Mick portrayed all this wasn't an infuriating error and trauma for him. As a recorder of night events, I think he was just successfully masking the true, "two thumbs down", dark fate which may await this now damaged goods...once safely out of others' sight. Only time will tell. *I, Dan Bunton, won't.*



On a cheerier note, Burton showed progress to complete this RAF Mk 4 (F-86) Sabre. Purchased on a Yuba City contest road trip. Had an originally planned completion in February 2013, then April 2013, for "Birthdays" SVSM club contest.

Well, clearly another birthday passed and he's not done yet.

Another "Q-scale" Hasegawa kit, noted for those who may want that.

Lastly, Mick had a 1/72 scale "S-D-K- F oh who cares" (it's actually a Sdkfz 7). He revealed it was a free kit, gotten from a fellow Free Hornet, who "doesn't do armor". A challenge of sorts, as this Hasegawa molding is certainly nice yes, but this particular kit had NO INSTRUCT. That's why FREE.

Given that Burton has a Tamiya 1/35 of this vehicle to do, a close approximation of how to proceed didn't seem that hard



What was tough to swallow though for him, was the amusing if in fact infuriating parallel, to past contests that he'd been in. All when Model Talker, Ken Miller, began relaying the story for his trio with his well built U-2C. The delicious irony? For that was only the appetizer. The main course which nearly finished off Burton in the notes taking business that night, was Ken's second of the three he brought to show, seemed like April Fool fun !



Firstly, Ken's 1/72 U-2 was put into first SV Classic as a last minute item, he told. (when Burton had compiled and analyzed The SVC data after show, he'd run across that as a postulate, now confirmed) Ken had seen the amazingly barren field which was S1, 1/72 Senior Single Engine Jet AC

Though somewhat rare, this paucity does occur. Our Ken, being a practical modeler, conceived of a plan to assist club, maybe even himself here. As he said, he's local and it's still early, enough time for him to sweep home to Campbell, get this U-2 and enter it before close of registry.

So Ken relayed how he did just that. Yes, he was to end up 4th in now field of four.

Other than fact he didn't win here, Ken's whole tale made Burton blanch plus Bill

Ferrante slyly smile, with this April model talk telling. For Bill knew how long ago (the 80s) at a SJSJ Contest IN CAMPBELL, how one member drove over to his father's home to "borrow" an entry, for this very same (S1) category. Wherein with that "borrowed at last minute entry", to fill up a "deserted category" he'd beaten Burton out for an award ! The modeler? Burton's old friend, Barry Bauer. And The Model ? A 1/72 U-2, of course! So now you know the rest of the back story. But innocent relayer of scary model stories, Ken, wasn't done yet.



No ! Ken next recounts how the 1/72 scale F2H-4 Banshee he has brought was "an almost ran". Model that he'd passed on last minute when he got to home (in Campbell), deciding to not bother to also enter while he had time.

He ruefully recounted how he was as shocked as I, along with a few others how there ended up being NO ONE in S2 Category, Senior 1/72 ME Jet !

His smile matched mine a little later as he told of how he chose the scheme for his F2H. Definitely a nice surprise.

As he said, he'd have taken home 1st place just for showing up with that Banshee, which he treasured as a build not for how it turned out but for what it represented. Ken told us he had built this in the NAS Alameda markings of a Banshee that had crashed in the Saratoga Foothills, back in late 1950s. I knew of this incident myself. For both of us, it was part of our hometown local lore and our youth here as a common link with this model on table.

But I interrupted Ken to brief everyone how, as Docent at The Wings of History in San Martin, I regularly pointed out to visitors the 20mm cannon from this very airplane.

How we had a "local color display" about the crash in our museum. Ken let me rattle on, then politely with a sly grin asked me if I happened to also know just HOW that gun came to be in WOH's possession, long before I'd worked there. It was amusing to see the look on the audience as I slowly got where Ken was going, as I am sure I looked a bit peaked and intrigued based on their reactions. Ken's generous manner let me off easy as he said he'd show up



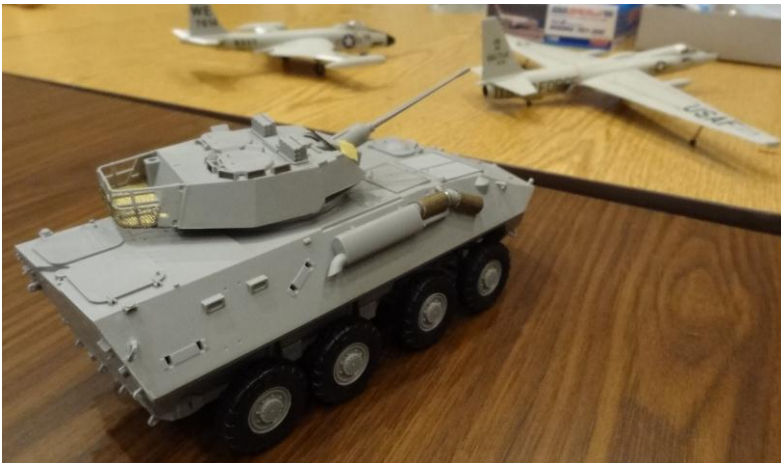
one day soon with a picture of him with the very cannon on the day he'd brought it with his friends, to museum, He made it even more fun as he recounted all the "not so amusing parts" of how humorless the USN and others are when "reckless youth" go into the foothills at their own risk and retrieve (no small feat!) items like this, for a bit of fun and great tales to tell when "you're older". Seems the "powers that be" consider that wreckage their US Government Property "and you're in big trouble mister, if you don't tell us where it is or turn it over to us" RIGHT NOW... Of course in true bureaucratic fashion, all this occurs more than once but LONG AFTER there's any proof at all anyone such as dear young Ken or friends, can be even remotely connected to the aforesaid. So, as it worked out, years later I am now working alongside the very cannon mysteriously arriving one day at San Martin's Air Museum, I know well a friend who's a modeler who happens to know of this same artifact, and he happens to also have a model of this related aircraft, and we all coincide one April nite. Such is life. Serendipity and scale modelling sometimes just hand in hand I guess. Recording all this "alleged facts" here is of course all for "entertainment purposes only", for the amusement of members present and not. Any thing true in that telling is of course purely coincidental and should not be taken as a statement of any factual basis or legal propriety !



Ken also had a work in process that is totally in his wheelhouse, in form of a Boeing 767-300 ANA you see here on left. I recorded not a thing as to how it's possible that Ken and I are related to the Chief Designer of the EMP gun hidden inside the proposed "Air Force 1" version of this aircraft. Or how Ken could have possibly recreated it so accurately here in his model. If I had, we'd have to admit breaches of National Security, be sentenced to spend the rest of our days as the Sergeant At Arms for SVSM or other suitable cruel unusual penalty.

Luckily, you can't prove a thing because it is all sealed inside the kit now, and if you break it open you will cause it to self destruct, leave no trace, and worse, you'll have to find Ken a replacement model !

One advantage to taking the notes for April meeting, I can shade the details to what suits us best to prevent any untoward intrusions later.

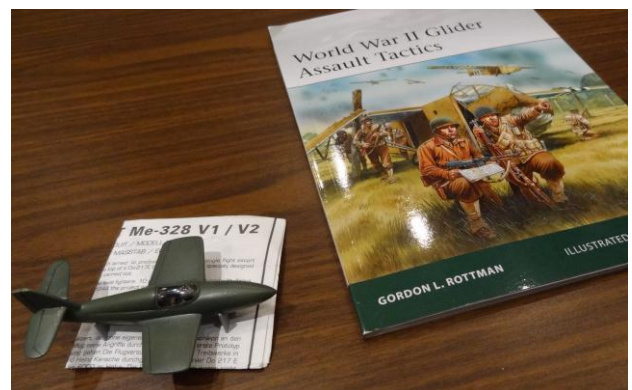


While it may look as if perhaps Burton had a hand in it somehow, let me assure you the picture on left with a very suspicious pose of the gun on Laramie Wright's LAV-25 on Ken's U-2, there's no Actual plot going on. Just an accident in a photographic parade.



Laramie reports he's quite pleased with Trumpeter LAV, same with his 1/48 B5N2 Kate by Hasegawa

Meanwhile, Dave Balderamma just back from trip



to the Frozen North (aka Canada) brought back a nifty tome on WW2 Glider tactics and not so nifty he says, kit of the Me-328 V1/V2.



While his Dad may not be enamored of his Me 328, son Max is very pleased to be constructing the squash orange “cargo transport” in 1/550th scale as seen here on left.

In another corner of the world, Chris Zanella left site of NNL 2014 with a “challenge” all his own to carry out. A Combo “Ford Pickup plus ’57 Chevy”, to make of what he will. Looking forward to seeing what Mr CZ manages here...his theme for his Hobby Expo 2015 is “Heroes & Superheroes” may conspire to lead him into fantastic car production that befits one of those character archetypes!

Recent Tim Curtis Service Award recipient Randy Ray provided us with heroic results of his first try out of the “hairspray technique” for weathering/paint chipping on a scale basis. His efforts were amusingly relayed as tale and also worthwhile indeed, he got Model of the Month at Fremont Hornets in April with this 6 inch British gun!

That is in addition to the First Place in Artillery taken at SVC #1

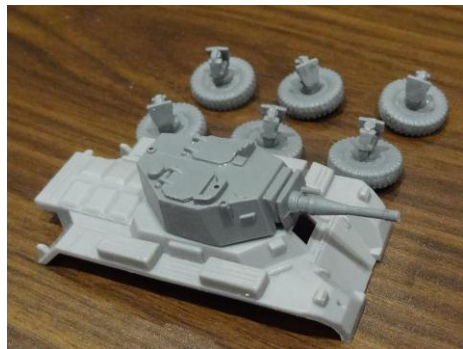


Now, on the left, either is some very obscure sort of “Surfing Safari” in scale, or the work of Kent McClure in progress.

Checking back on my notes from meeting, a pretty sure bet these must be some of Airfix figures now available for IJA AF, IJNAF, a Kamikaze party, etc. in always excellent 1/72 scale.

Kent’s patience with these people, awesome.

Kent has an “Egg PBY” working, I caught it here in “dog leg pose” as if working an insult on Kent’s 1/*whathehell* scale armor vehicle, nearby.



Gabriel Lee wasn’t letting any of this nonsense interfere with work. His “ARV Picua” (Barracuda) sub being fashioned from AFV Club’s Guppy II. Not only nautical, Mr G Shows marvelous progress on this Airfix F-51D for a Gruppe Build, a scheme of Fuerza Aerea Dominica chosen for this. Attractive and rare



Rare as well, Gabriel’s 1/350 Thunderbird I, nearly ready to “GO”. He had a twin jet also on table, recording of which here, escapes me for now. We see...

Ron Wergin was happy with his Hasegawa Me 262, but not pilot. RoG substitute put him right. He reports new Airfix Acrylics brush well, but airbrush awfully.

Jim Priete’s work is on cover, a Space Ark from movie, Lancia Stratos, a Nichimo Oscar in WIP.

Bill Ferrante had Roden Albatross “fixtured” up.



Cliff Kranz’s two T-34s made the cover shot too, they are the 1/35 Maquette kit he favors making.

Mark Balderrama’s paper aircraft fleet this month so abundant, I ran out of room to show it here! See TAMS in May for the “rest of his story”. Our one contestant who showed up with his FINISHED entry for “SVSM Speed Build” aka “90 Day Wonders Mk III” club contest...Laramie Wright with the Accurate Miniatures II-2 in camo!

MODEL OF THE MONTH went to Gabriel Lee, for his Airbus A319 done against his grain in the Dictator’s Personal Markings scheme, as he described it so eloquently. – *fini DB’s bro*

(supplemental April Meet coverage with photos, for this, will be published in May 2014 TAMS !) *Fini- for now*



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