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## 1<sup>st</sup> Time "ODD JOB" Truly Does Clean Up !



*First Time In Memory of Both Editor & Club Contest Sponsor Something This Evil This Way Came ☺*

Scattered Recollections and Photos By: Mick Burton

With a turnout for no doubt evidence of a crowd pleased by the club contest theme, both creator Greg Plummer and promoter Mick Burton were rewarded early for efforts. As the late publication of October TAMS featured wondrous early arrival October Meet Minutes, Editor can luxuriate in covering this abundance now here in November OSS.

Odd theme (to some), a matching marvelous odd variety  
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*Editor's Ravings* – this month's editor, Mick Burton

### MUSINGS ON MISSED OPPORTUNITIES, MISSED FRIENDS & NO MISSING THE FUN

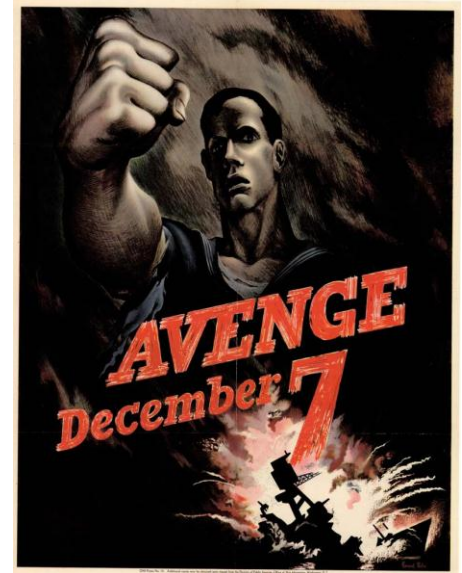
Now headed pretty fast to the close of the year, shaping up to have been a pretty full one for the 49<sup>th</sup> year of this club, thankfully. The 17<sup>th</sup> Desert Classic hosted by AVG with the theme "Day At The Zoo" just held, unfortunately several of us who usually make that trip had to miss it this go. It joined my list of unplanned misses along with Thin Air Nats and IPMS Seattle. Those last two especially hard memories now, since friend Stephen Tontoni whom I'd have had chance to share in the great fun with at them, won't be at future ones.

Reading just now online how it went with the Doolittle Raiders last reunion this weekend, reminded me to carry on with their same spirit. Down to four survivors now (one of whom came from Puyallup, WA, another area I missed chance to go to this spring for a model car show !) they wisely decided to "pull the plug and toast the last" while they were all still here in reasonable health. Perhaps the best part reading was the fact of context. They felt lucky to have lived to see, what at time when considering all the risk and work struck them as an almost insignificant in result by combat mission success terms, now is Historic

An all volunteer effort now roundly considered "the turning point" of one global conflict that still resonates profoundly. An excellent job of reporting on this event included a quote that just hit me hard, from a kid of 12, same age when I first learned of their exploits. His grandparents brought him for Saturday's events. Glad they heard: "This was Tokyo. The odds of their survival were 1 in a million," the boy said. "I just felt like I owe them a few short hours of the thousands of hours I will be on Earth." My hats off to you, John Joseph Castellano of Ohio. You get meaning of life.

Another significant date is coming up, which is why I selected the poster for this editorial page, it ties all this together, see.

Last December, missed seeing friends and fun at IPMS SilverWings' Silvercon. Thanks to all the losses and changes life's thrown in my way this year, planning to make every effort to be with everyone showing up for "Days of Infamy" theme on December 7<sup>th</sup>, at their new event locale. Like to encourage everyone in Region 9 to consider showing up for this event, for no other reason than it's just as good an excuse to be on a road trip with friends, to go see friends, make new ones. To toast those we won't be seeing and look forward to dawn of the next year, which happens to be 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for our club as a chapter of IPMS-USA. To have more fun, a debt we owe those who left us all that we have to pass on someday too – *mickb*



## SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME NOVEMBER 2013 "MOAB2"

**MOAB2** for November, our last meeting of 2013 with models on the table to talk over. A simple and basic premise: Build ANY subject you like, ANY scale you like. Out Of The Box. Yeah. Here's the rub. When and where we (me) say "out of the box build"... it's meant as just that. So? What's so "difficult" or "new" there?

Works out best explaining in "negation first" rules statement form:

**AIRCRAFT** : NO on standard "allowance" for "paper or tape seat belts" or other silly compromises ala IPMS USA. If your kit didn't have seat belts, the "control stick you always wanted", gun barrels of right diameter or pitots of same, tough luck. Same answer on "substitution of decal markings". If you can't prove they came in the kit you chose, don't bother to enter your model here, as we won't pay. **RESCRIBING?** Allowed as in a most **MINIMAL** application. If you think it's clever to "sand everything, so of course, all then needs to be rescribed to restore detail", be my guest. Then plan to enter model in the USA Nats or someone else's OOB rules contest. See, you've outsmarted yourself by being too bright for me. No, using kit instructions to make paper belts, altho clever, won't pass go either.

**ARMOR**: NO substitute tracks, decals, or aftermarket bits. Rules apply just like aircraft, on any rescribe, too.

**AUTOMOTIVE**: NO substitutions or aftermarket or wiring, etc. Just what was in box.

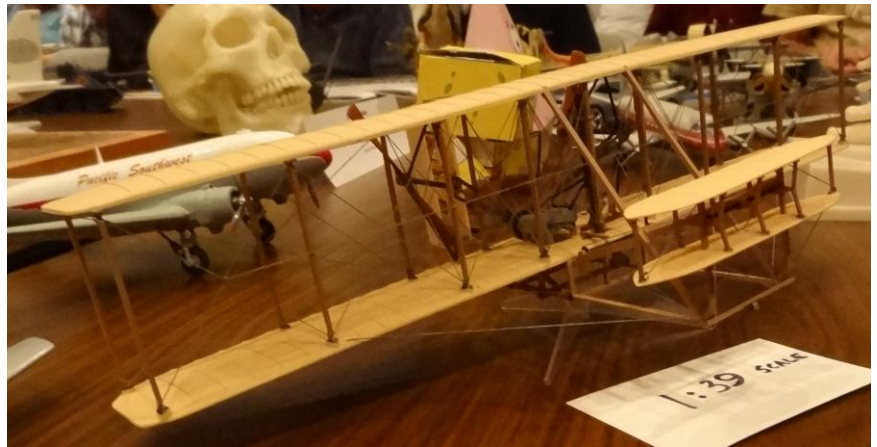
**SHIPS (maritime)** : NO substitutions or aftermarket, etc Just what was in box.

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**FIGURES** : NO substitutions or aftermarket, etc Just what was in box.

I'm sponsoring this little "clubtest" which is termed as one "MOTHERF#\$@ \$! Out A Box Build". Thinking; nowadays one should be able to find a fine kit to build literally straight out of the box (or bag). So starting there, show you are a credible skilled modeler willing to compete true "OOB" without any "tiny gives". We'll see ☺.

that perfectly illustrated the fun possibilities. All this was much our central point of "clubtest" when envisioned. The diner born theme was so elegantly simple in essence, being the premise something "not the usual scale" for any or all subjects. Yes "box scale" victory party in some senses, yet not limited to that.

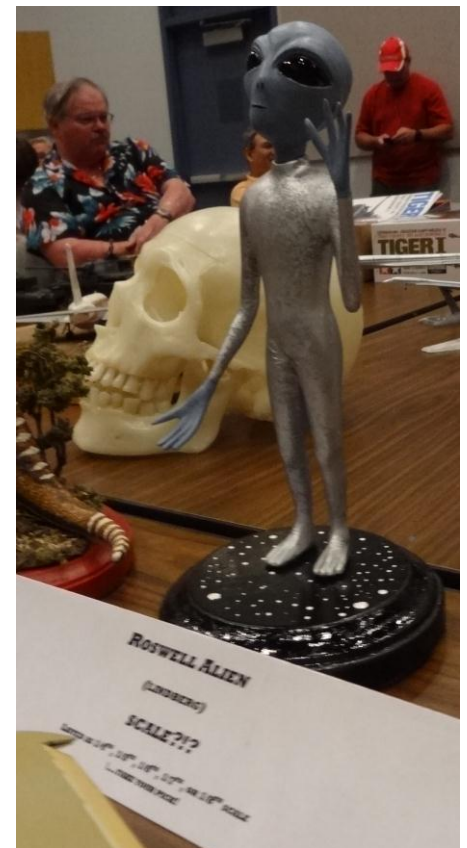


Fearless Al Kuhn led us off with his 1903 Wright Flyer in 1:39<sup>th</sup> scale, his results as ever, belie origin as OLD Monogram box kit!



Being in done two scales (1/5<sup>th</sup> AND 1/6<sup>th</sup>) the Alien gets Cliff K

a bit thoughtful. Mike Schwarze likely said which was one he chose, playing it safe here I offer my shots in both. Well, okay actually you can make out sign Mike often helpfully provides with his works, clarifies "Scale in Doubt". Hey, it's Lindberg, must be 1-64<sup>th</sup>!!



Clearly not daunted in least, Mike finished up "odd scale" Corythosaurus, again from a Lindberg molding. While the Tamiya model clan has for a "standard" set 1/35<sup>th</sup> as scale for "Prehistoric Plastica", no way Mike is tethered to that. Besides, as again he has his signage out, offering that this is "1/35<sup>th</sup> for the lazy". Thanks, I'd get all complicated, make it a "species variegation" explanation.

**FROM PREHISTORY TO NEVER TO BE HISTORY**

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Really enjoy the variety plus as you can see here, well executed multihued finish of this beast of ancient North America. Bravo !

Now, I'll see if I can aggravate the beast like a cat when it sees its own reflection...

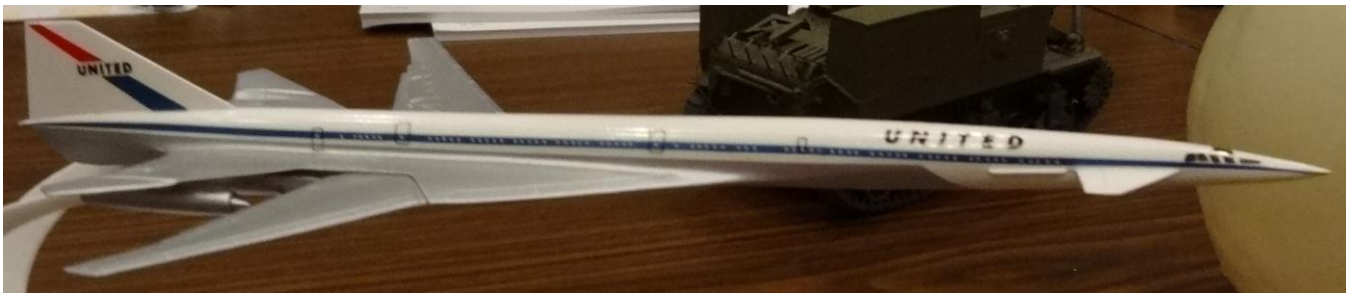


Cousin of effect Ken Miller's delta SST has on me. You see, I was young firehead when the Lockheed vs Boeing contest on for this contract. I was SO not amused at Boeing win, when it turned out their *actual* (**not the winner**) product would be the close cousin to Lockheed SST. An early lesson in cheap tricks.





Monogram's 1/400 Boeing SST is pretty fair rendering (great model by Ken) of the Model 2707 which is the winner of the competition, with "more advanced" canard/variable wing" design. Yeah, Congressman X, sure is super looking. Too bad they already knew (gee, shades of the X-32!) that design wasn't at all going to be their end result delivered. Odd how the resulting redesign -300 version looked very much like "loser" Lockheed with "double delta" configuration already well proven in the Blackbird aircraft then flying.



As another aside, Revell released another larger but still "odd scale" kit of "not really what you bought" and it offered you two planes. A swept wing supersonic, "bent nose ala Concorde" straight wing subsonic, neatly selling the same fantasy aircraft that real life counterpart was, in same fashion. Art imitates life. ☺



Pursuit proved almost Pyrrhic in victory, now Entex 1/600 733-300 (actual Boeing ID #) is all that remains



Ken nearly exhausted me with his nifty nostalgia niceties, next two here.



*EVEN AT 1/187 OF FULL SIZE, EVERY INCH A BADGER !*

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**ODD LOTS TURNOUT RECORD !**

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Ken did a masterful job on that tiny Tupelov, I know from having done 3 of them for my "Soviet Air Force" so

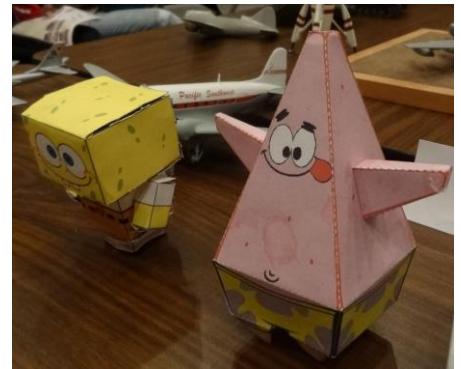
long ago. With little more than even tinier line drawings, fuzzy photographs, made "conversions" from two ! Near that same time frame dates Eric McClure's 1/40<sup>th</sup> A-1H.

Aero book underneath? Once was my only reference too!



Max Balderrama is laying the foundation of these same memories now for himself. Here's his snap tite Camaro in 1/32, his 1/120 Metal Mustang, with Patrick and Sponge

Bob "celebrities". Indeterminately scaled but well modeled in paper media oddly appropo accompanying the lot.



Thoughtful new member Eric Lenk brought along something in case anyone was lacking "full size" spine or brains. Have to hand it to him, it's an odd job but Eye know he keeps one open.

Clearly now it's time for noting Laramie's 1:77 TriMotor. Why? All due here as my trying so all of your patience



An appreciation for Eric's making sure of our having enough brains on hand wasn't my only fine memory of great turnout. Cliff Kranz's spot on 1/136<sup>th</sup> scale P6M-1 outdid my entries in the "secret DustMaster Awards" that night

Just give my 1/96 Air France of 20 years ago a look for start ...



**OSS (Original Styrene Sheet) COVERAGE ... Of MANY ODD JOBS**

(at page eight)

Here's my other Viscount, earlier build by a year. Dustiness is no match for Cliff's but wait! There's more!



Revell and Aurora had produced "back in the day" cool box scale (mostly) Atom

Age classics (nearly new at the time). Subjects that became "rara avis" too quickly.

A History Makers Release provided a chance for building this and years back I so did! Dusty yes, still qualifies entry, my IM-99 Bomarc in always popular 1/47<sup>th</sup> scale. ☺



Having missed showing old Dr. 1 in August, two shots of a dusty twisted relic of mine in 1/50<sup>th</sup>.

Christine is so sweet, we'll go to close with her "Planes" F4U, plus it's new. (and off scale)



As begun, we shall now wrap up. Greg Plummer and I amused at the end of this long awaited competition. See, my award plaques along with money he was providing as sponsor... **ALL WENT TO HIM** in the end of judging!

THIRD for his 1/200 "Panda Express" ANA 787, nice  
SECOND for his 1/6<sup>th</sup> Hemi Engine, careful, it's hot.



For Greg's 1/87<sup>th</sup> M60A2 !!







**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
Ken Miller  
FOR WINNING OCTOBER MODEL OF THE MONTH**



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