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BACK TO THE FUTURE !



Photos: Mick Burton Text: Mick Burton Models : everyone from everywhere

Officially many notable “quasi” MINUTES of the SVSM October Meet. A Scaaarrryyy memory

by Mick Burton

At the return to normal (post auction) meeting, a real lean mean E-machine as you see from here. As Editor filled in as the Secretary while a PhotoNaut.
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“ AN EDITOR'S MUSE ”

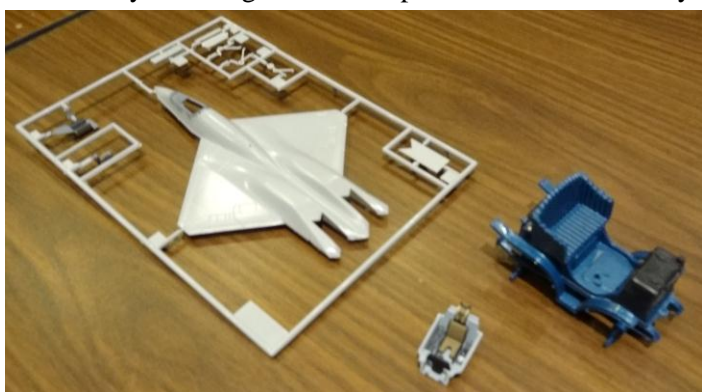
Be careful what you wish for, for you might get it !

Not meant to be mean spirited, but definitely edgy cautionary bit of great advice. November marks our now traditional last month of the club “model agenda”, putting stuff on the tables, club contesting, etc. Well this Editor certainly won't lack for subject matters to cover in the year ahead, as his wish was definitely granted for a surfeit of fun in 2015. So much so, that a reformat of plans he'd set out in May of this year had to be massively reconstructed only days before his next promotional. No complaint, far from it, means I have even more to be thankful for here in my traditional thanksgiving editorial offering.

Much thanks in advance to President Mike Woolson. For coming up with so many themes to grid that I've already work to fit in the 2016 SVSM calendar ! As well inspiring me to come up with some new pathways in my roles as Fremont Hornets President & TriCity 11 Contest Director, as further fallout from whole data bomb! That's a taste of what's to come. - mick

OCTOBER SVSM MEET WRAP UP BITS BY EDITOR (from page 7). START READING at page 3. [Return here](#) .

Kent McClure – Display of books, also had a WIP 1/144 YF-23, also a 1/43 Peugeot 1898 car, a “resinant” girl, lastly a Boeing X-32 Cockpit. Kent alluded to a mysterious finish coming for the X-32, and wouldn't say more.



Gabriel Lee's models at meeting table didn't all get there with him. Some showed up to rejoin him, after he'd abandoned them like newborns at firestation door, at the San Leandro Hobbies Unlimited work. Of course, it's more Editorial nonsense, actually the two Airfix P-51Ds of G Lee's crafting were at the hobby shop for a proxy. Left in good care so that they could form portion of backbone in Gruppe Build 2014 of Fremont Hornets entry at the September TriCity Classic Ten, which Gabriel was denied enjoying in person by his employer! Sheesh. A boss not caring what your weekend plans were, and scheduling you to go somewhere in a hurry. Imagine that ...



Left, it's Mustangs Of Latin America by G Lee. Right, at last, done with his comparative study building of old and new kittings of “BattleStar Galactica” he says, Pair of Battlestars, yes !

That wraps up the Model Talk portion, but the meeting didn't end there, by far. The “60s Club Contest” had an acceptable turnout of entries, and 3 winning payouts from the Editor's Mothball hangar (aka wallet) were made. All the details for that portion of these notes are best found in October 2014 TAMS, and left out here, for room. TAMS issue in question has been published ahead of this, you see. So we'll close out here with reminder that if You haven't already found out on page 8, Larry Fernandez returned from an absence to win Model of the Month with his “Astonah-Finish” 41 Willys. Please forgive the Editor's lexi-coinage, a few too many “comic books” in his reading library left their imprint. However, Larry's try out of this finishing technique did astonish Editor. -mb

OCTOBER SVSM SORTS ITSELF OUT WHILST PHOTOGRAPHER ATTEMPTS LEVITATION (from page 1)



John Carr started us off with his recent purchase at D&J Hobby inspired in part by demonic pricing (only five bucks!). His Zvezda 1/350 scale Soviet Armored Boat has nice detail, low part count. Bonus: is so off the wall obscure that it just screams to be built, put into competitions! Ben Pada's two table shares were on excellent polar opposites. On the left, a "Passionate Patty" PTO schemed WIP Tamiya P-47D razorback (well enough known) Then Ben's wicked IPMS Nats purchase, of Zoukei-Mura's Gotha Go-229 "Horten Flying Wing" in huge 1/32.



I just had to squeeze in these two shots, as engineering & detail of the Z-M kits is a wonder, and this is one obscure bird



Kinley Calvert has finished his own wonder kit, the 300+ parts

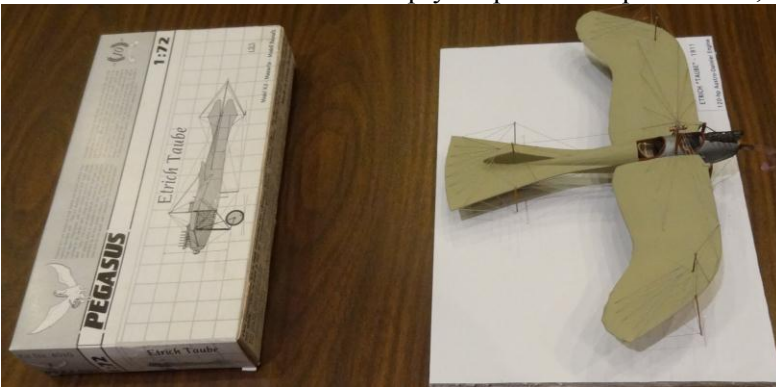
that form the 1/72 scale Millennium Falcon you see here. Kinley fashioned just as intriguing Model Talk for this.



Intrigue & Space seemed to be a theme for our October, indeed. Need proof, you say ?

Here, how 'bout this Gemini capsule from Tom Orsua. He learned its scale (1/24) and kit maker (Revell, late 1960s) from us when he brought to the table. Tom became proud if mystified owner of this Real Space artifact when he got it from a woman whose cake it was a decoration atop of!. Heat shield intact,

Tom is now of a mind to "pry it open" as he pointed out, the interior looks to be well done (kit was a nice work)

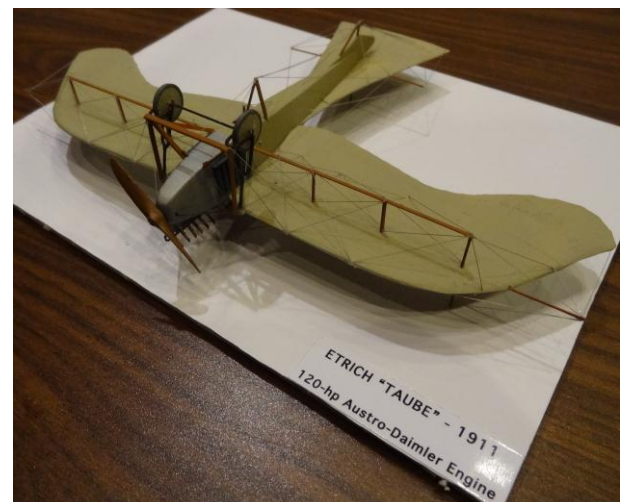
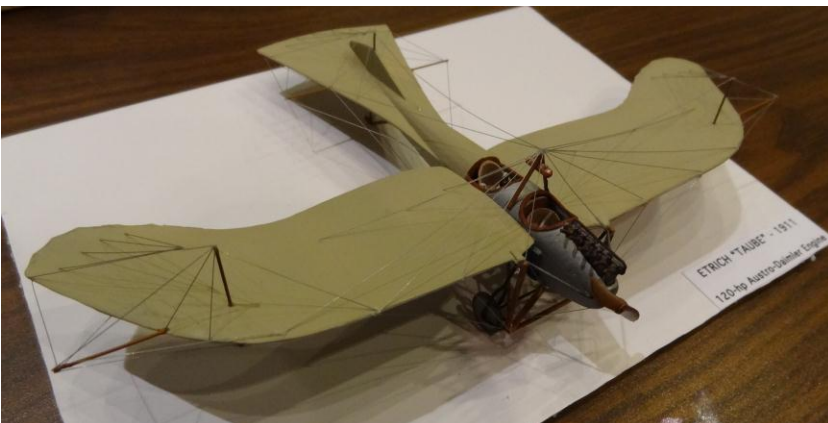


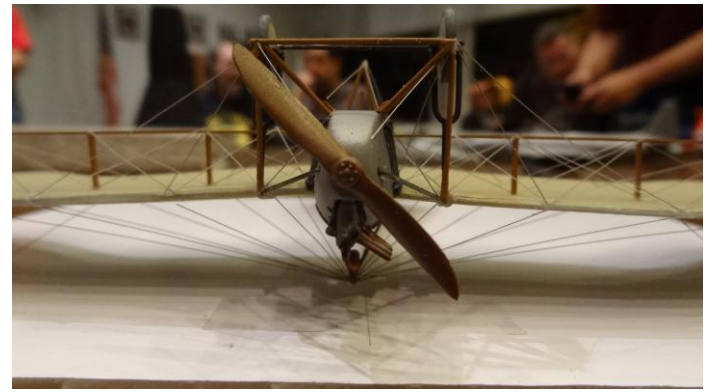
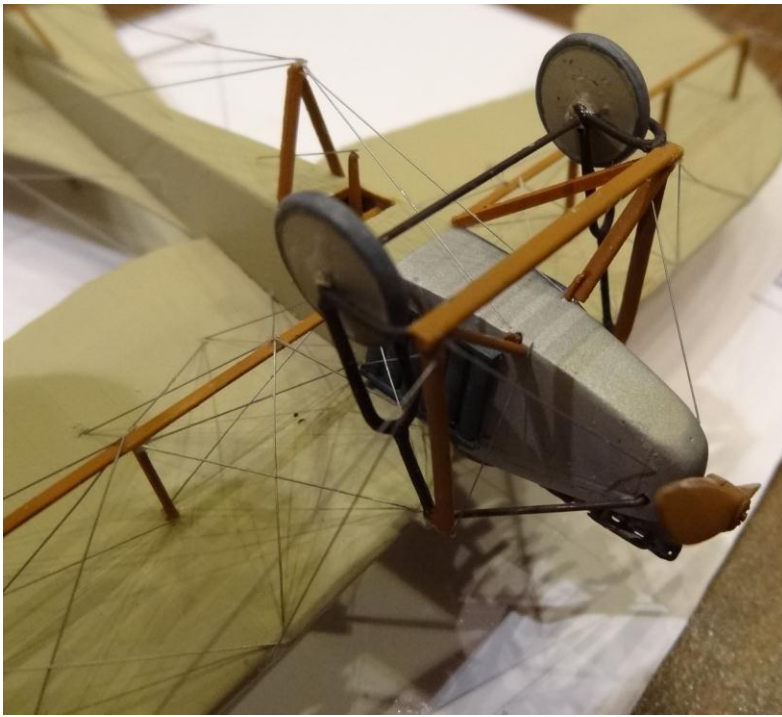
Yet another Real Space connect appears, really !

Al Kuhn, who shared this latest fabulous work of his, also to the Editor on the order of mystical art. Al also happened to be part of Grumman Space Team that worked on the Apollo Moon Landings !

His experience with that, must have given him the spiritual tools to find the beautiful bird hidden with in Pegasus kit purporting to be an Etrich "Taube".

Al helped me get the angles to more fully show a portion of the 138 pieces of 5 thou steel wires he'd cut and fitted to this masterpiece in 1/72 scale. Al enjoyed this design from the dawn of aerospace, we can tell.





Shervin Shembayati has been away. Back now, he's modelling in a new fashion. The gun barrel here? For a Tamiya 1/35 PAK 40 German field gun. He chose this, as it fits current workspace !



Mike Woolson spiced things up with his pair of characters from "Planes – Fire& Rescue" sequel

Mark Balderamma took a 2nd Place in – PAPER A/C Models with his HS Kestrel at the TriCity.



What he didn't take, was the award or the model home. Tom Orsua proxied for him there and here too, again!

Laramie Wright had two to share in the regular Model Talk arena. His bright yellow is the Heller issued T-6G Texan, in 1/72. The "Panzer Yellow" work in process in front of it below, is a 1/35 "Isherman" which he plans



to complete in a very historic scheme. As in 1967 Six Day War Israeli Sherman that was commanded by tanker Ariel Sharon.

Perhaps you have heard of him during the years, in news ?



Eric McClure braved the new DML – BLACK LABEL



Edition of the USA M103A. He made clear how he found many of the issues being discussed about this kit and “resemblance thereof“ to the real deal. The most egregious item that Eric wouldn’t take “out of the box” lying down, which happily he showed up to meeting to show us “in the raw”, that main gun.

Just take a look at how he did it, and consider how you too can do this, rather than buy a replacement.

Eric plans to finish this now and call it an M103A.

Mick Burton provided levity and comic relief by showing WIP P-80 “Ben Pada” in 1/48 from the Monogram.



The “working title” such due to this being very kit Ben caused Burton to buy at 2013 Reno HR contest. As a challenge to finish it in a year (in time for 2014 show) Mick explained he completed the P-80 in that box.

But with an older set of decals as an Oakland NAR, besides he missed the Reno event due to bad California highways. So he’s forecasting to do this Shooting Star using the aftermarket decals from the “ Ben kit ”.

Then there was this, a 1/72 Pavla kit of the Fi-167, the planned and built (14 total) biplane fighter for German Navy carrier Graf Zeppelin



Burton’s odd model choices were not talked of. for long.

Since luckily Larry Fernandez had returned to the meeting fold after a few months absence to share this autumnal ’41 Willys.

Larry in short order and similar format sentences, gave us all an informative talk on how he got this pearl of painting finish accomplished. It is hoped he sees fit to write article or columns on this magic, in near future for sharing here.

Editor and he discussed this as possibility before night’s end, we’ll see what the future holds. Beautiful work here.





Cliff Kranz – Revell Ford Pickup in Blue, Minenraumer by Meng with “two ton embedded metal” tracks, Revell of Germany reissue (upgraded) of the old box scale USA kit. Now it is a F7U-3M, a Cutlass late service version with Sparrow I missiles.

Randy Ray – Award winning MENG Terrorist P/U Truck in 1/35, with many revisions to create as a Libyan Revolution vehicle with aftermarket Rocket



Launcher. Having used a red base plastic Meng edition to do this project, Randy had to try out first hand Greg Plummer’s “Tip Talk” technique. One he gave months back on how Car Modelers undercoat “bad” color base plastic. So he got this wondrous cream white in the end. Bonus : Impromptu Tip Talk time came about as Randy well explained the “hairspray weathering technique” he used to great effect, at the continued facilitation by many present. The basic recipe here (Tamiya Hull Red base, Acrylic White Overcoat, Water Base Hairspray, then a *quick work* with a brush, to loosen & reblend) only has a simple hard rule: Be careful to only employ Acrylics !

Randy’s Revolting Pickup has a base coat of silver , to overcome the sure to arrive AfterMarket effect of “pink bleed” He reminded us of how Greg had warned of this end result, with plenty of rueful scale auto builders who tested these hypotheses. Wanting to build both Meng Pickups while only having the “white” originally, he only could get a “red” edition in time for a plan to have the Libyan in time to compete in TC-11 “Out of Africa”. We all won with his sharing of the entire tale and techniques, thank you Randy !☺



Thanh Nguyen – Speaking of sharing technique, 3 SPADs (SPAD-nickname of A-1 Skyraider, for Single Place AD, from original USN designation) here are part of Thanh’s intelligent approach to build skill, technique for his own goals. He wants to end up with a 1/32 scale Douglas A-1 in Grey scheme. Starting with 501 above, then to 512 on left (above) to satisfy himself on applying Gloss Sea Blue (Testors MM) first. Finally, stage of full on gray RVNAF bird. The gray is “Mr Surfacer” primer ! All three testbed kit are Tamiya 1/48. Thanh is known to us as “Mr SEATAC camo” for his “effortless technique”, now he is showing the real story of how much work to get there it is.



A final wrap up of meeting notes that includes Kent McClure’s models, Gabriel Lee’s models, work of a “contested nature” on that October night, along with a brief mention of other events, **may be found on the Editorial Page of this issue (page 2) ☺** For here, now there is no more practical room, and thusly I will close for this business to make ready for reading next page. *-mb*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
Larry "Stunt Fairy" Fernandez**

**FOR WINNING OCTOBER
MODEL OF THE MONTH**



REMINDER ONE REMAINING CLUB CONTEST FOR SVSM 2014

SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME NOVEMBER 2014 "THE SHARKS SPECIAL"

Celebrating San Jose's puck head connection, with a twist. ALL Shark Mouthed vehicles, EXCEPT for P-40s!, are eligible to compete. Since Editor and his adviser VP happen to like them, ANY C-2 Corvettes or also C-3 eligible. (Ask WHY? Easy. they are directly connected by "Mako Shark" and "Mako Shark II" design exercise).

Usual \$ 10 per win. ☺ Why NO "mouthy" P-40s? The Editor's gold, he makes rules. *They're cliché.*



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 11-15-14

Friday, November 21 2014

IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Club Contest, Theme "The Sharks Special"

Saturday, December 6 2014

IPMS/Silver Wings & IPMS/Dragon Lady host the show Silvercon 2014, Town & Country Church & School, 4049 Marconi Ave, Sacramento . Theme is " Push to the Finish: The Last Year of the War "

Friday, December 12 2014

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets monthly meeting.

Friday, December 19 2014

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. " To Steal or Not to Steal, That will be..."

Friday, January 9 2015

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets monthly meeting.

Friday, January 16 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Editor's Club Contest " 1915 " **PLUS NOW another** Club Contest, PRESIDENT's theme of " The Cat's Outa The Bag": All manner of subjects of a cat-like nature.

7:00 PM

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 21

at

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd

Milpitas, CA

