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Out of Oregon , Out of Africa !



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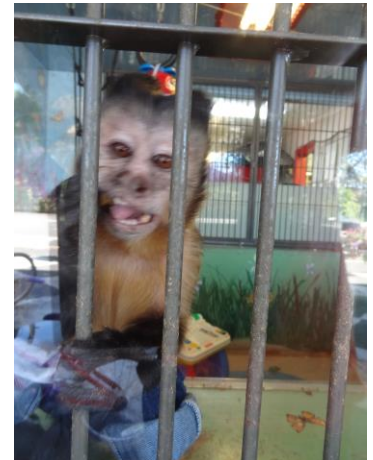
Models : everyone from everywhere



Officially NOT any MINUTES of the SVSM September Meet , however they're linked in !

by Mick Burton

In the last issue, reviewed "breaking news" of how the busy September 2014 event schedule was proceeding as it were, for three amigos of possibly familiar looks here. Well, now for taste of rest of the story. (Continues on 3)



“ *UNEXPECTED NEWS* aka *AN EDITOR's ALLEGED BLUES* ”

Try to remember the kind of September When life was slow and oh, so mellow

Never was particularly familiar in depth with this particular lyric. However all these years the tune along with the first line of it, occasionally would wander on through my mental muse. This year it seemed to show up a lot and by the end of this past month, now I'm appreciating learning just what NEXT line of opening was, and the amusing synchronicity.

The entire month of September 2014 and two subsequent weeks following, have been utterly 24/7 PLUS, full of LIVING a LIFE. As in the intended richness of that phrase has been my understanding, with an utmost happiness for comprehending.

Just so you get this very clear, not complaining here, just explaining as the marvel of it all begins to attain realizable form.

As knowledge already well in mind that “September this year looks to be an all weekends full up and then some” within my clan and nuclear family, we planned for months ahead with more than experienced eye. Due the turns of real life in this particular go around, nearly everything planned for came to pass. Just not with any jaded sense of “been there, done that”. Much familiar happened and yes not always in a pleasing manner, but with a renewed sense of freshness plus many, many unexpected joys and bonuses including some for this editorial, enjoyed process of discovery with even most insane sample: So caught up in sense of every moment of this all, *that even running out of gas on the way to an event I was Exec for*, with an hour's sleep in the prior 19, would end up *becoming a minor and humorous aside within same day's passage*. Truly had chance to know in direct “long single take” (to steal term from the cinema buffs), how utterly grand to be alive and feel it.

In that particular slice of the take, ended up having a lasting painful distracting reminder. However all that came before and after made it just an annoyance, no more. My right leg was swollen up with same knee in agony for over a week, day after the TriCity Ten. Thus my day work a sweet pain and night work a bit sketchy. All from my apparent lack of practice in the useful skill of running up and down freeways with or without gas can in one hand, cell phone in other. *Can't take fun away.*

See, after recovering some of the “getting ahead of things” time I burned up not getting fuel (too distracted and tired for a bit), learned ten minutes running late (in my world moment then) in calling to folks at the event site, I'd be right timely. As the Site Management hadn't opened facility yet. In fact were nowhere to be found! So, staff, customers, vendors for them all, had been gathering like a storm outside the facility for past 30 minutes. Not busy getting underway, cussing out my late arrival. Well, like had been happening within the world for me the last 4 weeks, the creative and Willing, Able, Ready folks rolled up sleeves, had already gotten together with very little more than some suggestions of who amongst them to network with from me on phone. So when I arrived, my sole role was to innocently misinform everyone we'd have the site folks in 30 minutes, remain calm. The negligent Community Center staff was there TEN MINUTES from that announcement. Next everyone dove in, took direction, made direction, instinctively found direction to shortly have me plugged in so busy and a huge impressed how we'd recovered so quickly from a body blow that many other “pro teams” would have folded tents on.

See, once inside, everyone present expecting reasonably what we'd contracted for and provided support for, found instead “nothing done, no evidence Facility even remembered our day”. Try opening your annual show, when you're late arriving, knowing ahead your staff, yourself are working at maximum plus capacity with last minute tensions building, with that.

Tell me how *you* take it. Well, for another Editorial, thanks to a new show customer; I determined a title that happens to explain the happy end results here perfectly framed “We're MODELERS. We Solve Problems OTHERS CREATE for US”

My in awe thanks to those who showed up early to TC-X and made this all a proof for The Ages. The show ran marvelous from a literal standing start, because as always, IT IS THE PEOPLE that MAKE THE SHOW. Exec Staff (Kent McClure, Mike Woolson, Louis Orselli, Mike Meek) and huge host of veterans from within local clubs plus so many from far out of area including superb vendors, all worked seamlessly, swiftly and most importantly EXQUISITELY WELL to “make it so”

So while so much happened that was undertaken, planned for long ahead, revised and reviewed ceaselessly with attention for the entire month of September and all the months before, all came down to what I tried to capture in that “above axiom”

This Editor/Contest Director/Modeler was only able to find time.means. sanity to go to one model show a week before his own, miss going to another due to a tire mishap while he was sleeping on the way (both were out of state, by the way), yet still have fun, work out his writing/publishing/modelling/work.for.pay schedules in spite of getting all out of bounds during the time passage, even literally run out of gas in midst of part of this whole fun exercise, end up feeling like damned good day to die. Here, when it's all now just something to run commentary on, *BECAUSE WE ARE MODELERS*. Be Proud, all.

More useful, CELEBRATE it. Try to remember, indeed, this kind of September. Thanks again! We'll do it some more, eh?



The third Friday of September saw wildly varying results for some membership. During the day, while some of them were getting their boxes and bucks together for the “SVC Fundraiser Auction” that night, 3 others had run off to Oregon instead, to avoid the whole stress. Here’s what happened. We learned where the Hughes HK-1 is



being held hostage, possibly by a roughneck gang of seniors driving old Fords. They’ve got a 747 stashed, too.

Jim Priete will testify it's all true. You can't see him in the shot, but he's there on the flying boom crane taking down the tail number of the Boeing 747 you see in the distance, behind the building HK-1 is cleverly stashed in



He and Mike Meek got me close enough later, to shoot a clear close up of building Below, you see the fiendish manner the "Oregon Ford Gang" has hidden the prize. here in plain sight, in town!



Allegedly, this is all just an innocent "Water Slide" park but since these brigands be



asking 37 bucks to go in as a "slider" or more evil, 12 dollars to merely stand around inside as a spectator, I'd been thwarted in my quest for detective glory to prove otherwise, being a CHEAP MODELER TYPE that I am.



I'd tried to get some idea who to call, to report all of these nefarious goings on.

Sadly, as you see, the dude I saw was locked up with his own set of problems.

Going into town didn't prove to be any help here, apparently town of McMinnville is now being run by monkeys. (it's been a couple years since my last visit up here)

Or at least the impression that's left with you as a passing tourist, as my shot of the burger stand we stopped at here on the main drag clearly shows.





In the following Saturday morning, Jim had taken us back to the scene of the crimes, where we found everything as we had expected.. Here's Mike Meek ahead of me as usual, getting his kit entries into the Oregon Historical Modelers Society 2014 Contest & Show, while I waste more time shooting pictures full of people instead of useful focus on MODELS and EXHIBITS. *Soon enough, I too, had gotten onto the tables (the 4 missiles)*



To give you some idea of the contrasts to the shows we have here in Bay Area, I offer this: In the past years, OHMS has held the event in the HK-1 building, underneath the wings (literally!) of the "Spruce Goose". Now we're in "Space" for show!

Here is the bigger picture, to help you frame what I am trying to convey. The model contest is that area back of dedicated Space Museum building, that's as large as the HK-1 housing. There are now 4 buildings with more underway, on site.



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You could easily fit some of our bigger shows into the space available here, and not even find them!

The F4U, F-4 Phantom came out of HK-1 house, as did the Blackbird, D-21 they're parked nearby. Oh and might interest you to know, the Blackbird, like the Spruce Goose, came to McMinnville from So. Cal. Perhaps the reason of so many So Cal modelers at this show, is "stealthy" plan of theirs to take back "their airplanes"...

Here shot from front skywalk, some views for perspective too.



That Titan laying on transport cart, has a cousin standing straight up in same room. You can see it through framing, ahead of the Sea King #66 also make out the Redstone missile at the other end. The "dish on a tub" is a replica of the Soviet Lunar Rover, one of the many cool exhibits of Soviet Space program inside this superb museum. On the left, that's a USA Saturn V rocket body part hanging over nozzle of an F-1 motor, of same vehicle. The contest is over to back left, just so you remember. ☺



Seems to be a segue point for showing a look from inside current house of HK-1.

Where you see the Grumman, was part of the area this OHMS show once held.

Below is dual purpose evidence, first of So Cal modeler presence abundant (we all were at the same local hotel so I'd a leg up on knowing this already) That's



Mike B. from Southern Cal, catching up with expatriate members now part of the Oregon scene. These being Lindy and Jim Woody, who had great connections for us to determine other local hobby shops that day.

Speaking of Woody, we'd evidence "Woody was there" in another form. Of course, Woody we'd figured on us seeing, Mr Yeung, didn't show. Confirmed later on by Larry Randel, (IPMS-USA DLC, OHMS Contest Director at left) said *no* Seattleites apparently showed for event. He was happy with a clearly substantial turnout of Californians. Even when several took home a good bunch of these awards at the end.



Region 8 Southern Cal's Mark Glidden took OHMS Best of Show, for one !

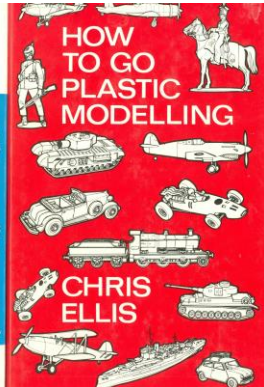
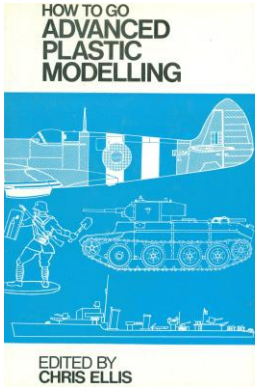
Mike, Jim and I returned in time for me to Direct the TC-X "Out of Africa", the next Sunday *-fini mickb*



REMINDER COMPLETE REMAINING CLUB CONTESTS FOR SVSM 2014

SVSM MEMBERS' CONTEST OCTOBER 2014

“ THAT ‘60’s CONTEST ”



If you remember “1001 Model Aircraft Ideas” Quarterly magazine, this contest is for YOU !

If you recall when Sidney P. Chivers with his “*Scale What-have-you*” magazines seemed to be nearly the end all and be all for US modelers for retail “detail and scale advanced references” ?...



This contest fits you to a “T”. Since the Editor is fond of Seattle IPMS’ “NABBROKE” award,

thought we should try our own version “Nostalgic Aging Baby Boomer Reliving Old Kit Experience”

Basics: You may use ANY kit molded through the year 1970. No aftermarket items that weren’t available in the same time frame. “Super Glue” (cyanoacrylate) adhesives and “acrylic” paints are permissible, since they had an antecedent in that time period (the first Golden Age of Modelling !) **NO** to use of Alclad, Metalizer, Future. All entries **MUST BE FINISHED** to qualify for Awards. More the entries, the merrier the fun and stories to tell. ☺

NOTAMS (NoTice to All ModelerS) regarding the last Club Contest 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 10-17-14

Friday, October 17 2014

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Club Contest “The Simple 60s”, a challenge to pursue a “retro modelling experience”. No kit molded after 1970, no aftermarket unless available in that time period, no Future floor finish, no Alclad. See also www.mickbmodeler.com for update/detail

Friday, November 01 2014

IPMS/Antelope Valley Group hosts Desert Classic 18. Theme is “What If ? “ www.avg-ipms.org

Friday, November 8 2014

IPMS/Fremont Hornets monthly meeting.

Friday, November 15 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 show Silvercon 2014 always, all the fun you can handle.

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 ”

Saturday, January 31 2015

NNL West hosts an always excellent event “ NNL WEST 2015 ” Theme is “60 years of Small Block Chevy”

Friday, February 13 2015

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets monthly meeting.

Friday, February 20 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Editor’s Club Contest “ Kelly’s Heroes ”

Friday, March 20 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting.

Saturday, April 11 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers host their annual show at the Napredak Hall in San Jose, CA. Theme is “SUN, SAND & SURF “ for the Silicon Valley Classic # 2, featuring 48 Categories, 11 Special Awards and as always, all the fun you can handle.

7:00 PM

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 17

at

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

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Milpitas, CA

