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1st Time "Island Ben" Does Reno, Takes 1st !



First Timer from SVSM Comes Home Winner as the IPMS Reno High Rollers Host Their # 14 Classic
Scattered Recollections and Photos By: Mick Burton



Without a doubt, the shortening daylight heralding the close of summer does tend to cast a pall on my model output. Just the same, Region Nine has a fine therapy which I often take in. This year, our crew (Mike Meek, Jim Priete & I) saw another "take the treatment", joining us for our annual "ride to Reno" Appears this turned out a good gamble for our Mr. Pada ... (continued page 3)



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

WARNING ! WARNING ! EVIDENCE OF THE EDITOR BEING LAZY LOOMING AHEAD



"5 Not Easy Pieces"

Or could that have been better phrased as "being crazy in the head" ? Oh well. That's why, as I pointed out in it last month, I created TAMS (The AfterMarket Sheet). 1st, I ran out of suitable room this month to fit all the pictures I wanted to match to Official Minutes. Then as I finished up September's TAMS, there was simply no place left to fit those orphans. Again ! SO, above you see the excellent one shots of Steve Travis' "Boris" the Hot Rod, Shervin Shembayati's XKR. Then 3 more of my personal favorites from this last month's meeting. I pray for an article on "Bigfoot" by Greg Plummer. Cool. – mickb



SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST FEBRUARY 2014 "From GODDARD To GAGARIN"

ANY and ALL "Real Space" subjects literally from the beginning. Paper Proposals to Prototypes, Any type. Basic premise: ANY subject you like, any Nation or period. As long as it's clearly connected to Real Space Age in development or design. X-15, X-17, X-38 included. Don't forget the "Lifting Bodies" series which lead to the recently retired Space Shuttle. That's the M2F-1, 2,3, HL-10, X-24. Also Soviet counterparts (EP-01, Buran). A Titan I, II, III, Redstone, or Thor ballistic missile is okay even as military (war) payload version (since they have "civil" booster cousins). Same applies to Soviet SS-6. Obviously the Mercury/Gemini/Apollo, Vostok, Soyuz, Salyut, Luna programs qualify. As do all the "spy satellites" and their launch vehicles. Don't forget there's more than a few other nations that have put vehicles into Real Space, with kits or means available to model. There's a LOT of potential kits to put in as entries. Make your own "crash effort" join in with Editor's birthday month fun.

IN A NUTSHELL, RENO HOSTS A WINNER AGAIN WITH “CIVIL WARS” At their 14th Annual (cont’d from page 1)

As you see below, an example of what Ben came home with, all for the “effort” of bringing the Pacific P-47D you see here on right, in 1/48 Single Engine Prop. Yes, that Macchi on the cover was also his, happens I like it better for OSS “color shot”.



Ben ensured we all knew he’d made it to some other “ recent Western shows”. How? Well, that’s him wearing a “Thin Air Nats” blue T-shirt ,in my “old home gathering” shot, here.

Oh, yes, some of you may be able to see, indeed it’s Randy Rothaar there across from Ben. Proof:

SVSM folk may move from the area, but they can NEVER leave the club ! 😊

Missing in shot, Bay Area Milt Poulos, who’d tipped Randy off to timing of this whole event. Worked out great for all of us. Randy is working as a Rescue Paramedic for “NCAR Race Week” at Reno-Stead, as he has in past. Now, he knows where to hang out during the early part of it! As a bonus, SVSM & SJVSM member Alan Weber along with “English Bob” Phillips made journey, for Bob it meant another “Best Presentation” for his “A-Target” 1/72 scale Japanese Type 19 submarine. Reno’s “Lucky 13” last year sent Bob back with award of same for his “Iron Ass” P-51 in 1/32 and “Eggplane” scale pair entry. With great friends to hang out with, as ever some very cool “signature” awards to vvy for, friendly hosts, event timing falling on weekend “Race Week” starts...Reno’s end of summer Classic offers so much, hard for me to conceive why anyone wouldn’t be there! Well, at least now it seems we’ve intrigued Ben with his initial voyage to High Rollers high altitude high time.



In arriving at starting hours, here’s what you will see from the stage, as room and the tables fill up. Hey, there’s Jay

This year saw a larger number of vendors with as always, a variety of excellent items. They’re in the back, along walls and fill the stage area.

Thanks to Hillcrest of Yuba City, I now have a 1/72 scale Apollo 11 edition Saturn V from Dragon, along with the

new Trumpeter 1/48 scale A3D-2 “Whale”, TSR2.MS (“Stratos 4 edition”) 1/72 Airfix to find room for, with hardest part not paying for them (nice discounts) instead bargaining space to bring them back! Getting Ben to be part of our road trip meant I’d no “cushion of space” ! An excellent assist on curbing my insane buying urges.

MORE CIVIL WARS UP NORTH SNAP SHOT COVERAGE (from pg 3)



As noted, the 14th High Rollers contest theme was “Civil Wars” with a suitably graphic award to be had, seen at left. Turnout “on theme” a pretty good range, with eventual winner being a host! Doug Summers of Grayhawk Productions, deservedly garnered the “theme” trophy for this English Pike Man from the Civil War of 1642.

I was part of category judges and can easily concur this was a winning piece in 54mm. Doug’s Ulysses Grant figure entered elsewhere , in yet a smaller scale was also a great piece of work (and on theme!) Jealous? Yes.



Doug’s Grayhawk firm has sponsored for years several very cool awards for Reno. One favorite of mine done this year in extra cool way, “The Ramp Trash Award”.



As outlined fine every year and summarized well by Doug before awarding, this trophy goes to best aircraft exemplifying “ramp trash” ie, one that an Aviation Photog would pass up rather than “waste film” on his/her way to shooting “fighters” It is a way to encourage more “trainers, cargo, etc” entries, I applaud them!

Worked out that Yuba City’s Hillcrest Hobbies Mr.Terbush took with him more than my money ☺ His grand 1/144th scale “Gray Galaxy” C-5A is the 2013 “Ramp Trash” gold.



Last year’s winner was a 1/48 scale civilian Ju-52, just to let you know size doesn’t matter.

Further emphasizing that work quality trumps quantity here, 2013 Best of Show went to an

exquisite 1/72 scale 1930s Air Racer. Steve Wittman’s “Chief Oshkosh”, from a Karaya resin



Okay. Doug, Jay and the High Rollers want you to know, they would like to see some of you next year here. It’s already on their schedule for a #15 show!—
mick fini

OFFICIAL MINUTES (really & truly) AUGUST SVSM NIGHT by Chris Bucholtz

(shots by Editor)



At the August meeting...Randy Ray gave a very favorable account of the IPMS/USA Nationals, saying it had a record number of models for a western national event. There was a room for the history of Colorado aviation, and members Roy Sutherland, Ben Pada and Lily Liu all won awards (with Lily taking four!). In model talk...

Cliff Kranz has a Testors/Hawk 1:48 F8F Bearcat almost ready for paint. The model is

part of a collection Cliff is building that commemorate the planes his father worked on while stationed at Pearl Harbor. Lou Orselli has made use of a lot of the out-of-production Sutcliffe airfoil-shaped styrene stock in the building of his Wings 72 Kayaba Ka-Go autogyro; he still needs to make and add a windscreen to the vacuformed kit. Lou's also made admirable progress on MPM's 1:72 Fokker T.VIII floatplane,



which needs its canopy to ready it for painting.



Ron Wergin had a succession of issues with the paint on the wings of his Airfix P-51D Mustang, but he had his reliable Rub'n'Buff to fall back on, and it resulted in a nice finish on the wings of his 352nd Fighter Group machine.

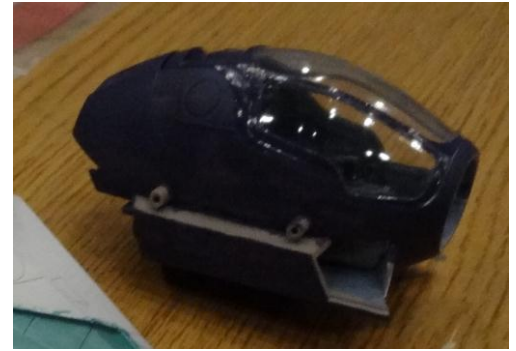


Vancouver, Washington, then in San Jacinto, California. Two more Russian kits gave Jim the basis for his two record-setters.

Jim Lund used models to illustrate the story of Tupolev's long-distance planes from the 1930s, starting with the ANT-4, which was built in 1929 with help from Hugo Junkers. Jim's ANT-4 came from a Russian vacuform kit which features remarkably well done corrugation and which was made from some of the hardest plastic on Earth. Next, in 1937, an imprisoned Tupolev designed the ANT-25, which made two record flights over the North Pole, first landing in



Kent McClure has painted the eyes of his figure from *Giant Robo*, and he considers the outcome a major success. He's also got his snap-together Star Wars fighter together and it wears a purple and white paint scheme – could it be a FedEx fighter?



Eric McClure's Academy 1:72 F-8E Crusader has him pining for armor – it's required a lot of masking and he's not enjoyed that! Eric's plans are to finish the model as a Danang-based Marine Corps bird.



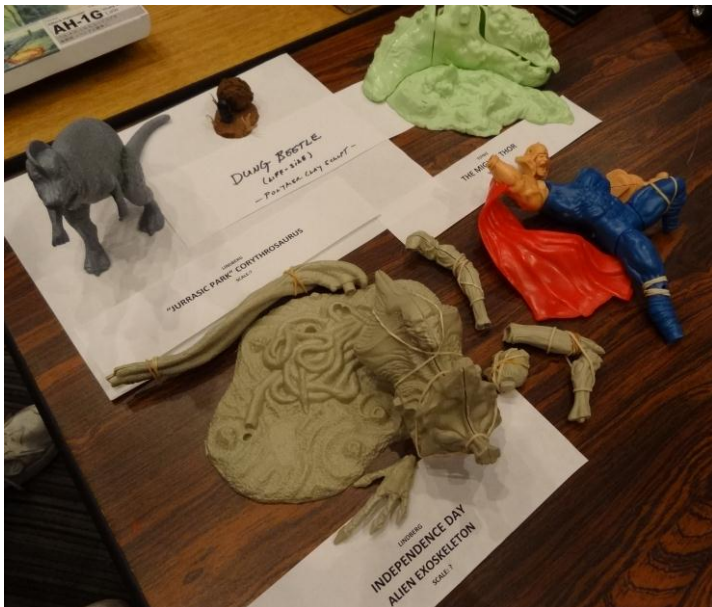
Peter Wong's son built Tamiya's old Panzer IVD but never painted it, which gave him a chance to finish it years later! He first painted it panzer gray, then went back over it with field green to simulate a tank that had been hastily prepared for shipment to the Afrika Korps.



Mike Schwarze's current projects are all approaching the painting stage; among them is the Lindberg Corythosaurus, a figure of Thor battling a dragon, and an alien exoskeleton from the movie *Independence Day*.

John Carr's daughter has been at her snap-together Revell truck for a little while, and it looks pretty good! She put all

the parts together and painted the purple truck all by herself, with her dad's assistance (John says he's learning a new level of patience!). All this work is by a four-year-old!



John's own latest project is a Dragon figure of a British Red Devil paratrooper at Arnhem, depicted in a pose suggesting a tactical reload while he's descending a staircase. John had to enhance the figure's soft detail and added material for the figure's scarf and helmet net.



He's also assembled all the major components of his Klingon DH-9 starship,



using JB Weld epoxy – he says the model's now about as tough as the spaceship was on *Star Trek*!
John hopes to have it done for the Fremont Hornets' contest in September.

Tom Orsua's Revell/Monogram F/A-18 was inspired by a discussion he had with some pilots about their experiences over Iraq; the day after the meeting, Tom gave the model to one of the pilots! He liked the kit, but was disappointed by how much of the cockpit detail was obscured by the pilot figure.



Ben Pada took a trophy at the Nationals with his Tamiya P-47 in 1:48, and he's got the interior built up for his Tamiya 1:32 F4U-1 Corsair.

Mike Meek has a pair of highly-modified Corsair racers nearing the finish line; one was modified from the old Otaki kit, and will be Planes of Fame #1; it needs a few touch ups but is nearly ready for its blue paint. The other Corsair was modified from the Special Hobby F2G and will represent the plane flown by Cook Cleland at the 1949 Cleveland Air Races. Both models have vacuformed canopies Mike made, carving the masters and molding the canopies in his Mattel vacuform machine.



AUGUST MINUTES AWAY! EVERY INCH USED In OSS (Original Styrene Sheet) COVERAGE ... (at page eight)



Greg Plummer's Tamiya Honda D50 comes with racing parts and street parts; Greg used a mix to come up with his own motorcycle, and used wire to replace the spark plugs.

He also showed off "Bigfoot," a real-life 100-foot submarine used by cocaine smugglers; the real one was discovered, as-yet unused, in Ecuador. Greg's model is made primarily from two Estes rocket nose cones, with sheet plastic for the sails and other parts borrowed from other kits.

Chris Bucholtz was building two models for a Seattle Museum of Flight display on the Golden Age of Aviation. First up was Pegasus' rather rough F9C-2 Sparrowhawk; Chris totally rebuilt the landing gear and added .070 to nose to correct the shape. Also on tap is Czech Master Resin's R3C-2 racer from 1925, as flown by Jimmy Doolittle; fit of the tiny resin racer has been dubious. For therapy, Chris has a Tamiya 1:72 P-51D under way; it has the red tail and nose of the 301st Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group – and it's the plane on the cover of Chris' book on the Tuskegee Airmen in the Osprey "Elite Aviation Units" series.



Shervin Shembayati says that Italeri's A-26 Invader kit is like a trip back in time – to a time when models fit badly and were poorly engineered.

He battled through it to complete his model in a natural metal scheme. His Airfix Jaguar XKR GT3 went together well; the only notable gaps were with the tires, where a gap exists between the sidewall and tire.



Steve Travis's latest creation is "Boris," a customized rod inspired by a real car Steve saw. He cut holes in a pattern for the interior styling, chopped the roof a scale 6 ½ inches, channeled the machine and made a custom frame. The engine is a modified unit from the Mickey Thompson Challenger Attempt 1 kit. Kinley Calvert snuck in with his rather large Moebius 1:350 Starship Enterprise; the whole shebang is already wired and lighted and Kinley's looking forward to the final assembly and finishing process. And the Model of the Month goes to... Mike Schwarze, and his 1:1 scale dung beetle! Mike fashioned the bug and its ball from Sculpey and painted it to look just like the Sisyphian insect after a friend issued an off-hand challenge to him. Careful – Mike's a scratch-builder!

In our club contest, "The Guns of August," we had a neat selection of entries. Eric Lenk finished Tamiya's classic Flak 36 88mm gun to match the example in a Tamiya ad on the back of a magazine his father bought for him in the 1980s. Bill Ferrante modified Revell's Fokker Dr. I triplane in 1:72 into the Fokker F.1 flown by Manfred von Richtofen; he says nothing provides serenity like trying to bend 1:72 photoetched machine gun jackets! Cliff Kranz built Tauro's 1:35 A7V tank straight from the box; the kit is a lot of fun, and he plans on building another one. And the winners were... In fourth place, with his French 75, was Frank Beltran! Frank left a little early so we received no details on the artillery piece (the same went for Mike Burton's French 75, too!). In third place, with Flakvierling 38 quad 20mm gun, was Randy Ray. Randy used the AFV Club kit and added a bit of wiring to what was already a good kit – he says to look for the version with the brass barrels. In second place, with his M101A1 105mm howitzer, was Randy Ray. Randy's AFV Club kit was built out of the box; the hardest part, he said, was painting the range-finding poles. And in first place, with his 1:72 scale Nieuport 11, was Brian Sakai! Brian started with the Toko kit, scratch-built an interior and refined the machine guns. He used Blue Rider decals to depict an Italian plane, and rigged the model with invisible thread.

Fini- for now !

(See September's TAMS for additional coverage)



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FOR WINNING AUGUST MODEL OF THE MONTH**



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