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As Time Marches On, So Did Our " Lucky " Meet



SVSM 2017 3^d Meet: Editor's Club Contest, Pics & Nary a Note!

Photos: Mick Burton Text: Mick Burton Keeping Throng Running Along: Greg Plummer

When March Meeting came, we had a full two weeks pass since SV Classic Number 4 "On The Hook" was held. For the Editor, that brought a sense of relief, although he'd already had to produce the Official Results to post at mickbmodeler.com two days after, just to be sure they were available quickly Followed by Fremont Hornets News #62 to catch up schedule so day before the meeting, the OSS could be published. Happily, St Paddy's Day arrived with an evening turnout to cheer any Editor's heart, as you will see (Continued on 3)



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



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“EDITOR BE HAVING A CASE OF WHY REPEAT HIMSELF, WHEN HE CAN JUST STEAL WHAT HE WANTS TO SAY ”

In case you're interested in taking responsibilities of an office let us review a bit. One hopes some are intrigued. Otherwise, the club will eventually shrink to subatomic size, leaving all present unendurably cranky due to lack of room to move. (Plus, annoyances like those pesky GIANT arachnids you'll have to fend off with your X-Acto)

(yes, this is naked theft of an Editorial from 2009, by one Mick Burton. SO if it seems familiar, this is likely why...)

El Presidente (okay, it's SVSM President, but hey, you're it for the year, call yourself Exalted Anointed Sun, you'll still be just as ignored as all who came before, which is why you're issued a nifty gavel. Don't apply to the forehead, yours or to a richly deserving other, our insurance doesn't cover it and yours won't want to.) You, Mister President, do as the name blames you. You preside over the club, it's doings or not doings. Running our meeting believe it or not, is one of the fun perks of the post, although delegating or arranging to have some other hardy soul do so has been done successfully in past. Just remember you're getting the blowback. Oh I mean the public goodwill. Sorry. You're representing us all so take care where you stand or fall or answer a call. Best feature, it's term limited to one year. We've an executive override option shared by the office holder and those held hostage (excuse me, the paid membership electorate). A two keys system like crew of a missile silo, both the parties have to be in agreement to launch. (means allowing for a second contiguous year of service)

Vice President. We have several, deliberately so. These hard working sergeants forming the leadership and work parties that carry out the major stretch behind the annual club contest/exhibition. Alternate meeting chairs for the President, a popular means to make them wish they'd never took office (I am kidding. It's a fun number of jobs, takes a few turns at it to learn true size, why we have so many VPs now) Vice President(s) aren't term limited as much as temperament limited. We ask a lot of them. Veeps who repeat in place knowing they may be stuck with same tasks they're masters at, are extremely appreciated. But they like having a chance to train new others and get some time at just being modelers too. Inquire within, they'll share! We'll leave the remaining posts for another time, seeing as now we're going to have elections later this year (okay, the stolen past portion ends here, we'll resume CURRENT AFFAIRS NOW HERE...)

Having repeated all that, I am pleased here to report we have someone who accepted proposal to be made a Nominee for 2017/18 President, and you will learn whom at the upcoming meeting. However, feel free to be offering your own nominees for that or other posts, or consider dear reader, running yourself. Just remember, You have to be a MiG (Member in Good standing) for this year in SVSM and IPMS USA in order to serve.

This Editor will offer himself up for another year, as part of a slate, in case that suits also. Bee seeing you -mb

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Al Kuhn showed up with one spectacular completion of a house project he'd shared bits of on its way to finish, over time. This is a local landmark, the Rengstorff House, and Al's joy building it came through in massive waves as he calmly, succinctly let us in on the "whole story". This is a 1/87th scale (commonly known as HO (American scale RR "Half O", British RR "Half O" is 1/96) scratchbuild from the ground up. Al took the pictures, made the plans, conceived the schedule of work to accomplish this all. His wife had a fine influence on the end result, as he pointed out the shed and garden had items she requested he include to make it a "real thing". Editor took over 30 pictures of this at the meeting...

Editor had sponsored a "Club Contest" for this month, "Luck of the Irish" and it was already covered in depth in March TAMS, so refer to that issue for remaining details. You can likely ascertain that turnout for "Orange or Green" was substantial from pictures early in this essay. There was a "limited time gallery to view" on Editor's Mickbmodeler website for this contest, it will be "limited time replaced" with similar idea of Al Kuhn's House that Rengstorff built 1/1 and Al did 1/87, at that web location home page following publishing of this OSS. ☺

So, we wrap up with a congratulations to Model of the Month winner, **Al Kuhn** for his fine "building local" and providing more evidence that "if you're having fun modelling, you're doing it right". - *mick fini*



A Club Contest Memorable and a Grand Replica of a Local Landmark Enhance Our Third 2017 Meet (from 1)



That was large part of impetus for Editor choosing the “Luck of the Irish” theme for March Club Contest, months before, with the date falling as it did. Thanks to those who came to play for that, a special thanks to Al Kuhn, Jim Lund for choosing to show March with some big & unique table displays, was a memorable night



Also tip of the thanks hat to David Balderrama, Kris, Max, Mark and DJ who showed up in “proper attire” as pictured. The 2017 Tim Curtis Service Award would finally catch up to them hour after this pic taken.

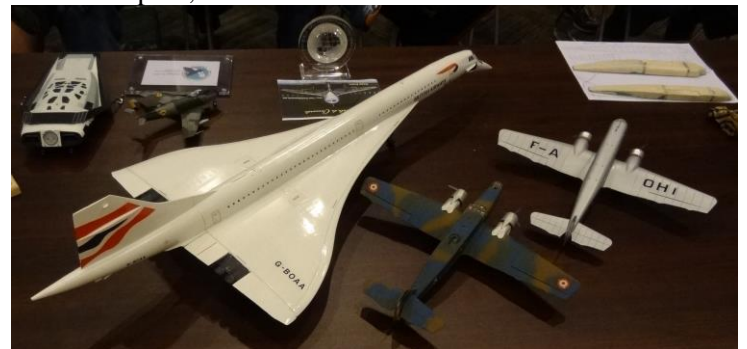
Thanks to Al & Hobbies Unlimited, Peter Long , we had a raffle too !





Jim Lund showed a delightful 1/72nd “old school” BAC Concorde for which he got this grand glass award from folks who had a lot to do with the real thing, when he had taken this model to an event in support of the real thing. Sorry I didn’t take notes while shooting these pictures, can’t share the details now.

Jim had a Marcel Bloch MB 210 bomber for good scale compare, as well to illustrate what he created



in his quest to have History Of Aviation in Miniature. The wood masters in front of the metal finished plane, are the tools he provided to a good friend of his to get a vac form conversion fuselage. From which sprang a unique Lund Models special, the MB 220 airliner that shared parts with the bomber MB 210. Excellent work!

Jim Priete had what looked like another cousin of the 210. But, it’s actually a Fokker T.V, 1/72 from Valom





Gabriel Lee did pretty well since the February SVSM Meet, for the very next day saw him taking an award home from Silvercon 2017 in Sacramento for his Sabre Jet.

Things didn't go so black and white for his BattleStar Galactica craft as far as contest finish, yet his application as to actual finish was just wonderful in both.



Peter Long took this Tamiya edition Israeli M51 "Isherman" to its logical end, namely finish with likely awards to follow when he gets a chance to enter it somewhere as competitor.

For now, apparently, he'll just have to live with only winning the Model of the Month for March at the Fremont Hornets meeting, with this excellent 1/35th rendering of the final evolution for the Sherman warrior medium tank

Greg Plummer is not one to let being SVSM President slow down his modelling, here is his "2016 SVSM Gift Theft Edition" 1/32nd scale Hawker Hunter "Work In Process". May he finish in April ...?

His Mazda Cosmo got a well deserved 1st place at the SV Classic # 4, in S36 Competition Auto, Foreign Only. Nice one.

Brian Geyer "based" 3 of his favorite 1/32nd air models of old, and shared with us his hope "newer" version kits of the F-86F, F6F and P-26 shown here may yet come to pass.





Shiblee Hassan's stunning " Russian blue " Sukhoi Su-33 "Flanker" in 1/48th may have seemed familiar to some of us at the meeting. Not a coincidence, since he took a First Place in S7 MultiEngine Jet 1/48th at the SVC with it, in stiff competition. He could have likely won big in Miscellaneous, had he entered this base of his for it



Mike Meek is making mighty strides on finishing this Trans Am Mustang of his.



Ben Pada wasn't having any luck closing the deal for now on his sweet looking Work In Process of the Kawasaki "Swallow" in spotted camo. Spots are not the problem, it's the decals. He's relaxing by advancing his skills in 1/35th armor modelling, as his Jagdpanther in process above should tell you



Kent McClure has an "Easter ahead" aircraft under construction, guarding 5 small scale armor WIPs here

John Carr brought a 1/48th B-17G he got at an estate sale. He's going to finish building it as he kindly noted at the meeting, that's very likely what the modeler who began this kit would have wanted. Thank you, John !

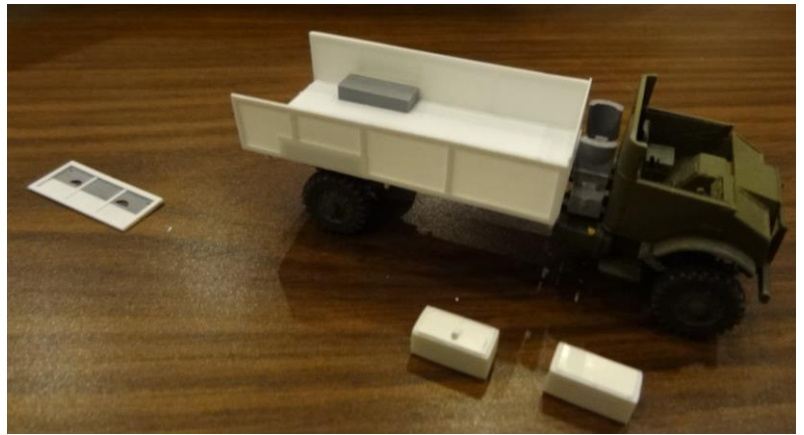


Laramie Wright had a Ki.43 Peregrine Falcon in 1/48th well underway, and he intends to finish it along with the two armor pieces in 1/35th below, soon as possible. That is another "Isherman", along with a Modern Brit MBT...





Cliff Kranz showed up with Soviet SS-1, SS-2 in 1/72nd scale, a tribute to his building and persistence. They are in Russian terms, the R-1 (basically a postwar V-2) and the R-2, the first “evolved” member of what became the “Scud” family of Short Range Ballistic Missiles. He had A pair of halftracks too, 1/35th British and 1/72 of USA.



Chris Bucholtz is enjoying 1/72nd in multiple manners, his conversion of an airfield work vehicle is joined by his Meng F-106A in the WIP field of battle. Delta is as delta does...



Eric McClure finds himself with WIP on a Sherman variant above, and a Great British medium tank on the left. Both in 1/35th and not much else did I take note of , but we will see them again I am sure.

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Congratulations to

Al Kuhn

FOR WINNING MARCH MODEL OF THE MONTH



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