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Warm Weather, Warm Reception, No Fireworks



SVSM July Meeting, As It Happened & What Followed

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Scant Structured NON MINUTES for July 2016

President Plummer provided the means for Editor Burton to arrive in timely fashion to the meeting, a fortuitous ride as it turned out. Burton ended up the de facto Secretary for most of the meeting, and as such, minutes or even seconds weren't to be taken.

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

(shameless plug: www.mickmodeler.com)

“An Awesome Conclusion to THIS Year's IPMS USA NATS in South Carolina – WE HAVE A WESTERN NATS COMING ”

Yes, it's confirmed as of Saturday, August 6, 2016, at NATS Banquet the 2018 and 2019 NATS awardees were Phoenix, AZ and Chattanooga, TN, respectively. MIGHTY CONGRATS to both and especially happy that a 4th time host by the Phoenix folks! Below, in celebration, selection from our archive (thanks B Magnie, J Sherlock) There were 6 from our **1983** roster who made it to the **first Phoenix NATS**. Far left, Tim Curtis's 1/72 Ki-43 Collection (Hasegawa Silver Award), Doug Stewart's 1/48 NMF J2M3 Raiden in TAIU scheme (a third) and a



lovely 1/144 F-105D loaded with detailing extras, by one David Newman (hmmm, Muroc Models anyone?) We've had two other teams take awards in 2004. 2010. Here's hoping we see some of you in 2018 ! - *mick fini*

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FINAL MOMENTS FOR JULY MEET (from page 8) (Go To Page 3 if you haven't picked up from Page 1 story...)



Chris Bucholtz showed up before meeting came to an end, shared his Firefly V from the Special Hobby kit's progress.

Dave Balderrama, sons Mark, Max and DJ showed up with a lively variety of subjects, none of which I got any notes for as again, I wasn't planning on being Secretary for the evening. So just enjoy these two shots here, and I am glad they came with all this material to check out and enjoy. Between them, Al Kuhn and Cliff Kranz, I had at least a recognition of the otherwise ignored July Club Contest Theme of Manned Space billed as "Apollo Ascendant". Oh well, hit or miss at times...



Meeting wrapped up fairly early with a lively after meet session. Since Editor and President were hungry, we moved rest of crowd out, closed room up. - *mick fini*



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SVSM MEMBER'S CONTEST THEME AUGUST 2016

“IT FIGURES ”

SEEMS MEET MISSING A CLUB CONTEST BUT WE ROARED ON AHEAD HAVING MUCH FUN (from page 1)



There was a call to business promptly at 8 PM as promised, an assessment of no worries about having to collect any to be Judges for month's club contest. Short call for business that could not wait for another month, a brief calendar of events run through by harried Burton, hoping to make it all coherent enough. Return agenda to President Greg and ...



OPEN INTO MODEL TALK – Cliff Kranz lead off with his fiery red Fokker Dr.I Triplane in 1/28th scale.

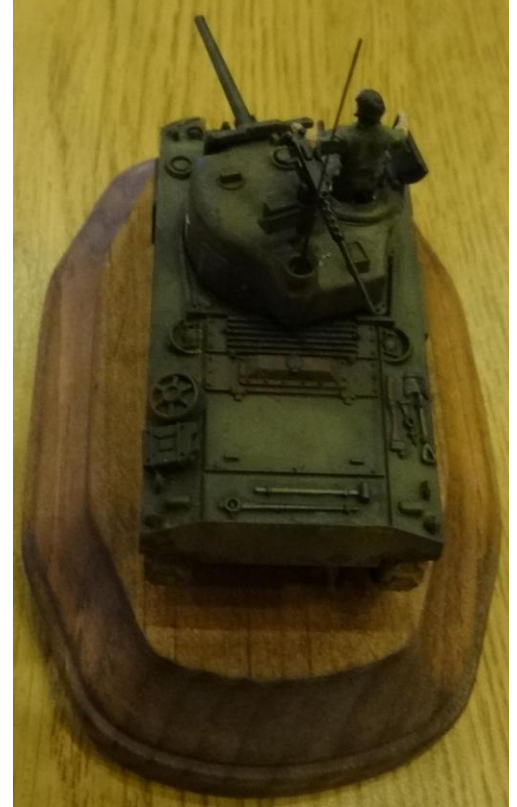


Cliff has the M35 Prime Mover , as crafted in a 1/35th kit by AFV Club, made into a very sturdy replica.





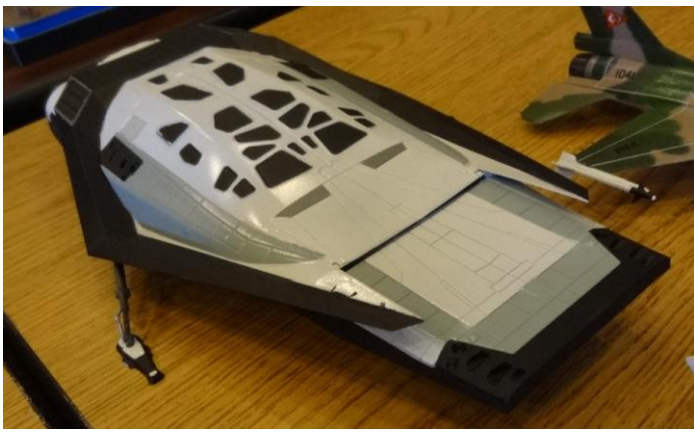
Thanh Nguyen has been very busy with this big bird, of course it's SEA camo'd which Thanh is a clear expert in. The Monogram 1/48th twin, is a Vietnam War USAF AC-47 with those triple 7.62mm mini-guns ready to render peace...



Ron Wergin provided yet more great proof of his being able to build model of anything, any scale, beautifully. He had fun with this 1/48th M4 Sherman here. Nice commander figure, Ron.

Peter Long didn't rest easy since we last saw him, he's now added this Panzerhaubitze 2000 in 1/35th scale to his growing modern German Army armor collection. His subtle weathering to the NATO camo scheme, fine !





Gabriel Lee brought out a “quadron” of items, two were to be showcasing his fun trying his new airbrush out. On left, a fictional spacecraft. Below, an airbrushed WIP FAV F-16 !



The off white Sukhoi in 1/72nd, will likely also soon be graced by Gabriel’s new instrument of finish application.

Editor’s favorite? Gabriel’s airbrushed complete F-86 here





Temo C, having brought a raft of aircraft last month to introduce himself, this meeting shared two excellent 1/35th USA modern armor vehicles. Plus a pair of large scale modern super bikes. Glad he's chosen us? Sure!



Greg Plummer had this auto WIP with a personal tie in, and a sweet civilian (Poland) Mikoyan nee LIM, 1/72nd



scale kit by Eduard. While I don't have records of the car, it was an interesting tale nonetheless. Nice finishes on both, I think you can see here.

Jim Priete was nearby with spectacular 1/72nd project underway. Namely the new Italeri mold





of Short Stirling heavy bomber, which til now was only available if you tackled the 1960s vintage Airfix kit. Jim still found a number of ways to “improve” detailing, but he points out that’s a stock cockpit.



Kent McClure continues work on “FH Gruppe Build 2016” entries in form of LET 410 twin engine feederliner, Bristol Britannia quad engine airliner. He will likely as not, be done with his appreciated entries for this club project for TC-12.

Sean Fallesen showed up for what he said likely to be his last regular visit, since he would be wrapping up his TDY Job locally to return to Orange County. His five ships were a treat to behold, and my apologies for not getting all of them detailed as to identities, beyond they are all USS and period prior to our entry into WW2.



Al Kuhn is not only a hell of a nice guy he’s also a real retiree from the Apollo Moon Project at Grumman ! He gave us a fine short recollection of Apollo 11 in real terms, with a “display model” of the CM, LEM, a gift from his wife.





Jordan Li showed up again with nice variety. On the cover, his “Edwards AFB of the future” diorama may be seen. Above is his RGM 79 Gundam in 1/144th, just begun. On the left, he had a four part Chinese Air Force, with P-40 in rear, next a Curtiss Hawk biplane, then P-36 Hawk monoplane, frontmost is a Grumman biplane. All 1/72nd of course.



Laramie Wright had a Whippet, a JS-2 in 1/35th seen above, not seen is his 1/72nd Focke Wulf 190, all three are Work In Process.

Ben Pada showed up later, but not empty handed. His 1/32nd F4U-1 in tri-color Pacific Theatre scheme, grand.



For the rest of the tale

ON TO SHEET TWO WITH YOU !



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Justin Li

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