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July Sees "A House Excited", Prez Suffers Giddiness



SVSM '17 7th Meet: President Wergin in First Population Explosion

Photos: Mick Burton Text: Mick Burton/Chris Bucholtz
Keeping All Running Smoothly: Prez Ron Wergin

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



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“ EDITOR AGAIN USEFULLY LAZY , INSERTS CLUB CONTEST REMINDER WHERE BLATHER USUALLY GOES ”

SVSM EDITOR' s CONTEST AUGUST “ Show Rats ”



Original inspiration for this contest, was then President Greg Plummer's fine looking Rat Rod-ified Pickup model at an SVSM meeting table.

Saying it was finished " a little too pretty to be a true Rat Rod, more like a Show version "

Ergo, thinks the Editor, shooting pictures, thus it's a "Show Rat ", no?

Well, of course, the whole concept has multiplied like what else, rats, into a veritable rat's nest of what have you means to give some fun variety here.

(refer to July TAMS for details) A small technicality, ENTRIES MUST BE FINISHED TO COMPETE

(continued from 8) LAST LOOK AT SVSM JULY MEETING

And the Model of the Month goes to... The Su-33 carrier deck by Shiblee Hassan! The plane comes from Kinetic, but the deck and figures, and much of the equipment and figures, were scratch-built. The deck even has lights that work! Shiblee's scene is set on the carrier *Kusnetsov*.



This month's club contest was "Red, White and Blue." Mark Schynert's mostly-white HobbyBoss MiG-3 has a good shape, he says, making it the best bet for 1:72. His white and red Northwest Airlines Lockheed Orion came from the Special Hobby kit; it was part of the Fremont Hornets' airliners group build. Jordan Li built Bandai's "Star Wars" A-wing fighter and finished it in the colors in the concept art by Ralph McQuarrie. And the winners were... In third place, with his collection of 1:43 GTP cars, was Eric McClure! Eric had Starter models of a Ford Mustang prototype and a Ford Probe racer. In second place, with a collection of 1:24 racers, was Jim Priete. Jim's models included his Fairlady Z from the Hasegawa kit, completed as an East African Safari Car, a Toyota 2000 GT from Otaki with Studio 27 decals, and a 1979 Lancia Stratos from the Hasegawa kit. And the winner was Greg Plummer's AMK L-29R Albatros, which became a photo reconnaissance plane thanks to a Quickboost kit. – *Chris B fini*

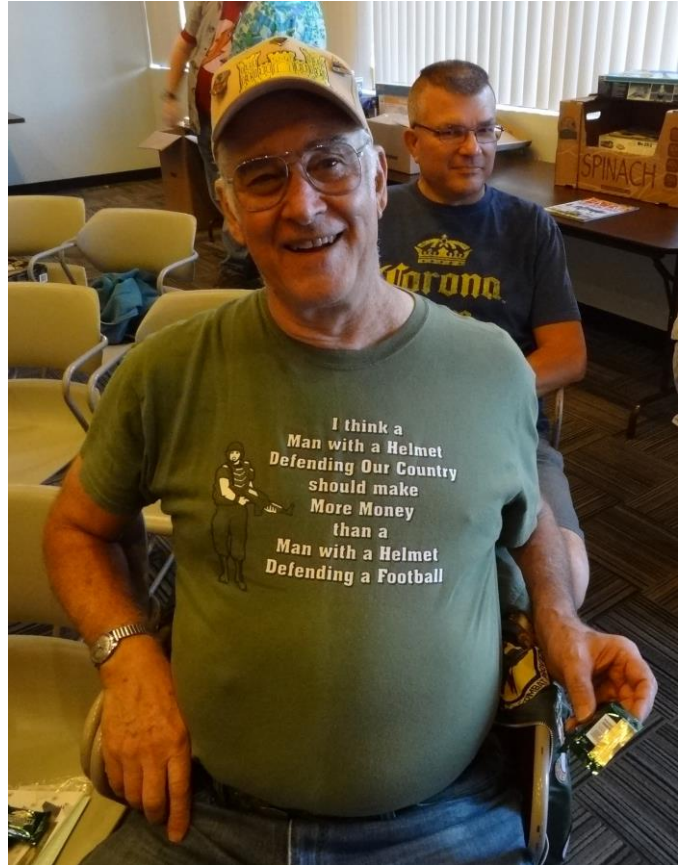
(Complete details and many more photos on "Red, White & Blue" are to be found in July TAMS –Editor)

NOW – The Editor fills in more items that weren't in the minutes, best he can, for "Explosive July Meeting"

Jim Lund's Caproni Ca 133, Piaggio P 108 and Curtiss A-12 USAAC Shrike are lovely 1/72nd vacforms, no? – *mick fini* (a small gallery of **Kim Arfsten's** contribution to Model Talk will be posted on mickbmodeler.com)



Editor Reviews a Few Highlights of July's "Explosion of Populace" (To Intro New Faces & Welcome Back Old ☺)



Man behind Cliff Kranz likely had no argument with Cliff's shirt. First timer Scott Evens is from USAF AeroSpace Rescue Unit based at Moffett Airfield, seemed to enjoy his visit here.

Perhaps you didn't get chance to meet Mr Kim Arfsten, who'd missed showing up for June '17 SVSM due to sudden illness. He brought a big smile and huge bit of kits from an Estate Sale he's in charge of, on behalf of an old friend who was an Aviation Artist

You can thank member Jim Lund for Mr Arfsten's making our acquaintance here.

A Welcome Back to Mike Schwarze, he seemed quite happy to be back ☺

Below left, alumnus Dave Newman is up from Lancaster, alum Barry Bauer showed up from Sacto Area. In cap & aqua shirt was new visitor from IPMS-Las Vegas, which was a nice surprise.

Mr. Leo Limuaco, Welcome to SVSM!

Next to Leo is one I know well from his Model Entry sheets at SVSM, Fremont Hornets annuals, Shiblee Hassan . I teased him on how I know his work well, but it "hurts me you don't come to our meetings..."

With luck, he'll join us soon.

Eric McClure segues us now





Over to Chris Bucholtz's minutes (and my look again at "the in crowd ")

At the July meeting, we leaped right into Model Talk.

Shiblee Hassan is making quick progress on a 1:48 MiG-29, which will wear a digital camouflage scheme courtesy of some aftermarket decals.



Marv Eberhardt completed his Marder II; he started with the Ironsides kit, but discovered he was missing the lower hull. Luckily, he had a Lorraine in his stash and he mashed the two together to get one great looking self-propelled gun!



Laramie Wright's using the Heller kit to get a Panhard EB10 with the 75mm high-velocity gun. Watch out for the fragile stowage rack and the fit of the hatches, he warns.



Laramie's also close to completing Acc Miniatures' 1:48 Il-2m3 Sturmovik; he's looking for a replacement spinner for the kit's misshapen example.



Greg Plummer enjoyed HobbyBoss's Zlin 142 kit; he found the quick-build feature of the lower fuselage and wing molded as one piece to be weird but effective. He's going to re-scribe the panel detail on the nose before painting.



Greg's Revell Ford Bronco comes from a nice kit, but the wheels are too small; you can source the right ones from an F150 pickup kit from Moebius, or do what Greg did and turn your Bronco into a low-rider, complete with lowered suspension!





Al Kuhn had three Bleriot in 1:72 scale: a Renwal kit that he built 50 years ago, the Eastern Express copy of the Frog kit, and the Historic Wings photoetched kit. That model is etched in .015 brass stock, making it hard to bend. They also forgot to provide the bottom of the fuselage and ignored the landing gear and tripod! Al handled that stuff all on his own.



David Newman built half of a 1:43 Subaru 360. Why did he cut it in half? To turn it into a sidecar for a 1:43 motorcycle, of course!

Mike Schwarze had his Captain America a little closer to completion, complete with its somewhat dubious background and base. Cap is supposed to be escaping from an exploding building in the model, and that is not an easy thing to capture.



Mike's also wrestling with Thor, or more specifically, parts of the Thor kit that need to replace since they went missing when he stored his kit.

He had two Aliens from Lindberg – one gray alien and one more malevolent one from *Independence Day* – as well as the classic Lindberg Corythosaurus.

Mike also had a Klingon B7 cruiser that looked awfully imposing on its stand, and a Spinosaurus toy modified into Titanosaurus, one of the cast of monsters from Toho's *Godzilla vs. Mechagodzilla*.



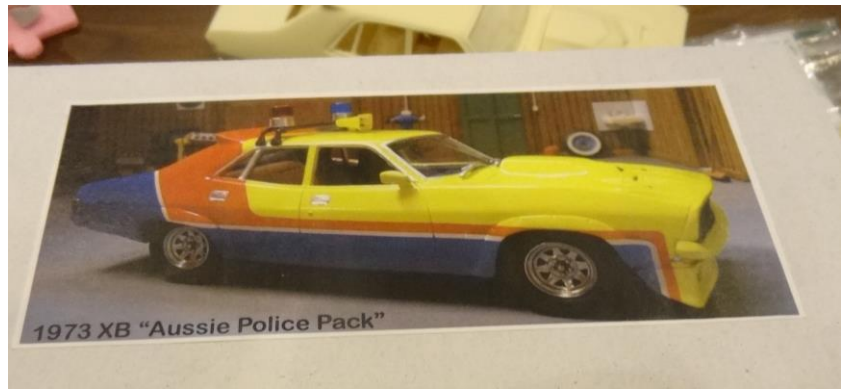
Chris Bucholtz obtained images of Osa and Martin Johnson's Sikorsky S-38 "Spirit of Africa" and scratch-built leather furniture to go in his replica of the explorers' air yacht, plus an equipment rack fashioned from .010 by .015 styrene rod and mesh from a fish tank net! To break things up, he announced each week would end with "Figure Friday;" he's painted two 1:72 USAAF mechanics and a Korean War-era pilot since that declaration!

John Carr's daughter Lilly used Sweet's 1:144 F4F Wildcat and the included figures to create a diorama of a 'Cat about to head to the cat crewed by cats! The kitties in the box upped the appeal for Lilly, who painted the Grumman a sweet shade of purple.





John's son's first model was a snap-together B-17 he picked up during the Collings Foundation's visit with their Flying Fortress; so far, the kit is standing up well to play! **John Carr** himself is building the police car from the original Mad Max film; he obtained the resin kit on-line.



Jordan Li received the old ("classic?") Heinkel He 100 from Mike Burton and built it to a respectable degree of quality, adding panel lines and rivets.

He gave a Heller He 112 the same treatment. When asked why, Jordan said he wanted to experience what the old timers had been forced to experience in their early modeling days!



Kent McClure is in the very early stages of the New Wave SAFS prototype fighting suit, but his 1:72 ICM German Biber two-man sub is in primer and awaits his decision on a final scheme. He has the Airfix Austin K2/K3 ambulance nearly at the final stages of assembly, and he's begun to build the boosters for Airfix's 1:144 Vostok, which offers him a choice of three different payloads.



Ron Wergin's 1:32 Macchi 202 from the 21st Century kit is finished; he rebuilt the nose and replaced the landing gear doors, but the model was inexpensive and it came out looking great.





Frank Babbitt knows the issues with the Premiere Hawk, but he's whipping it into shape anyway. He says the photoetched vortex generators were a real pain. Frank's also building a Hasegawa Spitfire in 1:32, using the B-wing conversion, a Rotol propeller, Barracudacast seats and other goodies to spruce up the kit. Finally, Frank has a Special Hobby 1:72 Vultee Vengeance in the final stages, with its Southeast Asian paint applied and all but the final bits attached.

Ben Pada's Tamiya Ki-61 is a very easy kit to get together, he says, with his second one nearly ready for paint. Ben used Eduard photoetched parts to enhance the cockpit of his second Tony. (sorry, no picture for this one-ed.)



Despite the kit's short-run qualities, **Gabriel Lee** is making good progress on AZ's MiG-17 in 1:72; it'll be a member of the Smirnoff MiGs aerobatic group when finished. He's also nearing painting time on his 1:72 Hasegawa UH-1H in Panamanian Police markings.

Scott Evens' 1:48 Hasegawa A-7D Corsair wears perhaps the shortest-lived nose art ever



– the Two Bobs sheet provided him with a scheme that remained on the plane for eight hours before the commanding officer decided it was too goofy and ordered it removed. Scott used the Monogram kit.

Cliff Kranz built a pair of Huma 1:72 Bucher Bestmann trainers, and he's completely finished his Meng Krupp Minenraumer.

He's adding a set of Fruimodel tracks to the 1:35 scale Trumpeter Neubaufahrzeug multi-turreted tank, and he's painted a Soviet self-propelled gun using an old bottle of Humbrol Soviet green, which has a different color than the new paints.

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**Congratulations to
Shiblee Hassan**

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