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RC Chris Bucholtz Caught Dismembering Extinct Beast !



EDITOR Horrified at Rude Horseplay With Prehistoric Resin Remains

UN-Official MINUTES of SVSM July 2015 Meet, by No One
Text: Mick Burton Photos : Mick Burton Models : everyone from everywhere



Alas, poor *Indricotherium*. We knew him not well...he lies here, broken and without color, pale in memory. Perhaps only Editor & RC will mourn .

Once, lauded as "*Beast of Baluchistan*".
Now, merely the largest of yet known in history, land mammal. ☺

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

(shameless plug: www.mickmodeler.com)

EDITOR'S SHOWS UP TO WITNESS HOW NAUTICAL MODELERS SUPPORT "SPIRIT OF '45 Keep it Alive"

This Saturday August 8 2015 was the "Spirit of '45" San Jose Edition, held at History Park annex of Kelly Park (where SVSM used to meet in the long ago days... I got there in time enough to enjoy many of the music and exhibits on this, the 70th anniversary of the End of World War Two (which officially first time out was V-J Day, August 14 1945 so is nexty Friday !) Also extremely pleased to meet these modelers who had these great displays of the Italian Surrender in 1943 and the Japanese Surrender in Sept 2 1945 (which they made clear to me, actually would require ANOTHER table to fit the actual size of the fleet shown here on the one table!) This was very very good and Public at large showed incredible interest in this display. There was also a very lively response to the re-enactors who had the role China played in the pre-US entry (late 1930s on into the 1945) period. I mention and show a bit of this below, because it was this show in 2014 that was our meeting Jordan Li, who learned of us when he took a break from this group's exhibit to see the SVSM one .



So thank you to **The Society of Miniature Ship Collectors** for your excellent & informative show of Nautical Force. Powerfully also demonstrating perfectly a role modelling well plays in living history and educating – *mick fini*



SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME August "Spirit of '45/It's The Bomb"

It is the 70th anniversary of August Atomic Annihilation of Imperial Japanese Aggression, also end of Second World War celebrated locally as "The Spirit of '45". In that vein, **all subjects from 1945** are eligible of course.

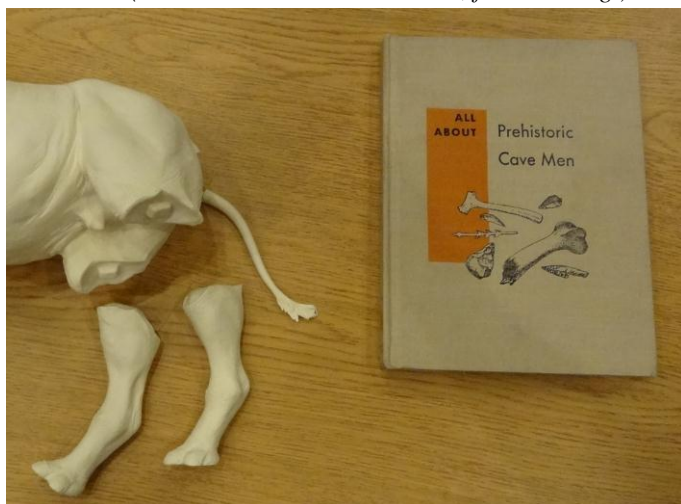
Since the Dawn of the Atomic Age is also 70 years old this year, all directly nuclear related subjects welcome to play. ***Not limited to only early or USA materials***, please be encouraged to model up French, British, Soviet atomic articles if that's your yen . *Little Boy, Fat Man, Atomic Annie, Davy Crockett, BOAR, Force de Frappe, Tsar Bomba ...* all in. **ENTRIES must be FINISHED** however, to qualify for any prize monies.

IN 2015, SVSM JULY MEET. UNAWARES THEY'RE ABOUT TO BE SEEING HORRIBLE BEAST! (from page 1)

The room shot just before the ghastly events captured in prior photos, occurred, upon Chris Bucholtz's arrival.



After the fact, the eerie coincidence of the SVSM Editor happening to have along with him this distantly related tome, which has the "broken bones motif" on cover, cannot at all be said to have inspired this wicked behavior (RC Chris didn't know I had it, for one thing)



Seriously now, this was a very nice surprise for Editor, although I had some prior knowledge Chris had bought this marvelous 1/20 scale (get your Tamiya F-1 cars to park next to this ancient relative of rhinocerii, y'all...) kit

This Paleocraft resin offering is pretty spectacular work and comes in 9 pieces for the animal plus per catalog, a contoured pine base AND cast resin "life context" base. Chris did an excellent briefing on the origins, currency of "Paraceratherium", which is *the other* accepted term for Indricotherium (and the genus name). Baluchistan, a region which today is governed by Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, , was source for "Baluchitherium, aka Beast of Baluchistan" thanks to a famous American expedition of the 1922-23 period in Mongolia. The name now rates "*nomina dubia*" status, so such is life. Still, this mighty creature does get your attention, given its dimensions.

Indricotherium, by the way, is for "the Indrik Beast", a reference to a Russian mythological monster. Just FYI.

Also At the July meeting...



Greg Plummer had a trio of finished models to give us some insight on, nearby Frank Babbitt's duo of WIP.

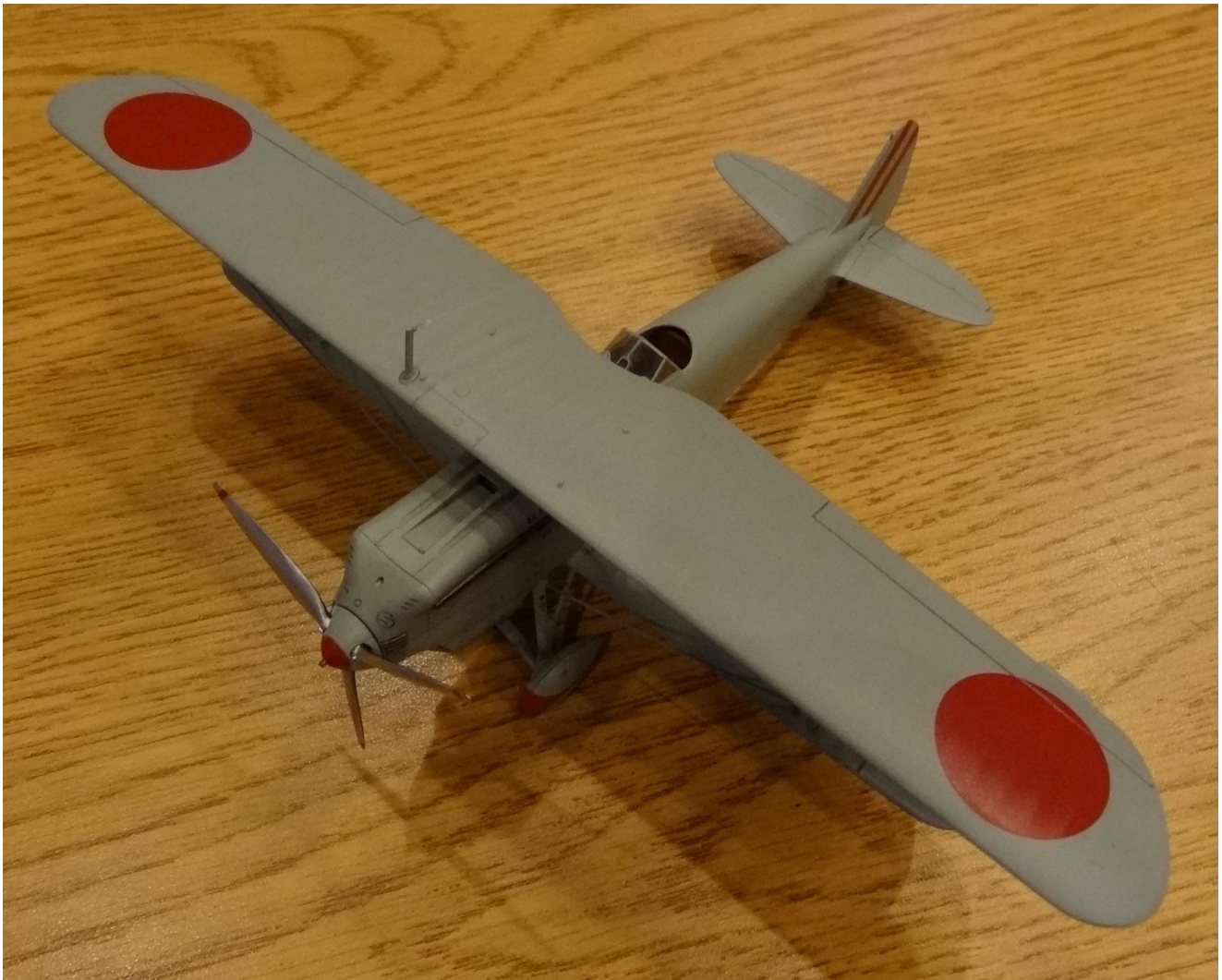


No beast, says Greg, this Occidental kitting in 1/48 of the North American T-6

Greg finished his in 1950s Egyptian Air Force colors which are very attractive.

Joining in the 1/48 scale Aerial Modelling fun, was Greg's finished Imperial Japanese Army Air Force Kawasaki Ki-10 "Perry"

I think this was kitted by Fine Molds, don't know if anyone else "covered" it in their own boxings. In overall gray-green scheme



for service in the Japanese invasion of China during the late 1930s. Another fabulous finish of rare biplane here.

Greg finished this very interesting piece of armor, which I had seen at our January 2015 opener, and again here like that meeting, I have gotten no better idea of what this vehicle is, nor what kit he started out with. Apologies readers, and to Mr Plummer. I can say pretty confidently though, it's in 1/35 scale and definitely finely finished





Frank Babbitt really moved his Anigrand XB-51 along since we last saw it. Above you can see how smoothly it now fits and follows correct line, is no longer “banana’d”

On left, staying with theme of long skinny multi engine aircraft with unique pylon mounting for essential items, Frank’s EE Lightning, also in 1/72, also a single seater. What I didn’t record, is whether or not this is the NEW Airfix molding, or Sword, or a corrected Trumpeter kit.



Mark Schynert had an Axis & Allies Five by Five in 1/72. Finished in the rear, new Airfix moldings ala Schynert of the



Hawker Typhoon and Hurricane. What a beefy bird that four bladed green/gray ground attacker is, oozes menacing intent.

Mark’s front row WIP is more Messerschmitt but then, NOT. I know likely middle one is a true WW2 Me-109, an “Emil (E)”. The other two could be a mix. One postwar Czech or Spanish, the other a later (Gustav (G) on...) WW2 Willy M. fighter. However, since I wasn’t on duty to take notes, I won’t be able to clarify for now, here.

Ken Miller showed a winning hand with his recent tour of the Hobby Expo 2015, where he got this award that neatly frames the model for which he won it with. His latest diorama, this 1/144 Delta operated civil Herk





Kinley Calvert was perhaps not quite taken by my choice of shots here for his magnificent table of models, he is there on the above far right as I took a side view of his “Mystery Machine” (nice Scooby work, KC, very !). However, if you take in all that I could fit here to show you a smattering of his excellent prolifics, may say OK this was an acceptable compromise in short order.



No notes on his Scooby Star Wars Walker, but I do have the same set of kits here that he’s made so can reference somewhat. The Flying Sub is scaled to fit into the bay of new Seaview (giant release) and comes with the mini-sub, diving bell you see.

Kinley really has done these all justice and surely Admiral Nelson and Captain Crane would agree. The aforementioned vehicles and crew are from “Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea” TV series of long ago (you know, the ‘60s), and it only took a 4 decade span to get decent kits of them all now.

The orange “cousin” (in shape, mind you) is from “Land of the Giants” TV series, it’s the “shuttle” Space ship that Capt Steve Burton (my uncle, yes) piloted into a hideous world for everyone (crew, Passengers, hapless viewers, the actors...) again a long long ago time (of the future, at that juncture) The craft is called “Spindrif” and it became lost between LA and London. Go figure. Go Irwin !



The Space 1999 “Hawk” space Craft is 1/72, unknown to me as to which kit Kinley used, sorry

Perhaps Chewbacca here in the “stock” Star Wars Walker can be of some help. Perhaps not.

I salute Kinley for his work and for his enthusiasm, appreciated.





Dennis Ybe and son, two very accomplished and long time modelers in our community, made appearance at meeting with German Armor (son) and American Thunder (father) which again, I didn't catch the best details.

John Carr shared his latest experiment in nautical modelling, a Soviet Projekt as you see here. Sweet !



Kent McClure's three pieces here express again, the ability and range of our membership, brilliantly and wild.

Jim Lund had a very personalized display for his latest tabling, which included framed copy of Editor Burton's recent editorial where it turns out, a shared admiration for the man in the picture (Rod Serling) comes to light. A collection of "Revell Japan" in 1/72, and a vintage Airfix advert (in support directly of my picture's Airfix kit) was the main modelling focus of Jim's display. I was humbled by his excellent rendering of his model talk there



Cliff Kranz had three entries and that was in fact, the entire contingent for the President's Club Contest "Douglas" That was covered by Editor already in the July TAMS .

Here's the three:

So to wrap up this rendering as such, of the July SVSM meeting, I note model of the month goes to... **Ken Miller's** Civilian Hercules w/Sprite (quite a story in itself). – *mick fini*

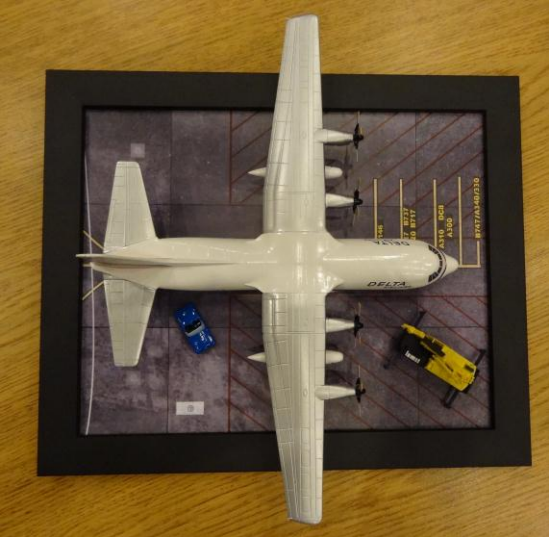




Congratulations to

Ken Miller

FOR WINNING JULY MODEL OF THE MONTH



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