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And Yes, WE DO HAVE Minutes Here For Last Meeting



Editor Studies Sketch at Proper Presentation for SVSM November 2015 Meet

Text: Chris Bucholtz/Mick Burton

Photos : Mick Burton

Models : Compliments of those present

At the November meeting, John Carr asked about what we could do to bolster our membership. Chris Bucholtz suggested a goal of six external displays in the next year. Chris then volunteered to spearhead the table at the Spirit of '45 next August.



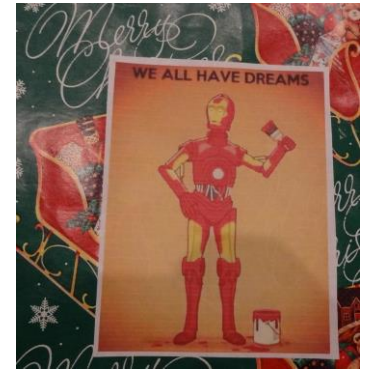
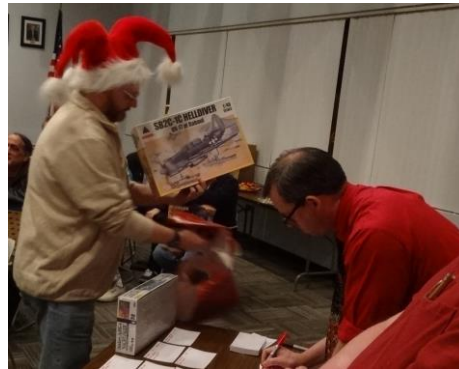
Know of any other great display opportunities – air shows, car shows, veterans events or any events for young people ?

Let us know, and let's get out more into the community in 2016.

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EDITOR RELINQUISHES SPACE FOR A LESS "SHOEHORNED" LOOK AT RULES FOR DECEMBER 2015 MEET



NOTE The DECEMBER GIFT EXCHANGE is the sole business Agenda item for meeting ! NO MODEL TALK

Locale: Our Standard Meeting Place, Milpitas PD Community Room, from 8-1030pm. OFFICIAL RULES BELOW:

“ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ”: GIFT “THEFT” EXCHANGE SVSM DECEMBER 2015 MEET

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. So show up on time to register AT FRONT DESK

MAXIMUM THREE Gifts put in play by any ONE Member In Good Standing. Non Member ? ONE gift max

MAXIMUM FOUR TOTAL Gifts may be put in play by a Member & Family or a Member plus their Guests.

MINIMUM RETAIL VALUE EACH GIFT must be **25 US dollars**. LABEL YOUR NAME ON GIFT

GIFTS IN ORDER TO PLAY must be reasonably pre wrapped, not outrageously “disguised” or otherwise camouflaged, so as to not take a person all night (that we don't have) to unwrap and continue our game.

GIFT TO BE OFFERED IN PLAY should be model oriented, likely to be generally perceived of as an item some several of those present WOULD WANT TO STEAL. Bring item you're mad for, others likely will be.

ONCE UNWRAPPED, ALL GIFTS CONSIDERED “IN PLAY” UNTIL “DEAD”. **NO TRADES !! ARE ALLOWED IF IN PLAY** ITEMS INVOLVED. Feel free to manage what you like with yours and others “dead”

UNWRAPPED GIFT IS “IN PLAY” **UNTIL STOLEN THREE TIMES** THEN IT IS DECLARED “DEAD”

Any & all disputes for this declaration are resolved by Club Secretary or his designee, are final and binding.
Just ask Chris B. or his designee.

PLAY ENDS when time to leave comes or all items are stolen to the dead point or the last one is unwrapped to its eventual fate.

AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT MODEL SHIP KIT must be present in the GIFT PILE. Or you're all in trouble.

AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT, HIGH QUALITY SCI FI MODEL must be present in GIFT PILE. (in Steve's Honor)

THIS MAY NOT BE COMPLETE RULES. LISTEN AT THE MEETING FOR ANY ADDENDA.

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SVSM EDITOR' s JANUARY 2016 CLUB CONTEST Theme is

“ 1916 ”

Another Centenary club contest. Rock simple decision for an entry. Did your subject exist in the Year 1916 ? If answer is Yes, you're done. Just need to wait til meeting night. If No, then GET OUT , DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT...like BUILD or FINISH a MODEL that fits into the year. Plenty to choose from , easily.

NOVEMBER NOTION : Something For Everyone and Lots of It (Hey, Let's Get Tanked, even !) (from page 1)

In model talk... John Carr turned a die-cast 2007 Tahoe SUV into a San Jose Police Department lieutenant's car. John added every police item in the car:



Command supplies, a white board, a laptop (folded from paper!), tactical equipment, the lightbar and more. He removed the side mouldings and rebuilt the floor – and then he went another step and turned an LAPD figure



into a SJPD captain by stripping off any LAPD-specific gear and insignia and replacing them with appropriate replacements. The model is part of John's epic effort to create a display for the SJPD (see elsewhere in the newsletter to find more about this project).



Kent McClure's collection of unusual figures included a surfer and a sumo wrestler from Reaper Miniatures; the game company has no games that include these characters, so make up your own surfer vs. sumo game!



Kent also had a robotic stevedore figure and something called Mong. He's getting into the Fremont Hornets' airliners build with the VEB Plasticard kit of the LET-410, which he says has some interesting dimensions that challenge the stated 1:100 scale of the kit.



Mike Meek's TransAm Mustang started life as the Revell kit, and then Mike reworked bodywork to recreate the car that Paul Newman drove in the early 1990s. He hopes to have it finished for the Western NNLs.

Frank Babbitt had a collection of natural-metal aircraft, all awaiting decals: an Anigrand XB-51,

an Anigrand XF-90,



an Airfix F-80



and an Airfix P-51D (all in 1:72)



plus Revell Airbus A319 (in 1:144)

The Airbus was finished by using Tamiya rattlecan silver, while the rest were painted using Alclad.



Frank said the XB-51 was a particularly difficult kit, with a multiple-piece fuselage that had to be intensively worked to accurately portray the original Martin bomber.



Brian Sakai has his Airfix P-51D nearly complete in markings of Bud Anderson's "Old Crow." The kit decals had a few issues—the nose band didn't completely reach around the nose, for example, and the colors of the serials and victory markings were all off.

Brian painted the Mustang using marker pens!

He used a similar treatment for his Sweet 1:144 A5M "Claude," which boasts a host of very small detail parts, like the exhaust pipes, telescopic gunsight and other intricate details.





Ken Miller presented an in-progress Revell P-3 Orion, which shares a lineage with the earlier Lockheed Electra kit.

The Electra molds were irrevocably altered to make the P-3, but you can find resin re-pops of the Electra fuselage (as Ken had at the meeting).



His L-100 diorama has been improved with the addition of some 1:144 workstands he sourced from Shapeways.



Finally, he's working to upgrade the old Testors repop of the even older Hawk C-131 to recreate the Hamilton Field-based Samaritan that crashed while being flown by the base commander at Mt. Umhunum.

Eric McClure was on the verge of completing his three penguin figures – pirate, punk and pilgrim penguins, to be exact – which will be gifts for his daughter.



He has most of Academy's M36 tank destroyer built up, and has added a few details to the fighting compartment, but in detailing it he realized that the dimensions are off a bit. He added four additional rounds to the kit's complement with acrylic rod filling in for the rear of the shells.

Chris Bucholtz's completed Roden 1:72 Fokker D.VII was a tricky build, made trickier by the paint scheme for Wilhelm Hippert's "Mimmi," which had required the use of some uncooperative decals from PrintScale that covered the entire plane. Machine guns from Mini World, photoetched parts from Part added detail to the otherwise so-so kit.

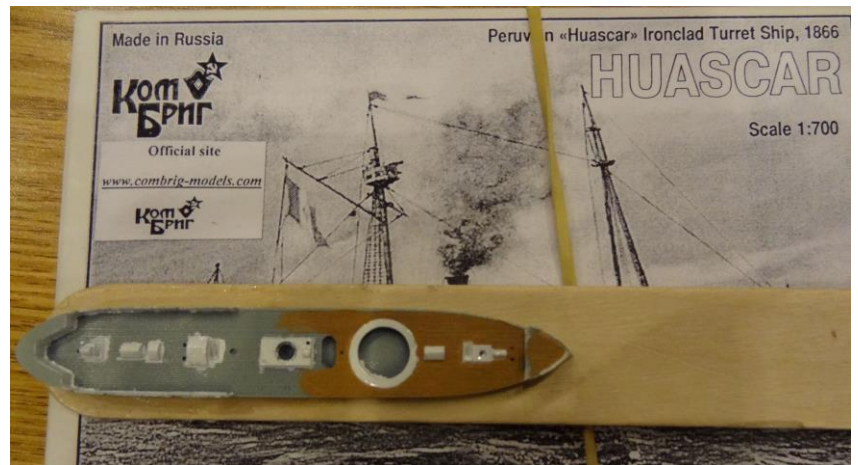


Chris is also hard at work on his 1:72 conversion of the IBG 1:72 15cwt Chevrolet of Canada truck in to the C60L 3-ton version. He's adding detail, replacing items that disappeared ,or were damaged when his cat chewed up the model !

Gabriel Lee has completed Maj. Soto's F4U-5 Corsair, a three-plane victor in the "Soccer War." He used the Italeri 1:72 kit for his project.



Also with a Latin American twist: the 1:700 Kombrig Huascar, which was put into service by Peru in 1866 and which still exists in Chile (which captured the ship).



Gabriel's also planning to tackle the Minicraft MD-80 as part of the Fremont Hornets 2016 group build, using a South American scheme from one of several decal sheets he's collected. Finally, Gabriel has a collection of 1:72 Colonial Vipers in the works: the original Viper Mk. II from Moebius, the Viper Mk. VII from the Moebius two-in-one kit, and the Viper Jet from the show Caprica, in resin from a garage manufacturer.

Laramie Wright's Tamiya Somua S.35 is mostly built and awaits its stowage bins, while his Panzer IIIN is nearing the painting stage as well. Laramie really likes the Tamiya kit, and he's building a Panzer III that was attached to a Tiger battalion. He's also making progress of a DML M4A3 Sherman, which now features all new weld beads made from .015 styrene rod. (*on the right, in order* : Front -S.35, Center - Panzer III, Rear - M4A3)



And the model of the month goes to... **Al Kuhn**, who showed us an example of the toy "tanks" he made as a child, using an empty spool of thread, a rubber band, a button and a toothpick.



He also had some tanker trucks in 1:87: a circus tanker, and an Eider Water tanker, and a third tanker with a trailer (fashioned from a fourth truck).

All were based on 1929 Mack trucks kitted by Jordan.



In our contest "*Get Tanked*," the field was separated into two categories: **1:72, And Larger**. **Mike Meek** converted Esoteric's vacuformed kit to build a Grumman AF-2 Guardian as a fire tanker; the propeller was cut down from a B-29 and the wheels came from the spares bin.

Brian Sakai's Panzer I came from the Nitto kit, and he found the rubber band tracks to be too short!

And the winners were... (**1:72**) In third place, with his M4 Honey, was **Brian Sakai**. Brian used the Matchbox kit and scratch-built the sand shields and machine gun mount on his lovely light tank. In second place, with his Hasegawa Churchill Mk. I, was **Ron Wergin**. Ron drilled out the gun barrels and battled some tricky tracks to complete his 1:72 tank. And in first place, with a Japanese Chi Ha, was **Brian Sakai**. Brian added numerous small details, including headlight covers, tow cables, and the wire mesh over the mufflers.

In the **1:35 category**, **Laramie Wright** swamped the contest with an armored assault. His tanks included a Monogram M48 in Israeli markings; he swapped the kit drive sprockets for those from the Academy M60 and added new grab handles. His Char 2.C came from the Meng kit; the enormous super tank has 90 wheels per side, and is so heavy it takes two hands to lift it!

And the winners were... In third place was **Laramie's Panzer III J**, built from the Dragon kit. Laramie made new side shields and added Dragon Magic Tracks to his model, then gave it an interesting non-standard scheme that places the tank at Kursk in 1943. In second place was the **M4A2 76mm wet stowage Sherman**; this one was finished as a Soviet tank and given weld bead detail using styrene half-round rod. Laramie said the use of Future on the decals was the key to getting that painted-on look. In first place was the **M4A1 Firefly Vc**, built from a Tamiya hull and Commander Models turret, plus an RB Models gun. The model depicts a Sherman from the 4th Division in Italy in 1944. – *chris fini*

(Editor's Note: Earlier, November TAMS covered this contest in detail with photos. Refer to it for more info)



BONUS GALLERY – SAMPLE OF EDITOR'S FAVORITE NOVEMBER SHOTS LEFT HANGING ABOUT OTHERWISE



Also, as a teaser for the December TAMS:

Take Note: WE WILL Have a DECEMBER Model Of The Month, a Bonus from the November Meet





Congratulations to

Al Kuhn

FOR WINNING NOVEMBER MODEL OF THE MONTH



7:00 PM (entry)

8:10+ PM (start)

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 18

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