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Takes Seconds To Cover No November Minutes



SVSM November was Unusual Meet. With Treasured Three Pics, an Editor's Estimation to Square Notes from President

Photos: John Carr Text: Mick Burton/Greg Plummer

When your organization (in this case, the club SVSM) is over 53 years old, you tend to have those moments now and again that test what you're really made of. Having Armistice (Veterans) Day 2016 fall on its actual day of the 11th of November, which landed on Second Friday would seem to most, no big deal. Yet, now having SVSM already not able to secure the usual Third Friday (not the first time for either club, having their tradition nights taken) set meeting on the First Friday of November. Which meant your Editor would not make it. You see, he's currently also the Fremont Hornets President/Editor. Plus would be traveling to Lancaster the very next day for AVG show, with his TicketMaster VP at Fremont. So had to be at one venue to "run the show", hope that hastily laid plans to try to secure photos and notes of the SVSM's last 2016 meeting with "normal operations" would work out. We are fortunate thanks to the hopefully one day in future Club Secretary, member John Carr and also the always reliable stand up member, current President Greg Plummer, my hopes weren't for naught. Both provided, either notes or photos to the Editor, so this publication would appear at least as you see here.

SO PLEASE THANK THEM WHEN YOU SEE THEM, for me and on your behalf. (*Continued on 3*)

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



(shameless plug: www.mickbmodeler.com)

“BIG HOLIDAY BEST WISHES AHEAD to EVERYONE & THANKS FROM EDITOR to 2016 SVSM E- BOARD & OTHERS ”

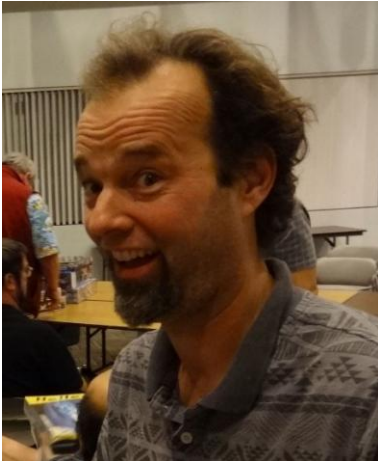
Yes, you saw that above, correctly. Somewhere, there's photo proof this Editor had a red shirt at one time ...

You'd think watching STOS (Star Trek Original Series, as if you didn't know) would have taught him not to. However some bad habits of his, like producing alleged “newsletters” apparently, don't correct themselves ☺

Perhaps though, it's not all his fault (see, I am learning from these modern times !) He'd like to thank here and now these folks for egging him on and being part of why we “do the things we do” in our part of Region Nine.

The surprised gent on the far left, that's President Greg Plummer, thank you, friend !

Then, VP & Contest Director Mike Woolson, “Ole 94” VP & Treasurer Bill Ferrante, (Editor this year also happens to be 3rd VP, if needed) Then, Secretary Chris Bucholtz.



Thank you E-Team !



The “glasses” gent on the right center with the look of “what ? “ is reason you had Raffle Prizes at SVSM at all this year. He is Louis Orselli. Lou and the hand waver Jim Priete (hates having pic taken), working with Hobbies Unlimited's Al Gerace, worked that raffle magic.



Thanks to SVSM Writers Rich Pedro & Rodney J “where'd you get that picture” Williams, for all your works!



Thanks also for “guest member” Sean Fallesen, TDY with us from OC-IPMS. Great having ya. ☺ - mickb

TWO CLUB MEMBERS MAKE AN EFFORT SO ANOTHER MAY PUBLISH ANOTHER RECORD (from 1)



Okay, let's start off with another look at the meeting. It appears to be about 9 PM at this point, knowing Greg this is likely an hour now into "formally called to order meeting". He would have gaveled November in at 8 PM sharp. The tall gentleman on center right ? Standing in deep concentration of the Club Contest part of night's meeting display table, is our honored guest from the Bay Area Scale Model Shipwrights. I know from notes and my own recollection of meeting once at SV Classic. Sorry, my name recall is poor and no notation was made.

With the pictures I have on hand, I will go out on limb and assess that folks present in attendance for November SVSM 2016 were: Greg Plummer, Laramie Wright, Frank Beltran, Al Kuhn, Eric McClure, Randy Ray, John Carr, Gabriel Lee, and Honored Shipwright. If I missed anyone, well stand where we can shoot you next time (...with the camera. Bloody hell it's a Police HQ, what you think I meant? ☺) then I'll record it here.

Alright, without being there I can't say FOR SURE. Yet again, I'll bet President Greg reviewed the calendar for near meetings and events, next then called on Model Talk to begin. So with notes in hand, we'll take us there:



Gabriel Lee had a trio here, all apparently WIP (Work In Progress) at this point.

The F-14A Tomcat is his planned for a Top Gun (the movie) scheme, as he's stated one or more occasions, if not he, who will do?

The F-86F is a "foreigner" variant in that Likely a Canadair Sabre, in one of several South American countries Air Forces, as a greater number were those vs NA models.

The two seater Sukhoi, in the three greys scheme, I can't shed much light upon.

Greg noted that **Randy Ray** brought an opened kit, but no details beyond that. Nearby though, was **Honored Shipwright's** pair of fine contributions to November 2016 Modeltalk, quite a range for just two items, also.



This sailing ship (identity unrecorded, sorry)



Then a 1/48th Kawanishi N1K "George" fighter from World War Two Imperial Japanese Naval Air Forces, by Honored Shipwright

Across the way from Honored Shipwright, **Eric McClure** had a USA MBT in progress. Again, unknown details but here's a shot:



Eric also had an "Anime Airplane" which is how it was recorded in notes for me. Looks pretty cool in configuration, from what I made out from pic.



About to be run over, in spite of its ebullient orange finish, was President **Greg Plummer**'s Aermacchi MB 326 Impala two seater.

John Carr, when he wasn't shooting these three pictures from which Editor carved a tale, had his German WW1 figure to speak on. I learnt that from Greg's notes, thanks !

Now, below appears to be the substantive turnout for the last SVSM club contest of 2016, the "End All and Be All" event.

This time out, the Editor themed contest as "German, Sherman or Vermin". It's not really hard to figure out a way to compete in this fashion. ANYTHING that's German (not exactly a rare scale modeling field) or Sherman (the tank family alone boggles) or Vermin (a rather ambiguous term, some people's vermin are other people's pets or electors...) was eligible.



While I haven't any details on the specific entrants you see above, other than specific winners, some knowledge from prior meets will lead me to mildly explore to flesh this scene out before reporting the awarding. Appears the white/blue Shelby "Cobra" Mustang is present, snakes are considered Vermin so good job. Behind that in 1/72 is a Sherman on a M26 Tank Transporter. Well, may not have been apprised then, but I will now. Sherman, easy, the transporter was nicknamed "Dragon Wagon" and that's classic Vermin of the olden days... Good job! More Shermans, then a "German gun". Also on the left appears to be a group of Shermans and Germans... OK

Final tally per Greg was noted like so: 3rd Place was **Eric McClure** for his Sherman, 2nd Place was **Randy Ray** for his Sherman, 1st Place went to **Laramie Wright** for his Sherman. That was wrap for November, with lastly- Model of the Month ? Eric McClure for his Anime Car. – *mick fini, thanks to Greg P & John C*



**YOU ASKED FOR THEM SO...
HERE THEY ARE AGAIN,
UPDATED**



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

Locale: Our Standard Meeting Place, MPD Community Room, 8pm - 1030pm.

OFFICIAL RULES BELOW:

“ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ”: GIFT “THEFT” EXCHANGE SVSM DECEMBER 2016

1. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. So show up on time to register AT FRONT DESK
2. MAXIMUM THREE Gifts put in play by any ONE Member In Good Standing. Non Member ? ONE gift max
3. MAXIMUM FOUR TOTAL Gifts may be put in play by a Member & Family or a Member plus their Guests.
4. MINIMUM RETAIL VALUE EACH GIFT must be **25 US dollars**. **LABEL YOUR NAME ON GIFT**
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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”
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. *AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT MODEL SHIP KIT must be present in the GIFT PILE.* Or you’re all in trouble.
11. *AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT, HIGH QUALITY SCI FI MODEL must be present in GIFT PILE. (in Steve’s Honor)*
12. THIS MAY NOT BE COMPLETE RULES. LISTEN AT THE MEETING FOR ANY ADDENDA.



Congratulations to
Eric McClure

FOR WINNING NOVEMBER MODEL OF THE MONTH

7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING 8:00 PM SHARP

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 16

At

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

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