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No Papering It Over, Lot of Models, Modelers!



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Officially NOT the MINUTES of the SVSM January Meet, Just Musings by Mick Burton

At the January opener, had ourselves a winner of a turnout for the New Year. For added variety, we featured an earnest effort to inspire new material with a pair of Official Club Contests, that saw us end up batting in .500



Due to circumstances beyond his control, the SVSM Club Secretary Chris Bucholtz wasn't at the meeting, taking down minutes.

Editor Burton's plans that night didn't permit him to keep up with all these (Continues on 3)

“ A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE HOBBY SHOP ”



Without a doubt, I think you'll agree. For, as you can see, an IMBECILE KING singlehandedly managed to find a way to shut down business at one of the finest establishments (hobby or otherwise) I have the pleasure of knowing for a while. Everyone who may wish to differ with me or somehow explain that this was just an unfortunate accident, that this is a place of business, they have insurance, don't worry everything will work out for the best, the driver doesn't deserve damnation

Well you all can just take it on down the fairy tale road and leave me hell alone.

First, take another look at some of the obvious havoc this waste of life produced



Now that you have taken in the immediate and clear evidence of the damages begun by this “unfortunate accident” perhaps the part you can't see and don't or wouldn't possibly know, needs to be illustrated. Consider this as a bit like what you will never hear in a court, because after all, emotion and REAL LIFE WHOLE TRUTHS rarely seem to figure in that system.

The area this worthless individual plowed through that Thursday night ? On certain Friday nights, there would have been a crowd of innocents seated in a neat line of tables, ready to be included in his path of destruction. I know this first hand. For I have been one of those seated on few nights I've been able to make it to the San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers. SJVSM TomCats , who regularly have their club meets here at Modesto Hobby & Crafts (MHC). That's clearly on hold now. MHC also has been a long time quiet help or central factor in success of ventures by several clubs in Region Nine. Not just as big friend to SJVSM. MHC is truly run by hobbyists for hobbyists, while managing to maintain a business that does actually run as one, against cutthroat competition of today's Internet age. Still managing to make an authentic “family atmosphere” an everyday experience, and offering discounts, customer service and unique specialist help that you can't find anywhere else, freely. Honestly an amazing bunch of really good people doing an amazing amount of good every day, in many a way.

Thanks to that imbecile at the wheel, all these good things and all the people who do the good and get the good, now aren't able to be relying on that certainty. I am joining with others who see the sense to step forward to help friends in need, while “things work themselves out (or not) over time”. Visit link to see how, what I mean. More background at mickmodeler.com

– mick

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SVSM EDITOR's CONTEST THEME February 2015

“ Kelly's Heroes ”

Mr. Clarence “Kelly” Johnson,
America's Secret Weapon of choice in my book.

This contest intended to celebrate legendary works plus even those that didn't work out so well, all from the leadership and mentorship of Kelly. Pre-Skunk Works on through to the “Have Blue”, quite a range. - SO - if you want to have a shot at

winning, be sure to *FINISH* your model entry.

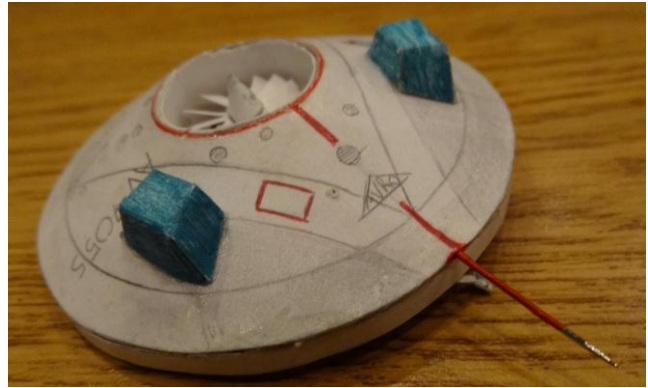
Any other Heroes, say of a certain movie variety, will have to sit this one contest out. Or find their own way.



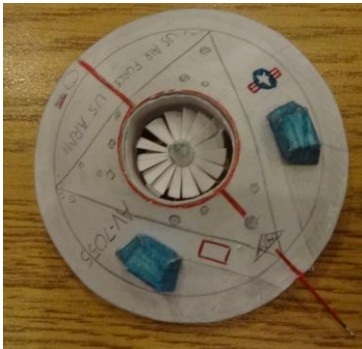
SVSM LAUNCHES NEW YEAR WITH THREE OFFICERS, TWO CONTESTS, ONE FINE GROUP (from page 1)

disparate dynamics, so portions of the following retrospective will necessarily be light or vacant on the details.

The “pre meeting” portion of the night did permit him some time to get background on these models so we’ll begin there. This “pile of paperwork” in action on left



is Junior member Mark Balderamma’s aerial armada. First off, Avro VZ-9 “Saucer” which actually flew, not a “paper” design.



Nice work on the fan in center of it.

Looks about size for 1/72 scale, I didn’t ask him but I have resin kit of this, so have idea.



Next up, on the right, is Mark’s North American X-15A, well rendered including that paper landing gear !



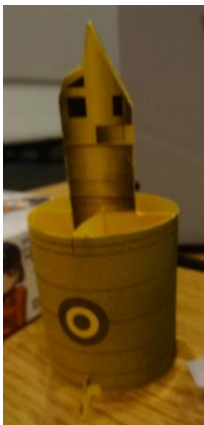
Mark’s F5D reminded me of my days at his age, living in West S.J.

When NASA Ames’ F5D-1 would fly on by in pattern, make my day

Mark knew I’d done this French VTO as a kit, so he asked me to repeat the name for him. I kidded him that it’s the French word for “smoking hole”, this “*Coleoptere*”, then remembered “Hummingbird” is the real answer.

He brought his win at the TC-X with yet another scale paper model VTO: Hawker Siddeley FGA.1 “Kestrel”, the father to well known “Harrier”.

Paper scale models weren’t Mark’s only work on display that night, this metal model ship, his too.





Well it seems to be, Mark's Dad (aka David) was not going to have his oldest son be the only modeler in family on our New Year table!

A Blue Impulse edition of "Egg" F-86 that David won with in the Special Saturday Speed Build (the camo one here) now underway as you see. Maybe we'll have to Egg him on, hey ?

Meanwhile, intrepid Al Kuhn showed another of his patented speed builds of amazing oldies (both in the subject matter and the actual kit material !) This time it's this wicked 1/72 wired up Bleriot Monoplane. Which Al has fiendishly proven again to the Editor that yes, indeed, the Renwal "authentic covering" system actually could be made to work and with fine results.

When these kits were fairly new, I'd determined after trying a couple, must be Renwal's secret plan here, to insure no one at all would take up model aircraft as hobby in this niche. Much appreciation for the extremely well rendered and displayed Bleriot, and my pictures don't do it justice, Al.



Speaking of fiendish plays on the Editor's mind, as



Ken Miller reminded him, these EggCentric Shuttles and 747 Carriers were due to a mischief muse by the Editor in regarding plays with rules for "Club Egg Contest". Ken is now well underway with a pair of them, and will gleefully play Hob with Editor all the way to their finish !

Any resemblance to the aforementioned planes by Ken's AeroSpaceliner, is purely coincidental. Must ...flee...country... now.

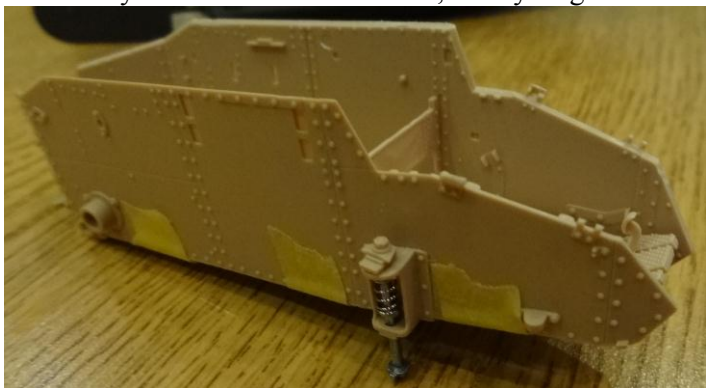
SVSM JANUARY MEET IS FULL OF SHELL SHOCKS FOR EDITOR IN FORM OF Works In Process AS WELL (sheet 5)



In picture above, group of grand WIP by Ben Pada and Laramie Wright. On right, close up look at the lovely progress being made on the 1/32 F4U Corsair by Ben from what else? Yes, Tamiya's great start.



Laramie's a fan of Tamiya as well. This armored vehicle on left may be their latest, but I didn't catch the modeltalk.



That's an Emhar 1/35 "land dreadnought" from the Great War here on the right. Laramie has done some fairly hefty reinforcement work, that is near invisible in the picture I chose to show here. One might think we have a Club Contest in the fall he

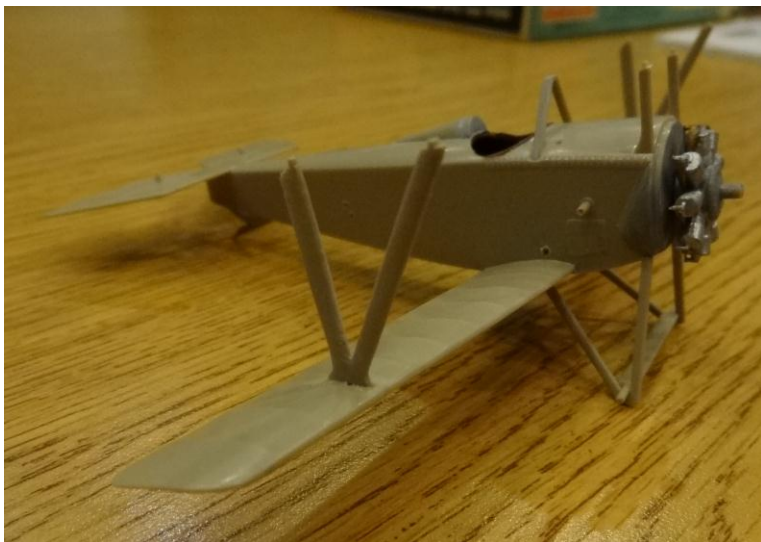


might be aiming to have this finished for, never know

Laramie has this Great War aircraft underway, that I did not get the details for as well. Picture will help us.

Would be willing to venture a guess that it's 1/48 in scale, looks pretty much on order of being a French Nieuport of some mark, perhaps an 11 or 17.

No doubt that we will see it again, in progress over a series of meetings, and perhaps if someone besides the Editor is recording the event, readers here will gain a few more useful information nuggets !



Well, I did catch a smattering of things to know about this next group on the right.

Another excellent lesson in modelling by John Carr, this eclectic trio of works here





John's Crusades (?) Warrior leads us off while he is in range of the "Space Cruiser Yamato" exhausts



John's WIP Z-28 featured a new scratchbuilt hood, that was intriguing work indeed. Below, Yamato !



We jump right away to this group above, as I have said, musings not minutes, best I can do

The Boeing X-32 in 1/72 WIP, Kent McClure which neatly matches with his finished work You see on right, this "Unimaginable Horror" Kid you not, that's what it is called! Having a pair of X-32s myself, the titling fits all of it!

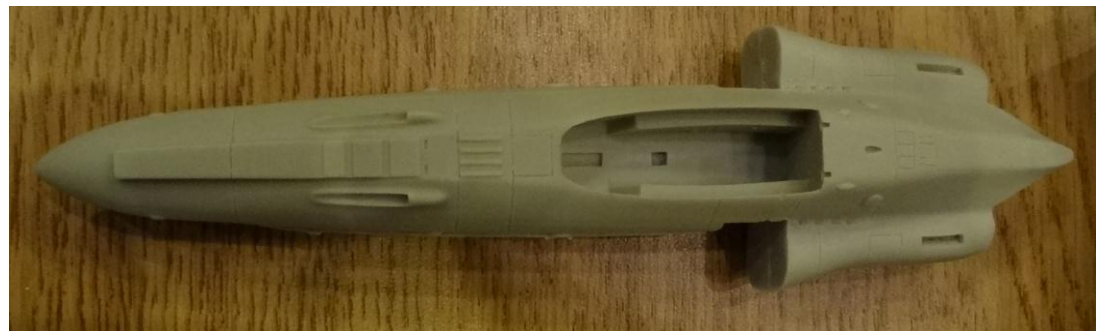




Happily, Kent had another, far less disturbing Eye-full, to view in WIP
 Now we'll skip on to this decidedly less suggestive item of WIPs...by



none other than Gabriel Lee, who's known for his utter lack of mischief and mirth. Yea.
 The "half seventy second scale" (1/144) DC-9 kit is new to me. FLY models, very nice



The "Hawk" from Space 1999 on left. I haven't a clue about this other pair of fanciful spacecraft, but trust that Our Good Man Gabriel will be back with them in progress.



So may yet redeem my own sense of things.
 Or just satisfy massive case of curiosity !



BECAUSE SOMEONE WILL ASK – YES I HAVE RUN OUT OF ROOM so am wrapping up this record such as it is, how January opener went !



That is Gabriel Lee's Revell SnapTite Star Wars Starfighter on left, the exquisite finished Battlestar Galactica is also his. Below, I think these are both William Ferrante's 1/72 WIPs, but only know the Russki P-39 for sure.



In case you wanted to know, *there is a method* as to how this issue was layed out. Pictures were placed on pages, mostly ordered to be that which I recalled best to least...

Then I went back in to fill best I could. With as much material could be

reasonably sure was accurate, complete, no great scandal to write home about later.

So forgive me for not having any idea now of what these last two photos are of, or by whom. There were about 10 more shots I'd been unable to use (for lack of space plus a paucity of knowledge even more severe...)

There were two Club Contests as I noted, in the opening of this piece: The "1915" & "Cats Outa The Bag". Which I had covered prior to this Original Styrene Sheet, in the January 2015 edition of The AfterMarket.



Many of the models you see in cover shot of meeting table at the front portion, were rendered in depth for reading in TAMS

So now, I'll close with "go there for that, in better detail"

As well, again tip my hat in a congrats to President Mike's choice of Greg Plummer's Merc Wagon for *Model of Month*



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