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## *Again, Takes Seconds To Cover No Minutes*



*SVSM 2017 Opener was a Varietal Meet. With a Model Throng and Editor's Indulgence, Taking Pictures and Nary a Note ...*

Photos: Mick Burton    Text: Mick Burton    Keeping Throng Running Along: Greg Plummer

*When January Meet came to pass, pretty much wasn't in the news, apparently all Media being co-opted by some other "big deal of an event back in East, earlier.*

*Damn Yankees...*

*That may have been true. Yet the Editor feels SVSM faithful monthly like here, deserve respect of giving a nod to their showing up and sharing. ( Continued on 3 )*



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



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**“ BE HOPING to SEE SOME OF YOU at THE TWO EVENTS TWO WEEKS APART for FIRST HALF OF R-9 SEASON ”**



Yes, you read that correctly. This coming Saturday, day after our second meeting in 2017, IPMS Silver Wings hosts the kickoff event for the Region Nine '17 contest/show calendar



Two weeks later, the second event, and LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, hosted by us. So, if I don't manage to “neighbor” or judge or what have you in the next two weeks, well guess it's “see you in September”. Yes, one other show, but I'm not going to NATS - *mickb*

( continued from 8 ) **NOW OUR LAST LOOKS AT SVSM JANUARY “MAXIMUM EFFORT” MEETING**

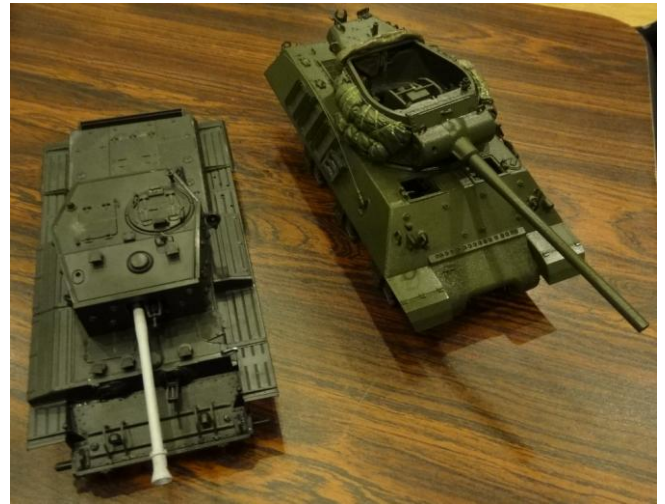


Mark B also had finished a Blue Angels F8F “Beetle Bomb” and had this Horten Flying Wing underway. Nice



**Laramie Wright** showed up in WIP with a “banded” Monogram Ju87G in 1/48<sup>th</sup> and an “Isherman” in 1/35<sup>th</sup>.

**Eric McClure** had WIP in hand as well, with the open top American tank destroyer beside British “box turret”, both from WW2. Sorry, no other details at this time.



Editor had sponsored a “Club Contest” for this month, “1917” being theme. President Greg can just be spotted as he

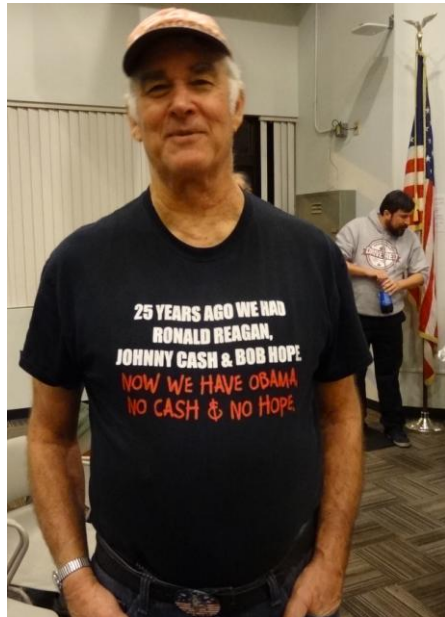


looks over “Field of Battle” for that gig as Secretary Chris Bucholtz takes notes for Laramie Wright's entries there. Full report and pictures for this contest may be found in the prior published January 2017 TAMS, won't be repeated here.

So, we wrap up opener meeting with a congratulations to Model of the Month winner, SVSM Treasurer for life **Bill Ferrante**, for his “Rowan's P-40N ”

- *mick fini*

**MANY CLUB MEMBERS MAKE "MAXIMUM EFFORT" JANUARY OPENER, EDITOR TRIES TOO (from 1)**



That's a pretty nice turnout above, wouldn't you say ? Let's start off here with



our **Cliff Kranz** his six models nearly had table to themselves. If you haven't met Cliff, say hello to him, far left . Above. his Arado Ar 68 is proud to be done.

His Unimog 435 is faking death, no clue why.

Perhaps because Combat Engineer vehicle is near.





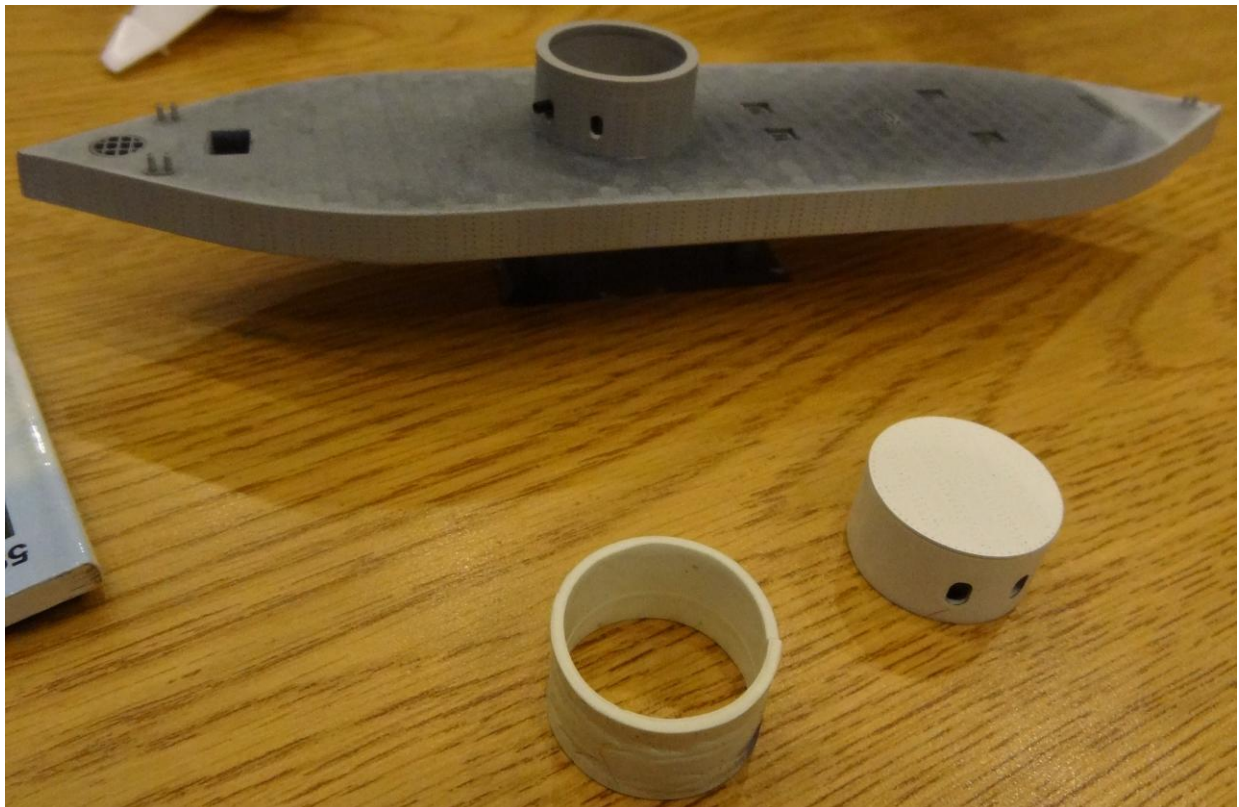
Like his Ar-68, these two are 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale. OK-BSF is a postwar Czech build of Ar-96, the splinter camo'd bird is a Klemm KI-35D of "prewar" vintage.



Last but not least is Cliff's GAMA GOAT, modified from 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale new Tamiya, he backdated to more look like one he shot in January 1969, one of the first to see service!



**Shervin Shembayati** completed a lovely metallic blue Rallye Race car. Having plenty leftover paint which he adapted to a German F4F Phantom II retirement scheme he's got WIP'd into shape. Meanwhile, **John Carr** gave us an intriguing run down of how much fun making the Pyro Monitor kit, in 1/1 what-have-you scale, into a fairly accurate representation of real Union Ironclad of 1860s fame, really is. Those turrets are John originals.





**Kent McClure** was as ever, busy on all fronts.

As I forewarned, mission at meeting for me was to be shooting pictures, so I have no details on this set.

Just know that the grey sub WIP holds the line on a plethora of figures, which a battle line of four AFVs is threatening it seems.

Air cover is provided by an aircraft pair, one Egg'd on, one "appears stock"

**ALL are under Kent's command, in any case.**



**Ron Wergin** made another masterpiece of 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale German Armor WW2 with his Tamiya 38(t) Hetzer Jagdpanther here on the left.

Joined by Ron's lovely work here, which I can only basically identify as German, AFV, WW2

Also in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale, with a superb subtle finish

Speaking of finish, **Jim Priete** provided look at how his Tu-2 "Bat" is nearly completed. A somber scheme perhaps, attractive in its own right and likely effective in its theatre of ops!





**Jim Lund** produced a lovely 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale “CAMEL” from Andrei Tupelov’s design bureau. Not many know this today, but Tu-104A was the SOLE JET AIRLINER IN WORLD working between 1956 and 1958, despite being the SIXTH to fly ! Jim provided plenty of evidence the level of detail in kit was pretty inclusive, with even resin replicas of the on board wall mount urinals! Jim’s exposition on the travails of tackling all things airliner and Russian didn’t end there. His rubber banded box contained a Tupelov ANT-9 twin of a kit for which he sought a very shark snouted variation. Turning out any and every avenue to get one actually in the box, near impossible!



**Brad Chun** has another trio of custom auto magic of his own underway.

We’ll have to wait for another meeting to get the details.

**Randy Ray** had a plan to participate in the “1917” Club Contest that was a feature for this month.

Here’s his WW1 Albatros underway to prove it. Editor didn’t want him to lose momentum, advised that TC-13 coming mid September includes a “1917” Special Award





**Greg Plummer** didn't let being SVSM Pres this past year slow him down any.

This "Show Rat" as Editor ended up dubbing it, is our Greg's render of a "Rat Rod" in a "show finish".

As you might see at a custom car show or similar display venue, or if you were an owner who took more pride in your ride than some 1/1 or scale purveyors of "Rattus Roddus" seem to, polar opposites at times to his truck !

While Greg innocently explained the makings of this truck, and then on to his other two models, Editor struck with fiendish inspiration to hold a "Club Contest" on a theme "Show Rats" for August...bedeviling everyone.



Editor found himself very much bedeviled by not having any notes. So Greg's finished metallic grey/cream sunroofed import is not any more identified than that, sorry !

This on left though, struck home to heart of the Editor, as Greg's IDF/AF P-51D 'Stang answered for him "correct finish" for bird.

As Greg explained, the blue & brown would react to desert sun pretty quickly, so the fact there's some confusion is understandable.



In case those two loose props off tip of Greg's Mustang wing gave you pause, here's what they belong to. This Sword 1/72<sup>nd</sup> kit of the Fairey Gannet AEW, a WIP by **Chris Bucholtz**, with a crewman !

There's a really cool tale to go with this P-40N of 4<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, PTO

**Bill Ferrante** chose this to add in his growing 4th FG collection in 172<sup>nd</sup>, as flown by none other than comedian *Dan Rowan*.





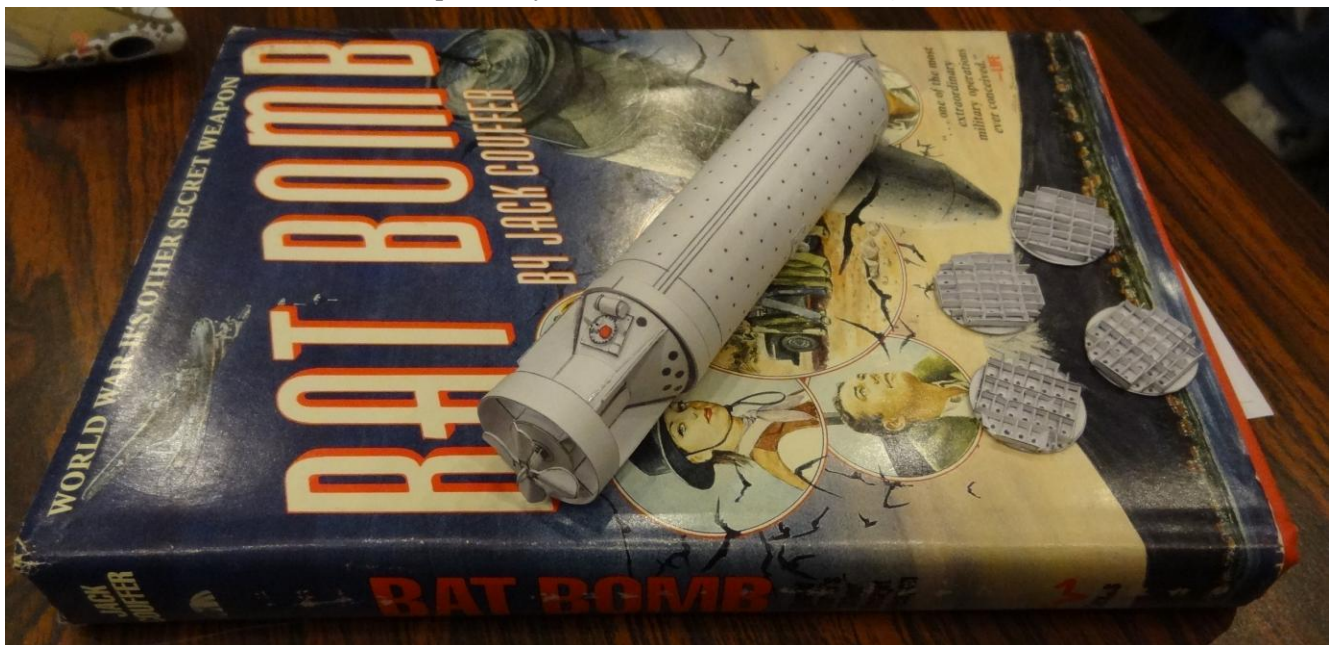
**Gabriel Lee** amazed and amused us with describing how his latest 4 here are coming along: a F-14A, F-86 Sabre, Sukhoi "Flanker" and beginnings of an early Huey helo.

Four from **Ben Pada** next , below



Above, Ben's new mold Airfix P-40C WIP. On right of that, his Panther D of WW2, and Soviet T-55 which was a kit he began 13 years ago!. Ben's really enjoying exploring techniques in AFV modeling he reports. But above the tanks you can see he hasn't given up on 1/48 aircraft. That's the new Tamiya Ki-61 "Swallow" he has taped.

**Mark Balderamma** continues to prove scale modeling in Paper is a very interesting pursuit: First up was this "Bat Bomb", based on the real deal explored by USA in WW2. ( *NOW go to PAGE 2 for FINAL ESSAY* )







Congratulations to  
**William Ferrante**

**FOR WINNING JANUARY MODEL OF THE MONTH**



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

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