



# THE STYRENE SHEET

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## ***SVSM Annual Pile o' Presents Proves Piratical !***



Photos & Text: Mick Burton Gift Wrapped Models : everyone from everywhere

*Officially & Deliberately Scant MINUTES of SVSM December Meet by Mick Burton*



*At the December meeting, we had our well known and sometimes notorious, "Steal This Gift Exchange" occur.*

However, major revision of procedure had to take place.

End Result ? *(Continues on 3)*



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

(shameless plug: [www.mickmodeler.com](http://www.mickmodeler.com))

**“ A MODEL EXAMPLE OF OUR MODEL COMMUNITY ”**

With the New Year came back to my fingers the ability to spit words faster than your “block sender” button can fend off. Thusly this Editor in one of his other pursuits, managed to finally finish a piece of writing to go with these pictures he took at December Silvercon 2014. In that article, he conceded how he'd enjoyed this entry, however still hadn't a clue to identity or the source of it.

Very shortly after publishing article, he not only knew what it was and the source, also had an excellent photo to demonstrate true scale of 1/1 beast, and capsule history

All due to the fine Email response of a “still unmet” model compatriot, who's a reader of SVSM and Fremont Pubs!

Say hello to friend

**Mr Pedro J Negron**, Webmaster and VP of IPMS-Borinqueneers (tall smiling man next to the text ) That's his energetic clan of active club members around the lady in stripes, who had teamed with them for an excellent education outreach that day.

Below, a miniature of the very appreciated larger shot of “Caterpillar D9R Doobi” (a pair, actually). Which Pedro kindly explained was kitted by Meng in 1/35, so I'd know what object of my fascination on page 20 of Hornets club pub was, and from. Also helpfully included info that this armored ‘dozer was first employed by the IDF. Then saw service with USA in Iraq. As he said, indeed I now can appreciate reality of size of this machine with the photo he provided. Pedro and his club are splendid



examples of what makes this world of shared model interests truly worthwhile **Thank you. Leaders one and all here.** Also dear readers, my New Year wish: Please check link on the end, promise a superb modern website awaits you !

Below is their next big show – [mick http://www.ipmsborinqueneers.com](http://www.ipmsborinqueneers.com)

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**IPMS Borinqueneers Model Expo 2015**

**Marzo 1, 2015**  
**9:00 am - 4:00pm**

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These two facets of their site worth jumping to directly. **Don't miss their Gallery !**  
<http://www.ipmsborinqueneers.com/borinqueneers-history>  
<http://www.ipmsborinqueneers.com/apps/faq/>

**SVSM DECEMBER MEET IS FULL OF SHOCKS AS GIFTS STOLEN RIGHT, LEFT & CENTER ! ( from page 1 )**

**In “Exchange”...** The Editor stood in for traditional “SVSM Party Whip” Chris Bucholtz, navigated shoals of treacherous (for others, he didn’t play this year) “Gifting and Sifting” so that others may live (to tell the tale...)



Courtesy of tryout of this “phototicket” system, a generously provided second eyes of Jim Priete, Burton didn’t have to call on MPD Desk Sergeant on other side of door

While quite familiar with acquisition, tracking -to- target death system that Chris has used for these so many years, (that this fiendish “Gift Exchange” has occurred) the fact is Burton’s handwriting is these days abysmal. So no way wanted to risk a quick ramp up to riot by using a set of 3x5 cards all hand scribed, to keep the system “visible and viable”. Chris must be a warlock to do it, I’m not.

No, as Burton explained to Jim Priete during the game, the preprinted “tickets” were his revision to make it so he’s at least consistent in the following; important ordering of EACH item put into play : 1) What it is 2) Who opened it 3) Who First 4) Who Second 5) Who **KILLED IT DEAD ON THIRD** Steal, with some facility. Even with egregious, Medical Professional Grade scribing, for 90 plus percent of the night’s operations his flow was maintained. So “intel” kept usefully to allow play to go pretty swiftly. Jim’s ability to keep Burton calm helped.

**RESULTING IN BOTTOM LINE END RESULTS (GOOD FOR ALL PRESENT, Player or Witness) OF:**

**50 gifts** being put on offer into play, by **21 Players** from those present at meeting.

Interesting statistics this year on the breakdown of Players and Plays, as there were a clear majority who took the option for “going for the maximum”. As in this: of the 21 who brought wrapped gift(s) with requested minimum value of 25 dollars US apiece, **13** put in **3** each, **3** put in **2** each, and **5** played with **1** gift input.

Wrapped gifts unfortunately didn’t include one of these, but I thank P.A. for the wrap artwork at least !





Compare our stats to 2013's exchange



**33** players, split out: 9 players of **3**, 10 players of **2**, 14 players put in **single** gift

In an eerie parallel; this year's Exchange ended with opening of last gift on table (this time by Randy Ray, in center shot, last year - Roy Sutherland) to discover that again, is 3 armor books ! As in 2013 when Roy chose to end game, after 22 plus steals had been seen subsequent of Steve Travis, who was last one drawn that year and chose option to steal. The Haunted Tank Christmas redux

*THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SHOWED AND ALL WHO PLAYED. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU !*



***BECAUSE SOMEONE WILL ASK – YES I HAVE A RECORD OF THE GIFTS PLAYED and taken home***

You'll just have to accept it in format I chose. Two pages, enough details I hope to suit all. Any errors, are mine

**AND**

***IN no particular order*** except for the LAST one...what was there, open by, times stolen, end of night possessor

<b>What it was</b>	<b>Opened by</b>	<b>Thievery</b>	<b>Phinal Pirate Possessor</b>
P-38F Minicraft 1/48	Tom Orsua	3 steals	Frank Beltran
T-38A (Sword) & F-16A	“	“	Brian Sakai
GAMA Goat Tamiya 1/35	Steve Quock	“	Eric McClure
Spit Vb Malta scheme 1/48	“	“	Kent McClure
F4U-1a Tamiya 1/48	Jim Priete	“	Frank Beltran
Me-262 Revell 1/32	Kent McClure	“	Postoria Aguirre
SMS Dresden	Steve Quock	3 steals	Ron Wergin
F-80 Hobbyboss 1/48	Mark Schynert	“	Frank Beltran
Pzkfpw 1b DML 1/35	Randy Ray	“	Laramie Wright
LAV-25 Trumpeter 1/35	“	“	Steve Quock
Gran Sport Corvette Wht Acc Mini	Postoria Aguirre	“	Shervin Shembayati
Bf-110E Eduard 1/48	Eric McClure	3 steals	Frank Beltran
USA/USSR Missile Set 1/144	Ken Miller	“	Steve Quock
F6F Hellcat Eduard 1/72	Jim Priete	“	Mark Schynert
PBY-2 Catalina Minicraft 1/72	Randy Ray	“	“
Ju-88A4 Revell Germany 1/72	Postoria Aguirre	“	Frank Babbitt
B-17 Promodeler 1/72	Kent McClure	3 Steals	Ken Miller
Ju-88G6 Hasegawa 1/72	Frank Babbitt	“	Laramie Wright
Nautilus Sub Pegasus (non Disney)	Eric McClure	“	Frank Babbitt
Alien UFO Area 51 Testors	Chris Zanella	none	Chris Zanella
C-47 Skytrain Airfix (new) 1/72 #1	Curtis (new guy)	3 steals	Bill Abbott
Merkava Mk 3 Meng 1/35	Chris Zanella	“	Jim Priete
Spitfire 9 Weekend Eduard 1/48	Mark Schynert	“	Chris Zanella
F-86A Resin Conversion Set (Aussie)	Tom Orsua	none	Tom Orsua

<b>What it was</b>	<b>Opened by</b>	<b>Thievery</b>	<b>Phinal Pirate Possessor</b>
Mosquito FB6 Asian Scheme 1/72	Steve Quock	3 steals	Mark Schynert
C-47 Skytrain Airfix (new) 1/72 #2	Steve Quock	3 steals	Postoria Aguirre
B-26G Marauder Hasegawa 1/72	Kent McClure	“	Kent McClure
JGSDF Type 97 Trumpeter 1/35	Eric McClure	“	Ming Liu
Scimitar AFV – AFV Club 1/35	Steve Quock	2 steals	Ron Wergin
Transporter Truck (MPC)	Tom Orsua	“	Greg Plummer
F-14 Tomcat AEROFAX Book	“	1 Steal	Curtis (new guy)
Kodak Stock Car combo	Postoria Aguirre	“	Bill Abbott
Bf-109E Tamiya 1/48	Steve Quock	“	Jim Priete
Fw-190F-8 Tamiya 1/48	Kent McClure	1 Steal	Laramie Wright
Kettenkrad 1/35	Steve Quock	“	Randy Ray
Spitfire V & V-1 combo 1/48	Curtis (new guy)	“	Ron Wergin
Anakin Pod Racer	Laramie Wright	“	Frank Beltran
Hurricane (Acad)/Bf-109(Airf) 1/72	Brian Sakai	1 steal	Shervin Shembayati
Fiero GT 1985	Tom Orsua	none	Tom Orsua
Bounty Hunter Camaro	Kent Price	none	Kent Price
BAE Harrier Xtrakit 1/72	Kent McClure	“	Kent McClure
'57 Ford Custom	Postoria Aguirre	“	Postoria Aguirre
J2F Duck by Ginter Pubs (book)	Tom Orsua	“	Tom Orsua
Kubelwagen 1/35	Steve Quock	“	Steve Quock
A-37 Cessna 1/48/DSV Stinger	Chris Zanella	none	Chris Zanella
Spitfire Vc Airfix 1/48	Brian Sakai	“	Brian Sakai
Ferrari 288/250 (two kits)	Shervin Shembayati	“	Shervin Shembayati
Fw-190A old Hasegawa 1/32	Bill Abbott	“	Bill Abbott
Scharnhorst	Frank Babbitt	“	Frank Babbitt
3 Armor Books (all I had to record)	Randy Ray	<b>END OF GAME</b>	<i>ARRRGH!! - See ya next year</i>



# PARADE REVIEW

MODEL OF THE MONTH for 2014

**JANUARY – Kinley Calvert**

*“Space Clipper Orion”*

**FEBRUARY --**

**Greg Plummer -**

*“Takoyaki Lunch Truck”*



**MARCH – Cliff Kranz**

*“Tupolev Tu-128 Fiddler”*



**APRIL --**

**Gabriel Lee -**

*“Dictator’s Personal Airbus 319”*



**--MAY – Ron Wergin**

*“Post Midway IJN Mogami”*



**JUNE --**

**Ken Miller --**

*“Santa Cruz/Saratoga Foothills Banshee”*



**JULY --**

**-- Steve Travis**

*“Belly Tanker Red Two”*

**AUGUST --**

**Mark Schynert --**

*“USA Corps Of Engineers Gamma”*



**-- OCTOBER**

**-- Larry Fernandez**

*“1941 Willys with Astonah-Finish”*





NOVEMBER --

Gabriel Lee --

“ Shark Mouthed Mil-28, FA Peru ”



(THERE WERE NO MOM AWARDS for SEPTEMBER (AUCTION) or DECEMBER (GIFT EXCHANGE)

**AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO WON!**

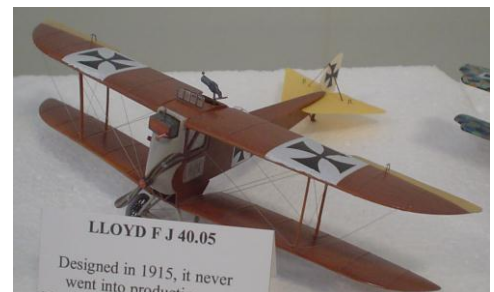
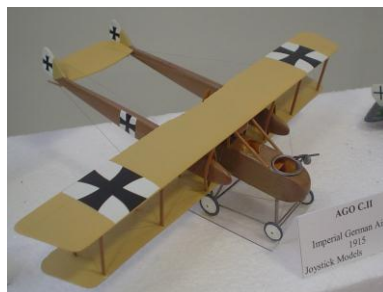
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**REMINDER THAT OPENING MEETING of SVSM 2015 offers TWO CLUB CONTESTS**

**SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME January 2015 " 1915 "**

Celebrating a centennial of massive range! Besides the obvious 365 daily “Great War” opportunities to choose from, a clever competitor might also consider here lies also: this is year NACA is born, the Mexican Revolution sees Pancho Villa's defeat. Somewhere in the UK, a technology leap named “Little Willie” is born, setting some fairly significant permanent changes to the waging of modern warfare into motion. Care to guess in what way ?

Who knows, perhaps there's something here of a cat like nature. Or if you don't finish in time for this, maybe later this year could still find something in the outlines above, that would contend again ...



**SVSM PRESIDENT'S CONTEST THEME January 2015**

**“ The Cat's Outa The Bag ”**

*A Cat Like Nature* was the exact ‘elaboration’ elucidated to me by President Woolson, with a few sketches of text. Including clear choices like : Grumman Cats, Tiger Meet subjects, Tiger or Panther tanks, etc. Must be finished, though.



**7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 16**

**at**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**

**Milpitas, CA**

