



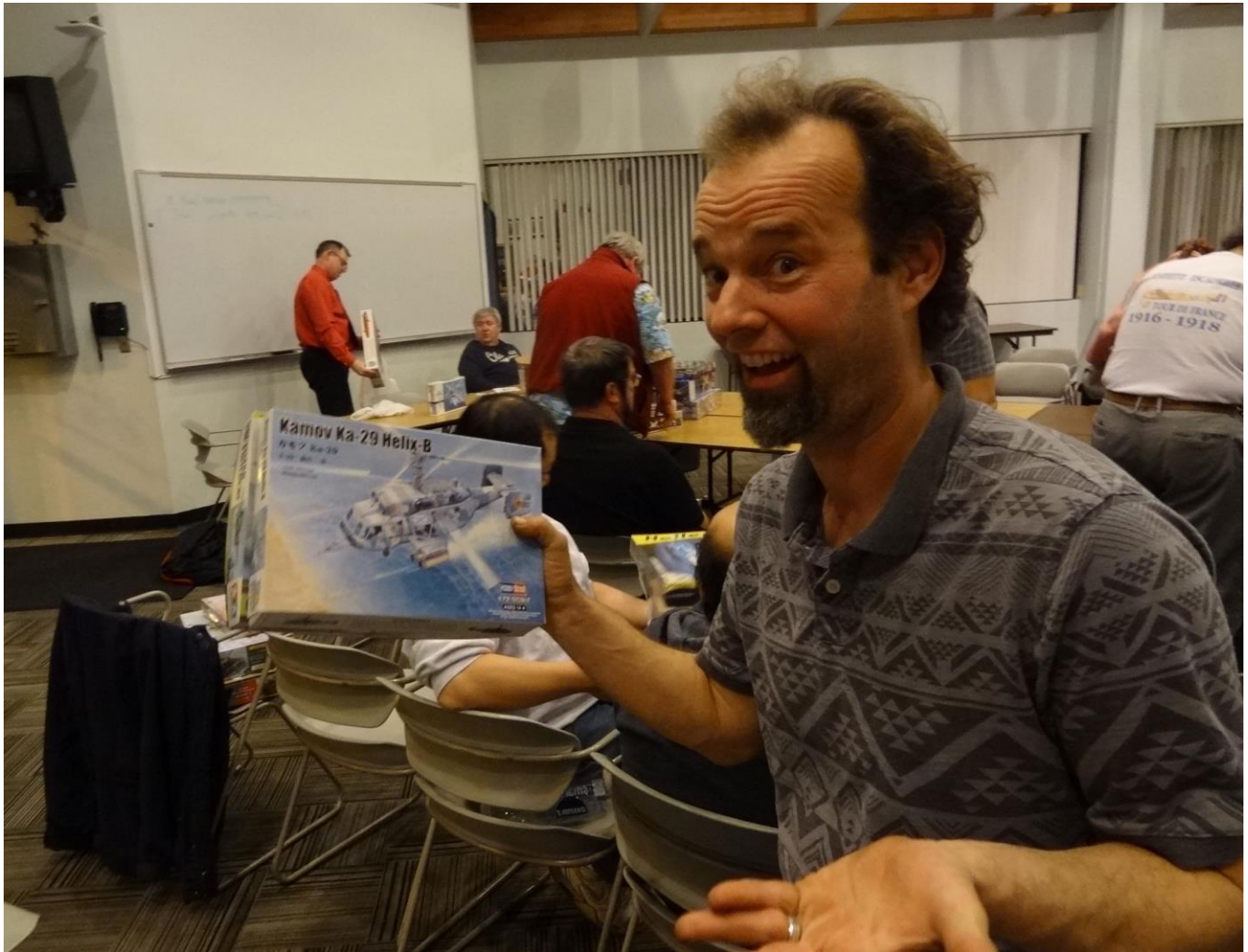
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Proof That SVSM Has Presents !



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Gift Wrapped Models : everyone from everywhere

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

At the 2015 December meeting, again we had our well known and sometimes notorious, "Steal This Gift Exchange" occur.

Happily for this Editor, this year's event featured a major switch **BACK** to our accustomed procedure. Namely, Club Secretary and Notoriously Iron Fisted Xmas Exchange Operator, M.C. Bucholz was present in time to do all the evil deed we would need. So I'll just do photo essay recap for our opening '16 OSS ([Continued on 3](#))



“ AS WE GO FORWARD, A LOOK BACK : Again, Past is Prologue ”

With the New Year comes another chance to reflect and project, so your Editor indulges across “multimedia” in a manner

SAN JOSE SCALE MODELERS



JANUARY 1986



NEXT MEETING: JAN. 17, FRIDAY
TIME: 8:00 PM FOR BUSINESS
7:30 FOR GOOD SEATS

AT: MERCURY SAVINGS,
19376 STEVENS CREEK BOULEVARD
CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER'S MUCHO MINUTES -

We made it through another year, this one 1985, to send off our past year's officers and drag in the new. By the end of the meeting and the end of our December Quarterly Contest, the idea of sending off our past officers seemed like a much better idea as Larry Taylor, retiring VP, definitely needed a LONG rest. In his last official act, he created what must surely be this club's largest number of heretofore unknown, unused and entirely enjoyable contest categories. Never have we had so many class winners and so few losers, which if my tabulations are correct was none.

Lest I get ahead of myself and get the minutes in inverted order, I will refrain from describing the December contest any further until later in this issue. You know, dramatic impact and all that.

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M35 makeover: converting a 'Nam gun truck

By Jim Lewis
Of all the ground equipment American forces fielded during the war in Vietnam, the armored guntruck is noteworthy. There were no distinct front lines or rear areas in Vietnam. Regardless of location, all American soldiers in Vietnam faced the possibility of being a target.

This extended to U.S. Army and Marine Corps trucks and driving supply convoys, who frequently ducked sniper's bullets or became trapped in an ambush. Often, the narrow bodies fought in the war were on, or along side, roads and paths.

There was seldom enough armor protection available for convoy escort duty. This was especially true during the early years when tanks and APCs were in limited supply.

Victory strikes on supply shipments had been hindering the effort, prompting Army and Marine trucks to add additional protection to their vehicles.

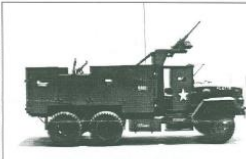
Viewing regulars would like to see along the roadside to strike at the convoys. 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment pioneered a new defensive strategy for convoy escort duties to counter the enemy threat.

Called the Herrigbahn Defense, engineering Major Patrick Tinkler and SGT APC would lead the truck convoys. At the first sign of enemy positions—usually when the VC opened fire—the tanks and APCs would pull off to either side of the road, facing outward, overlapping their fields of fire.

Then, the armored vehicles created a protective pocket with the road between them.

Labeled the "Mad Minutes," tanks and most mounted defensive weapons, to augment the firepower of the convoys. The truck's, too, could open up fire on any enemy pocket not yet neutralized by the armored vehicles ahead of them, or replace the firepower of a knocked out armored vehicle. After 1965, when the VC began fielding heavier weapons capable of destroying the armored vehicles, this was especially true.

These field modifications were extensive, and no two of these trucks were alike, even inside the same transportation group. Field units modified all types of trucks, jeeps, and bays in this manner. Marine Corps units also modified their vehicles, but these field modifications were gradual in nature.



The answer to traffic on 2377 No. 11, it's a Vietnam-era armored M35 Gun truck



Door on a real example at the U.S. Army Museum of Transport in Fort Belvoir, Virginia: steel, steel and more steel

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Ventura's 1/72 Hawker Tempest I conversion

By Mark Schynert

The family of Hawker fighters that followed the Hurricane has a somewhat convoluted family tree. Originally the Typhoon and Tempest were conceived simultaneously; the Typhoon went on to a career as one of the most important ground attack aircraft of its time in WWII, while the Tempest failed because of the Vulture engine. A Typhoon II was proposed, with a much more efficient wing; this became the Tempest V, serving in WWII, though it too was a single-engine aircraft.



Mark combined the still useful 1/72 Heller Tempest V kit with the Ventura conversion that consists of limited-run injection plastic parts with a vacuformed canopy.

It's pretty easy to build most of these aircraft in 1/72. There are early Typhoon kits by Av Uk and Favia, a pretty nice late Typhoon kit by Academy, which also does a late Tempest V, and a combi Tempest I/VI by Matchbox. With the recent release of Special Hobby's Sea Fury kit, all major production variants of the family have been covered reasonably well.

It's a little tougher to get some of the prototypes. The focus of this article, the Tempest I, was represented by a single prototype, serialled IM 395. With its lack of chin radiator and the addition of two wing leading edge radiators instead, it looks like nothing else in the family. Ventura of New Zealand

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that when at least two of these covers were done, wouldn't even have been considered, much less thought of possible later Yet, when they were conceived & executed, they were perfectly serviceable examples of “our modern age and technology”

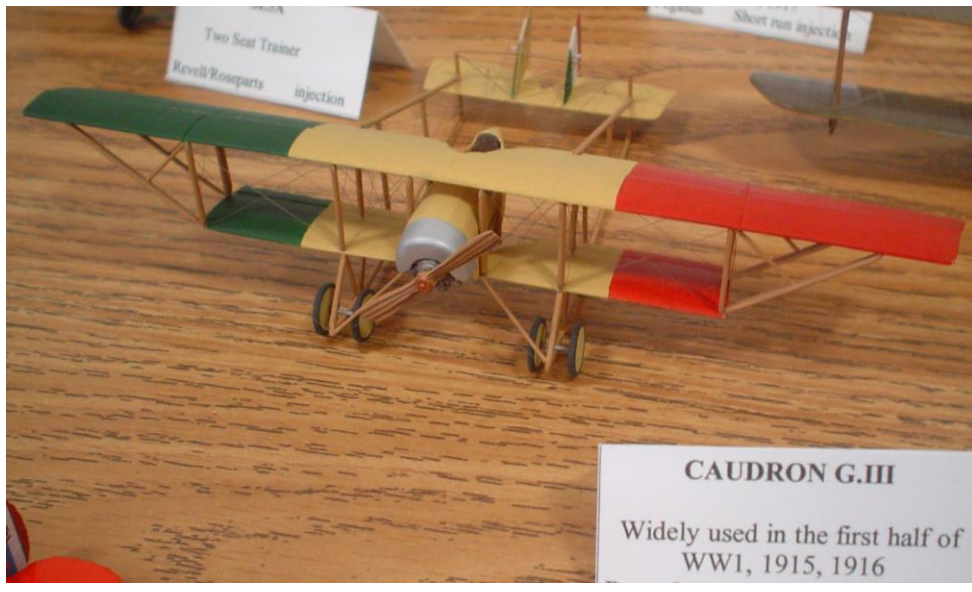
From left to right, the “OSS” as I refer to it these days, Original Styrene Sheet, January 1986, 1996, 2006 Cover pages. You can of course now, easily go and find them, open “onsite” or download them as PDFs, on the World Wide Web, at your Editor's very own website mickmodeler.com, from The Editor's Archive.

In the 30 years since first of those newsletters received by yours truly at his same “IRL” physical address, process of being able to be finding these materials after any manner of time passing, much less ability to share them so easily as now I am able to at time of this writing, be simply astonishing. Yet here we are and so it is.

Now, if only it were so easy to share, attract more adherents to this hobby of ours, life would be grand – mick

SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME JANUARY 2016 “ 1916 ”

Another Centenary, for our opener club contest. Rock simple decision for entry making. Did your subject exist in the Year 1916? If the answer is Yes, you're done, just need to wait til meeting night. If No, then GET OUT and DO SOMETHING about it... like *build* or *finish* a MODEL that fits into the year. Plenty to choose from ☺



SVSM DECEMBER MEET RETURNS TO ROOTS WITH CHRIS KEEPING TRACK OF MAYHEM! (from page 1)

In “Pre-Exchange”... The Editor stood in for President Woolson to call meet to order, keep everyone busy so as to not notice he hadn't a clue what he'd do in event “SVSM Party Whip” Chris Bucholtz didn't make it there.



Chris arrived in plenty enough time, his group of gifts joining the others shown in their abundant glory above, our final total of 49 gifts in play for the 2015 night's reveries and treacheries.

While waiting for Chris the unknown quantity and President Woolson (who texted ahead that he'd be arriving in due time, please launch ops without him) Burton kept himself amused trying to find shots of going's on prior





A firm determination visible in shot above, Burton met clear will of players and thus launched operation. Soon



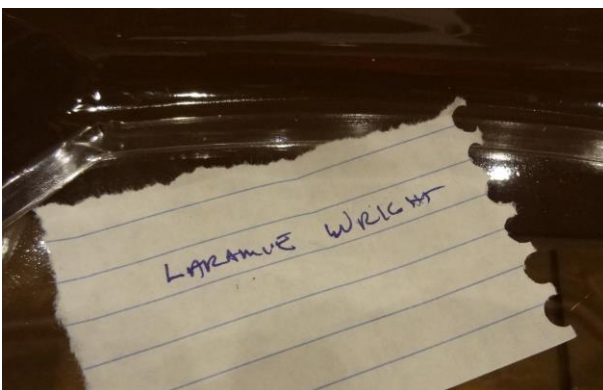
enough, here we are, Jim Priete keeping close eye on Steve Quock. Steven opened the next to last prize gift present, this 1/72 scale kit of MPM lineage. An N1K-1 "mid wing" "George" WW2 IJN Fighter .

There was also a book paired with "George", a nearly mint condition copy of the History of Monogram Model Co.



This Schiffer Publication is a very nice prize, even if it was clearly a "you want this you're taking George with it..." gambit to some.

So now you see how the former cornucopia of Exchange items has vanished and we're left with the humorous signage, Steve's just opened next to last gift package parked on table. Steve has just drawn the last name for me



Laramie wastes no time in making clear his intent for how this will begin the final solution of night's fun. He gets his theft in.



In the short sequence to follow, we will find photo sequence has Gabriel Lee on deck next

Gabriel is a subtle and veteran player. He soon enough shows his “hands on feint” to be just that, as he too goes into “executive exchange action, aka gift *thieving*” Which brought recent returnee David Anderson to table and he became the Angel who ‘d



swiftly conclude the 2015 December festivities by opening the last present (two nice automotive models, FYI)



With time left on our meeting room clock, our relaxed bunch of SVSM Pirates are, you see at left, happily at their favorite task of examining their hard won treasures.

In case you’re interested, here’s a look at how the last three years of this event went:

2015 December Stats

24 players, 49 presents total, breakout was:
Single = 8 Double = 7 Triple = 9

2014 December Stats

21 players, 50 presents total, breaking out:
Single = 5, Double = 2 Triple = 13

2013 December Stats

33 players, 55 presents total, breakout:
Single = 14 Double = 10 Triple = 9



Mike Meek renders his swift answer to Editor’s lament that he didn’t input gift this year, as now Laramie Wright holds the one gift Burton would have gone for in rapturous glee to steal, which it turns out, was one of two put in by Mr Meek.

END of GAME & OUR CHRISTMAS STORY *ARRRGH!* - See ya next year



PARADE REVIEW

MODEL OF THE MONTH 2015

JANUARY – Greg Plummer

“Mercury Wagon ”

FEBRUARY --

Thomas Orsua -

“Kelly’s Dragon Lady, Lockheed U-2 ”



MARCH – Louis Orselli

“Hot Rod Ford Collection ”

APRIL --

Frank Beltran -

“Mace Missile on Teracruz ”





- MAY - Mr. Carr
"Nieuport 28, In Wood"



JUNE --
Tom Orsua --
"MAD Funny Car"

JULY --
-- Ken Miller
"L-100 Hercules, w/ Sprite"



AUGUST --
Kinley Calvert --
"Cylon Raider"





-- OCTOBER

-- Mick Burton

“ M-925A Desert Finish Truck ”

NOVEMBER --

Al Kuhn --

“ Tanker Collection “



-- DECEMBER

- John Carr

“ SJPD Lieutenant's Command Car ”

(THERE WERE NO MOM AWARDS for SEPTEMBER (AUCTION))

AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO WON!

Fini – MB

SVSM TREASURER & EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME MARCH 2016

MARCH OF TIME's UP as Treasurer Bill & Editor Mick offer 90 Day Wonder Club Contest
Basic & simple rules: ANY GIFTS ON RECORD from the December 2015 SVSM Meet are eligible to compete, don't have to be "original owner" entries. FINISHED in any fashion you please. Go for gold



SILVERCON 2015

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
2016**

**Vendor Contact : Russ Niles
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TWO AUTOMOTIVE RELATED WEEKENDS OPEN MARCH !

***Sunday March 6th sees the New
Peterson Auto Museum in L.A.***

Hosting Pasadena Model Society's VALLEYCON 2016

(Yes, all sorts of models in competition)

***Note The Auto Museum admission is part
of Entry fee for Entrants/Spectators ☺***

And on Following Saturday March 12

***NNL West hosts another
Great Scale Automotive Model Show
And Swap Meet here in Santa Clara***

STARTING OFF THE NEW YEAR !

***IPMS SilverWings WinterCon Event
located***

at

***Town & Country Lutheran
Church and School***

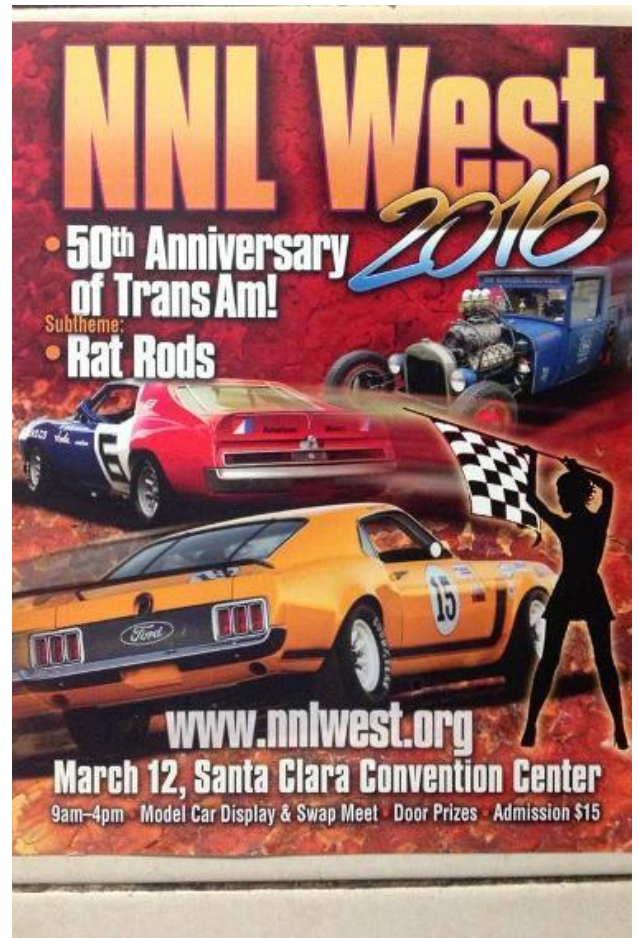
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JANUARY 15

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Milpitas, CA

