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## ***MAY: Ron Wergin Demos Mastery of SV Modelers***



## ***The SVSM Meeting, As It Allegedly MAY Have Happened***

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### *Scant Structured NON MINUTES for SVSM MAY Meet*



*At the MAY meeting, we had an initial absence of Presidency, as you can see clearly at left . Stepping in with General Alexander Haig assuredness, long time SVSMer Ron Wergin took charge here. Recent returnee Shervin didn't miss a beat in recognition .*

With this evidence below, it appears that rumors of the "pro tem Prez" selfishly up to shopping, were in



fact, somewhat true. Just look at that pile! *(Continued on 3)*

**“ A GENTLE PLEA FOR A LITTLE OLD SCHOOL FROM AN OLD FOOL PROMOTING FOR OUR PRIZE POOL ”**



You readers who made it to the Silicon Valley Classic # 3, held early April 2016, may recall if you stayed until the end, there was an announcement of this August 27 being chosen for IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers to host a show. At that time, no site or other details were available for inclusion or dissemination in any manner of media familiar to many of us (such as say, this newsletter or a number of websites)

Well, being the Editor here (me) is a notorious pain when it comes to getting date and times as soon as possible for things like this, he's been irritating some Region Nine associates with reliably nosing around for details on this show. Thanks to the June Fremont Hornets meeting (where he's extra obnoxious, being the President) this bit of "modern technology" was captured by his camera for what he was after. Many kudos to Peter Long, whose cell phone displayed this Facebook page which he notified me was up with everything I was seeking to get the word out about. I'd made it again clear that I am one of the "old fools" who "don't do Facebook" and so Peter got me this lookup. Being a more than once and over more than a year or two ago "Contest Director Veteran", I am still firm in my conviction that "multi-media" is a better approach to our community among others, for getting the word out. While I know that even "fixed websites, built to be read on desktop/laptops" are now even considered "old school or even, passe" which leaves "paper flyers" or any other "prehistoric" methods in deeper trouble, still strikes me there's more to be gained by combining newest tech communications with old school. Facebook

may to some, replace Hyperscale or even your local "old school, meet face to face one or two times a month" club for your modelling needs (which is a more common theme thread I run into these days "old schooling" in my researches). Yet somehow, I don't think just yet it can be trusted to "get all who would show, to show at the show" if your goal is to have a Public Invitational. *But maybe, I am just that out of the loop these days.*

Lucky for me: at the same meeting, Orangecon 2016 (which comes a *bit later than the less than 90 days til Fresno's event*), was being "flyered" like "old school" for our education. Thanks to Sean Fallesen, who's currently on TDY at our end of the world for a while yet. Sean and few of his cohorts are familiar faces and names to me, a few other "contest warriors" who keep records, remember folks we see "on the road"

Sean's a good deal younger than me, but he's a great conversationalist, modeler and has gotten a fine sense of "then and now". Which he has no trouble if you bother ask, to share for discussion on all manner of matters "social modelling". He and his SoCal folks have maintained a steady drum beat for Orangecons then and now, with a presence in paper form, posting on IPMS USA, their own website and leaving PDF available, a fine insurance for getting the word out. This is a "truncated" flyer I created from that PDF here... Okay, all I have room for, for now – *mick*.

A flyer for OrangeCon Model Contest and Vendor Fair. The event is on Saturday, October 8, 2016, at the University Conference Center, Cal State Fullerton. The theme is "REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR". The flyer includes a schedule of events from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, a location map, and a logo for the IPMS Region 8 2016 Regionals. The background features a large model of a battleship and a shark's mouth.

**SVSM MEMBER' s CONTEST THEME JUNE 2016**  
**“ YOU MOTHER ”**



**SVSM MEET MAY HAVE BEEN AT POLICE STATION (see below) BUT UNCLEAR AT WHAT PACE (from page 1)**



There was a “model example “ of meet locale, along with same for a prehistoric



relative of “alleged pacemaker” for how the Pro Tem President Burton conducting affairs at first. While the provider of the Archelon (an ancient sea turtle, extra big) and station miniature lent appreciated bit of administrative assist (D J Balderrama, at the Hammer), Burton gaveled business to order at 8 PM sharp. This was the agreement and standard set by newly returned 2016/17 term President Greg Plummer, he reminded all as he wrangled everyone .



Burton asked for urgent news, any old returnees or new visitors. Then with nothing there, went ahead to give notice and props to IPMS Dragon Lady of YUBA CITY, for the end of the month “Art of ModelBuilding” gig which would be taking place over THREE DAYS. Peter Long gave a review of upcoming news about a Fresno IPMS contest/show, planned locale is Fresno City College Cafeteria on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>.

Burton reminded all then of the 2016 USA NATS in early August, confirmed September shows by IPMS clubs Reno and Fremont. Followed closely in October with IPMS-OC’s Orangecon and IPMS SC’s Hobby Expo 2016 and lastly, November’s first Saturday with excellent annual # 20 by AVG in Lancaster. Further kudos went out to IPMS OC for their Fullerton airport day make & take #3. Having then occurred in recent past about 3 weeks prior (end of April) they saw 150 plus models in a day built. The update coming from our TDY visitor from OC, Sean Fallesen as requested by pro tem Prez Mick B. News about Memphis TN and Houston TX area hobby shop bits from Barry Bauer, whose new job includes travels afar, so he got a current look at those two communities.

Finding no other pressing business, Burton called Model Talk to order at about 812 PM more or less in as this:

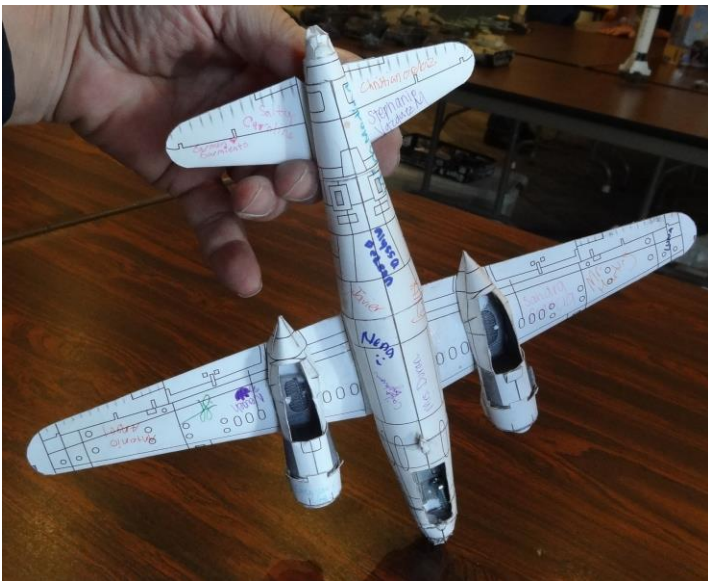


**Mark Balderrama** is about to celebrate his graduate passage from Junior to Senior High, and he brought us plenty of “ Paper” to prove it. Mark’s growing a great skill set in “paper media scale models” as his plethora here further proves. The Lippisch Delta on left, the XP-56 above, the XP-55 to above right. As





further “props to new 9<sup>th</sup> grader” here’s a look at B-26G Marauder “Class of 2016” signed by his classmates. It’s a



homage of his to the “Five Grand” and other similar real “signature” airplanes of World War Two historic fact. ☺

Mark’s other two fine “flat works” were the “winter” and “summer” camo schemes Horten flying wings. Actually the “white wing” is the unpowered proof of concept glide prototype, the green is a “Reich Defence” scheme Gotha Go 229 with the twin jets as intended .



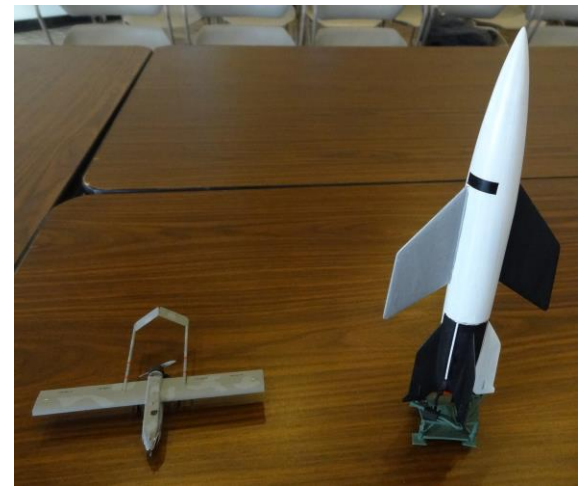
**Max Balderrama** did his own twin jet take with a WIP 1/72 F-89 Northrop Scorpion by Hobbycraft.

That’s a green chromate finish.



Cliff Kranz showed up with recently completed 1/35 Academy kit of recent antiterrorist drone UAV, also a 1/72 Winged A4b (aka V-2) he converted from manned A4 proposal missile. Werhner be proud !

“ kit seller Larry ?” (sorry I didn’t get his name recorded) Lacrosse Missile built. His time went longer in report than in building, seemed to some present. Nice combination though, new reissued kit with the finished product for comparison. He had some nice stuff to sell, too.



Mark Schynert has progressed on a Special



Hobby edition of the 1930s single engine airliner the Orion 9R, which he fully intends to have ready for “Gruppe Build 2016” of the Fremont Hornets due to land 09-25-16 at TriCity Classic 12 .



Postoria Aguirre provided the crew and the Pres Pro Tem with a pleasing if heart stopping arrangement, he having big assortment of “Biz-jets” in 1/72, not the usual suspects here.







On the left, P.A.'s stated favorite model of his, on the table. Above, Editor's favorite ( just edging out Piaggio )



**Ron Wergin** provided a pair of 1/48 scale treats.

The new Tamiya British Humber Mark 4 seen here with Ron's signature "man aboard" was excellent.

Ron later reminded this Editor that he prefers to include a crew or two in his models, but only when the quality of "figure" has met his rigorous standard.

Ron's P-47D was covered already in more depth in May TAMS, Club Contest

true, and will get mention again later here. Most delightful was his choice of Forca Aerea Brasilia for this bird !

Ron ended up being persuaded to move this plane into the Club Contest, after his model talk here revealed there was direct entry potential, thanks to sharp ears of Barry Bauer, Laramie Wright. Plus their catalytic natures ☺

**Shervin Shembayati** finally finished his Tamiya IL-2 Shturmovikii in 1/72, and it turned out quite lovely.







Break was called at 845 to 9, Burton happily had a Judge Volunteer for the Club Contest . Just as we were about to resume, Secretary Chris Bucholtz arrives with his own models to add to the upcoming ModelTalk. **Laramie Wright's** 1/48 Tamiya Wildcat Work In Progress provided our resumption with a tale of "oh damn, a good reason why they put that step in the instructions" (he had to thread an intercooler through the wing, later) Regarding his Meng 1/35 Whippet kit in WIP, best you learn to "paint as you go" and carry a big razor saw...



**Chris Bucholtz**, seen here madly scribing (as if that would divert our attention to his growing " SJ Sharks Beard " ), brought us evidence also that his Special Hobby Mark V Fairey Firefly is indeed advancing. Chris intends to finish this as a Korean War period bird (those stripes are part & parcel , no fun) in a slowly growing collection of his. Nice !

Also nice was his completed and "boxed in" Roden kit Bucholtz built, "Mimmi" , Fokker D 7 diorama. Includes figures by Shapeways and Quickboost, W D Models.

**Kent McClure** isn't resting on his laurels either, here you see he has an ICM Type 27 U-Boat (the grey "fuselage" ), a LET 410 in 1/100 (Czech twin engine commuter liner) and



alleged 1/144 Bristol Britannia by International models (4 engine monster) all well underway here. **Brad Chun** had two interpretations underway for his latest custom



custom street race rod. Brad's signature blue tape insures viewer knows these are his machines, no mistake!

**Sean Fallesen** had two iterations of the 1942 Japanese IJN amphibious tanks, the no flotation and full float gear equipped builds in 1/35. Both unpainted, due to his current motel room assembly area, but clears him useful space (now boxes) as they are built.



Dragon produces the Type 2 Ka-Mi so that you may select either option. Happily for the Editor, Sean is doing both, brilliantly illustrating distinct change in appearance of the two outfittings of same vehicle. Editor has only seen the finished, painted "floaters".

Then his USS Delaware "dreadnought America" (1912 outfit) with 3-D printed cage mast, turned metal barrels on the guns, other cool accessories was done, using the 1/700 Cemik kit as Sean's basis. A TriCity 12 showing?



**Randy Ray** shared a look at his newest AFV Club kit, a mine dealing vehicle in 1/35, still in the box



**Brian Geyer's** 1970s build of the Hasegawa 1/32 Sabre provided us all with an entertaining tale and a tip filled build talk. His "engine cart" is scratch built from plans he had to make, using brass, aluminum, plastic sheet plus bit of model railroad items. The NMF of his F-86F was almost

an "unknown" to modelers today, it was a legendary finish called "Liquiplate", from SoCal, by Archer Products. Brian more recently (10 years or so back) this 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Hasegawa T-33A with 5 different silver metal finishes in the process. He had a heartfelt plea for the world to give us a "1/72 Platz style kit of this" released in 1:32<sup>nd</sup>.



Discussion of "It May Have Happened" contestant models followed. After a comment by Burton to "swiftly assess", for meeting close time coming fast with a desired by 10 pm, due he had other engagements. This news coming in at 9:45 PM.

With great response forthcoming, meeting wrapped up and a full rendering of entrants, results was already published with MAY 2016 TAMS. Go there for details. Here, we close with notation that recent returnee Brian Geyer took the Model of The Month award for May, with his F-86F. – *mick fini*





Congratulations to  
**Brian Geyer**

**FOR WINNING MAY MODEL OF THE MONTH**





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

**FRIDAY**

**JUNE 17**

**at**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**

**Milpitas, CA**

