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May We Say, All Hail to The Chief



SVSM '17 5th Meet: President Wergin in Executive Action at the Helm

Photos: Mick Burton Text: Mick Burton/Chris Bucholtz
Keeping All Running Smoothly: Prez Ron Wergin

On the left, Louis "I'm NOT a VP" Orselli points out our new term President as apparently Editor had some confusion recently on this.

Satisfied now no conspiracy to toss a flawless '17-18 Board election into disarray existed, Editor forged ahead trying to resume our normal practice here. Helped immensely by the timely arrival of Official SVSM May Meet Minutes by Chris "Secretary" Bucholtz ©. Continued on 3



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



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“ THREE MONTHS TO NEXT SHOWTIME ”

A Current Editor's Calm Reflection On A Long Hot Summer In Region Nine

Thanks to Region Eight's feisty club going by the name **“Insane Modelling Posse”**, hosting an **“Insane Model Contest”**, now any Road Warriors from this end of the state as well as others, have something to share and compete in for June, yes !

That good news is tempered for this Editor with sudden changes in his day job schedule. Ones that severely preclude his in place vacation plans for try making this show, fiendishly thus sabotage his editorial outlook for desired show coverage.

SO PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING THE JOURNEY to this show and after, perhaps offering a small photo essay here. Several of the IMPS members hosting this event will seem very familiar to some of you and should ! Sean Fallesen was a lively guest at both SVSM & Fremont monthly meets while TDY here, Mark Glidden and others come to our shows, *a lot*.

– mick fini -----

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Laramie Wright's M51 Sherman was built right from the box with exception of some Shapeways Jerry can brackets, some wire tie-downs he made himself.

Along with some Tiger Workshop brackets and tow shackles. He used Tamiya's own paints to mix the camouflage colors.

Laramie also is at work on a Tamiya Somua S.35, which he says is building up very nicely, and a Tamiya Panzer IVJ early that will be depicted as one that fought in Normandy. His Tamiya JS-2 is also very nice – better than the Dragon kit, he says – and

has link and length tracks that are built on a kit-supplied buck to get the proper sag. He added casting numbers to the rear of the turret. Laramie's Accurate Miniatures Il-2m3 has its wings, but he's still fighting the decals on Hasegawa's 1:48 Ki-43. He's going to strip the hinomarus off the upper wings and try again.

Chris Bucholtz cut the side window frames off the fuselage of his 1:72 CMR Sikorsky S-38 and added single lengths of clear styrene to simplify the window installation. He also successfully applied a painted “wood” effect on the fuselage interior by airbrushing it beige, then applying a streaky coat of Rustoleum cherry stain with a broad brush to create a grain effect.



Greg Plummer found Fujimi's Volkswagen Mark II Golf to be a not-so-bad kit; he painted it with a copper and flat brown base coat and then overcoated that with a yellow green pearl paint coat which was then flat-coated to look like a vinyl wrap, something that's popular these days.

Greg also built a Hobby Fan kit of dubious origin of Ultra Seven, the Ultraman that came after the one we saw on American television.

And the model of the month went to...

the 1:32 Zoukei Mura A-1J Skyraider by Thanh Nguyen ! He used AOA Decals for South Vietnamese aircraft for this model, equipped it with ordnance from the Zoukei Mura set, and added a Valiant figure of a South Vietnamese airman that was made long before a 1:32 A-1 was available! - fini





A Club Meeting Recorded Now as Our Usual Suspects Intended , As Rendered by Mistakenly Re-elected Editor (from 1)

At the May meeting, we leaped right into Model Talk.



Gabriel Lee is building Pegasus's Hanebau II fictitious flying saucer, and he's thinking of some diorama possibilities – like, maybe, a mid-air refueling scene!



Gabriel's Hasegawa 1:72 UH-1D Huey will end up wearing the markings of the Panamanian Police, and he's still decaling Airfix's P-51D in Dominican markings – there are a lot of markings to the scheme he has in mind!

Kent McClure's Gundam RX-75 gun tank was molded in colors like most Gundam kits. But, viewing the film revealed that the kit colors are wrong, and the model still needs paint!

Kent is also on the verge of painting his ICM 1:72 Type XXVII Seehund submarine, and his Austin K2 ambulance from the 1:72 Airfix RAF support set is in the early stages of assembly.





Jim Priete used Perfect Plastic putty to fill all the gaps at the wing roots of Valom's Fokker T.V.

He found he had to shim the transparency on the dorsal gun position to get it to fit flush.

Jim is also making progress on a Heller Somua S.35 in 1:35.

He found a resin replacement for the turret and he's cleaning up the tank's other features, using photos of the new Tamiya kit as a guide!



Brian Geyer added some cockpit detail to Mitsuma's 1:144 SBD Dauntless in 1:144, and he's dry-fitting and starting preliminary work of KP's classic 1:72 MiG-15. He says it's not a bad kit, even today!



Jim Lund brought in two KeeKaw Production Bellancas, along with the stories behind their modification into distance record setters.





He extended the wingtips and made other modifications to create “Miss Veedol,” the first plane to fly across the Pacific, and only then sourced the decals from another history buff who expanded Jim’s collection of photos of the plane by more than 100 images!



He also modified and finished a second Bellanca to represent “Miss Liberty,” which made a record-setting flight from New York to Copenhagen.

Al Kuhn’s latest project is a Bleriot XI, but in stages:

He’s starting with the Eastern Express kit as a kind of “trainer” before tackling the photoetched Historic Wings kit of the same subject.





Al says he's rigging the model with .005 surgical steel, although he has found the Eastern Express kit to be not particularly great.

Postoria "P.A." Aguirre was very excited that he was the new owner of two fairly rare kits: the Plastic Fantastic resin kit of the *Prometheus* in 1:500, with over 300 parts plus photoetch (below, on the left) and the



Crow's Nest kit of the *Icarus* from the original *Planet of the Apes*, (above, right) which comes with ready-to-wire clear consoles, figures that are both in sleeping and awake positions and a lot of photoetched detail.



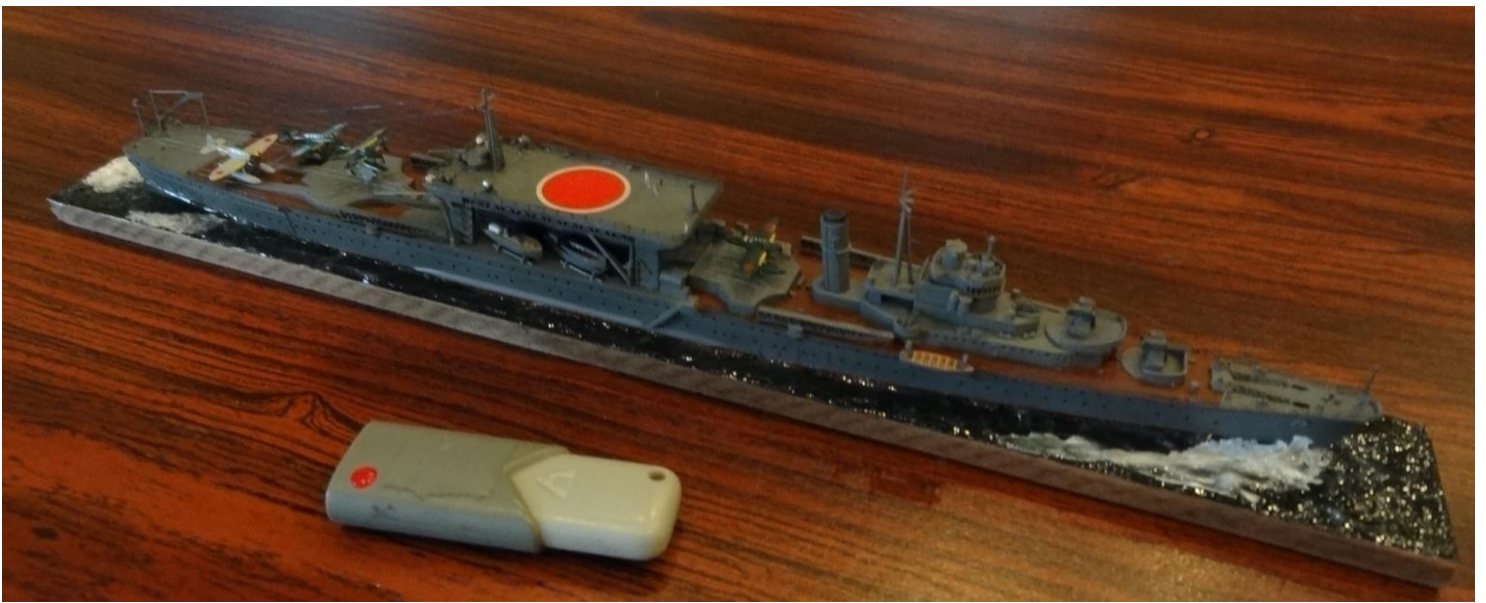
Peter Long added an M51 turret to an M4A3E8 chassis to create an M50. He used Tamiya paints mixed to his own blend to get the Israeli camouflage.



Ron Wergin painted up a MasterBox 1:35 figure of this French Foreign Legionnaire in World War II, and he's also completed a 1:700 model of the seaplane carrier *Chiyoda* from the Aoshima kit.

Ron says this isn't like Aoshima kits of days past, but he still replaced many of the small details with Pit Road parts or from Aoshima's own aftermarket set. He added the railings using scenic glue and he added N-struts to the tiny F1M floatplanes.





Ron's model sails on a sea made of acrylic gel.

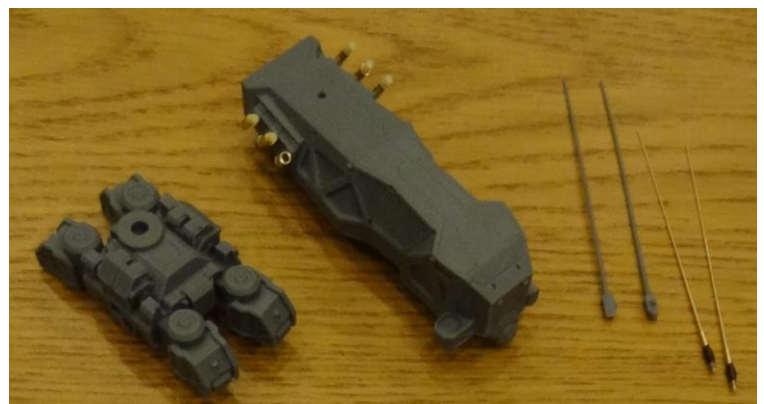
Ben Pada built Tamiya's 1:35 Jagdpanther out-of-the-box and it's ready for weathering and a few final details.



Ben says the Tamiya Ki-61 is a super kit, but he had a fight with the Aeromaster decals he used. The large red lightning bolt on one side exploded, so Ben masked and painted a replacement.



Randy Ray is taking a break from real-life armor subjects to build Industria Mechanika's Gorilla, a 1:35 model of a fantasy automated combat vehicle. He's replaced the smoke dischargers and the antennas and mounts with modern U.S.-style examples.



Eric McClure's M50 project uses an M4A4 hull from Dragon, with rear deck modified to accommodate the Continental radial engine. Eric used Archer transfers to replicate the weld beads



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Thanh Nguyen
FOR WINNING MAY MODEL OF THE MONTH



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