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WHO LET THE DOGS OUT? SVSM's April Foolishness



Photos: Mick Burton Text: Mick Burton Minutes : Chris Bucholtz

Scant Structured NON MINUTES combined w/ Official Minutes for SVSM April Meet

At the April meeting, we had an abbreviated briefing on SV Classic # 3, with promise of more details to come in April TAMS, after analysis completed. Then, just for laughs, Burton spearheaded a call for Board elects...

While some serious effort WAS made to scare up some unexpected (or present to defend themselves) nominees it became clear that a proffered slate of candidates would be fine for a majority thumbs up/down decision ASAP

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

(shameless plug: www.mickmodeler.com)

“ A MAJOR SHOW OF WHY THIS REGION NINE CHAPTER HOLDS RECORD FOR “Chapter Of The Year” FOR SO LONG ”

It's a shame in a way, really, that ONLY NOW I am learning of this very exciting THREE DAY SHOW being lead by **IPMS Dragon Lady** (YUBA CITY), which exemplifies “Public Outreach & Promotion of Model FUN”
– *mick*.

The Art of Model Building

A 3 day event, sharing the art and skill of model building.

We will be having on site, members building models for the public to see and watch. We will also be hosting live classes and video presentations showing techniques and tips on what it takes to build models.

The mall will host displays behind glass showing completed models of all types throughout the mall shops display windows. ***This event will be free to the public*** and we will **also be hosting make and take events** for the young and young at heart.



HOSTS: IPMS - DRAGON LADY

May 28, 2016 (All day) to May 30, 2016 (All day) Yuba Sutter Mall 1215 Colusa Ave, Yuba City, CA

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SVSM APRIL MEET WRAP ! (continued from page 8) (see page 3 if you missed start)

Chris has also spent an undue amount of time installing brass cannon fairings into his 1:72 Special Hobby Fairey Firefly FR.5.

And the model of the month goes to... **Frank Beltran** for his 1:72 B-57 Canberra. Frank used the Italeri kit and gave it a glossy black finish befitting a night intruder.

Our contest this month was “Spring in Your Step,” a contest perfect for aircraft that were catapulted from carriers. In third place, with his F4F-3 in 1:72, was **Laramie Wright!** Laramie's model is the Hasegawa kit converted using Quickboost parts; his model depicts the Wildcat that Marion Carl flew at Midway.



In second place, with his 1:72 Academy F-8E Crusader, was **Eric McClure!** Eric dressed up the cockpit with Eduard parts, added an Obscureco wing with dropped flaps and droops, and outfitted his Marine mud mover with a load of Mk. 82s and Zuni rockets.

And in first place, with his Tamiya 1:32 F4U Corsair, was **Ben Pada!** Ben found the EagleCals decals were scaled too big, so he replaced them. The model is finished with Mr. Hobby lacquer-based paints.

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SVSM PRESIDENT' s CONTEST THEME MAY 2016

“ It MAY Have Happened ”

SVSM APRIL FOOLS (were they the newly elected officers, or those who could be blamed as electorate ? (from page 1)



Aided immeasurably by this graphic threat to DROP THIS MODEL if we didn't hurry this tedious but necessary process on, by Frank B !

So without further adieu (or in one case, a nominee present at time), These folks listed below became the “on the hook” 2016/17 E-Board:

Treasurer : William Ferrante

Secretary : Chris Bucholtz

VP # 3 : Mick Burton

VP # 2 : Frank Beltran

VP # 1 : Mike Woolson (Which makes him Contest Director, SVC 4)

President: Greg Plummer (a returning favorite !)

Seeing to this whole affair nearly exhausted Editor and newly minted VP #3 Burton, but lacking at the time the Secretary, he was drafted by President Plummer to take what measures he could to record the rest of the meet. So these scant notes will be such as he had, before later arrival of one Chris Bucholtz as you will read, ahead.



Having gotten over the shock of being shanghai'd into resuming being an Officer, “Sarge” Frank did a service by leading off *Model Talk sans Chris B.*



Frank had earlier indicated he needed to leave early, so he covered briefly his brilliant pairing here above. TIE Fighter he had done for his 7 year old grandson, as a shared “let’s have fun with models, Grandpa” project. **YES!** This all worked out especially good for everyone, so anticipate hearing/seeing more on this score in future days.

Next, Frank revealed the back story to his very engaging Italeri 1/72 kitting of the Martin B-57B Night Intruder, which Frank had fond and bonding memories of from his youth in wartime Vietnam in government service. He said he and his men utterly appreciated the big straight winged twin jet, for a sortie of them had performed loiter time “like a Skyraider right out of “Toko Ri” movie” in an aggressive air cover, while they were under attack.



Next up, Ben Pada related his latest two Tamiya turns “out of the box”. The Fw-190D here took home a First Place in S10 (Single Engine Prop, Axis/Njeutrals, 1/48 scale) at SVC # 3.

Ben’s Spitfire 9 in Mediterranean scheme, while it didn’t capture a 1/2/3 in the always highly competitive S9 (Single Engine Prop, Allied, 1/48 scale), it got a greater prize, the SA-14 Kenneth Jung Subject of Honor Award at SVC # 3. This award, sponsored by one Peter Long for employ at both SVSM and Fremont Hornet annuals, is given in memory of good friend Kenneth Jung, who models now on higher plane. Thanks Pete. Kudos Ben



Next up, Greg Plummer reviewed his four winning entries from SVC # 3 as seen here



Greg's Valujet marked DC-9-21 (shorter fuselage, larger wing) had a story tied into "Magic Edge" Flight Sim Entertainment Center, long ago extant in Mountain View. I didn't record the details, sorry. I did note that he got 3rd in S15 (Airliners, Twin Engine Only). Next to it, his Rat Rod Pickup '41 Chevy, it took 1st in S33 at SVC. The orange/bronze C7 Vette earned a 1st in S31, plus SA-6 BEST AUTO award. Greg's "slingshot coupe Drag Racer" took home 1st in S34, and is very vintage kit, recently re-issued after MANY years, done by Monogram.



With shocking arrival of newly re-elected Secretary, Burton quickly shed work and resumed his usual getting in the way, shooting pictures, snorting derisively

Thusly allowing Chris time to get settled, so what follows are "official" notes:

At the April Meeting... Model Talk started with **Laramie Wright's** Meng Whippet tank, which has fought him a little, He said it was hard to get some smaller parts, like the machine gun bezels, off the sprue trees.

Laramie also has an AFV Club Tiger I late in the works, and thus far it's his best effort at applying zimmerit using the Tamiya putty-and-blade method.



Mark Balderrama had three models on the table – an in-progress A6M Zero, a WWI biplane and a lovely paper F9C-2 Sparrowhawk/Dirigible combination.





His brother **DJ** did a fine job on a smaller-scale Lamborghini model.



Eric McClure made an award-winner out of Tamiya's 1:35 Gamma Goat. His example depicts a vehicle used in the invasion of Grenada.

Eric is also toiling away at Academy's M36 tank destroyer; he's had to re-do all the plumbing and wiring he added to the turret because so much of what Academy molded into it was in the wrong place. Call it the "hazards of references."



Randy Ray found that IBG's 120mm Italian howitzer was a battle from start to finish. He painted the finished gun with Tamiya paints, then used the hairspray method to chip and distress the paint.

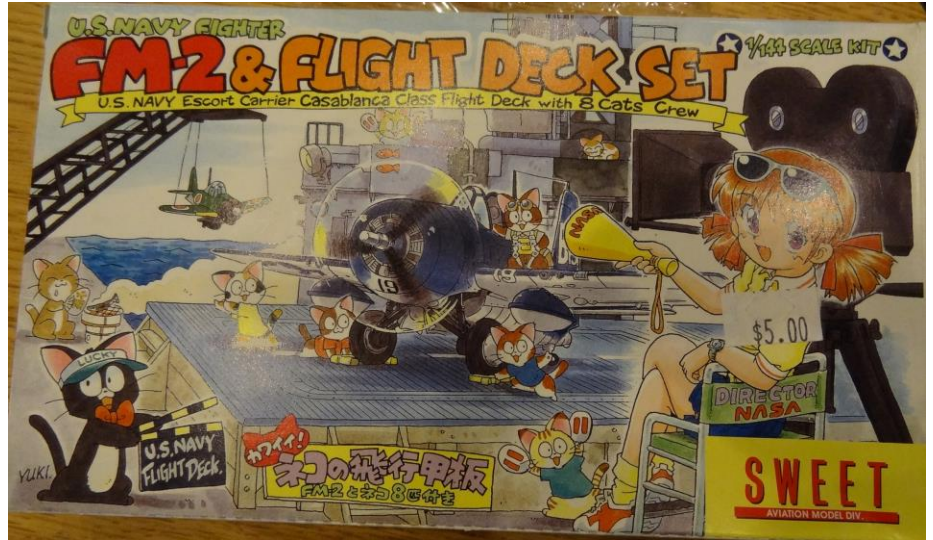
Max Balderrama built a pair of Fokker triplanes, one in black and one in red. The black one was in some distress, plunging to earth because of a lack of an engine. He also had a pair of red and black cars – Revell kits of the Ferrari and Lamborghini (you can guess which one was which color!).



John Carr 's latest figure in the Phalanx Robotech figure he's put much effort into; this month, he's spent the most time making the base and loading missiles into the figure's missile tubes. Daughter **Morgan Carr** is



getting ready to tackle Sweet's 1:144 kit of the FM-2 with flight deck and kitty figures – a model of a Wildcat and some wild cats!



Louis Orselli brought in a pair of 1:32 Messerschmitts of wildly different origins. First was a Revell Bf 109F, which he said was as accurate as the Hasegawa kit right up to the tail – so he sectioned and re-shaped the tail. He also ground off the inaccurate bulge beneath the nose and added some missing bumps. A friend gave him the wing bumps from the Hasegawa kit, which he added to his Revell model. Lou also had a Matchbox Bf 109E, into which he tried to stuff every detail part, including the engine. His model is painted with Humbrol colors.



Kent McClure was preparing to pack a host of fully-painted figured to his daughter in college for use in gaming – except for the succubus. He's keeping the succubus.





Kent's also toiling away at some airliners for the Fremont Hornets group build, including the VEB Plasticard LET 410 in 1:100, the International Models 1:144 Britannia and the Cater Models F-27 in 1:44, all of which are somewhat scale-challenged.



Jim Lund brought in a couple of entries in advance of the mothership contest next month, including a Bf 109/Ju 88 Mistel and a Leduc 0.21/Sud-Est SE.161 Languedoc combination.

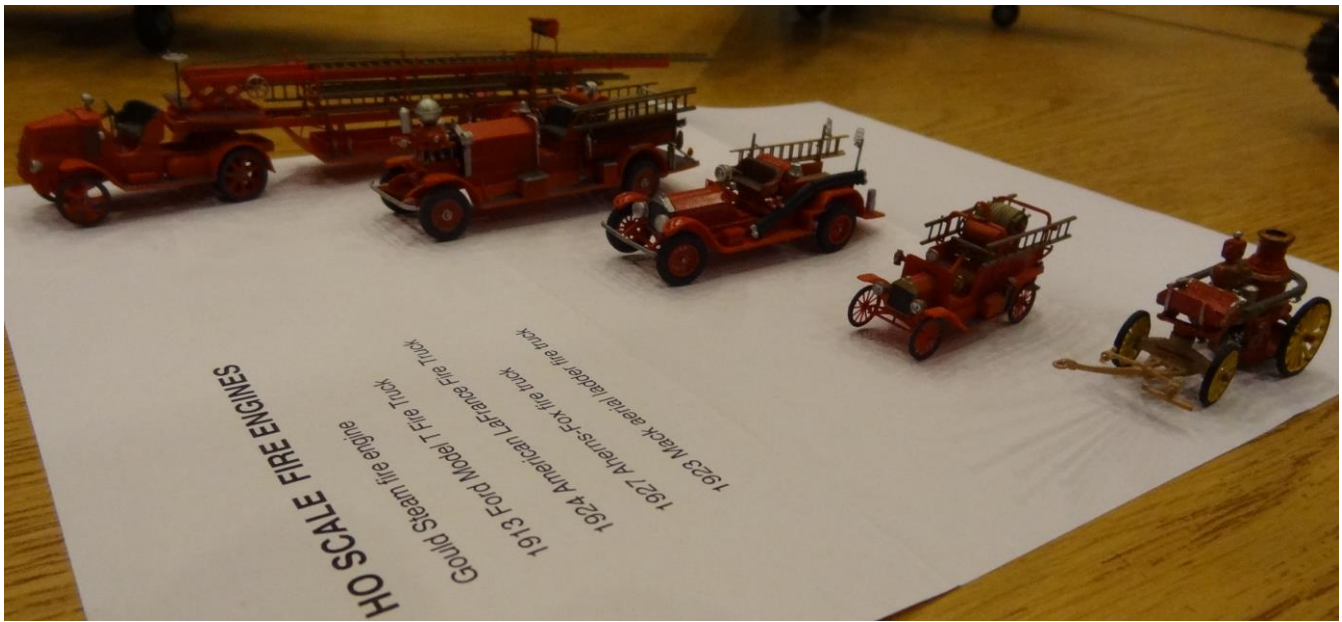


Jim also used the Revell C-54 as a donor for parts for his J&L Carvair, which was a perfect fit since the original had been based on C-54s.

Ron Wergin repainted his Tamiya 1:35 Churchill, then Ron applied a Vallejo wash and some pastels for weathering and a figure from MiniArt to crew the turret.

Al Kuhn's railroad layout is safer thanks to the four Jordan fire truck kits he's built up, each in a different configuration, plus an old steam pumper from SL Limited. Al says the challenge in these 1:87 kits is the painting.





Cliff Kranz built Italeri's 1:35 HUMMV (hey – it's a Marine machine!) straight from the box, and he says Huma's 1:72 Me 323a was a lot of fun, boasting detail that rivals Tamiya kits.



Cliff also had a Ju 87 on the table, this one something of a relic: it was the old Airfix Stuka, and Cliff built it way back in 1966!



Sean Fallesen's WWI armor jag has three new models in the works: Tamiya's Mk. V Male and a Mk. V Female, and the Meng St. Chamond. The French tank has a complex tractor-style drive system that Meng captures well, although Sean says those in the know have said it's simplified!



Chris Bucholtz applied a color scheme inspired by the red wolf to his 1:20 scale Paleocraft Andrewsarchus, using both an airbrush and lots of dry-brushing to complete the prehistoric predator.



You will NOW have to go back to page 2 of this OSS, to get the final wrapup of April's foolishness.

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Congratulations to
Frank Beltran

FOR WINNING APRIL MODEL OF THE MONTH



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