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## *As Elections Go, "Lucky" Greg was Prez Again ...*



### *SVSM '17 4<sup>th</sup> Meet: Editor In Shock, Huge Electoral Upset Staged*

Photos: Mick Burton Text: Mick Burton  
Keeping All In Suspense: G Plummer for R Wergin

*On the left, two past Presidents apparently happy as their co-conspiracy to toss all awry, went flawlessly*

*While two other member confer in dismay, a calmly in Roosevelt Repose Ron Wergin (alleged nominee) sits in contemplation as "Toady" Lou Orsell looks to the Editor with a "WTF?" expression. Oh my ...*

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



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**“ THREE SHEETS TO THE WIND ”**

I know a fair number reading this will get the intended tripe reference here, as you have gotten the newest “Sheet” I launched for its inaugural run on 05-05-17. That publication was deliberately titled “Styrene Sheet Two” and became 3<sup>rd</sup> in this Editor's family of regular offerings from SVSM masthead . Now fourth in toto, with Free Hornets Buzz V.1 added.

Inside that first “SST” (Styrene Sheet Two) was an Editor's conceit noting with 40 covers in JPEG form, the journey that this Club's “Newsletter” has so far undertaken since beginning formal publication as such, in late 1976. A bit of addenda to that was included in the Editorial, but I didn't leave myself any room to bring all this together for “today”, cohesively.

So, thankfully, here is that best opportunity. Like another pair of articles with “history” recently published in one place to better assist others like myself in future, this is due to a sense it's best not to leave to chance you'll get or find the “why”.

***A Current Editor's Concise Guide to “The Why and What Have You” Behind “The Three Sheets” of SVSM Today***

The **OSS** – The **O**riginal **S**tyrene **S**heet. And first thing, the “Original” is left out of the title on it on purpose, and should be. This is what this Club's Newsletter evolved into after a long storied run. Name arriving in late 1990, thanks to then Editor William Ferrante, the logo we all know coming courtesy of Barry Bauer in year of 1989, November. Now you know. *The ONLY actual REQUIRED publication in the family*, and only then as it is “the required meeting notice” fulfillment. You do need to know this, as if ever this Editor is “off the masthead”, you're not going to have to do TAMS & SST as edit tasks.

The OSS is still being created in the “maximum ten pages, 8.5 x 11 portrait” format it was last published in hard copy and mailed to MiGS (Members in Good Standing), back in February 2013. That's how it will remain unless New Editor at helm

**TAMS** – The **A**fter**M**arket **S**heet, so named when created by this Editor in August 2012 and basically maintained as his own way to deal with “everything he feels needs publishing sooner or in vehicle larger than 10 page OSS” as philosophy. That's why it can vary in size from mere 16 pages to an average now of well over 30 and even reach over 40. Published on a fairly regular schedule based on “after the meeting in month it's dated for”, and usually will include “extra” early news on Club Contests (for timeliness, better single subject coverage) service). Sometimes a “bonus” extra is published (in re: SVC)

The **SST** – The **S**tyrene **S**heet **T**wo, so named as easy to make into SST plus, successful Editorial foray into “new Sheet”. Published by fiat, as Editor finds reason to. – *mick fini*

( continued from 8 ) **LAST LOOK AT SVSM MAY MEETING**



**Kinley Calvert** shared a marvelous group of “Space 1999”, other SF TV items. He had two types of “1999” spacecraft in two scales plus a lunar Engineering vehicle that was truly, awesomely, “heavy looking”. As space is so limited here, you'll have to go to [mickbmodeler.com](http://mickbmodeler.com) for “limited time gallery to view” more of Kinley's superb works. I'll try to “addend” them in May TAMS if possible, for long term reference.

SVSM Treasurer, SVSM Editor sponsored a “Club Contest” for April, a riff on “90 Day Wonder“. As already covered in depth in April TAMS, refer to that for remaining details. For now, this is best the Editor/Photog can recall April 2017 meet. We will close out now here , with congratulations again to **Kinley Calvert**, who handily won **Model of the Month** with his “super size” Space 1999 “Eagle” – *mick fini*





*A Club Contest in Form of Election is Made Memorable by Grand Mislead by the Mistakenly Re-elected Editor ( from 1)*

Yes, first paragraph of course, as anyone who carefully read the April TAMS, is just a bit of belated foolishness.

*WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED, IN STYRENE SHEET EXCLUSIVE SHOTS BELOW & ABOVE :*

Ron signals with baseball manager ease, to Randy across room. He responds, Brian knocks on wood, Greg starts model talk



For as plainly seen here, there was a LOT on table to talk about .



Alright, Editor will relent and repeat instead, the REAL DEAL before resuming Model Talk scant summaries:

As smoothly run as his return to Presidency, Greg brought the Nominations & Call to Elect process to swift end. Ron Wergin (Pres), Greg Plummer/Frank Beltran/Mike Woolson (VPs), Bill Ferrante (Treas), Mick Burton as Editor and Chris Bucholtz as Secretary were put into 2017/18 E-Board with unanimous acclaim, to Greg's relief.





**Greg Plummer** offered to run the meeting for Ron and that's what actually happened.

Greg then solved the mystery for Editor as to whom intrigued him with this, a 1/144<sup>th</sup> scale kit underway of obscure but cool Cold War Soviet Be-10 !

Greg's A-model kit of the Beriev twin jet recon/patrol bomber seaplane captures the aircraft's lines well. While the USN did not pursue the Martin P6M Seamaster four engine jet (some characterized it as a "seagoing B-47") very far, the USSR employed the Be-10 "Mallow" in some numbers and even today holds records set with it.



Greg wasn't limiting his Work In Process coverage of under-appreciated, somewhat lesser known aircraft to one, either. Here is his Special Hobby kit of Vultee's Vengeance, in 1/72<sup>nd</sup>. As Greg explains, the "cranked or Gull" wing was a rather elegant and expeditious bit of engineering solution to late discovery design error. The "center of gravity" (always a vital component to get right, in a dive bomber airplane design especially) corrected by wing sweep of inner portion instead of a relocation of wing root!

When Greg expressed some flexibility in final scheme for this build, Editor lobbied him to consider RAAF.

They not only employed them in CBI theatre well, then he'd be "in theme" for TriCity 13 "Australia" in fall !

Editor did not get recall of what this sports car WIP of Greg's actually is, and no minutes on hand at time of this writing. However, I am sure that we will see this underway or finished at a future meeting, so will get ID then.

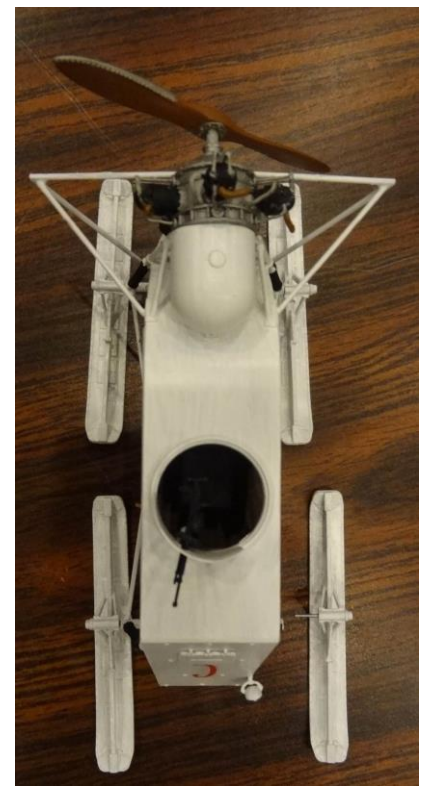


**Cliff Kranz** showed up with a trio from World War Two spanning the globe! USSR, USA and Germany in 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale here. Rearmost, Work In Process is a MinenRaumer. German Mine Clearing tractor, whose large wheel with "bricks" is on display.

Middle, finished USA Armored Car whose designation escapes me now.

Definitely meets "heavily armed" in that twin .50 cal outfitting, yes?





Editor was most taken though, with Cliff's USSR entity, the NKL-26 Armored Aerosan, kit by Trumpeter. Having toyed with idea of buying one for a while, it is now a certainty after seeing Mr Kranz's excellent execution. The two man crew (driver, gunner) aircraft engine armored ski borne vehicle really is pretty awesome



**Gabriel Lee** did pretty well fill up some display area at April meet. The shot above is primarily models finished or WIP by him, you see.

Slyly captured, the Editor has evidence that New VP (and acting MC for New Prez) Greg Plummer, was perhaps plotting with New Sec'y Chris Bucholtz here to ensure some "unfortunate occurrence" comes to pass before it's Gabriel's turn for Model Talk. Why? Well, less to do for Greg and Chris, of course! (Being on E-Board is hard work ☺)





The Editor will do what he can to render of Gabe's fine collection. On left, his 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Sukhoi "Flanker" Su-30MK2 in Venezualan AF scheme, almost done.

Next to it, a "Haunebu II" Flying Saucer of WW2, aka "Nazi Secret Weapon numero ad infinitum". A 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale kit from Squadron Models and Gabriel is having some "whiff" (what if) fun with this one



1/72<sup>nd</sup> MiG-29 "Fulcrum" now WIP as well, by Gabriel



New mold 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Airfix F-51D Mustang of Gabe's nearly is done, will be in markings of the Fuerza Aerea Dominica. When finished, it will be fifth member of his collection of "El Corcel", which he brought along the rest of. They are:

Fuerza Aerea Dominica #1

Fuerza Aerea Salvador



Fuerza Aerea Uruguay

Fuerza Aerea Guatemala



Joining "El Corcel" as a future Collections Entry, his 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Sabres clan, "Ruido de Sables" at meet:







**Marv Eberhardt** had what looked like a captured German armored vehicle. He made sure Editor and others were quickly disavowed of this errant notion. This is 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Romanian R-2 TACAM Tank Destroyer, a molding now offered by Special Armour. Well executed by Marvin, and an amusing humbling of Editor ☺



**Mark Schynert** made “Great Leap Forward” with his 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Anigrand resin kitting of the Lockheed C-140 Jetstar. One could even be fooled into believing this is an “easy” build...

**Kent McClure** has progressed on his “Easter ahead” aircraft, also his 1/72<sup>nd</sup> “Seehund”, a German WW2 mini sub. Under construction, an unidentified blue armored vehicle. Sorry, this and WIP 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale vehicle in gray were not captured in details by Editor/Photog here.



A **New Guy** is how the Editor will currently be noting the provider of these two, well done old Hawk 1/48 moldings. He didn't get the gent's name and has no minutes to refer to.



Have some recall that this modeler had learned of our club through either first hand visit to show (SVC 4) or from the Internet. Thusly he ventured to meet with these builds of his. As Ryan ST/PT on floats is a pretty plane in any scheme, “New Guy” chose the WW2 Dutch Air Force for his. Hope he follows up on threat, becomes member!



**Laramie Wright** had this trio of armor, and a very nice WIP going of Il-2 Shturmovik.

His 1/48<sup>th</sup> Ilyushin in Gray is uber-detailed !



**John Carr** brought his own trio of terror , in that his work is so wickedly good here.

You'll have to visit my Editor's website home page. I don't have enough space in OSS here to show my best three shots, of twelve taken to capture these great figures!

**Jordan Li** found himself able to break from high pressure university student schedule to make our meeting and share in depth with us. Below, an overall collected shot of his grand variety of works.



With an "R" (for recce?) on top, the Fighting Suit Figure is all I can call it.

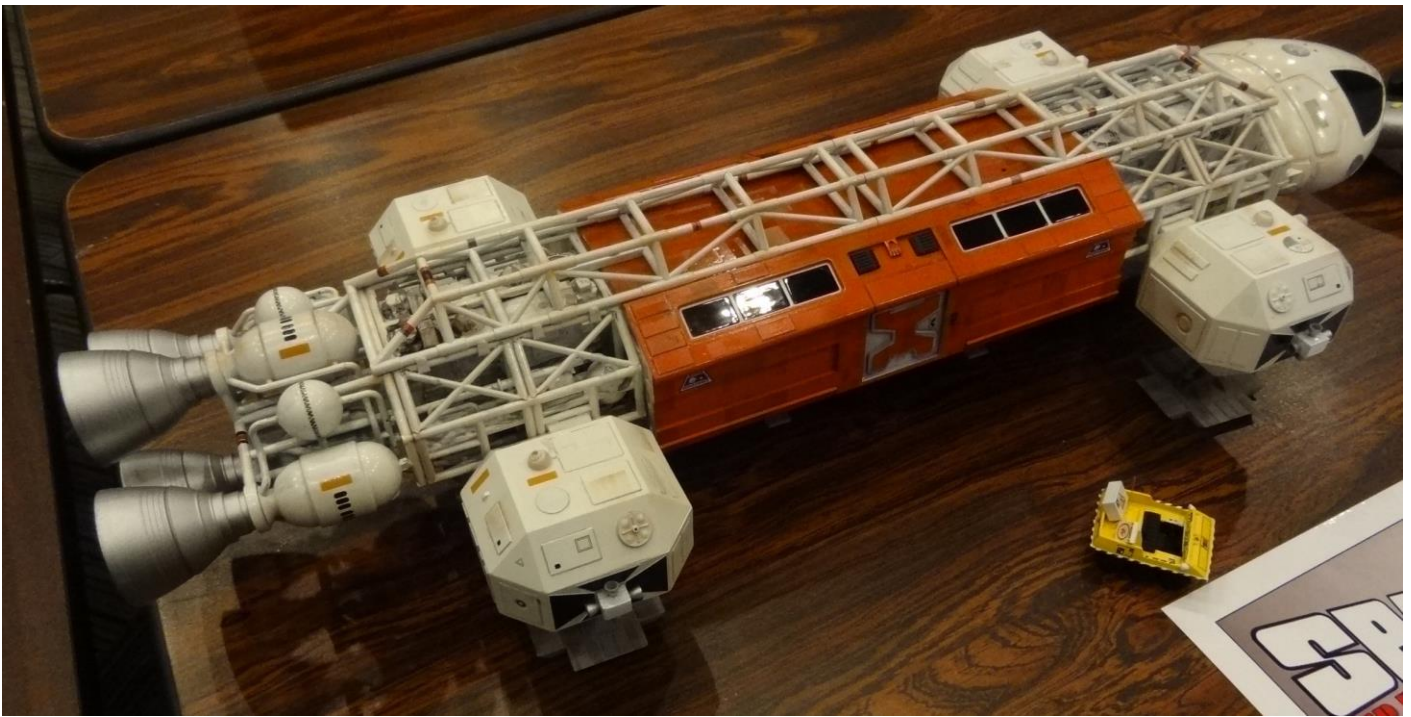
The "F-29" paired with a F-16N will be subjects of future articles by Jordan.

So I'll just make note of his excellent "water pool" effects he learned how to do on the base, for now.

His F-86F and two F-51s are latest 1/72<sup>nd</sup> additions to his history of Taiwan's Air Force. Article on the Mustangs is in the works.

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Congratulations to  
**Kinley Calvert**

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