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Wild Wicked OCTOBER Turnout



SVSM October Meet, As It Had Appeared in Editor's Imagination

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Scant NON MINUTES for October 2016

Prior Friday night, headed out North to hold court as the President & TriCity 12

(now successfully executed weeks before) and as life would have it, arriving ahead of schedule only to find a weather related power outage had just turned my "calm evening of a meet" upside down. Spooked further by another "trick", namely next month's meeting date was mandated federally out of our hands, no recourse.

Having a treat of the entire episode restored to better than normal by close of meeting to resume at dinner, still had an eerie sense of more mayhem moments yet to arrive. Perhaps it was all just faux premonitions, as cheering realization came to this Editor, that in fact for President Plummer's club contest, he'd have an entry, albeit one he would have to unearth from its tomb. Ah, even better as it in spirit of (Continued on 3)

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

(shameless plug: www.mickmodeler.com)

“ BEAUTIFUL LINEUP TO OPEN 2017 MODELLING TRAVEL – THANK YOU NNL , Now SACTO, Then it's US ! ”



Yes, **THANK YOU RUSS** at **Silver Wings** for getting the word out. You all are having a show February 18, 2017, which puts it nicely about 3 weeks after NNL West 2017 Show in January. If everyone reading agrees, that means SVSM SV Classic will become **THIRD SHOW TO GO TO IN A ROW**, each almost evenly spaced 2 plus weeks apart ! **LOVELY** News. Now don't forget we still have “Triple Threat Saturday” on horizon, with **THREE SHOWS** on **ONE DAY** in Regions 8, 9, and 10. So, if you're bored, lack a hobby outlet, or just plain looking to hang out with model folks; *if you're NOT AT ONE OF THESE events then I am sorry (NOT) for you. NO excuses.* Show up, show support, have fun - *mick*

FEVERED IMAGINATION of MOMENTS FOR OCTOBER (from page 8) (Go To Page 3 if you didn't start from 1)



Eric McClure had major progress since last time on his Academy M36 Jackson, USA Tank Destroyer in 1/35th.

Above, top half vehicle. Right, lower half/interior.

Kent McClure has another group of eclectic wee folk. I notice we rarely see shots of any taken from rear. Thus:



Oh my ! Perhaps this is why ☺ Well, I can't speak for those two on left (apparently now, neither can they) yet I am able to report I managed to recover from this spooky miasma and get back to some serious newslettering this month past. So ending up on this note here:



Coverage of Club Contest “Frankenstein's Model” was in October TAMS. Model of the Month, you will see on page 9, went to Mark Schynert for his Orion 9R from that “fun” Special Hobby kit. – *mick fini*



“Frankenstein’s Model”. The Editor manages to awaken that following Friday, packs his entry carefully to go with him to work, as he’d be leaving from his Village to transit direct to MPD afterward. Work day seemed no more agonizing than usual, made way to LRT station on time. Only to be lulled to sleep on board train to Great Mall transit connection, and seemed to awakened dazed. Not alarmed but irritable, as now a 30 minute delay is on hand, hate to arrive whence meeting underway, just annoying. Texting to friends to make sure any possible news I may be called upon would be safely delivered, just a bit later, slip into “transit coma” to pass the time. Shocked awake by arrival of what appeared (and in fact turned out to be) the very ghost of bus I’d missed by all measure earlier ! Stunned, get on it, get off at North Milpitas & Jacklin still not sure this is all really going on, walk my rollie bag of computer gear/camera and Club Contest entry to walk into door finding above ...

(what follows is Editor’s best recollection & muses, as no minutes on hand at time of publication)

OPEN INTO MODEL TALK –



Frank Babbitt went into rara avis territory with this WIP model of the HP Jetstream for USAF, the C-10A .The USAF cancelled before any were completed! Frank also has Mirage in 1/48th scale underway.





Cliff Kranz said this Cessna 172 Seaplane by ERTL was just some fun for him, straight out of the box and he made sure we saw the box to reinforce his point. Not stopping a moment on his drive to prove modeling is fun, the “Rutan” revision of Douglas DC-9 in 1/144 scale here took two kits by Airfix, and lots of patience to reconfigure to “canardic”.

Possibly due to all this manic mayhem modeling, Cliff has finished a new 1/35th Academy M50 “Ontos” (Thing, in Greek) in two varieties of OD green, which matched one he knew “back in the day”. The 6 recoilless rifles all were able to rotate, tilt, everything but shoot he said, on model.

Ben Pada was making major headway on this HUGE MiG-31 “Foxhound” twinjet, from the AMK kit. Ben’s preferred scale is 1/48th, so it of course meets that. Yet in comparison to his desert camo’d USAAF Spitfire V or the green/gray FW-190D-9 in same scale, it looks 1/32nd !



Maybe if I give you another angle, you’ll agree



Frank Beltran is a helluva guy, a former SVSM President, ambassador for the clubs, just one hell of a fine modeler. What he **isn’t** , **in this case** here, **is the builder or owner of this model** ! Some folks are such great modelers , they *seem to feel magnanimous enough to just simply leave their winning models with us at various contests* ... Happily though, Frank was at SVSM meeting to take possession from Rich Pedro , who retrieved this British Tank





left at the TriCity Classic 12 “Battle of Britain “ event on September 25. Thank you again, Sir Richard for doing that, from Editor (who was Contest Director) Thanks as well to **Leo Groba**, who is maker of this “Dundee”, a Royal Army Sherman in 1/35. Leo is one who competes all over the Region, but never part of a club, so it’s a treat for me to be able to show his bit of modeling like this. Feel free to leave your models in our care again, Leo (by the way, you leave awards in your name with our clubs now and then too...)

Frank Beltran had already made plans with Leo, who works locally, to get this nice model back to him, soon.



Speaking of the TriCity 12, and **Rich Pedro**, here is his “Itsy Bitsy” in not so itsy-bitsy 1/48th scale, taking a 3rd in Cat 13, ME Prop 1/48 at the event.

You would not be able to tell Richard (himself a former SVSM Prez !) has been away from his modeling desk for more than decade, by this model. He dove right in to finish it in time to shoot for the Special Award “Lightning Strikes Twice” at show, and although he didn’t take it home, word is out already that TriCity 13 will indeed strike twice with repeat of the Special Award. So he just has to build another one... in a hurry ☺

Mark Schynert managed nicely his time left on clock, finishing this for Free Hornets Gruppe Build “Airliners”, due on 9-25-16.

That’s Special Hobby Lockheed Orion 9R single engine passenger plane , “out of the box “ in the red & white NorthEast Air scheme.

Mark would likely smirk at the above characterization, as builder of many limited run kits in 1/72nd scale, he knows first hand what a euphemistic phrase Out Of The Box is, like “Special Hobby” title.





Brian Geyer (while never a SVSM President, he's been on & off in club roster since before past Presidents or even the Editor, noted) managed to bring back real "Blast from the Past" with this UPC F-86D NA Sabre kit.

While some of us "in those days of Yore" would say then that "U-P.-C" Kit logo stood for " Unidentifiable Piece of Crap ", that would not at all apply to this particular issue.

No, instead we'd tell you to grab this kit and then go find yourself some of the few aftermarket decals for these.

Because you could afford to. Buying UPC "reboxing" of a then expensive "foreign" molded kit of "D", once the only available, savings could go to replace the incredibly awful UPC *allegedly* "waterslide" decals.

This kit is not 1/48th, although has for years been marketed as such in its many re-issues under many labels.

Beginning life as Marusan (of Japan) who are credited with being "Japan's first plastic model company" by a number of historians, this kit came out under that label around 1966, correctly specified as a 1/50th NA F-86D.

Considered "the Bomb" in USA, other markets when modelers would review them, this kit is pretty solid even today. Full of detail, well molded, the "action features" common to "sixties kits" even tolerable or easily made to behave if you don't want to employ them. Main issue with kit for long time was price, plus at first, available easily or at all outside of Japan. Early on, if you didn't want it in JASDF markings or really dull USAF scheme you were also out of luck, "out of the box". After Marusan went belly up (prior to 1970) there was a re-issue of them in USA. For sure to my knowledge firsthand (bought one) around 1971, when "ENTEX" was all the rage, providing cheaper reboxings of several dozen cool models. Including one that got away from me (deep sigh) of which a minor legend built around, namely the C-5A Galaxy in "true" 1/144 scale. They also issued that C-5 in a never made in 1/1 version, the Lockheed 500 Civilian Airliner Galaxy, that's an extremely rare and fun find.

Anyways, thank you Brian for bringing that F-86D with all the memories "out of the box". Thanks to R-M, we now have plenty of "real 1/48th" F-86Ds to choose from, along with decals a-go-go for same, injected molded.

Brian also had a "chromed" Tamiya MiG-15 and an old Hawk molding in the Testors boxing, T-33A in 1/48th scale. Now from his "model talk", impression is that he's "gone over to 1/32nd" scale these days. We'll see.





Jordan Li showed again he has the Right Stuff, even with college underway he's wrapped up MD 450 Ouragon I passed to him, a gift from current SVSM President Greg Plummer. I still owe Jordan one myself.



Splendid work on your IDF/AF scheme with "tiger mouth", by the way. Suez stripes, hmm I feel a club contest comin ...

I owe an apology for not getting any notes taken about his new Saab Draken, also in 1/72nd scale.

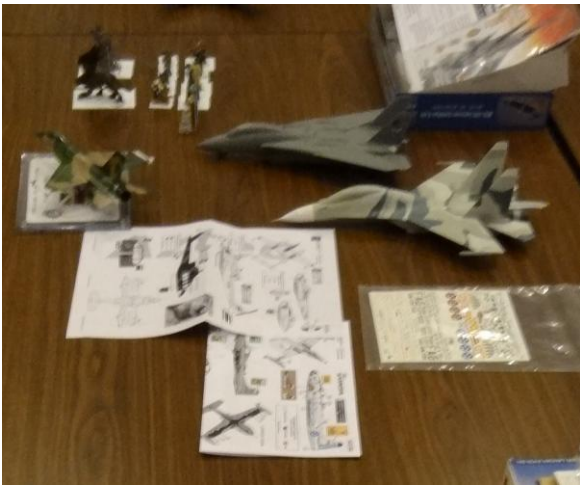


Laramie Wright provided a great contrast in 1/35th scale, not only in color schemes but also "modern times". The desert camo scheme is a Present day modern MBT, British I believe.

It's verdant companion, a French machine of which I'm guessing, pre World War Two and post World War One.

Note how green has exposed tracks, high profile, 3 heavy machine guns, a boxy construct. Yellow has shielded tracks, lower profile, massive turret with massive gun. Yet, both close in footprint...





Gabriel Lee took award at TriCity 12 with his FAV F-16 Falcon, has more projects underway with decals aplenty to promise nicely

Now he did say he's on a plan for a "real" F-14, this is to be a Top Gun, Maverick's plane from the Testor's

1/72nd kitting, done in honor of the infamous movie.



Tripoley of grays Sukhoi ?

It's Gabe WIP, all I know...



Chris Bucholtz provided solid proof he has completed his Special Hobby of the Fairey FR.5 Firefly. That's it there on a FAA carrier deck base.

Which now leaves him plenty of time to resume work on his A3D and R3C shown surrounding the hapless Firefly. Or not so, After all the FR.5 is done and surrounds are in demonstrable piecework state !

Sorry, there's not any more room forward.



For the rest of Editor's Fever Dream of October tale, it's ON BACK TO SHEET TWO WITH YOU !





Congratulations to
Mark Schynert

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