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October Turnout Has Again Editor Absent



A LOOK AT MEETING BY CORRESPONDENCE

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At the October meeting... we heard news about Jim Lund's 300-model display at the San Francisco Airport Museum and the reception being held there on October 28 – Bill Larkins is among the speakers!

Also on the same day, the Antelope Valley Group (AVG) holds its contest. And *Let's see on page 3...*



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



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“ WITH ALL THIS SUPPORT IN HIS ABSENCE, EDITOR HAS NOTHING TO SAY TO GET IN THE WAY OF A FINISH ”

(*October 2017 SVSM meeting article continued from page 8*) – *mick fini*

Brian Geyer built the Lindberg 1:48 Me 262 many years ago, painting the camouflage scheme with a perfume atomizer. He says he liked the many opening compartments, although the detail inside was disappointing.



Bill Ferrante used the HobbyBoss kit to build his 1:72 F-86F-1; while that make had the slatted wings, this one, like many others was fitted with the 6-3 wing in the field, making this accurate for this plane at this time.



Bill also finished an example of Hasegawa's 1:200 Boeing 737, using aftermarket decals from a vendor who printed them using an inkjet printer. Bill feared they'd be stiff and hard to work with but they settled right down.



Jim Priete's Fokker T.5 from the 1:72 Valom kit now wears part of its camouflage, the painting of which has been aided by some P-Mask pre-cut masks for the clear parts. Jim swapped the kit cowlings for some from an Airfix Hampden, shimmed to the correct width, and extended some Quickboost Wellington exhausts to replace the kit's items.



And the model of the month goes to...

Pete Long and his 1:32 Hasegawa Ki-61 "Tony!" Pete used Eduard details for the seat belts and painted the model with Tamiya paints to finish the model as the mount of ace Teruhiko Kobayashi. – *chris fini*

Our club contest was covered in depth in OCTOBER 2017 TAMS Refer to that for all information on it. - mickb



on Nov. 5 and on Nov. 11, Randy Ray’s symphonic band is playing programs in honor of Veteran’s Day – contact Randy for more information!

In Model Talk ... Frank Babbitt tackled the Pegasus 1:72 Supermarine Spiteful, which came out very well once he re-shaped the forward fuselage and battled the many propeller blades to a draw!

Frank bought his nephew the Academy 1:48 F4U-4 Corsair years ago, but it was never



built, so Frank took it back, finished it, and plans on returning it to his nephew!



Frank’s biggest project of the evening was the Hasegawa 1:32 Spitfire; he converted it to a “C”-wing and painted it in Australian colors



using Polly Scale paints. The big Spitfire has Barracuda Studios and Eduard parts in the cockpit, and Frank re-scribed all of the kit's panel lines.

Cliff Kranz' research revealed that the Aurora 1:48 F-5 Freedom Fighter does not represent any actual aircraft – it's based on and marked like the second mock-up Northrop built during the aircraft's development!





The bad news about Cliff's 1:72 XP-77 was that it was by 12 Squared, but the good news is that the real plane was all wood and had no panel lines, so he could sand with abandon!

He had to trim down the pilot for his Hawk/Testors Supermarine S.6B (he looked a little more like Charles Laughton than David Niven), and he still needs to source decals to finish the racer.



A lovely camouflage decorates the shell of Cliff's Hobbyboss Hungarian Turtle armored car in 1:35 scale.

Cliff has turned out not one but two 1:72 HUP helicopters:



He liked that you could build the interior, then slide it into the fuselage.



Cliff added engines to make up for the kits' most major shortcomings.



Gabriel Lee completed his Stolichnaya MiG-17 built from the AZ kit, which he says is evidence you can indeed stuff enough weight into the unseen places in the forward fuselage to keep the machine on its nose wheel! Gabriel also brought in two of his winners from the contest aboard the USS *Hornet*, his Venezuelan F-16 and his Panamanian Police UH-1D.



Kent McClure's menagerie included Dug, a bizarre monster from "the Call of Cthulu" with a vertical mouth and eyes on the side of its head.

He kit-based a resin street sweeper to replicate something from *Bubblegum Crisis 2040*, and painted up a land shark, not the SNL variety but something that resembles a large carnivorous pangolin.

Kent's Airfix-not-an-airplane entry at the Fremont chapter was his Austin K2 ambulance, completed with no small amount of extra fit work, and the small white contraption was Zuma's motorcycle from *Dragonball Z*.

Kent also had the various components of Airfix's Russian R-7 rocket on the table, including various payloads.

Al Kuhn had the mother of all shelf-of-doom projects restarted, a railroad car he began in 1963!

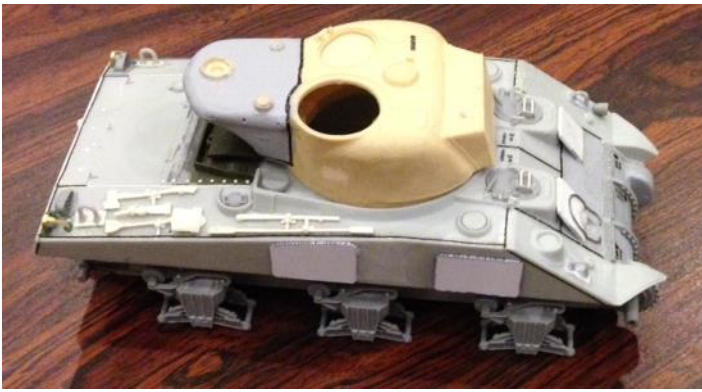
He finished the roof and the sides and put it away 54 years ago; now, he's pulled it out, redone the sides in plastic, and is well on the way to completing it. He says it proves that there's nothing you can do in wood that you can't do better in plastic!





Jim Lund spent a bit of time talking about Tom Frisk and Aviation Usk; he donated an example of Usk's 1:72 F2G-1 Corsair to the club, and he showed off two Usk-ian examples in the form of an SM.84 and an RS.14, two of the rare Italian birds Usk rendered in kit form.





Eric McClure's M50 Sherman project is inching toward completion; he's converted the Formations conversion turret by chopping and lengthening the bustle. Many of the seams for this re-work are hidden by the weld bead that Eric added over them!

Ben Pada sang the praises of Tamiya's 1:48 Ki-61 Hien; he added Eduard details to his winning example.

Ben broke out a couple of models stranded on the shelf of doom, a Hasegawa Hellcat that now wears a coat of Gunze paint and a Tamiya Wildcat he started 10 years ago and has found the parts needed to finish it off !



Chris Bucholtz closed up the fuselage of his CMR 1:72nd Sikorsky S-38, but all the heavy sanding needed to eliminate the seams revealed pinholes in the resin. After a coat of Mr. Surfacer 500 and plenty of sanding with a fine-grit sandpaper, the model is ready for its windscreen and replacement details.



His Eduard MiG-15 received its wings at the Fremont meeting; it's been a strange-fitting kit so far, Chris says.

The Sword Fairey Gannet AEW.3 now has boxed in wheel wells, but much detail still needs to be added.



Chris's Airfix early Hurricane is nearly ready for paint, with a few fit issues remedied and re-scribed.

(see page two for final bits of this meeting article ...)



Congratulations to
Peter Long

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