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AND WHAT HAVE WE HERE FOR THIS MEETING ?



Editor Stymied at Proper Presentation for this Reverie of SVSM October 2015 Meet

Text: Mick Burton

Photos : Mick Burton

Models : Compliments of those present

At the time of meeting opening, theme could have well been “vintage kits at vintage prices, make offer”
These kits had seen some better days, true, yet shown some love as examination inside of several revealed. The

contents may not be what container advertised (worn or well) yet could be surprisingly outfitted. Some have 2nd or 3rd kits of same inside, others had aftermarket, not noted outside, still others would be completely different innards. (*Continue on 3*)



EDITOR REINFORCES PAGES 7 & 8 WITH SHOEHORNED PARTIAL MINUTES BY CHRIS BUCHOLTZ :

At the October meeting... In model talk, Gabriel Lee's current roster of projects includes another Battlestar from Moebius Models (his first two were bought off the table at the Santa Rosa show!), which was initially painted black, then gray, next given various layers of filters and dusting to draw out the detail. His 1:72 Darth Vader TIE Fighter is near completion, as is his 1:72 Moebius Viper Mk. I; he says the Viper is well-engineered but has lots of seams to deal with. His Revell of Germany/Italeri F4U-5 Corsair is being finished as Maj. Soto's four-kill machine from the Soccer War. Kent McClure brought in a neat collection of figures, and supplemented them with some nicely painted nightmare figures (just in time for Halloween!). Kent's also at work on a few 1:600 Civil War-era ships from Bay Area Yards and Thoroughbred Miniatures. He's pondering the start of an ATP Short 360 in 1:144, which comes in the form of a chunk of resin you have to carve an airplane from! The journey is its own reward, sometimes! Rob Wergin took Airfix's old 1:72 F-117 Nighthawk, gave it a pilot from a Revell kit, plus an aftermarket HUD, and finished it in a convincing coat of flat black automotive spray paint. Chris Bucholtz is nearing completion of his Roden 1:72 Fokker D.VIIF, which has its wheels on and is getting control wires added to the tail. He's also painted up an Aerobonus 1:72 figure of a WWI German or Austro-Hungarian pilot to resemble Wilhelm Hippert, the Fokker's pilot. Chris is in the early stages of wrestling with an OzMods 1:72 Pilatus PC-9; soft wheel detail and non-existent sidewall detail is causing him to turn this into something of a scratch-building effort. The opposite of this is true for his 1:20 Titanis Walleri, a North American "terror bird" that lived from 5 to 1.8 million years ago; the model was a one-piece 3D-printed figure that Chris added to a base and painted using ModelMaster enamels. The model won three awards at the TriCity Classic including Best Figure, and was completed (including base) in just four days!

In our first contest, "Truckin'," we had a number of entries. Mike Woolson's oldest built and still intact model is his AMT Kenworth tractor, which featured a black paint job. And the winners were... In third place, with a 1:72 Italeri WC - 51 "Beep," was Chris Bucholtz. Chris reshaped the hood, rebuilt the deck and swapped in some replacement tires among many changes to bring this re-pop of the ancient Esci kit up to snuff. In second place, with his 1:35 desert M-35, was Mike Burton. Mike finished the truck in desert sand from Testors, and used other paints to simulate a worn wooden bed. And in first place, with an Academy 1:72 GMC CCKW-335 Deuce and a Half, was Chris Bucholtz. Chris added Eduard details and posed the driver's door open on his model, which he says came from a fantastic source kit.

Our other contest was Focke Wulfs, which saw Mike Burton stick a half a squadron on the table! These included a Monogram kit finished with Fujimi decals, a conversion of a Hasegawa kit using the Falcon vacuformed set into a two-seater in fictitious Japanese markings as a "Wilma." And the winners were... in third place, with a fictitious Fw 190 racer, was Mike Meek! Mike started with the Tamiya Fw-190D-9, then swapped the engine for a Griffon, added a five-bladed propeller, swept up the wing tips, cut down the canopy and added a NACA duct on the bottom of the plane for cooling. In second place, with his hypothetical Japanese "Fred," was Mick Burton. He used the Monogram kit as the basis for an Allied fear realized – that is, the use of the Fw 190 by Japanese pilots. And the winner was... another Monogram butcher bird in desert markings, also built by Mick Burton!

The Model of the Month was awarded to Mick's desert truck, so it was an evening filled with Bravo Zulus for Burton!
– chris fini

SVSM EDITOR'S NOVEMBER CLUB CONTEST Theme is " GET TANKED "



1915

– Birth year of the "Tank" as we know it.

By 1917, a pretty big deal. Plus some other model ideas of how to enter in this contest



OCTOBER ACTION : MAKE ME AN OFFER OR THREE, SAYS NEW VISITOR/VENDOR HE ! (from page 1)



The President, Mike Woolson, 1st VP Greg Plummer, took a shot at making offers for these, among others you see.

Editor (and 2nd VP) will take his responsibility of part played in Matchbox Handley Page Heyford, a “tween wars” Bomber, that Greg ended up with for 5 dollars ! Yes, that’s right, he done did it. So he (Editor) wouldn’t be taking it home to join w/ trio he has already (you get three options for the Heyford I, II, III ...)

This is one of Matchbox 1/72 aircraft models that in its day and now, beats the alternative (scratch-build or a vacform, some say there’s no diff there) for this important, if not well known, 30’s biplane.

Giving reinforcement, a healthy cheering on by Laramie Wright. Thanks

After some opening by Burton about TriCity 11,

as requested by President Woolson, and vital news about folks in our community (Anita Travis, M J Kinney) we opened Model Talk. With **Laramie Wright** – The French Connection here as he termed it, his tanks for TriCity Eleven entry, including the center Somua which went proudly into Category 47, “ Unfinished ”, taking a Third!

Ben Pada – Tamiya P-47 (what a shock), he took a 1st at TC-11 with her, along with “ A Hornets Mighty Sting Award” for Best American Fighter Subject. Beautiful in its deceptive simplicity, really. Cripes a’ Mighty, truly





Greg Plummer, safely returned from his encounter with “Model Shopper Mick” was then up again at bat, to be letting us in how he got a scary good result with this BMW Z-8.



I tried to pick the best three of the shots taken at the meeting.

Given the choice, I would have two more pages and six more of these views to enjoy what he'd shared with us in “real life 3-D “

Given that editorial constraints set for the OSS , combined with Editor's lack of rigorous noting as he was shooting pictures, now you may join me in hoping Greg would see fit to pen small article on this model for future OSS or TAMS. For more useful details.

Especially since some of us are still in awe over marque decals (aftermarket sourced), “metal” BMW emblem ... simply fascinating .

Plus, this paint finish, which utterly synchs up with month of October.

Spookiest part, Greg's pointing out that shade is the same one as his other table model ...



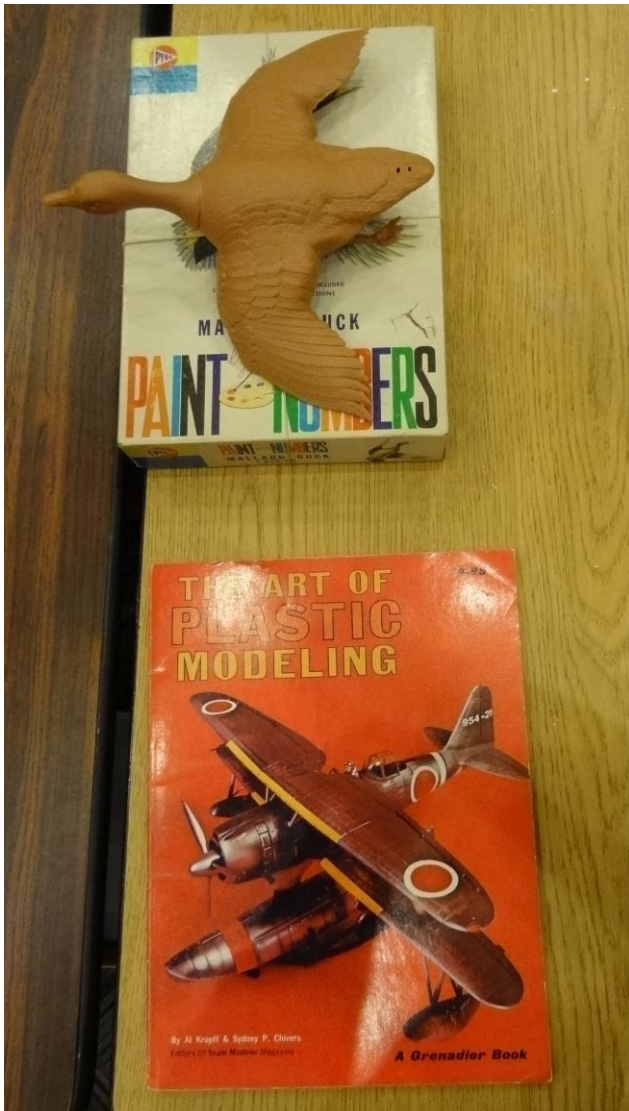


That's right, this VW Scirocco is finished with same specific Automotive color as the Greg's Z-8. Clearly this paint company disagreed on specifics, you agree?



This kit is a fairly rare AMT release, although not a "pricy collector item", simply not popular demand

for this particular vehicle even at time of first release, so never triggered re-issues. Greg noted he picked this up pretty cheaply at the last NNL West show, back in January, and considering how he's not seen any done, would definitely be something new on the table. Editor couldn't stand it, had to horn in with a reveal that this kit was his long ago "secret weapon" model project for entry in a SVSM club contest, where "Weather-related" themes were the key play. Now admitting that he had to go find it and finish, since Greg made it clear how unique kit is! Scirocco, you see, is a "Powerful Desert Wind", which is why VW chose the name. After Editor quieted, Greg Got to answer the question of how he did the lovely hood work. Brilliant and easy to do when you know. Apply Gloss black first. Apply waterslide decal "VW". Spray on Flat black. When it's dry, rewet decal, remove. Voila!



Louis Orselli wasn't at all going to "duck the issue" of what he had underway.

He gave us a straight faced Bill of Goods on the fun of doing vintage Pyro Plastics waterfowl. Kit may be old, but new to this modeler and I'd bet, same to many there.

No note on scale, but seems Cornish Game Hen sized if local Mallards are reference

Lou shared look underwing to reveal clever seam hides.

We openly speculated how Obscureco might have edge here offering detail parts...

Birds figured in here, too :





Eric McClure had a “Water Buffalo” in form of a 1/72 scale LVT-4 amphibious assault vehicle here, above.

Below, say hello to his WIP model trio in devotion to his daughter, who’s a fan girl of Penguins. Engaging lot !



On the left, argh, it’s one Piratical Pengie.

Middle ? Pilgrim Pengie, proud.

If you’re not at all sure what the right hand bird “professes” for, perhaps “proud” feathering clue:

PUNK Pengie !

Proud Dad and lucky daughter.

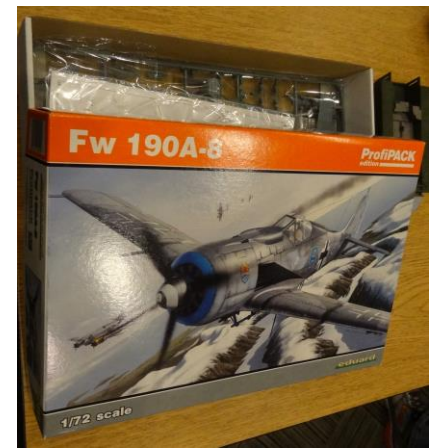
The WIP armor piece that was shown with those Three Pengies at start, Eric’s 1/72 Academy M36 USA Tank Destroyer, just so you know.

Jim Lund preciously regaled us with tales of his 1/72 Lindberg G4M “Betty”. He posed her with an equally vintage “Scale Modeler” magazine of which ran an article for this, then current kit.

As Jim related, this once high point of Japanese WW2 aircraft modelling. Intriguing how that is, from a classic American company, Lindberg.

Noted how he over the years, added item upgrades to this old Betty. “Ohka” rocket suicide plane now in bomb bay, being one





Randy Ray showed up with a brand new Eduard Fw-190A8, Profipack 1/72 edition. As he noted, Roy Sutherland and he would easily call this “bomb” of a kit, truly a great product.

Gabriel Lee humbly offered display of a nice menagerie, his latest build of BattleStar Galactica cruiser (remember, he sold his last one at the 2015 Hobby Expo!) as the flagship here. His BSG craft took a 2nd in Cat 41 at TriCity 11, while his 1/72 TIE Fighter took 3rd in same. The Viper spacecraft, I didn’t get the details on, sorry, nor the airliner whose decals you see there. A fine bit of progress by Gabriel was seen here though, as F4U-5 Fuerza Area Honduras “Mustang Killer” moves toward finish.



Ron Wergin’s latest was this interesting application of a black “Automotive” paint, to this Lockheed F-117 NightHawk , 1/72



Chris Bucholtz, Region Nine RC , SVSM Secretary and all around man for model matters 1/72nd, arrived later in the meeting evening. His tripole tabling, helped also to reinforce notes made earlier by Burton re some TriCity 11 surprises.



On the right, Chris’s “bird collection”. As a fun fact, one of each for three continents !



From North America, Chris's "Terror Bird" Titanis Walleri, of Florida and Texas in the "way old days". A 1/20 scale figure made in modern means, namely 3-D printing ! Chris was pleasantly shocked, as related earlier in evening, to end up with three awards for the "Big Bird", taking 1st in Miscellaneous, the Best Prehistoric Subject and Best Figure (he beat out Frank Luke, no small feat there) at the 2015 Free Hornets TriCity 11 contest.

His Fokker D-7F, from Germany (Europe) took a 1st in "Unfinished" at the same event.

Chris's WIP on the Pilatus PC-9 resin kit, planned to be a Royal Australian Air Force Trainer bird, apropos as it's an Ozmod kit !

Chris began taking minutes and he has the only information recorded for **Kent McClure's** massive outburst of models.

So for now, I can only offer this picture: *(see Editorial NOW for Chris's minutes)*

Our two Club Contests were detailed in October's TAMS. Surprise was in store for Editor, as his one entry in "Keep On Truckin'", picked for the Model of the Month. President was surprised to learn who built it. *So went October !*





**Congratulations to
Mick Burton**

FOR WINNING OCTOBER MODEL OF THE MONTH



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