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AND FOR THIS FINE " BETTY ", WHAT AM I BID ?



Editor Absent for this Reverie of SVSM September 2015 Meet

Text: Mick Burton Photos : Mike Woolson Models : Contributed by those present

At the time Laramie Wright here was posing this important query, whilst David Balderrama seems to be “finalizing a beam-down” (or less likely perhaps, was caught by Mike’s camera “in action” causing a blur), this Editor was finishing a night before the contest dessert dish, up in McMinnville, Oregon. (*Continue on 3*)

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

(shameless plug: www.mickmodeler.com)

EDITOR REITERATES AN EDITORIAL STRING (Feb 2015 TAMS) THAT OPENED THE 2015 R-9 CONTEST YEAR

Thanks to a recently received email from IPMS-Dragon Lady, who'll be hosting the last scheduled "Contest & Show" in our Region
A well written and respectful invitational missive coming from one of the Event Staff for the November 7, 2015 Expo that signals welcome return of Yuba City IPMS to the "Show Circuit". One core request within it, prompted this regeneration:

NAMELY RESPECT FOR the process of JUDGING & ADMINISTRATION of CONTESTS. Respect being shown in this useful form: *ACTUALLY BEING PART of THAT WHICH SEEMS SO EASY TO OFFER EXPERT JUDGEMENT ON AFTERWARDS* ... while not ever risking being one of the "blind imbeciles or home cooking clannish sorts" that served instead to do the dirty deed (because the Opinion Shapers wouldn't, while happily making characterizations such as those). Plenty of harm can, has resulted, will continue if that laziness persists. THANK YOU, Dragon Lady, for doing the smart thing and making outreach effort weeks ahead of your show. Also, for emphasizing *beneficial aspects* of becoming a Judge.

That form of active respect being paid, would go a long way to improving a lot of "ills" perceived. Plus losing traction for damaging opinions based on often a complete ignorance on how competitions are judged, results generated, system wide. Getting others to be part of the solution versus continuing to be growing part of the problem. We of Region Nine know it, because it's been done in the past successfully, *BY US*. From those grass roots, it grew to become the accepted "wisdom". Some in the IPMS USA HQ will even claim it came from the top down, nowadays. *Again, we know better* and now more than ever: again need to work at doing that knowledge transfer better. On Basics of Judging, On Judging the Basics. For all.

One actually Has To Be "The Judge". That action in real time, in concert with others "who have seen the elephant", is so NECESSARY INGREDIENT FOR SUCCESS. Everyone who makes the effort and commitment to do so, HELPS US ALL

Because just pointing people to sites and documentation, saying things like "*we judge on the basics*", "*read the Judge's Handbook*" or as I, others have done, writing real world processes out like "math word problems", won't work the magic. Will not, without active participation and gentle leadership, ever actually build the tools, create the organic understanding, breed some thoughtful respect that tempers "bad opinion" or stiffen spine of those "who did it" to shut up those who won't

Never did or would. I know first hand again recently. As thanks to the few, the proud, the hard working, who took the time from their scant hours to spend at Fremont Hornets TriCity Eleven, this Contest Director and his Head Judge (Mike Meek) were rewarded with sound Judging results. In a timely, coherent manner/basis, *THANKS, JUDGES! Be A Judge. Or Not*. Just know, if you don't, you're making more work for others. Okay, I'll quit my bitching for now and get on – *mick fini*

**SVSM PRESIDENT' s OCTOBER CLUB CONTEST Theme is
" Keep On Truckin' "**



**SVSM PRESIDENT' s OCTOBER CLUB CONTEST # 2 Theme is
" Focke Wulf Fall "**

Held over from the original September scheduling, for reasonable accommodations.





The President, Mike Woolson, took these shots you see here. Also gave me summary outline of how things ran when I called him with event news from McMinnville, post contest, and seeking information about the meeting.

For those who don't know, we have had this Fundraiser in September for several years as one of the major parts of our infrastructure for supporting cash flow to maintain SVSM functions. Nearly all of the monies raised end up being used for the annual "Classic" we host in the Spring, as essentially the 1/2/3 awards package expense by itself will exhaust the intake income here. By the way, our meeting room isn't free, running over 120 dollars a year (essentially equal to 3 annual member dues collected, spent just for that purpose) so give you more idea of what and where your dues/donations are "re-purposed" for by the E Board & Staff. We run lean and mean, yes.





Thanks to the generous donations of items to auction, and just as importantly, the generous donation of effort to stage this entire operation, year 2015 fundraiser produced another significant stakeholder for SV Classic Three.

Money on time, in time, a key resource that can't be substituted or papered over. A Contest Director for SVSM has some pretty tight schedules to meet on next to no credit terms, options are few and trust me, we've explored plenty. Remember, lump sums of cash for deposit to even secure an event date/facility need to be on hand pretty swiftly and months ahead. Final payments for a facility are usually due no less than two weeks prior and often, 30 or even 45 days ahead. Again, not a small sum. Awards package ? Right now, pay up front, not on delivery.





So, while you're perusing over the photos as we undergo this year's assistance to meeting these resource calls, consider what is going on behind the scenes year round, on an all volunteer basis, very professionally and well.

The timing of our fundraiser here is also basically a fixed point in space, just for your information. September is chosen to keep from being too close to the established Super Auction of Fremont Hornets (July), or landing in territory of the IPMS USA Nats (late July on into August). November and December have been found to be very poor choices for auction timing by us and several others in the years gone by, for likely obvious reasons.

January used to be the established IPMS Sonoma County Super Auction month for Hobby Expo support. Even now would be a high risk choice for us to take up, even if IPMS-SC discontinues using month. Consider from a standpoint of this: places major pressure for cash influx 60 days from event, leaving little time to overcome any potential shortfalls. As a former SVSM Treasurer and several time Contest Director, I'd easily advise, NO way.





Thankfully though, as I said and had been apprised that again, everyone came through spiritedly here, plenty of the needed raw material was provided on time with helpful “hawkers” stepping up to harangue the throngs for a healthy bid. Thank you David and Laramie. Thank you Prez (and SVC 3 Director) Mike, and ever patient Bill the Eternal Treasurer. *THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO CAME, DONATED AND SPENT, Most of ALL !* -mick



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 10-12-15

Friday, October 16 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. President's Club Contest Theme "Keep On Truckin' "
AND

Presidents Club Contest theme " Focke Wulf Fall " (moved out a month further due to SVSM FundRaiser)

Saturday, November 07 2015

IPMS/ Antelope Valley Group host Desert Classic 18, Theme is "**Nifty Fifties** " AV College, Lancaster, CA

Saturday, November 07 2015

IPMS/ Dragon Lady host their returning Invitational Contest & Show. VFW Hall Post 4095, Olivehurst, CA

Friday, November 20 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting. Editor's Club Contest Theme "**Get Tanked** "

Friday, December 11 2015

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets monthly meeting.

Friday, December 18 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting.

Friday, January 8 2016

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets monthly meeting.

Friday, January 15 2016

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting. Editor's Club Contest Theme "**1916** "

Friday, February 19 2016

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting. Editor's Club Contest Theme "**Heinemann's Heroes** "
See www.mickbmodeler.com

Saturday February 20 2016

IPMS/Silver Wings host Silvercon 2015 (really !) VENDORS contact Russ Niles: r_niles1@juno.com

Saturday, March 12 2016

NNL West host **2016** show themed "**Trans Am : Pontiacs and Original Racers**". SCCC Hall A, Santa Clara.

Friday, March 18 2016

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting.

Saturday, April 02 2016

IPMS/ SV Scale Modelers host their **SV Classic # 3**, Theme "Clock's a Tick'n" at Napredak Hall, San Jose.
See www.mickbmodeler.com

Saturday, May 28 2016

IPMS/ Sonoma County & Mt Diablo host **HOBBY EXPO 2016** making it at Wells Fargo Center for the Arts.
TBA for theme and other details.

IPMS Dragon Lady 2015 Model Expo



"The Forgotten Warriors"

November 7, 2015

Olivehurst, Ca.

SPONSORED BY: "FAST TRACK HOBBIES"
6831 LONETREE BLVD. ROCKLIN CALIFORNIA
(916) 784-1722

Information:

IPMS DRAGON Lady

President- Jack Behm,
Vice President- Brent Shires
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Yuba City, Ca 95991
(530) 777-9417
<http://www.ipmsdragolady@att.net>
<http://www.facebook.com/ipmsdragonlady>

Schedule of events:

8am-9:00am- vendor setup

9am-12:00pm- registration

Note: Entries must be submitted no later than 12:00pm

12:30pm-1:00pm first raffle

1:00pm-2:30pm judges meeting and judging

1:00pm-2:30 pm make and take table open

3:00pm-3:30pm second raffle

3:30pm to 4:00pm awards presentation and recognition

adults- 18 and older: \$6.00 first entry, \$2.00 each additional entry-
up to 5 additional entries. \$1.00 each for all
remaining entries

junior- 11~17: \$2.00 each entry

kids- under 17: free. All children's entries will receive
recognition.

Vendors: Vendor tables are \$35.00 each, \$30.00 there
after. Tables are on a first come-first serve
basis, so please arrive early if you want a table.

Raffle: Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 or 30 for
\$25.00

~special raffle to be announce at the show~

ADDRESS OF THE EVENT: VFW HALL POST # 4095, 4956 Powerline Road, Olivehurst CA

Or, You Can Make SoCal Weekend of it, with these two back to back !

**Saturday's Event
AVG Desert Classic #18
Lancaster, CA**



Then on Sunday, it's "Gold Race Day" at WISR, Rosamond, CA

Coming up here 2016 March and April there's still more fun fun fun



SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC # 2016

SATURDAY APRIL 2nd
CONTEST THEME "CLOCK'S A TICKING"
PIKES PEAK HILL CLIMB, SPEED RECORDS, RECORD AIRCRAFT, 24HRS
LEMANS, AIRLINERS, DOOMSDAY CLOCK, DRAG RACING, CANNONBALL RUN, BACK TO
THE FUTURE, OPERATION SUN RUN, ECT

Napredak Hall 770 Montague Expressway San Jose CA 95131
9:00 AM Doors Open 12:00 PM Registration Closes 1:05 PM Judges Meeting 1:15 PM
Judging Begins 3:30 PM AWARDS
40 Categories of Senior (18 & up) Level Competition 5 WEEPS ALLOWED !
Special Awards 5 Categories for Junior (13-17 years) 4 Categories for Sub Junior
(12/under)

Competition OPEN TO THE PUBLIC NEED NOT BE AN IPMS MEMBER TO ENTER &
COMPETE ! Contestant Admission Pricing: \$ 12 Senior, Unlimited number of models
entry \$ 2 Junior, up to 5 models included, enter 6 or more = 5 dollars flat fee
\$ 1 Sub junior, up to 5 models included, enter 6 or more = 5 dollars flat fee

Spectators admission free !
RAFFLE ! FREE MAKE AND TAKE For 17 and under ! VENDORS !

Vendor Contact: Contest Director VP Mr Woolson, email swingwingklvk@gmail.com for
message/for pricing. Valid CA Sales Tax Permit req'd. TABLES ARE LIMITED!

For updates please visit
<http://www.mickmodeler.com/sv-classic-three.php>
<http://www.svam.org/contest/>

7:00 PM (entry)

8:0+ PM (start)

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 16

at

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd

Milpitas, CA

