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## *August Turnout Has President Seeing Double*



### *SVSM '17 8<sup>th</sup> Meet: President Wergin Performing Quantum Leap*

Photos: Mick Burton Text: Mick Burton Keeping All Running Smoothly: Prez Ron Wergin

*Let's see on page 3...*



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



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**“ EDITOR PLUGS CLUB AUCTION REMINDER ”**

## **SV CLASSIC FIVE FUNDRAISER AUCTION FRIDAY NIGHT 9-15-17**

**BRING A KIT OR TWO YOU'D MADLY BID TO GET BACK and ADD TO THE FUN**

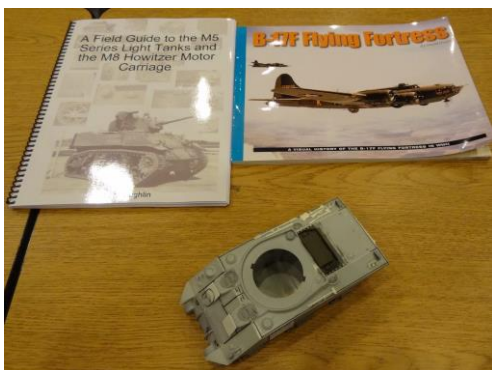
**ALL BUSINESS MUST BE CONCLUDED BY 10 PM**

**ANY AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHOW UP SO TELL FRIENDS TELL EVERYONE**

( continued from 8 ) **LAST LOOK AT SVSM's AUGUST MEET**



**Ben Pada's** Tamiya Ki-61 # 2 is looking pretty sharp, red tail and all. "U'VE HAD IT is his latest P-51, a "B"



**Eric McClure's** 1:35 Sherman project was accompanied by two tomes he recommended, the B-17 volume and one on M5 Light Tank/M8 MHC

*And the Model of the Month goes to... Al Kuhn's* skeletal Wright Flyer

This month's club contest was "Show Rats". And the winners were... In Honorable Mention, Cliff Kranz's autographed original "Rat Fink". Then third place, with his "Little Rata" was Jim Priete. In second place, with a sharp original kit bash "Orange T Rat Rod Racer" was Greg Plummer. As a shocker, First Place winner was Ron Wergin's "Chop Shop Rat"

Many thanks as well to recent returnee Mike Schwarze, whose "Hideous Halloween Decoration" Big Black Rat with open arms was "mascot" of the Show Rats contest tabling, seen at right :

( **Complete details & photos on "Show Rats" contest and folk are to be found in August TAMS -Editor** ) – mick fini







*Editor Reveals Our President Appears Anywhere In Meeting Room In a Blink of Camera Eye, With No One the Wiser. ( from page 1 )*

*August started auspiciously as Editor learned on his arrival no Secretary to take minutes would be coming. With a scheduled Club Contest to deal with and possible call back into “day job” to contend, determined best to go with photos and recollections for best shot here. So bear with the scant notes and perhaps less precise pics.*

*Plus, Editor was discombobulated by Prez’s ability to be everywhere at once without effort, Wergin’s Wizardry ☺*

*At the August meeting, we had a brief review of IPMS - USA NATS, upcoming Reno & TriCity shows locally, noted Boise, ID (Mad Dogs) & SoCal OrangeCon shows, then we leaped (with quantum efficiency) into Model Talk.*

**Greg Plummer** enjoyed his progress so far on his 1/35 Middle Eastern service Soviet armor and 1/48<sup>th</sup> JAAF



**Gabriel Lee** is making good headway on a number of fronts, as you may see here.

His 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale MiG-29 (grey) and MiG-17 (red) along with the UH-1 in green in the WIP portion, now joined by a sneaky F6F Hellcat and Douglas C-47. ( More on Hellcat in a minute )

The finished models of two P-47Ds and a Sukhoi are accompanied by one model “which is answer to brain tease query: What is NOT part of this Set?”





Gabriel's MiG-29 (above), MiG-17 (above right), UH-1H (above) and Airfix C-47 on the right all 1/72<sup>nd</sup> WIP sweet



His P-47D on left is a memento of his recent support of Region 9 at the "Spirit of '45 2017 San Jose" event, showing the Forca Area Brasilia flag to those who didn't know of this unit's service in Italy, WW2. Along with his Mexican Air Force in the Phillipines P-47D, which he covered in an excellent Styrene Sheet article years back, found again in Editor's page of Archive <http://www.mickbmodeler.com/sheet-archive-1.php> Dec 03 OSS



Gabriel's "sneaky" Hellcat was my compliment to his support of new **Fremont Hornets 2017 Gruppe Build "CAT's MEOW"**. He said he wanted to be part of that with a Latin America flavor, and this is a fine one, unheard of by me.



Sorry, my error earlier, his Sukhoi is not finished quite yet. And now, in a further tease, here's one more remind of the tabling he set out with ONE "not like the others" so you can guess ...





**Jordan Li** really did conspire with Gabriel to “ put one past us ” and he used Editor’s own model to do so! Say HOLA to Jordan’s FAV F-16XL, from kit he got recently from Burton (scant week before!) He added those conformal tanks among other mods, nice !



To emphasize his principled point, as promised here Jordan also completed “started life as Italy “ CAT ” F-104G by Burton in tribute to Bill F” model as a lovely Taiwan AF Starfighter, real one started life in similar way (It AF then TAF)

**Laramie Wright’s** working on FIVE projects at once here, and somewhat identifiable to the Editor see below:



1/48<sup>th</sup> scale F4F Wildcat, Tamiya, on left. Above, Panzer IV of some type is my best estimate, definitely 1/35<sup>th</sup>.

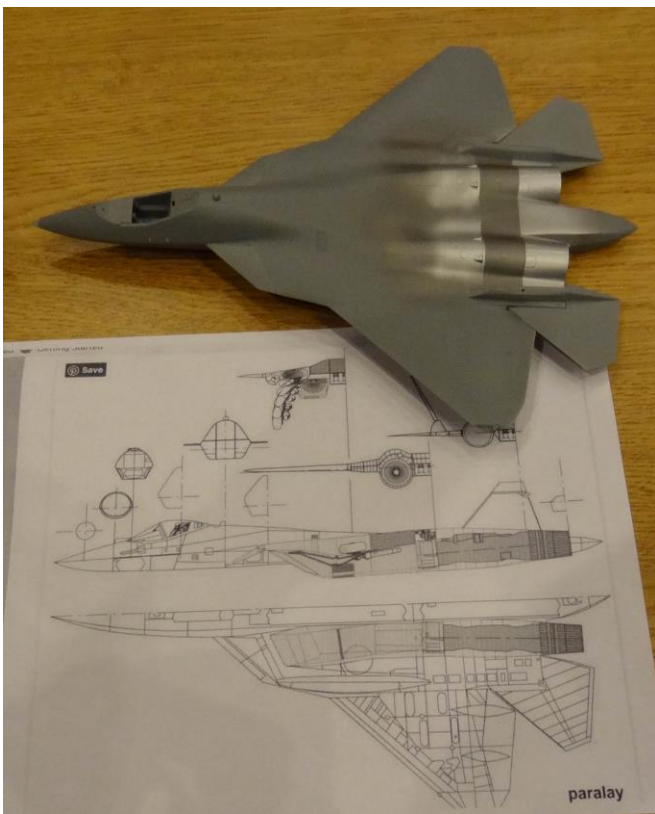
Immediate left, a 1/35<sup>th</sup> Italeri molded Patton M47

Immediate right, a 1/35<sup>th</sup> late model Sherman of some type



Lastly, another Patton I believe, not sure if it’s an M48 or M60 nor recall if 1/32 or 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale. Will find out in future, surely.



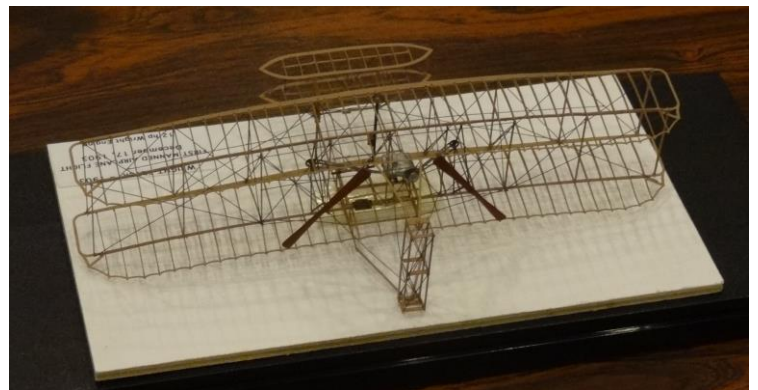
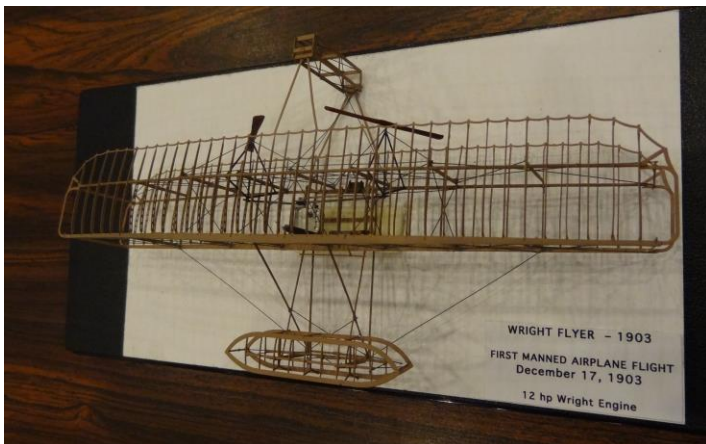


**Frank Babbitt** is whipping a Sukhoi T-50 PAK FA into shape on the left, and gunning that 1/48<sup>th</sup> Russki is a ... 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale



Brit, an early model Supermarine Spitfire. Colors would seem to indicate a possible play for finish fitting “theme” of TC-13

**Al Kuhn** had another of his favorite media (etched brass with multi media extra bits) kits in 1:72 scale: a 1903 Wright Flyer, the credited “first viable flying manned airplane” made from Aircraft In Miniature Ltd of England



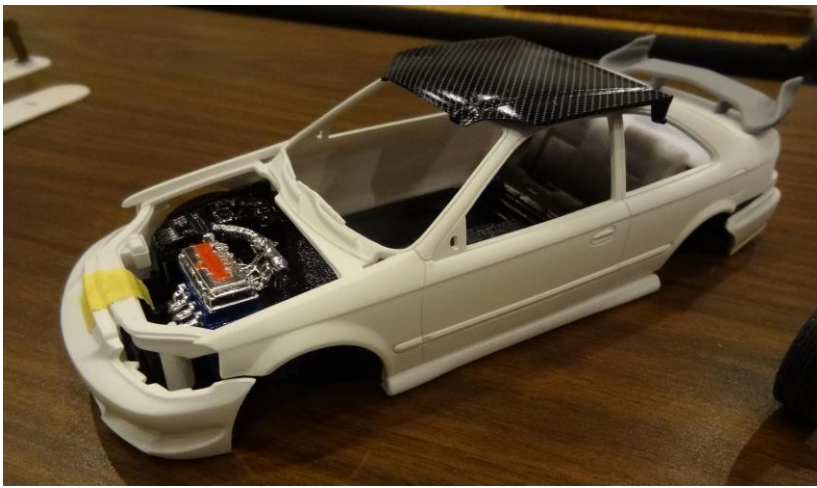
Al made clear that the kit comes with proper “covering” if the modeler chooses to use it, however he went with the option to leave it in all its naked technical glory here.

**I have since researched the kit online and the AIM folks themselves all but flat out state in their instructs that the modeler should choose this option... If I could get results like Al's, by far I'd heartily concur! - ed**

**Brad Chun** made another of his appreciated appearances, with another fearsome foursome underway seen here:







Brad is a full time Tomcat now and an alumnus of SVSM and Fremont.

He has so many passionate hobbies it's amazing he manages time for the scale miniature ones, but he does.

The Editor secretly hopes he can get Brad to perhaps dash a few lines off with passage of weeks ahead, to give some of the rich details he shared on these four lovelies (any or all...) so a more respectful appreciation of them could be put here in print

I didn't even manage to get their ID or VIN numbers...damn it.



**Randy Ray's** been extremely busy this summer.

Making to the Insane Model Contest in June. July he was at the World Expo of Scale Models which was in Chicago, IL, and taking a Bronze, bravissimo

August he was at the IPMS USA Nats as entrant and a major part of the Journal & Awards Slide photo team. Then he still felt he had time to track down this exotic "Red Iron" Russian limited run kit of the fabulous and intricate Lunokhod. This being Soviet "Lunar Rover" which they got on Moon and ran successfully remote!







**Kent McClure** has moved mightily forward on his own Soviet space program in miniature, with his Airfix 1/144<sup>th</sup> Vostok rocket. Airfix's new Ambulance also, alongside a bizarre blue/orange AFV and his latest four figures here.



**Bill Ferrante** had his Airfix F-86 in Korean War scheme for USAF nearly done. Lovely metal, WF



**Mike Schwarze** had his Thor from Marvel Comics rendering in better (if somewhat explosive expressive) shape. Gabriel and Kent seem none too concerned, but Eric is watching Hammer...



**Cliff Kranz** built a 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale postwar American V-2 from Takom kit.

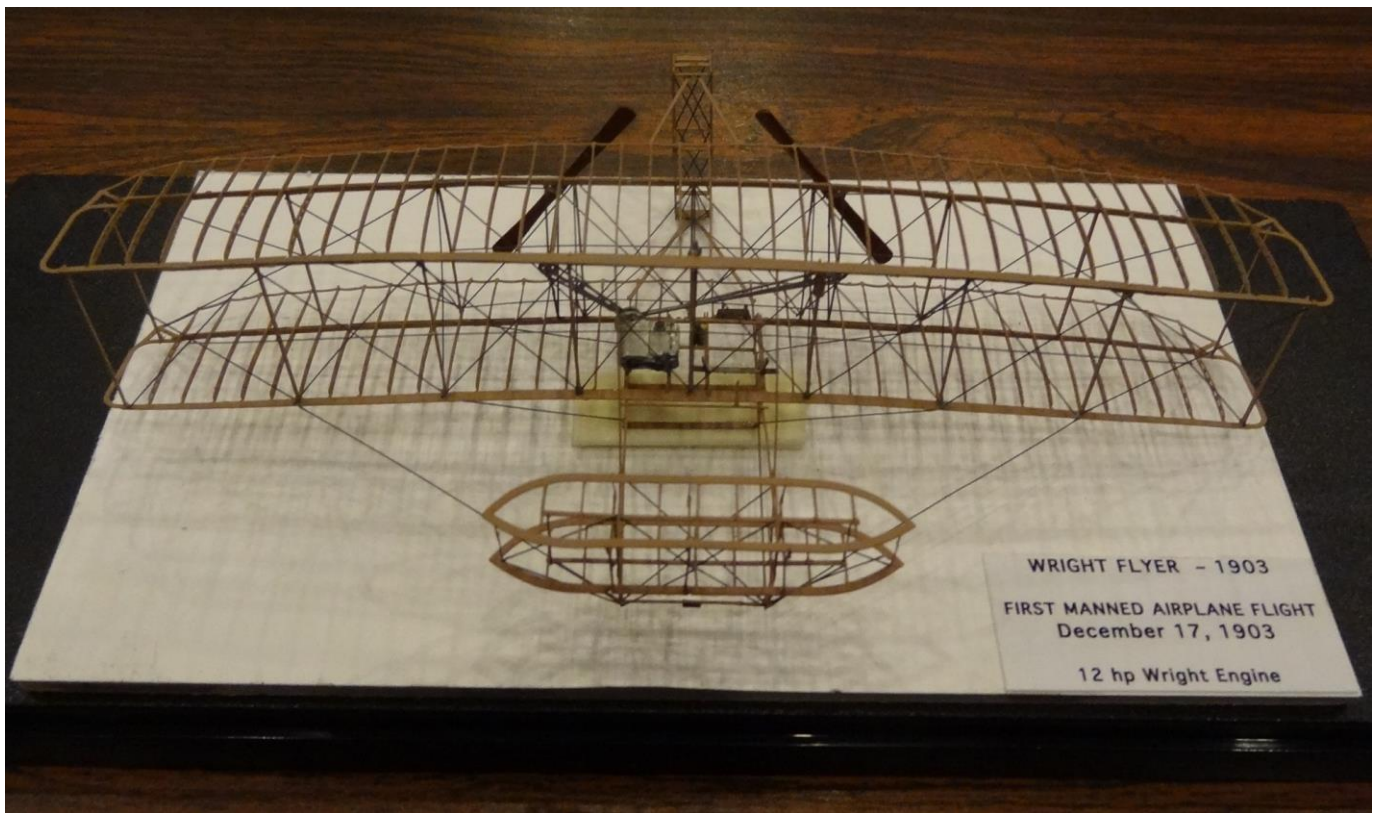
The black/yellow is all hand painted but Cliff when asked, is no fool he masked for the scheme .

His 1/72<sup>nd</sup> V-2 is a postwar as well, I don't recall if it's a Soviet or USA bird

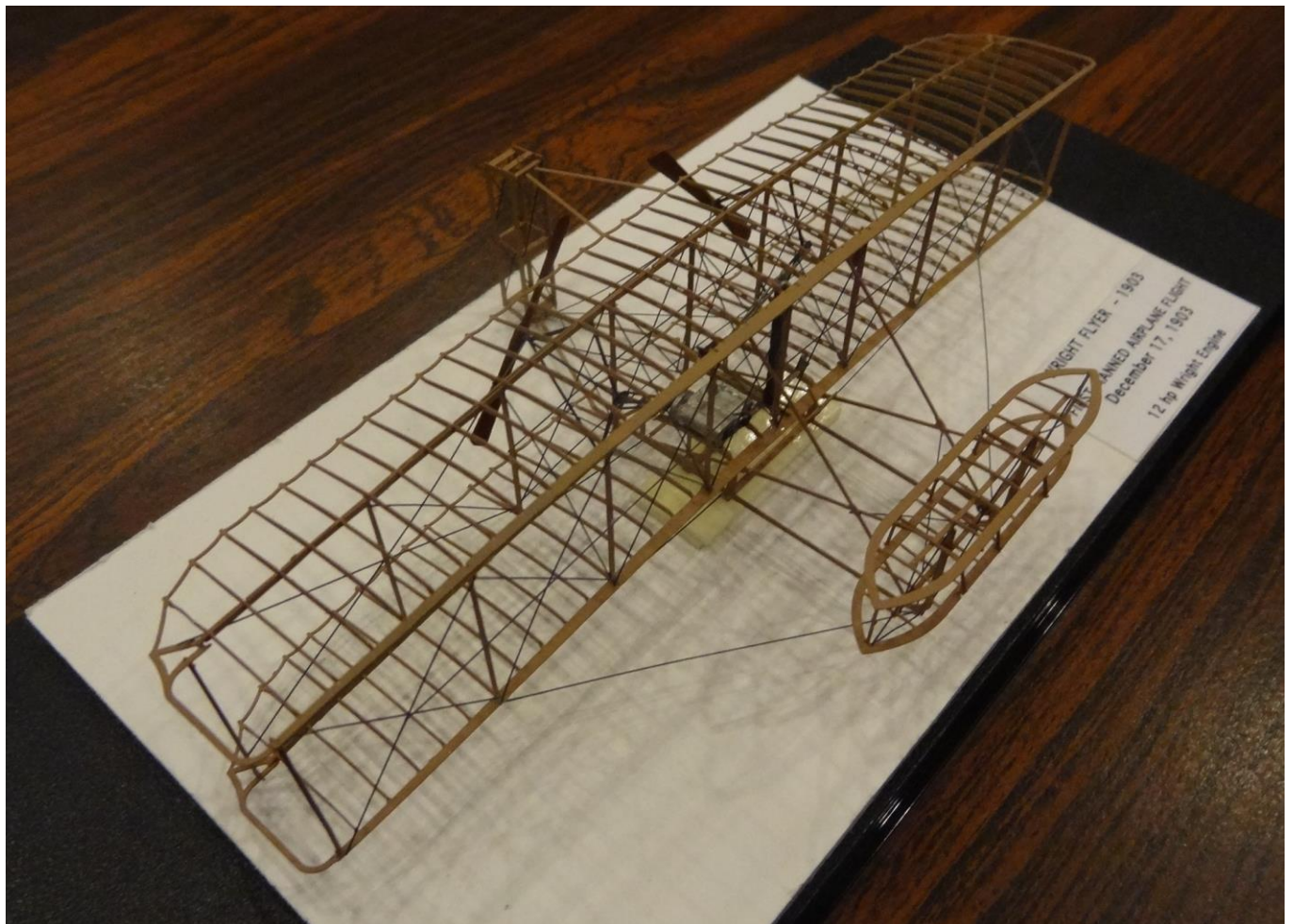
Lastly is his S-6B Supermarine Racer in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale.

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Congratulations to  
**Al Kuhn**  
FOR WINNING AUGUST MODEL OF THE MONTH





**7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING 8:00 PM SHARP**

**FRIDAY (SUPER AUCTION NIGHT !)**

**SEPTEMBER 15**

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