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## *Fat Man and Little Boy Seen At August SVSM Meet*



*Editor Suffers Flash (Memory) Burn for this Recall of SVSM August 2015 Meet*

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**Atomic Diplomacy, alas, not my strong suit. I took notes best I could, while shooting pics ☺ ( [Continue on 3](#) )**

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

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**EDITOR REMINDS EVERYONE ABOUT LINCOLN'S CALL TO "THE BETTER ANGELS OF OUR NATURE"**

*This September, the necessary sacrifice of a precious meeting night to the business of Fund Raising for our Annual SV Classic Event.*

Which brings up a sore subject which got some heated converse air time in the August meeting. Especially vexing to me, being as President of Fremont Hornets 2014/15 season. Free Hornet and SVSM'er Frank Beltran had to let it be known to us: After July's Auction for the Hornets, he'd found out too late to do much, that he had bid in good faith for a kit donated in bad faith (this in my estimate. Frank ever the gentleman, was willing to give benefit of doubt this was a deliberate act). This wasn't the first time several of us have heard of or been the unlucky recipient of someone's "donation of crap" to any number of club auction piles. This banal but essentially antisocial act doesn't benefit anyone, and it has no excuse in my book. Sure, one time in a quadrillion perhaps, some one doesn't have enough time to check that a kit or twelve they're going to donate for bidding, is actually all there. Or unstarted. Or, CLEARLY NOTED AS STARTED, VISIBLY ON BOX. Yeah.

Most often when it's not intended to cause further trouble, it then due to pure selfish laziness, or can't be bothered. So rather than in doubt, throw it out, they'll take chance no one will know or notice for a while. Or forget where they got this turd in the treasure pile, and away it goes.

Other times, few and far between, intended to "exact justice" for now likely long ago slights or perceived abuse. Similar to insanity of those who poison Tylenol or Salsa bottles, indiscriminate attack Pitiful excuse by an execrable excuse of a human undertaking act

So thank you to those majority who know how to have fun, share in the excitement and rude joy of real intense donations and auctioning. Yes, the best practice is to bring that item or items you'd bid powerfully to get back as likely others will compete for your prize, and if you have a doubt, throw the item out or leave it at home, then no one has to suffer needlessly. Okay, I'll quit my bitching for now and get on – *mick fini*

**SVSM EDITOR'S OTHER CLUB CONTEST Theme is "The Good German"**



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**2016 Silicon Valley Classic # 3**

**FUNDRAISER AUCTION**

**CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON**

**OUR MEETING NIGHT ON FRIDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 18 2015**

at

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**



**TRI-CITY CLASSIC XI**  
Scale Model Contest & Exhibition  
**"The Good German"**  
at the Milpitas Community Center  
457 E Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, California 9am-5pm



**Sunday, September 27 2015**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NEED NOT BE AN IPMS MEMBER TO ENTER & COMPETE!

9:00 AM Doors Open 12:30 PM Registration Closes 4:00 PM Awards Present PLUS 2 Raffles (Morning & Afternoon!)



**OFFERING 46 Categories Senior (18 & up) Level Competition**  
2 Cats. for Junior (13-17 years) 2 Cats. for SubJunior (12/under)  
**INCLUDES THREE "PAPER MODEL" Competition Categories!**



Contestant Admission: \$ 10 Senior, Includes first two models entry, 1 dollar each additional entry  
\$ 1 Junior, \$1 Subjunior, includes an unlimited number of models entry

**NO CHARGE FOR SPECTATORS PHOTOGRAPHY ENCOURAGED!**

**NOTE AT OUR EVENT THERE WILL BE a "Make 'N Take" Shop**

Yes, you may have figured it out.

The "other club" is Fremont, and "club contest" is our traditional of now 11 hostings, TriCity Classic!

The Editor (for both clubs, huh!) managed to be Contest Director, for yet another round with TC-11.

In view of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE-VJ Day this year: choosing of this cinematic theme. Bridging as it does, end of World War Two at same time, beginning our next War

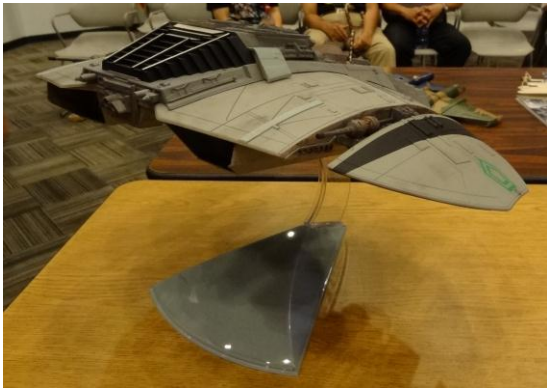
The overall theme, however has a Teutonic sized range. As it covers ALL GERMANIC history and the hope is, some will take a very full advantage of that fact. Come see!



*The room welcomed return of long time away member Art Ang, who was doing a brisk business in his kits for awhile, happily for all involved. The meeting opened with important imminent event news coverage, revealing updates about IPMS USA Make 'n Take program which will continue to prove painful for those involved unless you're one of our end customers, and news about the Nationals recently concluded from attendee Randy Ray. A few other orders of old business came into play that brought new meaning to term "Hot August Nights". All that will remain so summarized, to move us to Model Talk such as it was thinly recorded here by the Editor. A Result in large part due the Exec staffing for conduct of all of the August meeting, being a total of two. Such is life, eh?*

**Kinley Calvert** has perhaps been having " an Endless Summer " this year, based on his current table of models,





this trio above the latest evidence thereof. Unfortunately, the Editor did not get the fun details for the machinery here. His own Sci Fi eye is more attuned to old planets and older comic books, so bear with.

On the left, a large scale Cylon Raider craft (*Battlestar Galactica*). It appears to be “flying” on base patterned after the Aurora Plastics Co. stand supplied in several sizes “in the prehistoric days of modelling”

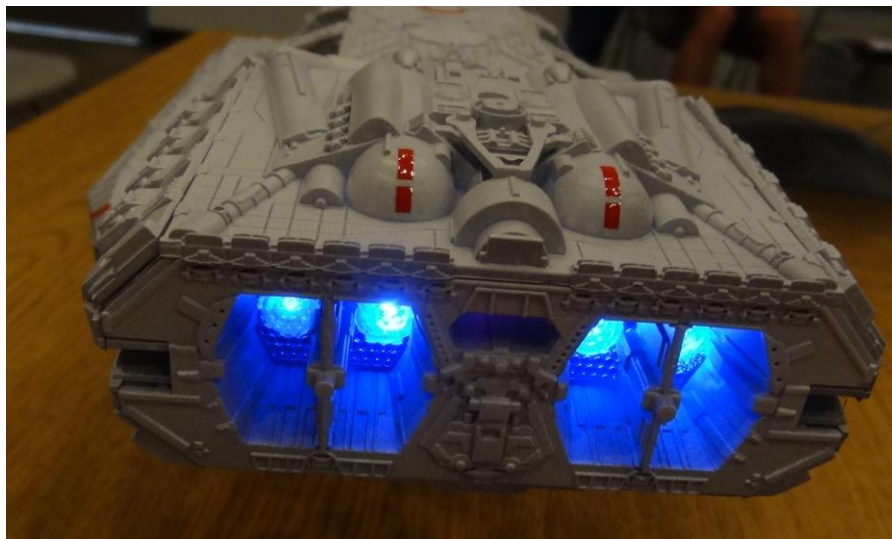
Directly below, two looks at what is likely a Star Wars vehicle, with “serious firepower” apparently emanating from front end. On base, a



smoking ruin, likely had met some firepower in recent times no doubt.

Base of the large ship, which Editor hasn't an ID for, helpfully gives him clue that it's from *Battlestar Galactica*, at least.

Kinley truly did this a justice with lighting kit work, brilliantly comes to life, even in the well lit confines of meeting.



Also At the August meeting...

**Jordan Li**, I think this was his “rubbing it in” collection here.

Yes, Editor is having some fun at our dear Jordan’s expense. Whose model talk sharing did bring out, how all this work is him “having model fun”. *How could this be??*

Emphasis on the FUN aspect, as well his “doing it my way” boo ya

I didn’t get the details on all of these, yet did record that Jordan is definitely making that Skyhawk in blue serve as a “learning tool” for finishes.

His small armored car vehicle, a great piece of Work in Progress.

Betting the two figures are going to be part of it somehow, I am.

His JAAF Raiden came out nice and so did his “fishy looking” Taiwanese AF “Sidewinder”ed fighter jet. Congrats, Jordan Li!



**Shervin Shembayati** neatly “camo’d” his Vampire T.11 work in progress with his Tamiya Jaguar “mint in box” display.

This Vampire’s a 1/72 scale kit, some complexity to it as you see.





**Mike Meek** arrived with a “progress report” to show, for his F2G Super Corsair.

1/48 scale Air Race Master Pieces are his specialty, this shaping up to be another of his “greats”

Mike’s excellent finish on this WIP photographs such that one might think it was an extremely high quality vacform rendering, which Mike has done several of.

However, this white lovely is an injection mold puzzle.

**Cliff Kranz** had three entries for the Editor’s August Club Contest and that was in fact, the entire field !

What little detail I managed to record was recounted in the August 2015 TAMS which covered contest, so we’ll just briefly outline here then go on to three new table items of Cliff’s, right behind these.

That’s his “Enola Gay” B-29 in 1/72, delivery craft the “Little Boy” A-bomb he modeled in 1/12 scale on the far right. In middle, “Fat Man” in same scale, the “companion” and 1<sup>st</sup> generation US Atomic bomb.





**Cliff Kranz** had three armor models finished besides his entries, and they are shown here on the left

Italeri's German Panther, in of course "Panzergebl", is at the top of the lineup. Cliff likes this kit and it also gave him another chance to employ a set of those 1/35 scale "Fruille" metal link to link tracks he's seen at the Fremont Hornets meetings, producing at furious pace.

The Panther had a story: It's British war prize, with a Panther 'D' chassis, Panther 'A' turret, and weights on it just like real one, for purpose of proper "loading"

The M60A in middle is an Israeli Defence Force MBT from Academy kit, with Trumpeter mine rollers added.

Lastly, M60A US Army, from AMT/Eschi kitting, and a set of AFV Club aftermarket tracks installed.



**Eric McClure** gave us a puzzle to solve as well. This wood wonder, placed on the "instructions" for it, is his "slightly evil" daughter's gift to her dad (His words, I just quoted ...)

The 1/35 "Gama Goat" of Eric's was a result of the 2014 SVSM Gift Theft Party, so could be said to also come "evil"

in intent perhaps.

His camouflage, not evil at all. It's an impressive bit of work, meant to portray the finish on the Goat when employed by USA in Grenada ops!





**Kent McClure's** three items ( trios seem to hold sway this month, yes ? ) are creatively awesome.

The two books covering WW1 Gunboats and the T26 Light Tank, nice !

Princess Louisa and her Merry Band (literally) be a ringing endorsement of

“whiffer” modelling at the edge, “whiff“ being “what if”. Kent is fashioning a Rock Group from the 1300s ! As “normative”, he has his SU-152 with Red Army Tank Riders aboard, in of course, 1/72 scale.



**Gabriel Lee** shared his tripokey threat in form of an Airfix based export version Canberra, as FAV scheme of course. Near done.

Blue F4U Corsair scheme end is to be Last Piston Engine Killer of a Piston Engine Fighter (a P-51), for another lesson of the 1960s. ( the Soccer War, in shorthand )

Lastly is his 1/72 “Gazelle” helo, which he is “kit bashing” recreate into “Blue Thunder” Movie/ TV series fame vehicle. Horrors ☺ !

**John Carr** showed his WIP latest, 1/16 scale figure of a Feldwebel soldier of 352<sup>nd</sup> Volksgrenadier Division



**Laramie Wright** shared progress on forefront, his 1/35 League of Tamiya's extraordinary generation of armored vehicles here. Green Gaul is the latest of their French WW2 releases, the other three vehicles didn't get noted by me.



**Mark Schynert** had his Messerschmitt inspired triad moving ever closer to the “done” column. See at right

So to wrap up this rendering as such, of August SVSM meeting, noting Model of the Month goes to... **Kinley Calvert** for his big Cylon Raider ! – *mick fini*







**Congratulations to**  
**Kinley Calvert**  
**FOR WINNING AUGUST MODEL OF THE MONTH**



**7:00 PM (entry)**

**8:0+ PM (start)**

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