



# THE STYRENE SHEET

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*MORE MEETING, CONTEST & EVENTS NEWS for You !*



*We Actually Have Evidence of Meeting, IPMS USA NATS*

*EDITOR MUSES MORE AND SWIFTLY ON PRESENT & FUTURE EVENTS NOW AS RETURNED FROM AFAR, WITH AN EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE FOR NEWS!*

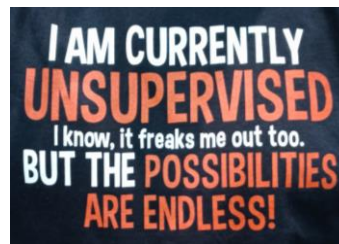
Many thanks again to Joe Fleming, Donald Joy, David Downs, Ben Pada, Mike Meek, Jim Priete, Randy Rothaar, all those who came and made IPMS USA Nats 2021 possible, along with Joe Martinez, & others for this grand infusion of items to enthuse about, covering immediate past and imminent present ! (*continues on page 3*)



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

Shameless plug: [www.mickbmodeler.com](http://www.mickbmodeler.com)

**“ SOME LAST MINUTE WORK TO GET THIS OUT ”**



**YES, YOU ARE CORRECT THIS AUGUST LETTER IS BEING PUBLISHED ONE DAY BEFORE MEETING** 😬

**Your EXTREMELY AGITATED AND JUST GOT HOME FROM IPMS USA NATS in Las Vegas Editor resumes publication for now with the unreliable emailing software, no time to get anything too fancy crafted and huge piles of worthwhile things again to rant about, make articles & and crow about efforts of others**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO OUT THERE, BE SAFE, BE AT IT AND LET'S MODEL**

**23 YEARS & WE STILL GET PAYOFF FOR THE EFFORT ! CONGRATS TO OUR OWN BEN PADA!**



**THIS AWARD SEEN HERE ON THE NIGHT ONLY MINUTES AFTER BEN WALKED THE LONG WALK TO PODIUM TO GET IT... WAS WON WITH DECALS FOR 1998 SANTA CLARA IPMS USA NATIONALS HELD 23 YEARS AGO THIS SUMMER**

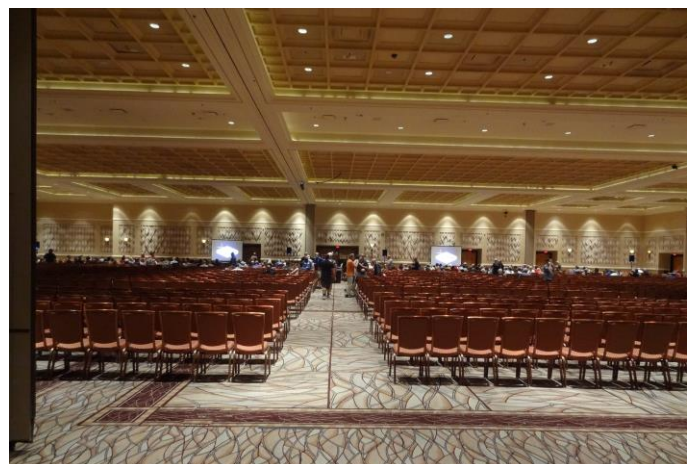
*Until next newsletter then, Editor signs off, - mick fini*

*EDITOR'S EFFUSION CONTINUES from PAGE ONE (sorry)*



**OKAY** from hereon in, you're going to get an express version of the Editor's first takes from being at the IPMS USA National Convention and Contest 2021, held in Las Vegas, Nevada. There is no time to dawdle as this is Sunday 8-22-21 evening, and our next SVSM meeting is scheduled 8-23-21 evening.

Like I said on my editorial page, Ben Pada had to walk a ways to get this award we didn't know he was getting until that moment in ceremony. I took the picture at our seats which were at last line in the rear of this vast hall (Amazon Room) where the podium and "special guest seating" is seen far ahead.



As you may surmise, the convention hall was a huge expanse. You will get a couple more small ideas here but trust me, I got many MILES in walking the room to event circuit in the Thursday to Sunday I was there. Many others did many more than I, and will feel for weeks to come. Now you have idea.



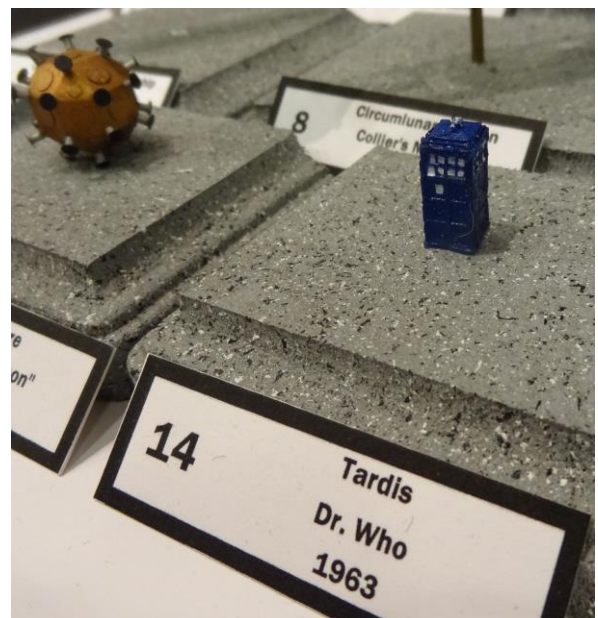
To the left, view up the hall leading to the rotunda you see above. All registration, etc took place here. To right of rotunda, a similar Hall would greet you with all the rooms of contest, display, those seminars they had, and of course, “world’s largest floating hobby shop, aka Vendor Room” The open door in rotunda shot is actually that room, being an access point not always available for egress/entry.



For further reference, here’s a look at the handy layout map on walls of Rio Hotel.

The helpful feature of soft seat benches roped off for your use along these halls, was swiftly appreciated by many of us over the event duration. Too bad there was none to be had in walking the LONG hallways of the room floors...

So for here now, share a look of Editor’s selfish favorite items from the show, not nearly all but a sample with specific reasons for some being here now. I thanked several in name at begin of the article on cover, the reference to Donald Joy comes from my chance meeting of gent at his collection entry “Fly Me To The Moon” . I had fancied it upon seeing on my early Thursday arrival. But not until late Friday morn was I to know any more of its creation or crafter. Example again of why the NATS are worth attend, generous sharing and inspiration for simple act of asking.



Mr Joy made me doubly sure in end of our short conversation to plan to best try to make it to the 2022 NATS in Nebraska. There's a Space Museum he's part of, in Kansas which I wouldn't have known of otherwise. Where likely I will again see his delightful collection with more added to it. That Tardis in 1/200<sup>th</sup> by the way, an offshoot of a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Tardis "test page" that his 3-D printer uses when asked, as set up by his son, another fan of Dr Who. Unfortunately for me, I never met modeler for the intriguing "Boneyard B-47" or the "Waste Management Dumpster" (scratchbuilt) I saw too.



The B-47 I am sure, probably would be a hit with more than a small percentage of you reading this, but my fascination with the waste container not so.



You'll see where it was competing in its class with a goodly number of items. Including one by Jim Priete (of SVSM & Free Hornet clubs) in the form of a model of a 1964 Space Needle.

Ridiculous as some of you may find that this was even in competition, stay apprised. As soon you will learn some of how it all turned out.





Here, have another closer look at the award Ben Pada got for those “old decals” of the 1998 SemiCON IPMS Nats.

Then take a look at the nice new award that Dumpster got for its creator, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Misc. class. Not bad, in my estimate.



Last for now, take a gander at another alumnus of the SVSM and Free Hornet clubs, now proudly Las Vegas Club, one **Randy Rothaar**. Or, rather his winning big CH-54 Skycrane. It took 1<sup>st</sup> in category, 1<sup>st</sup> in Class, and **BEST OF SHOW, SENIOR** for 2021 NATS !!!

George Lee would be very proud of him, indeed as we.



# *NO, YOU WEREN'T IMAGINING THIS... WE DID MEET FACE TO FACE IN JULY*



## *The SVSM July Meeting*

*There are no minutes to speak of or write from, the Secretary didn't get them to this Editor.*

The Editor was fortunate to have even made it to this meeting, much less shoot the pictures he later published a portion of, on his own website. (later on in that month). So you are getting a few of the Shots here that were on that site along with a couple not before seen.

Thanks again to SVSM President Ron Wergin for making his efforts to get this meeting set up for the Thursday night of July 15, 2021, at the Game Kastle in Santa Clara, CA. Located off of Coleman Ave just adjacent to the always popular SJC International Airport, the generous management of this game shop opened their facility to our membership to use as a meeting place in midst of their usual crowds.

We only had to comply with reasonable constrictions such as wear masks, maintain some sort of social distancing protocol outside our own group, agree to not meet before 730 PM and leave by the time of 945 PM so shop staff had time to get things in order for closing at 10 PM.

So as you see here, we managed to get word out through several avenues including the first SVSM Newsletter of 2021, and had a good sized crowd filter into the area seen for a meeting of sorts. It was a bit hard to hear anything, it was confusing at times, seating was very competitive, but overall for a first meet face to face since very early 2020, the general consensus was that whole adventure, worth the try.



There was no Model of the Month for July meeting, and some confusion concerning status of our old haunt as in Milpitas PD Comm Room. Point being as if or when we could reserve to meet there.



For near future, we were told to wait, continue with Game Kastle plans. So that we shall and next meet may again get fresher news to add hope. *mb*



***IN THREE WEEKS,*** we have coming up *ON EVENT CIRCUIT...*



*(note this is an unofficial flyer, created by MIRANDCO)*

## **Fresno Scale Modelers Contest for 2021**

About the Event... (information publicly accessible from the IPMS USA Events page)

*Our contest last year was cancelled due to COVID 19. Venue has relocated from EAA Hanger to Clovis Veteran Memorial District at their beautiful, spacious venue. Please like or follow our Facebook Group page for full details.*

Event Date:

**September 11, 2021 - 9:00am to 4:00pm PDT**

Location Name:

**Clovis Veterans Memorial District**

Address:

**808 4th St, Clovis, CA, 93612**

Event Hosting IPMS/USA Chapter(s): [IPMS/Fresno Scale Modelers](#)

Website: [IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers Facebook Group](#) (link is external)

Contact Information Contest Chairperson's Name: John Ballman

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***THEME IS* : NEVER FORGET September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001**



Another R-9 Returnee for 2021 from vast sea of the cancelled 2020 Events.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual**

# **MODEL EXPO & OPEN COCKPIT DAY**

**ABOARD THE USS HORNET SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM**

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**  
**10 AM to 4 PM**

In Celebration of the U.S. Navy's Birthday, come aboard for an IPMS Sacramento, Silver Wings Sponsored Model Contest, Food, Model Vendors, and Family Fun!

For more info, please contact  
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**OPEN COCKPITS**

**FAMILY FUN**

**MODEL CONTEST**

**SHIP TOURS**



Thanks, Joe !

THAT IS ALL THE NEWS I HAVE THAT'S FIT TO PRINT . BEE SEEING YOU - mickb

**7:30 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 9:45 PM SHARP**

**MONDAY**

**AUGUST 23** *(again at COMPLETELY NEW SITE)*

**At**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**GAME KASTLE**

**1350 Coleman Avenue**

**Santa Clara, CA**

