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It's A Fact: In December We Made Our Presents Known!



EDITOR HAPPILY WRAPS UP YEAR END MEETING WITHIN MINUTES

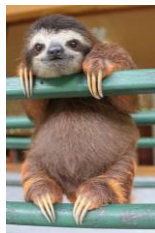
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Let's see on page 3...



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



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“ WITH A NEW YEAR, EDITOR HOPES TO ENJOY FRIDAY MEETINGS MORE OFTEN & GET WRITING SOME ”

The IPMS Silicon Valley Scale Modelers start their 56th year as a club this Friday January 18. For this Editor that means another chance to find time in overstuffed life schedule to again maybe get some AfterMarket Sheets out or unfathomably, build a model (what's that?) Meantime, he has managed to craft a purported Newsletter Styrene Sheet with nothing but ethereal vapors ☺

Enjoy. – mick fini

(DECEMBER 2018 SVSM meeting article continued from page 9) (Starts At Page 3, skip this for now)

1:35 Tristar Panzer IVC: Opened by Amelia Bucholtz, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen and taken home by Mike Beal.
1:72 Academy F2H-3/4 Banshee and Obscureco Detail set: Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.
1:48 Hasegawa Fw 190A-4: Opened and taken home by Randy Ray.
1:72 Airfix Beaufighter Mk. X: Opened by Eugenie Taylor, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Jim Priete.
1:72 Airfix B-26 Marauder: Opened and taken home by Kent McClure.
1:35 Italeri M47: Opened by Eugenie Taylor, stolen by Barry Bauer, stolen and taken home by Aaron Retta.
1:48 Monogram B-17G Flying Fortress: Opened by Frank Beltran, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Laramie Wright.
1:72 Trumpeter Kreislocomotiv: Opened by Barry Bauer, stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.
Vinyl bust “War:” Opened and taken home by Mike Beal.
1:48 Eduard Bf 108 Taifun: Opened and taken home by Randy Ray.
1:35 Trumpeter Panzer 38t: Opened by Randy Ray, stolen and taken home by Jim Priete.
1:52 Revell of Germany UH-72A Lakota: Opened by Frank Beltran, stolen by Eugenie Taylor, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.
1:72 HobbyBoss UH-34 Choctaw: Opened by Randy Ray, stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Eugenie Taylor, stolen and taken home by Jim Priete.
1:12 Tamiya Yamaha YZR500: Opened and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.
1:537 Revell USS *Oriskany*: Opened by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Landon Carr.
1:48 Monogram P-47D Thunderbolt and book the Armor Modelers Handbook: Opened and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.
1:72 Eduard MiG-15 UTI: Opened by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen and taken home by Randy Ray.
1:48 Hasegawa Hurricane Mk. I Trop: Opened by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin.
1:72 Cyberhobby A-25 Shrike: Opened by Greg Plummer, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen by John Carr, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.
1:72 Hasegawa G4M2E: Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.
1:72 Hasegawa He 111H-6: Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.

Chris / mick fini

Editor Asks Reader's Indulgence As He Joins His Recollect of Meeting with Secretary's Real Minutes (from page 1)

At the December meeting... We as a club managed to yet again gather around the holiday table. Yes to once again, selfishly employ any and all fiendish means to cleverly abscond with that which we did bring, from our innocent fellow membership. “ **December SVSM Holiday Gift Exchange**” is the oh so benign official label we have used for many years as the public facing. But the Editor among others has more revealingly referred to this long tradition for what it truly is : “ *Pirate's Pleasure* ”.

This year, 24 dogged die hards gathered for this event and the breakdown of the participation is as follows: 4 put ONE gift into play, 4 put TWO into play & a record 16 put THREE plays to win

To further recap for those who have forgotten how this all is supposed to work or never knew:

“ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ”: GIFT “THEFT” EXCHANGE SVSM DECEMBER 2018 MEET

1. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. So show up on time to register AT FRONT DESK
2. MAXIMUM THREE Gifts put in play by any ONE Member In Good Standing. Non Member ? ONE gift max
3. MAXIMUM FOUR TOTAL Gifts may be put in play by a Member & Family or a Member plus their Guests.
4. MINIMUM RETAIL VALUE EACH GIFT must be **25 US dollars**. **LABEL YOUR NAME ON GIFT**
5. GIFTS IN ORDER TO PLAY must be reasonably pre wrapped, not outrageously “disguised” or otherwise camouflaged, so as to not take a person all night (that we don't have) to unwrap and continue our game.
6. GIFT TO BE OFFERED IN PLAY should be model oriented, likely to be generally perceived of as an item some several of those present WOULD WANT TO STEAL. Bring item you're mad for, others likely will be.
7. ONCE UNWRAPPED, ALL GIFTS CONSIDERED “IN PLAY” UNTIL “DEAD”. **NO TRADES !! ARE ALLOWED IF IN PLAY ITEMS INVOLVED**. Feel free to manage what you like with yours and others “dead”
8. UNWRAPPED GIFT IS “IN PLAY” UNTIL STOLEN THREE TIMES THEN IT IS DECLARED “DEAD” Any & all disputes for this declaration are resolved by Club Secretary or his designee, are final and binding. Just ask Chris B. or his designee.
9. PLAY ENDS when time to leave comes or all items are stolen to the dead point or the last one is unwrapped to its eventual fate.
10. **AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT MODEL SHIP KIT must be present in the GIFT PILE**. Or you're all in trouble.
11. THIS MAY NOT BE COMPLETE RULES. LISTEN AT THE MEETING FOR ANY ADDENDA.

NOW that the Editor has dilly-dallied along, let's have a brief recap of how this all played out for the intrepid 24 and their hapless mates (oh excuse me, fellow community & family members)

Remember these aren't the official records, merely the incredibly accurate if somewhat generously bent beyond recognition recollections of how things proceeded from the Editor's aspect ratio at meet

First off, it all started out innocently enough, under the watchful eye of Secretary Chris Bucholtz & faithful assistant (and daughter) Amelia, Laramie Wright & Frank Beltran let the cat out of bag...





BUT WAIT ! Long time member Laramie Wright, momentarily forgetting which annual event we are undertaking, is below caught in the act of opening a bid of two dollars for the gift which Frank Beltran has just opened, as you see in the shot above.



This action as you see, catches President Wergin (seated on left) and others completely off guard



While some are still left in a state of shock (did we bring enough money? How did this happen?) Editor manages a candid shot of Secretary Chris fleeing out the door in effort to reset this event.

Meanwhile, Frank Beltran, under the steely eyed gaze of Treasurer William Ferrante, checks to see if cat is indeed, back in the bag and we can start this all over again...



President Ron Wergin restores order and begins Process anew, as Laramie prepares for the Cat to be again, let out of the bag.

Notice now that Secretary has resumed his post and also now is in pose to express hope all will be now in order as it should be.



Why even the Treasurer was roused to step up and again demonstrate just how this “Gift Exchange” was supposed to be undertaken.

You can see the appreciation in the faces of the audience, clearly.

And below, the smiles as at least one had an idea what the Editor was up to here, camera in hand.

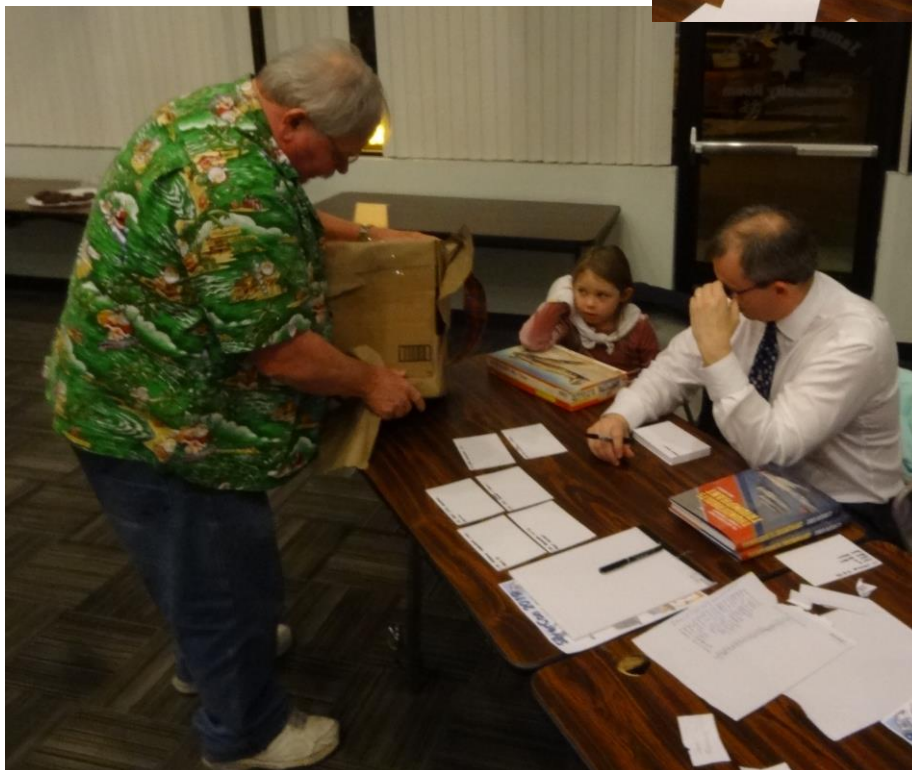
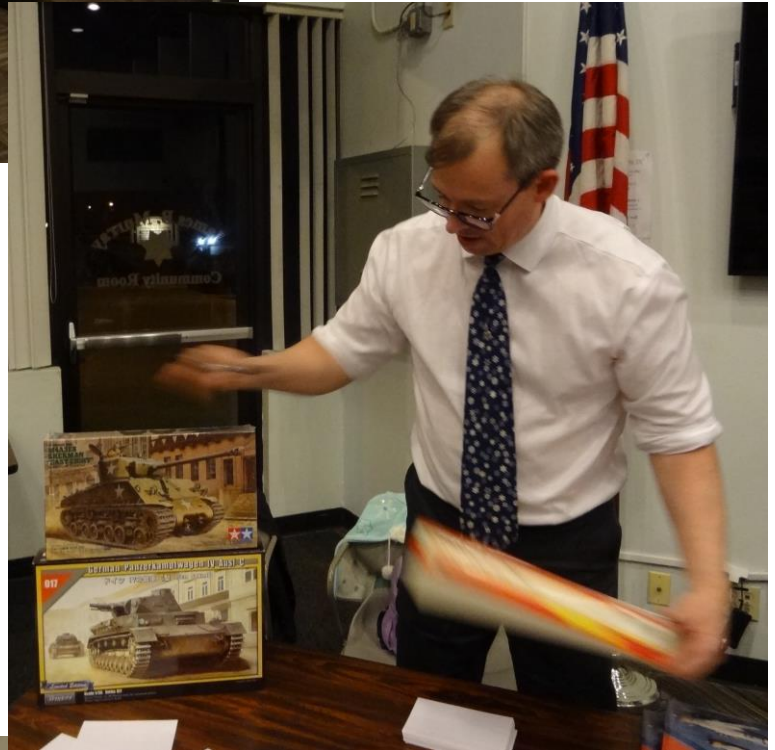




While the relief over how this all got back on track was palpable, further dismay was on record as you see

What was it, you ask?

Just that no one quite believed that Secretary Chris was in fact, a closet 1/35 armor modeler ☹️



Under the doubting gaze of Amelia, Laramie helpfully tries to mitigate this awful case of mistaken modelling, while Chris attempts to dodge the nosy camera of relentless unforgiving news media...

Note the fine texts with his name on them under his left elbow. Congratulations on getting another book out ☹️



Speaking of unforgiving merciless and thoughtless news media, when aforesaid was approaching Treasurer Ferrante for his take on Laramie's reaction to finding The Cat In The Bag (see below) in "less than optimal condition", William had NO COMMENT

But it also could be he was utterly content as a cat with his latest theft of an innocent Hasegawa B-25 Mitchell. After all, Bill does know well, one can't have enough Mitchells to build, can they ?

As stated above, Laramie was not particularly pleased with his Discovery of The Cat In The Bag

Note the suspiciously suppressed look of amusement on Sargeant Frank's face. Any connection or is this pleasure over having stole the MLRS kit moments before?

Inquiring Minds want to know!



At the announcement by the Editor he was going to wrap up his "true and correct" recollections photo essay of the now legendary December 2018 "Pirate's Pleasure" of SVSM, here the reaction



-Mick fini

OKAY – SO HERE IS SECRETARY Chris Bucholtz’s OFFICIAL RECORD of THIS MEET:

At the December meeting, we held our annual gift exchange. This is a record of the carnage:

1:35 DML NATO MLRS System: Opened by Barry Bauer, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.

1:73 Airfix DC-3: Opened by Barry Bauer, stolen by Aaron Retta, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Aaron Retta.

1:72 AMK IAI Kfir: Opened by Eugenie Taylor, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen by Randy Ray, stolen and taken home by Shervin Shembayati.

1:48 Tamiya A-IH Skyraider: Opened by Shervin Shembayati, stolen by Eugenie Taylor, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin.

1:72 Tamiya Il-2 Sturmovik: Opened by Barry Bauer, stolen and taken home by Kent McClure.

1:144 Trumpeter Tupolev Tu-154: Opened by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Bill Ferrante.

1:72 Italeri F-14A Tomcat, F/A-18E Hornet and F-15A Eagle: Opened and taken home by Laramie Wright.

1:48 Italeri F-15A/C Eagle: Opened and taken home by Frank Beltran.

1:72 Hasegawa G8N1 “Rita:” Opened by Greg Plummer, stolen and taken home by Bill Ferrante.

1:700 Dragon cruiser *Piotor Vilecki*: Opened and taken home by Kent McClure.

1:35 Bronco Humber scout car: Opened and taken home by Ray McCarley.

1:35 Tamiya Schwimmwagen: Opened by Randy Ray, stolen by John Carr, stolen and taken home by Eugenie Taylor.

1:72 Hasegawa B-25H Mitchell: Opened by Bill Ferrante, stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.

1:72 Airfix Wellington Mk. IA/C: Opened by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.

1:35 Tamiya Sherman “Easy 8:” Opened by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Randy Ray, stolen by Shervin Shembayati, stolen and taken home by Laramie Wright.

1:72 Tamiya P-47 Thunderbolt and book *Thunderbolts Triumphant: the 362nd Fighter Group vs. Germany’s Wehrmacht*: opened by Eugenie Taylor, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Eugenie Taylor, stolen and taken home by John Carr.

1:48 Italeri Hawk I: Opened and taken home by Ron Wergin.

1:48 Tamiya F4D-1 Skyray: Opened by Adam Retta, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen and taken home by Greg Plummer.

1:72 Italeri Heinkel He 111Z and Academy P-51D Mustang: Opened and taken home by Morgan Carr.

1:720 Aoshima Kazumi and book *IJN ASW Escorts*: Opened and taken home by Eugenie Taylor.

1:72 Hasegawa B-26F/G Marauder: Opened by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Barry Bauer.

1:72 CyberHobby SH-2 Sea King: Opened by Ron Wergin, stolen by Shervin Shembayati, stolen by Aaron Retta, stolen and taken home by Shervin Shembayati.

1:72 Eduard Spitfire Mk. VIII: Opened by Barry Bauer, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen by Shervin Shembayati, stolen and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.

1:72 Sword Ar 196A-3: Opened and taken home by Barry Bauer.

1:723 Trumpeter RA-5C Vigilante: Opened by Bill Ferrante, stolen by Barry Bauer, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.

1:48 Eduard Polikarpov I-16: Opened by Eugenie Taylor, stolen and taken home by Jim Priete.

1:72 Hasegawa F-16: Opened and taken home by Eugenie Taylor.

(SEE PAGE TWO FOR REST OF THIS OFFICIAL RECORD & SHORT EDITORIAL)

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

FRIDAY

JANUARY 18

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