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## *MAY Meet , Or MAY Not, A Varied Night of New & Old*



*Every Now and Then A BIG MEETING ATTEND Without Account...*

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

**“ IT'S NO CONTEST Y'ALL, WE HAVE ALL SUMMER TO GET MODELS READY TO COMPETE IN THE FALL ”**

*We hosted the second Region Nine Open Invitational of 2019 in March with the SV Classic # 6, a month following kickoff event by IPMS Silver Wings in Sacramento. The next one will be a month after the IPMS USA Nationals in Tennessee, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual hosted by Reno High Rollers which promises to be another terrific show from them. Then the fourth and FINAL R-9 event for 2019 is scheduled for early November, courtesy of USS Hornet Museum & IPMS-Grey Ghost. Thank You.*

*The current outlook for 2020 in Region Nine shows likely that we'll be lucky and be provided same arc for planning to meet, socialize, compete as a community, with SVC 7 from us already underway.*

*South and North of us there has been and will be more activities in the Western region, so making an effort for a road trip or two may again be the option for those who wish to compete or get more of the fun from our “ solitary pursuit hobby ” in the well appreciated form of traditional contest/show. Perhaps not an ideal situation or solution, but it's the one we have left ourselves. - mick fini*

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**Eugenie Taylor's** 1:144 Minicraft space shuttle is wrapped in masking tape in advance of the application of the black tile areas. She found a clever way of masking off the wheel bays – Silly Putty!



**Mike Meek** had two 1:144 C-133s – one from the recent Roden kit, and a second from the old Welsh Models vacuformed kit.



Mike counsels that the Roden kit is marketed as a C-133A on the box, but the instructions also point the way toward building a C-133B.

Mike also had a Hasegawa 1:48 P-51D Mustang on its way to conversion to a racer from 1965, with clipped wings and the wing fillets removed.

And the model of the month went to... Greg Plummer, for his French Tooth Mouse's truck!

In France, there's no tooth fairy – instead, they have a tooth mouse. Greg's version drives a well-marked Citroen van, which he built from a Heller kit. He says it's really simple but fits well and is cleverly engineered. The figures came from Masterbox and Tamiya's “Campus Friends” series. He scratch-built the dentist's chair in the back, and made a box of teeth from granulated sugar. The side panels were also scratch-built. - chris fini

*Editor Is Shocked To Find Himself An Alleged Newsletter Nearly Ready DAYS ahead of Meeting With ? ( from page 1 )*



At the May Meeting- No Business Meeting portion is complete without occasionally some tiresome repetition of issue(s) within our larger model community. You know, one that like Punxsatawney Phil, pop their head out to audience as so to begin another round of us discussing *yet again*, oh, how do we solve the insoluble \_\_\_\_? (solve for “X”...) May’s version was somewhat recent (only last few years) trend of poor or non existent vendor presence at shows other than the IPMS Nationals. In part, this is alleged, due to show host enforcement of the State Board of Equalization rules regarding tax permits for casual vends. The Grievance Airing Period passed quickly this time, so happily no one permanently disfigured or otherwise mortally harmed by the repetition. Nor of course, any useful answers generated or new tools to grapple with the issue, and we moved on to MODEL TALK (as recorded by Chris B in minutes and Mick B in photos). *In model talk...*

**Cliff Kranz** showed off his 1:48 F/A-18 which already wears the yellow trim of the Blue Angels and awaits masking and its blue paint.

Cliff has also mated a Revell A-10 with a HobbyBoss A-7 to create a “SLUFhog,” a hypothetical that awaits its paint. Cliff was inspired by a photo on the wall of an interview subject in an aviation documentary.



**Ron Wergin** used lots of red primer to finish his 1:72 Panther F; the tank came from the Dragon kit, and Ron added a Prieser tank commander to the turret.





**Mark Balderrama** showed off his nifty 1:150 Voshkod launch vehicle, a ready-made Japanese model that breaks down into stages.



Mark also built game-piece sized armored vehicles, namely an ISU-152 and a StuG III.



**Mike Schwarze's** Thor had some work done to his seams this month, and he's made a bunch of polymer clay bugs for his workmates (one of which was on the table), but his biggest presentation was a 1:24 shed he made as an experiment for a future anime-related diorama.

**Mark Schynert's** latest Northrop Gamma is a model 2C converted from a 2E, and he's made modifications like fashioning a blanking plate for the ventral gondola opening. He's also heavily shimmed the wing roots to eliminate a significant gap.



**Kent McClure** has the frame of his Airfix 1:76 crash tender assembled and has it painted in British camouflage brown.

He's lost one wheel hub, so if anyone has a spare handy, let him know!



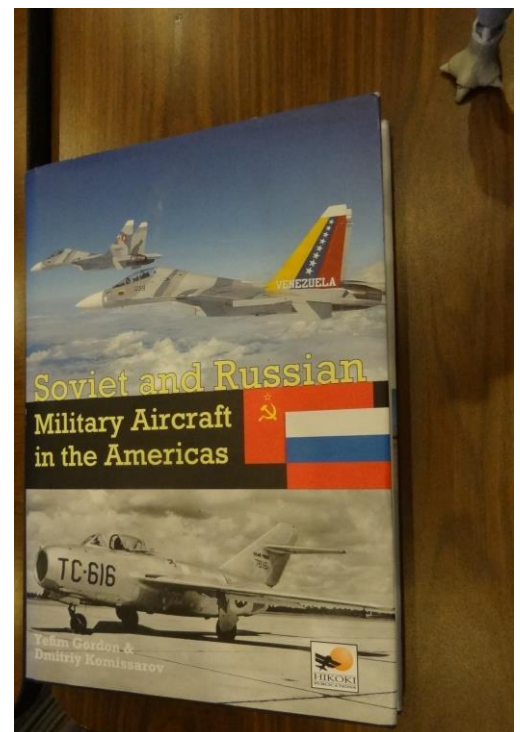
His Zentradi warrior was all assembled until the glue ate the plastic and caused it to go all to pieces – he'll have another go at getting the model on its feet shortly.

Kent is also working on a short-run Maquette M-200 submarine in 1:400, the space ship Graze from Gundam D79 in 1:5000, and he had a finished 1:144 YF-22 and LaGG-3 to show how much larger modern planes are than WWII-era planes.

**Gabriel Lee's** Tamiya Tyrannosarus Rex now sports a longer tail and taller legs thanks to some major plastic surgery. Next, he plans to modify the feet as part of his efforts to turn it into a dragon.



Gabriel also had a painted MiG-29 from Italeri on the table; he pointed out that the paint instructions on the decal sheet were not aligned with color photos he has in a book on the subject of South American MiGs.





**Chris Bucholtz** has three more scratch-built kelp stalks ready for his diorama of a prehistoric whale, and he has two 1:72 jets in the works: an Eduard MiG-15, which has escaped the shelf of doom and is almost ready for paint, and a Platz T-33, which now boasts a detailed cockpit and nose gear well and a scratch-built replacement tailpipe.

**Aaron Retta** used plastic spoons as inexpensive targets for some Alclad candy coat paints; they'll help him select colors for his upcoming Gundam builds.





**Marv Eberhardt** had fun with Aoshima's old 1:72 SBD Dauntless; he says it had very few parts, but it was cute!

**Greg Plummer** made short work of Tamiya's 1:48 F4F-4 Wildcat, finishing it in the Atlantic scheme.



**Al Kuhn** built MPM's 1:72 XF5F-1 Skyrocket in an in-flight position; he closed the landing gear wells with some effort, and scratch-built a correct tailwheel for the twin.

He coated the decals with MicroScale decal film – which worked! – and in an effort to expend his oldest paints, finished the model in Testors square-bottle aluminum and orange.

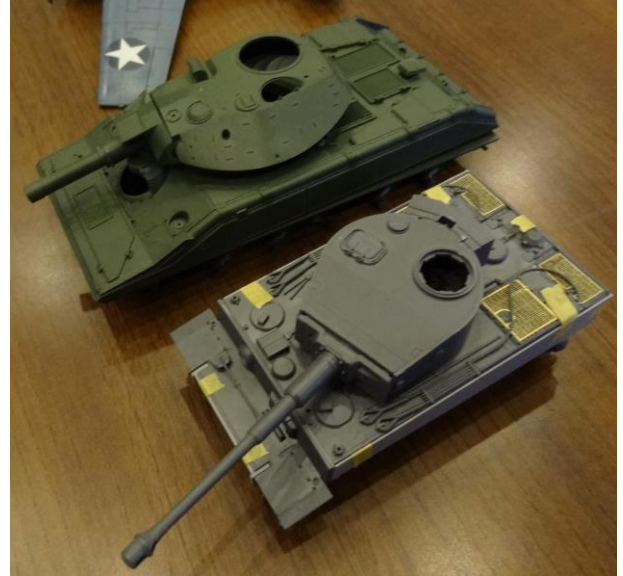




**Laramie Wright** picked up on the Tamiya 1:48 F4F-4 trend, finishing his as a Wildcat aboard USS *Enterprise* in September/October 1942. He changed the tailwheel to a carrier-style wheel by swapping one from his Tamiya F2A Buffalo.

Laramie's 1:35 Academy M551 Sheridan may get paint shortly; he plans on re-doing the turret and floor to make the model slightly more accurate.

Laramie's also building a 1:48 Tamiya Tiger I, which has irritating issues like the metal lower hull and the tapered shafts for the road wheels.



**Pat Nichols'** new Tamiya M10 17-pounder tank destroyer was built from a test-shot, and it had a couple of molding errors in the figures. He cautions that the gunner has to be installed from below before the turret is added.

**Bob Meyers** also built the M10 17-pounder and he lauded the figures, but thought the model was somewhat overengineered.

He also complained there was no transmission or detail in the driver's compartment. Bob covered his M10 in Value Gear resin stowage. He also used Value Gear gear on his M4A1 76mm built from the Dragon kit as Lafayette Poole's tank during Operation Cobra; Bob said the instructions in this kit are hideous.



*(see page two for final bits of this meeting article)*





Congratulations to

**Greg Plummer**

**FOR WINNING MAY MODEL OF THE MONTH**



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

**FRIDAY**

**JUNE 21**

**At**

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