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Meets Muse: MAY We? NO. Oh, JUNE ? Fuggetaboutit!



EDITOR MUSES ON OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES AHEAD WHILE SHARING LOOK BACK ONLY A YEAR AGO THIS MONTH—YES, AT JUNE 2019 SHEET

Made even more painful by realizing no matter what, not everyone shown here will be back again. The comfortable camaraderie and sharing by our family of modelers shown here... forever changed.

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

“ RIPPED BAND AIDE EDITORIAL EDITION ”

As of this writing my original shortened rant was truncated by the announcement that any plans for a work around to allow me to fly back to San Marcos TX NATS, still be allowed to return to work when I got back... ALL NOW MOOT. So my recent experience flying to and from Arkansas in midst this madness, just a fillip.

YES, YOU ARE CORRECT THIS JUNE LETTER IS BEING PUBLISHED LATE IN THE MONTH TOO ☹

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

FROM PAGE 7 – WHAT SOME are DOING with their TIME SHELTERING IN PLACE (while Editor merely rants)

BEN PADA's 1/48th Eduard kit

P-51D "Cripes A Mighty 5"



MIKE MEEK's 1/24th Revell kit

FORD GT



In Memoriam

Kristina Balderrama
June 09, 1968- Feb 03, 2020



Kristina was one of the few matriarchs of the modeling group who over the years first attended regularly as a continuing “girlfriend”, then evolving along over the time as a fiancé, wife then mother to a whole family in the hobby.

She first started attending meetings in 1992 while they were still being held in the Cupertino library.

Her first model contest attended was in Atwater, CA of that same year. Followed over the years with attending many club and National contests ranging from Redding to Reno to San Diego and all points in between.

Her first award of many was for a Lindberg Hadrosaurus, of which she placed 2nd. She was a regular at the local club meetings and contests of the SVSM and Fremont Hornet Clubs. Over the years she would gradually withdraw from competition and become more of a regular “in back” contest supporter / volunteer. By helping with table setup, award assembly, registration, paperwork, emergency supply and lunch runs as well as teardown. She would also do the same for the Santa Clara IPMS Nationals.

Beginning with and over the years staying connected to running the raffles, she would also, after becoming a mother herself, take on the responsibility of helping run the club contest Make and Takes. Assisting many hopeful future generations of young modelers with assembling their first model.

Until her untimely passing on Feb 3rd 2020, she was a firm believer in the family aspect of modeling and considered everyone young and old in the hobby to be a part of that extended family of modelers.

We, her family, would like to thank every one of you for being a part of her personal and family life, and ask to fondly remember her contributions to the hobby by remembering to include and encourage the youth in our hobbies future.

The Balderramas
David, Mark, Max, Dj

Editor Off Ranting At What Is Inevitable, But He Doesn't Have to Like It (from page 1)

Thank You, David, for your sending that tribute to your Kris and to your boys for their contribution.

Again, what you're seeing here are deliberate selections of mine to remember what only year ago comprised our "usual and customary" monthly gathering practice before, then during an SVSM meet.



No particular theme or important specific details. Just the true, relaxing, taking it easy way it has been for oh so many years. No reason to speculate or imagine that this MUST NOW CEASE.



NO, not saying we won't meet. Just be sure to WEAR MASKS ALL TIME, STAY DISTANT...



YES, gone it seems now being gathered so tightly in rabid interest at what's for sale before we sit for a night's model talk/business, seated in now unlawfully close proximity and *gasp* sans mask

Oh well. We will manage to find a social modeler technology to adapt. But looking at shots like this of days not long ago, makes it a bit more jarring. More than a bit.

This club is currently running through its 57th year as an entity, 56th as an IPMS USA chapter.

A challenge to some I put, let's see how many " virtual " clubs will manage even half that time as going concerns. Yes, the "Net" has been around long enough there should be some to speak up...





Our meetings, wherever they have been held and however they were administrated or not, have always had that ephemeral quality that is so “ human “

Yes, we can and have for many years now in fact, had “ virtual “ options to have “ social assembly “

Yet, somehow for all that excitement and uproar about the various iterations, seems somehow this “ old fashioned “, messy, “ high risk ” method served for a lot sturdier stint up until recently.



OKAY I’ll cease my whining and grinding on “the good old days”, for now.

NEXT UP: Thanks to Mike Meek, Ben Pada, Peter Long, we have a Look at “what been building while Sheltering in Place as asked to do”

AND YES ANOTHER RECAP TO CLOSE: JUNE 19 2020 SVSM Meeting was cancelled and THERE WAS NO MAY 2020 ORIGINAL STYRENE SHEET PRODUCED OR PUBLISHED



**1/48th
S-2
Tracker
by
Peter Long**

*(see page 2
for more)*



1/48th P-51D (Eduard) by Ben Pada



REMINDER about CHANGE of PLAN SVSM ANNUAL CLASSIC for YEAR 2020

CONFIRMED FOR NEW FALL SEASON DATE (Earlier Spring Date Postponed)

The Silicon Valley Classic VII "TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT"



IPMS Region 9

SEPTEMBER 26 2020 NAPREDAK HALL 770 MONTAGUE EXPY. SAN JOSE CA. 95131

1920's racing vehicles of all types (land, sea, air), military recon subjects, spy aircraft, space, Aerospace vehicle or subjects that pushed the limits of technology or drew negative feedback from others, early stealth projects, super weapons, WWII aircraft that saw service in Korea & Vietnam, fire fighting aircraft, China Lake, Point Magu, Tyndell AFB, Holloman AFB, White Sands Missile Range, Red Flag, UCAV/UAV's, Land Speed vehicles.

9AM DOORS OPEN "Free spectator admission" 12 NOON REGISTRATION CLOSES, 1-05 judges meeting, 3:30 Awards

Free Make N Take model building for kids being held all day. Gourmet food truck serving food & drinks for lunch. Two raffles held at 11AM & 2PM. Competition open to the public (IPMS MEMBER OR NOT) in 47 categories of senior (18 & UP), 9 youth (13-17), sub junior (12 & under). (SWEEP ALLOWED) SENIOR \$12 UNLIMITED NUMBER OF MODELS, \$5 FLAT FEE

PLEASE NOTE Due to safety restrictions within the contest venue we can not accommodate models or vendors that require wall power. Small battery power models are ok.

Vendor table sales and other contest related information please contact the contest director. Tables are on a first come basis and limited to two tables per person and non refundable or transferable. NO EXCEPTIONS. Valid state of California tax form/permit required and must be present at event.

"The following awards will be awarded to a model that best fits the title, flavor, or the person would find of interest and does not have to be a 1-2-3 place winner"

"Best Competition Auto"

"The Steve & Anita Travis subject award"

"Atlantis reissued model kit" (must be built out of the box with instructions present)

THEN PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR OCTOBER !!

***STARTING WITH THIS GREAT SHOW
EXACTLY A WEEK AFTER OURS***

**21ST ANNUAL
MODEL CONTEST**
THEME:
THE COLD WAR

SWAP MEET • 2 BIG RAFFLES

Date: Saturday - October 3rd, 2020 - 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Location: Reno Elks Lodge 597 - 597 Kumie Ln - Reno, Nevada

Entry Fee: Free to All Non-Entrants - \$5.00 for First Model - \$1.00 for Each Additional Model
Chapter Contact: - Douglas Summers (775) 835-0140 - ghpltd@att.net

Visit us at www.renohighrollers.com

THEN THEN THREE WEEKS LATER ...

TWO MORE SHOWS BACK TO BACK !!!!

3rd Annual

MODEL EXPO & OPEN COCKPIT DAY

ABOARD THE USS HORNET SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Saturday, October 24, 2020 - 10 AM to 4 PM

Desert Classic XXIV

IPMS Region 8

Saturday October 31st 2020

Presented by
The
Antelope Valley Group
IPMS AVG



Event Location:
Antelope Valley College
3041 W. Avenue K, Lancaster CA
Cafeteria Entrance

This Year's Theme:
"The Italian Job"

Categories

Provisions for Spills provided as required

1. Helicopters, All Scales & Types
2. Aircraft; Biplanes, All Scales & Types
3. Aircraft 1/73 & Smaller
4. Aircraft 1/72 Prop
5. Aircraft 1/72 Multi Engine Prop
6. Aircraft 1/72 Jet
7. Aircraft 1/48 Allied Prop
8. Aircraft 1/48 Axis Prop
9. Aircraft 1/48 Jet
10. Aircraft 1/32 & Larger
11. Ships: All Scales & Types
12. Submarines: All Scales & Types
13. Military Vehicles Small Scale 1/35 & Smaller All Types
14. Tanks: Allied -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger)
15. Tanks: Axis -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger)
16. Tanks - 1945 - Present (1/35 & Larger)
17. Artillery* & Open Top Self Propelled Guns (1/35 & larger)
18. Military Vehicles Tracked (1/35 & Larger)
19. Military Vehicles Wheeled (1/35 & Larger)
20. Auto Factory & Replica Stock
21. Auto Street Machine & Hot Rods
22. Auto Cruisers, Customs, Low Riders
23. Auto Competition Straight & Oval Track
24. Auto: Miscellaneous
25. Figures: Historical
26. Figures: Fantasy / Sci-Fi Biologic Types
27. Dioramas: All Compositions
28. Vignettes
29. Mechs / Robots / Sci-Fi & Real Spec: Hardware
30. Miscellaneous
31. Tom Daniel
32. Jurassic Plastic
33. Juniors: 17 & Under

Notes: * Category 17: Artillery is All Types and Scales

Special Awards

Theme Award: "The Italian Job"
Best of Show
Presidents Award
X-Plane Award
75th Anniversary VJ Day
Red October
Spooky Award
Best Auto Paint & Finish

Schedule:

09:00-12:30 Registration
1:00-3:30 Judging
3:30-4:30 Awards Presentation

Fees:

Parking: \$0.50 charged by College (May be waived)
Adult: \$12.00 up to 3 entries.
\$1.00 ea. per additional entry.
\$2.00 discount for IPMS Members.

Juniors: FREE

Spectators: FREE

Vendors: \$45.00 Per table (reserved), \$50.00 at the door.

Vendor Contacts:

Vendor Contact
<http://www.avg-ipms.org>

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