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No Fooling, A New Year & Again Old Vets For Office



Events Held and Without A Doubt, Officers Held to Account...

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



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“ WITH ONLY HOURS LEFT, EDITOR SEEKS TO CATCH UP FOR SPRING INTO SUMMER ”

Well, in reviewing where things were for me at this time last year, turns out I am not so far away from time compression issues at this juncture after all. June 2018 OSS was a “double feature” of catching up April & May meetings in a single 10 page newsletter. At least this cycle there is now a pair of issues, as April 2019 (6 weeks later) finishing production for publication with this May 2019 OSS. Thanks to a life partner and family that is uber-supportive, this advance in making book...

While very fortunate to have had a lengthy run of several publications in a series of monthly edits, nowadays appreciate being able to get at least mostly on schedule this original 10 page (set limit of Write/Print/Copy/Assemble/SnailMail which turns out a splendid framing in following 11 years...) Edition. Perhaps in the coming weeks a TAMS or a BUZZ or similar instrument may again be out and about, but in any case at least this tradition and necessity has again gotten into proper swing.

And Now... The Catching Up By The Editor On SVC 6 News You Can Always Use

The official results of the Sixth SV Classic have been compiled and became available as PDFs for view or download on my website since late March; here <http://www.mickbmodeler.com/sv-classic-six.php>

Thanks again to Vladimir Yakubov for his spectacular ability to photograph all the material that made one of our bigger shows to date, and have it already to post in less than 48 hours, on the SVSM site, so that I could point by link to them at both my own website and Fremont Hornets site for visitors.

Thanks also to long time member Tom Trankel for his photo gallery which Vladimir has posted to the same gallery on SVSM site, so that I and others may also gain perspective from Tom's take on SVC 6

Although I now have 21 years of data to work with for this particular slice of the model competition community, the SVC 5 and SVC 6 databases are not completely loaded and tweaked still as yet so I won't bore you with detail analyses of either for now. If you are of a mind to, you can go back to my Editor's Archive at mickbmodeler and pick out the SVC 2, 3 or 4 “specials” I did as AfterMarket bits for an idea how far I can take this data mining business. If you're in fancy of being a Contest Director or need a further push to reconsider that idea, reading my exhaustive renderings are a place to start. As it is still useful tool set for current future show planning, I will do something this summer to get data in toto for use in assisting SVC 7 and 8 planning. Meanwhile, casual study of my published winners lists with Vladimir's photo galleries ought to supply most of you with rough equivalent of what my works of newsletter covering the contests have managed to coalesce. Minus my odd temperament and words.

I would like to wrap up though this issue and contest news page with a shot in tribute to my dear friend SPAD, for whom the award I picture is now being given in his memory. Angelo Deogracias, we miss you and your endless enthusiasm for all things scale modelling, racing and true friendly. He really enjoyed our bit of the modelling world. When he returned to his Midwest roots and club in Indianapolis, he still flew the flag for our Westerns too. He always kept faith that we could host another IPMS Nats and really paint the town (Sundowners) red this time. A warrior with heart !



Build on, every one of you. - *mick fini*

Editor As Usual Is Seeing His Way To Fob Off An Alleged Newsletter Before Meeting With Complete ? (from page 1)

At the April Meeting-No Fooling. We did in fact hold a legitimate Selection for Election to the 2019-2020 E-Board for SVSM, before getting on with more interesting important topics just ahead. For the record: President (again! Bravo) Ron Wergin. VP's are Mick Burton, John Carr (finally we got him!) and Mike Woolson (who is VP Contest Director for SVC-7). Shockingly, Secretary is again held by Chris Bucholtz, Treasurer (again) is William Ferrante, and somehow no one wanted to send Mick Burton packing yet so he's going to try and be an Editor some more in year ahead. Now that you have all this ephemera in print, let's see what hath Chris's minutes and Burton's camera for April to show:



In model talk... **Cliff Kranz** modified a Tamiya 1:48 F-84 into a prototype as used at Edwards Air Force Base. He cut off the pylons from the wings, substituted a frameless canopy from a Monogram kit, and brush painted the model with three coats of Testors #26 orange.

Cliff finished a Monogram box-scale (1/67th ; ed.) A-26 Invader in a natural metal scheme after sanding off all the rivets. He painted the inside of the canopy blue in the style of desktop models.



Cliff also completed the neat little 1:72 Monogram AH-1 Cobra, and he finally completed an ESCI 1:48 Fi 156 Storch to his liking, this one sporting Swedish markings.





Gabriel Lee finished his Airfix 1:72 F-86F Sabre in the markings of the aerobatic team of the Honduran Air Force.



Gabriel is also tackling the not-so-great Tamiya Tyrannosaurus Rex; he's extending the tail and may do additional surgery to the legs with the intention of turning the dinosaur into a dragon.



Ron Wergin found the Hasegawa 1:72 Panther F to be just OK; he thinks it's a bit under-scale, and the tracks are generic. Ron crewed his Panther with a very nice figure from Prieser.





Kent McClure's starting work on a kit by Bandai from the Japanese show Getta Robo, and his 1:100 Imai Zentradi Warrior was all done until he broke a leg bringing it to the meeting! Kent said it's a nice model, but it has many open joints that need attention. He's building what Airfix said was an Austin K6 fire tender – but Austin never made a fire tender, and the kit's instructions to paint the truck red seems like a wartime mistake. Kent's going to give it a camouflage scheme. Kent's also working on the Esci 1:72 M113, which he's building as a Lebanese machine.



Eugenie Taylor is learning a lot from her 1:144 Minicraft Space Shuttle – her first model.

Of course, she's painting white, which has more than its share of challenges and which has provided lots of "teachable moments" (none of which has proven fatal to the model!).



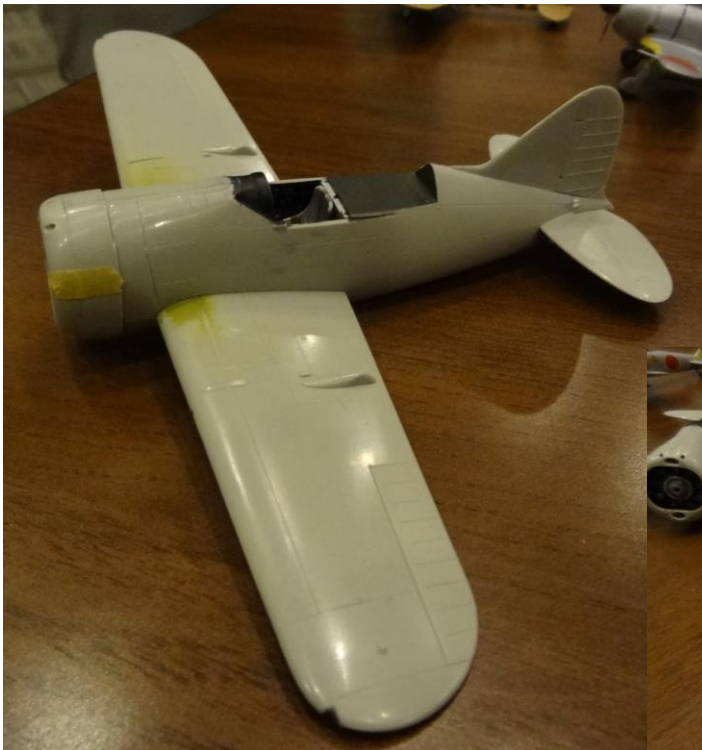
Marv Eberhardt had a 1:144 He 111 model partly built on his workbench, and it was always in the way, so he decided to finish it!

The Heinkel was completed in a desert camouflage scheme.

Marv also completed a Hasegawa Ki-44-IIb in 1:72, which he said went together very well, but he had a struggle with the paint and decals at the very end.



Laramie Wright's embarked on the build of the Tamiya 1:48 Brewster F2A, inspired by John Carr's work last month. He's added decals to the cockpit, engine and wheel wells, and he warns to look out for the seam where the trailing edge of the wing and the fuselage join.



Laramie also has an Accurate Miniatures Il-2 about ready for paint. He warns that the spinner needs replacement; his Sturmovik will be an example from late 1944.





In 1:48 scale, Laramie has a Tamiya M4A3E8 well under way; he's used black paint to shadow the build, and then hit it with a shade of olive drab lighter than what he's used in the past. His very well engineered Tamiya 1:48 Churchill Crocodile is nearly done, but Laramie says he's not entirely sold on 1:48. In 1:35, he has an AFV Club CM11 Brave Tiger hybrid M48/M60 nearly finished; Laramie replaced the gun tube on this Chinese tank with a drinking straw that happened to be the right size and shape! Laramie mixed his own camouflage paint and airbrushed the pattern freehand.

Ben Pada said AMK's 1:48 MiG-31 is a tough kit to build, but he has his together, finished in an in-production scheme with some natural metal panels and some panels in yellow primer.





Mike Schwarze is working on the Ohm from the anime Nausicaä, and he also has lots of legs assembled for a collection of dinosaurs, including a Styracosaurus and a T. rex.

And the model of the month goes to... **Gabriel Lee's** Academy 1:72 OV-10 Bronco! Gabriel's model depicts a plane shot down by an F-16 during a coup attempt in Venezuela in 1992; he used the ordnance as weights to try to keep this notorious tail-sitter on its nose gear. - *chris fini*

Editor's post script: **Chris Bucholtz**, recently reelected SVSM Secretary, was caught on camera fleeing the scene before he had supplied details here for his recently advanced Prehistoric Whale

Quick notes:

“Dorudon Atrox”

Means “Spear Tooth” in Latin. 5 meter long adults estimated to be ½ ton in weight.

Lived in oceans 33 to 41 mya and is found now as fossils around the world.

Chris crafted base & kelp mount, only the whale is supplied in scale resin kit.





Congratulations to

Gabriel Lee

FOR WINNING APRIL MODEL OF THE MONTH



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