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## *EXCITING MEETING NEWS for You ! PAST & PRESENT*



## *We Actually Have TWO SVSM Meets In September 2021*

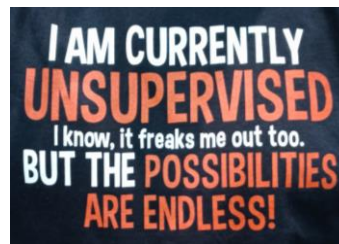
*EDITOR AGAIN MUSES MORE AND SWIFTLY ON PRESENT & FUTURE EVENTS NOW AS AGAIN RETURNED FROM AFAR, WITH ANOTHER TIGHT SCHEDULE FOR NEWS!*

Many thanks to Ernie Gee, Domenic Ortiz, Mike Woolson, Randy Rothaar, IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers, City Of Watsonville and Clovis Memorial District for providing me with things to write about, shoot ! *(continues on page 3)*

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

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“ SOME SQUEEZING TIME TO GET THIS OUT ”



**WE HAVE TWO MEETINGS THIS MONTH and EDITOR FOR SURE WILL MISS ONE OF THEM MAY BE BOTH**

*Your Editor (and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP) wants to be sure you all have a chance to attend all the meetings on offer for the upcoming rest of month of September, which have been taking their toll getting arranged with all madness in our world at large. Members other than himself have gone to great lengths to see to it we have these to go to have Face to Face Model Society Opportunities, and it would be great if some of you participated.*

*Granted there are restrictions and other bothersome aspects, but remember we haven't had this chance for a good while, and many other clubs still don't have chance yet to even try to do it once a month much less 2x.*

*The plan right now is to try out the new locale on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of September, October, November 2021. We will try to keep the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of those months booked at the old locale, but right now we only know for sure it is good for 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (the one coming up 2 days from now) with the 35 person maximum attendees wearing masks and having no food or drink present during our time inside limitations.*

*Due to the fact the Reno Air Races are now returning to reality, this Editor is going with family to enjoy them and will miss the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday opener at MPD Community Room. Given that in years past he has missed SVSM September meets for other reasons like contests in Oregon or elsewhere, it's not a big deal to him or others.*

*It's a shame to miss the re-opening of our old friend meeting hall, but that's real life isn't it? I hope to make it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ever held meeting at the new GAME KASTLE on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in September, to be a pain to many and a service to the community making this sort of publication again to cover the happenings there.*

*No matter what though, I hope to see many of you at the upcoming October Model Contests and meets, as well in November the same, and for December Holiday events at the Club. Life will be indeed, sweet.*

*Meanwhile, I will be assisting in getting the Fundraiser Auction action plan in place for SV Classic 7 with concerned parties, working on trying to get my Free Hornets into a face to face meeting protocol soon as possible so another TriCity Classic (#14 !) will be closer to being a reality again, and of course getting a lot of pictures that I have little time to enjoy after, like my books, models, games, family, etc...*

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

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT VERY IMPORTANT NEWS TO READ**

**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE FIRST MEETING OF 2021 FOR SVSM**

**AT MILPITAS PD COMMUNITY ROOM THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY**

**BE ADVISED NOW (THESE ARE THE RULES WE HAVE TO ENFORCE)**

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER, NO FOOD/ DRINK IS ALLOWED INSIDE ROOM, AND THERE IS A 35 PERSON LIMIT INSIDE**

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

## *EDITOR'S CONFUSION CONTINUES from PAGE ONE*



*( again, if you're mildly disoriented here, sorry )*

**It's likely to be this way for a little while from hereon.** An express version of the Editor's first takes as we return to some semblance of a Fall Events calendar and things begin to sort themselves out.

Firstly, there were two events in the weekends following the last SVSM meeting this Editor was able to make. Meet of course a day after he returned from IPMS NATS in Las Vegas. Only hours before got a Newsletter out, went to work and then to meeting. Seeming to have plenty of time to catch up from it

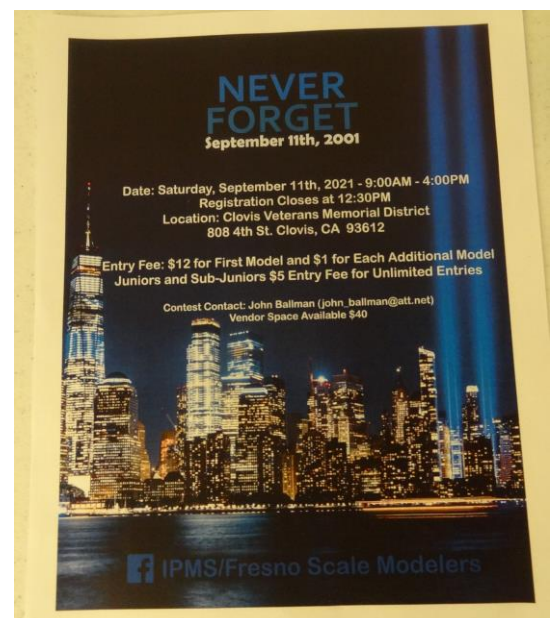
Then Labor Day weekend saw fit to provide reason for trip to Watsonville Airport. So attending their "FIRE In The SKY" Airshow, Ground Display, Movie & Fireworks. IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers led off their postponed 50<sup>th</sup> year as Club Anniversary Show & Model Contest on the very next Saturday.

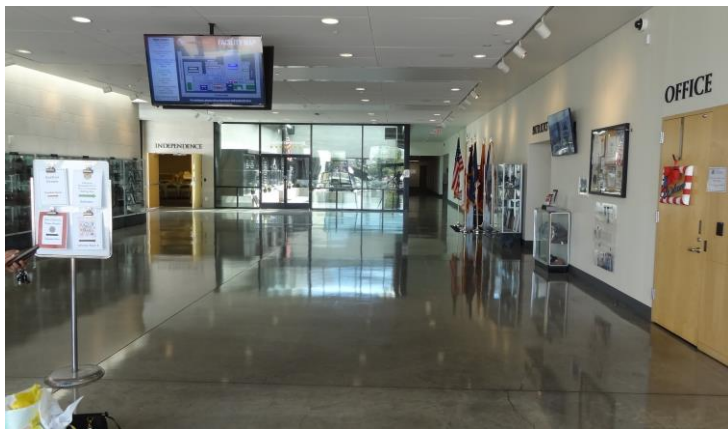
Yes, that's right, our opener show for Region Nine 2021 was on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11-01, and very appropriately that was the theme of their event: NEVER FORGET September 11, 2001.



Having their original plans for the 2020 show completely annihilated, The Griffons went undaunted on to regroup, successfully launching in a beautiful new venue in Clovis.

At left, a look at front entry to the Clovis Veterans Memorial District, in whose Liberty Ballroom housed FSM's excellent event. On right, a copy of their double sided flyer.





Upon entry, you see the well laid out space with a large central atrium, "The Honor Garden" two shots detailing some of this on the right here. Hallway to the right leads to event.

Very easy to find. Good parking, A robust number of food venues within easy walking distance. Well lit with an air conditioned huge open space for vendors & model contest. Without a doubt the new locale greatly benefitted those who showed up and hard working host.

Fresno Scale Modelers "Where Everyone Is Welcome" motto was in full force for the day and delivered 100 %.





Alright yes, besides that fabulous “ Stan Lee’s MARVEL-Us Kid’s Day Care “ entry which caught my eye upon arrival, there were quite a few great entries at show. Like the Number 1 entry above. Or our own alumnus, Randy Rothaar’s lovely F-82 Twin Mustang, seen below. Model Magician, he from LV.



For more encouragement of this Editor, here's a look at the UNFINISHED class Category 042. Glad to know it was there and very sweet entries included a WIP 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale B-52 Stratofortress. Seen in form of the landing gear.

Since as a Contest Director for two big Shows over some time where he makes a big deal about having this category, not a lot of adherents to concept stepping up to vocalizing but critics aplenty, it's nice to see someone else giving support to this.



Another category which appears in the USA Nats for years but not at other shows very often, again is here at Fresno in full flower. This is one I'd love try give a try, too.

TRIATHLON, Category 040b, in which you must enter three items (models) as one, and they must be of three distinct different type categories.

Here we had one set, an F-14A in 1/48<sup>th</sup>, a UH-60 in 1/48<sup>th</sup>, and a bust of a Commander of a Tiger Tank in Hungarian theater.

(jet aircraft, rotary wing, figure)

This was up against this set :

Cannon emplacement, TIE fighter, Pirate Skeleton in a "dream piece".

(artillery, SF/F space vehicle, fantasy figure)

No record by me who won



what here. Well no more time to write, so fini ! -MB

# YES ANOTHER FACE TO FACE IN SUMMER

## *The SVSM August 2021 Meeting*

*There are no minutes to speak of or write from, the Secretary did not attend and Editor was too tired.*

The Editor was able to make this meeting, much to his delight after a hard day working on first day back from four off to make trip to NATS.

Thanks to President Ron Wergin, we had this meeting to try out the Monday night atmosphere at the new meeting locale, along with a new “semi private” room there.



So here we are, at the GAME KASTLE in Santa Clara, off of Coleman Avenue by SJC Airport Jet Center. Room filled up nicely by 8 PM as you may see here.

Attendees included other recent returnees to Bay Area from Las Vegas IPMS NATS. Namely Ben Pada, Cliff Kranz, Jim Priete, Randy and Eugenie Ray.

Ben, Randy, myself and Eugenie gave the meeting group a rundown of how NATS went from our perspectives for short while.



We also had updates on upcoming events from Mick Burton, along with specific news about the finalized status regarding the old SVSM meet locale of MPD Community Room in the city of Milpitas. Details of that are covered elsewhere in this issue, regarding the September 2021 meeting.



Discussion was lively for a while on matters of the need for and scheduling of our traditional Auction, as Burton had met with several times while in Las Vegas at the NATS with our Contest Director VP.

This in part due to the fact of current new limits of usage for the old meeting locale which we have a good deal of experience logged using for just that purpose, and last few years done in September. Due to the unique situation of having cancelled the SV Classic 7 already three times from scheduled dates,

Contest Director VP and former Contest Director Burton determined the current status of event did not warrant a rushed Auction to “fit with tradition”

Even though the Game Kastle doesn't preclude us having an Auction at their facility, and the MPD is technically available, for all practical purposes there is no current pressing need for doing any of that in September and every reason to arrange for a sensible Auction in later months. Maybe at the Kastle and maybe elsewhere. So that is where we have tabled further discussion with abeyance for September auction in 2021. There is movement to confirm a Spring 2022 date for SVC 7 at the usual

Napredak Hall location and again, Contest Director Woolson will get the word out to us when it's time



So in wrapping up, here are a few shots of the models that showed up, not all of them.

We are finding new locale to be workable, this meeting a lot less trouble for hearing and seeing all that we have been accustomed to, and we did even award a Model of The Month that night.

Until next month...

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





Congratulations to  
**Gabriel Lee**

**FOR WINNING AUGUST MODEL OF THE MONTH**



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

**3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY of Month**

SEPTEMBER 17 (at OUR OLD MEETING SITE)\*

At

COMMUNITY ROOM

MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

*\*Please review rules on Editorial Page before you attend*

1275 N Milpitas Boulevard  
Milpitas, CA



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

**4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY of Month**

SEPTEMBER 27 (again at COMPLETELY NEW SITE)

At

COMMUNITY ROOM

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