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HEYDAY LOOK BACK WITH CHEER AT 6th MEET OF YEAR



GREAT TURNOUT BY ALL *The Editor manages to show so* Photos/Text: Mick Burton Minutes: Chris Bucholtz

At the June meeting, “D-Day Deux, a Club Contest” was front and center for the tabling, the Editor (sponsor) managed to arrive before room opened to get this set up with clarity. His hopes for a turnout were realized with a fine gathering and couple surprises before time for judgement arrived. —mb *Meeting Minutes Begin @ 3*



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



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“ DEALING WITH LIFE AT WARP SPEED ”

With now two of four announced Region Nine 2023 shows already brilliantly accomplished, try two for San Marcos IPMS Nats less than 3 weeks away, it again hits this Editor anew how time is speeding along. I had, with two other vet Officers, in what seems only yesterday, a hope to be able to add an SVSM event to this calendar. Now we hold out for a chance to be ready in 2024 -mb

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And the model of the month went to **Brian Geyer's** 1:32 Airfix Ju 87 Stuka. Brian started the model years ago before consigning it to the shelf of doom; he pulled it down and finished it and now has lots of nice things to say about this Airfix classic. – *chris fini*



P.S. On the left, tease shot of the SVSM June Club Contest, “D Day Deux”. Complete coverage by the Editor for this may be found in the June 2023 TAMS . – *mick fini*



SVSM & The Fremont Hornets invite you to show the flag and carry the day for modelling history, at this local event !

SVSMer and Free Hornet Chris Bucholtz is forming a volunteer effort to put on a WW2 modelling display, something we've done in years past with great success

Contact him at bucholtzc@aol.com Or give him a call at (510) 599-1526

WWII Living History Day & Swing Dance

Saturday, August 12, 2023

New Hours: 2pm-10pm!

- Historic Building Tours - Trolley Rides
- Meet & Greet WWII Veterans and “Rosies”
- 1940s Fashion Show - WWII Tent City - Antique Cars
- Victory Parade - Kids activities
- Live Big Band Music - Swing Dance
- Food Trucks and MORE!



Admission:
Living History Day 2pm-6:30pm: \$10 (HSJ Members & Kids 6-11yrs: \$5)
Swing Dance 7pm-10pm: \$20 | Full Day Experience 2pm-10pm: \$25
Event Parking: \$10

History Park, 635 Phelan Ave. San Jose, CA
info@historysanjose.org 408-287-2290



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**June Swoon Starts Here
(cont'd from pg 1)**

At the June meeting, Chris Bucholtz provided a short update on the Spirit of '45 event being held at the San Jose Historical Park on August 12.

We'll be putting on a display – for more details or to volunteer to display, call Chris Bucholtz at (510) 599-1526 or email him at bucholtzc@aol.com. He's already putting together a volunteer team to stage the display.

In model talk...



Cliff Kranz used Monogram kits to build two generations of Blue Angels F/A-18s in 1:48 scale, a –A model and a two-seater –F. Cliff liked the kits because they were easy to build. Cliff also showed a tow truck he mostly scratch-built while stationed at Ft. Hood and brought to his first San Jose Scale Modelers meeting 47 years ago – most of the model aft of the cab was made from sheet plastic!



Bob Meyers already has the new Tamiya Jagdpanzer IV 70/A finished, painted entirely in Tamiya paints with oils for the weathering.

Bob left his comfort zone to complete Tamiya's 1:48 F4U-1A, even though he suffered a misadventure trying to use AK Interactive's water based paints and had to start over on his finish.



He stripped it and replaced it with a beautiful coat of AK lacquers.



Thanh Nguyen said his Tamiya 1:48 Fw 190A was a joy to build, and he had similar positive things to say about Tamiya's 1:48 F4F-4 Wildcat and the Tamiya 1:48 F4U-1A, which he built as a clipped-wing British Pacific Fleet Corsair Mk. III.



Mark Schynert's Fine Molds A7M Reppu is not that finely molded – he needed a shim on the lower wing-to-fuselage joint, and the fit is a little rough overall. Mark is building it as the production example of the too-late-to-fight fighter.

He's also closing in on completion of the Airfix deHavilland Comet racer; he says the decals for "Black Magic" were very good. A second kit came in handy for replacement landing gear, canopy parts which met unplanned ends.



Kent McClure built his little red mecha in 1:144 without instructions, which were missing from his kit.



He is just starting work on the Horseclaw from Nausica from a kit by Tsukuda, and his Hawk "Freddy Flameout" has had its jet re-scribed and a lot of filler has been applied to patch the seams in this 1964 Weird-o kit



. Kent's Airfix Mk. I tank lost a track part, but he had a second bagged kit which came to the rescue. He practiced his re-scribing on a Super Model Re. 2000, and is applying what he learned to the Hasegawa Ki-44, which has very faint panel line detail.

See Young built Tamiya's M36 Jackson tank destroyer out of the box, and painted it with some old Pactra military enamels before weathering it.



John Jew put a coat of Vallejo Panzer gray on his Tamiya SdKfz. 222, and added the appropriate antennas to make it a reconnaissance vehicle.

His figure came from Dragon, mostly – although the head and arms came from different companies!

Eugenie Ray's The Invaders saucer is almost totally wired, and now she's trying to master the color-shifting paint – it tends to show patterns based on its application.

The base is complete, with Woodland Scenics turf tufts painted to suggest singeing by the alien beam, and she's scratch-built the gun carriage for her IMEX Mexican-American War cannon, to which she added a ball to the breech end to better replicate the original.

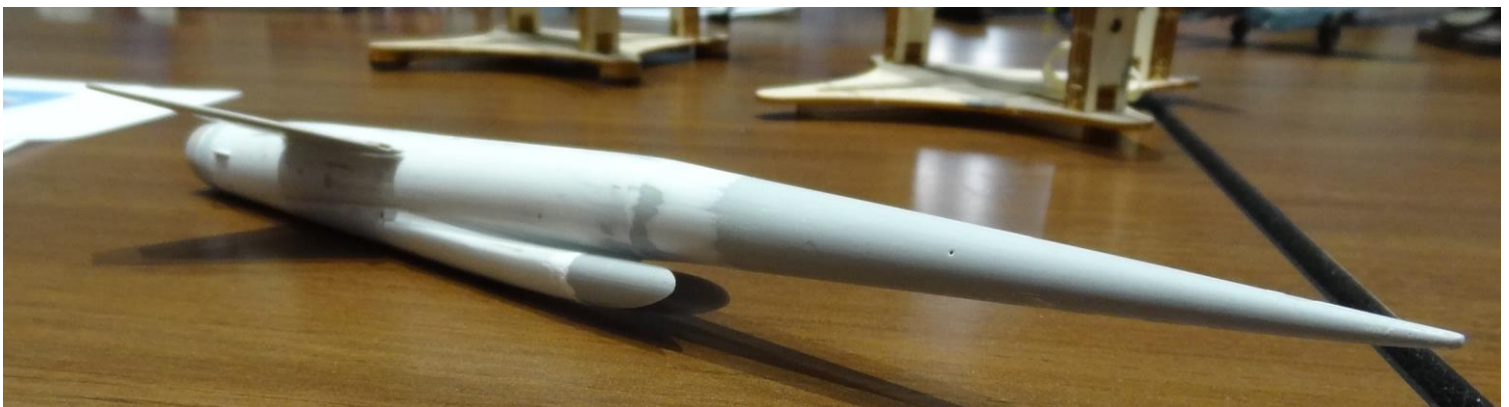




Ben Pada really liked Eduard's F4F-3, which he has nearly completed.

He built Tamiya's very nice 1:48 Ki-61 Hien as well, and gave it only a slight amount of weathering since it depicts a late-war plane based in Japan.

Greg Plummer used the Plastic Fanatic kit to build a 1:48 version of the LTV SLAM low-altitude nuclear-powered missile, designed under the codename Project Pluto. He said the casting was OK, but most everything was warped (just like the concept for the real missile!) and needed extra attention.



Randy Ray's National project is a Copper State 1:72 Lancia 127 armored car; he's had to use just a little filler and remove a few knock-out pins on the interior of the model.

He's looking forward to applying color theory ideas he learned in a class he and Eugenie recently took.



Chris Bucholtz's slow-moving P-51B build is nearing paint as he's added the gunsight, windscreen and quarterlight panels to his model, plus the anchoring points for the aerial antennas.

He's also working on a small diorama in 1:20 set 20 million years ago, featuring a Paleocraft Daedon and a Parahippus, converted from a 1:32 3D printed plains zebra.



Two-and-a-half years ago, **Bill Ferrante's** cat sent his nearly finished 1:72 Airfix Gloster Gladiator flying.

Bill recently took it off the shelf of doom and finished the model as a member of 87 Squadron RAF's aerobatic team.



Geoff Krueger's Eduard F6F-3 is about ready for decals. He says it's not a perfect kit – the external tank needs help, and will be replaced with a Quickboost part – but it's pretty darn good.

His model will be finished as one of former Danville resident Alex Vraciu's Hellcats.



Gabriel Lee's F/A-18 binge is nearing its end; he's building Academy's 1:72 F/A-18C as a Spanish aircraft, and has it painted and awaiting its somewhat subdued markings.

(JUNE Text/ minutes conclude on page 2)



Congratulations to **Brian Geyer**
FOR WINNING JUNE MODEL OF THE MONTH



7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 10:00 PM SHARP

3rd FRIDAY of Month

JULY 21 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd

Milpitas, CA

HOWEVER DON'T COUNT US OUT FOR THE MONTH

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

4th MONDAY of Month (BUILDFEST NITE)

JULY 24 (at ADDITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

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