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Ladies and Gents . . . WE HAVE A WINNER!



“Best of the Bay” themed SVSM Kickoff Classic 2011 proves to be great finish to three weekends of Model Fun
By: Mick Burton (*with intense gratitude for the accompanying photos, all taken by Vladimir Yakubov & John Heck*)

Well 2011 certainly got off to a Model Start, one could say. Saturday, February 19th saw IPMS/Santa Rosa and Mt Diablo hosting “Start to Finish” themed Hobby Expo 2011. The next Saturday had lots of folks soaking in the model ambience of NNL West 2011 at Hall A of Santa Clara Convention Center. Seem familiar? It should! On third Saturday of our date lineup, Silicon Valley Scale Modelers hosted “ Best Of The Bay “ there (*see pg 2*)

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with a pleasing result for all who showed up to enjoy as well as for those who showed up all year to make sure we put it on. Not a bad “Start to Finish” for Region 9 and modelers throughout the Bay, hey? All three Saturday events seemed to have come through with positive momentum which is no small feat in these last few years of “down scale” economy. Huzzah!

For our end, the entrant and entry numbers weren't as spectacular as some of our recent past years, but after event analysis has so far proved out our assessment in midst of things that we carried the day. We also have introduced several new folks to what it's all about “behind the scenes” and they're still willing, able, ready to do it all again. Go TEAM. Much will be Discussed at the March SVSM meeting in detail, so for now enjoy some of the many great pictures that John & Vlad managed to find time to shoot while working the event. My own camera alas, never saw any of it. I pretended to be busy so I could get out of doing anything. Did manage to enter some models, take home awards though, made it worthwhile☺



We got great weather as you see. This is NOT retouched, that's our show as seen outside the Convention Center, really



At left you find that we have to start our Diorama Judge training at an early stage, degree of difficulty and burnout, you know ... As is true with Figures competition. Greg and Bill were found still in that same position you see above, at end of the day. ☺



We went for something different in all categories of awards this year. Above is look at the awards table. In short order all this marvelous material was handed off to some of those appreciated folks who showed up and provided then survived competition. Old school wood with engraved plates, also glass, plus sandwiches. Fun. (find completed article on sheet 4)

A Best of the Bay Day THANK YOU AND SPECIAL AWARDS NOTATION PAGE

17th Annual SVSM KickOff Classic Event March 05 2011 would not have been possible were it not for the incredible response and financial/emotional/physical support of so many many folks.

The Raffle Commander & his Command Staff would like to have it timely recorded that the following folk be recognized as valued contributors to the 2011 Raffle supply. It enabled them to meet a record demand, send everyone home a winner.

Kit Lam	Cliff Kranz	Eric McClure	IPMS/Santa Rosa	Steven Travis
Mike Woolson	Frank Beltran	Postoria Aguirre	Bert McDowell	Ray McCarley
Randy Ray	Laramie Wright	Chris Bucholtz	Mick Burton	Mike Meek
Richard Linder	The Balderrama Family	Vladimir Yakubov	Mark Schynert	Ray Alvarado

And last, but far from least, Mr. Anon Y. Mouse, whose faithful contributions continue to carry the day for us all.

On behalf of the Contest Executive Staff, the Editor would like to return the favor and profusely thank Raffle Commander Mark McDonald, his Command Staff : Frank Beltran, Dave & Kris Balderrama, for producing an incredible result under trying economic conditions. Mark will be retiring from our local fun and games as of this event, and we will miss him!

THANK YOU FROM A WHOLE LOT OF US CONTEST STAFF VETS

To a very determined new member of the team, who showed up early, stayed all the way to the end, and managed to do far more than was asked of her. We utterly hope to have you go the distance again with us. Shayla Quick we salute you. Here is a few of the many ways she spent the day. Walk in Table Captain. Make 'N Take Adjutant. Awards Handler (not just handing them out, she'd had to tote more than one box of 48 trophy plaques across the Hall floor twice, thanks to someone who shall remain unnamed (editor) having dull sense of logistics. Also took on Judging for first time, cutting her OJT teeth on Senior Dioramas, Historical Figures (helping to decide the split parameters with Senior Judge Alan Weber, thanks Alan)



Thanks as well to her patient dad, member David Quick, who along with his son Ammon also worked very hard all day

AN INESTIMABLE THANK YOU FOR THOSE INCREDIBLE ANGELS WHO DONATED HARD EARNED \$\$\$ SO THAT WE COULD DO THIS WHOLE DAMNED FUN THING AT OUR FAVORITE VENUE WITH GREAT LIGHTS

Steve & Anita Travis (SVSM)	Michael & Dianne Meek (SVSM)	IPMS Santa Rosa	Greg Reynolds (IPMS/SR)
Vladimir Yakubov (SVSM)	William Ferrante (SVSM)	Randy Ray (SVSM)	Mark McDonald (SVSM)
Jaquie Turcott (friend of SVSM)	Mr Anon Y. Mouse (?)		

AND ALL THE STAFF WHO CARRIED THE LOAD ALL YEAR...

THANK YOU BEYOND WORDS...I know it's never easy but should be fun!

PLUS ALL WHO MADE SURE TO HELP ON EVENT DAY

COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU

Oh, I asked Greg Plummer, our inestimable Event Vendor VP and all around Great Guy (whose other half, Natalie, is utterly awesome and huge help to us) what he thought chances were we'd do this again, sometime next year ...

- mick *fini*



A Best of the Bay Day (completed from page 2)



A good sign when the contest staff is still smiling. Contest Director Laramie on the left, center group is Contest OG Burton with President Eric McClure, on right staged shot of Webguy John Heck & RC Chris Bucholtz caught handing out awards



Perhaps one reason "vendor" Laramie is smiling ...



Even with unavoidable delays affecting scheduling, the KOC 2011 Make 'N Take tables ended their day with one of the most successful turnouts yet. Due largely to the excellent Day of Show Volunteer Staff, for which OG Burton is eternally in their debt. Thank you all!!!



If you like these pictures, please let John Heck and Vladimir Yakubov know that, for they are the sole reason I even had any to illustrate this whole coverage of KOC 2011. Go to our website to see these and A LOT MORE. THANKS - mick fini

February 2011 SVSM MEETING *Minutes marvelously recorded by Chris Bucholtz, with minor edits by yours truly*

At the February meeting, we talked a lot about the upcoming Kickoff Classic, and a lot more about models. In model talk...

Dave Marzola was taken by the retirement scheme Hasegawa included in one issue of its F-104s, so he chose to build his Starfighter as an Italian (F-104S) model.

Greg Plummer said that Japan has quite a low-rider scene, although most of them are American cars. He took Tamiya's third-generation Honda Civic and made it into an indigenous Japanese low rider, finished in a restrained silver paint job.

Laramie Wright received DML's M4A3 76mm wet stowage Sherman in the SVSM gift exchange, and he already has the turret, hull and running gear finished. He's

also got a Sherman Vc Firefly from the 13/18th Hussars all but finished, based on a tank widely photographed before embarkation for Normandy. He scratch-built the wading trunk, waterproof mantlet and the muzzle cover. Because he was surprised by the Navy's centennial schemes, Laramie broke out an old Italeri 1:72 F/A-18 and plans to put it in the three-tone scheme. He was also hoping to have Hobbyboss's 1:72 Fw 190D-9 finished in time for the 2011 Kickoff Classic, but it still needs paint. Chris Bucholtz finished Esci's ancient and awful 1:72 WC-51 "Beep" with the help of some photoetched parts intended for the Academy WC-54 ambulance and a lot of scratchbuilding and re-shaping. His Azur Firefly is almost ready for its upper wings, which will be a challenge thanks to the iffy fit of the landing gear bay/radiator inserts. Chris' Fine Molds A6M2b Zero presents no such fit problems; he added a Quickboots gunsight and masked the canopy using Parafilm. Barry Bauer's job at the California Aerospace Museum leads him to do some interesting overtime work, like building Czech Model's 1:48



Grumman Goose in the colors of a base hack used at McClellan Air Base during the late 1930s and early 1940s. Barry says the kit fits well, but some of the resin parts seemed unnecessary. Bill Ferrante is working on a couple of 1:72 World War I subjects, a Revell Fokker Dr.I, which he's making into a F.I, and a Roden Albatros D.II. The triplane fits very well, but Bill says the Albatros is best approached as if it were a bad vacuformed kit. Shervin Shembayati took a detour into car modeling, but his attempts at painting were so traumatic that he sought solace in a Hasegawa 1:48 Spitfire I. He added Eduard seat belts and has the model masked for painting. Ron Wergin picked up a neat drill from Tamiya at the local hobby shop, and when he got home, he discovered it was a kit – you make it yourself! Once the model drill is together, it behaves just like a real drill. Ron also built a 1:35 Panzer III, and added a snow camouflage pattern to it with Tamiya paints. Frank Babbitt's Tamiya 1:48 Bf 109E-4 Trop was finished with a coat of Gunze paints and given markings from Aeromaster. The Messerschmitt's cockpit came from True Details. Cliff Kranz built a pair of Seafires, one from Hobbycraft and the other from Special Hobbies; Cliff built the latter model because it allowed him to build the plane with folded wings, although he says the decals were pretty bad. His Lindbergh 1:48 Corsair was painted up as depicted in a 1958 copy of "All American Men of War" Comics – yellow with bright pastel-colored markings! Mike Burton is building AMT's vinyl Dr. Leonard McCoy figure, getting the body less the hands and the head finished in just two hours of work. Mike is also working on a 1:72 crude, old vacuform kit of the HAL Marut Indian attack aircraft, and a far less crude Eagles' Talon TT-1 Pinto. Mike's Hasegawa F-86D Sabre will be finished as a Japanese Air Self-Defense Force plane, and it'll go nicely with his already-finished Airfix F-86D and the Japanese RF-86 Mike built from the Fujimi kit. Mike's also got an SdKfz.234/2 in the works; his Italeri kit is simplified compared to the more modern DML kit, he says. Jim Priete is turning Airfix's Renault Alpine into a mid-'70s rally car, and toward that end he's boxing in the chassis. Jim also has a HobbyBoss 1:72 MiG-3 just about finished; he detailed the cockpit and added exhausts, then finished it as plane flying in late summer, 1941. John Carr bought Jaguar's "Over the Top" figure of a World War I officer on eBay, and found it peppered with pinholes he had to fill. He scratch-built the trench and ladder, and did a fine job on the paint job. Now, he's working on a Dragon Red Devil paratrooper at Arnhem; in this case, John plans on completely building it before painting it. Randy Ray has the hull together on his Dragon 1:35 Su-100, and he's used Aber's photoetched parts to detail it. He's also replace the tracks with Fruimodellismo metal tracks and added Grandt Line bolts to those! And the model of the month goes to... Ammon Quick, who painted all the pieces on his Warhammer figure before assembly with Citadel paints, then put the heavily-armed infantryman together.

Our club contest this month was "Doctor's Orders," keying on the letters MD and doctors. Dave Marzola built Dr. Kurt Tank's Fw 190D-9, as offered up in the Hasegawa 1:32 kit, and he also built Monogram's 1:48 Douglas AD-6 Skyraider, which he says goes together very nicely. Cliff Kranz completed an example of the VK.4205, using the Nichimo King Tiger turret (with the turret designed by Dr. Ferdinand Porsche) on the Italeri Elefant hull and chassis. Mike Burton dwelled on the initials MD, as in McDonnell Douglas; he had a Hasegawa 1:72 Douglas A-1J Skyraider, a Rareplanes vacuformed McDonnell XP-67 Moonbat, and a Rareplanes RA-3B Skywarrior, which survived the Loma Prieta earthquake. And the winners were... In third place, with his latest example of Dr. Werner von Braun's V-2, was Cliff Kranz. His latest is the kit by Mirage, with markings from the IPMS/USA National Convention decals from 2009. In second place, with his own Fw 190 in 1:32, was Frank Babbitt. He assembled Hasegawa's Fw 190A-5 and outfitted it with metal gun barrels, then finished it with Polly Scale paints. And in first place, with a 1:72 fantasy Fw 190D racing plane, was Mike Meek. Mike added a Griffon engine to make Dr. Tank's Butcher Bird race ready.



CONGRATULATIONS
Ammon Quick
FOR WINNING FEBRUARY MODEL OF THE MONTH



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF SVSM MEETING 03-18-11

Friday, March 18 2011

IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting, club contest theme “ No Wonder ”

Friday, April 8 2011

IPMS/Fremont Hornets monthly meeting, night’s club theme “ Four On The Floor ” Includes F-4 Phantoms!

Saturday, April 9 2011

IPMS/Seattle host their Spring Classic @ Renton Community Center, Renton, WA

Sunday, April 10 2011

IPMS/San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers host “Catfight 2011” at San Joaquin Valley Fairgrounds, Bldg #2 Stockton, CA. Event theme “Grumman Fighters, Wildcat to Tomcat”. Special Awards, Raffle, Lots of fun! BONUS! Same time, same locale! Stockton Model Car Show& Contest. So TWO chances to enter, win!

Friday, April 15 2011

IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting, club contest theme “ Railroad Empire ”(aka Elections).

Friday, May 11 2011

IPMS/Fremont Hornets monthly meeting, night’s theme “ May Go On ” (Update on “Eyes In The Sky”entries)

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

I didn’t have any time to write one, besides I ran out of room! So instead, the important part parked here for y’all to be informed – mick

SVSM EDITOR’S CONTEST THEME MAY 2011 “ Red Stars ”

What else could it be in the revolutionary month? ANYTHING Finished, as long as it wears a Red Star OR is of Russian, USSR, PRC, North Korean, Yugoslav derivation. Don’t forget, more than a few Air Racers and Sport craft fit that “derivative” definition. Think of it as “May Day is Pay Day” and try to take the Editor’s prize bucks

SVSM EDITOR’S CONTEST THEME JUNE 2011 “ Here Comes The Sun ”

This is a SUMMER CELEBRE! . Editor’s not shilling as a Solar Power Consultant, merely emphasizing the bright outlook for participation in this. ANYTHING Finished in PRIMARILY Yellow is potential winner. Realizing some need more clarification: conceive not only do USN trainers and Blue Angel “Beetle Bombs” fit this bill alongside “Roth Mysterion” and Dick Tracy Space Coupes, so also does any WW2 German vehicle with Dark Yellow schema. Need more nudging? Rest of concept will have to await another issue when more room on page available...

SVSM EDITOR’S CONTEST THEME JULY 2011 “ Vive Le Republique ! “

This is a PATRIOTIC riff, in spirit of our annual celebre, of course with twist. Editor’s outline of obvious entry: any FINISHED Republic Aircraft product (for competitive purposes I am allowing Seversky aircraft inclusion) There is of course an edge to gain, if you can finish your work in French markings convincingly, more success. Which offers you a rainbow of possibilities, I hope a flash of inspiration will streak through you. Chief concern is you all aren’t just struck with a thunderbolt of a single note, makes me screech to think of it. Must jet off now.

Oh, My Bad! I have completely overlooked the more inclusive angle to this particular patriotic endeavor! NOTE Everyone who wants to enter ANY AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR subject (and like many “modern” historians, I consider the War of 1812 to be the true “end of that conflict” so you can build range accordingly...) OR if you’re in a wheeling and dealing mood, AMERICAN MOTORS COMPANY products clearly do qualify!

“ Prescriptive Madness ”: Review February 2011 Club Contest



Field of Battle for our first contest for 2011, didn't disappoint when it came to turnout, did it? We clearly managed to follow “ Doctor's Orders “ sufficiently enough to spend the pleased sponsor's (*editor*) money!

With a very wide range of entrants possible, anything could happen. Then again, there were competing forces about, namely the imminent Hobby Expo 2011 the very next day, followed by two more weekends of events. Maybe no one would want to be troubled with this silly contest of the Editor's, thought he. He'd just wait, see.



Ach, Editor clearly was being

too nervous...Get him a doctor ☺



As you can view above, Doctor Kurt Tank was very well represented in some form or another at our club contest. From the left, a 1/72 scale Focke Wulf D-9 work in process. In the center spot is his last known design to see flight, the HAL HF – 24 Marut (Wind Spirit) a vac form in progress. The lovely finished FW D-9 in camouflage was a tough competitor in 1/32.

Alas, the late arrival of yet another version of Dr Tank's Butcher Bird took home the trophy!

First Place for FW-190 RACER, 1/72 scale various, by Mike Meek



Second Place for 1/32 scale FW-190, Black 4 by Frank Babbitt



Third Place for 1/48 V-2 "Sandy" by Cliff Kranz

Really quite a nice variety in turnout, with the mischievous maladroits of SVSM still in evidence. One managed to leave meeting and return with a "one to one scale MD entry" that definitely managed to fit in with no rule bending. Perhaps yet another new twist to the term "Model Smart Ass", then again... speaking of Doctors, we did manage to see, albeit as WIP, the real McCoy!



Thankfully, there was another and larger Douglas Skyraider for the "D" side. My AD was paired with "M" as McDonnell's first aircraft the XP-67 Moonbat (someone get that designer a doctor !!) since I was so ashamed to have literally dragged in a dust collector in effort to achieve my original "MD"

All *new* models were in the winners circle, thank you Judges and contestants alike! Below, Dave Marzola's



lovely 1/48 D for Douglas A-1 was clearly a contender. Directly above, Moonbat with his D for Dust bunny pal.

NEXT MEETING:

7:00 PM

FRIDAY

MARCH 18

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd

Milpitas, CA

