

# THE AFTER MARKET SHEET



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# SIGNAL ACCOMPLISHMENT: MY FM #4 is RW





2013 IS MY BANNER YEAR IN MODEL BUILDING

Text & Photos by: Rodney J. "Red" Williams © January 7, 2014 (#4 in series "Meet Your Fellow Modeler")

I hope everyone had a nice holiday and that the annual gift exchange went as planned in December. I have received some nice "feedback" from some of you concerning the stories that I have sent in for publication in either the "BUZZ" (Fremont Hornets) and/or "Styrene Sheet" (SVSM). So I say " thank you ".

Last year was a banner year for me as I built and/or finished *thirty two* models. YES - 32 models. Some of the models were started in late 2012, like around October, November and December. Most all of the models are "out-of-the-box" and some have a few modifications. On a 'quality' scale of one to ten, my models are at least an 8.5 to a 9.

I built some prop and jet aircraft, then tossed in a few armor models. I added a couple of helicopters and cars.

A real mixed bag of models, that's for sure.

#### Editor's MisBehavings - this month's editor, Mick Burton

#### "The Golden Anniversary, A Fiftieth Year, for IPMS Seattle, USA and The SOUTH BAY Chapters "

Now it may seem entirely cheeky to some but I am sorry, it's damned deadly appropriate in these three cases to paraphrase Winston Churchill's reference to accomplishment in a much more significant battle fought in a far different, innocent time.

# "Never was so much, owed by so many, to so few"

Some will of course vehemently or dismissively deride my "co –opt" of this famous and deservedly applied honorarium. To those living and recently dead front line warriors of the air fighting for their way of life over England & the Free World.

The Battle of Britain is an excellent metaphor in my estimate, on a grantedly "micro cosmic" level, to those three I noted. Only by the virtue, hard work and spirit, belief in something more and beyond themselves alone, yes, sacrifice of many and often enough not self rewarding to them, did the fact of these three "communities" see their faces living on at age FIFTY.

Just like those intrepid and faithful in face of "odds against you, be smart, cut losses, give it up or take less than a win" to others not in the game. Or not having the vision to see it through or worse, supremely confident "others" would do the work so all "they" had to do was occasionally show up, say something encouraging, maybe throw a few quid towards "needs" if pressed to. Then, "it all would just go on, business as usual, no hard effort here, after all, *IT*"S JUST A HOBBY, RIGHT?"

That every year for fifty cycles, enough "few" saw to it (for whatever reason, selfish, selfless, crazy, rational, of no matter in bigger picture of survival) that the much needed was me. Such that in the end, the many would be again able to show up and be served, equally and with good will. All testament that in the end it's the people who want and give a little more than their share or what seems the "sensible amount, given it's "just a hobby, after all". Like all great and worthy human efforts.

A little momentum, goes a long way. Imagine what a little more can do, you begin to contribute knowledge to our drift...

Since one of my next perennial editorial rants is upcoming and segues perfectly here, I'll bring to fore in organic method. Don't at all think or if you happen to be in party of the few still around who knew, that our South Bay Chapter of IPMS has been somehow "miraculously immune" Or, "but for a very few misunderstood or mistold tales, been pretty easygoing" for its 50 years, with of course from some, a snide "unlike OTHER clubs" to spice it in closing. NO F%#&\$! Way ANY DAY.

Besides the more usual strains that indeed have totaled out, reduced to mere shells or embers of former selves, or merely be reason that anyone off the street can see "this or that club has no future" for such an expected anniversary. THIS CLUB has ON PUBLIC and INTERNAL RECORD the signal achievement of being perhaps the ONLY CLUB EVER TO NEARLY SECEDE TOTALLY FROM THE USA UNION in its youthful past glories. Only by a very close vote of the membership, did then San Jose Scale Modelers determine democratically and in full view, decide to stay to carry on fight inside not be as some then internally and outside keenly hoped (had worked for in fact) yet another "footnote in IPMS Dustbin of history". I knew a lot of the raw history nearly first hand, having met and gotten to know several key players in this whole sordid bit which took place not too long before I joined the club. Trust that we had several other nasty turns in our past history which several other groups could relate to (if they still were around to ask, that is) that could have easily made sure we too be gone if not "for a few, often a damned few" who made sure others evil or petty or just plain too stupid to live or carry on respect, did not win, prevail, or succeed. Sometimes the few lost a member or two or more along the way, but the essence of the few who looked out for their own selfish (in a way) reasons always carried the day so we could have this one. So please, keep in mind and hearts that is a microcosm of how our entire tribe on this spaceship we occupy the thin habitable layer of, works a magic of civilization, despite the true beasts that inhabit it in ever increasing numbers. Not a cynic, just a radical realist, me. And because it just seems too appropo NOT TO RECYCLE this signoff from last (month and year's) editorial here:

THANK YOU ALL again. Don't forget to renew early so we have more resources sooner to carry this all on another 50! – mickb

1) BEGIN MY FM #4 ARTICLE ON HOW "RED" GAVE HIS ALL FOR 2013 BUILDING (resumes at 3 until 10) 2) EDITORIAL /TABLE OF CONTENTS JANUARY 2014 TAMS

11) REMINDERS ON UPCOMING (7) CLUB CONTESTS FOR 2014 ALREADY ANNOUNCED

12) HONORING THE PASSING OF A HUGE CONTRIBUTOR TO OUR YEARS OF FUN TAKEN TOO SOON

13) REMINISCENCE (WAYBACK MACHINE) (to sheet 19) Number One of a series

19) END OF WAYBACK NUMBER ONE and a SENDOFF TO RECALL THE GOLDEN RULE OF MODELLING

I bought a dual Eduard kit that contained two 1:72 scale WW-I NIEUPORT Ni-17s.



These models were excellent in all respects, including some fine PE parts. These two kits would be my 4th and 5th WW-I Bi-Planes. My first two bi-planes were in 1:48 scale and were made in 2011 & 2012.



I had excellent results in stringing the rigging wire by using womens' long black hair on these models, despite my "old-age" shaky hand (s) problem (i.e; *aka essential tremors-ed.*).

Another dual project of mine was my two 1/144 scale "Connies" that have been laying around for a decade or more. One was to be decked out in TWA markings and the other one was planned as a MATS aircraft.





When it was decal time for the TWA model, the decals came apart in no less than a few dozen pieces... WOW!!

The decal sheet for MATS airplane contained decals for two different aircraft, thus the TWA became another military aircraft.



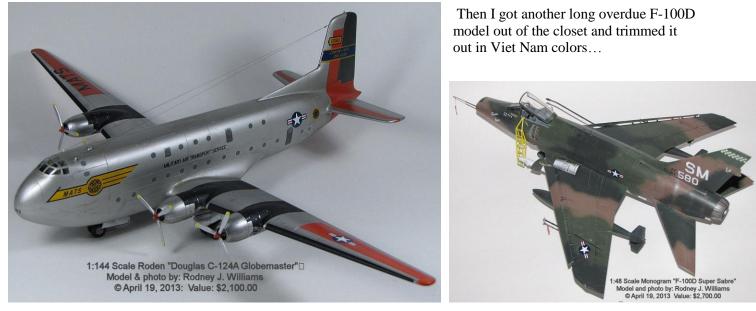
I saw a photo of a Corsair on the web that was in German markings so I took ONE of my two identical F4U-4 air race models. I stripped off the paint and painted it in German camo colors, then selected some AeroMaster German decals

#### **RODNEY CONTINUES FINISHING THESE MODELS**

I built a P-51A racer in 48th scale then added my long overdue 32nd scale "Laird-Turner Meteor #29" racer to my collection.



I got out my Roden 144th scale C-124A Globemaster and built it!



I like the small armor models as I built three of them within one week and put them on some local sandstone bases.





#### RODNEY NOW MIDWAY THRU HIS BANNER YEAR OF MODELS



1:72nd Sc ale Trumpeter Russian T-55 Medium Tank M

The 3rd un-built model is for Continental Airlines.

In my 36 years of model building I have never had any kits that were a total "wipe-out" like these kits.

I bought three 144th scale cast resin turbo-prop airline models from a company called "F-RSIN" over in France for about USD\$100.00. Another wow!! These airlines have a tag name of ATR-72 - Air New Zealand & ATR-42 - Pan Am.





The cast resin was pitted really bad and it took lots of sanding to get rid of the tiny pin holes. The landing gears are the worst parts and the instructions are next to worthless to say the least.

The 4 and 6 bladed prop hubs had to be reworked. I added a backing plate then drilled in some holes so that the blades fit into it.

I finished two of the models and used some of the kit decals. I got extremely upset building these two piles of "junk" and decided not to finish the 3rd one.

However at \$33.00 each, I guess I should build the last one as I know what to look forward to.



I bought a couple of Minicraft B-24 models to build at a cost of over 40 bucks each. I cannot guess why the

company made each pair of fuselage halves in two parts. The small nose sections have to be glued to the long back section of the fuselage. They made no provisions to join the two sections together, like what I call a "lip" and/or step-plate so that one part fits in alignment with the other part. The main problem with both kits was adding enough weight so that the models rest on the nose gears.



Last year I went up to IPMS Grand Junction, Colorado's annual contest and took about 25 models and helped with the judging. They have a nice show and this was my second time in attendance. August brought about the



annual IPMS/USA Loveland National Convention. Its location was about 50 miles north of Denver, Colorado.

I entered 27 models and helped judge again. I was presented with my 10th year national judging certificate.



Then I close out the year at the annual IPMS Chris Hewitt "Modelzona" show down at the CAF Museum in Mesa, Arizona. This was my fourth trip down to Arizona. Three great shows last year gave me some fun with old friends and displaying my many models. I had the opportunity to take several digital images of the CAF Museum's restored B-17G inside and out, plus watched it taxi out of the hangar area and down to the end of the runway. After lifting off the tarmac, it came right over us at about a 100 feet and maybe 180mph. What a sight, then their B-25 did the same thing. (*Red's fine photography of all this will be found in January 2014 OSS* –Ed.)

And like Mick Burton said a couple of decades ago about "Rodney-the Trophy Hunter", I came home from the three shows with more awards. I added up all of my awards in December, 2013 and I now have 289 awards since I joined the IPMS/USA organization in January, 1984.

In closing out this story we always say:

HAPPY MODELING

Rodney





1:72 Scale Revell AGUSTA A-109 K2 REGA

P.S. As ever.....any questions ? Email me at: fox7077@gmail.com

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If you'd like to know more on this "Africa" Do-27build,

See Fremont Hornet BUZZ #12 (10/29/13)



1:32 Scale Revell Do-27 "Grzimek" - Serengeti Version Flown by: Michael Grzimek - 1957 - Serengeti National Park, Tanzania Africa



Of course, likely some of you recall that the details on how much fun "Dreamliner" of Rodney's are found in the December 2013 TAMS cover article.







1:50 Scale Heller "Fire-Rescue" Helicopter





1:72 Scale Trumpeter German Tank "Sturumgeschutz - III Ausf.B"

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1:72 Scale EMHAR F-94C Starfire



**REMINDER COMPLETE CLUB CONTESTS FOR SVSM 2014** 

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## SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST FEBRUARY 2014 "From GODDARD To GAGARIN"

ANY and ALL "Real Space" subjects literally from the beginning. Paper Proposals to Prototypes, Any type. Basic premise: ANY subject you like, any Nation or period. As long as it's clearly connected to Real Space Age in development or design. X-15, X-17, X-38 included. Don't forget the "Lifting Bodies" series which lead to the recently retired Space Shuttle. That's the M2F-1, 2,3, HL-10, X-24. Also Soviet counterparts (EP-01, Buran). A Titan I, II, Redstone, or Thor ballistic missile is okay even as military (war) payload version (since they have "civil" booster cousins). Same applies to Soviet SS-6. Obviously the Mercury/Gemini/Apollo, Vostok, Soyuz, Salyut, Luna programs qualify. As do all the "spy satellites" and their launch vehicles. Don't forget there's more than a few other nations that have put vehicles into Real Space, with kits or means available to model. There's a LOT of potential kits to put in as entries. Make your own "crash effort" join in with Editor's birthday month fun.

# SVSM MEMBERS' CONTEST THEME MARCH 2014 "The Beatles Invasion "

FOR THIS ONE in COMPLETE DETAIL, please go to www.mickbmodeler.com, at drop tab "club contests"

# SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST MAY 2014 "The 80s" (aka Modelling Miami Vice II)

ANY and ALL "F-80s" for a start ! (F-80, F-82, F-84, etc) Olds "88" cars. Any 88mm weapon/system. T-80s. Any 1980s auto marque. Convair 880 or 580. Airbus 380. Work on the seed, find a way that fits your need.

# SVSM MEMBER'S CONTEST THEME JUNE 2014 "THE F-1 CHALLENGE"

For ALL F-1 Cars of any era, plus if that doesn't suit you, also open to Century Series a/c, also Certain Mirages, Fords and whatever other clever rules benders can devise...

# SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST JULY 2014 " DAY OF TRINITY "

As some fun, here's the basic outlines: Simplest entry method, bring to enter any group of three "NEW" to our table subjects you built. Or slightly more complex, a single entry on a "Tripled" theme. (TriMotor, TriJet, Tri Wheel Auto. NO, Tricycle gear aircraft by themselves, aren't okay as single entries). Or, go for nuclear option, again, single entry subject allowed as long as it's clearly "The BOMB". Nuke weapons (ICBM, IRBM, SLBM, Tactical missiles as delivery vehicles. Bombs, too.) Subs, Aircraft, Armor delivery vehicles, NOT eligible alone.

# SVSM MEMBERS' CONTEST OCTOBER 2014 "THAT '60'S CONTEST"

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## SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME NOVEMBER 2014 "THE SHARKS SPECIAL"

Celebrating San Jose's puck head connection, with a twist. ALL Shark Mouthed vehicles, <u>EXCEPT for P-40s</u> !, are eligible to compete. Since Editor and his adviser VP happen to like them, ANY C-2 Corvettes also eligible. (Ask WHY? Easy. they are directly connected by "Mako Shark" design exercise. Also fits for this "Special"). Usual \$ 10 per win. ③ Why NO "mouthy" P-40s? The Editor's gold, he makes rules. *They're cliché*.

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#### SVSM Silicon Valley Classic 2014 Special Award Reference Material Briefing

### SA13. "Angelo Deogracias Memorial" for Best Competition Auto Subject



Midwest Man to the core. Fierce Competitor and an even more fiercely loyal friend. Modeler of the armored vehicle (a nod to his days at FMC Corp) aircraft (Hawker Typhoon !) and automotive ( hey **I am from** *INDIANAPOLIS*, Burton, geez c'mon!) in equal measures, and huge fan of all modelling,

This hobby lost a real friend & cornerstone with passing of Angelo Deogracias in December 2013.



One of his favorite 1/1 passions was that of Competitive Motorsports, especially the Indy 500 & Formula One, though he gave California points for Laguna Seca, plus for Douglas & the Able Dog

Whole concept that he'd be the subject of a memorial trophy, would be as amazing to him as his sudden departure before his 52<sup>nd</sup> year coming up February was to us, his friends "Out West". But he'd want it to be shared, and Angelo was a major spirit force to SVSM's keeping their Ayrton Senna Memorial Award for Best Competition Auto Subject going for so long.



On behalf of his adopted home model club in California, we offer this award in honor of SPAD. - Mick Burton & Mike Meek (sponsors)

We pass through this life but once. When we are gone before our time, our friends make efforts on our behalf 😕



## TRI-CITY CLASSIC X Scale Model Contest and Exhibition SPECIAL AWARD PROMO & REFERENCE DATA FOR

# "P-51, Cadillac of the Skies"

### Angelo Deogracias Memorial Award for Best Mustang

PLOT SYNOPSIS: Without doubt, my dear friend & expatriate Free Hornet would rather have had the chance to be a problem visitor in my days at the budget retirement village (aka coming to pester me for extra creamer at my McDonald's register...) Sadly, as unpredictable life would have it, he became the one to leave the building first, damn him! Fate is the Hunter, indeed.

Thus to me fell the task of somehow offering an adequate "model sendoff" which would have met with his approval & laugh. Since he delighted in mockingly reminding me at unexpected turns, of how "Burton just went to my model closet, pulled out a Mustang and had it half done during *MY* Buildfest" to friends over the years, seems apropos enough to repay him now in kind.

Plus, I did buy him his first ride in a Mustang, and movie "Empire of the Sun" had this catchphrase he would burst out with...

Being also ironic as he'd appreciate, his passing was in his year 51, and of his three most favorite planes, only the Mustang has the wide range to offer proper fierce competition that slightly captures Angelo's essence. Sorry to you Typhoon or Corsair fans

THE CAST : So ANY P-51, F-51, A-36, or F-6 is eligible. Also Mustangs of the many "Foreign" employs. Or the Air Racers !

THE CREDITS: In order to WIN this award, your subject must be adjudged THE BEST of the above outlined casting.

SPECIAL EFFECTS: How few times we have ever had a show which had NO Mustangs. Yet, how actually few times do these sometimes abundant entries ever even hint at the intriguing range of this subject, almost a crying shame. Among other "plans" now permanently belayed for Angelo was seeing a "good" 1/48 (his preferred aircraft scale) Swiss Air Force Mustang. Plus he spoke of South African Air Force Korean War as something he'd like to finish, "to be different" and as a wily competitor...

## PART ONE OF OUR YEAR LONG MEMORY JOG FROM THE CLUB ARCHIVES (page 13) Heading Now Are We To the <u>CHAPTER WAYBACK MACHINE</u>!

Before I close the first issue of TAMS for 2014, as promised we will start a series of articles to celebrate with you all veteran and newbie alike. where we've been and who was there. Not many clubs get this chance, enjoy!

FROM 1971 (Frame: we're already in business 8 years as a club, 7 as an IPMS USA Chapter "SOUTH BAY")

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A MODEL CONTEST AND OPEN SHOW HOSTED BY THE <u>SOUTH BAY</u> <u>CHAPTER</u> OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY.

MODELERS

ATTENTION

WHEN: SUNDAY MARCH 14 th, 1-4 PM

WHERE: LENNINGER COMMUNITY CENTER 1300 SENTER RD. SAN JOSE

AWARDS GIVEN IN BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISIONS FOR 1/72 A/C, 1/4 A/C, ARMOURED FIGHTING VEHICLES, DIORAMA AND OPEN CLASS.

> NOMINAL ENTRY FEE NO ADMISSION CHARGED

"MODELING AND FRIENDSHIP GO HAND IN HAND"

## **OUR FIRST CONTEST !**

With a fine hand crafted "A" size (8.5 x 11) sheet with "Leroy" lettering in a great evidence (if you had any exposure to drafting or design prior to onset boom in CAD, recognize as icon) The South Bay Chapter of IPMS (USA) invites folks.

Note the Spring date, how it falls on a Sunday with a THREE HOUR event span

Of tangential interest but is fun for the Editor, note the "English" spelling used for AFV class, and also in the locale spelling which is phonetic spoken versus the true "technical" version. If you're not familiar with it, Leininger Community Ctr is located where San Jose's Kelley Park is, beside the Happy Hollow Park.

12 years later, this Editor would become member of San Jose Scale Modelers, and serve his first time as a Contest Staffer here at the LAST contest ever to be held on these grounds.

For reasons that would be all too familiar not many years later, in matters of an event there's no fast or for a long term, stable answer.

Please note also the catch phrase on the bottom, it is a trademark of a founder ! *You will recognize the name.* 

#### PART ONE OF OUR YEAR LONG MEMORY JOG FROM THE CLUB ARCHIVES

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Note that we have a slight change in the character of event now here, it's billed as REGIONAL (Nor Cal), a Time now of 1-430pm, and Leininger is spelt "correctly". Far more interesting, ONLY CHAPTER Members MAY COMPETE ! At a whopping 50 cents, UNLIMITED Entries. Quite a difference from nowadays, hey?

## I. P. M. S.

SOUTH BAY CHAPTER

REGIONAL MEETING AND CONTEST: The South Bay Chapter (San Jose) of I.P.M.S. will hold the first ever Northern California Regional Meeting and Contest on March 14, 1971 from 1:00 to 4:30 P. M. at the Octagon Room, Leininger Community Center, 1300 Senter Rd., San Jose.

All I.P.M.S. members are invited to attend, although the contest will be open to chapter members only.

Contest entry fees will be 50¢ per person. For this entry fee a member may enter as many models as he desires. The contest winners will be decided by vote on the basis of one vote per chapter member attending. The contest categories are listed below:

AIRCRAFT:		MILITARY VEHICLES:	OPEN CLASS:
1/72nd Scale:		Senior;	Senior;
Senior; lst 2nd	Junior; lst 2nd	lst 2nd 3rd	lst 2nd 3rd
3rd	3rd	Junior; lst	Junior; lst
1/48th Scale;		2nd 3rd	2nd
Senior; lst 2nd 3rd	Junior; lst 2nd 3rd	DIORAMA:	3rd
Other Scales: 1st		lst 2nd 3rd	

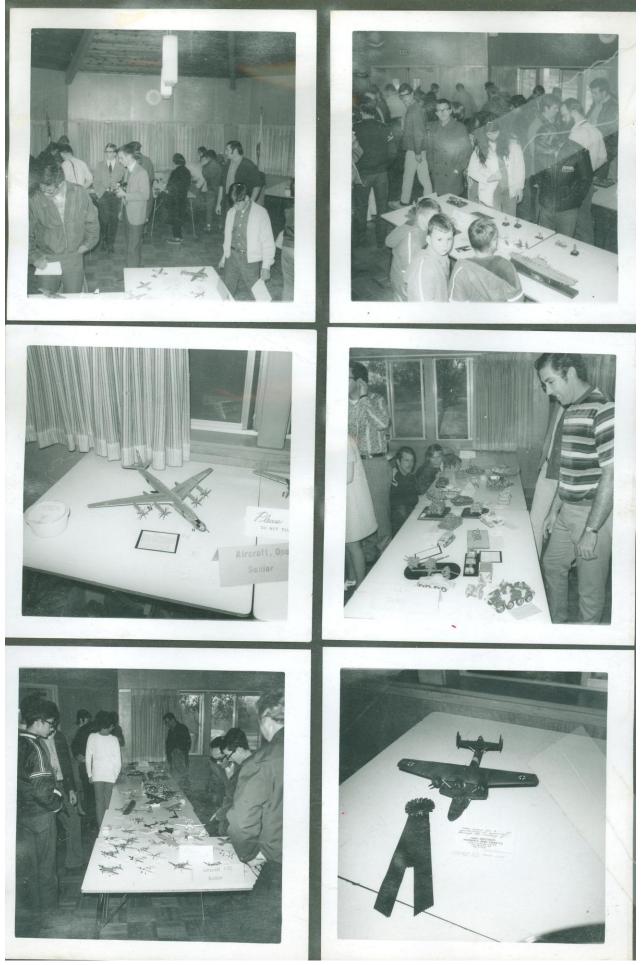
In addition to the above awards, one Best of Show Award will be given to the model receiving the most votes.

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND, AND BE SURE TO BRING MODELS FOR THE CONTEST: NOTE TO SOUTH BAY CHAPTER MEMBERS:

Because of the Regional Meeting on the 14th, the regular monthly meeting scheduled for March 12th will not be held. However, an informal meeting of those members interested in volunteering their services for the Regional Meeting will be held at the scheduled time. This is planned to take care of the last-minute details that always come up. If you have the time, try to make it Friday night.

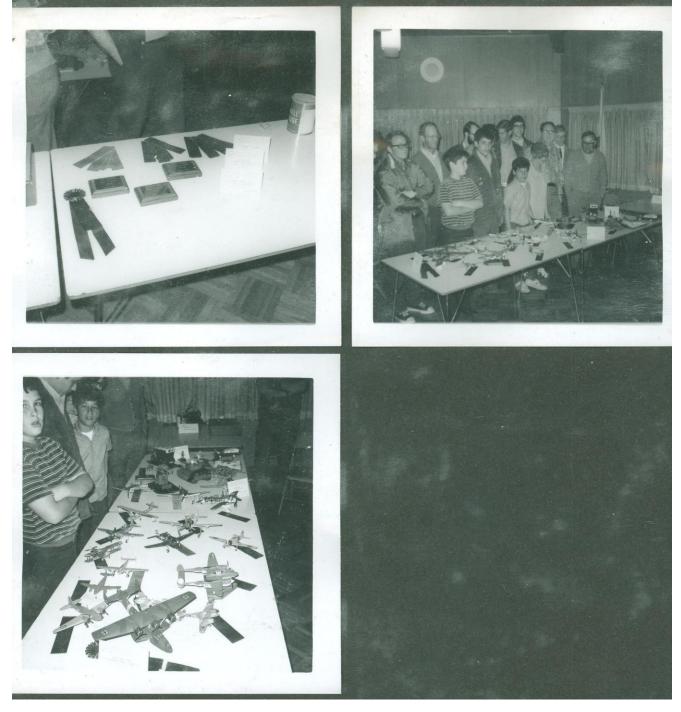
## LOOKING AT THE 1971 NOR CAL IPMS REGIONAL HOSTED BY US !

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#### LOOKING MORE AT THE 1971 NOR CAL IPMS REGIONAL HOSTED BY US !

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On the next page, a snapshot of the "after battle report" given to IPMS Journal, with two pics from this set. Here's text:

FROM Bill Magnie, Public Relations man for IPMS SOUTH BAY CHAPTER in San Jose, California

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#### LAST LOOKING AT THE 1971 NOR CAL IPMS REGIONAL HOSTED BY US !

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Here's a look at the original page from which the text was taken, and the pictures which illustrated it for USA IPMS magazine. The captions note the Do-24 "Best In Show" and the scratchbuilt 1/100 "BEAR"

the model idea to commemorate the 1970 summer active duty tour. From THE GLOBTROTTER about member TSgt. William T. Bennett whose Medal of Honor AAHS project was featured in 5Q1&2.

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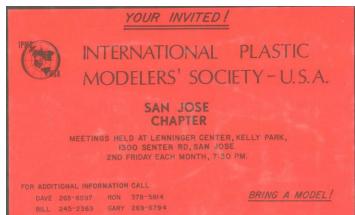


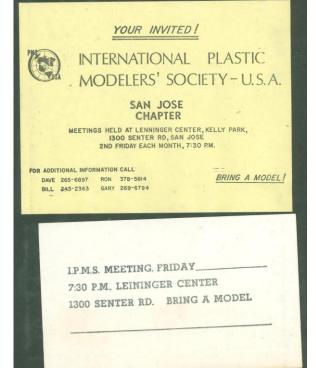
Do 24----"BEST IN SHOW"



SCRATCH-BUILT 1/100 "BEAR"

**FROM 1970s :** We had some large crimson banners to set out for public viewing, as you see we kept at it no matter how spelt Or grammar'ed (Lenninger and your vs you're. Editor is pleased)





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#### MORE LOOKING BACK AT THE YOUTH of IPMS SOUTH BAY !

**FROM 1969 :** All these years later, it may surprise some of you newcomers to what we used to consider much a "tradition" as the chapter's staging annual contests. Namely, "**The Moffett Field Days Display**" by our group. Here is a small sample of the 1969 passage, it may have been our first (I have to research further to confirm)

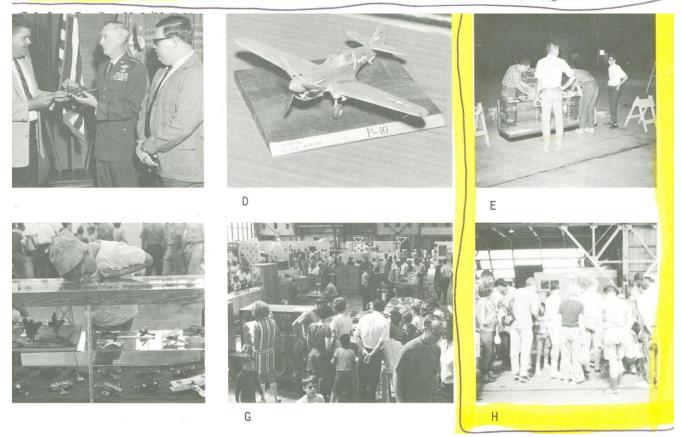
PHOTO PAGE (Overleaf):

A & B: A meeting of IPMS/Tidewater. Photo A (L to R): Cdr Guy Bordelon - night fighter ace in Korea, Ted Zepnikowski, visitor, blanked out, Jim Meehan, John Schonhurst. Photo B (L to R): Zepnikowski, Meehan, Cleves Howell, Schonhurst, John West.

C & D.: Paul Turner (L) and Howell Wylie (R) of the Midwest Chapter, Omaha, presenting to Gen B. K. Holloway, SAC Commander in Chief, a model of the P-40 flown by the general in China. A close up of the presentation model.

F & G: Armed Forces Day, Lowry AFB, Colorado, May 17 1969. 370 models displayed by 12 men of the Denver Chapter and viewed by over 5000 visitors. To quote Bob Alexnader, "The Air Force had provided us with 10 glass cases of various sizes and several large tables. The first ten ninutes of the public viewing quickly told us that we would HAVE to have a rope separator between the table displays and the little fingers of the little viewers. The display was generally laid out by model type and in the airplane group by aviation era. There were 48 tanks in a general showing, 12 contemporary ship models together, 22 space and missile models and the remainder were aircraft of many nations and many eras. The period represented were: WWI, Between WWI and WWII, WWII alone, Post WWII to Korean Conflict and, finally, Viet Nam Conflict and Modern Military Aircraft. The public reacted favorably, were genuinely interested and asked intelligent questions. We never spared for attention. We temporarily claim a record for THE LARGEST ONE DAY DISPLAY OF MODELS IN A GENERAL PUBLIC GATHERING. To those who wish to best it I can only say, 'Be prepared for one heck of a big job. It was Work. It was also worth it.' ".

E & H: Moffet Field, Aug 9, 10. 50 Navy and Marine A/C models shown by the South Bay (Calif) Chapter. William Magnie reports: "The one shot (E) is the display being set up on Friday night. The other demonstrates what happened all day Saturday and Sunday. We picked up the names of a possible 35 new members also. It was hard work, but fun, too." Photos via William Magnie.



Again, this was material submitted to the USA National IPMS magazine, and as you see, one of our Founders, Mr. Bill Magnie, was a regular contributor on our behalf. He was a damned good photographer of old school., a Passion (not "just a hobby") which he practiced and passed on tips to all who were smart enough to listen on. It will be my pleasure here to advise that in next month's Wayback Machine, you'll get a picture of "Old Bill".

Mr. Bob Mort International Plastic Modelers Society 4102 Mira Loma Way San Jose, California 95111

Dear Mr. Mort:

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation for the participation and static display furnished by your organization in the Open House and Air Show at Moffett Field on August 9 and 10.

The cooperation extended by the International Plastic Modelers Society contributed greatly to the success of the overall Air Show. The display proved to be one of the most interesting viewed by over 275,000 visitors.

Again, my sincere appreciation and a Navy "Well Done" for your participation.

Sincerely,

E. SORENSON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

**FROM 1969 :** We didn't just "show and go" on then very hot activity wise premises of the NAS Moffett Field, inside Hangar One

Far from it, and afterwards, we'd get with our efforts a nice reward as exemplified here.

Note the "Navy Well Done" we were given, also visitors estimate which was well exceeded in years ahead. I know, I was part of last few years we did this gig. So are a few other members still alive to tell you. It was damned fun and a LOT OF HARD WORK TO DO.

Also a HUGE single source of new membership. It was what led me for one to finally overcome a marked intimidation and join up.

#### AN APOLOGY

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Please note that these inaccuracies and inadequacies have been deliberately built in to irritate, specifically, yourself. Don't bother telling us about it, we already know, and frankly, we couldn't care less, we had a ball building all these. It's a damn sight harder to get these things right after all...

Have a nice day!!!!

Love from the Bad Attitude SIG

ON THE LEFT, AN APT REMINDER FROM MY ENGLISH MODEL PALS (this happened to be a shared admonition with my friend SPAD and Editor Ron)

AN APOLOGY (from the signage on left, my own for the blurry 2002 shot)

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# If you're having fun, Then you're doing it right.

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