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## *IN FULL VIEW LIGHT SHOWING JULY MEET*



### ***COVERING ALL ASPECTS AT OUR EVENT***

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

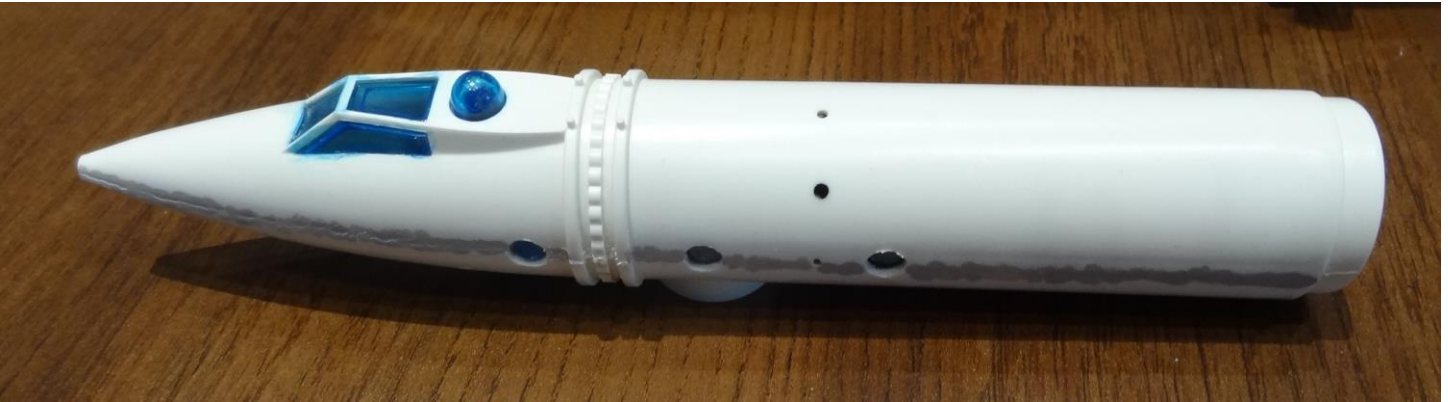


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“ A PLUG for CLUB FED from ED of CLUB MED ”

*This month turns out “ Club Fed ” ( my shorthand reference to IPMS-USA & HQ ) is again pleasingly surprising this old timer with another set of examples of how these days they actually make it clear there can be an advantage to being IPMS Nat'l member To usefully celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IPMS USA, new members can join for 3 year membership costing for 2 year rate. Existing can renew or extend existing multiyear for up to that extra 3 at the 2 year rate. That really is a bargain. GO FOR IT -mb*

**(END RUN through our '24 JULY From page 8)**



Above is a Glencoe re-issue of an old “Retriever” rocket ship.

Left WIP is the rare Matchbox Vickers Wellesley bomber, nice



This Reggiane Re 2000 in RAF colors is based on reality...



The group of projects **Mike Schwarze** had, could be best summed up as “Old Home Week” as several of these were request builds for members of household !

And the **model of the month** went to... **Frank Babbitt** and his vintage vacform Junkers Ju-287  
-mick fini





Every year (except 2020) since 1964, IPMS-USA branch has hosted a “National Convention and Contest”, For 2024, it happened in week of our July SVSM meet. So some of our regulars didn’t make Milpitas, choosing “Madison” WI instead..

We few who were here didn’t lack for seat clearing event exercise ourselves, though. See evidence thus: .



Several boxes of “model entertainment” showed up before meeting called to order, some example of what was on offer may be ascertained here.

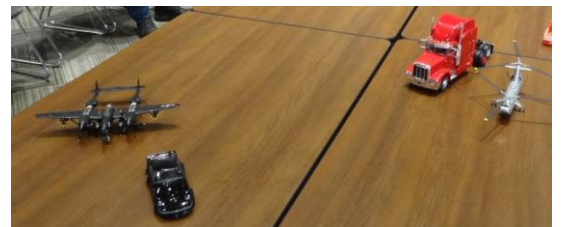


So while President (& Editor) took into account of what our attendance shaped up to be and which Club Officers would be available, others shopped

We have often enough have small sales or FREE surprises to precede our MPD meetings, this one was a banner turn and a help to getting things for a light turnout but busy agenda with low staff underway, lucky



With Treasurer, Sec’y being away on their own business, **Jim Priete** gave up his time being our recorder. THANKS JIM!. Thanks also VP **Greg Plummer** for our “24” Club Contest, seen below and covered in the June/July TAMS.





*In model talk,*

**Greg Plummer** said he wasn't intending his 1/48<sup>th</sup> early P-40 to be part of his "24" contest. So he opened our model talk with it

He used the newer Airfix kit, and picked a rare scheme for this overall nat metal finish



This is a "Panama Canal Guard" from World War Two, of the US 51<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron. Simple and elegant!



**Frank Babbitt** showed up with a very vintage and exotic project which goes all the way back to the early 1970s.

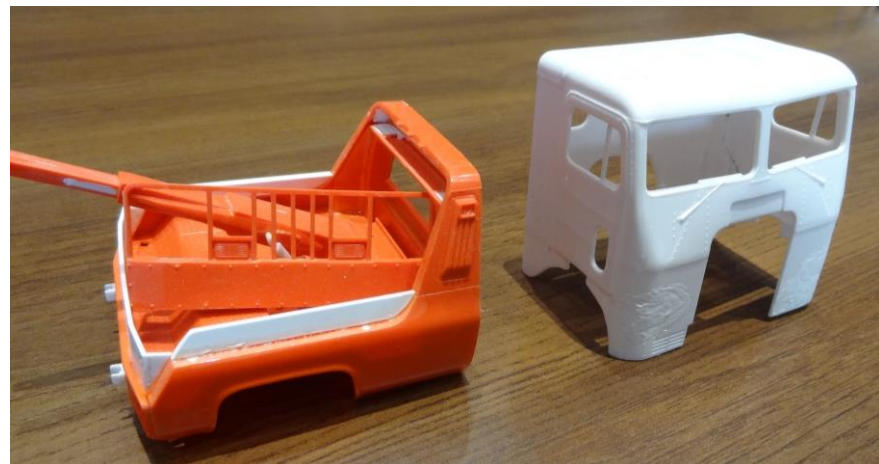
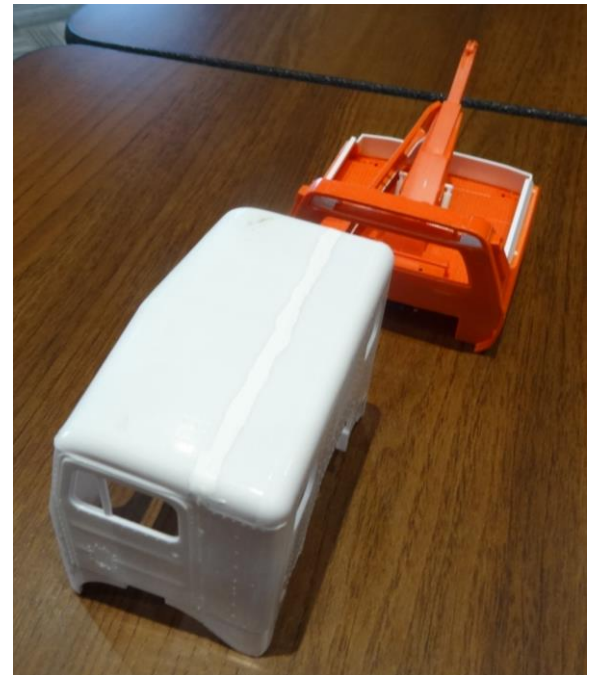
This 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Junkers Ju-287 is an Airmodel of Germany VAC-FORM.

By the way, this really did get built and flown!





Frank said it was quite an instructive experience tackling this and he enjoyed it. He said there is a huge amount of reinforcing internal structures to make sure this vehicle took, held shape.



**Cliff Kranz**, like Greg, didn't just bring entries for the "24" Club Contest, he also had one of his latest "undaunted modeler" kit bashing projects to share.

The COE in white he is backdating, will eventually be joined on a chassis with the towing rear end that is being modified and improved from its Snap Tite kit origins.

Cliff wants to produce what was once a real Consolidated Freightliner heavy truck rig.

Over six decades of maintaining the fun of modelling, Cliff is enjoying life as always!





**John Carr** has a re-issue kit going of the 1/16<sup>th</sup> scale Dragon Models USA Delta Force soldier figure.

John is as ever, much improving existing detail as well adding much of the missing detail, we look forward to the end result.



**Ron Wergin** had a pair of iconic World War Two European Theatre OPS opponents in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale in the form of the Focke Wulf FW-190 “Wurger” and North American P-51B “Mustang”



A closer look at the Fw-190 on left

The pair, as parked, seen below



Ron gave us a chance to guess what he used for the NM finish...



*RUB 'n BUFF* metalizing paste. Amazing.



**Mark Balderrama** had a set of 1/64 cars modified with aftermarket decals. One CLK-LM was also on a fancy purpose built transporter, other is set loose.

The red car is for a test fit of some conversion decals.







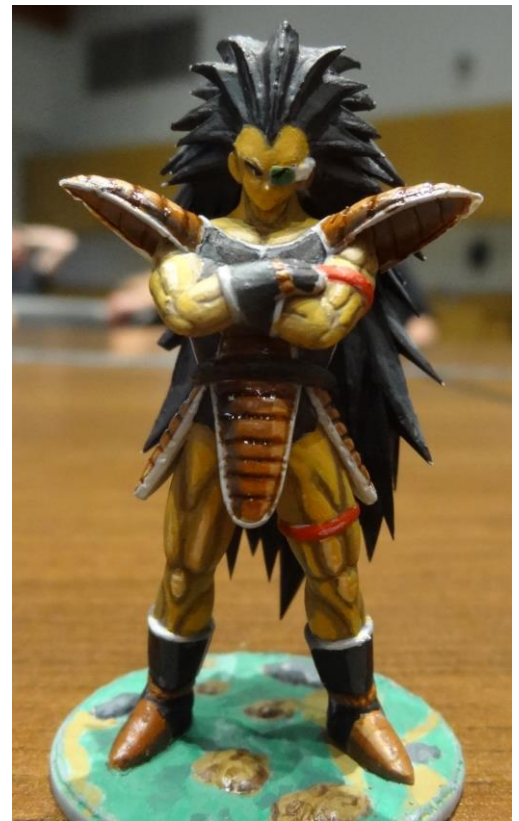
**Gabriel Lee** has a plan for a roof top raid by his 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale team of Mexican Federal Police, with Hasegawa UH-60A Blackhawk as their means of boarding roof.

I think Gabriel's aim to have something a little more exciting than the usual all over green or grey helo of this type will be well achieved when he is done.

**Aaron Rhetta** had two run throughs now of trying out "lightning scheme" of paint on one cool blue Gundam.

I could not photograph the best look of the scheme but under UV light it's very impressive, looks great "basic"

Aaron is also getting great results trying painting techniques out on his Dragon Ball Z character of "Radnitz", seen closer up on the right below.



**Kent McClure** had a tubular time of WIP going on the table this meet, at least in 3 of 4 instances.

Taking break from his abundance of figure modelling, aerospace the place for our intrepid builder.

The Su-15 in grey is demanding lots of rescribing, no scheme picked yet

*And the rest ... (continues on page 2)*





Congratulations to  
**Frank Babbitt**  
FOR WINNING  
**JULY MODEL OF THE MONTH**





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

3rd FRIDAY of Month

**AUGUST 16** (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd  
Milpitas, CA

FOR AUGUST 2024 MEETING –BREAKING NEWS YOU CAN USE

# *A is for Atlantis*

**EDITOR'S CLUB CONTEST** sponsorship. Very simple rules: Choose one or more kits reproduced under the Atlantis Models label, build it to your satisfaction (ranges from out of the box to massive overhaul) show up to have chance to win an award at meeting !



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