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DECEMBER THE HUNT



SLIM DETAILS RE MONTH

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The results of the gift exchange, to the best of our knowledge! **December Event coverage resumes at page 7**



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



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“ A BANNER NEW YEAR , CHEER CHEER ”

Without, sadly, the company of two friends whose presence not being in the corporeal sense was keenly felt by me amongst others the opening of this year with LAST NNL West show still heralded auspicious tidings. We had over 1300 model cars on tables which was to my knowledge, the best we have ever had recorded for the event in 40 years! At the very least, when I went to find space next to my paltry 3 offerings in the colors of Germany for friend Bob Meyers only just past an hour of opening, found out he was #1015 which I know was a record number for that timing. This coming Saturday is first Region Nine event as Yuba City for DragonFest 2025 show, which also opened the Region Nine event last year on January 13. Fremont Hornets have already met for 2025 with an event on the way for November already. Fresno Scale Modelers have SPRUE BOWL II at end of this month. AWESOME YO!-mb

FAIR WARNING NOTICE OFFICIALLY BEING GIVEN !

(so that the following individuals may have time enough to leave planet before this event occurs...)

FEBRUARY SVSM Meeting Will Include E-BOARD Election!

Currently these members have been nominated for these posts:

Eugenie Ray – President 2025/26

Chris Bucholtz – 1st VP/Contest Director 2025

John Carr – 2nd VP

Bob Meyers – 3rd VP

Chris Bucholtz – Secretary

William Ferrante – Treasurer

Mick Burton – Editor

Anyone else wishing to be considered for any or all of these posts must make their nomination known ahead in time that notice of such intent can be given in the February Styrene Sheet – Editor

AND NOW IT CAN BE REVEALED IN WRITING !

YES, WE HAVE A NEW MONTHLY CLUB CONTEST ON FOR MARCH 2025 SVSM Meet at MPD site (3rd Friday)
As was originally acclaimed for by popular demand at the December 2024 “Pirate’s Pleasure” meeting. Sponsor; Mick Burton (aka The Editor)

90 Day Wonders Contest

ANYTHING that is AMONG the 61 GIFTS in exchange for the December 20th 2024 Meeting (as listed in this OSS issue) IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE at the MARCH 21 2025 Meeting FOR 3 CASH PRIZES (1 each winning entry, no sweeps)

JUST TO MAKE IT MORE COMPETITIVELY INTERESTING & POTENTIALLY MORE WELL ATTENDED:

WHILE THREE AWARDS POTENTIAL, Entrants MAY ENTER as FINISHED or UNFINISHED (from still in the wrapper to nearly done) The FINAL DECISIONS on what is AWARDED WILL BE MADE at end of JUDGING so DO NOT WORRY ABOUT JUST ENTER, OK?

ALSO NOTE: You don't have to be the original “taken home by” owner of record to enter any of the 61 gifts in play, so feel free to obtain one !

PARADE REVIEW

MODEL Of the MONTH 2024

The year 2024 proved to be invigorating and anew in several ways after following a true solid new foundation built by 2023 after prior two years of rocky bits. Full set of meetings, an Auction, an Annual Contest, Multiple Meetings where situation called for TWO MoMs, a great 61st year as Club and 60th IPMS Chapter anniversary

JANUARY 2024 – John Jew

“New To You Member Again Scores”

The newer additions to San Jose club have been quite prolific contributors. John has been pretty much every meet he shows up for, a model talker for the evening. Opening for January with his multiple item array with Konigstiger by Dragon as lead item here shows a tremendous amount of talent and as much enthusiasm. Great to have him.



FEBRUARY 2024 – Greg Plummer

“A Wonderful Re-Imagining”

Greg builds a great variety of subjects well, he does consider Automotive models his chief interest though. As a long time member of NNL West and the now departed Silicon Scale Vehicles clubs, along with SVSM, hard to beat when it comes to output. Here he had a Tamiya Mustang GT4 made out in Parnelli Jones racing scheme

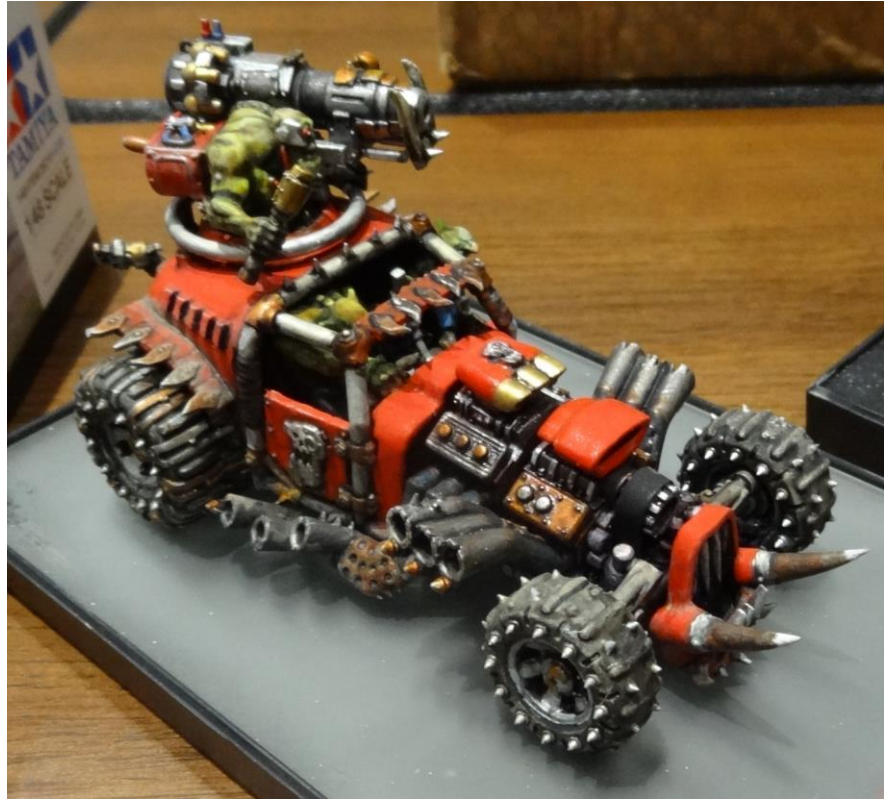


MARCH 2024 – Bob Meyers

“ Time To Try Something Different ”

Mr Meyers took a break from his usual loves of Armor and Automotive with this gaming based custom “ Boosta Blasta” vehicle

He found himself pleased with new twists in familiar techniques and also success trying out new ones.



APRIL 2024 – Aaron Rhetta

“ GUNDAM It, Kit Bashing Is A Blast “

That Gundam on the left is not a single kit you can just go out, purchase and put on the table.

It's result of careful creative mixing of a few kits to produce unique variation, all at the hands and mind of young Aaron.

He also armed it with aftermarket items plus finished it off (literally) with a nice fluorescing paint scheme that gives new highlights when exposed to ultraviolet.

Props to Aaron and his new adventure in the world of GUNDAM, thanks for sharing and expanding horizons here.



MAY 2024 (1) – Eugenie Ray

“ Yak Yes, Also Make You Cry”

Being fearless now hallmark of Ms Eugenie, who plows ahead in learning scale modelling as a new hobby while demonstrating unique talent at finding misery to build kits as she does. Mind You she’s not complaining here, I am just explaining, dear.

Undaunted by a virtual lack of any more than like six photos of this Soviet WW2 twin, the Yak-6 of Zvezda manufacture, she had in the snow to help remove any spotting of flaws in kit. Eugenie did however relay that while the model could be done, as she so skillfully demonstrated, undergoing effort will make you cry. Bravo, Modeler!



MAY 2024(2) – Geoff Kreuger

“A Group Effort Indeed ”

Geoff set out to have in 1/48th a more accurate USMC UH-1E.

By time he was done here, the use of pieces of three other kits got him there. Congratulations on a herculean effort, finished not long after this month’s win



JUNE 2024 – Mike Meek

“ Nice Rescue from the Shelf of Doom, Dick “

A seemingly simple scheme for an Air Racer P-51D proved to be anything but that.

Mike didn’t let the rude response he got in trying to get some replacement decals for the numbers here from the original decal maker stop him. He crafted his own set carefully to get this bird this far as you see. With choice words in briefing to make model talk “spicy”





JULY 2024 – Frank Babbitt

“ Make No Mistake, It Really Did Fly ”

Made up of several aircraft in part in real life, including contributions from a crash landed USAAF B-24 Liberator, the four jet engined Junkers Ju-287VI swept forward winged bomber testbed did get a good set of flights in before war's end, as well saw development by Soviets postwar

Frank made this from the AirModell vac form kit from the 1970s, which amazed the Club President so much knew that he deserved Model of Month recognition as a survivor of such an ordeal. Kudos !

AUGUST 2024 – Bob Meyers

“ Fine Finish of a Faux Fighter ”

As it worked out, Bob bought this 1/32nd Messerschmitt BF-108 for a mere 10 dollars at the SV Classic 8 in June. He found the kit to be very excellent experience he said, and it was painted with new to him Atom By Mig acrylics with fine results.

Editor's cheeky titling here is due to use of a Bf-108 to stand in as -109 of same manufacture, in some post WW2 war movies.



SEPTEMBER 2024 (1) – Joe Dudek



“ Mighty Modern Day Build of Old Monogram Brit ”

Christening it as quite a nice old model that can come out pretty spectacular given some love, 1967 issue 1/48th Hawker Typhoon rendered by Joe here is indeed proof of concept.

He'd brought it in for something to share that night and didn't imagine he'd end up one of two MOMs...



SEPTEMBER 2024 (2)

– Ron Wergin

“Gave President Fits ID’ing Correctly”

Coming across this during model talk, President rewarded posthumously one member who used to delight in trying to trip up President in identifying models on table correctly ahead of the builder

Confidently calling for the builder of this “Soviet armor of indistinct type” to begin extolling it, audience delighted in catching the error before Ron got to be speaking. Burton took the hit in stride, although he has this JGSDF T-74 also



OCTOBER 2024 (1) – Adam Rhetta

“ A Great Model Rusted Out and No Longer Rested On A Weird Base ”

Adam provided us with a colorful language Model Talk that described with charming and exemplary detail what he underwent with this cool model.

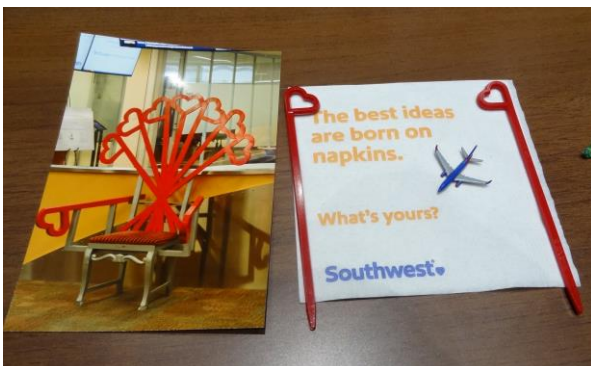
The entire process of rendering it into a rusted relic was interesting, and he replaced what he felt was an utterly unacceptable, weird base with one he crafted with a nod to the explorers encountering the ruins of ancient Egypt on horseback. Elegant, enlivening and creative, well deserved MoM awarding.

OCTOBER 2024 (2)

– Ken Miller.

“A 737 Shaken Not Stirred”

Ken “Airliner “ Miller has again demonstrated how indeed, that he is spectacularly a modeler with a particular passion for passenger air transport subjects. This MoM win was distinctly his signature...



He saw this chair made from oversized swizzle sticks of SouthWest Air at a convention. Made one in miniature, added a 3D printed 1/1200 SW Air 737 just to burnish



NOVEMBER 2024 – (1)

Mark Balderrama

“ Mighty Yamato, Sectional Render ”

Seeing this famed World War Two IJN legend in this rendition intrigued President. The model is well detailed and done, made to be displayed all in one piece or as you see here with not a lot of trouble.

Mark appreciates much of the Nippon culture (at time of this writing he has again traveled to Japan proper, for an early 20s gent he knows no fear gets out there and explores, bravissimo !)

He related that this kit was hard to get but a holy grail of his to find, finish as you see mission accomplished.



NOVEMBER 2024 – (2)

Greg Plummer

“ Another Take On A Natural Metal Curtiss, This One From Down Under ”

Only a short while ago, Greg had produced a little seen scheme of a stateside P-40 in 1/48th that was pretty as you please, which got an award in the club contest he was in with it. Here now was another one now in scheme of Royal Australian Air Forces Pacific, from a different 1/48th kit, that was just as sweet to take in. Thanks GP



(DECEMBER's FIRST LOOK from page 1)



Right now I don't have the nitty gritty details from the Club Secretary of whom opened, whom stole, whom took home what, to show you here in this issue. But I am sure they will be arriving soon for an issue of TAMS

But there are a few shots here to share and also note that below I can enlighten you on how 2024 ended up:

As for The Pirate's Pleasure game analysis bits, while I don't have stats for this same event in December 2016, 2017 or 2018, here below are all the most recent data points I do have, in digest format for contrast/comparison:

2013 December Stats 33 players, 55 presents total, breakout: Single = 14 Double = 10 Triple = 9
2014 December Stats 21 players, 50 presents total, breaking out: Single = 5, Double = 2 Triple = 13
2015 December Stats 24 players, 49 presents total, breakout was: Single = 8 Double = 7 Triple = 9
2019 December Stats 28 players, 53 presents total, breakout: Single = 10 Double = 5 Triple = 13
2020 December Stats 0 players, 0 presents total, due to pandemic lockdown prevent holding any meets
2021 December Stats 22 players. 50 presents total, breakout: Single = 4 Double = 8 Triple = 10
2022 December Stats 25 players 60 presents total, breakout: Single = 3 Double = 9 Triple =13
2023 December Stats 29 players. 78 presents total, breakout Single = 1 Double =7 Triple =21

2024 December saw 25 Players, 61 Gifts total, with 4 Single Gifter, 6 Double Gifter, 15 Triple Gifter

Many thanks again for all who came, who played and made things work so well -mick fini



7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 10:30 PM SHARP

3rd FRIDAY of Month

JANUARY 17 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

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Milpitas Police Administration Building

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Milpitas, CA

OUR SUPER AUCTION is TONIGHT

HAPPY NEW YEAR AHEAD

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