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## *THANKS FOR A WELL ATTENDED NOVEMBER MEET*



*Everything He Could Reliably Report, Editor Attests To Here*  
Photos: Mick Burton      Text: Mick Burton      *Let's see on page 3...*



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



**“ A WISH OF MODEL JOY FOR EVERY GIRL & BOY ”**



*My girl sent these in loving support of a passionate obsession of mine I try to call a “hobby” and a hope that year ahead provides full scale fun*

*She as ever is right on. Two pics worth \$\$\$\$ in word savings - mick fini*

**NOTE The DECEMBER GIFT EXCHANGE is the sole business Agenda item for meeting ! NO MODEL TALK**

**Locale:** Our Standard Meeting Place, Milpitas PD Community Room, from 8-1030pm. **OFFICIAL RULES BELOW:**

“ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ”: GIFT “THEFT” EXCHANGE SVSM DECEMBER 2019 MEET

1. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. So show up on time to register AT FRONT DESK
2. MAXIMUM THREE Gifts put in play by any ONE Member In Good Standing. Non Member ? ONE gift max
3. MAXIMUM FOUR TOTAL Gifts may be put in play by a Member & Family or a Member plus their Guests.
4. MINIMUM RETAIL VALUE EACH GIFT must be 25 US dollars. LABEL YOUR NAME ON GIFT
5. GIFTS IN ORDER TO PLAY must be reasonably pre wrapped, not outrageously “disguised” or otherwise camouflaged, so as to not take a person all night (that we don’t have) to unwrap and continue our game.
6. GIFT TO BE OFFERED IN PLAY should be model oriented, likely to be generally perceived of as an item some several of those present WOULD WANT TO STEAL. Bring item you’re mad for, others likely will be.
7. ONCE UNWRAPPED, ALL GIFTS CONSIDERED “IN PLAY” UNTIL “DEAD”. NO TRADES !! ARE ALLOWED IF IN PLAY ITEMS INVOLVED. Feel free to manage what you like with yours and others “dead”
8. UNWRAPPED GIFT IS “IN PLAY” UNTIL STOLEN THREE TIMES THEN IT IS DECLARED “DEAD” Any & all disputes for this declaration are resolved by Club Secretary or his designee, are final and binding. Just ask Chris B. or his designee.
9. PLAY ENDS when time to leave comes or all items are stolen to the deadpoint or the last one is unwrapped to its eventual fate.
10. AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT MODEL SHIP KIT must be present in the GIFT PILE. Or you’re all in trouble.
11. THIS MAY NOT BE COMPLETE RULES. LISTEN AT THE MEETING FOR ANY ADDENDA.

*Editor Attempting To Render Idea How November 2019 Went , Working From Scant Memory, No Notes ( from page 1 )*

You may recall receiving recently, the **November 2019 TAMS** which primarily was born to put out results of the S.O.N.S. Club Contest. An inference that another publication, namely this one, would be forthcoming with coverage of what else went on at that meeting night. Well, yes, here is coverage, not with promise of much detail or perhaps even absolute completeness. Editor was busy judging when he was not taking pictures, so did not take any notes or embed memories, and received no minutes, either.

So without further preamble or prevarication, here's an idea of the fine turnout for November SVSM:



A trio of twins from **Al Kuhn**

These 1/72<sup>nd</sup> are original XF5F-1 in yellow wing, XF5F-1 "long nose" update in Blue/gray. The USAAF XP-50 leads the lot...



An interesting automobile offering from **Greg Plummer**, I believe .

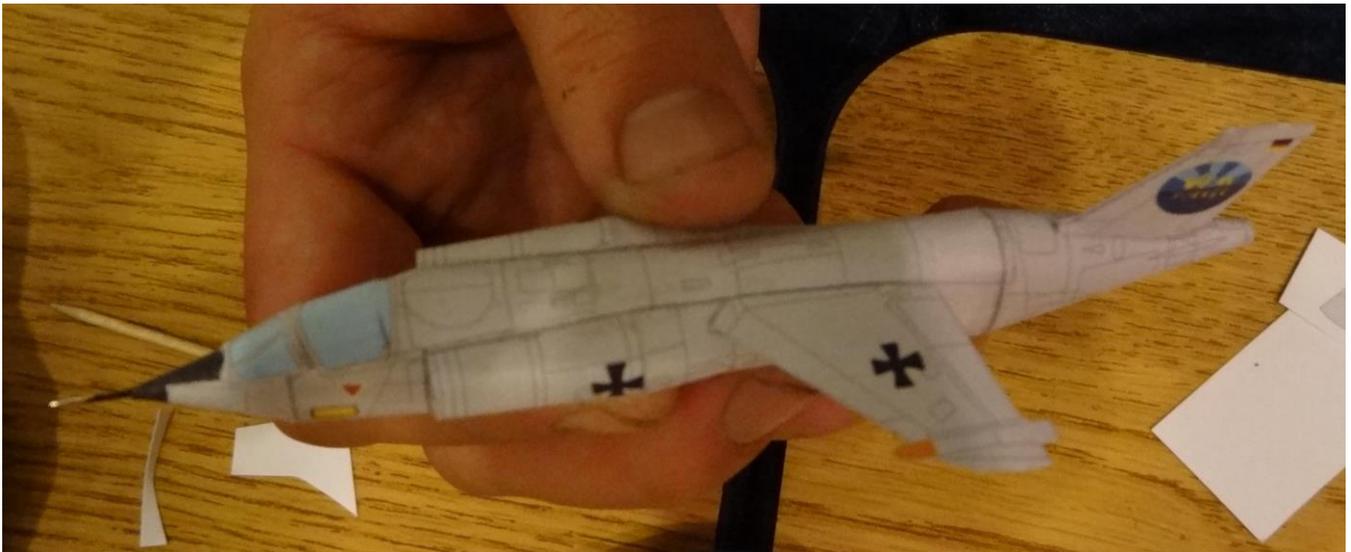


**Mark Balderrama**'s been several years now a prolific scale paper modeler. Above, 747 based NASA Flying Observatory "SOFIA" is one of his, worked from a source kit into this size model. Story going with it here: Mark & Family were patient attendees for the long lines of select few who could tour the real aircraft at NASA Ames recently. While in this mode, Mark encountered a crew member who was all for signing his model ! She ended up getting him several more autographs and as you see, he now has a very unique small scale SOFIA with real scale SOFIA connections.

More power to you, Messr Mark! Ahead, a look at a few more of his works which made the meeting.



A few of these I can make attempt at ID, a Panther Tank on far left, a Jagdtiger on the far right, with a Northrop X-4 Bantam in front of it, a Bell X-1(Yeager Edition) to left of that. The orange turreted and multigunned AFV, I have no clue. Below, a marvelous WIP of the little known VAK-191B VTOL !



While on the subject of WIP, here is four by **Kent McClure**, one of which is not like the others. Time's up. Okay, if you guessed the skinny gray Yak-15 in 1/72<sup>nd</sup>, you are right.

The Green Egg MiG-15, Sand/Gray Egg F-4 and Brown Egg MV-22 are all EggCentric or "distortion" models of real subjects.

Lastly, Kent's WIP of the Tamiya Mk II/IV Valentine is coming along nicely.

Making our mark in WIP recollection continuously now with **Mark Schynert's** pair below. The unpainted two assemblies are his latest 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Northrop Gamma rendition. That painted Brit is newish Airfix Supermarine Mk 22 "Ultimate Spitfire"



**Cliff Kranz** felt the need to show how his heavy lift dump truck worked, so a tilt a way he go. Next to it, his Panther and behind is a Water Truck



Cliff had just managed to block any good look at his 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Marines SH-34, so now a better view:





**Geoff Kreuger** continued to “GO NAVY” with his latest tablings. Geoff’s 1/72<sup>nd</sup> F-14D has the classic tail markings Felix the Cat with lit fuse bomb, from USN’s VF-31 The TomCatters squadron. One reason I had to choose to show two shots of it here, this squadron, along with VF-84 “the Jolly Rogers” and VF-111 “The Sundowners” happen to be my fan favorites. Thanks Geoff. That is also Geoff’s work, the A-4 Skyhawk from the carrier Bon Homme Richard in lovely classic gull gray/white finish with suitable regalia, outfitted with plenty o’ bombs yea Geoff had another 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale bird for company with the A-4, it was his “aggressor” F-14A which got moved into the “S.O.N.S.” club contest that night and was covered in November TAMS already.



**Ben Pada** is moving swiftly to finish this Tamiya 1/48<sup>th</sup> P-38F Lightning, a model he managed to acquire in the “white box edition” at 2019 NATS.

That wooden jig is seeing a lot of use these days, Ben is very pleased with that purchase, just ask him !



Now seems a great time to insert a shot of the current boxing of this model, set square in the center of the above shot taken at November meeting, showing the raffle ticket items for offer. Can't recall if the winning ticket for the Lightning went to Ben or not, but I do know he's won at least one that way too.



**Chris Bucholtz** is closing in on finishing the Platz T-33 in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> that is key element of the Club Contest for January 2020, called now "Shooting Stars", that William Ferrante (aka Our Permanent Treasurer) did so graciously set out to sponsor last January. The 1/72<sup>nd</sup> F-16 inset on right is also a Chris production and will serve as last part of this article composition. My apologies for those who did not get shots included in this edition, didn't have the material to get any more reliably assembled. *-mick fini*





Congratulations to **Geoff Kreuger**  
FOR WINNING NOVEMBER MODEL OF THE MONTH



**7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING 8:00 PM SHARP**

**FRIDAY**

**DECEMBER 20**

**At**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

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