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## G-58 BARECAT HUSTLES TO FIRST PLACE



### "CATFIGHT 2011"

Grumman Fighter themed SJVSM Tomcats Invitational 2011 very rewarding for all, awards many for showing  
By: Mick Burton

Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, Stockton Fairgrounds, drew modelers from all over the West for quite a fine show. One intrepid soul even flew back from the Seattle IPMS Spring Classic held Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, just to enter and take home an award or two. A very well hosted and run event, held simultaneously with a full size custom car show and swap meet on the grounds PLUS a Stockton Model Car Club Contest next to IPMS/SJVSM contest. If you couldn't find something to look at, shoot pictures of, buy, sell, get excited over or get into a heated talk about when you were there, I don't know how to help you. Theme turnout was very vigorous, although yes I am taking some liberties with above Grumman G-58 reference. That Hustler did take first place in 1/48 ME Jet tho. Many SVSMers and Fremont Hornets made the trip, entered and came back with those nice trophies as well as some great raffle prizes. My thanks to the San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers for putting on such a well run event, and making it so much fun! I hope that some of the show photos that many were taking get posted soon on websites so that others can see what they missed! My meager supply doesn't do show justice (*continued page 3*)

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

Quite a month already, with plenty more to come I am sure. We have ELECTIONS for our Club Contest Theme this month, Just in case you were wondering. I am likely to seek myself being nominated to retain this post for another term. So become the competition if you're not in mood to have me rattling on here for another year. Otherwise, you have an idea where I go.

We have an effort underway to secure the basis for Kickoff Classic 2012, and a number of potential officers who will seek a nomination and confirmation are invested in this project already. They are all folks who have previously served in other ways as officers or been behind the scenes during the years. So they know well that putting the "big show" on is a constant affair not just something we start and stop in intervals. My hopes for all of us to get where we need to go to carry this on...

For our Region 9 Spring, we've just experienced the one show scheduled and well delivered by the Tomcats of SJVSM. There is nothing else in R-9 going on contest wise until the Regional, hosted by IPMS/Dragon Lady in Yuba City, which ought to be another fun show. Not that we don't have any events before then. Fremont Hornets have just this last Friday chosen JULY 2011 for their contest fund raiser "Hornet SUPER AUCTION". Hope to see you there, bidding against me!

In closing, in an effort to deny Death some of his sting, I declare my plans to have for KOC 2012 another Special Award 21 This time for Best B-25 or T-6 or F-82 or F-94, in honor of Stan Muniz, one of our own now gone. Now as far as how Stan would feel about it? I take liberty to paraphrase a quote of his which I particularly like as it captures him and his true folk.

Stan was being interviewed in 2007 by a news reporter, on the subject of the now dwindling survivors of the 500<sup>th</sup> BS of WW2. 960 strong in 1942, the fighting in the South Pacific saw 588 of them die in combat by war's end. Stan was one of 18 left at interview time. Reminded how he and his folk are now "media lauded" as "The Greatest Generation", Stan said "I was never more than anyone else who served their country. A lot of people did it before me and a lot of people after, I don't think I'm anything special. I'm no different than any other Joe Blow". THAT was Stan, and he truly meant it. ☺



More of my personal favorite shots from the CATFIGHT 2011...

*Clawing Through A Great Stockton Event (completed from page 1)*



Above, that's a notably nice looking Hornet, wouldn't you say ?



As promised, Tomcats had a great idea for "special award for Uber Competitors" Namely a "Sweep" Trophy. Next to it, another fine Special Award.



Speaking of Special Awards, on left is displayed actual origin of the " S F D" award in front of 2011 trophy. A more legendary "Thud" is hard to find, regardless of scale.



On right, example of how "lighter side" of scale model competition is alive and well. SVSM member was creator of this fun B-1



Of course, there was "CATFIGHT" and here you see Tomcat Jeff Miller giving the Third of three Special awards taken by John Ferdico for his fine 1/48 F6F Hellcat



*First in Category + Three Thematic Specials, GO GRUMMAN!*

- mick fini

## **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!

## **SVSM EDITOR' s CONTEST THEME NOVEMBER 2011 “ SPORTS NIGHT ”**

Actually, this theme came about (forgive me) as *a team effort* while at a winter contest, brainstorming for a new “global outreach” for SVSM's annual KOC contest. Since I couldn't stand idea of not using it sooner than later, chose to offer it up as perfect way to wrap up the club meeting contest year (this being last meeting w/models)

You can thank Super Sport Fan Mr Chris Bucholtz for sparking this up when we were first discussing ideas and also for the majority effort in making this compiled list of possible entrant examples. Not exhaustive list yet, btw

NFL category:

SH-60/Armstrong-Whitworth SEAHAWK , A-1 SkyRAIDER, Dodge CHARGER, Tu-95 BEAR, OV-10 BRONCO  
Hawker-Siddeley BUCCANEER, F-105 ThunderCHIEF, AN-2 COLT, HH-65 DOLPHIN, F-15 EAGLE,F-16 FALCON  
SEPECAT/XF10F JAGUAR, F9F PANTHER, PATRIOT missile, EF-111 RAVEN, AT-6 TEXAN, TITAN missile  
S-3 VIKING, (figure or diorama subject) COWBOY

MLB category:

PBM MARINER, An-12 CUB, Yak-28R BREWER , F-82 TWIN Mustang , F6U PIRATE, CV 440 METROPOLITAN  
XPBB-1 RANGER, F4D-1 SkyRAY,F11F TIGER, P5M MARLIN, Jolly Green GIANT (HH-3 or H-53)

NBA Category:

A-3 SkyWARRIOR , A-4 SkyHAWK, F-84 THUNDERJet (or, really, any Republic fighter) , F-22 RAPTOR  
Boeing/Martin CLIPPER, Tu-4 BULL, Piper PACER, Douglas D-558 SkyROCKET, F/A-18 HORNET,  
BAe HAWK, T-50 BOBCAT

NHL Category:

A2D SkySHARK, P-38 LIGHTNING, UH-60 BLACKHAWK, F9F PANTHER, CF-100 CANUCK  
Britten-Norman ISLANDER, XPBB-1 RANGER, Wright FLYER, RQ-1 PREDATOR, F-86 SABRE  
Hawker HURRICANE, Grumman J2F DUCK

**March 2011 SVSM MEETING Minutes by Chris Bucholtz, with minor edits by yours truly**



At the March meeting, Steve Travis updated us on the VA Model Drive program. He said that vendor table sales had been so successful that we were able to purchase \$900 worth of snap-together models for the program, sufficient to keep it going for 10 months! Kudos to Steve and Anita for their work on this admirable cause.

In model talk... John Carr said the arm of his Dragon 1:12 Arnhem "Red Devil" figure didn't fit particularly well, but he's cut and repositioned it to handle the Bren gun in a more lifelike way. He's also built up the base with a realistic damaged doorway. John's also back at work at his 1:350 Schnellboot from

Trumpeter; he was trying to dodge AMS, but he's now two years into the project. Eric McClure completed his Dragon M16 Quad-.50 halftrack, and it took third at the Kickoff Classic. Rich Linder moved up in scale from 1:72 to 1:43, but not in size – his Herb Deeks Renault Alpine is still remarkably small yet detailed. Mark Schynert is adding a lot – and I mean a lot – of detail to Airfix's old 1:72 Hampden, including photoetched parts, Aeromaster resin and Falcon clear parts. Steve Travis did quite well for himself at the Kickoff Classic, with his 1932 and 1929 Fords and his still-remarkable customized El Dorado pickup truck. Paul Bishop won Tamiya's 1:35 FAMO half track, and he's well into it; he has the chassis assembled and the road wheels already in place on one side. Paul competed in the speed build contest at the Hobby Expo in Petaluma; his reward was a built-up 1:350 Revell U-boat. John Heck's first car was Tamiya's Porsche 911 Carrera, which he built with the aid of Andy Kellock and Greg Plummer. He lost one of the headlight lenses, but was supplied with one by a helpful friend at the Kickoff Classic, and after gluing it in place took a first in this category. Mike Burton had not one but two Monogram TBD-1 Devastators, one in pre-war Technicolor markings and a second as a plane from Torpedo Eight in early 1942 colors. Gabriel Lee won second at the Kickoff Classic with his Moebius Models 1:350 *Sea View* from "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea," and was beaten out only by a huge version of the same movie ship! Gabriel's screen ships now include a beautiful 1:350 Disney Nautilus, built from the Comet model, and he has two spacecraft – a hammerhead fighter from "Space: Above and Beyond" and a Viper from the original "Battlestar: Galactica" – coming right along in 1:72 scale.



Cliff Kranz picked up a Matchbox Dornier Do 18 at an auction and found it was missing props and a couple of struts, but he fashioned replacements and then gave it a bright pre-war paint scheme. Also on Cliff's workbench is a 1:35 Revell AH-1 Huey Cobra, which boasts a Cobra Co. interior and a significant amount of nose weight. Shervin Shembayati took another swing at his Italeri 1:24 Integra, and finally has a coat of paint on it after stripping several earlier attempts. He's also still working on his 1:48 Spitfire "therapy" model, getting a coat of British sky applied to the undersurfaces. Ron Wergin found the old Tamiya 1:35 Su-85 a great canvas for trying out the hairspray method for adding snow, and he further weathered the gun with the application of MiG

pigments. Randy Ray made a weekend build out of AFV Club's SiG 33 gun, then painted it on Thursday and on Saturday he took second in his category at the Kickoff Classic. Randy said he needed almost no filler except for one seam on the spade. Chris Bucholtz is battling with the Special Hobby Firefly, having the wing tops in place and in need of serious work to address the wing root seams, especially around the wing-mounted radiators. He's also started a Hasegawa A-1 Skyraider, and has the Czechmaster cockpit assembled and ready for installation into the fuselage. Laramie Wright bought an example of the Tamiya 1:48 Spitfire Mk. I when it first came out, but he set it aside after starting on it and just now has begun work on it again. He says it goes together without any need for filler. Another shelf-dweller was his old Tamiya M41 Walker Bulldog, which now has new grab handles and a scratch-built mantlet. Finally, he's working on an Italeri Leopard 2A6, which he says was a mistake after the exemplary Tamiya 2A6. The Italeri kit has terrible engineering, but Laramie says he's beating it just the same. Ben Pada used Gunze Sangyo paints on his Hasegawa F-86E Sabre and his Tamiya Fw 190D-9, but he mixed it up with some Model Master paints on his Tamiya F4U-1 Corsair.

And the Model of the Month goes to.... Greg Plummer, and his hypothetical sea control Embraer P-170. He took the 1:144 airliner and gave it a magnetic anomaly detector boom, Harpoon missiles and a low-visibility paint scheme.

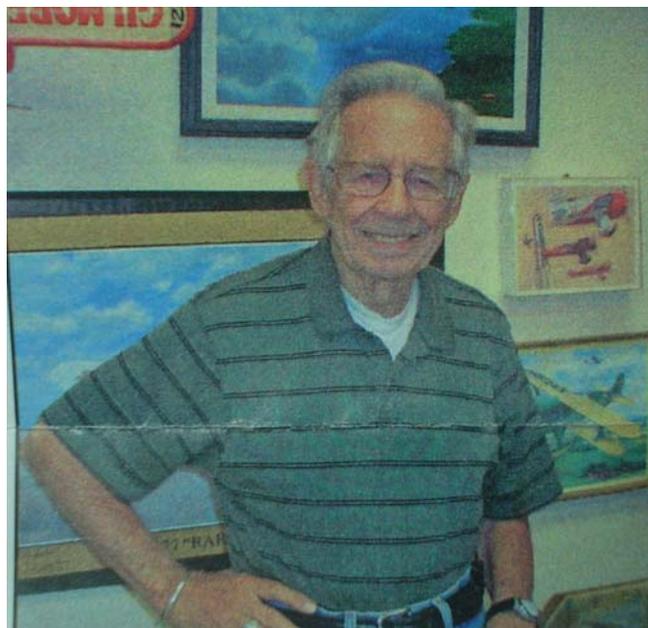


**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Gregory Plummer**  
**FOR WINNING MARCH MODEL OF THE MONTH**



## *Last Flight Out for One Of Our Own – SVSM salute to Stanley Muniz, 1923-2011*

A truly hell of a good guy with a wicked sense of humor, those twinkle eyes that were forever young, full of mischief was how many knew Stan, regardless of when they met him. On March 10 2011, Stanley Muniz left us, undoubtedly ready with a great joke to relate to all when he arrives at his final destination.



I was fortunate enough to have first met Stan as part of a group of gents (all characters, really) who informally met on Thursday nights at D & J Hobby “in various aisles, so as to not upset the customers” for lively discussions and sharing, until closing time. When I was informed, it was OK for me to buy the donuts & coffee “ if I was going to hang around a while”. Nearly 30 years ago that was, Stan was one of the kind folk to let me in on that I was being had. Said he’d be more than happy to get my donut and coffee, not to let them all free load on my dime. Took awhile to get to know him, rest of crew, down the way from D & J at the Winchell’s. Finding out from Stan’s friends Lee and Bill that he was a member of the 345<sup>th</sup> “Air Apaches” whose B-25s with their Indian Head tail art I had some familiarity by then. Thanks to Rodney Williams joining San Jose Scale Modelers, we became friends. Rodney soon came to hang out with us, swapping tales with Stan about South Pacific Islands they had in common (albeit Stan in WW2 and Rodney in 70’s time frames) Great stuff! Always mixed in were modeling memories and painting stories and wickedly good jokes, Stan never let us get too serious.

Stan became an “official” member of the SJSM before we became SVSM (1993-94 term) partly to shut Rodney and me up, having been a scale modeler for many many years and knowing most of the veteran membership just not motivated to join. He remained a paid up member in good standing ever since, and always contributed in quiet powerful ways without asking for recognition. Stan was always there when folks would pester him for help researching various “ Air Apaches “ for model projects. Even though he was incredibly busy with all kinds of things all year round in support of the survivors association, as well as his own models, his lovely wife Doyle and all their friends. Stan would get a fair amount of people interviewing him over the years on his WW2 experiences (35 missions in B-25s as a tail gunner) and not all of them realized he was one of the artists in the group as well. Stan did relate some great stories on that facet of himself over the years in one fashion or another, but I ran across one he wrote just last year for his friends in the “Air Apaches Strafer” that is pure Stan. Here it is:

### A PLANE NAMED DROOPY DRAWERS : by Stanley Muniz

Forming up for a pathfinder mission leading a flight of P-47s of the 34th Fighter Squadron, one P-47 tucked in kind of close to our B-25. Since I did a lot of pencil sketches back then, I grabbed my sketch pad and did a quick sketch of the plane with all its markings and its name, “Droopy Drawers”. Fast forward to 1983. I dug out the quick sketch I had made from my tail gunner position and did a correct pencil drawing. I brought the drawing to show my brother and friends at our next weekly breakfast meeting. My brother said he knew a fellow who flew P-47s in the Pacific and maybe he would like to see the drawing. The following week, Bill Colvin introduced himself and said that he had flown P-47s and that he had once flown from Luzon to Okinawa with a B-25 that had a big Indian head on the rudders. I showed him the drawing and he almost fell off the chair. His eyes popped wide open and he said, “That’s my plane!” (Droopy Drawers). He asked if he could have the drawing which had been signed by the radioman and pilot Bergie Richter as well as me. I promised him that I would do an oil painting of the drawing. Oil paintings take time and two weeks later I got a call from my brother telling me that Bill had died from a sudden heart attack the day before. I finished the painting and it went to Bergie, who hung it over his fireplace. Small world, isn’t it?

We are definitely going to miss you, Stan, the world is indeed a mite smaller without you in it. Fly safely my friend. –mick

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF SVSM MEETING 04-15-11

**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)

**Friday, May 18 2011**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** monthly meeting, club contest theme “ Red Stars ”

**Saturday, June 4 2011**

**IPMS/San Diego** present their 2011 Show at the SD Air Museum, Event theme “Rarely known”

**Friday, June 10 2011**

**IPMS/Fremont Hornets** monthly meeting, night’s theme “ Who Knows ”

**Friday, June 17 2011**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** monthly meeting, club contest theme “ Here Comes The Sun ”

**Friday, July 15 2011**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** monthly meeting, club contest theme “ Vive Le Republique!”

**Sunday, September 25 2011**

**IPMS/Fremont Hornets** host Tri City Classic 7 Exhibition & Contest. New Locale, now in Main Auditorium, Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas. Event theme: " Black Rain " anything Japanese or directly related. Contest Director Woodrow Yeung, via [woodrow\\_yeung@yahoo.com](mailto:woodrow_yeung@yahoo.com) Check website for updates, address is <http://www.fremonthornets.org>

**Saturday, October 8 2011**

**IPMS/Orange County** host their OrangeCon at the Pavilion, CSU Fullerton. Event theme TBA

**Saturday, November 5 2011**

**IPMS/Antelope Valley Group** host “Desert Classic 15”, AntelopeValley College, Lancaster CA. Theme TBA

**Saturday, December 5 2011**

**IPMS/Silver Wings** host “Silvercon 2011”, Elk Grove Elementary Gymnasium, Elk Grove, CA. Theme TBA

**Saturday, February 4 2012**

**IPMS/Santa Rosa & Friends** host “Hobby Expo 2012”, Petaluma Community Ctr, Petulama CA. Theme TBA

**Saturday, February 11 2012**

**NNL West** host “NNL Western Nats 2012”, Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, CA. Theme TBA

**Saturday, May 19 2012**

**IPMS/Fresno Scale Modelers R-9 Regional**, theme “ Desert Warfare ” Show location TBA. Special category “Tag Team” announced at Silvercon 2010. 1 entry, 5 members of a chapter worked on, diorama or single item.



## A LIGHTER LOOK AT MODELING

I was planning my next build and was getting ready to head down to the hobby store to get what I would need. I had a list.

I asked my wife if she would like to tag along. Maybe she could find something of interest for her.



Walking into the store, I made a beeline for the car section of the model department, pretty much leaving her in the dust.

So there I am, standing in the aisle. I have a kit under my right arm, one in each hand and two more lay at my feet when she comes around the corner and spots me. She thinks I have knocked some kits off the shelf and was putting them back. I could have left it at that. Should have left it at that, but no, I feel compelled to tell her that each of these kits and possibly one or two more are all candidates for my next build. I go on to educate her on “KITBASHING”, that wonderful art of taking from this and from that to arrive at the desired result.

I reminded her of the “Road Zombies” event we had gone to some weeks before and mentioned a certain little Model A hot rod pick-up she thought was so cute, I just had to do a model of it.

“So, this kit” gesturing to the model under my arm, “has the body, frame and engine I’ll need.” “This one” holding out my right hand, “has the Big and Little wide whitewall tires, the wheels, moons and beauty rings and the pick-up bed I’ll need. “This one” holding out my left hand, “has all of the suspension and drive train parts.”

“What about those?” She asked pointing to the kits at my feet. “Those,” I said, “have been considered but deemed unworthy.”

She’s totally quiet. Just standing there staring at me. Then her lip curls up slightly in the corner and a light comes on in her eyes. An awakening?



She cocks her head and aims a beady eye at me. “You do this for every model car you build?” she asks. “No. Not ALL. But yeah, pretty much.” Her head tips to the other side, and never breaking her gaze says, “So, all those kits out in the garage and in the hall closet and in the bedroom closet are all missing some part or another?” “Not ALL.” I repeated, “But yeah, pretty much.” “But look at it this way,” I said in my defense, “When I’m ready to do another model, I’ll probably have everything I’ll need. “



I am saying all of this to the back of her head, and as she is walking away she asks, “Will you be needing a basket then?”

God, I love that woman.

- By Steve Travis



**7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY**

**APRIL 15**

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**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

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