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## CONA Gold, Order of Day for 2k11 Regional



### A Focused Look Back at IPMS Dragon Lady's Fine Regional

By Mick Burton

Region 9's big event this year took place Saturday July 23 with great results, on time, on target and full on with the fun! In spite of an unexpected onset of "stoned kidneys" the 24 hours beforehand, this attendee managed to be there to cover it, very glad I did. As promised, hosts IPMS/Dragon Lady had a "group build" in keeping with event theme "Golden Wings: Celebration of 100 years of US Naval Aviation". Instead of a promised "60 plus" item club display, they had more than **120 pieces** on deck at show opening. Quite impressive, made more so by fact that doubling in finished models occurred in only the last 9 months. On several tables along the entry halls to the competition areas (which had themselves a goodly number of seriously fine works) this project included a whole table in 1/48 scale covering only USN Aggressor scheme aircraft. Other interesting subjects included models showing the majority of the little known 1966 "tactical" camouflage schemes used *(continued page 3)*

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

Very busy time in last month, what with the Region 9 Regional in Yuba City followed shortly after by the IPMS Nats in Omaha NE. Handily, both events presented fresh material for a pet editorial theme of mine. At R-9 show, during the day several conversations I was in along with a few overheard in passing, seemed to focus on the ever smaller number of new modelers in this hobby, particularly or especially in the Youth/Junior range. Then only 2 weeks later, while on a business trip to Atlanta GA, I'm reading some very long thread posts on Hyperscale, reacting to the recent IPMS Nats. Some threads being again concerned with the "graying of our hobby" and bemoan "lack of Juniors". No room to pontificate today on this subject, but suffice to say this: The hosts of R-9 Regional had a big increase in their club's membership numbers this past year, which they proudly reported on at the show during Awards ceremony. Notably, most were ADULTS who are new or returning to the hobby, amazed at what it is today. That happens to be one area I think is oft overlooked in all the "kid search" harangue, and thusly underutilized as a resource. For another, consider how many of us might have been able to "proxy" a junior entry at the Nats, had we thought of doing so. Kids who we know build, yet are certainly not going to the big show, but would dearly enjoy having chance to compete if someone helped them out...Food for thought – see y'all!

### **SVSM ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SEPTEMBER 2011 "Let's Raise Some Doh!"**

Very simple operation. NO MODEL DISPLAY THIS MEETING, sorry. Bring at least one unbuilt, complete kit or an extremely popular hobby item such as an airbrush, Waldron Punch set, etc; any item YOU yourself would go mad bidding for. Donate. Outbid others to take home said items. Everybody wins if they play to do so. Enjoy.

### **SVSM ALUM CONTEST THEME OCTOBER 2011 "Orange & Black Hoodoo"**

Also known as Scale Spooks Again from You!. Scary prospects here as a multiple First Place winner of Club Contests, A Man of Mystery, sponsors from his vault of wealth 3 prizes for those willing to brave this w/o chill! Qualities entries must embody (NOT the ENTRANTS, thank you very much!) include being primarily finished in Orange, Or Black, or Both. Several types of Japanese WW2 aircraft for example now leap to mind...beside a row of very specific Pontiacs and some Northrop products (what kind of a dealership is this anyways? SCARY) Think Creatures of the Night, Targets, Tangerine Dreams, go creative, nuts, or both. Frighten us with your entry.

### **SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME NOVEMBER 2011 "SPORTS NIGHT"**

This theme came about (forgive me) as *a team effort* while at a winter contest brainstorming. SVSM's last meeting of 2011 where we'll plan to have models finished on table for display and competition. A Super Bowl! I continue to thank Super Sport Fan Mr Chris Bucholtz for setting this idea afire when we were first discussing, also for the majority effort in making this compiled list of possible entrant examples. There can & will be more.

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

**GOLDEN WINGED REGIONAL COVERAGE (continued from page 1)**

on selected carrier birds in Vietnam, such as the RA-5C Vigilante and A-6 Intruder, F-4G Phantom II. Another less often seen group was table having in 1/72 scale: the C-9A Nightingale, T-43A, "Navy B-47E" and a P2B-1 Superfortress with D-558-II Skyrocket it carried. Alongside a DC-130A with drones plus our cover subject. P2V "utility" Neptune is no small feat, as Dash 7 version was rarely employed in this manner. Markings not so easily fabricated, as most photos show these planes with "shadow checked" tail fin. The well done bird looks a lot like a '60s Guantanamo Bay based launcher, better executed than one I did myself years ago minus the 2 drones.



Turnout at Regional shows in R-9 sometimes is not as large as one might expect, not sure why this is, however for those who show up the results are rewarding. The 2011 show in the United Methodist Church provided us lots of fun. Fantastic raffle that basically ran all day, really large choice of vendors with good deals, lovely and varied in style awards. Very good fast food and drinks served at very reasonable prices right there at site with covered tables, lots to see and folks to share this fine event with. If you missed this, well, I am very sorry. Hats off to Dragon Lady for this one, and looking forward to next year's show (which they have already in the works)



Two happy customers, saints really, as the columns beside them signify. On left is Alan "St Service" Weber and right, is Bob "St Fellowship" Phillips, signaling their approval of the Regional event. For those who didn't know, below is what USN almost had instead of a Tomcat !



## More Shots of the R-9 Regional CONA Display and Contest



Left: SPECIAL Awards, very attractive



Above Right: Sundowners scheme on classic Navy jet the F-4B



1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, all looking like winners as awards



Another USN classic, "Heinemann's Hot Rod" an A-4 Skyhawk



Another table of USN Centennial display, in two scales 1/48 & 1/72 here.



Fisher 1/32 Panther as a Drone.

Just think, next month is the Reno High Rollers annual contest, theme is ... "Centennial of US Naval Aviation" Hmm. Guess there's chance some theme entries from our brethren may show up there. Possibly? We'll see. -mick.

**July 2011 SVSM MEETING** *Minutes not available at time of publication, sorry. These are notes from Editor's memory...*

Our normal meeting locale was not available for the third Friday of July, so we had ourselves an experiment with usage of a nearby Round Table Pizza (Morrill Ave off Landess Ave, San Jose/Milpitas border) Turnout was somewhat lighter than our usual, however no way telling if that was due to location or merely summertime schedules. No matter, we had a good time. As original room in the back was somewhat crowded, our normal staggered arrivals timing made organized display areas



scattershot at best. Before meeting formally underway, we secured the adjoining rear most room. Thusly we had a number of display areas, just not all were visible from our main room. C'est la vie!

President Frank Beltran opened meeting with a fine inspiring speech on how our hobby is US, not what we do but who we are. Frank got us to appreciate our neighbors and ourselves in grand fashion. Coverage of updates on upcoming events then a reminder about our Regional and National contests. Tallying of folk present planning to make it to either, showed good forecasts.

July's Model Talk was handled a little differently due to the aforementioned display tables geography, due to our main view being that of the month's club contest table. *(my apologies ahead, as I said, these are merely my notes of meeting not formal and complete minutes, so if I missed your work or misspelt your name, sorry - Editor)*

We had a "Vanna White Moment" where you had to go get your display items, come to the "show table" and give us your entertaining and informative run on what you brung. Everyone worked out as potential Models and made the evening great.

Among the hits on topic that night: Kinley Calvert with tremendous progress on his Polar Lights Jupiter II Space craft from the Irwin Allen Lost In Space TV series. Once he removed outer shell to reveal the well done interior work, Kinley's piece de resistance was to illuminate his craft with addon lighting kit. Danger Will Robinson! Danger! He may finish this model in time to enter in TriCity 7 SciFi vehicle category



Chris Bucholtz has Hasegawa's SPAD going along in A-1 shape. Improving the "Special Bomb" version of course. Eric McClure has a Special project of his own almost completed, a Pacific Theater P-51 Mustang he's finishing for his daughter who's taking it to Wisconsin. Laramie Wright borrowed Eric's "light sabre"

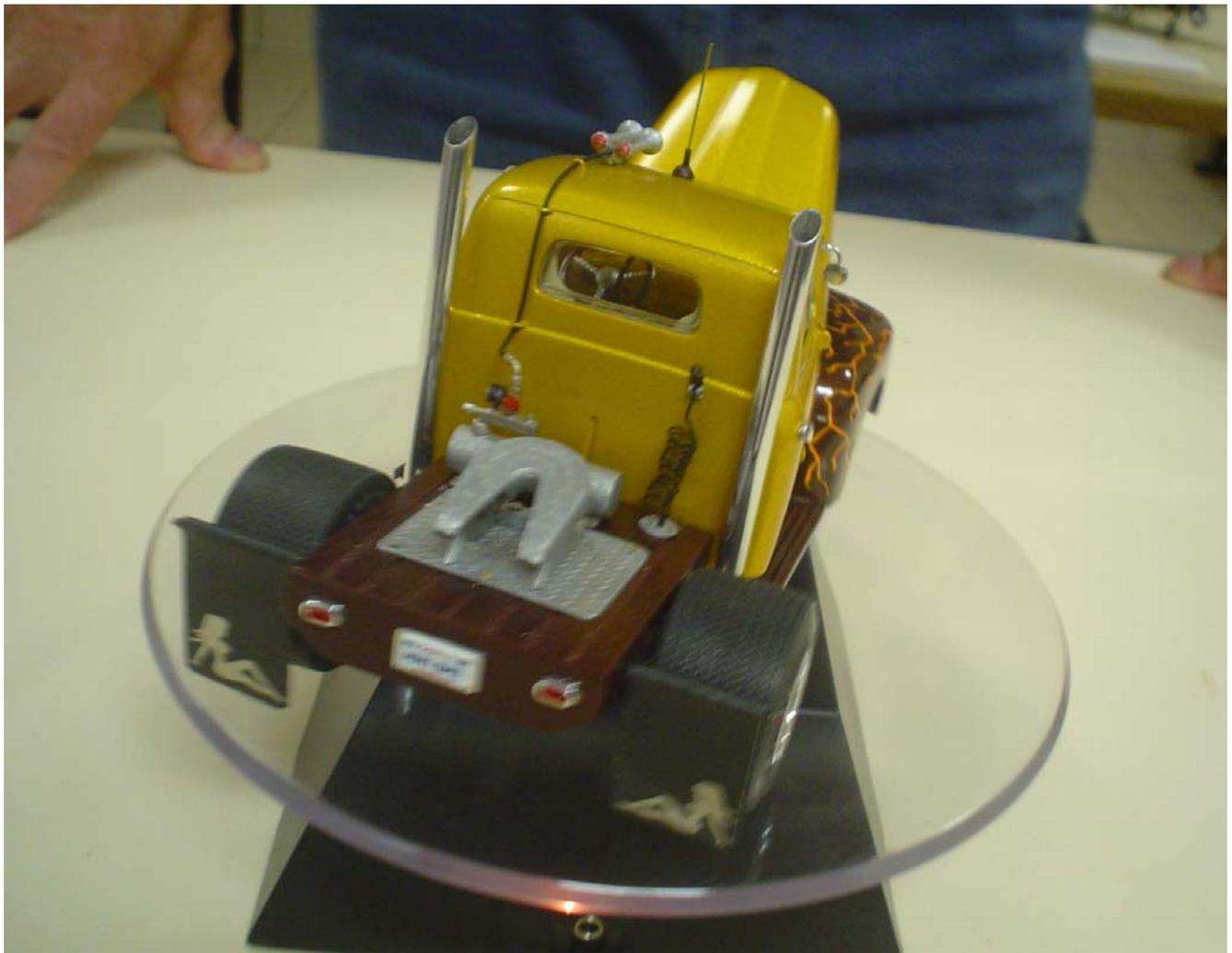


to illustrate his work in progress on a set of armor subjects plus a Monogram F-82 Twin Mustang he blames Mick Burton for causing him to start. Gabriel Lee has the first "Winged Titanic" we've seen underway. Cliff Kranz has continued his tradition of finishing another set of models in a month, I believe this time two Soviet armor in 1/35. A new visitor gave us a great look at a WIP 1/72 Space Shuttle, sorry no name or details. Many great items were shown and discussed, again no notes though

Model of the Month went to a creative and well crafted model with a personal connection for maker. Steve Travis's "Mini Semi", a custom tractor whose 1/1 prototype builder/owner was known to Steve. Well done Mr Travis!



Our Editor's contest "Vive Le Replubique" managed to come off even in relocated locale. Mick Burton brought support with Tamiya F-84G, MPM XP-47H (stock), Airmodel P-47H (as a hypothetical SEAC), Hasegawa P-47D (Tuskegee), Rareplane P-35A, lastly a Monogram F-105F Wild Weasel. Frank Babbitt had his fine 1/48 T-bolt "Ole Cock", Laramie Wright's "Hairless Joe" 1/48 T-bolt, Ben Pada came late but went away a winner with his Mexican Air Force P-47D. All the winners and more pictures of this contest are shown separately in an article elsewhere in this issue. Congratulations to all of you! -mick



**CONGRATULATIONS  
Steve Travis  
FOR WINNING JULY MODEL OF THE MONTH**



**One could almost  
say  
that he**

**DROVE US  
To It !**



## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF SVSM MEETING 08-19-11

**Friday, August 19 2011**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** monthly meeting, club contest theme “ PHOOEY ON THE NATS ”

**Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21 2011**

**Pacific Coast Air Museum** and Sonoma County present “Wings Over Wine Country” at Sonoma County Air Port, Santa Rosa CA. Open cockpit tours, air displays, plenty of fun things to see and do up North.

**Saturday, September 10 2011**

**IPMS/Reno High Rollers** yearly contest, “ Centennial of US Naval Aviation “ Raffle, Special Awards, Vendors Location is Mt Bismarck Elementary School, Reno, NV (located VERY CLOSE to Reno Nat Champ Air Races)

**Friday, September 16 2011**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** monthly meeting, club contest theme “ Our Begging For Dollars ”  
( *In other words, we're having our club fund raising auction. Bring something YOU'D WANT TO WIN !* )

**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 [warhawkp40@gmail.com](mailto:warhawkp40@gmail.com) or see [www.fremonthornets.org](http://www.fremonthornets.org)

**Saturday, October 8 2011**

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

**Friday, October 21 2011**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** monthly meeting, club contest theme “ Orange & Black HooDoo”

**Saturday, November 5 2011**

**IPMS/Antelope Valley Group** host “Desert Classic 15”, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster CA. Theme will be “Arch Rivals “. Allows for a wide range of paired subjects, e.g; F-86 v MiG-15, Batman v Joker, etc.

**Saturday, December 3 2011**

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

**Saturday, February 4 2012**

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

**Saturday, February 11 2012**

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

**Saturday, March 24 2012**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** host KOC 18, Theme is “Viva La Revolucion”. 53 Senior Categories, Raffle, Special Awards. Location is SCCC Hall ‘ A ‘ , 5001 Great America Parkway Santa Clara CA.

**Sunday, May 27 2012**

**IPMS/Fresno Scale Modelers** host R-9 Regional with theme of “ Desert Warfare ” Location is a hangar on the grounds of Castle Air Museum, Atwater CA. More cool details to come when available.

## THUNDEROUS SWEEP OF WINNING POSTS AT JULY'S CLUB CONTEST !

SVSM Editor's Contest for July 2011 : "Vive Le Replubique". Worth a try I thought, with enough lead time, to see if a variety of Seversky, Republic aircraft might make their appearance. Adding American Revolution items, American Motors Company subjects seemed a sure thing. In the end, happy to have had entries and this contest.



A look at the Field of Battle, with a winning addition on the right not in left hand picture.

Amazingly, no A-10s showed, a shame really.



Winners were all in "the American Scale" (1/48) and all were "bubble top" P-47D "Republic" Thunderbolts.



Ben Pada got a well deserved 1<sup>st</sup> place with his circa 1949 Mexican Air Force P-47D. Very colorful in those markings and patented Pada metal finish.

Frank Babbitt took home 2<sup>nd</sup> place with his WW2 "Ole Cock", well rendered in greys with invasion stripes, red nose and tail highlights, big bird logo.



Laramie Wright landed 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a WW2 bird as well, namely "Hairless Joe", very sweet scheme.

Below right, the grand daddy of them all, the Seversky P-35A. This dusty old 1/72 scale vac form of mine was an effort to support the contest concept, no

more than that. You can see the genealogy of the P-47 in her though, no ??



While I have you here, permit me to expand on last paragraph of the call to arms for this contest, illustrating the “hidden” meaning (just for fun) ... 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. – Mostly inspired by the existence of Republic’s XF-12 “Rainbow”, RF84 “ThunderFlash”, F84 ThunderStreak, F105 ThunderChief, P47 Thunderbolt, XF84H ThunderScreech, F84 ThunderJet, all of which happily are now available as decent kits and might have all made it to the contest.



Left, Tamiya’s F-84G Thunderjet in 1/72, OOB

Above, Monogram’s 1/48 F-105F Wild Weasel



During the time taken to get this Airmodel 1/72 conversion done using the Airfix razorback to create the XP-47H Chrysler Hemi ‘Bolt, MPM released a craftable injection molded alternative. So Mick Burton compromised, making the MPM kit as the “stock” prototype as shown upper right, and finally completing kitbash conversion as a hypothetical Thunderbolt Mk III in SEAC 1946 scheme, seen above.

While at it, seemed only fair (since having 7 more 1/72 T-bolts at home to choose from, had to bring SOMETHING) to bring along a 1/72 “stock” P-47 to keep company with pair of “H” birds. So we close this review of contestants for “Vive Le Rep” with a shot of an old Hasegawa razorback in “Tuskegee” schema -mick



**7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY**

**AUGUST 19**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**

**Milpitas, CA**

