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## GRATEFUL DEAD WINNERS AT 2009 KICKOFF!



Red Roses and Bone White Toothy Grin Seals Deal  
By Mick Burton

While there were plenty of surprises to come everyone's way on Saturday, April 18, 2009, perhaps one of the best was eventual "Theme" award winner for Kickoff Classic. We had "The Summer Of '69: 40 Years Later" set from the get go last May, so we could begin advertising next year's event immediately following conclusion of last. Offering as possible subjects things such as Muscle Cars, "Flower Power Bugs & Hippie Vans" the Apollo Missions, vast amounts of Vietnam War material, and the like, but of course not limiting to that. We never could have forecast the creation or appearance of Charles Reading's winning submission, simply titled "The Grateful Dead". Handing him his "special award" (his first of two, he received one right afterwards for "Best Figure or Diorama Subject") I think Charles was as shocked as much as pleased from the look he gave me, or maybe it was merely the "illuminative effect" of the trophy... At least now he has a matching pair of our "award night lights" for his works. Mr. Reading got also a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our new category "Vignettes" for this work, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> place for "The Clubhouse" in category Dioramas, that being what he won a second special with.

Charles Reading was entrant number 1 this year at our show, he hails from Felton, California which is well with in our normal frame of potential membership. He's not

currently part of our seasoned band of model brothers. He is an excellent example of the contestants we do have come and compete at our show and make it "more than the usual suspects", much fun to be had by all. Myself, be glad to extend an invite to him to try coming to one of our meetings and see if we persuade him to share more often than once a year, seems to me to be one of us! For the record, he entered four mighty pieces, two in "S46" Dioramas All Types and Scales, two in "S47" Vignettes, 5 Figures or less, No Vehicles, a new permanent split we launched this year quite successfully on its own. Why I tell you this is to illustrate his range. "Berlin Bolt" featured an Italeri Panther with Master Box figures, a building and scratch base. "The Clubhouse" we have him storytelling with scratch built base, spares box car, Andrea figures. "German Machine Gunner 1918" was a vignette using Flightpath models figure. Then in same category here he offers a heavily reworked "generic" human skeleton from a Korean kit offering in 120mm, a scratch built Crypt from dry wall board material, Crypt gate from Evergreen plastic (ie scratch again) All those roses aren't from a doll house or railroad supply, NO! He scratch sculpted them from "Sculpy" which trust me, will have you drinking rose' before too long working. Charles got his inspiration for project from a late 1960s concert poster, which any of you long time Bay Area modelers likely would recall, even if you participated in the festivities of the period... (Not me, though ☺).

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

Okay, by now you've likely figured out that was a single page article scrib by me, what? You're not at all sure, What I am frothing about? The first page of this month's Sheet! The issue for May 2009 is late getting out here because after toiling to complete it and pressing others to get their submissions in to me early, I totally tossed on the cyber fireplace the major "non contest or meeting material" and decided to just try again. Hope you like it.

If you don't, no worry, this is ELECTION MONTH and meeting will feature our famous railroad engineering skills at work, so watch it or you too can be THE EDITOR! (or President, or our Veeps who we work to death)

I for one entirely enthralled at headaches & huzzahs (glad for so many of the latter, forget even the few I had of t former on game day) which were part of OUR BEST EVER SPRING SHOW! And EVERYONE WHO CAME WAS A BIG PART OF WHY IT WAS SOOO GOOD! Thank you THANK YOU THANKS!!! Still cannot here adequately address truly fine response to making the whole big show (literally, we're working now with 25 thou square feet when we used to luxuriate, infuriate in a mere 9 K plus!) work so marvelously. Raffle Team, Whole shooting match of staff who traffic direct, set up, tore down, cleaned, patiently explained for 100<sup>th</sup> time why you can't do this or should have done that if you expected to place, registration wizards, JUDGES! DISPLAYERS! So I have asked we put a thank you on our Web Page. In space left, here's someone who says thanks ever well! The award we have hardest time having to select just the one yet most fun, too!

### **To the members of SVSM,**

I was totally surprised to learn that you honored me with the Tim Curtis Award this year.

This award means more to me than any award for building a kit could mean.

Again thank you for this honor

**Eric McClure**

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## **ANNOUNCING CLUB "FUN-TESTS" FOR SUMMER 2009 & BEYOND**

### **"RED WHITE AND BLUE" for our JULY 2009 meeting**

Eligible subjects are: ANY SCALE, FINISHED, primarily Red, White or Blue subjects, or combinations thereof. Chaparrals, Ferraris, 40s & 50s US Navy or Aeronavale are easy picks. Bicentennial schemes, any subjects that didn't make "It's Red" this year, NASA stuff, scheme at it you'll surprise us as well as yourself with your entry idea. Thanks again for idea to the unnamed member who tossed it at me during dinner...



### **IT's " T " TIME! SVSM CLUB CONTEST THEME for NOVEMBER 2009**



Eligible: Any scale, finished subjects as outlined: Autos that have "T" names such as Toronado, Tempest, Tiger, Torino, Talledega, etc. Aircraft that are "T" named such as Tomcat, Tempest, Tigercat, Thunderjet, etc. Plus of course "T" for Trainer mission aircraft. Armor builders may also rejoice, of course. Eligible are Tigers, all manner of Soviet "T" tanks (T-34, 55, 74 among them) USA T-26 Pershings, etc. Maritime and Prehistoric buffs need not feel slighted, Typhoons, Ticonderoga, Triceratops or a T-Rex all sfair game as quick examples. Figure and Fantasy/SciFi builders, please! Show us

your imaginative entry sense. As this will be the last chance in 2009 for us to have an in house club contest, The SVSM editor is offering up to 9 awards if attendance warrants them all

### **" F is for February " SVSM CLUB CONTEST THEME for FEBRUARY 2010**

Eligible: Any scale, finished: F is for Fighter, Ford or Frigate. Or any Fallschirmjager, Fantasy Fraulein, or Frankenstein. Or F is for Foto recon aircraft, or Firefly or Ferdinand or Ferrari ... I trust everyone who wants to furiously compete can find something suitably "F'd" enough to suit them.

*A generous look at our annual event, which will be appearing in the IPMS Journal later this year!*

## **SVSM Draws Record Numbers to the Kickoff Classic**

If anyone thinks the hobby is dying, he should attend The Silicon Valley Scale Modelers' annual Kickoff Classic, held this year on April 18. If the models on display don't convince him otherwise, the numbers should: with over 550 competing entries this year, the contest continues to grow at a 10 percent year-over-year rate and now draws modelers from all over California.

This year's event, held at the Santa Clara Convention Center (the site of the 1998 IPMS/USA Nationals) drew a record number of modelers, and a record number of models. Not only were there more competitors than ever before, but a strong display turnout drove the total number of models for spectators to feast their eyes upon to nearly 1000.

Jim Lund accounted for 122 of these; the prolific builder of all things 1:72 scale had a display of floatplanes and flying boats arrayed across the rear of the hall encompassing 122 models, stretching from Glen Curtiss' boats to the Shin Meiwa PS-1 and anchored by Jim's remarkable scratch-built 1:72 Hughes HK-1 "Spruce Goose."

The center of the hall was dominated by the make-and-take area, where members of the club assisted youngsters as they built their first models. A large vendor area provided a selection of goodies for modelers of all ages, and judging was efficiently handled by head judge Jim Priete and a team of efficient and experienced judges.



"I'm very proud of the judges in this region – they take their responsibility seriously. Many have nationals experience, and our teams are built around modelers qualified as Region 9 Qualified Judges, meaning that they have judged in the region five times in the last 18 months," said Chris Bucholtz, the regional coordinator for IPMS/USA Region 9. Larry Fahrenbacher of the Fresno Scale Modelers was awarded his R9QJ pin at the show.

The show's draw can be illustrated by the winner's list. Best of Show winner Jim Wechsler traveled up from Laguna Hills in southern California; Junior multiple winner Aiden McMackin came from Reno, Nevada; and the first-place winner in the Air Racer category, Alex Bigey, hails from Papeete in French Polynesia!

The Kickoff Classic (so named because it once represented the first event in the Region 9 contest season) also gives the club a chance to honor its past members. This year, the club introduced the Tom Harrison Memorial Award; Tom passed away earlier this year after many years of membership and faithful service to the club. The award will alternate between best ship and best World War I subject from year to year. Other past members so honored include Mike Williams, Ralph Patino, Bill Magnie, Tim Curtis and Ted Kaufman.

Why does the show keep growing? "We make sure that we have lots of flyers out at the many hobby shops in the Bay Area, and we make sure our flyers are available for other contests as early as possible," said Bucholtz. "Also, we take advantage of opportunities to list the contest in online events pages hosted by newspapers, and this year we began a campaign to ask radio stations to air free public service announcements about the show. Those things – combined with great word of mouth advertising from past attendees – has helped us continue to grow."

Next year, the contest moves to March, taking it out of conflict with the other major west coast show, IPMS/Seattle's Spring show (which has been on the same date the last two years). "We hope that we can attract some modelers from the northwest next year – and that we can send some of our guys north in April," said Bucholtz.

Silicon Valley Scale Modelers was established in 1964, making it the second-oldest chapter in IPMS/USA. The 2009 Kickoff Classic was a fitting way to mark the club's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*The SVSM Styrene Sheet wishes to thank the contributor of this article, and this editor hopes member Jim Lund will be understanding in my placing the picture I took of him and his fine display in here as illustration without warning!*

***The Editor Gives you another entirely biased account of his on how KickOff Classic 2009 went, with photos!***



Okay who would have known to figure by 10 AM I'd be having to find LOTS of room for MORE 1/32 AIRCRAFT! That's right, by midday I'd added two tables to my layout and had entrants move all around, twice! Then we ended up with TWO SPLITS here! I truly was shocked and also pleased at how it all worked

That's Fremont Hornet and SVSM alumnus, Professor Dave Newman taking pictures while I shoot him. ☺

Well there are displays and generous volunteers in our clan, then there's... Mr James Lund! He gently asked me if I'd set aside some display table space at this year's show as he'd thought mayhaps we would all enjoy a look at some (SOME!) 1/72 scale Seaplanes from his collection. A few months later and nearly no help on my part at all (Jim was encouraged muchly by me when he'd see me, unfortunately life intervened for me and he discerned that while I have a phone number and email address, there is not entirely a chance I am on planet they are on when you call on me) Saturday contest day arrives and so does dear Jim with a three car convoy and great crew. Ending up that morning adding a sixth table to "Seaplane Bay". See it here on right for your entertainment, AWESOME display. Jim's such a generous gentleman, everything is labeled, he's got the history and the modelling to share as tales to those who inspire him to share (and he does massively!) Incredible and well received by all who came just so leaves me speechless and awed. Thank you, JL!



Kent McClure also generously found time and put at risk for our enjoyment his 1/43 scale auto racer collection, also joining him on the tables were some lovely display Ships by our own Paul Bishop and other fine works I photo'op'd. Thank you everyone who put fine subjects to view, my apologies for not noting all here!

Unbeknownst to me until long afterwards, when I'm doing the data entry for analysis & assessment for future Kickoffs, were how many Southern Cal

modelers whose fine works I had to shoot as my faves, that did end up taking home lots of our awards! Good for them, now I'll have to launch forays to get some for our team from them! Here are a few of my favorite things, thanks for bringing them! – Mick fini



**April 2009 SVSM MEETING** as recorded by Messr Laramie Wright (with minor edits by yours truly)

The Night Before the Kickoff Classic meeting was a good one with visitors & Mike Burton's in-club contest "Zero Hour".

We had Mike Armstrong and Steve Monroe up from the IPMS Orange County chapter for the KOC 2009. Introduced by our President Randy Ray and warmly welcomed by the membership.

Jim Lund introduced Mike Herrill, "Mr. Execuform" who has provided Jim and many other vacuform kit fans with a wealth of kits of obscure aircraft. Mike and Jim later discussed the test shot of a Saunders and Roe Princess flying boat that was enormous even in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale. Further teasers revealed that Herrill is working on a Bristol Brabazon airliner that will be even more gigantic. There were appreciative oohhs, aahhs, and "oh-my-god-where-would-I put-it?!?!?" responses.

The next section dealt with plans and status checks for the KOC that was to begin next morning. All departments reported in as good to go and the events of the following day proved that everyone was accurate in their assessments as the KOC was the best yet. More details to follow as part of a separate report.

Ace hardware in Berkeley will have models at 20% off through April 30<sup>th</sup> and will host a parking lot swap meet on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for individuals to join in and sell their kits. ACE will offer a 25% off sale of their models on those dates as well. Sounds like fun!

#### MODEL TALK

CLIFF KRANZ started us off with his 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale Pegasus Models V2 rocket. Though intended to be a snap tight model Cliff finished it conventionally, dolled it up in a gloss white scheme with special markings from last years IPMS Nationals decal sheet. Cliff also brought two 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale Fujimi FW-190s that were improved using Cooper Details cockpits. Scheme on each was a combination of the kit markings and national insignia from an ancient HisAirDec sheet of German markings that Cliff reports went on very nicely. He also brought several new reference books.

KENT McCLURE showed an in box 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale IBG British Army Chevrolet Water Truck. Kent was very enthusiastic about the model as it is well detailed and there are several other versions available based on the chassis.

FRANK BABBITT had a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale MiG-15 from KP. Even as old as it is Frank says it is better than the newer DML MiG-15. In fact he used the cockpit details from the DML kit to enhance the KP along with an Aeroclub ejection seat.

RON WERGIN showed his Hobbyboss 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale F4U-4 Corsair. He said it was an easy build, painted with Tamiya rattle-can Gloss Sea Blue. He used a Superscale sheet for the markings but now feels there was an error in them following further research.

SHERVIN SHEMBAYATI had an Italeri F4U-4 in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> on display. He said the kit had several short shot parts and sink marks on the wings. Philosophically, he chalked that up to typical Italeri quirks. He did compliment the overall fit of parts and a nice model resulted. Shervin said he installed the underwing rocket stubs before decaling, as result had a tough time applying the decals for the underside. He persevered and beat them into submission. Shervin also brought a Hasegawa FA-18F, also in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> that was in progress. Shervin feels this is not a good kit for the price, as kit engineering and fit leave seams in and around the intakes that are difficult to fill. The resulting filling and sanding require a lot of panel lines to be re-scribed.

ERIC McCLURE brought his in progress Academy 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale F-8 Crusader. He used an Eduard cockpit detail set and remarked that there were sure a lot of teeny tiny parts that were hard to see and manipulate into position. Eric also had a Tamiya 1/48<sup>th</sup> Austin Tilly light truck. He says it is a good kit but observed that for some inexplicable reason the canvas cargo cover had been molded as part of the clear sprue and there are no windows in the cover! Eric also had the new Osprey book on Skyraiders in Vietnam.

MICHAEL CONNOLLY had his in-progress Hasegawa 1/48<sup>th</sup> F-14B Tomcat on the table. Michael reports that there were numerous fit, alignment problems that responded to persuasion and elbow grease. Getting wings into a swept back position was particularly challenging but he persevered and beat them into submission. He also reported installing an AIRES cockpit set.

DAVE BALDERRAMA had an in progress 1/72<sup>nd</sup> PM models Me328 fighter to show that he is progressing on. It requires "some modeling skills".

MAX BALDERRAMA, Dave's son had his 1/72<sup>nd</sup> PM Horten Ho229 flying wing to show. Dad had assisted by applying some paint at Max's request.

JOE FLEMING brought his MPM 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale XP-56 Bullet, prototype pusher propeller fighter. Joe is making nice progress and told us he was inspired to do the XP-56 by information in a reference book on US pusher propeller fighters. He said such an aircraft wasn't his usual interest but the book hooked him. Joe also brought a nice Hasegawa Fw-190D in 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale that had a number of aftermarket improvements, including an Eagle Editions cockpit set, Eduard photoetched flaps and Hasegawa turned metal gun barrels. Joe's Pili-Pili bust of Chief Crazy horse received several scratch built plus modified details to really enhance his costume and accoutrements. Joe also scribed the hair in greater detail so to look more life like. His 54mm Elite Miniatures Swiss Halberdier looked rakish. Joe said "personality" of the sculpture called to him and he had to make the kit. Finally Joe had some 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale ICM pilot figures on view. He was particularly proud of the 8<sup>th</sup> AF patch on the USAAF figure that was hand painted and totally recognizable.

JIM PRIETE brought his AMT Ford Fairlane stock car in 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale, which is at the decal stage. Jim has made exhaust modifications and flared the wheel wells out. Jim's stocker was painted with actual DuPlo car paint straight from the rattle can, but he will decant the paint and run it through his airbrush next time. As for the interior Jim robbed a Polar Lights Ford Torino kit for its roll cage and used decals for the instrument panel.

LARAMIE WRIGHT brought his 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Dragon M4A2 Red Army Sherman that is just about ready for the contest needing only a bit of stowage and remaining periscopes attached. The model represents an actual vehicle that took part in the final battle for Berlin in April 1945. He also brought his DML 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale PzKfW IVG in a nice panzer grey scheme of Panzer Division Gross Deutschland at Kharkov in 1943.

JIM LUND spoke about Execuform's new vacuform kit of the Saunders and Roe Princess in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale. Jim had test shots of wings, fuselage along with some photos of the real item. A post WWII design that came along too late to be successful as an airliner, the Princess was huge, about the same size as a B-36. The finished SARO seaplane model will dwarf all but the biggest of 72<sup>nd</sup> scale planes. Jim was positively salivating to start work on the Princess as well as promised upcoming Bristol Brabazon that is even larger.

BILL FERRANTE had an in progress 1/48<sup>th</sup> Hasegawa A6M2 Zero intended for the Zero Hour contest but didn't quite get there. When finished, his Zero will have dark green upper surfaces over light gray with an orange tail and white wing tips.

RANDY RAY showed us his recent acquisitions from Yanni's Hobbies. He began with a Moebius Models kit of Iron Man in 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale, representing recent iteration as played by Robert Downey Jr. Randy says it's a great kit as far as engineering goes, but the pose is rather boring. Next up was a copy of The Factory Publishing title "Jungle Armour" that concentrates on Commonwealth equipment in India, Asia and the Pacific in WWII. The diminutive SdKfz 221 in 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale by Bronco was next followed by the new Dragon 1/35<sup>th</sup> SIG 33 10.5cm haubitze (howitzer) that includes a turned aluminum barrel. Randy is really stoked on this kit and is looking forward to building it. Next was a Platz 1/72<sup>nd</sup> RQ1A Predator UAV kit. Randy said this is the same kit as the earlier Accurate Miniatures MQ1A Predator except this version comes with Hellfire missiles and mounts. Finally Randy showed his in progress Dragon 1/35<sup>th</sup> Sturmhaubitze 42 that comes with waffle pattern zimmerit molded on. The kit was a joy to build but Randy's cats have conspired to sabotage his efforts. Several small parts went missing under mysterious circumstances causing Randy to buy a second for spares. Unfortunately, delays precluded his finishing the model before the Kickoff Classic. Catricide was seriously considered.

MIKE BURTON brought his 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale NAVAIR pressing of the AMT P-40F in Operation Torch colors from Model Master, finally finished! Another of his never-ending parade of Monogram 1/48<sup>th</sup> P-51D Mustangs appeared. Mike loves that kit and should be able to do one in his sleep. This one fought him though, requiring four trips to the paint shop before he achieved the finish he desired as GlenGarry Guy, from Aeromaster Decals. He also showed a Lilac colored 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale Tamiya A6M2N Rufe float plane (a hypothetical scheme from Tamiya & Johan kit reference) and a Tamiya A6M2 in gray, marked as one of Saburo Sakai's aircraft. He also returned showing his Hasegawa 1/48 A6M5 in two green and grey camo, as the three Zeroes were part of his entries in his in house contest. Mike had an in progress Hobbyboss quick build P-40E Kittyhawk III in RAF Mediterranean camouflage along with an in progress Tamiya 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale A6M3 Hamp. Finally he showed his progress on 1/48<sup>th</sup> AZUR Arsenal VG33 French fighter plane originally intended to finish as "90 day Wonder". It was a struggle to get the wings on and Mike is exhausted but proud to have gotten this far with it.

April meeting also featured our in house contest "ZERO HOUR". Entries had to have Zero or a 0 or 0's in the name or designator. So we had the following contestants enter:

**Mike Burton** came armed with several "0" series jets: Hasegawa F-102, F-106, and a Trumpeter F-107A plus an X-Planes Vacform F-107A in hypothetical "B" version. The F-102 was in Southeast Asia camouflage as was the F-107B. The F-106 appeared in ADC Gray CA ANG scheme, F107A in nat metal scheme for Prototype #1 51-118. Great work from Mike

**Dave Marzola** brought two nice F-100's built from the old Hasegawa kits. Both were finished in natural metal with colorful markings. As a bonus one jet's buzz number ended in "000" so one entry was worth FIVE 0's. Well Done Dave.

**Mark Hernandez**, the club's pre-eminent Luftwaffe '46 jock built a Trumpeter 1/35<sup>th</sup> German E100 tank out of the box and finished it in a great speculative 1946 panzer scheme. This is his first large scale tank. Mark sticks with a hypothetical '46, just not a Napkinwaffe subject.

**Ron Wergin** weighed in with three Zeros (A6M family). A Tamiya 1/48<sup>th</sup> Zero A6M2 in Dark green over gray with very colorful markings, An all gray A6M2 Pearl Harbor attacker also by Tamiya and a Hasegawa A6M3 done with a nifty mottled dark green over gray scheme.

**Steve Travis** brought a venerable Monogram 1/48<sup>th</sup> A6M5 in Dark Green over Gray and an even more venerable Testor's (ex-HAWK) 1/72<sup>nd</sup> A6M5c also Dark Green over Gray. Nice contrast in size and detail.

**Kent McClure** showed his Ford C-100 race car in 1/43<sup>rd</sup> scale. This was a brightly marked orange color, racing with Jaegermeister colors.

**Laramie Wright** brought his Tamiya 1/48<sup>th</sup> A6M2 also in the markings of Saburo Sakai. It was painted Floquil Old Concrete to conform with the latest color info on JNAF aircraft in the early war years. Kit Decals.

### Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Mark Hernandez for his E100 Panzer  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Kent McClure for his Jaegermeister Ford C-100  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Laramie Wright for his A6M2 Zero

**Model of the Month: Mark Hernandez for his E100**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK HERNANDEZ



**FOR WINNING APRIL MODEL OF THE MONTH**

## "ZERO HOUR" A Look Back at April Foolishness and Fun



Far from the largest field of battle for a club contest, the turnout still noteworthy as it was nearly 40 % of the night's table modelling. A very tidy end result as well, with a winning subject in three of our most popular genres and the AIR came in third! Thank you again to my trusty judges Shervin Shembayati and Joe Fleming for efficient resolution.



Mark Hernandez took First Place with this fine E-100. Mark made it a more sporting entry by offering meeting attendees a chance to render opinion on whether he should display model with or without skirts, that's the white card in front of display.

Kent McClure took Second Place with his delightful orange 1/43 Ford C-100 racer. Jagermeister ought to pay out on this showing rather than your editor. Ah, such is life, as the French do say.



On the left is Third Place taken by Laramie Wright for his superb 48<sup>th</sup> scale A6M2 Zero in Saburo Sakai's markings. Zeroed in, yes.



And just to show it all was indeed a "Zero Sum" game

Far left, my just in time finished "Purple Rufe" from the Tamiya 48<sup>th</sup> scale kit, in "JoHan Scheme" (my title)

Last but far from least, Ron Wergin's marvelous Hamp in 48<sup>th</sup> from Tamiya. Sweet!

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF SVSM MEETING 05-15-09

### Sunday May 24 2009

**Castle Air Museum** and their friendly volunteers offer "Open Cockpit Day" at the museum grounds from 9Am to 5 Pm. You have to show up to find out exactly which aircraft will be open for interior tours, as it is all done on a volunteer basis, and several past experiences by many of us SVSMers have demonstrated you can be the few the proud the only ones to get that "KC-97" or "Vulcan" look-see. Over 50 restored aircraft and excellent tour site on any day, but especially on this one. Location is 5050 Santa Fe Drive, Atwater, CA. Off of Highway 99 going towards Sacramento when leaving Modesto area, take Buhach Road exit. [WWW.castleairmuseum.org](http://WWW.castleairmuseum.org)

### Saturday June 6 2009

**IPMS/San Diego** present San Diego Model Expo '09, Region 8 Regional model contest and raffle. Held at San Diego Air & Space Museum, Gillespie Field, 335 Kenney Street, El Cajon, CA. The theme for event is "D-Day" Offering 20 categories of competition, discount entry for National IPMS members, printable registration forms available on their website. Special awards for Best A/C, Car, Figure, Armor, Ship plus Best in Show, Best Junior For additional info, updates go to club website [www.ipmssd.org](http://www.ipmssd.org) Alternatively, contact Rich Durham by email [rwdurham@aol.com](mailto:rwdurham@aol.com) or Gary Williams (858) 453-8777

### Saturday, June 20 2009

**IPMS/Ontario** present Region 8 Ontario IPMS Mini-Con 2009 at Ontario Senior Center, 225 E. "B" St in Ontario CA. Don't miss it!

### Saturday, July 25 2009

**IPMS/Dragon Lady** proudly host the Region 9 Regional Contest at their new larger locale. Event will be held At First United Methodist Church, 3101 Colusa Hwy, Yuba City CA. Theme is "Peace Was Our Profession" to celebrate the rich history of the Strategic Air Command in North CA. Numerous special awards planned as well as exhibits, movies and of course lots of competition categories. Visit website at [myspace.com/ipmsdragonlady](http://myspace.com/ipmsdragonlady)

### Saturday, September 12 2009

**IPMS/Reno High Rollers** present their 10th Annual contest which will be held at Desert Heights Elementary School, 13948 Mt. Bismark St. Reno, NV. For more information see their site at [www.renohighrollers.com](http://www.renohighrollers.com).

### Saturday, September 19 2009

**Oregon Historical Modelers Society** present Evergreen Air & Space Museum Show and Contest 2009 Held at the Evergreen Air & Space Museum, 500 NE Michael King Smith Way McMinnville, OR, They are offering 66 categories of competition, large number of vendor tables. Featuring of course marvelous museum exhibits, all entrants and spectators will have to pay at least minimum (1 wing) museum admit. more information contact [Brian Yee at 503-309-6137 or E-MAIL: byee1959@gmail.com](mailto:byee1959@gmail.com) or see Website <http://www.geocities.com/oregonshow>

### Saturday, October 17 2009

**IPMS/Fremont Hornets** host Tri City Classic 6 at the Newark Community Center, 33501 Cedar Boulevard, Newark CA. Theme is "From Russia With Love" this year, with several special 'theme' awards as well as 43 categories of competition planned. More details and contact data will be forthcoming as year progresses.

### Saturday, October 17 2009

**IPMS/Orange County** host ORANGECON 2009 at CSU Fullerton campus, in Titan University Conference Center, 800 N State College Blvd, Fullerton CA. For more information, see their website at [www.ipmsoc.org](http://www.ipmsoc.org)

**NEXT MEETING:**

**7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY**

**MAY 15**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**

**Milpitas, CA**

