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# Now Appearances Can Be Deceiving...Here's March, Yes



YET LOOK FROM OTHER SIDE, SAME TIME, IT LOOKS LIVELIER, NO? Photos: Mick Burton Minutes/Text: Chris Bucholtz/Mick Burton Let's see on page 3...



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



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" WITH APPRECIATION, EDITOR TO USE EDITORIAL SPACE HERE TO WRAP UP SV CLASSIC # 6 AS INTENDED "

This OSS was originally underway in time to be published prior to April meeting which was first post contest SVSM meet that traditionally we review some how things went. Editor didn't manage thanks to the usual suspects in life's passage to get issue done then. Editor now is glad that the Contest Director who knows these passages well in his own way, had this missive sent earlier to now be shared with you. Enjoy. – mick fini



FIRST WORD BACK AT YOU From SVC #6 Contest Director Mike Woolson, April 8 2019

With the sixth Silicon Valley Classic in the books I can say I am glad in a way.

Off the top of my head we had 90+ entrants and 321 models on the tables.

The raffles went well from what I can see, but we did not go through a 2000 count of tickets like last year, but anytime we have two raffles with 70+ items that pleases me.

The partnerships Myself and the Bill have forged with Napredak Hall and the Gold Rush Eatery will be strong into the future and I will carry on as Contest Director into the future until an unknown date.

A huge thank you to these people who step up year after year on game day to help make the contest what it is.

Bill Ferrante Frank Beltran Kent McClure Natalie Plummer Gabriel Lee The Balderrama family Mick Burton

The SVC #7 is now well under way and I will say I have picked out a theme:

" TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT ". Sending a message to those who have tried to throw a monkey wrench into things over the years...

SVC 7 Theme covers: Record breaking attempts, test vehicles (all types) that lost out to another in competition, Bonneville speed week, failed automobile brands/models, Sci-fi film subjects, Vietnam PBR's, Me-262 jets, heavily armed vehicles land/sea/air and more to be announced at a future date.

MW fini

#### Editor Actually Trying to Catch Up with a Review of March Meeting in April Issue being done in May? (from page 1)

At the March meeting... All present were reminded of the imminent arrival of the 6<sup>th</sup> Silicon Valley Classic put on by SVSM, VP/Contest Director Mike Woolson at the helm (busy getting ready, not at the meeting). "Fighting Fire With Fire" being the theme this go around, and event anticipated to be big!



Much farther along is his Platz 1:72 T-33 - it's finished and resplendent in Bolivian colors! It's a reminder that you only have nine months left to finish your own Shooting Star for the group build!

In model talk... **Gabriel Lee** has his Venezuelan OV-10 Bronco painted and almost ready for decals. The Bronco was built from the Academy kit.



Jordan Li has made the most of his most recent

semester of college, building a Fujimi A-7E Corsair II and an Italeri Rafale in 1:72 on their gear, and finishing an F-104 and an F-5E in Taiwanese markings as in-flight displays.





**Ron Wergin's** 1:72 armored contingent grew with the addition of a Churchill AVRE, crewed by a beretwearing commander in the hatch.

Kent McClure's projects this month included a *Star Wars* fighter and an assortment of Bandai's spacecraft from anime series including some 1:2400 *Starblazers* ships, plus an Airfix 1:72 Spitfire Mk. I.





**John Carr** is throwing his talents into a 1:48 Tamiya F2A Buffalo, which he's nursed all the way to the point of decaling.

John's son **Landon** has his KP MiG-15 UTI well along and just about ready for paint.





**Ben Pada's** armor binge has seen him finish up his Panzer IV/70 and a Autoblinda AB 41 armored car.

He hasn't stopped building 1:48 planes, though – Ben has another Hasegawa P-40 almost completed, and his Tamiya P-51B is in 357<sup>th</sup> FG markings.



**Chris Bucholtz** had something rare for him: two finished models! His CF-100 Mk. 4 Canuck was built from the Hobbycraft kit, with the Obscureco detail set and many small details added; it was finished last June and was part of the Northwest Scale Modelers display on Canadian Aviation at the Seattle Museum of Flight.

Chris also finished his Sword 1:72 Fairey Gannet AEW.3, which had the radar observer's cockpit opened up and boasts detailed wheel wells and a scratch-built boarding ladder.





Chris also has a MiG-15 from Eduard nearly ready for paint (it needs work on its fussy intake splitter) and has started work on his Platz T-33's cockpit; he's also figured out a way to make 1:20 kelp, something that will help with his display of his 1:20 Dorudon Atrox, a primitive whale from 40-33.9 million years ago.





**Marv Eberhardt** had fun with a 1990-vintage issue of the Monogram Bf 109; he added some resin, re-did the canopy, and has some turned metal barrels for the guns on the way.

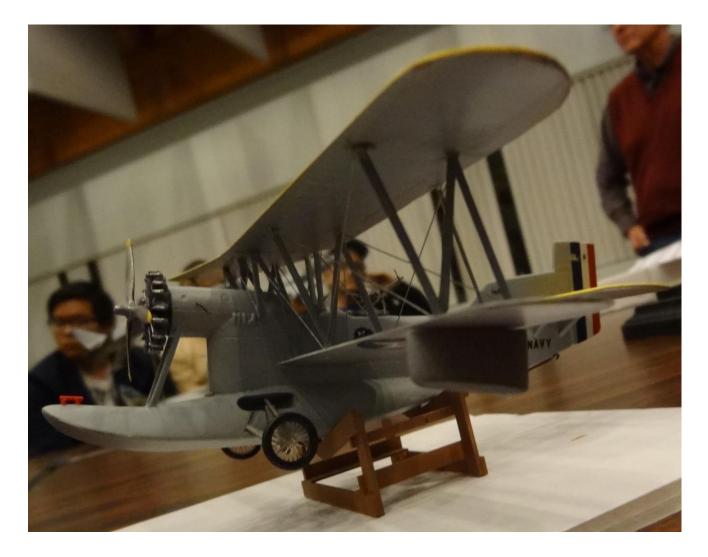
**Greg Plummer** is back at work on a Tamiya 1:48 F4F-4 Wildcat, and he's also working on a Tamiya F2A Buffalo, making the modifications to create a Brewster Model 229 used by the U.S. Army Air Force in Australia.

**Al Kuhn** completed another Loening flying boat, this one an OL-8 with an in-line engine that was used to perform an aerial survey of Alaska.





Al used the Esoteric vacuformed kit, and had to contend with issues like the two halves of the fuselage being different lengths!





Randy's also building a tractor from Bronco, although the model's vinyl tires refuse to have their seams eradicated!

**Randy Ray** is digging into Tamiya's new Type 16 MCV, which he has primed and ready for paint.



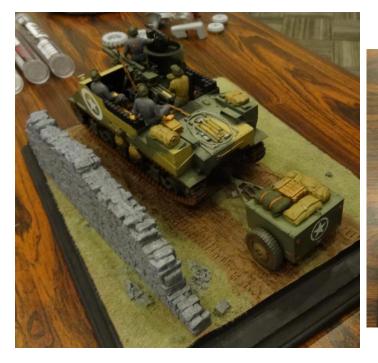
And the model of the month goes to... **Pat Nichols**, who used Dragon's 1:35 M7 Priest and Tiger Models' M8 ammunition trailer to create a combo used during the invasion of Sicily. The gun is crewed by MiniArt figures, and Pat chose a real vehicle named "Anna" because of his granddaughter's love of the movie *Frozen*!



# Congratulations to

# **Pat Nichols**

#### FOR WINNING MARCH MODEL OF THE MONTH





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