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THAT WAS NO DREAM, THERE WAS A DECEMBER MEET



Everything Reliably Recorded Here with Additional Analysis Minutes: Chris Bucholtz Photos: Mick Burton Text: Mick Burton During the December meeting...

Chris Bucholtz reported that Jim Lund offered us the use of his house – with pizza and a viewing of his amazing collection one last time before it is dispersed – for our February meeting.



The membership gave approval to setting up the event. Stay tuned for further information!

In the gift exchange, these were the horrors inflicted, one member upon the other.

We forged these chains in life, Ebenezer!

Let's see on page 3...



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

" A LATE BETTER THAN NEVER ISSUE and a SIMPLE WISH OF MORE TIME FOR JOY IN 2020

BREAKING NEWS – IF YOUR PLATZ T-33 looks more like the two on the right rather than below left, TAKE HEART and FAIR WARNING, YOU'RE NOT OFF HOOK YET

"Shooting Stars" Event Sponsor Mr Bill Ferrante announced at January 2020 Meeting that he graciously extended into overtime the completion to show date HAVE YOUR STAR READY TO SHINE AT MARCH 2020 SVSM Meeting :)





With That Said ... Until next newsletter then, Editor signs off,- mick fini

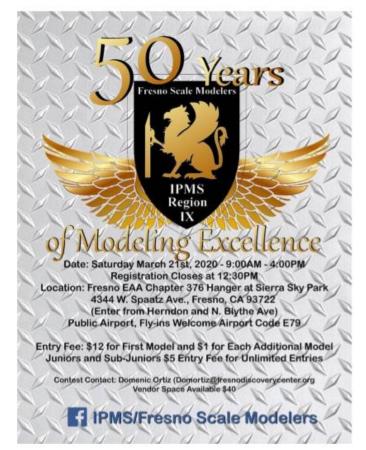
REGION NINE OPENERS for 2020 EVENT SEASON GREAT NEWS for FEBRUARY and MARCH !!!

A DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER HERE



FOR IPMS / FRESNO SCALE MODELERS

First for deciding to host an event again, most appreciated. Second for YOUR ACHIEVING 50th YEAR MILESTONE



Editor Offers the Actual Recorded Mayhem (ahem, Minutes) of December 2019's Pirate's Pleasure (from page 1)

Hasegawa 1:72 B-25H Mitchell: Opened by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen by Mike Meek, stolen and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.

Hasegawa 1:32 F-5E Tiger II: Opened by Frank Beltran, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.

Sword 1:72 TF-9J Cougar: Opened by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Chris Bucholtz Tamiya 1:72 Ki-61: Opened by Mark Van Bergen, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen and taken home by Jim Priete.

Dragon 1:35 Sd.Kfz. 164 Nashorn: Opened by Kent McClure, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Ben Wergin.

Tamiya 1:48 F4U-1 Corsair: Opened by Kent McClure, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by John Carr.

Eduard 1:48 Fw 190A-8/R-12: Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Laramie Wright, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.

Tamiya 1:35 M-551 Sheridan: Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Ben Wergin.



Tamiya 1:48 Spitfire Mk. I: Opened by Mike Meek, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen and taken home by Laramie Wright.

Hasegawa 1:48 P-51D Mustang: Opened and taken home by Morgan Carr.

Monogram 1:48 P-61 Black Widow: Opened by Postoria Aguirre, stolen and taken home by Aaron Rhetta.

Two Revell 1:72 Sea Hurricanes: Opened and taken home by Jordan Li.

Hasegawa 1:72 Fw 190A: Opened by Eugenie Taylor, stolen and taken home by Mark Van Bergen.

Accurate Miniatures 1:48 Yak-1: Opened and taken home by See Young.

Dragon 1:35 Valentine: Opened by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Landon Carr.

Tamiya 1:48 A6M5 Zero: Opened and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.

Revell 1:72 S-100 Schnellboot with Flak 38: Opened by Frank Beltran, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.

Hasegawa 1:72 A-1H Skyraider: Opened by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Jordan Li, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Mike Burton.

Airfix 1:48 P-40B Tomahawk: Opened by Randy Ray, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen by Morgan Carr, stolen and taken home by Kent McClure.

Trumpeter 1:48 T-38C Talon: Opened by Kent McClure, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen by Randy Ray, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.

MPM 1:72 Arado Ar 196: Opened by Eugenie Taylor, stolen by Mike Meek, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.

Airfix 1:1/144 deHavilland Comet and Hasegawa 1:72 E7K "Alf:" Opened and taken home by Jordan Li. Trumpeter 1:350 destroyer Z-25: Opened by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin.

Esci 1:35 T-72: Opened and taken home by Greg Plummer.

Dragon 1:35 StuG IV/L70: Opened by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Jim Retta.

Revell 1:48 MiG-29: Opened and taken home by See Young.

Azur 1:72 Northrop Delta: Opened by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Randy Ray.

Roden 1:48 Junkers J.1:Opened by Eugenie Taylor, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Randy Ray.

Tamiya 1:35 M10 Achilles: Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin.

Bandai Gundam Freedom: Opened by Morgan Carr, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen by Morgan Carr, stolen and taken home by Mike Burton. (*FLASH UPDATE-traded for P-51 1/48th Hasegawa "taken home" by Morgan Carr, before either of us were taken home*)

HobbyBoss 1:48 FJ-4B Fury: Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen by Laramie Wright, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.

Monogram 1:72 Curtiss F11C-2: Opened by Kent McClure, stolen by Randy Ray, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Eugenie Taylor.

Hasegawa 1:72 Hellcat Mk. I: Opened and taken home by Bill Ferrante.

Revell Batboat: Opened and taken home by Frank Babbitt.

Revell of Germany 1:72 Do 17Z-10: Opened by Mike Meek, stolen by Bill Ferrante, stolen and taken home by Kent McClure.

ICM 1:48 P-51C Mustang: Opened and taken home by Bill Ferrante.

Hasegawa 1:72 F-4E Phantom II: Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Jordan Li, stolen and taken home by Laramie Wright.

Revell 1:48 He 111H-6 with Bv 246 Hagelkorn: Opened by Mike Meek, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Postoria Aguirre.

Sword 1:48 T-38 Talon: Opened by Ben Wergin, stolen by Postoria Aguirre, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Jim Priete.

Academy 1:35 RQ-7B drone: opened by Randy Ray, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Laramie Wright, stolen and taken home by Eugenie Taylor.

MPM 1:72 Boulton-Paul Defiant and MPM 1:72 Vultee Vengeance: Opened by Jordan Li, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen by Morgan Carr, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.

Tamiya 1:72 Bf 109G-6: Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.

Tamiya 1:35 25-pounder and Quad tractor and Tamiya 1:35 Challenger I: Opened by Aaron Rhetta, stolen by Eugenie Taylor, stolen by Ben Wergin, stolen and taken home by Eugenie Taylor.

Accurate Miniatures 1:48 II-2 Sturmovik: Opened and taken home by Greg Plummer.

Italeri 1:72 C-118 Flying Boxcar: Opened by Greg Plummer, stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Jose Beltran.

Bandai Sandrock Custom Gundam: Opened and taken home by Randy Ray.

Revell 1:48 Ju 88A-5: Opened by Greg Plummer, stolen by Laramie Wright, stolen and taken home by Mike Burton

Revell box-scale USS Missouri: Opened by John Carr, stolen and taken home by Adam Retta.

Dragon 1:35 King Tiger: Opened by See Young, stolen by Ben Wergin, stolen and taken home by Laramie Wright.

ICM 1:48 Ju 88A-4: Opened by Laramie Wright, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin.

Classic Airframes 1:48 Avro Anson: Opened by Jose Beltran, stolen by Morgan Carr, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen and taken home by Muriah Coester.

Squadron 1:48 UC-78 "Bamboo Bomber": Opened by Eugenie Taylor, stolen by Mike Meek, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Mike Meek.

Tamiya 1:72 Ki-61-II Hien: Opened by Mark Van Bergen, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Chris Bucholtz, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.

Esci 1:35 Ti-62: Opened and taken home by Amelia Bucholtz.

A BRIEF LOOK OVER AT THAT NIGHT...

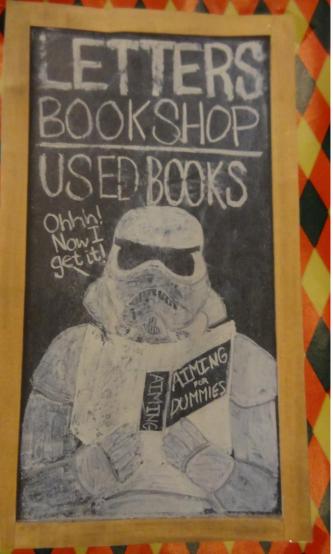


Postoria Aguirre continued his appreciated bonus of gift wrapping with delicious bedevilments. Two of them seen here.

Editor sadly missed shot of third, seen below center



And whilst this shot taken on the right depicts a pastoral scene as one member of the Rhetta clan carefully chooses a likely desirable gift to unveil, this is not exactly a common occurrence for the aforementioned December meet events



This shot could be titled "Calm Before Storm", showing as it does the parties present just prior to the "launch gifts" call being made with ensuing piracy.





Nay indeed, as **Laramie Wright** is seen here demonstrating, more often than not a determined round of precious piracy and calculus be the pastime of our last 2019 meet.

As it often has done, several of the "gifters" were getting the full brunt of the experience, having an item in their hands only for time it took Chris Bucholtz to record the ID of package before ripped from their grasp!

Almost as necessary as having at

least ONE SHIP KIT in play (this year we had more than that, and quite the sailing ships these were in Activity of Acquisitioning) was the "Frank B vs Frank B" back & forth. Messrs Beltran and Babbitt in fact may have broke new records in the amount of reaction motion energy spent that evening.

All in all, for the most part the representation of major building genres was pretty decent, only the SF & Fantasy realms were a bit less abundant this year, and a noted reduction of automotive choices, alas.

Some offerings were "pair", such as this one composed of an older Tamiya kitting of the Quad Gun Tractor/Field Gun with newer kit of Challenger.

Others included an odd pair of 1/144 Brit jetliner with 1/72 IJN Catapult Observer Aircraft, or the MisApplied Air Pair of the 1/72 Vultee Vengeance and BP Defiant which the Editor had stole, only to lose them to a theft !

Like Aaron Rhetta here, I had learned to take it in stride as we both had items taken home by others after we held them...

A very good time was had by all from every corner gathered measured by the reactions taken in that night. That's its



own rewarding gift ! As for the aforementioned analysis bits, while I don't have stats for this same event of December 2016, 2017 or 2018, here's those most recent I do have for contrast/comparison:

2015 December Stats 24 players, 49 presents total, breakout was: Single = 8 Double = 7 Triple = 9 2014 December Stats 21 players, 50 presents total, breaking out: Single = 5, Double = 2 Triple = 13 2013 December Stats 33 players, 55 presents total, breakout: Single = 14 Double = 10 Triple = 9

2019 December saw 28 Players, 53 gifts total, with 10 Single Gifter, 5 Double Gifter, 13 Triple Gifter

Many thanks again for all who came, who played and made things work so well -mick fini



PARADE REVIEW

MODEL Of The MONTH 2019

JANUARY – Bob Meyers M551 Sheridan, USA Vietnam



FEBRUARY – Jordan Li

"A Collection of Interests in 172^{nd} "

F-CK-1B MLU, JF-104A, F8U-1, A-37B, X-Wing Fighter, Mercury Capsule "Molly Brown"



MARCH – Pat Nichols "ANNA" at the Invasion of Sicily M7 Priest & M8 Ammo Trailer in tow APRIL – Gabriel Lee "F-16 Fodder in '92 Coup " FAV OV-10 Bronco before 1992 shootdown





MAY – Greg Plummer

"Tooth Mouse of France"

Citroen Van equipped with a Dentist's Chair

JUNE – Peter Long

" Watch Out For The Small Parts, Follow Directions Closely"

New Release Tamiya 1/35 Hummel

Note: No June 2019 SVSM meeting so was awarded at July 2019 Meeting in a well deserved twin recognition





JULY – Benjamin Pada

"Nice, but no match to Tamiya in fit" Eduard 1/48 Hawker Tempest Mk V

AUGUST – Jordan Li

"Astronaut's Ride Before Space Wings "

F9F Panther, Ensign Neil Armstrong, Korea 1951 with "Screaming Eagles"

SEPTEMBER – No MOM due Auction

OCTOBER – Geoff Kreuger

" Back To My Old Model Club Roots "

F4J Phantom II in 1/48th

No Photo Available Editor missed meeting and no one supplied shots if any were taken



NOVEMBER – Geoff Kreuger

" 1970 Bonnie Dick's RoadRunners Bantam Bomber " A-4 Skyhawk, VA-144 USS Bon Homme Richard, in 1/48th



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

FRIDAY

JANUARY 17

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