



# THE STYRENE SHEET

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*IT's BEGINNING to LOOK a LOT like SVSM CHRISTMAS!*

## “PIRATE’S PLEASURE ”

*aka the SVSM December Gift Exchange*

**COMING THIS FRIDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 16 2022**



**NOTE The DECEMBER GIFT EXCHANGE is the sole business Agenda item for meeting ! NO MODEL TALK**

**Locale:** Our Standard Meeting Place, Milpitas PD Community Room, from 8-1015pm. **OFFICIAL RULES BELOW:**  
“ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ”: GIFT “THEFT” EXCHANGE SVSM DECEMBER 2022 MEET

1. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. So show up on time to register AT FRONT DESK
2. MAXIMUM THREE Gifts put in play by any ONE player present (**Need not be** a member to play *this year*)
3. MINIMUM RETAIL VALUE EACH GIFT must be 25 US dollars. LABEL YOUR NAME ON GIFT
4. GIFTS IN ORDER TO PLAY must be reasonably pre wrapped, not outrageously “disguised” or otherwise camouflaged, so as to not take a person all night (that we don’t have) to unwrap and continue our game.
5. GIFT TO BE OFFERED IN PLAY should be model oriented, likely to be generally perceived of as an item some several of those present WOULD WANT TO STEAL. Bring item you’re mad for, others likely will be.
6. ONCE UNWRAPPED, ALL GIFTS CONSIDERED “IN PLAY” UNTIL “DEAD”. NO TRADES !! ARE ALLOWED IF IN PLAY ITEMS INVOLVED. Feel free to manage what you like with yours and others “dead”
7. UNWRAPPED GIFT IS “IN PLAY” UNTIL STOLEN THREE TIMES THEN IT IS DECLARED “DEAD” Any & all disputes for this declaration are resolved by Club Secretary or his designee, are final and binding. Just ask Chris B. or his designee.
8. PLAY ENDS when time to leave comes or all items are stolen to the deadpoint or the last one is unwrapped to its eventual fate.
9. AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT MODEL CAR, SCI FI, SNAP TITE or SHIP KIT must be present in the GIFT PILE. Or you’re all in trouble.
10. THIS MAY NOT BE COMPLETE RULES. LISTEN AT THE MEETING FOR ANY ADDENDA.



# PARADE REVIEW

MODEL Of The MONTH 2022



**JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2022:** We had only 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meetings, leaving us no MOM, thanks again Pandemic. Happily shocked when we resumed 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday MPD meets in MARCH through this DECEMBER, with November being the last chance for MOM. As you'll soon see, sometimes we had a lot more MOM or occasionally, again no MOM at all

THUS HERE WE CAN CATCH UP in 2022 with MOM Review

MARCH 2022 – Geoff Kreuger (Originally credited as “John Doe, New Modeler”)

“ Atlantis Models Look Back  
At Early 1960s “

Geoff’s rendering of box scale B-52/X-15 was simply splendid He related how he had heard we had some sort of Atlantis Models Only contest in March and did this early 1960s Revell molding from Atlantis re-issue.

As Editor recorded it , this member who left club in the mid ‘90s and only recently returned, was “New Modeler” aka John Doe. Next month, being the good guy he is, let me know politely, much to his son’s amusement intro’ing himself as “John Doe” to me. Glad you’re with us again, Geoff (John Doe)



The following month? TWO MoM awards...

(1) APRIL 2022 – Bob Meyers

“ An Immense Etched Metal Effort “

Forging ahead with this massive model machine was in critical parts, facilitated by the patient persistence of his wife, Bob made clear. Enthused at first to build this massive roving mobile radar set in 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale, became increasingly dour over ever finishing so get to “the good part” (for him, able to apply his signature subtle weather worn look to the completed model). All due to the extremely accurate, thus in toto many tiny photo etch parts to assemble radar array. Thank you to both for seeing thru





**APRIL 2022 (2) – Karsten Kreuger**

*“F -15, Travels With Dad in 1/48<sup>th</sup> “*

*Name seem familiar somehow? It should, as Dad Geoff was winner of MOM in March. Karsten related how he got to see this very F-15 (well at least examples decorated just like it ) while on a family vacation trip to the Oregon state, visiting a local airfield. While President Ron picked this on his own, Editor had a soft spot for it as whole tale brought back memory of his own first encounter with A-26 Invader at near same age, in same way & state,*

**Guess what for the following month? AGAIN TWO MoM awards...**

**(1) MAY – Cliff Kranz**

*“Making Memories, Republic Redux”*

*Cliff had 3 Republic F-84s that night, each with its own original tale. The swept wing prototype and the better known production “F” were grand, but this straight winged “E” was chosen perhaps in part to its story. He made it from memory of an Edwards AFB test bird with the 32 rockets. To do this, Cliff had to make his own “H” brackets. Never doubt modeler Cliff...*



**(2) MAY – Karsten Kreuger**

*“LEGO of My McLaren, You”*

*Coming up with Model Of The Month AGAIN so soon, Karsten still keeps his kid cool and just enjoys his modelling. This McLaren GBR is in “car scale” 1/24<sup>th</sup>, with a twist as it is block step construction to get here. He had a puzzling piece loose on display next to it, which he went on to innocently educate his elders, was the steering mech tool . Nice!*



**JUNE – Greg Plummer**

*“ Rat Rod In Beige ”*

*Crafting on his own inimitable style as ever, Greg relayed how Revell's Model A is a nice enough kit, but is replete with sink marks. For his here, the wheel base was extended and he outfitted a Dodge 340 6 cylinder. As you see it turned out very lovely. However he did make clear at the time even he didn't recall why he chose to paint it the beige it be. No matter.*



**JULY – Frank Babbitt**

*“ Oldie But Goodie Mirage III she ”*

*Frank's Dassault in 1/32<sup>nd</sup> is the ancient Revell kit, with all sorts of effort proving to pay off. I detailed it as it deserves in the JULY/AUGUST 2022 TAMS issue, with plenty of shots taken at two different meets (before and after MOM awarding)*

*Guess what for following month? What, YET AGAIN TWO MoM awards ?? ... NOPE, try THREE !!!*

*(Good thing. As September Auction, November Early Meet, December Party meant there be only one more in '22 )*



**(1) AUGUST – Landon Carr**

*“ He Who Builds, Wins ”*

*Landon created this ATV Buggy from another RC car kit whose design he wasn't keen on. SO, he just rebuilt it into what you see here which fit his needs more exactly, namely now fits his Action Figures for a ride. Like his modelling friend Karsten, he is learning and proving out again the useful lesson that by simply building something and showing up to share it, you win !*

*Keep at it, kid, you're doing it right*

**(2) AUGUST  
– Greg Plummer**

*“Pacific Princess in Pink”*

*Lovely is as Lovely does. Greg's 1/48<sup>th</sup> P-39 is from a newer mold than Monogram's but not that of Hasegawa's, and yet it still stands up in his estimate, even if “ a bit rough ” (recorded in the official minutes as being MPM kit, Editor thinks actually is the Eduard effort which came in several editions and one included this intriguing Pacific Theatre Ops “coral sand scheme”*

*Again, the Editor very much a fan of Bell's aerial snakes, so happy too with President Ron's pick here*



**(3) AUGUST – Ken Miller**

*“A Hypersonic Hit, but Twice Not Nice”*

*Ken took this hypothetical airliner to the National Airliner show and won in the model competition, it was his second run at this Monogram. Both times he has done it proud, only to have the decals go “kaboom” at critical juncture. Still he remains undaunted and thusly rewarded*



**SEPTEMBER – AUCTION MEETING so NO MOM**



**OCTOBER – See Young**

*“Semper Fidelis”*

*I chose that titling for last Model Of The Month 2022 review item after some wrangling for what felt best, this is it. If you don't already know, this is member See Young's Panther, which had quite a twist on the subject of application of Zimmerit. Believe it or not, that particular matter happened to be a perennial, dominant topic of scale modelling clubs, modelers and model publications beyond all measure, for a number of years. See Young and I probably are amongst the few now who'd recall that time, luckily for you all. I bring this up because when See was speaking about this very recent build of his, he had calmly related how he created the effect here on his model: By carefully heating and sculpting the base model plastic. In all the material and times I have run across the discussion of this infamous WW2 Germany anti magnetic paste/applique, I never ran across this as a solution. I tip my hat again to Mr. See Young for proving yet again we are never too old to learn something new or try it. Mr. Young isn't always at the meetings (in fact, he missed a decade or two in his time as member) But he has remained a faithful friend to the club he was once President of by executive fiat (he showed up to a meeting in 1981 to learn the duly elected Club President, Paul Olive, had resigned immediately and made See the new guy in charge) See lost track of us in the late 1990s and returned fairly recently to solidly participate as ever, modelling away the whole time and now is quietly notable for showing up with kits to sell at prices that harken back to my first years in the club!*

*So thank you See, and continue keeping the faith, as we are about to enjoy our 60<sup>th</sup> year as a club in very short time.*

**NOVEMBER – No Record of one given**

**Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> Friday night before TC-14 so Editor not present**

**DECEMBER – None given this year as traditionally is our Holiday Party Meetin, no models for talk.**

**HOWEVER...It has happened in the past, just ask Cliff Kranz (he was December MOM in a long past year...)**

**AND NOW JUST TO LET YOU KNOW**

**Editor's Ravings** – this month's editor, Mick Burton      Shameless plug: [www.mickbmodeler.com](http://www.mickbmodeler.com)

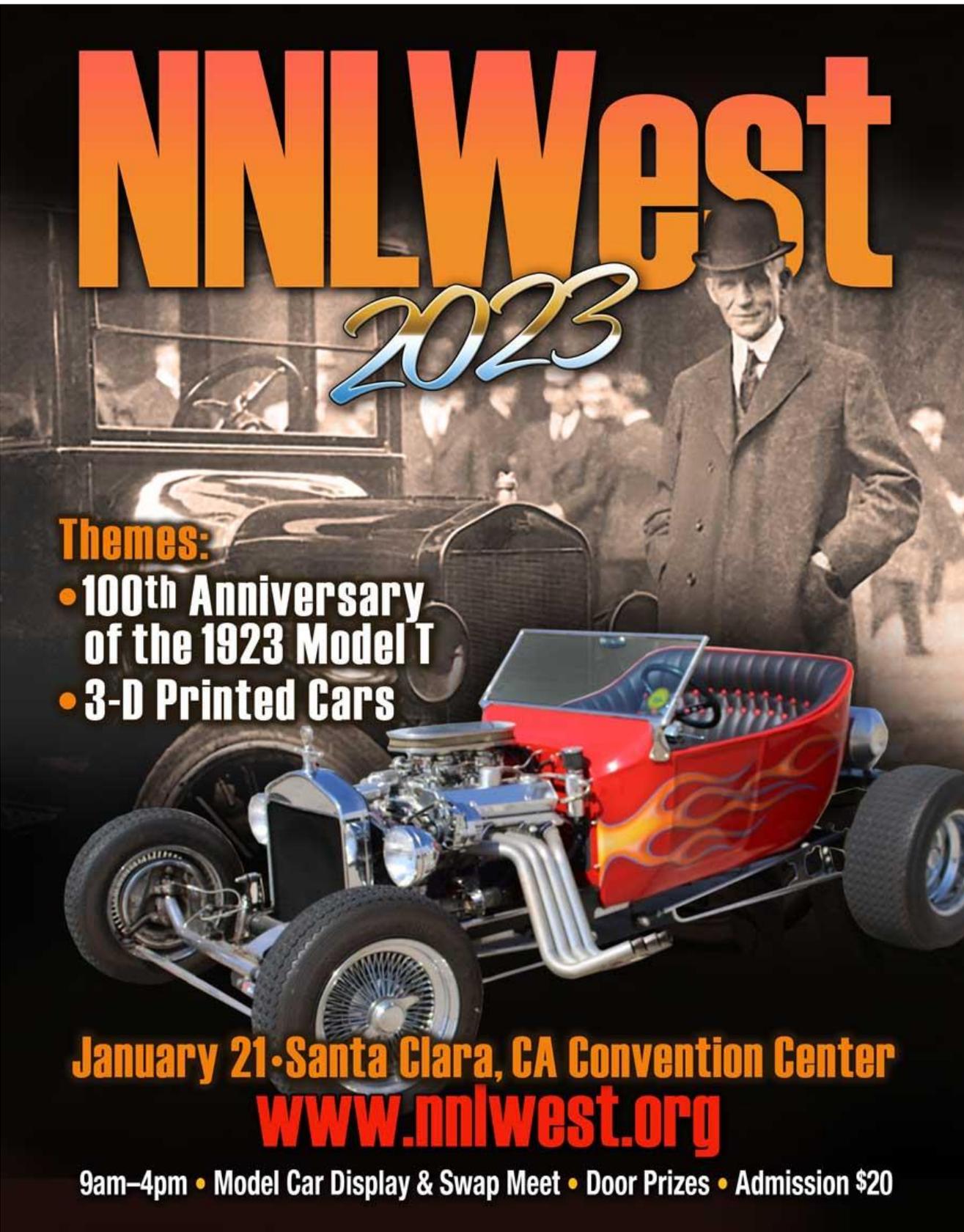
**“ANOTHER SURPRISE EDITORIAL MOMENT ”** *There won't be any this month . Happy Holiday- Mick fini*



Continuing their tradition of opening our Model Show Year with Community and Fun :

# NNLWest

## 2023



### Themes:

- 100th Anniversary of the 1923 Model T
- 3-D Printed Cars

January 21 • Santa Clara, CA Convention Center  
[www.nnlwest.org](http://www.nnlwest.org)

9am–4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$20

**7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 10:00 PM SHARP**

**3rd FRIDAY of Month (GIFT EXCHANGE NIGHT)**

**DECEMBER 16 (at OLD meeting site)**

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**

**Milpitas, CA**

***HOWEVER DON'T COUNT US OUT FOR THE MONTH***

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**7:30 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 9:45 PM SHARP**

**4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY of Month (BUILDFEST NITE)**

**DECEMBER 26 (at COMPLETELY NEW site)**

COMMUNITY ROOM

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