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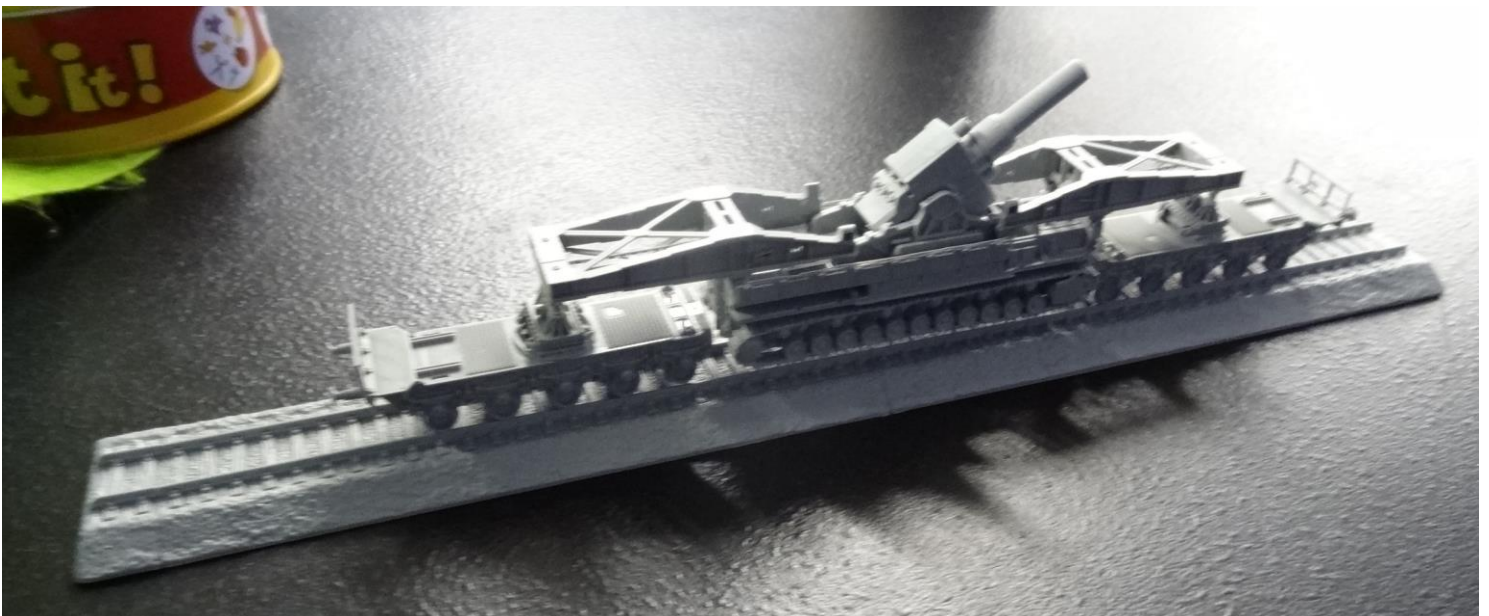


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TWO MEETS, SPLIT into TWO NEWS VEHICLES & SOME

This issue is all GAME KASTLE for June 27th meeting coverage, except for the traditional MOM page
Editor Uses Minimal Time Left and Past Experience To Finagle Proper Coverage, He Thinks . Let's see page 3



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

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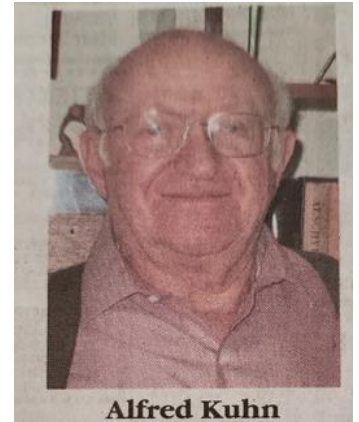


“ AS A SALUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE GONE ON AHEAD, EDITOR GIVES SOME SPACE TO REFLECT ”

As we emerge anew (albeit rockily and with some justified trepidation) from past two plus years. it is as ever, a time filled with great hopes being potentially realized ahead tempered with reality that some we would wish to be sharing this splendid journey with are no longer with us to do so.

One I am just now getting to terms to finally frame is someone I will miss even more than ever in this upcoming Fall. As I finally get to try out my “Everything Space” contest theme after a 5 year hiatus. On the right, that's our own Al Kuhn, who was always a generous supporter of this Editor with kind words of encouragement and astute criticisms of my publications, all 5 he was reader of

I remember Al well as not only the great modeler and member of club that he was, but also for his revealing himself to be the very Grumman Aircraft employee who won a company naming contest for their A2F-1 (which you all know better as the A-6) “Intruder”. Al also was a key part of their engineering teams that worked on the Apollo 11 and other craft. Here's to you AL. RIP 7-09-21



Alfred Kuhn



“Smilin Dave” Anderson, a “dual Passporter” (active member of SVSM and Fremont Hornets model clubs) sadly left us 03-30-22 in unexpected fast fashion

With his wonderful wife Chrissy with him in all sorts of adventures, David made his mark with us in many ways I miss often, and more ahead as new events approach. He battled with heart, soul and grit for making sure Make 'n Takes were held, were fun, informative and repeatable, along with staging fun stuff like Photo Scavenger hunts at shows. Judging, holding others to their big talk or calling BS even if “the popular kids” didn't like him for it or wouldn't stand up, Looking out for the big picture and the little guy not because it got him kudos but because it was what the right thing to do was, just that simple. Godspeed!

And most recently and very hard to take, thankful that I was able to make it

to service to join with many others to wish him on to a better eternity... Lester Tockerman, RIP 06-06-22

Lester always kept me going with his dogged spirit, unsparing energy, fierce passion for life and what he felt was right and never one to stand down. He also was a fellow Newsletter Editor for quite a spell, launching the Monterey Bay Muddler!

Again, in the upcoming contests this year I will miss him all the more, as his work output never flagged. In fact it was increased even as he said to me, my skills are shrinking as my favorite scales to work in grow larger. Not really true. Yes, he had to be painfully adjusting to no longer being able to be the terror in 1/35th AFV Territory in recognition of health issues taking toll. But compiling pictures, and taking stats for two big shows I had a hand in for years, I know perfectly well how damned many and well done were Lester's chosen path of Figures and Busts for his most recent model ventures. He will live on with us in ways yet to be seen for remembering what he was like and wanted to see more of. Everyone having good times, sharing good times, being good to one another and fighting the good fights. I am glad to have known you all, for the time we had. - mickb





Editor Pleased to Report BOTH Meetings Had Good Attendance, Good Atmosphere and News to be had. (froJm page 1)

With June, we opened Summer 2022 in good stead, especially in contrast to 2021 in same period. This splendid venue of the Santa Clara Game Kastle became our rescue ship in mid summer (July 15, 2021) giving us a chance to meet again, face to face, share, build models, what have you. So, now here we are eleven months later, carrying on sans mask, almost relaxed fashion, at the Kastle. *Two meets a month!*





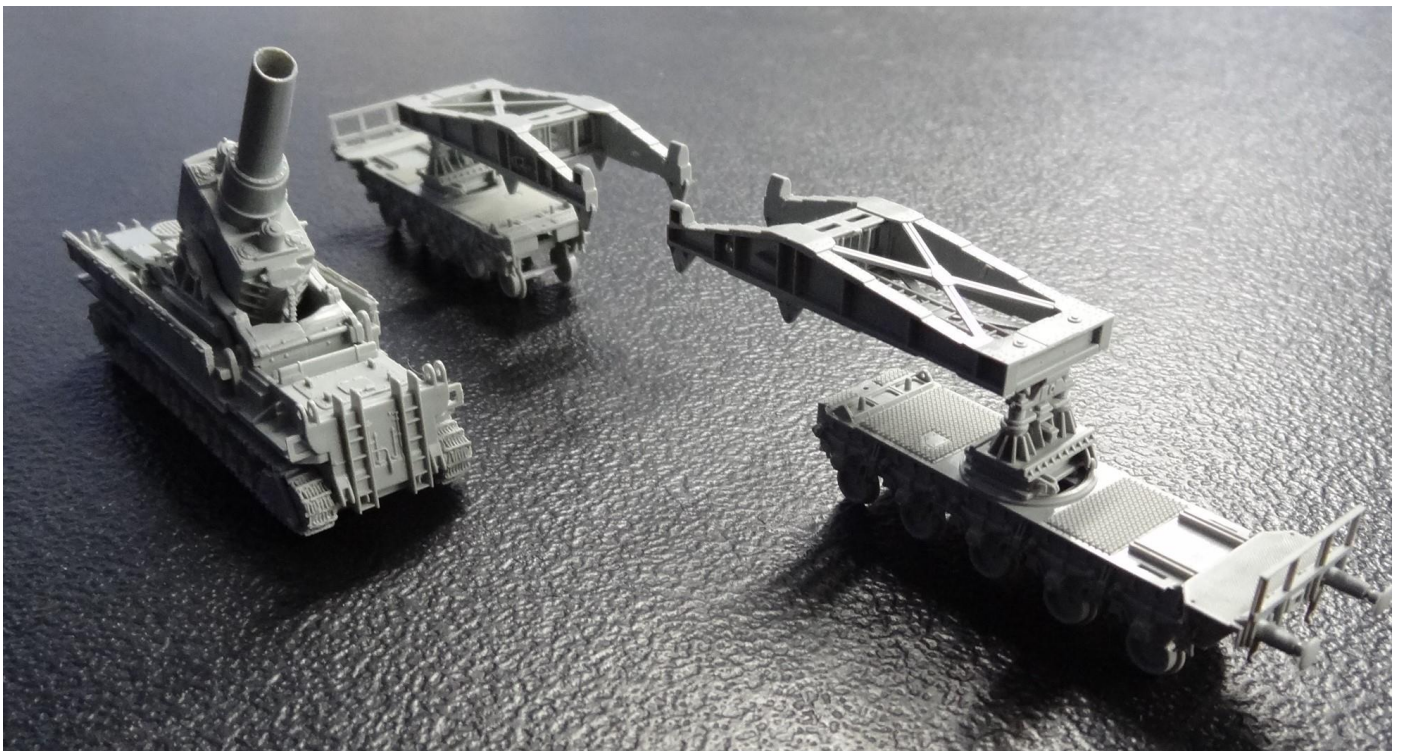
Newcomer to the Kastle but long time part of the SVSM community, **Brian Geyer** brought along pair of engines for his WIP auto, which I don't have ID for, sorry. That's Brian in blue, sitting next to Dave



Dave's son, **DJ Balderrama**, had this intriguing assemblage underway, when he wasn't zipping about the shop or the community rooms to see what all was up.

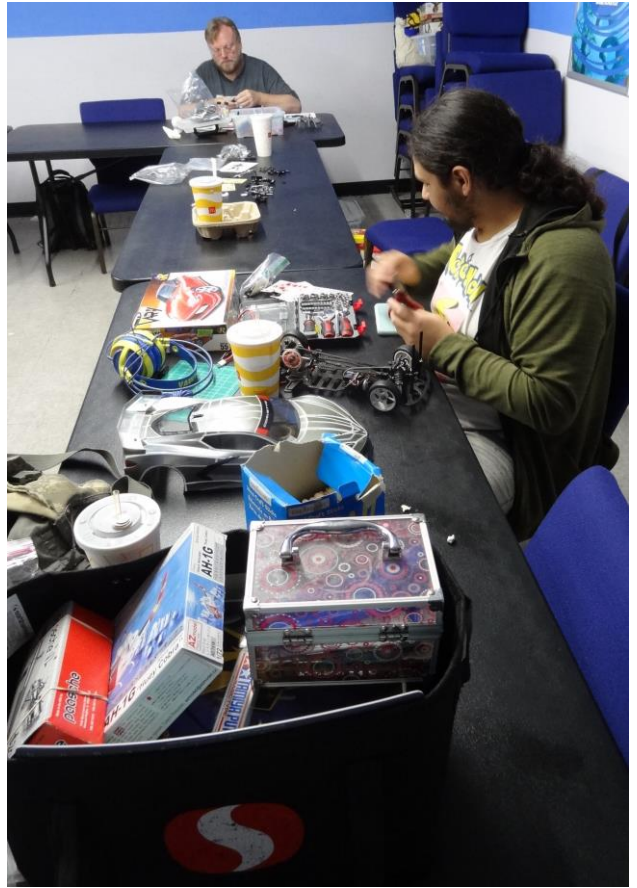
DJ shared his excitement over recent completion of this German WW2 railway gun, which was a pretty piece of work alright.

Molded in 1/pretty small scale, it has lots of nice detail work and many pieces making it challenge to build. DJ not only managed that well, he made sure you could see it in different configurations. I put my pic of the fully assembled machine on its railway, on cover. Below is one "broken out"





DJ's brother, **Max Balderrama**, was busy most of the night working on the innards of this RC Model Chevy Corvette.



Nearby, "**Sci Fi Mike**" **Schwarze** made it to be seen hard at work with several WIP projects. It appeared that perhaps one of them took issue with others getting Mike's model attention. Maybe not. Doesn't it seem to you that the Styrene Mygalomorph is heading with intent at Mike with menace? Oh I suppose it's just perhaps seeking some additional seam filling putty, on its innocent own, oh yeah.



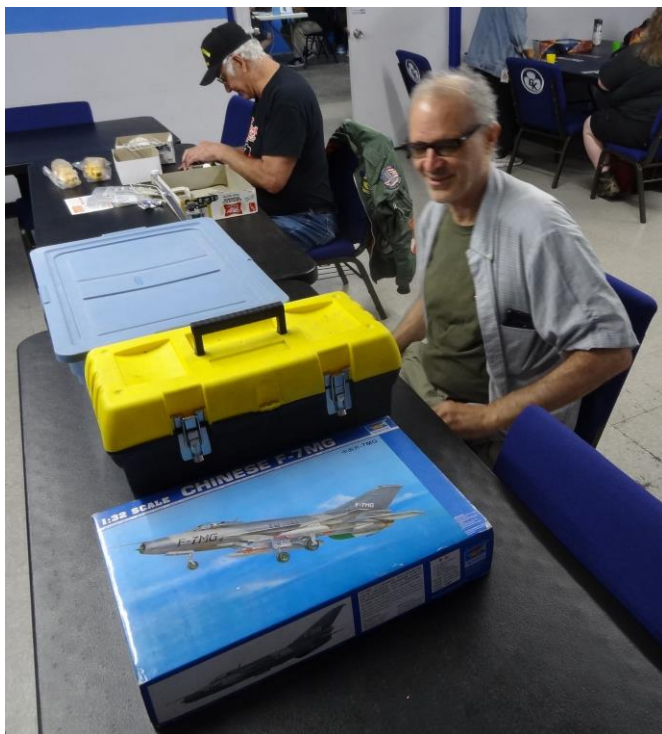
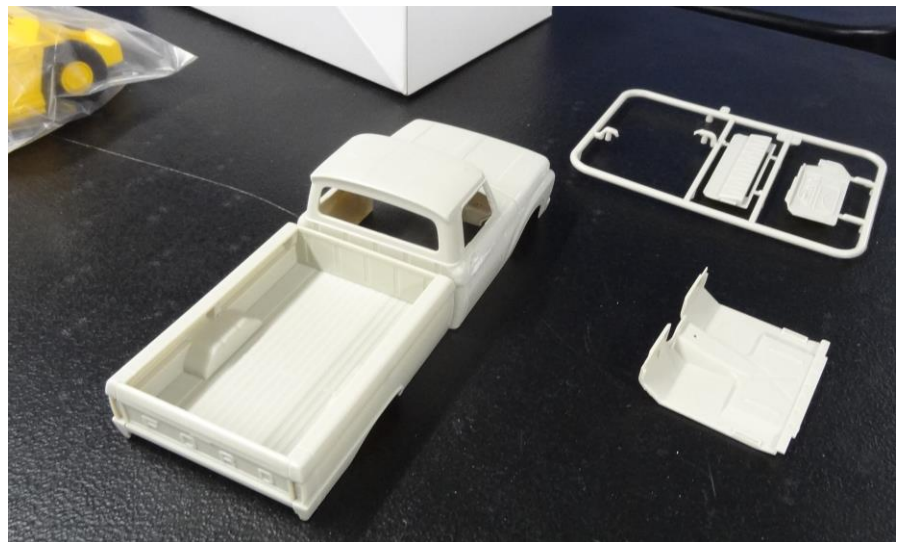


“Trucker” **Cliff Kranz** continues progress on his pickup replication of the vehicle he used to transit himself to model meetings throughout Bay Area.

Encased in polybags were two models of Heavy Earth Moving equipment that Cliff recently finished.

Below, **Frank Babbitt** made sure to show up again at the Kastle and he had lots underway, as always.

Frank had a pair of 1/32nd scale MiG “Fishbeds” to compare, I use NATO nickname here because one of these is a Chinese built machine which looks all “MiG-21” but actually is correctly referred to as a F- 7MG. So there! His other was the old Revell USA MiG-21, more or less a “D” mod.





Frank spoke highly enough of both kits, I had some experience with the old Revell, and we concurred on some of its features, faults.

After seeing a bit of his Chinese F-7MG, I would say I am on standby to get one if it shows up on an aftermarket table at right price!

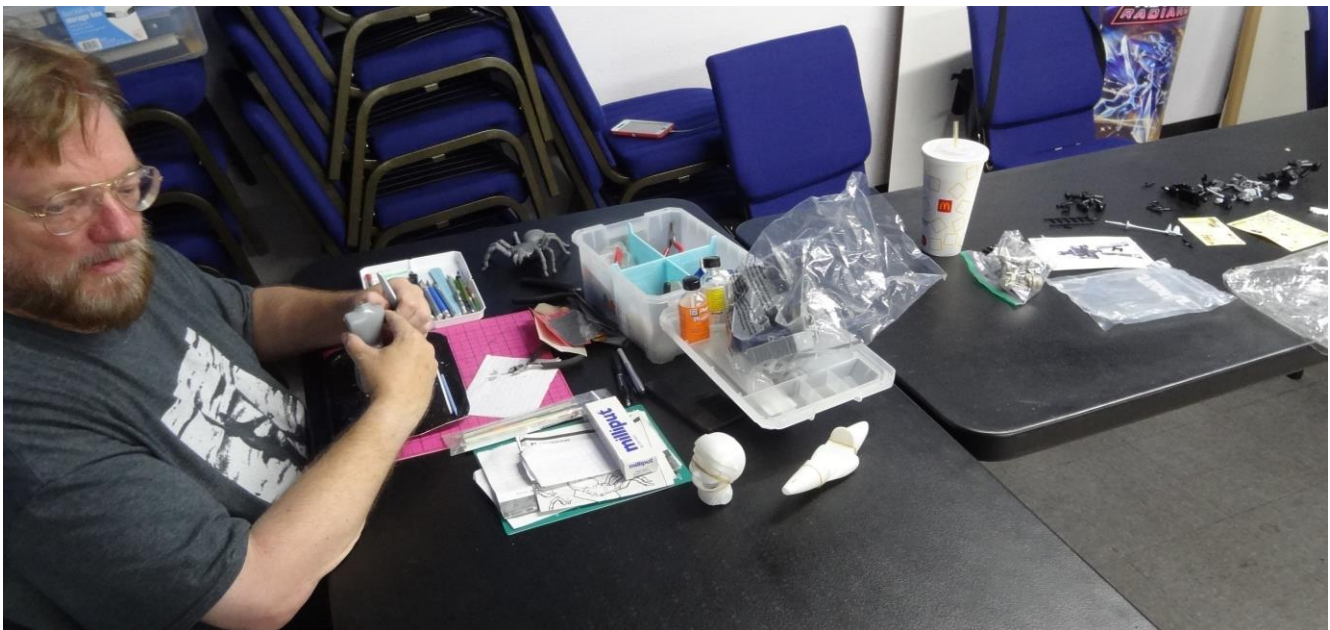
Also in 1/32nd scale, and completed, Frank's Mirage IIIC is the old Revell USA kitting, which I have only "in box" familiarity with.

I encouraged him to get it out on display here and I went to town shooting pictures as Frank elucidated many items of interest with his build. I have a 1/72nd RAAF Mirage, it is indeed an attractive scheme on this lovely Dassault.

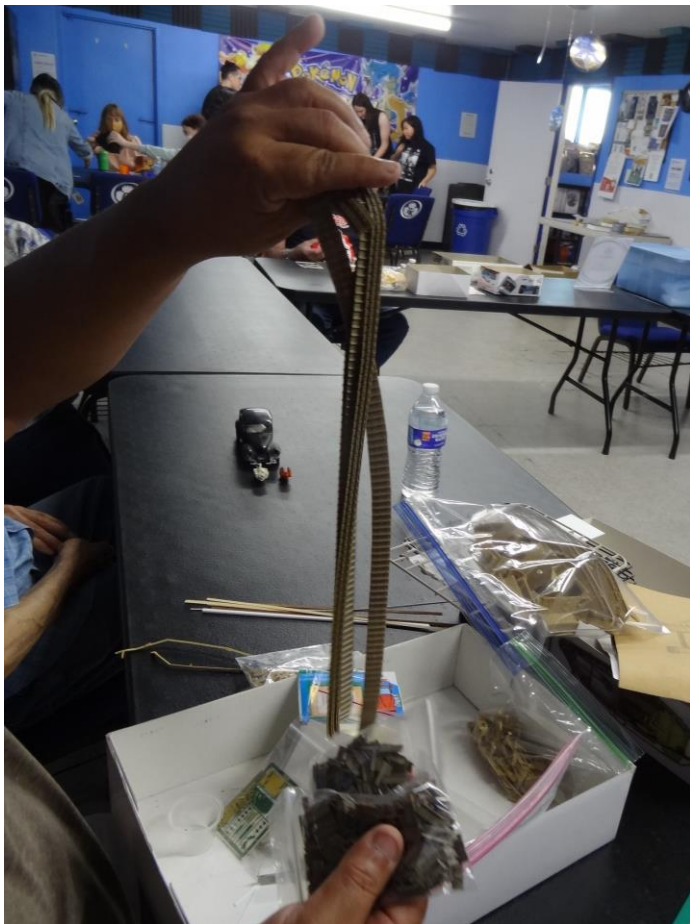


As it happens, I liked the work of Frank's Mikoyans and Mirage so much that I have planned to show more pictures in the accompanying TAMS for JUNE/JULY, which will feature the MPD meet SVSM for the preceding 3rd Friday of June. So now you are forewarned !





Not to slight or short anyone, I will give one more look at some work at this meeting before I run out of room and time. Mike Schwarze's WIP included this time, HAWK Models "Freddie Flameout"



David Balderrama at work on a very well fitted out TAKOM 1/35th Mk V tank from WW1. This kit he got with a box full of aftermarket, including this set of full continuity tracks to replace the link by link set he holds in his right hand, which is the Out of Box option otherwise.



Alright, I am writing this all up hours before the July 3rd Friday meeting arrives, so wrapping up with a look of course upon the MOM winner from 3rd Friday of June SVSM Meeting. All of which will be in coverage coming very soon in JUNE/JULY The AfterMarket Sheet (TAMS) I will be constructing. It's been quite a month since these meets, and I will enlighten more in days ahead – *mickb fini*



Congratulations to
Greg Plummer

FOR WINNING JUNE MODEL OF THE MONTH



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

MEETING ON for

3rd FRIDAY of Month

JULY 15 (at OUR OLD MEETING SITE)*

at

COMMUNITY ROOM

MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

1275 N Milpitas Boulevard

Milpitas, CA

HOWEVER, DON'T COUNT US OUT FOR MONTH



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

THIS PLAN IS STILL ON for

4th MONDAY of Month

JULY 25 (again at COMPLETELY NEW SITE)

At

COMMUNITY ROOM

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