

" What Madness Is This , As Surely No Fault Lies Within Our Orbiting of The Stars ?"



Yes, The Editor Thought Covering 2 Months In One Pub a Good Idea Photos: Mick Burton, Vladimir Yakubov Text: Mick Burton, Mike Woolson, Chris Bucholtz



Exigent circumstances as they say, (or do they?) have pretty much demanded that getting up at least a decent outline of recent events for one to account for in a single reading was called for.



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

"DOING BEST "

This editorial page is being again suborned for the greater good as such. I am finishing this best I can with time left and with much yet to do with nonexistent "wiggle room". Thanks to the final resolution and delivered on time on the schedule for Fall of SVC 7, this Editor is now in full tilt trying to balance his own long in abeyance event, the TriCity Classic # 14 being underway for arrival on November 5th, with all the other things life chooses to throw his way. Be that as it may, here's the TAMS with plenty of fresh news and catching up on late summer best I can. –mickb

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

(oh wait, you were expecting this to be SVC 7 award news, sorry)

By Unanimous Acclamation, this is the E-Board slate duly accepted as elected for the 2022-2023 term by the Membership Quorum present at the September 17 2022 SVSM Meeting held at Milpitas Police Dept Com Ctr

Treasurer/Membership Secretary : Mr William Ferrante Editor: Mr Mick Burton Club Secretary: Mr Chris Bucholtz 3rd VP: Mr John Carr 2nd VP: Mr Mick Burton 1st VP/Contest Director: ? (open, E-Board will undertake resolution to study potential Annual contest) President of SVSM: Mr Greg Plummer

And WHILE NOW ON the SUBJECT of WINNERS & SVC 7 THE CONTEST ANALYST'S PLEA (aka Editor's message) FOR SPECIFICALLY SV CLASSIC # 7

After exhaustive study of photos (mine and Vladimir's (shown below), I have since published the results for SVC #7 as recorded on the paper records officially with the two models shown below as credited to "Unknown Modeler".



Usually at the end of a show, there is some number of details that need straightening out for the record or found to be in error, or omitted, but most often this gets resolved pretty quickly for my wish to have complete records. Although I was at the event and did handle the judging results processing in aid to hard working Bill Ferrante, he and I had no entrant sheet for Entrant #2, who took an

award for these two items, and we had asked on the Judging Sheet for awards for help with "identification". I found no such information on the sheets after awards ceremony, but this was 2 days hence from event I discovered this. There are also missing data points for Entrant # 2's entries numbered 5 through 11, which skews my analysis slightly. While I know what entry 9 (Sher-Dozer) and 11 (small Challenger II) are, cat entered and that they won (only reason I know anything of them at all), no clue what 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 are for sure or cats they were in. If Entrant #2 would kindly be contacting the Editor, he would be so appreciative. Especially since one more <u>TAMS covering just SVC 7</u> is coming

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AS REQUESTED, CONTEST DIRECTOR SIGNS OFF ON HIS SUCCESS IN HIS OWN WORDS (from 1)

As the long awaited SVC 7 has come to a close I'm the first person to say I'm glad it's over with! All the delays behind the scenes finally cleared and the contest became a reality!

In the past decade I have done my homework and made notes on the positive and negative parts of the different contests and events from Seattle to Oklahoma. A quick rundown on how this all happened. I noticed Mick Burton was being stretched thin running things for two different local events and I said; Hey I'll be a second in command if you want someone there? He guided me through several sections that were important and I absorbed everything for when the time came he wanted to step back and be a spectator only!

The Silicon Valley Classic was launched on April 5th 2014 at our old location Napredak Hall. I chose to keep things simple, easy and a classic feeling as it was also the club's 50th anniversary. The best of show was an actual cup awarded, instead of a \$40 piece of wood, with the first few years the wooden 4x6 plaques awarded for the 1-2-3 places. When the money finally ran out for those I had no choice but to streamline things even more and the Olympic style medals were the choice and the only thing we as a club can afford. People constantly offered to help, but the only people that ever came through were Steve & Anita Travis and I thank them for everything they did to help myself and Bill Ferrante when the treasury was in trouble. We succeeded from start to finish over the span of nine years and a seven contest run. And what a run it was!

The IPMS Silicon Valley membership is now set to start another chapter for the history books. Who's replacing me? Hell if I know! Burton has other things he wants to pursue so don't ask him about it! I have also built an extremely strong rapport with the office staff within Napredak that a new director needs to build from scratch.

I quietly relocated my family to Odessa Texas during early summertime to be closer to our extended family. Some members were wondering why I was not at many club meetings. Well there you go! I kept this quiet because I can...

I want to sincerely thank the following members that helped me extremely over the course of my run.

Frank & Miriam Beltran Bill Ferrante Steve & Anita Travis Kent McClure Gabe Lee Dave & Christine Anderson Mick Burton and recently Bob & Christine Meyers

It's been a blast for almost a decade meeting contestants from all over the world and getting inspired by their work. I never wanted or expected a service award to reinforce the fact I did a good job! I discontinued the service awards due to the fact everyone received one that deserves it.

Never kissed up to anyone and never will! Mike

LAST CHANGE of PLAN, FIRST LOOK At SVSM (formerly ANNUAL) CLASSIC for YEAR 2022



The SVSM Editor Takes His First Stab At Giving Some Clue On How Did We Do on Our First Show Since 2019...

Photos: Mick Burton, Vladimir Yakubov Text: Mick Burton

Many thanks by the way, to my old friend Jack Clark, seen above welcoming me to the SVC # 7 at my arrive







pictures, buying raffle tickets, and of course shopping !



So happily, it seemed evident to me, although we again had a rocky start of the year with SVC 7 rescheduled a third time for March, joining the NNL West, Silvercon shows of earlier months in being cancelled last minute, like them, we had a pretty solid turnout on our new day **Quite pleased to arrive midday to learn first hand that** indeed Napredak Hall was again quite abuzz with activity.

From the stage, several views out into the engaged modeler community, well in process of viewing, conversing, taking



Vendor room seemed to have filled with opportunity, oh yes



We are only the second show in Region Nine this year so far, following Silvercon 2022 held on rescheduled June 25.

Here a look at the SVC 7 raffle offerings, at this point of midday. And now we will see a few of my favorite displays, just for fun.







In 1/48th Multi Engine Jet, I was utterly pleased to see this pair: B-58A Hustler delta winged 4 engine strategic nuclear bomber right next to the twin engine B-57B Canberra. This one serving as a tactical nuclear bomber / night intruder for USAF in Europe in this overall black scheme. Which helps illustrate how big a Canberra is, or how small Hustler was. Below, in 1/32nd and Larger Prop Aircraft, that F7F Tigercat really brings home the beauty of the big Grumman twin





Being a long time Bond 007 fan, seeing this lovely scratchbuilt model of "Bird One" from last Sean Connery /EON James Bond movie "You Only Live Twice" on our tables thrilled me twice. As did seeing a 1/72nd scale P-3C Orion





Having seen one in real 1/1 scale, it still in 1/35th fascinates me. Oddly enough, this model and I will intersect again in unexpected manner, after the SVC 7 event has finished, while I am hard at work compiling my analyses., Read on.



In short time, I was working with Bill processing the Judge's worksheets into Award results for announcement, and yet I did manage to get out to shoot some pictures for myself to record end of show. Like this cheery shot of Leo Groba, a long time SVSM contest entrant from Brentwood, who really cleaned up at SVC #7 with his 1/48th AC-47 !





I also managed a shot of the Best of Show Senior Award Cup being given to entrant Roy Sutherland, taking this home along with the glass Special Award for Best Aircraft, won both with his 1/32nd scale Bf-109G-6 seen below right.

If you'd like an idea what that glass award looked like, take a look at bottom third of the page. You'll see two of them for Best Figure and Best SciFi Subject, along with a passel of medals also won by the same entrant.

All that winning hardware was left with us at the end of the show by Mr David Powell of San Jose !

Mr Powell took Best Figure or Diorama with his "Necromancer" entry, same one also given Best Sci Fi or Fantasy subject, and he took the First place medal in Category 43. Not finished here, as he swept Category 43 with 2nd place for his "Frank Von Stein" and 3rd place with his Elf Bust "Vesha". Not done yet he had 2 More medals in that pile for wins in S41 category, Figures Historical 19th Century and earlier. As 1st Place for "Samurai" 3rd for "Medieval Bust"

I believe Mr Mike Woolson has taken awards for safekeeping and eventual matchup with winner.





"ATTENTION, ALL UNITS ! ATTENTION ALL UNITS ! Be on the Lookout for SVC#7 Entrant Number 2, now aka "Unknown Modeler", his file never returned to Registry..."

The Editor closes his part of first article covering the SV Classic #7 with an issue that occasionally crops up at show

Okay, here we go with something that over the years since 1998 when I began compiling and analyzing data from the SVSM show, is part of the process of truly getting all the bits and pieces sorted out. Almost every show has had one or more glitches that don't get caught at the moment of the event, or don't affect it right then and there, but I'll run into it later on. Most times it's not too tough to look over the photos we have all taken, recall conversations, or know just who to email for further research or that answer. This time, during the show when doing the Judging resolution, I learned of a missing registry sheet for Entrant # 2 from Registry Officers Bill Ferrante and Gabriel Lee. Not a disaster and not the first time it's occurred, but annoying when you get results back which indicate said entrant has won something but you now can't put the name for the announcement ceremony, nor have it for later publications such as this one if you don't get it . I put it on the award sheet for the two awarded models "Please Self Identify" to supplement "Sheet Missing " that Bill had noted already, so that hopefully the Awards staff would fill in the blanks and we'd know. Well, that was the intent but the end result I found two days later when I started my analyses to finally produce the documents for the official records and publish on website, "Unknown Modeler" would be remaining just that and eventually I would only be able to narrow down that Entrant # 2 had entries 5 through 11, with 9 and 11 winning so I knew what they were and what categories they were in. A few days while working up the documents to publish awardees from my compiled database, I would go through photos I had taken and the complete record that Vladimir Yakubov so helpfully had of the entrants on tables. Have done this before, I make effort to shoot enough pics with the entry numbers readable and know that Vlad's shots often have the same data clearly visible, so often get what I need to know that way, Alas, with this method I established only two more of Entrant #2 "Unknown Modeler" subjects, the "Long Track" Russian radar vehicle and a Churchill with flamethrower trailer, by confirmed numbers in the photos. Okay, know now what entry 6 (Long Track) and entry 7 (Churchill Crocodile) are, but don't know category entry for either and still don't have any idea what 5, 8 and 10 are. There are some pictures with armor items that have no visible numbers in both Vlad's and my collections, but that can't be determinate. So, for now, I'll be without those bits of data. Not a critical hit, but now I won't have 100 percent idea for total entries in the categories those entries were in. I run my database to finalize this stuff so I can track over years the relative viability of such things so "well known fact that X category should be gone because so few or NO ENTRIES" decisions aren't made without counter of data showing perhaps so for one year or two, but over 3 to 5 it's often enough suddenly a filled or even split sometimes category. Keeping the databases that I have built from our results over time also makes it easier to go back if questions come up later about entries repeating or entrants participation or lack thereof, over a period of time. Not easy to do even if someone wanted to keep all the paper records, and trust me, no one would bother to more than once. So, perhaps you can see why not having this bit of info can cause this explosion of word wrangling, even though it's clearly a "first world problem" to have, truly.

SO now, I'll wrap up this portion with shots of the data I know and leave it to fate as whether I'll learn any or all of the missing data before I get done to publish my favorite onerous task, that of making TAMS special for SV Classic # 7 as I have done for SV Classics 2 through 6 ! Where all the winners will be listed with model photos when available and a bit more of my droning on some aspects or another of the show, or gallery or two of interesting things that showed up.

Okay here is "Entrant #2 entry 6 " of which I still need to confirm what category it was in, to start off



On left is Entrant # 2, entry 7, again now I do know roughly what it is but no idea what category



Now "Sherman Dozer" is how the official record is on file for the 1st Place winner in category S21, M4 Sherman and Sherman related vehicles. 1/35 all types

"Unknown Modeler" is winner listed officially and that is how the final TAMS issue will show it if I don't get confirmed otherwise

That is Entrant # 2, entry 9 here.

Challenger II, 1st place winner and the only entrant in category S25, Military Vehicles all types1/48th scale only.

"Unknown Modeler" is officially the winner for the record

Entrant #2, entry 11 here.

TO END THIS FOR NOW, BELOW IS EXAMPLE OF HOW THE STATS I COMPILE COME OUT FOR PUBLICATION

This is the simple digest version, the staff gets a more detailed set of analyses and breakdowns, etc.

STATS & SUCH FOR SEVENTH SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC 9/10/22

62 MODELERS ENTERED 312 Items (total 312+ models on table, as SOME entry had additional items within " single entry item ")

(30 less modelers 18 less model entries than last contest year, was done in 2019)

56 Senior, 1 Junior, 5 Youth (Subjunior) class contestants in divisions (1 more Senior, 3 more Junior, 4 more Youth)

- *Breakdown: Of original 50 Senior categories, ONE had no entries, with ONE split Of original 5 Junior categories, THREE had NO entries with no splits required Of original 4 Youth categories, ONE had NO entries with no splits required
- *Entries: 5 categories had NO entry, 1 Senior, 3 in Junior, 1 in Youth 7 categories had only ONE entry (7 in Senior ONLY) 9 categories had only TWO entries, 8 in Senior, 1 in Junior

With split packages available atop the 59 categories ended up using ONE (had starting potential due 5 no entry cat) mick fini





AND THE CONTEST DIRECTOR'S SIGN OFF MESSAGE FOR SPECIFICALLY SV CLASSIC # 7

After two years of waiting and rescheduling the SVC 7 finally happened and I feel so relieved that it's in the books.

Attendance was as expected and it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves. The food truck I booked in the past had an identity change to BBQ that everyone I asked enjoyed the pulled pork sandwiches.

I'm a bit disappointed there were only two entries in the Atlantis Models category. The rules were simple and meant to have fun and build something simple.

I want to personally thank the following people

Frank & Miriam Beltran Bill Ferrante Kent McClure Gabe Lee Mick Burton The Balderama Family for their operations of the make n take P.A. for his generous donation eight boxes of model kits for the raffle and recently Bob & Christine Meyers for the raffle and announcement of the winners

Michael Woolson, 1st VP 2021/22 and SVC #7 Contest Director

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 09-26-22

Monday, September 26 2022

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at GAME KASTLE Santa Clara

Sunday, October 2 2022 (NOTE NEW LOCALE FOR THIS EVENT)

IPMS/ Orange County host their *ORANGECON 2022* a spectacular contest and model show not to be missed! I Double Tree Inn, 7000 Beach Blvd, Buena Park CA

Saturday, October 8 2022 (NOTE NEW LOCALE FOR THIS EVENT)

CONTEST & SHOW Hosted by RENO HIGH ROLLERS, BPOE Lodge 597, 597 Kumle Lane, RENO NV. Theme is "The Cold War" with any model subject extant between March 5 1946 and December 31 1991 (The dates of Churchill's "Iron Curtain Speech" and dissolution of Soviet Union) being eligible

Friday, October 14 2022

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at HOBBIES UNLIMITED in San Leandro, CA.

Friday, October 21 2022

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room

Saturday, October 22 2022

IPMS/ Fresno Scale Modelers host their contest and model show at Clovis Veterans Memorial District, 808 4th Street, Clovis CA. Theme is "The Cold War"

Monday, October 24 2022

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at GAME KASTLE in Santa Clara

Saturday, October 29 2022 (NOTE NEW LOCALE FOR THIS EVENT)

IPMS/ Antelope Valley Group host their Desert Classic 2022 at the Desert Christian High School, 2340 W.Ave J-8, , Lancaster, CA. Theme is "Zoo in 2022"

Saturday, November 5 2022 (NOTE NEW LOCALE FOR THIS EVENT)

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their TRI CITY Classic # 14 " From The Earth To The Moon" Contest & model show, BPOE Lodge #2121 38991 Farwell Dr, Fremont, CA

Friday, November 11 2022

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at HOBBIES UNLIMITED in San Leandro, CA.

Saturday, November 12 2022

IPMS/ Dragon Lady hosting "From The Ground Up" Contest & model show. Hope Point Nazarene Church, 600 Geo Washington Blvd, Yuba City CA

Friday, November 18 2020

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting, MPD Community Room locale

IT's AUGUST, Really !

Editor Launches Coverage You May Have Missed Minutes: Chris Bucholtz Photos: Mick Burton



At the August meeting, we had little business besides promoting the club auction in September and so we jumped right into model talk.

Cliff Kranz's trucks included a Paystar 500 logger, which he said was a nice kit, but he didn't like the way he engineered the engine mounts.





He also had a pumper tanker he made by putting together two pumper bodies, a model he started in the 1980s but finished recently by giving it a hand-brushed finish with two bottles of Testors No. 26 orange.

He also had a pair of cement mixers, one on a semi-stock chassis from AMT and the other on a Louisville Line chassis that was slightly shortened, based on the AMT snow plow kit.





came from the Bandai snap-together kit and

The kit's stickers were OK, Ron said, but they tended to stick to his fingers. He made the windows on the model with five-minute epoxy.



Pete Long wasted no time in finishing Tamiya's new 1:48 P:38J as Richard Bong's "Marge;"

Pete used Tamiya lacquers to put the natural metal finish on his gleaming Lightning.

Gabriel Lee is converting a 1:350 Typhoon-class Soviet submarine into the *Red October*, using a second kit to add a section and removing the propeller shrouds. He's planning to build the nacelles for the special drive system. Gabriel also built four "dimensional submarines" from *Space Cruiser Yamato*, using the Bandai kit.





John Carr says that anything Verlinden now is expensive, but he found a largescale Fallschrimjager that was built on eBay and stripped and rebuilt it.

He added detail to the base, which depicts a Ju 52 door. John said he enjoyed salvaging a bad build!

Mark Schynert picked up the old Revell 1:118 PBM Mariner for just a buck at a club auction. How hard could it be, with only 12 parts?



Ben Pada added a new cockpit to Tamiya's 1:48 Ki-61, then painted it with a combination of Alclad and Gunze paints.

His Eduard P-51D Mustang was finished in the markings of Pierce McKennon's "Ridge Runner III" from one of the sheets given away at the 1998 nationals;





Really hard!

Mark found the model fits well in some places and horribly in others, making it a real Jekyll-and-Hyde model.



Ben won the President's Award at the nationals for best use of convention decals for the second consecutive year with this model (and for the second consecutive year with 1998 decals!).





Kent McClure's Lippisch P.13A from PM Models is a very simple kit, with six parts for the plane, plus more for the trolley. However, PM made sure the cockpit glass does not fit!

Kent's also spent some time with PM's Yak-15.

He's been working on some small-scale armor, building Airfix's Bishop self-propelled gun and the Airfix Universal Carrier for a wargaming friend.



He snapped-together Bandai's Medium Crab anime kit – it's supposed to snap together, at least. Its limbs are intended to move, but not really, says Kent.

Finally, he's embarked on a build of the old Tamiya Ki-84 Hayate, and so far he says it has gone together well.







Eugenie Ray outlined her plans for a diorama for next year's nationals in San Marcos, Texas, featuring the old Aurora *the Invaders* UFO and an Imex 1:72 cannon from a Mexican-American War set.





Greg Plummer's He 162 wears distinctly non-Teutonic colors, being depicted as an example captured by the French at the end of the war and then used for engine development. Did you know the He 162 led to the creation of the ATAR that ended up in various Mirages and the Etendard?

Now you do! Greg used the 1:48 Dragon kit and added seat belts to the cockpit.





Greg also finished a Tamiya 1:12 Suzuki Katana, finished in Gunze paints, which he says is an excellent model of an odd-looking motorcycle.

Ken Miller's two models did well at the national airliner show – he got a first for his small-scale 727 in custom decal markings for PSA (even if it had about 20 extra windows per side compared to the real thing!) and also won an award for his Revell hypersonic transport, with replacement decals for the kit markings, which did not survive contact with water.





Shiblee Hassan has a Revell 1:72 NH-90 underway, and he's using 3D-printed parts to enhance the helicopter's interior.

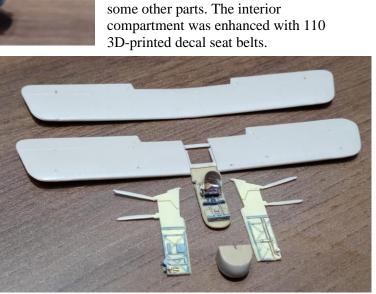


Shiblee's also putting a bunch of effort into the base, as always.



Chris Bucholtz added cables to the rudder pedals of Eduard's tiny 1:72 Airco DH.2, and modified a outfitted with Eduard seat belts. He also added detail to the sides of the cockpit, including an air pressure gauge, the oil gauges and copper conduits for the left side of the cockpit.

Pat Nichols outfitted his AFV Club 1:35 M18 with stowage from Black Dog, an RB Models .50-caliber machine gun, and Royal Models grille to depict one of the first tank destroyers in France in 1944.



Geoff Krueger's completed 1:48 Kittyhawk UH-1H was a mixed bag – some brilliantly detailed parts, and



He also built Bronco Models' M24 Chaffee, which also got an RB Models Browning M2. The markings came from Bison Decals, and Pat used individual link tracks – which he was not a fan of!

The Chaffee's crew came from Dragon and Warriors.





See Young had fun doing the camouflage on Nichimo's old 1:30 Tiger I; his only disappointment with the kit was the quality of the tracks, whose smooth inner surfaces were copied from the old motorized Tamiya kit!

And the models of the month were...

Landon Carr's RC ATV, which he did not like out of the box, but rebuilt to make it into a much cooler buggy, one he can even put actions figures in!



Also, kudos went to **Greg Plummer** for his MPM P-39Q in an unusual overall sand Pacific scheme; Greg said the old kit was a bit rough but builds OK once the major parts are together.



Finally, **Ken Miller's** second Revell hypersonic transport was a winner at the national airliner show, although its kit decals exploded on contact with water and Ken had to dig into his stash of aftermarket decals to complete it in a livery that might have adorned the airplane on a paying route.

-chris fini





STILL PLANNED: OUR MONDAY Sept 26 SVSM Meet – at GAME KASTLE Locale

<u>PLEASE SHARE THE JOY OF OUR HOBBY AND FRIENDS</u> <u>Because it seems sometimes more than a few forget this :</u>

THE ONE TRUE RULE OF MODELLING (if ever there is).



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