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## WINS BIG & SMALL, KickOff 2012 Had It All



### With Wild Westerners Wielding Works, Way Was Made for a Revolutionary SVSM KOC 2012 Event

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This year's Kickoff Classic had a nice broad theme with a clear hope to generate some increased traffic for us. "Viva La Revolution!" provided a definite tasty rebellion, all the way to the eventual winner of the Contest Theme Award of same name. That trophy went to a Figure model, nice change, and it was a First place render of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, truly an epitome of that revolutionary phrase. We had figures and floating, flying items all tied into that theme showing up, so it was competitive in itself. I was very busy so had to enjoy it (and did) as a Contest Director more than as Entrant #1. Thanks to the 112 other entrants with total 450 entries, made my day entirely worth it. Read on for a very light idea of what turned out very engaging for our club. *(continued page 3)*

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

Very memorable (in a good way). Building memories and bringing old ones to bear. Burying bad ones in a sea of good tidings anew. All themes and things that came to mind and fruition for me and us as a community, thanks to yes, another contest. Thanks to the inescapable fact we lost this past year some more friends in our "subculture" we know as a hobby art form, I have something to muse about in broad form. Our events include the giving of "Memorial" awards. They're more than just names. They form in many cases part of the "body" of "institutional memory" which provide basis for clubs like SVSM to exist for now 48 going on 49 years. We essentially build memories in physical form, as our hobby. Reflect how not only do many have the passion and care to know/recall/share out the particulars of whatever subjects we are into, we also make up larger model of unique form. Everyone one we know, see, model or critique for. It creates something outside ourselves that realized and carefully nurtured, make it possible for us plus those who join us now or follow us even after our own departure, to have something very special that's fun. I know this in part because it hit me just recently again. How many passed on to me their memories of how things work and don't work within this club, the larger regional community and the international group. I got these same resources all kinds of ways in other parts of my life as did many others. But fortunately I have one stable point of reference nearly 30 years later along with a group of folk paired with it. So permitted to bear out theories thusly by put into practice, learn what is/isn't valuable inside this "silly hobby". Finding so much more. Such places a great feeling of knowing but also a feeling of more knowing better to pass it on to as many and fast when opportunity presents itself well. Or risk what good I, others may have painfully learned may again have to "re -invented" Don't think this process for me and some other "old timers" hasn't been ongoing, far from it. Also know that Tim Curtis for one, was a good friend to me as well his good friend Bill Magnie. Sure now both would have been pleased to see how we managed to show "how we listened" and followed some of their leads in managing club affairs. Know that others like Mike Williams too, left us too early but left their mark so we owe them to have fun, pass it on. All before someone else we know leaves us before we let them know we too appreciate what they do and why they do it. Food for thought – see y'all !

### **EDITOR' s CONTEST THEME APRIL 2012 "Bombs Away on a Honshu Bay"**

April, 1942. 70 years ago very significant link forged between the San Francisco Bay and Tokyo Bay areas. So, appro, any FINISHED subject (figures, flying, floating, etc) directly related to the Doolittle Raid is eligible. Or any variant of USS Hornet, USS Enterprise or B-25 Mitchell, not just those of 1942.

### **SVSM EDITOR' s CONTEST THEME MAY 2012 " MAY DRONE ON & ON "**

Which is one way to say entrants are open to submit any manner of unmanned aerial vehicles of any scale, FINISHED, as long as they are air breathing and guided however rudimentarily. Kettering's "Bug", B-24s of Project Aphrodite, Crossroads Hellcats, along with Snarks, BQM Firebees and QF-80s all suffice alongside the expected RQ-1 Predators for entry. Don't forget, one can wreak Vengeance in this competitive category...

### **SVSM MEMBER' s CONTEST THEME JUNE 2012 " GO The Distance... "**

Eligible: Finished items tied to Daytona, Sebring and of course Le Mans auto races. Also Targa Florio, Carrera PanAmerica, Mille Miglia and Dakar Rally. Round the world aircraft such as the B-50D, B-52, Rutan Voyager, OR sailing vessels that notably did the same, eligible. The 1934 MacRobertson Air Race has available qualifying subjects. Not to be exclusive, Figures or vehicles associated with LRDG, LRRP activities also eligible. Figures of baseball players also competitive, for cinema reasons, Anyone willing to scratchbuild those spacecraft set to leave our Solar System, feel free, you'll win 1<sup>st</sup> place.

### **SVSM MEMBER' s CONTEST THEME JULY 2012 " The DOGS of Summer "**

Eligible: Anything FINISHED that you have so considered a "dog" of a model, i.e; one SO AWFUL that you've several times considered putting a bullet in it versus completing it. As a favor and perhaps means to increase the potential entrants, also eligible are finished "Hound Dog" AGM-77, Walker Bulldog M41, Staghound Armored Car, or of course any D, L, or K version of NA's famed Sabres. Or go ahead, indulge in your favorite Ilyushin . Thank member Eric McClure for this creative and timely theme. Watch out for Atticus Finch, may be a Judge

### **EDITOR' s CONTEST THEME OCTOBER 2012 " Eyeball to Eyeball " a.k.a**

*" Where were YOU in '62 ? "* Many may not realize this will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis that month. It will also nicely coincide with the George Lucas's movie mythic triumph also set in that year. SO – ANY finished subject circa 1962 OR directly related to Missiles of October, very much eligible.

*An Incontestible Fun Day Recounted in Photo Essay continued from page 1*



Above, the view of first half hour, taken by Mick Burton as we await arrival of the Sdkfz 222. From the vantage point of rollup doors at rear Hall A.

First thing that morning besides the standard chaos of vendor/contest tables setup/detailing, was prep for arrival of MVTF exhibit special Sdkfz 222 Armored Car from Portola Valley. I had the designated area for it expanded thanks to able assistance. Team Leader Chris Hughes advised that we may have to form a group to push the car in! Seems combo of wet weather, slight inclines upset carburetors of car. Thanks to a little help from our friends at SCCC in form of towing forklift, we got the 222 into the house. Chris got things underway and happily, too.



Among other tasks, I along with several folks had a donation to make to “Team Raffle” first thing in morning. 26 more shrinkwrapped items I cleared from my space joined others. Prez Frank, his lovely and patient Miriam, the silent soldier Mike W formed up a fantastic team with a THREE wave Raffle plan for us pretty damned fast. Mike in teamwork with absent member Woody Yeung, got us an Iwata AirBrush “Beginner Pack” for one of the premium raffle prizes, too ! Once doors opened to public, another team made very Quick work of unglamorous but important work of collecting spectator admissions. Thanks in part to her work with me in last year’s show, Shayla Quick was a fine Team leader directing this area and her team most of day. YESSS! Thanks to you all.

Bob Phillips from SJVSM “Tomcats” was an early entrant and he did seem to enjoy finding his way to the 222 exhibit, as did many others. There were items of militaria on the tables too, see below. (continues...)



**Contest Director's Ravings** – *continued* . Not just the Tomcats made an appearance coming from a distance to show. We had several entrants from Reno NV (High Rollers), Santa Rosa IPMS, Fresno Griffens, among those from our Region 9. Other “Niners” who came to enter from long distance: John Ferdico who recently moved to Hawaii and surprise arrival from Dolores CO, Rodney Williams. Welcomed early in day were a grand group from Region 8, almost all of them taking home awards at end of day. Glad you made it. Nick, Tom, Dave from AVG (Lancaster), Jim F, Barry, Bruno, Jim W, Mark, Tim, David, Mike, Larry, (Ontario and Orange County) I had noted, among you all.



All of these folks and more of course, received the always great customer service from the gent at left. Bill Ferrante's system for registration has been developed by him into a work of fast art. It doesn't hurt that Natalie Plummer works the area too, complete with

her now legendary cookies (some hiding in that container on table, how did I miss those!!). Go, you two !



Of course, we were having a contest and here's some of what showed up. Dave Anderson's camera picked up

this action shot of PT-109 and a Zero as well as “Rodney's Pink Valkyrie”. The finish by the way, is accurate to match a Flight Sim “sunset lit” B-70.



The Make n' Take got off this year under command of Shayla Quick, so that I could try to keep Directing. Shay wisely employed her dad David, Mom and her boyfriend Travis to good effect with this effort. Fabulous !

I did not get the signs out this year to make sure everyone knows that it's due to the Fremont Hornets, Mark McDonald, Steve Travis and a few who wish to remain “nameless” that we had the kit support for this year's MnT. Vladimir Yakubov reprised his role as Head Judge this year which built on his past experience there very well, we had A LOT to judge with while not overrun with judging staff. Want to help show and yourself? Be a Judge !

Making it to the finish line is always a stressful if fairly smooth when done right, process. This year worked well although I was late getting the awards ceremony launched, my bad. Chris Bucholtz and Shayla worked giving

awards out while I caught myself up. This year we had two memorial awards to add to the already announced list, one of which supplied at last week/day by Bob Turner, which many may not have had chance to get look at. It went home to Reno, Nevada with winner, BTW. So at left, take a look at the “Randy Vandraiss Memorial” sponsor Bob Turner, for Best Custom Car or Truck. Nice . Below center, there's the Best of Show Senior and Junior with RV Mem beside them. Thanks to another Randy, and Eric M, Mike M, Steve T for making GENEROUS donations to help me pay for this trophy package. Right below, a parting shot.



**March 2012 SVSM MEETING Minutes fashioned by Mick Burton while taking pictures, so minimal but complete per se**



"First Sarge" President Frank opened meeting promptly at 830, after politely gavelling us to attention 27 minutes prior to smartly advise on our start time. An effort to get more early "one/one time". He wisely saw this as means to quell or lessen the amount of later "inside talk". Converse makes it difficult for all to hear Model Talk, including any taking the minutes to get the gist of them. Frank, kind leader that he is, noted we were forewarned to use the opportunity, otherwise, go outside in the rain to chat during meeting.

Admirable soul Joe Fleming updated us on launch of our new club outreach/promotion project, at local hobby shop D & J Crafts in Campbell. This being the excellent standup info display in glass case there. Featuring currently an award winning work by Joe plus the award. Very eye catching and positive! Joe stressed he DOES NOT WANT to be only one showing works on behalf of this club. Firmly noting how much he knows and appreciates other's very worthy works. These, Joe definitely would like us to share, same as he is now. In even worthier vein, Joe has taken on role as Coordinator of Promo Case for this project. Anyone wanting to be the next modeler on display, please contact him soon! Joe would like to set the cycle of rotation in range of 6 weeks min/8 weeks max for each display item, to make it easier on everyone involved. He'll be only other person handling your models (on behalf of the club) if you can't be present for delivery/exits. Ray McCarley of D&J Hobby will be the other, and with whom Joe coordinates for any wanting to participate in this important endeavor.

You can contact Joe Fleming thru the SVSM Editor's email address of [DENS25403@MYPACKS.NET](mailto:DENS25403@MYPACKS.NET), until we have a more permanent address for this specific purpose set up. Joe advised us of his very smart visioning for this display not only being best by showing member's award winners with the awards (from ANY show, by the way). He's seeing it having some good Works In Process on view with perhaps a card telling of a technique or tip being used. Consider this as sort of a "3-D Finescale Modeler" or somesuch, if you will. THANK YOU, JOSEPH !

Chris Hughes enlightened how Tamiya Model Co. playing a role in getting us the very wonderful display of a 1/1 scale (aka real) WW2 German Light Armor Recon Car at SVSM Kickoff Classic 2012 on March 24. This MVTF Museum restored example of a Sdkfz 222 "Panzerspahwagen" will leave home in Portola Valley, come to the show on transport sponsored by Tamiya. Coincidentally, they just so happen to offer one in 1/35 scale. Thank you Chris, crew at MVTF, and Tamiya, for this appreciated "special guest". Speaking of special guests, Prez Frank called for any new visitors to announce themselves. Much to our surprise in the crowded room, a woman spoke right up! Identifying herself as "Tie" (she said, as in "a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree"). Asked what she builds, Tie said what we heard shockingly as "Finished" models. While clearly both were amused at our reaction, when her other half (name of Steve) clarified our query, crowd was in on the gag. Tie meant what she said, she does "Finish" models, as in subjects from her homeland, Finland. They stated they found us via the website, may indeed take up on offer to keep coming back (were at the meeting for the entire run, by the way. ed.) A quick reminder for all about the marvelous plans for the Region Nine



Regional coming in May hosted by Fresno Scale Modelers, which was rescheduled slightly. Now it is coincident with Castle Air Museum "Open Cockpit Day", nearby the Contest site. Plan on a HUGE day of fun in scale and 1 to 1 exhibits, says reviewer Burton. On to Model Talk, says "First Sarge" Frank, thusly so we did, finding the LOUD drumming of rain outside no deterrent to us.

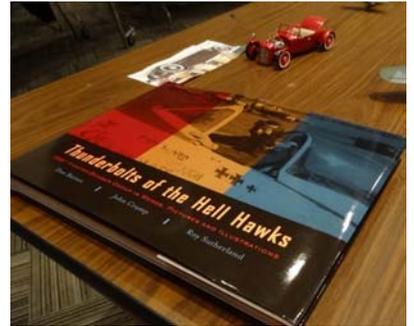
Long absent member Peter Wong got it underway, as he was soon to be off "ball room dancing" with his lovely model. Not the 1/48 Monogram Typhoon he had finished on the table, mind you. Steve Travis had Master Modeler's Math on display, with 7 kits + 3 aftermarket sets = 1 finished model. A Hot Rod whose finish was several coats Testor's One Shot Lacquer, shade Raving Red?. Great model, great short briefing on it, go Steve! Having NO desire to see another Yellow Submarine led Kinley Calvert to a rare result. His 1/32 "Pacifica Aquafoil" began as a Moebius Models "Flying Sub", stock scheme is overall yellow with black trim. Kinley crafted himself an extremely unique replica instead. A craft from an unreleased TV Pilot, "City Beneath the Sea", he explained now can be found on Internet channel YouTube. White overall with red trim, his Pacifica Aquafoil markings provided thanks to a telephone conversation with a fellow enthusiast, who made them while they spoke! A bonus, this helpful soul even included a triangular logo fashioned from a screen shot of "City" title card that now is on Kinley's model base. Not slacking, Messr Calvert now has a "Power Loader" from "Aliens" movie underway. On it he demonstrated his try out "weathering" this model using the "NACL" method. A more wordy explanation is "Table Salt aka Sodium Chloride aka NaCl", applied to base coat of metal paint finish prior to yellow finish coat, then washed away with water. Very effective, too. Treasurer William Ferrante is not any slacker either. His Roden Fokker Triplane is



being backdated to the F.1 prototype and next to it was an Albatross D.2 by same kit maker. Bill answered that no, neither was planned to be finished by Saturday next for the Kickoff. After all, these are Roden WWI aircraft, no speed build demons even if you're doing them out of the box, which he isn't! Joe Fleming, when he's not busy at his day job, or involved in important family matters, or working on his fabulous SVSM Promo project, finds time to work on models. Like his finished Tamiya F4U converted to a radar equipped -2 version, complete with revised control panel and added wing radome. Thanks to Ben Pada, he said, he's now got a Tamiya 1/48 P-47D working with eyes to finish it in a Glenn Eagleston scheme. Priorly, Joe wasn't much of a fan of the Jug. Now like the Editor and many others, he sees true beauty of Republic's finest, especially as molded here. A "Nate" Ki-27 in 1/48 is also now being done by Joe. Thanks recently to John Ferdico's fire sale with pitch it's a fine kit he'd enjoy. Joe exquisitely explained how he preserved the Ki-27's terrific scale rivets with a trick use of liquid mask. Laramie Wright put another platoon of 1/35 armor on display, his now finished Tamiya Cromwell starting it off. He explained it was originally new and begun in 1998, so very pleased is he to have it ready for Kickoff in 2012. His Panzer II by Tamiya turned out nicely too, bodes well for his 2 KV's by Trumpeter still WIP but nearly done. Laramie has now a week into new M51 Israeli Sherman out from Tamiya, looking very serious too. Nearby was Ammon Quick's "Spiked" WarHammer 40K "Intimidator" armored vehicle, extremely well done. Mark Schynert had a different subject, possibly tied to a "Gruppe Build" project of the Fremont Hornets now underway. Mark's "little car" is a 1/48 Peugeot CV in circa 1954 scheme. Using Testors One Shot Lacquer (Raving Red, shades of Steve



Travis!) and Testor's wee bottle Burgundy Red Metallic for painting. Mark noted EXTREMELY translucent quality of the bottle red, thus required use of the spray can supplement. Tasty!. Kent McClure's close to finishing his gathering of "Unruly Kids", "Think Tank", now has added two Dragons to the figure set. Ben Pada showed up a little late but in time to tell us about his P-40K "Pacific Theater" WIP. His eye on finish for try taking home "Best P-40" and "Best PTO USAAF" awards from KOC 2012. Mark Balderrama has a 1/144 scale Leopard tank done in a One Day Build. Inspiring and scary (he's a Youth class modeler). Eric McClure had another scary work on the table, a 1/72 scale Dragon Wagon cab/trailer complete with a DML "Captured T-34" as cargo aboard. The M26 combo was devilishly detailed, however Eric did find the .50 caliber gun lacked any "handle". As this simply wouldn't do, he made his model one. Eventually. As seems this effort left task of creating the German camo'd T-34 comparatively a piece of cake in time spent. Eric later found that all his labors would yield him unknown rewards. Randy Ray, perhaps to pay the Editor back for neglecting to mention this model in last month's review of meeting, had further progress to display on his AFV Club M101A1 105mm howitzer. Randy reports thanks to a fresh supply of Tamiya Olive Drab again becoming commonly available, he's able to work faster on this, other projects. Chris Hughes has two superb WIP projects with a decidedly Israeli flavor. One is the Super Sherman, the other a new M51, both Tamiya in 1/35. Rich Linder wasn't missing a trick either. His OLD Frog Miles Master came finished to our meeting in colors of Ireland Air Force. Lovely job, buy that man a beer on the morrow (St Paddy's Day, bucko!) fer his troubles will ya? Not to be snubbing any, Rich also showed a French Aeronavale F6F Hellcat completed from a Heller kit. David Balderrama bemoaned the "looks great in but fits lousy once out of the box" quality of his "Bat Pod". Lo ! Dave's son Max had taken on an obscure Japanese Sci Fi kit I had put only as "Space Craft In Blue" for these minutes. No matter, Max had nearly 2/3 of the construction completed in the meeting time, talk about Speed Build. He was neighbor to Gabriel Lee, who has the night's quota of Fantasy Space craft all covered in depth! First off with his "Space Cruiser Liner Titanic", Colonial Viper, Hammerhead ALL done. Gabriel didn't want any typecasting, so he was sure to be showing his two WIPs. One as in Polar Lights' Black Beauty car, the other real Black Beauty herself, being converted to aforesaid character from an existing Iron Man character kit. Cliff Kranz is busy converting 2D TV material to 3D reality in 1/48 scale now that he's finished one example in 1/72. Dubbed at a Fremont Hornets meeting the "A-7/10th", Cliff's creation is no lie. He saw the prototype idea on a person's desk in a documentary he was watching. Inspired, quickly sketched out what he remembered seeing to come back as he has, model it. Completed 1/72 version gives clue to how much work involved, seeing it in 1/48 underway REALLY brings home the point. To relax apparently, Cliff whips together a 1/48 Hurricane in desert scheme from the old Monogram kit. Cliff alleges he got kit only a month ago from the Editor, cheap. (nope, can't prove it...) A very keen desert schemed



Spitfire from the Airfix kit also present, this from Ron Wergin. Ron told us how he is swearing that NOTHING went wrong with the entire process of making this project. We await the lightning bolt strike, it has to be forthcoming. This utterly calm and cool build to completion, even Ron has trouble believing. Almost as shocking was the last modeler to talk for the night...showing FIVE MODELS including a COMPLETED ONE. Yes, we all saw and heard it from him. Bradley Chun. Yes that's right, Oakland's finest, THAT BRAD CHUN. He showed a fine Ford hot rod in green, DONE. Four more sweet works in progress were beside this.



One I knew for sure was his, seeing the trademark signature blue tape holding portions of it together. Excellent seeing him and we hope that more of Brad, his work will be in our future near.

Since back in December holiday party there was no call for it, NO Ninety Day Wonder styled club contest was officially in play. Nor one unofficially erupting forth in rebellion. Thusly, a Model of the Month award designation and first runner up were final items due for March meeting. Ron Wergin's miraculously conceived without conundrum or controversy Airfix Spitfire got the latter, President's Honorary Mention.

Model of the Month went to Eric McClure for his triple threat Dragon Wagon/T-34 in the manly 1/72 scale. Til next... -mick fini





CONGRATULATIONS TO  
**Eric McClure**  
FOR WINNING March MODEL OF THE MONTH



## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF SVSM MEETING 04-20-12

**Friday, April 20 2012**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting, contest theme “ Bombs Away on a Honshu Bay”. Finished items directly related to Doolittle Raid , April 1942. Also any versions of USS Hornet or B-25 Mitchell.

**Friday, May 16 2012**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** monthly meeting, club contest theme “ May Drone On & On ” Which is one way to say entrants are open to submit any manner of unmanned aerial vehicles of any scale, FINISHED, as long as they are air breathing and guided however rudimentarily. Even possible to seek Vengeance with this one

**Sunday, May 27 2012**

**IPMS/Fresno Scale Modelers** host R-9 Regional with theme of “ Desert Warfare ” Location is a hangar on the grounds of Castle AirPort, 4139 Tanker Circle Dr. Atwater CA. It's OPEN COCKPIT DAY also, a bonus !

**Friday, June 8 2012**

**IPMS/Fremont Hornets** monthly meeting, theme WTFK

**Friday, June 15 2012**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting, contest theme “ Go The Distance”. Finished items directly tied to Daytona 500, Sebring, 24 hr Le Mans, Dakar Rally, as examples of endurance and/or long distance racing. Other subjects include Round the World craft (air/sea) like USS Nautilus, Rutan Voyager, or “Lucky Lady”. All MacRobertson 1934 Air Race subjects qualify, as do Dole, Cleveland Air Race subjects. Use imagination, enter.

**Friday, July 10 2012**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting, Alumnus contest theme “ The DOGS of Summer ”

**Wednesday thru Saturday, August 8-11 2012**

**IPMS/USA Nationals hosted by Pelikan Model Club**, at the Fantasia Ballroom of Disney Contemporary Resort Convention Center, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Not to say any of our models are Mickey Mouse...

**Friday, August 10 2012**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** monthly meeting. Theme is Mug The E-Board.

**Saturday, September 8 2012**

**IPMS/Reno High Rollers** host their annual show, theme “ Between the Wars: 1919 to 1939 ” Held at the Desert Heights Elementary school, 13948 Mt Bismark, Reno, NV. ALWAYS a Great Show.

**Saturday, October 13 2012**

**IPMS/Fremont Hornets** host “Tri City Eight”, Milpitas Community Ctr, 457 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas CA. Theme “Midway & The Missiles of October” in “All American focus”. See this link [www.fremonthornets.org](http://www.fremonthornets.org)

**Friday, October 19 2012**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** monthly meeting. Editor's Contest Theme is “Eyeball to Eyeball”

**Saturday, November 3 2012**

**IPMS/ Antelope Valley Group** host Desert Classic 16. Contest Theme is “Real to Reel”. Movie or TV subjects with an AVG strict twist. Check their website for rules and details. <http://www.avg-ipms.org/>

**7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY**

**APRIL 20**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

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