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SV SHARKS TAKE A BITE OUT OF TIME!



Photos: Mick Burton Text: Chris Bucholtz Models : everyone from everywhere

Officially notable MINUTES of the SVSM November Meet by Chris Bucholtz

At the November meeting, Steve Travis announced he would be leaving the club, very much against his wishes. He and Anita are fixtures at SVSM and every member of the club expressed their sadness at Steve's news and expressed their gratitude to him and Anita for their dedication to the Veterans Administration Model Drive and, moreover, to their friends in the club.



To say Steve is beloved by his fellow modelers would be a gross understatement.

Chris Zanella offered to take over the model drive – many thanks go to Chris.

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MORE NNL INFO:

12-7: Asst. Videos
5-Midnite: No-Host Bar Open
1-7: Parts Quiz
7:30-8: Guest Speaker
[hopefully Tom West/Revell VP]
8-9 Awards Presentation
9-10 Door Prizes Awarded

(5) Special '32 Fords are being assembled and will be given away. They sport the NNL Logo and will be unique.

A beautiful "Vintage Tin" painting will be given away by Mark Townsend in a raffle.

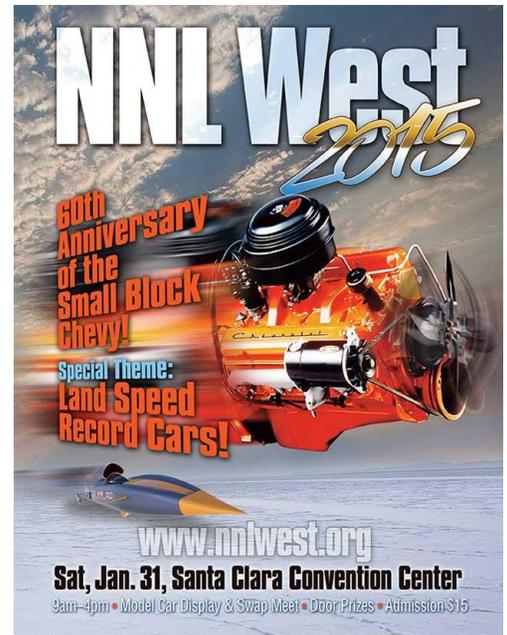
Requested donation is \$5 at the door and gets some goodies too including 2 raffle tickets.

“ MODEL ANNIVERSARY MUSINGS ”

With the New Year on the event horizon, seeing the Golden Anniversary year conclude for IPMS-USA plus chapters North Central Texas, Seattle, and of course us here at SVSM, all well heralded.

Appreciating the amazing journey that signifies, I would however, feel remiss by not noting another very significant anniversary coming up now at this same juncture. At left, from the December 1985 Ancestor of The Styrene Sheet, a “ full page ad ” for the 2nd Annual NNL West show in Sunnyvale California, held January 11, 1986, noon to midnite. On the right, *The THIRTIETH* NNL-West event, January 31, 2015, held in Santa Clara 9 am - 4 pm

This show is serious fun with a major milestone in quiet relief. Which I think deserves recognition in the best manner. Namely, a vibrant attendance by community of fellow modelers. See ya there –mick



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 8-1030pm. OFFICIAL RULES BELOW:

“ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ”: GIFT “THEFT” EXCHANGE SVSM DECEMBER 2014 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 Member In Good Standing. Non Member ? ONE gift max
3. MAXIMUM FOUR TOTAL Gifts may be put in play by a Member & Family or a Member plus their Guests.
4. MINIMUM RETAIL VALUE EACH GIFT must be **25 US dollars**. LABEL YOUR NAME ON GIFT
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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”
8. 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.
9. PLAY ENDS when time to leave comes or all items are stolen to the dead point or the last one is unwrapped to its eventual fate.
10. AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT MODEL SHIP KIT must be present in the GIFT PILE. Or you’re all in trouble.
11. THIS MAY NOT BE COMPLETE RULES. LISTEN AT THE MEETING FOR ANY ADDENDA.



In model talk... Cliff Kranz really likes the



three-tone camouflage on his 1:35 M48A3, which he built to give to a math teacher at the school where Cliff works who was a tank driver in a previous career.

Cliff has also finished his two Tamiya M151A2s, one a Marine Corps Mutt and the other the "death Jeep" Cliff would have driven while in the Army if not for a unit transfer.

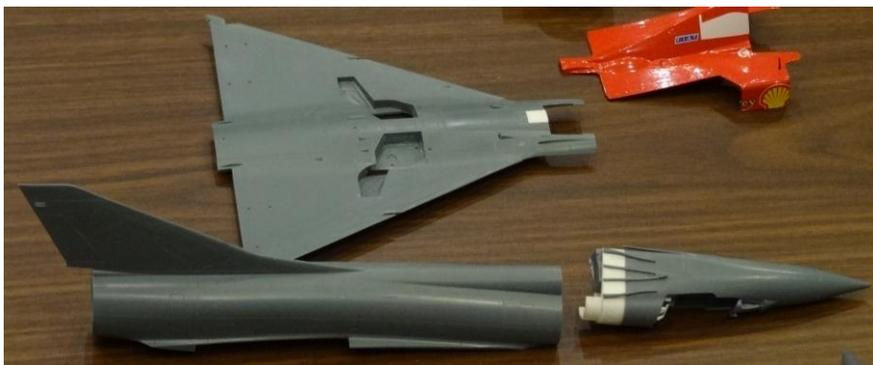


Cliff did a fine job on Academy's 1:48 P-36, finishing it as Harry Brown's two-kill Curtiss flown during the Pearl Harbor attack. The plane sports a True Details cockpit and aftermarket cockpits and flaps.

Cliff's also completed a 1:72 Hasegawa MiG-25, built as a "chase plane" for his SR-71, and a 1:20 Tamiya 1997 Ferrari F1 car as driven by Michael Schumacher.



Frank Babbitt has been busily converting a 1:48 Mirage IIIC into a IIIB, using a Heller kit and carefully stretching the fuselage.



Naturally, a new IIIB kit has just been announced.





Eric McClure used a Formations resin kit – and running gear and tracks from a DML kit – to build an M4A3E2 Jumbo Sherman. It's complete except for the commander figure that will go in the hatch.



Ron Wergin was challenged by the classic Monogram 1:32 Panzer IV, partly because the plastic began to disintegrate as he was finishing this 45-year old kit. Monogram provided great service and replaced a few missing parts.



Kent McClure says the Italeri X-32 in 1:72 is a putty hog! He plans on finishing it in “non-traditional” colors.



Kent also had a squad of War of the Roses knights, a batch of Swedish Napoleonic, and a mess of 1:72 Russian tank riders from Hat.





Gabriel Lee has the exterior parts of Polar Lights' 1:350 Enterprise NX-01 black, and he's now battling the kit's many small clear parts.



Gabriel had the cockpit for two more Airfix P-51Ds, these to become examples from El Salvador and Korea, prepared and ready for installation.

Gabriel's also in the early stages of couple of 1:350 television spacecraft, a 2007-era Battlestar *Galactica* and a 1960s *Thunderbird III*.



Barry Bauer was astounded to discover that HobbyBoss's F4U-4 Corsair is a darned nice kit. It has six .50-caliber machine guns and the later style windscreen, and Barry's cutting down the tail gear for greater accuracy.



He's also converting a Hasegawa F4U-1 into the XF4U-1 by cutting the fuselage and reconfiguring the wing panels. He'll have to make his own new windscreen, canopy to complete the conversion.



Ben Pada is working on two Zoukei-Mura kits, the 1:48 Ta 152 and the Shinden.

Ben said he's adding rivet detail to the Shinden.



Randy Ray was excited about his new Airfix F.2A Lightning, although it has a somewhat simplified cockpit.

Randy also shared the news about Shapeways, a 3D-printing clearinghouse that prints things to order.

Randy ordered up an assortment of periscope guards, grab handles and vision blocks.

Chris Bucholtz finished his Airfix 1:72 P-51D as Bob Hoover's "Old Yeller," using Scott Germain's decals and applying a toned-down coat of deep yellow paint.

The model has two seats and Chris borrowed parts from Tamiya and Hasegawa kits, plus an Eduard photoetched set, to get the model into shape. The aerials and antennas were all scratch-made.

Chris also has a Tamiya 1:72 P-47D-30 built and painted, with natural metal shading done with Testors Metallizers.

The D-30 modifications came via a Quickboost set.



Ken Miller is our resident airliner expert, and he extended this interest to the Bay Area Dragon's fundraiser where he built a Boeing 747 (which he displayed on a Boeing hubcap).



Ken's troublesome MD-80 is 90 percent done, giving no indication that nothing fit or that he decals exploded.



Jim Lund gave Ken a Microscale 1:144 Convair 880 among some other built kits and this is Ken's new project.



Our club contest was sharkmouths (with P-40s excluded), and Ken continued with some more 1:144 models. First up was a Revell re-boxing on the Matchbox 1:144 Tornado GR.1; the flat decals were forced down by a coat of Future floor polish. Ken also built a 1:144 F-105 Thunderchief in natural metal, with decals from Microscale.

Laramie Wright got close to finishing an Airfix 1:72 Sabre in British markings; he says the model has tight tolerances and requires care with the dihedral of the wings. He used almost no

filler in the build. He found some aspects of Airfix's F-51D annoying – namely, the gear and the arrangement of the canopy – but liked the kit decals which gave him a shark-mouthed Korean War Mustang. Laramie also brought a Lego-style replica of Sharks center Joe Thornton (who does indeed have a mouth). Mike Burton's menagerie of shark-mouthed subjects included an F-105F, built from the Monogram 1:48 kit; Monogram P-51B in captured Japanese markings; a second Monogram P-51B finished as an RAF Mustang Mk. II; Maintrack 1:72 F-107B in spurious tactical camouflage, including the sharkmouth; a Monogram P-400 built straight out of the box but with the cockpit door and engine cover positioned to show the kit detail; the Korean War F-86 "Paper Tiger," crafted from Heller's 1:72 kit; and a 1:72 Airfix P-38F, which boasted two shark mouths. Gabriel Lee's fanciful Rutan Terminator (an amalgam of several fighters into a terrifying twin-boom jet) wears a shark mouth. So does his Airfix Argentine F-86F in 1:72. Brian Sakai finished his MPM XP-55 in operational markings from the 357th Fighter Group. Naturally, its shark mouth pointed aft! Cliff Kranz had a couple of Monogram classics with shark mouths – a P-51D in Australian colors and an F-86D Sabre Dog. And the winners were... In third place, with his Pegasus great white shark, was Gabriel Lee! There was no question whether this model would have a shark mouth – only which one Gabriel would use (the kit has two different heads). In second place, with his Hasegawa 1:48 P-400, was Ben Pada! Ben used Gunze and Tamiya paints and AeroMaster decals to finish up his award-winning USAAF fighter. And in first place with his 1:144 A-10 was Brian Sakai! Brian used the LS kit and a lot of scratch-building to do justice to his tiny Warthog.

(complete photo coverage of this contest was done in the preceding November TAMS, thus left out here –Editor)

And the model of the month goes to... Gabriel Lee's shark-mouthed Mi-28 in Peruvian markings! Gabriel used the Hasegawa kit to create his attack chopper.

Fini - **CB**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
Gabriel Lee**



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