



# THE STYRENE SHEET

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## POST WAR MARS NEEDS MODELERS



**Pegasus Hobbies 1:18 scale  
"Uncle Martin's Spaceship"**  
Text & Photos by: Mick Burton

Thanks to Pegasus, not only are items from 2 film takes of H G Wells' classic with Mars as bad guy, doable in model form. Now more pacific option also given.



Namely this little gem. Classic "sports car of a space vehicle" from "My Favorite Martian", whose malfunction led to the stranding of "Uncle Martin" on Earth. Even if you're not a fan of the show, this new kit may go the distance for curing a case of AMS or ennui, with 20 parts total in box! Ship mainly two shell halves, 2 opening doors accounting for the larger sub assembly part count ( as 2 each windows, doors, hinges, hinge mounts) . So basically you're left with 3 gear legs, a seat and clear instrument panel to somehow bedevil you before finishing. Fit everywhere proved tight, only seam needing attention was along underside body edge. Choice having doors operable proved easy without any great gaps when closed. "Smoking" the window glass was the most work, tied with achieving the right look "metal" finish. Having no Tamiya Airframe Silver AS14 on hand, I went with the Testors One Shot Lacquer Diamond Dust shade with overspray of Testors Non Buffing Aluminum Metalizer. Only two plus hours start to finish, definitely a fun little break. Now to tackle "Uncle Martin". *(for another time)*

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

First off, CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved with the planning, execution or direct support of Hobby Expo 2012 (or aka by me, "The Northern Kickoff"). Seemed to me and several others I spent time with there, to be one of the best ones, if not THE Best, yet. May some of your hard won good fortune find its way South next month, for KOC 2012 I'll be the Contest Director you see ghostly white and passing out unless a revolting (as in "excessive") number of folks, model entries seemed to have shown up. In which case the Contest Director will be the panicked looking fellow on podium praying for a miracle. Not really, either way. Having been at the party game for a good number of years now and with more than one organization, best approach is be calm, friendly, flexible, hope for the best and plan how to survive the worst. You really can't know or be even too confident, only work to have the event you'd want to be enjoying as a customer, then relax as what unfolds, does. Sometimes you're going to be getting far more than you bargained for in a good way, other times, not so. We're still seeing around the region and community some evidence of much tighter, tenser economies than news may have us believe. Reaction to it long term is still somewhat mixed, and our numbers haven't escaped suffering by long shot. My optimism is tempered by realization that a retooling may yet be in order. But we're going in smiling and ready.

Don't forget, we've got a long in the planning Regional for R-9 coming up in May after our big show in March. Club will be having our fabulous favorite Spring entertainment that month too, aka "Board Elections". Begin your campaigns now! Alright, managed to fill in this editorial space with "expanded foam" rather than "bitters" so see ya at the meeting !!

### **EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME FEBRUARY 2012 " SM all Hot Rod Fords "**

My birthday month, my traditional twisted thematics. Eligible subjects: FINISHED, any scale, F4D Skyray (aka "Ford"), A-4 Skyhawk (Heinemann's Hot Rod), or Ford Hot Rods. SM? Ref to Santa Monica, home of Douglas.

### **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, approx, 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 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

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### **SVSM MEMBER'S CLASSIFIED ADVERTs For FEBRUARY 2012**

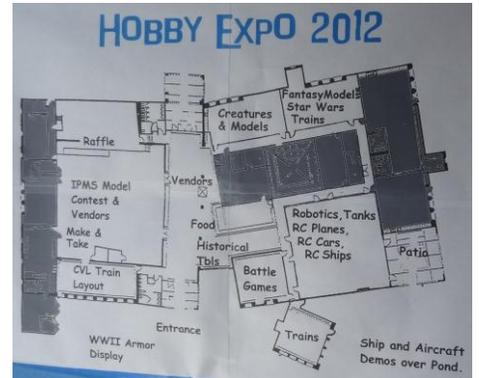
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# Good Old Fun Was Had by All, Abundantly!



## IPMS Santa Rosa & IPMS Mt Diablo Host Another Great Expo : Brief **Retrospective** by Mick Burton

February 11, 2012 saw opening of two excellent repeat events in the South and North Bay, model mania truly! It was a tough choice to make, but either way it was the best choice to go to one of them rather than stay home.



Happily for me, while up North at Hobby Expo 2012, I got news of how well NNL West 2012 down in South Bay was doing. This from two modelers who came out from Nevada for attend of BOTH events. They were amused at my effuse compliments on their proving this could be done. In our chat we agreed on view, it most important to show up in support of one or the other. Yes, they too had been “yearly contest staff”, more than once for more than one club. Knew well, how frustrating to host an event and have meager response for all the work . Pleased to share news from their direct perspective, both events were well hosted and attended!

Theme of Expo: “Good Old Fun”, with emphasis on getting back the model basics, mainly Enjoy the experience and share that with others. Members of



Host Chapters went an extra many miles this time, those “B9” Robots atop the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies just one major example. Handmade and built in quantity for 50 plus categories, very fun but hard work. The Special Awards as ever proved excellent quality and highly sought after. Steve Munroe from Orange County IPMS earned himself one of each aforesaid with an armor entry of his, seen at left, for example. Above is a shot from stage showing the crowd at play. Upper left pic has staff hard at seeing to everyone else’s fun !



Tables were full of great stuff. A look at Misc and next door “Unfinished Subjects” at left may give clue. At right, more clues in that generous Santa Rosan, Tom Young. (see page 5)



## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF SVSM MEETING 02-17-12

**Friday, February 17 2012**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** monthly meeting. Editor's Contest Theme is SM All Hot Rod Fords.

**Friday, March 9 2012**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** monthly meeting. Theme is "Dude, Where's Your Car ? " for Gruppe Build Progress

**Saturday, March 24 2012**

**IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** host KOC 18. Santa Clara Convention Center in Hall ' A ', 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara CA. Theme is "Viva La Revolucion", inciting participants to fearlessly rebel and revel in wide scope of entries. Obvious avenues include : American Revolution, American Civil War, The Spanish Civil War, 1917 Russian Revolution, Cuban 1958 Revolt. That's figures, field pieces, floating and flying things all encompassed by the way. Not so obvious but clearly qualifying are items tied to Hungary 1956 uprising, Prague Spring 1968, Texas Rebellion, Mexican Revolution, Congo Rebellion, etc.

**Saturday, April 7 2012**

**IPMS/Seattle** hosts Spring Show/R-7 Regional, Renton Community Ctr, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy, Renton WA

**Friday, April 13 2012**

**IPMS/Fremont Hornets** monthly meeting, theme " Tokyo Hauling "

**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, 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, 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". See website [www.fremonthornets.org](http://www.fremonthornets.org) for details/updates.

*Hobby Expo 2012 Mick Review, Continued from page 3*



Contestant # 29 Model # 91 Category # S4  
 Subject Lockheed XR60-1 Constellation  
 Scale & Kit Manufacturer VIMA ANIGRAND  
 Comments

Tom of Model Aire International and a 1/72 devotee, lent me DISPLAY space for 7 Red Tails Tuskegee Airmen models. All on his vendor table due no truly suitable space left for them on contest tables. Thanks Tom, I know having the 1/48 interloper was tough ☺



Constitution of the the event competition wasn't ALL aircraft, Robots and Unfinished stuff, Elvira saw to that for one. Above is a magnificent 1/144 Lockheed XR60-1 from Anigrand kit yes, and below a collection of same scale late 40s/early 50s jet bombers. In front of those was an exquisite set of USN and JAN flying boats, as well.



Sad I was only able to find time and space to shoot about 1/3 of the tables. Plus 10 percent of the day's passage. Shortly, whole of Expo's variety of scale richness will be best seen as select shots of mine join with those of Vladimir Yakubov on our SVSM website.

Which may test the patience of some readers...

Maybe he's just trying to get our attention, like star of one of those Special Awards. You



see, Aliens were among us in our show world. Suppose it could even be said, they were making it "their world"

How do I know ?

*Because*

*David Vincent has seen Them !*

**NOW he must convince a disbelieving world that the Invaders are here...**



Contestant # 19 Model # 35 Category # S32  
 Subject UFO FROM INVADERS  
 Scale & Kit Manufacturer BOG - PHOENIX



**January 2012 SVSM MEETING** *Minutes not available at publication. This due to somesuch reason or another...*

*Mamma Mia !* What a great opening meeting for New Year, so much happening with so many attending, overwhelming.

Okay, yes, you caught me, your Editor did not take much in way of notes and his “senior memory” provides even more time for “historical fiction” if permitted to advise too often,. So bear with my best effort recounting how 2012 launched for SiliconValleySM, rely as I do on “a picture being worth a thousand words” or somesuch. President Frank Beltran opened meeting with much enthusiasm and good tidings, which put us on a great course for the remainder of the evening. If you’re of a mind to, look closely at center rear of the “meeting shot” below, you’ll spot 4 “Tomcats” from San Joaquin ValleySM. Frank among others was pleased finding they were a big answer to his “any new guests, visitors” query. Of course, Alan Weber (smiling dude on the left in green jacket) is actually a long time Tomcat *and* SVSM member, so really 3 guests...



Part of the news from the Central part of R-9 that came with our guests, was confirmation that for this April, we’ll have to get by without a clawing good Tomcats annual contest. As they re-strategize for 2013 April and a probable teaming up with the Contra Costa County SM club for an even bigger/badder event than they already have going. All looking forward to it! Steve Travis and Anita his better half, gave an excellent in depth report on past year of our SVSM Veterans Drive, with \$\$ going in and out at an impressive rate, getting lots of scale therapeutic fun where it works magic, with NO overhead. Saints they are, we know, bless them for making this all seem so easy. Steve’s forecast that even with increased kit costs and some travel cutbacks (it’s damned hard, they won’t tell you but I will, to make all these events ) the 2012 year looks very strong. Hard news to deliver, but we had news of the passing of THREE of our community since last we met. “Great Prez” Mr Bill Andrews from the Hornets/Tomcat clubs, Randy Vandraiss who was a founding member of NNL West among examples of being just a hell of a great human being to have ever known and spent time sharing with, and shock to learn in midst of meeting with those two’s departure, Donald Terbush of Dragon Lady. I’d earlier in meeting extolled to all on Dragon Lady clubs’ vigorous growth, can assure you Don was among the most clear single reasons for making it so. Definitely missed.



January Model Talk was bit rushed (*continued page 8*)



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Bob Phillips**

**FOR WINNING January MODEL OF THE MONTH**



**Memories of the January SVSM meeting, continued from page 6**

due to large amount of business that needed to be dealt with while still timely. Still “First Sarge” Frank got it under way so



here’s highlights: (*my apologies ahead, as I said, merely my notes not formal minutes, so if I missed your work or misspelt your name, sorry - Editor*) Traveling “Tomcat” Bob Phillips completed a sweet new Tamiya P-51K in 1/32, “egged on” it seems by a smaller rounder companion. Mustang markings in decal form were a generous gift for our KOC 2012 raffle, this too from Bob Phillips, THANKS ! In WIP nearby, a 1/48 F-86F, P-47D and P-51D. Still WIP, but mostly painted, a 1/72 “striped” P-51B, a 1/48 Bf-109E in yellow nose, and a Formula Racing car in red. Close by was Kinley Calvert’s own yellow (Flying) Submarine. He’s a dedicated modeler, installing complete lighting kit for this large scale lovely. A TIE Fighter and Marder III behind him,

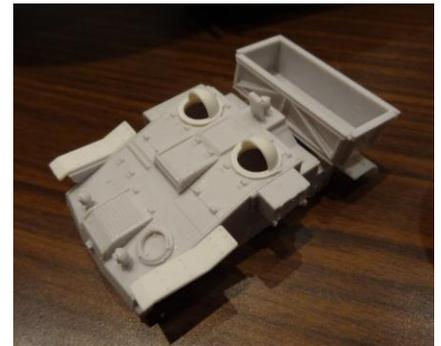
I don’t know if they were his or his son’s. Next to Kinley was Mick Burton’s attempt at catching up, with 4 completed as much as they will be, Italeri 1/35 Sdkfz 234 family armored cars. One each of 234/1, /2 Puma, /3, and /4. Also done was his “Martian Spaceship” from the old TV series, new Pegasus kit. A trio of WIP 1/48 P-51Ds (two Monogram, one Hasegawa) along with pair of 1/72 V-2s and a 1/48 V-2 all WIP, to be immediate postwar versions, then trio of 1/72 “50s jets” in WIP lastly a 1/35 WG/40 Renault tankette also “in progress”. Last four were various auction “dollar bid” items, FINISH please!



Ken Miller had some fine progress on his two 747s. A 1/48 Saab Draken WIP next him. Ben Pada brought out a smart looking Ki-44 Shoki, even better he gave us a great explanation of how he solved the problem of “too pretty a finish” on this 1/48 bird when first done. Applying a “weathering” of metalize so fine you’re thinking he did the green over it instead of the reverse!

Ben also had a sweet JASDF F-104J 1/48 by Hasegawa. A WIP 1/48 P-40, also Ben’s.

Rich Linder showed a Costa Rican P-51D in 1/72, very cool. Gabriel Lee’s 1/570 Space Cruiser Titanic, nice. As ever, Jim Lund’s



work with wire and fabric model subjects is nothing short of miraculous, his twin engine Caproni another delicate example.

Jim’s big biplane came out the Honorary Mention winner on way to taking home the January Model of the Month, kudos!

The Model of the Month as selected by our own “First Sarge”, President Frank, went deservedly to Bob Phillips for his 1/32 “Iron Ass” P-51K Mustang.

Very fine way to close out the first meeting of the New Year.

See you all in February. – *mick fini*



# Focused Eyes On A RetroWarding Experience

by Mick Burton



Hobby Expo 2012 theme of “Good Old Fun” truly made for a resounding response. A very key part was this award at left and right (back of it)



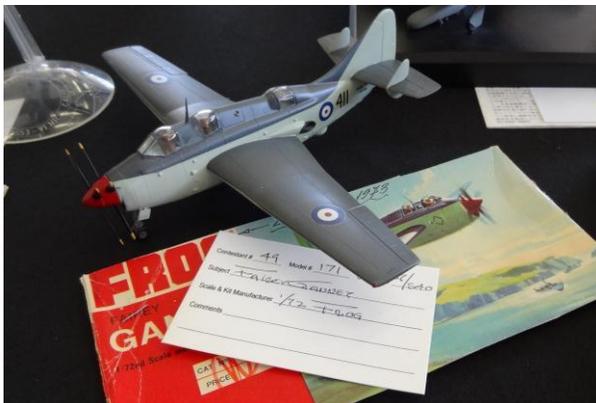
“The RetroWard” devised by scale enthusiasts and talents Dai Nakabayashi and John Ferdico, with artiste Greg Reynolds assisting mightily.

Unlike most contest “Special Awards”, this one became an entire separate category with pictured trophy given for First Place, the lovely “ice block” style given for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Here’s some of the many “Pre-1976” moldings vying for the great Retroward .



Revell 1/118 PBM Mariner, Renwal “Atomic Howitzer” in always popular 1/40 scale, Frog 1/72 Fairey Gannet (MUCH improved by the builder!) In 1/48, Hawk’s F2H-2 Banshee screamingly upgraded as well. Not to say it was an “all Army/Navy” turnout. One entrant turned a “Hawaiian Eye” out with a conversion of the Revell 1/32 Cayuse into Magnum’s Hughes 500...



Even the Hobby Expo’s signature “Speed Build” event kit this year was on theme. Below , see the ten “Alien Space Craft” from the (originally) 1950s “Lindberg Line” Excellent surprise and a wise choice.

Very good work in just 60 minutes, by all entrants. My bet is, at least a few in that competition had “retro” moment of youth modeling days



Spectacular turnout for the theme and supreme effort with like results, my fervent wish is that they repeat this category idea...



-mick fini

**7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY**

**FEBRUARY 17**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**

**Milpitas, CA**

