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## MAY DAY! MAY DAY! ...



Uh, ... uuh  
Hello,  
Kadena?

I,  
I can't...  
I can't...

*I Can't Move My Arm*



The *ACTUAL MINUTES*  
of SVSM MAY

by Chris Bucholtz

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

(shameless plug: [www.mickbmodeler.com](http://www.mickbmodeler.com))

### GREAT NEWS FOR THE MODERN MODELER !

Only a month ago, our very hard working Junior IPMS Club wrapped up a fantastic May club meeting with no clear path to repeat their success during the summer, due to an all too familiar problem faced by many organizations. Namely, nary an affordable and available PLACE TO HOLD A MEETING ! Proving themselves more than ready to meet this challenge, it's my pleasure to share with you here the NEWS OF THE SUMMER MEETING HOUSE FOR "Bay Area Dragons" Club :

**NOW HEAR THIS – CHANCE FOR SUMMER FUN FOR THE YOUNG COMING THIS WEEKEND AT A SAN JOSE LIBRARY !**

**Northern California IPMS Junior Scale Modelers (Bay Area Dragons)** - Are having their JUNE 2014 meeting, **Saturday, June 21, 2 pm – 4 pm PDT** at [BASCOM Branch SJ Public Library, 1000 S Bascom Avenue, San Jose CA 95128](#)

All youths under the age of 18 (under 12, please bring an adult) are invited to come and build a model



or just to learn about scale modeling and IT IS FREE !.

This will be continuing the kickoff of our first Group Build/Contest and the theme is "Egg Planes".

Egg Plane kits from Hasegawa will be available for purchase at a super low price

Courtesy of Modesto Hobby and Crafts.

The contest judging will take place at a later meeting (prizes will be awarded based on Creativity and Neatness).

There will be model discussion & a building session, with models/supplies provided by the three sponsoring clubs in the Bay Area, Fremont Hornets, Silicon Valley Scale Modelers, and Sonoma County IPMS.

Hats off to our 2014/15 VP Mr Dave Anderson, who secured this meeting room for the BAD team of modelers with much concerted effort in the past two weeks. Lily, Christine, Dave and Mike will make fine use of the space I have no doubt of it As I have said before and will again, Those who are about to spend (their time, others and their money) I also salute you. With THANKS - *mickb*

### *SPEAKING OF THE MONEY...*

Just like the proverbial bumper sticker of the "way old days" used to proclaim, "GAS, Grass or ... *NOBODY RIDES FOR FREE*", events like the TriCity Ten of the Fremont Hornets coming in September need money to run.

IN AN EFFORT TO WORK SOME OF THAT "FUEL" UP THIS SUMMER **THE HORNETS ANNOUNCE**

## **The JULY 11 " SUPER AUCTION " 830-1030 PM**

Usual 5 dollar meeting night fee, PLENTY OF POTENTIAL "STEALS" Bring your donations and your MONEY There will be a flyer available at the June SVSM meeting just to remind you and provide more details if needed. - *mickb*

**SVSM CLUB CONTEST JUNE 2014 " The F-1 Challenge "**

For a full and complete reminder of this contest go here: <http://www.mickbmodeler.com/june-2014-svsm.php>





Photos: Mick Burton

Text: Chris Bucholtz

Models : everyone

**At the May meeting...** John Carr told us about his plans to build a display of models of San Jose Police Department vehicles for display at the department and asked if the club members might like to help out. He received a positive response from many members and he'll put together a list of subjects. If you want to build an SJPD car, talk to John at the next meeting! Frank Beltran brought up the idea of club shirts – T-shirts or polo shirts – and management said it would provide him with some art, since Frank said he'd take care of getting the bids and pricing. The Bay Area Dragons were happy to report that their attendance had doubled from their first to second meetings, and they had received donations of kits from several sources (including Modesto Hobbies) and members. Their next meeting was the day after the meeting, so we look forward to their next report.

**In model talk...** Dave Balderrama picked up an MV-22 Osprey for a song and is planning on launching into it, but in the meantime he's working on a Starblazers: 2199 Tiger Space Attack Craft from Bandai, a model he says is very nice.



Mark Balderrama built the Polar Lights Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea Flying Submarine and a Corvette, both liberated from his dad's model stash.



The Corvette was a gift to Dave from his mother, so Mark was by proxy building a model that was a gift from his grandmother.



Ben Pada finished his 1:32 Tamiya F4U-1 Corsair, and he took it to a contest in Virginia earlier this month where it took a first place in its category!





John Carr's favorite Star Wars character was Boba Fett, so he was pleased at the detail on Screamin's kit.

Not so pleasing is the vinyl material, which has made it hard to prime and paint. He's using cosplay websites to get all the details right.



John's also got his Tamiya Wehrmacht figure getting close to completion; he's weathering the otherwise showroom-looking figure and its equipment and he was pleased by how well the decals for the various insignia went on.



Eric McClure completed his Academy F-8E Crusader, which has a cockpit by Eduard, a raised wing from Obscureco and some old MicroScale decals, which gave Eric a battle. He used Alclad for the burner section and added tiny bits of aluminum tape to the fuselage to depict the stabilator rub plates.





Laramie Wright was inspired to build his 1:35 MRC UH-1C Huey after seeing another old, partly-started kit brought to completion last meeting. He's also working on the old Tamiya A6M5c, giving the model some aftermarket guns.



Chris Bucholtz applied the first coat of Model Master aluminum metallizer to his Tamiya P-47, only discover some work that was needed at the wing roots.



He made a sequence error on his Special Hobby Firefly V; he painted the sky undersurface before adding the Korean War invasion stripes and before adding the cannon stubs, meaning some additional work before the Firefly can wear its Fleet Air Arm colors.

His Eduard MiG-15 conversion doesn't fit as well as he hoped it would; the Brassin airbrakes don't give you clear instructions, and he had to do some improvisation to backdate his model.

Finally, Chris's Hasegawa KA-3B Skywarrior had main gear wells that were literally missing parts – there were slots for two bulkheads but the bulkheads weren't included in the kit!

Using photos from the SVSM website, Chris made the missing parts and added additional detail to the wheel wells.







CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Ron Wergin**

FOR WINNING MAY MODEL OF THE MONTH



**7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY**

**JUNE 20**

**at**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**

**Milpitas, CA**

