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Twin Tail Sendoff for Stan by 2 Old Timers



MY FIRST & ONLY B-25J "GUN NOSE" MODEL

Text:Rodney J. Williams Photos : Vladimir Yakubov , Rodney Williams Model : R. Williams (remarks): Dan Bunton

Mick Burton informed me that my long time friend "Stan Muniz" left us on March 10, 2011. Stan and I go back many years as I recall stories concerning his "sojourn" to the South Pacific during WW-II. Like me he was short, so the "Army Air Force" stuck him into the tail gunner's position on the B-25 Mitchell twin-engine bomber. Stan related several heart-warming stories about his view as a tail gunner and how he and other crew members would score hits on the "Jap" fighters, of which many would be shot down.

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

Perfect reason for having "TAMS" (The AfterMarket Sheet). It allows important last minute Breaking News w/an Editorial aside here. Then, if you want any of my rantings, please refer to this month's TAMS. Of course, only can do that if you get this, the OSS (Original Styrene Sheet) Edition via PDF (by Email). Otherwise, you'll just have to wait until our meeting.

PLEASE NOTE Breaking News: The DECEMBER GIFT EXCHANGE has RULES UPDATE & A NEW LOCALE.

Locale: Our Standard Meeting Place, Milpitas PD Community Room, 8-1030pm. UPDATED RULES BELOW:

" RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ": GIFT "THEFT" EXCHANGE SVSM DECEMBER 2012 MEET

1. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. So show up on time to register
2. MAXIMUM THREE Gifts may be 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.
5. GIFTS IN ORDER TO PLAY must be reasonably pre wrapped, and not too 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, and likely to be generally perceived of as something some several of those present WOULD WANT TO STEAL. Bring something you're mad for, others likely will be.
7. ONCE UNWRAPPED, ALL GIFTS CONSIDERED "IN PLAY" UNTIL "DEAD". NO TRADES ALLOWED IF IN PLAY ITEMS INVOLVED. Feel free to manage what you like with yours and others "dead"
- 7 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.
- 8 PLAY ENDS when time to leave comes or all items are stolen to the dead point or the last one is unwrapped to its fate.
- 9 AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT MODEL SHIP KIT MUST BE PRESENT IN THE GIFT PILE. Or you're all in trouble.
- 10 THIS MAY NOT BE COMPLETE RULES. LISTEN AT THE MEETING FOR ANY ADDENDA. Thank you.

EDITOR' s CONTEST THEME NOVEMBER 2012 " TANKSGIVING "

Eligible: Anything FINISHED that is considered a "Tank" in general AFV terms. ALSO qualifying competes: Aircraft CARRYING drop tanks, "Belly Tank racers or Belly Customs". Vehicles hauling or towing Tanks, or Tanker Trucks or Tanker Aircraft. Tanker crew figures or "personalities" (think "Kelly's Heroes"...or geez, Erwin Rommel or Geo Patton. Or go ahead, indulge in your best stretch, see if our Judges allow it in. Tank you.

SVSM MEMBER' s CONTEST THEME FEBRUARY 2013 " Happy Birthdays "

Thanks ever so much to Treasurer Bill Ferrante, for being "Instigator, Special Project" on this conception here. The idea is to either to build a model of a vehicle or figure that was active in the year of your birth or something that occurred on the day of your birth from any year. For example from Bill, he could build a 1962 Corvette or a Lancaster that bombed the Tirpitz on November 12, 1944. As long as it ties into your birth year or birthday, anything is eligible. TRULY A MEMORABLE AND UNIQUE BIT OF CLUB BUILDING FUN. See you !

SVSM EDITOR' s CONTEST THEME MARCH 2013 "That's A Spicy Meatball "

While it may be a hard one to swallow, this dietary diatribe of a theme was independently tested during a meal after it was cooked up by your Editor. Chief aim of this recipe was to enable a wide variety of subjects that are otherwise unrelated, to be blended for competition. Ingredients of this non culinary conspiracy are: FINISHED items of either Mediterranean Seacoast Nations (of which there are MANY) OR the Nation of Japan (thus the meatball...) Aircraft, Armor, Autos, Figures, Animals, all eligible along with Maritime subjects, as long as they are as outlined above. So Italian, French, Greek, Turkish, Cypriot, Libyan, Spanish, Israeli (to name a few) and Japanese Air Forces or Ground Forces are easily competitive. That alone ought to spice things up. Bon Appetit.

SVSM MEMBER' s CONTEST THEME JUNE 2013 " UNKNOWN HISTORY "

Thanks to Webmaster Vladimir Yakubov for being "Instigator, Special Project" on this idea here. The concept is simple enough. Examples given include the Yak-23 "Flora" test flown in USAF markings at WPAF before it was returned to Eastern Bloc from whence it came. Or the Russian warship that was docked in SF Bay back in 1904 (during the Russo-Japanese War) thus subject to possible internment if not embarked within 24 hours. I'm not sure in fact what happened to that one. Or of course a LOCAL favorite, tied to Oakland and El Cerrito. What is it? The Capelis XC-12 from the Safety Airplane Corporation. Be prepared to share when you bring entries !

An Excellent "Missing Man Formation" in Model Manner of Speaking continued from page 1

The "J" model of B-25 had what they called a "hard-nose". Equipped with eight .50 caliber machine guns which took an incalculable toll on enemy shipping.

On one of the missions, his B-25 was flying low over the ocean and was ready to make its strafing run on a "Jap" cargo ship, when a "Zero" came out of nowhere, right behind him. Stan shot his twin "fifties" into the water and up came a spray of water. Somehow the pilot lost control of his fighter and plunged into the ocean at over 300 mph.

Mick and I got together about presenting a trophy in memory of Stan for the up and coming 2012 SVSM annual contest. (in a manner of speaking, that is. I'd already set out to honor dear smiling Stan since his fine sendoff in the Wings Of History newsletter, the museum he and I both also part of over the years. Rodney wrote me of *his* plans in midst of this, so I blended our independent memorial projects into one ... - editor)

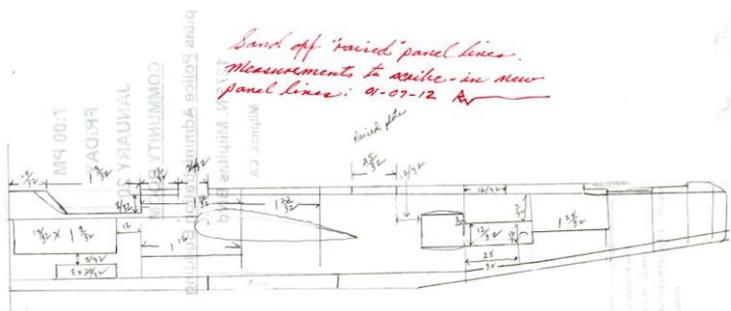


Last December I got the bright idea to build a B-25 model that I had in my closet and "maybe" send it over to Mick so he could present the model for the award. That did not transpire. (one thing about events, plan *far* ahead. - editor)

"CONSTRUCTION"

I started to build this model in January and got it finished in early March, 2012. This Revell 1:48 scale "B-25J Gun Nose" kit has a copyright dated "Made in China -1977" which is the year I got back into modeling.

OH-NO, the kit has raised panel lines so I had to sand them off and re-scribe all of them back in.



Instructions 1 thru 8 gave you the necessary data to build in all of the interior items such as the bomb bay, gunner seats, radio, tail gunner compartment and the cockpit area.

I choose to close up the bomb bay and spruce up the tail gun section. However, once the fuselage halves were put together, you can't see the radio and other equipment that was put in the model. Conclusion: Leave it out on your model.

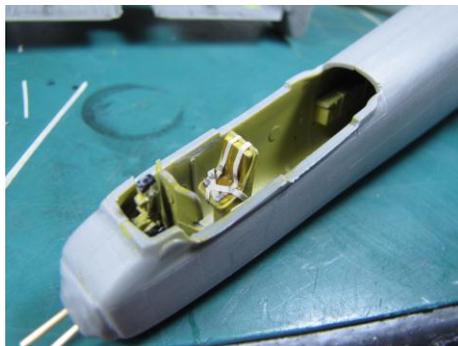
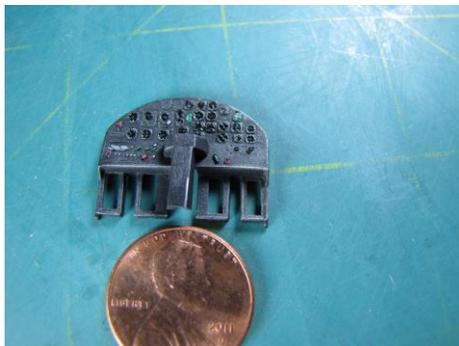


I taped the model together with all its parts, then added weight to different areas so that it will sit on its nose gear. With all this added weight I felt that I had to reinforce the nose gear with a .20" diameter brass rod. This kind of task has been accomplished on several of my models, so it was no big deal for this kit.

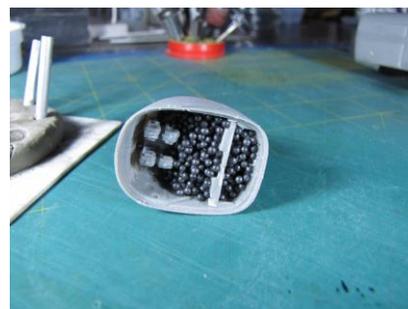
I revised all of the kit guns by making them out of brass tubing.



Making a Memorial and Memories In A Miniature Mitchell – continued



With everything together, I did my re-scribing little by little, finding and fixing a few flaws here and there.



PAINT & DECALS

I have used Tamiya paint for a couple of decades and for the interior, I applied XF-4 Yellow-Green. The X-11 “Chrome Silver” is a fairly new paint by Tamiya and was applied on the exterior “bare plastic.” I over-coated the model with Future. A few days later I added the kit insignia and my homemade “PANCHITO” nose art decal. The model was weathered with some artist oils.



Alas, I discovered that I was going to attend my grandson’s wedding in Irvine, California the week before the annual SVSM contest. I would be coming up to Stockton, CA to visit our daughter after the wedding,

so it was necessary to show up for the contest with my B-25J.

I left the show with Stan’s award, which was presented to my B-25J model. (Note: there WAS other competition for award, which I had set up for any of four favorites in Stan’s logbook: T-6, B-25, F-82 or F-94 aircraft. So there-*editor*)

I say “Good-Bye” for now to “Stan’s Last Flight Plan,” may God Bless You. When I leave this earth I hope we can meet up and take a flight together in our B-25s.

(hey old friend, aim to be aboard Stan’s B-25. Unless your afterlife plan includes an eternity in 1/48 scale. –*smartass mickb*)

Enjoy the photos.

Rodney



1:48 SCALE REVELL “B-25J MITCHELL - GUN NOSE”
MODEL & PHOTO BY: RODNEY J. WILLIAMS
© 03-26-12 VALUE: \$2,700.00
“PANCHITO” DECAL IS HOME MADE.

IMPORTANT NEWS BREAKING for UPCOMING YEAR 2013

by the Current Editor and Past Holder of every club office

In 1993, our yearly take for full rights voting membership went from 12 dollars to current 25 dollars. Well, it doesn't take a degree in rocket science or homeschooling from running your household to figure out, we've basically run out our string operating the club even a minimal levels on this finance model. SO be advised, the E-board and trusted advisors have crafted a new modern day plan to offer what is hoped will be a sustainable (altho not forecast to last "as is" for 20 years, not that the last one was premised to do that either...). The Styrene Sheet is also undergoing a change in publication schedule/means effective February 2013 issue. The Editor and the Treasurer are no longer in positions to donate their time/money in order to carry on current practices, as some of you getting the black & white print and postal mail "Per-dition" (10 page) are already too aware of, I am sure. Members In Good Standing already getting the "E-dition" (color, 10 page and includes a supplement of up to 10 pages too) will only need to verify their email addresses as current upon their renewals.

The January 2013 meeting will be offering new and renewed memberships at the following rates and tenures:

Year Paid In Full (12 months, Jan to Dec) 36 dollars (works out to 3 dollars a month) (YPIF)

Any Single Month Meeting Attendance, 5 dollars (works out to 60 dollars a year) (ASMMA)

New Member Paid In Full (ProRata) 3 dollars a month for all remaining months NO CREDIT for current.

Returning Member Paid In Full (ProRata) Feb-March period (36 dollars), ONE month credit of 5 dollars.
April-June period (40 dollars), NO CREDIT on current month.
After June, charged single month rate (5\$) for each remaining til year end.

The YPIF and New PIF members will be recorded by the Treasurer as such. All this information will be shared with President, Newsletter Editor and their assigned deputies, in order that MIGS (Members In Good Standing) are easily ascertained thus exempt from monthly meeting attendance dues collection. These members will have full voting rights at all times during the year without any further complication. If an email address is provided at that time, the Club newsletter will be sent to member in PDF form. Otherwise, a printed copy will be available for pickup at the meeting for which that Newsletter is current for. None will be mailed out after the February 2013 edition.

The ASMMA members will be determined at the meeting dues collection point and will have to be recorded by sign in sheet in order to validate simply voting rights good standing for that month. If an email address is provided at that time, the Club newsletter will be sent to member in PDF form. Otherwise, a printed copy will be available for pickup at the meeting for which that Newsletter is current for. None will be mailed out after the February 2013 edition.

As an incentive to renew early, we will accept RENEWALS of CURRENT MIGS for 2013 at the current rate of 25 dollars IF PAID IN FULL BY THE END OF DECEMBER 2012 MEETING (12-21-12) AFTER THAT DATE, mailed in or what have you other means (hand carry, gun to Editors head, etc) renewals will only be accepted at the 36 dollar rate.

Thank you for your membership, I hope most all of you will choose to renew for another year of planned great SVSM fun.

Just as comparison: Fremont Hornets charge 60 dollars for a full year membership with NO NEWSLETTER, or 5 dollars a meeting attended (12 are offered).

IPMS/USA charges 22 dollars for a year, you do get a nice Journal and the right to pay just the registration fees at the IPMS Nationals, and right to vote on issues. You get no meetings from them though.

SO you could say that SVSM membership even with an 11 dollar rise in yearly rate, is a pretty good deal all around, no?

We'll see how many agree.

October SVSM Meeting –Minutes unavailable at time of publication, so brief recollections by Editor/Photographer instead



As life would have it, Prez Joseph Fleming went ahead and invoked “Veep Leap” executive privilege. In other terms, Joe had a pressing engagement. He called on VP Mick Burton and VP In Process John Carr to get October launched. Well best thing for me, I merely opened the meeting and intro’d John as our Pres for the Evening, he carried the show on as if he’s been there all along. Bellissimo, Bravo!
Thanks to Mrs Carr for giving JC a pass from newborn duties so we’d have this experience, as well. ☺

John stayed in touch with Joe via “hi tech messaging” all through the evening, and coordinated smoothly everything we had underway. We got in depth and swift reviews of the TriCity 8 event put on by the Fremont Hornets from Mick Burton, as well how it went onboard for USS Hornet “Model Mania 2012” from Chris Bucholtz. Both event directors seemed to feel that all went damned well at their shows with confidence likely repeats for 2013. As promised, we did indeed have “Monthly Model Tips Talk” again with modest master modeler Greg Plummer leading



off. Greg packed an amazing lot of useful information in his less than 12 minutes of tightly woven speaking and demo, which very well illustrated problems and solutions for achieving gloss finishes using direct Spray Can applique or airbrush. He amply outlined why certain “assumptions” about undercoats and primers will likely get most modelers in trouble or at



least so discouraged as to be less interested in trying all again, and how neatly to solve many of them. His Ferrari Dino in dense rich lemon yellow was brilliant example of when all his tips are done right. Thanks Greg ! Laramie Wright followed with a talk on how to deal with those pesky detail parts that just won’t go or stay put, with nifty application of neutral substrate in basic terms. Find something very thin that chosen adhesives work with on both sides of the equation and voila ! Just enough room here to make note of Jim Lund, Model of the Month winner for his 3 fine Rara Aves! - mickb



“ NOW that’s more like it. Editor’s Own Missile Crisis averted 50 yrs later”

Well, my aim was to perhaps capture any one who didn’t quite make the completion date of October 13 for the TriCity 8. Where I offered a “Best 1962 subject” within the “Missiles of October” portion of theme. Amazingly NO one showed up here with an American Graffiti or other qualifier, or Cuban Crisis. Luckily for me and in a



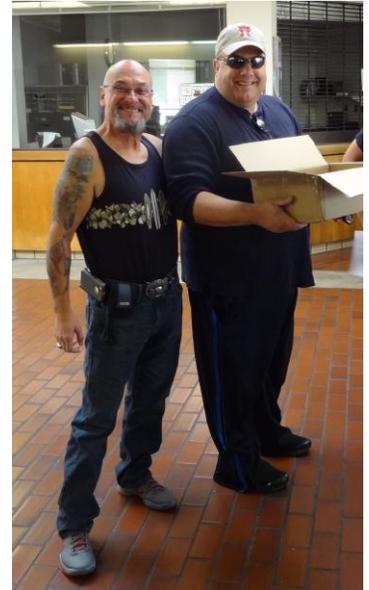
surprise to them, the young M&Ms (Balderrama) showed up at their dad’s (David) urging with their “paper 2” scale recce’s of the right spirit. SO in honor of their effort, I awarded my 10 dollars to the brothers in form of two fivers. Keep on building, and yes, “paper” scale work is valid modelling forum, let us see your progress OK.

SVSM & OTHERS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA MAKE IT TO TRICITY 8



With three 10-13-12 events to be at, as TC-8 Contest Director, I was pleased w/ all who chose for mine. Long time absent Hornet Robin McFerran surprised me, showing up with big entrant Kevin Gonzales. Good to see ya both !

SVSM Prez Joe Fleming even made it, he had to text message for an entry form to be made out ahead to meet timing. SO Hi-Tech!



Above, a midday look from the stage. Below, those 1/48 propeller categories included a pair of great new Grummans. Namely the Hawkeye and Greyhound. Excellent stuff.



With so many things to cover, this Sheet will only have to guide you to extended TC-8 coverage in the SVSM “TAMS” (The AfterMarket Sheet) which only the E-dition subscribers get. There you’ll get the lowdown on 55 entrants and 211 entries. Thanks all who showed up. -mb

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF SVSM MEETING 11-16-12

Friday, November 16 2012

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Editor's Contest Theme is " Tanksgiving "

Saturday, December 8 2012

IPMS/SilverWings RESCHEDULED Silvercon, Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove , CA

Friday, December 21 2012

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Locale: MILPITAS PD Community Room (our regular monthly site) Theme is " Gift Thieving " Please keep in mind the 8-1030pm time constraints.

Friday, January 18 2013

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Theme " Why Are We Still Here, eh, Mayans ? "

Saturday, February 9 2013

IPMS/Santa Rosa and IPMS/Mt Diablo host " Hobby Expo 2013 " Theme is "Models from the Movies". The contest will offer SEPARATE CATEGORIES for the theme entries. Petaluma Community Center located off of McDowell Blvd. More details to follow, see also their website www.ipmssantarosa.org for updates.

Friday, February 15 2013

IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meet. Member's Contest theme " Happy Birthdays".(as in Day or Year)

Saturday, February 16 2013

NNL West host NNL West 2013 Show at the Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway Santa Clara CA. Theme is "1963" (Cars built in that year). See also website www.nnlwest.org for more info

Friday, March 15 2013

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Editor's Contest Theme is "That's A Spicy Meatball". With 21 Mediterranean countries and the Empire of Japan, how can one miss on eligible subject material?

Saturday, March 23 2013

IPMS/SVSM host KOC 2013 contest & show "Go The Distance" is theme. Dakar Rally, 24 hr Le Mans, 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". Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy.

Friday, April 18 2013

IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting, "WTFK for KOC 2013" is theme. Results and discussion of recently held event and how it went the distance.

Friday, June 21 2013

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Member's Contest Theme is " Unknown History "

Wednesday thru Saturday, August 14-17 2013

IPMS/ Colorado Group host The Thin-Air Nationals. Located @ J Q Hammons Conference Center & Embassy Suites Hotel, Loveland CO. Yes, this is THE USA Nationals taking place in the West for the 50th year of the USA branch. Check their website for rules, awards, themes and details. <http://www.ipmsusa2013.com>



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jim Lund

FOR WINNING October MODEL OF THE MONTH



7:00 PM

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 16

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd

Milpitas, CA

