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## The USS Hornet ? Yes, We Were There !



At SVSM HQ table with F6F Hellcat: Brian Sakai, Mark Schynert, Gabriel Lee, Chris Bucholtz (in the red)



**Our Region Nine's First Try Staging "Seattle Style" Exhibition Is Berthed At A Great Museum Locale.**

Text: Mick Burton Photos : Mick Burton Models : Supplied by IPMS Region 9 Knights Templar (ever faithful)

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

FERRANTE, BUCHOLTZ, AND BURTON. Our names have been on the front line more than a few times Good and Bad over the many years, on a very large scale (1998 Nats) and most often as one, two or all three of us in the target area (oh I mean the Driver's seat) being responsible for this that or another local event. More than once in doing so, also giving a try to an idea or three that others who prefer to remain "in a consult position" have somehow gotten as "the greatest thing ever" with this effort. Of course, this often enough (Gold Silver Bronze, Chicago Rules, anybody. Uh huh thought so. Bill F and I will cheer you on, we're utterly fans of these "grand ideas"). How about making your own awards and saving LOTS OF \$\$ so you can spend it on items EVERYONE WILL FLOCK TO BUY...T shirts for 1998 Nats still helluva bargain as are the Enamel Event Pins. Oh my bank account is bursting with the money I've embezzled from the many SVSM Kickoffs I've been part of. Due to massive savings on "volunteer effort awards" . Oh wait. NOT !. How come these vendors keep asking me for payment? Don't they want to be "good fellas" like all those helpers Bill, Chris, myself know so in depth .Who churn up their lives to help everyone in the community so selflessly and often, that everything runs ever smooth all of our days?

How odd. I can't seem to find where my magic wand went, maybe my old compadres borrowed. Bill? Chris, Dan Burton? I am oldest of the three, both in club years (I was the Club Sec'y who welcomed them both into chapter waaay back when) and in calendar. So I can be THE crankiest, crabbiest and as having shared same "fun", I don't take kindly to easy critics.

Kinda like when I challenge "poor Judging" opinions offered by "Opinion Shaping Simps". In asking when they offered to be a Judge, or a Team Leader, or a Contest Director, or monthly Editor. I like to offer them chance to take it yourself once or more, to find out just what fun it is to be the tip of the spear and feel it lance into you, even when you're damned good.

Yeah I thought so. My hats off to Chris for this last one. I too have wanted to do this Display Only w/extra stuff inside. Yet when USS Hornet operation came up initially, there was for me just no way and I said so. Barely recovered from our Travis Museum attempt in 2009, so worn out from having spent those months since in much small fun. Like all involved restoring the Hornets' TriCity, with training new Con Dir. Woody. Wrest SVSM Kickoff 2012 myself as CD, from an expected ruin (due to my "obsession" with keeping us in Santa Clara site). Successful event indeed. still exhausting. News arrives only couple weeks past this point of others wish to expedite with the USS Hornet launch window. Already in motion deep with leading Hornets TC-8 and KOC 2013, plus my need for Hornets website to move to its own platform. I was in no mood . Nor means to take on even a Captain post within, much less assist Chairing MM 2012 on USS Hornet. After was underway without me, feebly able to assist the few ways I did (my flyer, talk at meetings, news on FH web and Sty Sheets). Not that I thought Chris or Bill (also long time "hobby business" partners) were exactly laying about sipping margies and collecting huge dividend checks. Still, had been seeing us three all over time becoming slow but surely over committed and just as slow but surely suffering, from shrinking resources base for events we still all wanted to continue. As well as wanting to keep alive the dream of actually putting on successfully "Seattle Style/Northwest Scale Modelers Type" non competitive large scale display event with vendors, seminars, other public outreach with lots of interaction and variety, always with us.

Within that time period Chris was reined in as Fremont Hornets Prez for a year, so I didn't become their entire E-board. (thus have left me overburdened ) About where Chris was ending up positioned, in his own way, in my view. Illustrated: Since then he was (and still is) Gen Editor of IPMS Journal, plus R-9 RC, working author, busy traveling professional, husband. Oh yeah, also the guy who's known as Secretary of SVSM, so expected to show up to all these meetings and take minutes, send them to the Editor (you know, that bitchy lazy sod who's scribbling this whiny diatribe). Hey, I forget to mention Chris occasionally, like oddly enough Bill, now and then likes to BUILD a model?

Meaning the three of us knew well true costs what taking on "new operations we've never had chance to dry run with short timeline" plus sketchy idea of what the staff we could find to assist reliably or Captain for us was like. Oh yes. How many times rounding the Horn of SNAFU, lookout in mid journey that seemed to say your final destiny was Port of FUBAR. So can much appreciate how many "behind the curtain ops" to take you out or destroy your enthuse, that Chris must have had. Having done some successful shows with those two and shared in the knowing, I can assure you few would attempt effort in first place, for a first time. Or cheerfully be at it again ever, willingly. Success usually retires (while getting is good), or having not so success deflates your spirit or poisons well. But my two friends are like some others of the same rare breed of event pioneers. If you don't like my brand of telling it: Ask Bob Phillips or Alan Weber (SVSM and SJVSM vets), or Louis Orselli or Mark Schynert (Fremont Hornets) or Greg Plummer, Rex Barden, Andy Kellock (NNL West and SVSM) how much "reward" all this "being the front office big wigs" is. They're all good guys and much nicer to talk to! Thanks Chris, no matter what, we saw this come to pass because you weren't about to pass it up or give upon it. Thanks to everyone who helped make that come true , from me - *mick*

## **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.

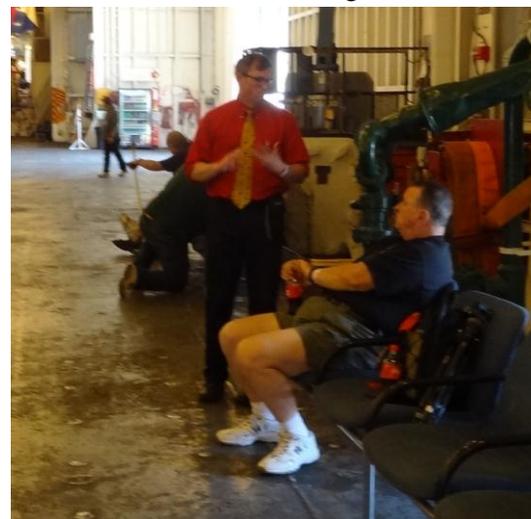
*An Exhibition of Memorable Passage Aboard USS Hornet, continued from page 1*

For first time, since attempting this with the Travis Aerospace Museum and in a wholly different approach from that 2009 effort ! Several intrepid souls/groups with direction from Exh. Director for R-9, RC Chris Bucholtz, came aboard The USS Hornet Museum on Saturday, September 22 2012. While there from early morning (8am) to closing (5pm) this faithful lot saw to it we had ourselves proof you CAN GET models, modelers, vendors, most importantly, people to share in all the fun, WITHOUT a competition. Exhibits, Seminars, Things to do, People to see, YES. Contesting, bemoaning, focusing too much on too little, fretting over nothing, worrying on “how cool are their awards and why didn’t I or “so and so wunderking Master blahblahblah” win one?” ...NO.

Extremely important to point out first thing as well, while I was a mite (deliberately in more than way) obscure in my noting where the models came from on the cover sheet here, “Protectors of the Faith and Creed” indeed. Several Region Nine clubs saw representation and splendidly provided support for this inaugural project, and recognition of this is warranted far beyond the reach of this newsletter in my estimate. I called them Knights Templar IPMS for that’s an informal chapter of sorts already extant in our neck of the woods. One that reaches way beyond “regional boundaries” and also includes a good number of (gasp) non-IPMS (as in National Club) You know them, they are the ones who come through for you no matter what and not for the glory or the recognition or the great fun. Because often for them it adds up to be lots of mis-applied accolades to those who may not have had much or anything to do with what went on that they provided means for, but are “the known masters, the names, the celebs”. Often as well, these fine faithful also spend their own time and money and favor banks with no recognition except often from those who share in same or know of them, of what they do, a lot! Volunteers of (America, your club, what have you) I for one salute you. Thank you much as well.



On the cover, red shirt gave away Chris Bucholtz’s location as it will here. Less “familiar” hosts now seen left in black and blue. Deniz Pelvan of USS Hornet Museum w/ SVSM President Joe Fleming. As



I was there taking the picture, and representing Fremont Hornets. Later I got shot of Chris facing me finally with a very fine representative exhibitor who was there on behalf of IPMS Dragon Lady, from Yuba City, my name recall is of course foundering here, forgive me sir! Chris Zanella along with Jack Riggart were there making sure those from Santa Rosa chapter were seen exhibiting in force. Solano County Scale Modelers were there, with Mike Stoneman helping me and Joe Fleming out A LOT all day. One could also safely say that San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers were there, as Mike S and Mike B (me) are also members of that club. Several other “dual passports” were in evidence exhibiting: Eric McClure, Randy Ray, Gabriel Lee, Brian Sakai, Dave and Christine Anderson all whom are SVSM as well as Fremont Hornet MiGS (Members in Good Standing). SVSM alone had Laramie Wright and Joe Fleming giving time/models/energy to this effort, Greg and Natalie Plummer who were the Captains of the Make and Take onboard (bless you both!) Santa Rosa also had ( continued on page 4 )

*The Usual Suspects Go Aboard The USS Hornet (and are greatly surprised by all ) – continued*

Tom Young of ModelAire Int'l as a vendor plus exhibitor, along with John Boes, others. Other Fremont Hornets included Mark Schynert with his very nice display of Supermarine Spitfire history and my fave RP-38E known as "the Swordfish" among his other great items exhibited.



Dave Anderson and his wonderful wife Christine were my neighbors (with Chris Zanella, Jack Riggart being his further over to left in this pic (in other words, I didn't get them in shot) and Captains of Photo Scavenger Hunt. As often happens, they do all the work getting set up and the one time they'd finally taken time to enjoy event as customers, their first customers showed up and I got to be one to perform all the grand services of awarding. In the long view shot next door, you can just make out patient soul Michael Stoneman of SCSM at my table, he was great help making sure all of us got our tables and our action covered. He aided me with those scavengers !



This was what my exhibit area looked like in late morning as by then Joseph had arrived to locate more of tables so we both be able to breathe. Then of course, Eric McClure here was one, like Mike of SCSM who ended up a lot of time in my chair here. Greatest thing

having such patient friends in the community, I should know. I appreciate. More to come in a separate article in this Sheet and also the Aftermarket, but for now, got to wrap up this coverage for a meeting recap. **-mick fini**

September 2012 SVSM MEETING *No minutes taken ,Secretary was shanghai'd into Auctioneer. Just recall by Mick B.*



September proved to be full of surprises for those who came to meeting. Some good ones, one a grim reminder . As you may see left, the tables are pretty devoid of material. That was to be expected by us old veterans, for this was our Fall Fund Raiser to assist lifting Spring KOC 2013 annual contest/show. Everyone was looking expectantly at the front officers, waiting for business matters to close so insane bidding cycles ensue.



As it was President Joe's first time with this whole process, he'd left Secretary Chris and VP Emeritus Mick in charge of getting the meeting underway then the big reason all were showing up. With Treasurer Bill Ferrante getting at the ready to track the winning bids, Chris and Mick made a number of news items.



Mick reviewed trip to the Reno High Rollers

contest, announced they WILL have a 2013 event (their 14<sup>th</sup> !). Reviewed fast all upcoming events in Region 9 (North) and 8 (South), left it to Event Director Chris Bucholtz to cover items for his USS Hornet Model Exposition, wherein he secured last minute additional "swift seminars" commitments and clarified timing and arrival issues. As you see at right, Prez Joe and Auctioneer Laramie were getting a mite antsy at all this business being conducted by Mick and Chris (Sorry)



One hard piece of news to make known fell to Mick. In that one large donation to arrive unexpectedly on desk that night came with a very tough attachment. He let everyone know they could thank our dear friend and long time member who only recently has returned, Rich Reid, for the huge number of 1/35 figure kits in our auction mix. Mick learned from him that he wanted us to have them since he'd just gotten the news he has



a year at the most to live, with a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer confirmed earlier in day.

With hope to lighten things a little, Mick made it known that in light of the few items on the table, we'd have "one minute Model Talk" before we go. You see here everyone looked front hoping ...



September SVSM Meet Auctions off the world – continued



Well perhaps they all were getting a look at all this on the side tables !

JUST prior to onset of One Min Model Talk, Chris Zanella of IPMS Santa Rosa got a word in edgewise with Mick. Chris let us know he, Dai Nakabayashi and Jack Riggart were not just there for auction. Chris is heading up an effort to be

putting together a IPMS Nationals Bid package for the 2015 NATS, which he'd like us all to know is intended to include ALL the Region 9 clubs as part of the package. He and his team made a public commitment to this end to make outreach in person to all these organizations in the coming months to promote good will and work the magic needed to make it happen! As an original IPMS SEMICON founder from the successful 1998 Nationals, I can appreciate as could several others at the meeting, the daunting task ahead for him. Also glad to hear we Westies are going to try it yet again. Since that 1998 show, we've had two tries fail to go the distance, but not for lack of effort on part of the teams putting the bids together. Oh, third time's the charm they say, Messr's Chris and Dai.



One Minute Model Talk managed to get the details from the youngsters of the Balderrama clan, who constructed the paper model and the Space Shuttle. Ben Pada managed to get home finally from Florida Nationals, with his "2<sup>nd</sup> loser" (his words!) P-47D and award. An Airfix new mold P-40 in 1/72 by Mark Schnynert joined us, Mick Burton shoveled a completed 3100 Chevy PU, two more WIP P-51Ds on table. Al Kuhn had an extra cool model railroad car with cargo as last item, He was as shocked as the crowd when Mick got business & talk finished announcing Al had

won Model of the Month with his uncommon solution modelling. - mickb



**“ NOW HEAR THIS, We had Models On Deck aboard the HORNET ! SEE.”**

With enough spirit, R-9 membership overcame all obstacles/ missed chances to learn of opportunity to show their stuff aboard our local Essex Class display home, to give a respectable broad variety turnout. Look!



Armor arrays, huge numbers of aircraft of all sorts from Chris Bucholtz , Gabriel Lee and Mark Schynert alone (Brian Sakai is model next to their air forces) A number of fine figures put on a pose there. Ships and Boats (submersible sort mostly) proudly at sail.



Since there was so much more to show than I can fit in here, you'll have to satisfy yourself with what pics made it into the Aftermarket Sheet or better yet, go to my photobucket site log of this event. Or go visit the USS Hornet. I, along with a few others, already left some of our works aboard in care of the hardy souls who saw their way to having us aboard that day. Thanks Deniz, Rick, Heidi, Dave and all yours from all of ours. -mick fini

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF SVSM MEETING 10-19-12

**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 twist. Very specific rules will be applied for "themed entries" and contestants are advised to take a in depth look at them. Plenty fun though. Check their website for rules and details. <http://www.avg-ipms.org/>

**Friday, November 16 2012**

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

**Saturday, December 1 2012**

**IPMS/SilverWings** annual Silvercon, held at Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove , CA

**Friday, December 21 2012**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** monthly meeting. Locale TBA. Theme is " Gift Thieving " Keep close watch on this space in coming calendars

**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](http://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](http://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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Al Kuhn**

FOR WINNING September MODEL OF THE MONTH



**7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY**

**OCTOBER 19**

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Milpitas Police Administration Building**

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**

**Milpitas, CA**

