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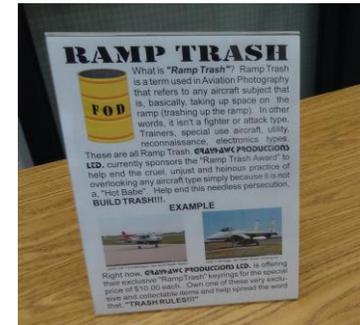


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LUCKY 13 It Proved to Be, Thanks to All Ye



One host seemed to me familiar...



Reno's Number 13 Invitational Generates New Memories, Rekindle/Remix Great Ones for One SVSMer
Text : Mick Burton Photos: Mick Burton Models : From Everywhere (article continued on page 3)

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

WHERE does the time go?! We're days away from the prototype run for an event some of you will still likely be conceiving of as "someone's folly" while others like myself, will be pleased we finally saw it launched. As from working on many many types of adventures now, knowing much of success is often taking the chance, offering others a shot and THEN JUST SHOWING UP. Three weeks after the specific "new arrival" I'll be sipping margaritas by the duck pond myself as yet another Fremont Hornets hosted TriCity "goes the distance". Whoops, mixed myself up there, I'm still on a marathon run for that one, Tri City 8 is "Theme USA" and the Kickoff I chose to sponsor in large part is off in "distance"

Yet my whole point here really is one that USS Hornet Model Mania 2012 Event Director Chris Bucholtz can relate to well I am very sure. Namely, how easy it is in some folks view, how to get these bloody endeavors going. It's easy, I mean come on, How Hard could it be? You pick a date and a place, preferably several months to two years from (right about now will do) and then do a little casual talking about it, post a note or two in this or that Facebook retreat or model website, give yourself and a few friends who cheer you on some fancy titles, and then just sit back and wait to take credit for how great it turns out. After all, you KNOW EVERYONE WANTS TO DO THIS, DON'T YOU ?? Folks will just show up in droves waiting to throw money and participation your way, it's not work or effort at all. What, are you some sort of old cranky negative dude? GET WITH IT MAN, Catch up, IT's THE (pick a decade, it won't be wrong here, ever) ! What is YOUR MAJOR MALFUNCTION ? What do you mean, it's not that easy, no one is going to rush in great numbers to just jump in to help and make sure this all runs well? Really Moriarity, enough with the NEGATIVE WAVES. Oh yeah. SURE.

Back to reality for some of us, who do this sort of thing for a hobby. Or from insane lust (must be, because the amount of criticism you take for doing it even when it turns out well, sure ain't an incentive, ever, even for devout masochists) The 2012 USA IPMS Nationals crew members or the 2013 Colorado upcoming hosts might share with us local yokels a sense of this sentiment I would bet too. NO. I am the devil you know. Here happy to tell you that without a great deal of personal investment of your time, in people, and not trusting to things "just happening", most times sure enough things ain't gonna.

So stow it now and then. Take it up, or shore up, shape up for a friend or one you can make, if you'd just SHOW and GO. Even if they don't always take shape on time or with someone you revere at the helm, it's still something that some ONE chose to do an event in the first place, try participating at least if you aren't one to stand up to take it on. Thanks - *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 50th 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.

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.

An Excellent Number of Memorable Moments New and Old Thanks to the Reno High Rollers, continued from page 1

For first time in several years, I was able to get combined resources of time off and means to go, to that always great show hosted by the Reno High Rollers IPMS chapter. Incentive to show up is never a question. Chance to catch up with an ever increasing number of expatriate SVSM and Fremont Hornet folks who now call Nevada home being the biggest. A close look at some of my pictures may provide some idea of the newest transplants! On the cover, the “familiar” host is one of SVSM’s founders and Life Member, Mr Jay Sherlock, who may be someday in a mood to forgive me for putting him up as a headliner here. Jay still holds the record for the most dedicated Editor of this club’s pubs, literally putting his money where his mouth is in the four digits, when that was still a substantial amount of moolah. Nowadays, Jay’s continuing his successes as talented writer and artist photographer with AeroResearch. His company, which again provided some nice freebies to attendees. A look right will provide some evidence:

Now below is a closer crop of the “back of room shot” so you should be



just able to make out a gentleman making the same roster. Namely one

Mr Douglas Summers, also known as head of his company Grey Hawk Productions Ltd, another sponsor of this show. Like Jay, he’s an alumnus Hornet as well as alum of SVSM. Although I didn’t get pic

of him, Karsten Daur of our club now has been long time Reno High Roller member. Karsten’s also an alum of IPMS Monterey, and an intrepid road warrior. I had seen him at the 2012 Hobby Expo you may recall. Where I noted in article that he and another High Roller were able to make both Expo AND the NNL West show in Santa Clara in that SAME day, true enthusiasts yes.



Lastly in this vein, at left you’ll see I now have evidence of whereabouts of another former Bay Area model club character. Buddy “Mr Moffett Field” Joyce is now well established as a Fernley, NV resident, with of course, an airfield to keep him company in his backyard. He was on the cell phone circuit with Braulio Escoto, himself another SVSM alumnus who’s now in Sacramento area IPMS (aka Silver Wings). We’re everywhere !

Not to make this entire article about people and places, might be said the three pictures could be titled “The Phantom Menace” although at this size, not always clear what model relationship is



High Rollers Lucky Thirteen Sees ALL – continued



namely “Movies and TV Shows”. Here a category, next at AVG contest the main theme! Opener for Hobby Expo ’13 is themed heavily in this same genre. Directors of contests or films succumb to fashion fancies too, you may see...



not illustrative of fact. A supplementary article in SVSM Aftermarket Sheet will perhaps be your best bet to seeing that aspect. For now, a few shots of the Armor, Automotive, Multi Engine Propeller 1/48 categories will break things up some.



OKAY OKAY I can sense you all, like the gent on the far right, are now very weary of my blathering here.

Fine, for now. Forewarned however, later in this Sheet and in Aftermarket, more about this show!-mick fini

here. Perhaps some traveling Tomcats seen in background, can shed some light. Maybe. Not.

I'll assist. The 1/48 Multi Engine Jets category overall shot was dominated by trio of F-4s, next to it is a shot of the Sci Fi Vehicles category with a very violet kitbash using an F-4, followed onto next page here with a close look at Miscellaneous category that included a Nevada Highway Patrol Rhino loaded for Bear. Sense a theme here, Bud?

While on topic of themes and sensibility you may catch clue below that another is getting in queue,



Just so it's recorded here, before I switch writing hands again, theme of “Lucky 13” was “Between the Wars: 1919 to 1939”. There was quite a fine turnout to that end, although my pictures for this article are

As well, recall earlier I pointed out a number of California transplants who now call Reno home? And several CA folks traveled to the show? Well here's another who did (below) It is said his appearance was



a complete bust, though.



August 2012 SVSM MEETING No minutes for publication , some reminiscences fashioned by Mick Burton from ??



August opened with review of 2012 IPMS Nats. Members of SVSM as well as Fremont Hornets shared with us all, including some well deserved awards . Chris Bucholtz, Eric McClure, Randy Ray, Greg Plummer and Roy Sutherland brought home taste of show and the fun.

Region Nine didn't get shortchanged in all this though. A healthy coverage of the IPMS Dragon Lady annual show themed "Aggressive Behavior" was given, and a reminder of upcoming Reno High Rollers "Lucky 13" was provided with emphasis.

Chris Bucholtz's Glyptodont walks away from his award, next door is an original Hypothetical winner from Greg Plummer/



As companion, Greg modestly brought along, again sans award, his Second place winning motorcycle. He lost only to the Best of Show 2012 winner's entry in class here. Ah well. Oh Roy Sutherland didn't do too badly either with his Focke Wulf



As you see at left, all this contest business didn't put everyone to sleep. We even got a full progress report on the 2013 Hobby Expo coming February 9. From best resource no less! Hidden in room crowd shot on right is Santa Rosa IPMS Contest Director Mr. Chris Zanella, who came armed with excellent flyers.

August SVSM Meet covers the world – continued

Making sure these colorful flyers got distributed wasn't difficult, my effort to assist included the array on display below:

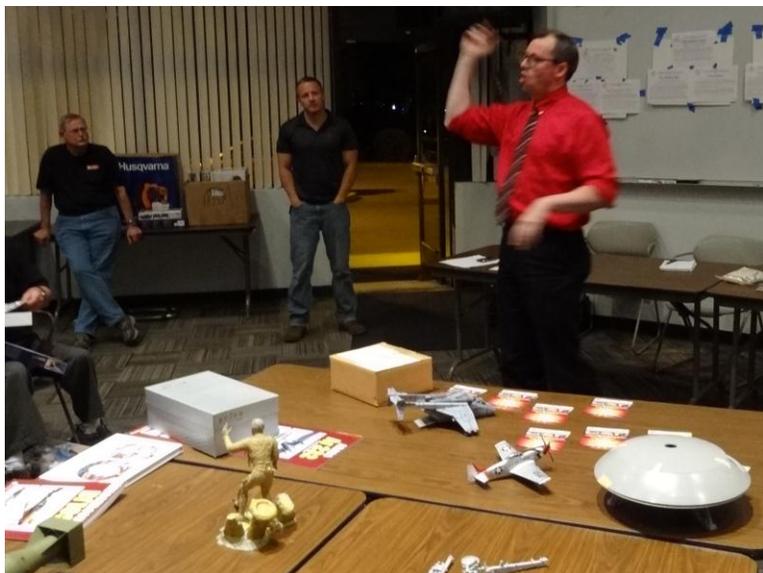


Making sure readers of this conceive that August did include more model material than contest reviews, is why I've included here this sweet blue Hot Rod shot.

Part of my recollections are spotty due to fact I had to leave early, so I missed many details. One new member, Mike Schwarze, was kind enough to email me later with great info on his recent contributions that night. Incredible work he sculpted in 1/1 scale is "**Opabinia regalis**". Mike's orange finish is perhaps speculative, seeing how this critter died out 540 million years ago, Mike's coelacanth is a scale miniature in blue which is in fact correct for this "living fossil". Mike's the guy looking over Louis Orselli's "Karloff Mummy", so you know



Later, Chris Bucholtz found time in his "Tips Seminar" to mimic Lou's Mummy...



Chris delivered a fine Tip Talk on using "Clear" finish coat lacquer as a "tiny parts" adhesive, many thanks to him for it



More coverage of the meeting may be found inside the Aftermarket Sheet. For now, I'll close here with noting Cliff Kranz's timely finish of his Little Boy A-Bomb, which in 1/1 saw action in August of 1945. Cliff's 1/12 scale render won Model of the Month.

– fini mickb

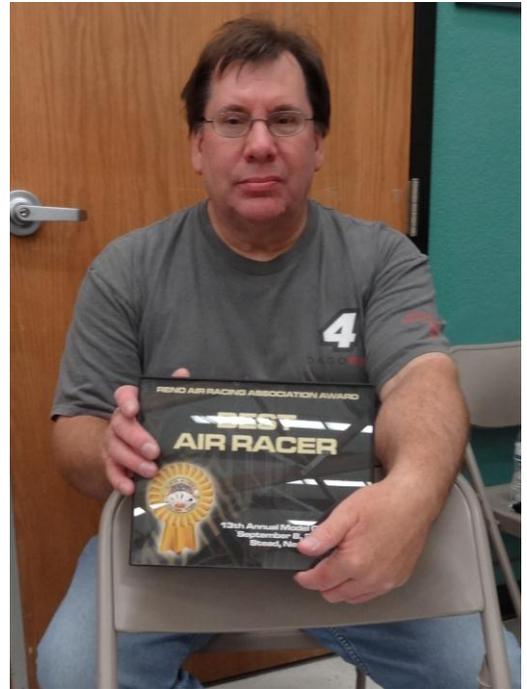
“ Hells Bells, We Had No Damned Club Contest , But Reno Sure Did”!

We SVSM members didn't have a Club Contest slotted for August, it's often the case to simplify matters when the Nationals and other events crowd up potential business agenda. Be that as it may, several of us made the trek to Reno High Rollers annual show and came back as winners when we entered. Here's a look at those.



Mike Meek trounced those who were in Civil and Race with his 1/72 Mr Awesome taking home First and the Best Air Racer trophies.

Camera avoidance is Jim Priete's specialty, but he consented to his hand as a prop to First Place award he took for his "Sam" A7M in 1/72 SE Prop. Another SVSM connection was made by SJVSM Tomcat Bob Phillips, my friend. You may recognize his First Place in 1/32 Scale Prop winner , as he took



home January 2012 SVSM Model of the Month with it. But that is not the only or the main connection I am referring to. Bob's P-51K "Iron Ass" won the IPMS Reno " Best Presentation Award ", sponsored by alumnus of SVSM and Fremont Hornets, Doug Summers via his GreyHawk Productions Ltd company. Again a good connection thread, but again, not the one I meant in my reference.

You see, as Doug made very clear to all present at show, this award he gives out every year, is in memory and to honor SVSM (as San Jose Scale Modelers) Founder Mr Bill Magnie.



As I too had the fortune to have known Bill, this brought home strong memories. Doug explained perfectly that Bill was a big promoter of the fun in modelling and true artist who felt that a person whose skill in presenting work in a non diorama project, ought to get something for their effort we enjoy freely. So as I said in my open of Reno contest coverage great new memories and great revisiting old ones. Thanks, RHR- mick fini





CONGRATULATIONS TO

Cliff Kranz

FOR WINNING August MODEL OF THE MONTH



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF SVSM MEETING 09-21-12

Friday, September 21 2012

IPMS/Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting, “Paper for Plastic” fund raiser event for KOC 2013

Saturday, September 22 2012

USS Hornet Museum hosts Living Ship Day and a Model Exhibition (first ever!) of our Region Nine. “All You Can Show ” is the main theme. Contact Mr Chris Bucholtz for more info, <http://hornetexpo.com/index.php>

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” in “All American focus”. See this link www.fremonthornets.org

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

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.

7:00 PM

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