



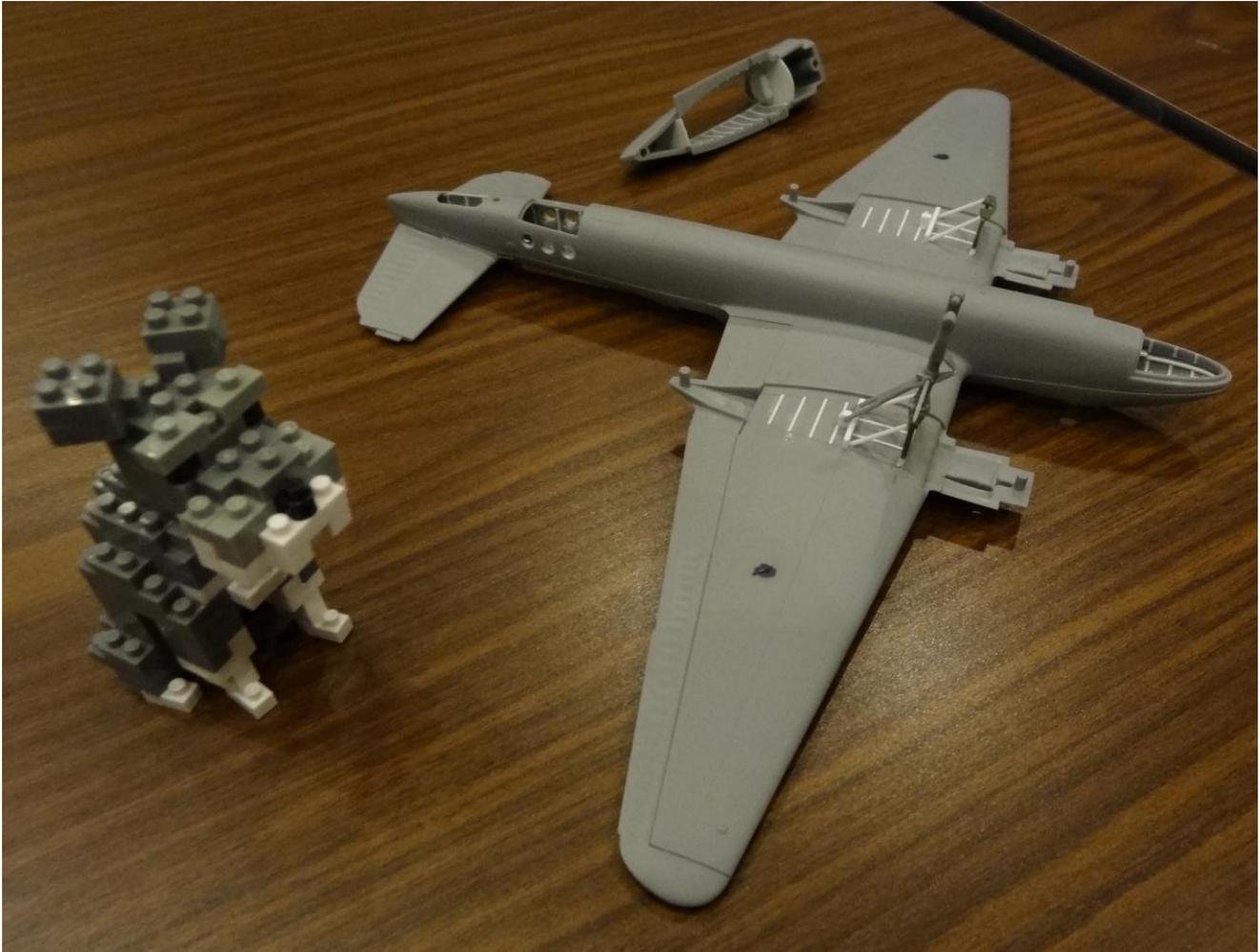
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While It REIGNED BAT and DOG at MAY Meeting,



Official MINUTES of SVSM May 2015 Meet, by VP Greg Plummer

Text: Greg Plummer/MB Photos : Mick Burton Models : everyone from everywhere



They were very attentive as you see. (Continues on 3)



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

(shameless plug: www.mickmodeler.com)

“NOT AGAIN ! LAZY EDITOR LEAVES HIMSELF NO ROOM TO RANT AND BE DROLL ”

With such great generosity of effort by Greg, taking these voluminous minutes so giving me time to run the meeting with a modicum of relaxed focus , I didn't want to cut any more of the recording than absolutely needed to fit in 10 pages here. ©

– mick fini

MAY MINUTES CLOSE OUT ! (if you started reading here, you're lost. Go to 3, read to 8, then come back)



Ron Wergin thought going with 1/350 maritime would be a nice break from the strain of working with “small parts in ships at 1/700”. Then he chose the German Schnellboote by Trumpeter, added figures and PE rails to the equation. Topping it off with a plaster of paris water on wood substrate for a base. Ron said in the end, fun kit but TINY.



Kent McClure – working a Hobbyboss 1/72 P-51B/C, it's a cheap, quick build.

Also had his 1/144 Trumpeter Northrop YF-23 now painted in hypothetical Arctic scheme on table (Oh Shades of Grey!)

Kent's managing a difficult build of the 1/72 ISU-152, it's tough due to bad instructions!



(He has hope and help: SVSM has gallery pics of the real item)



Closing out May's Model Talk was Kent's 1/72 Skywalker Fighter that will be built as a FED EX Freighter. Then he let us in how on his lunch time at work, building a 1/100 scale Zeutrach Warrior.



“May Fives” was Club Contest theme, and we had contestants, which is always a pleasing result. These were: **Kent McClure** – Had a Porsche (#5) CK-5 1/43 scale from '82 LeMans. **Marv Eberhardt** – as earlier noted, returned with his USA Phillipines campaign M5A1. **Laramie Wright** - 1/35 Dragon kit of Sherman Mk V, many mods **Greg Plummer** – 1/72 HobbyBoss F-5E Swiss Air Force. FULL COVERAGE of this club contest was given priorly in the May TAMS, see there for photos & complete award results. We will close out minutes here noting that Model Of The Month went to “Mr Carr” for his Nieuport 28, a decision met with acclamation!

Reminder SVSM PRESIDENT'S CONTEST THEME JUNE 2015 “ TWINS ”



Faced with being MC for the evening due newly reelected SVSM President Woolson being called out of town, newly elected VP MB co-opted VP Greg Plummer right at the entry door to take Minutes for SVSM 05-15-15. Thankfully, generous Gregor deigned to do just that. Now meeting would be quickly enough called to order but fair measure past advertised 8 PM start time, staffed officially: M Burton – Presiding; G Plummer – Sec in situ.

After a quick review of any newcomers who'd be willing to identify themselves (MB had been advised we may have a guest from the South Bay Model Shipwrights, who had been part of our recent SV Classic event in April) called for reviews of any recent model related news or events. Postoria (P.A.) Aguirre obliged the Pres Pro Tem with an excellent opening of brief report on the Greater Salt Lake Model Car Championship which he had gone to. (the President was keenly aware of this event's occurrence, having been at another "car model show" same weekend, so was seeking information and a greater sharing to all). P.A. vividly recounted that the GSLMCC had "Best model car makers in the world" present at this always high quality show. Ominously, he reported intel of high reliability; how this grand long running event may in fact, be ending in 5 more event dates (10 years toto).

This will be mainly due to show's now older and aging clientele, with a lack of young builders coming to fill it and as importantly, learn how to run it/grow it. This is not a unique problem, but definitely a shame if we lose it.

Mick Burton reported as briefly as possible for him, on his first attending of the SoCal NNL model car show, in Chatsworth, the 11th one staged by that group. It was held in conjunction with the 33rd Annual Classic Chevy Car show (real 1/1 models), all on the grounds of the Rancho San Antonio Boy's Home, a full on charity event. Burton put on "slideshow" his still somewhat unfinished editing of photos taken at the NNL show, and left the Chevies for later display on his laptop while meeting continued, to give a little more "flavor" to what was told. He was able to enjoy this event plus a Planes of Fame Chino 2015 airshow on the Saturday of same weekend of that GSLMCC, due to great effort to set a road trip up by Mike Meek and Jim Priete. Mike missed meeting, Jim didn't want to give Burton any more chance to keep talking so he didn't speak either. All in all, a fun time !

Dave Balderamma reviewed the Santa Rosa (SC-IPMS) auction, he said low bid prices were a feature (1 to 10 dollars!) (example, Monogram 1/72 B-36 kit went for \$7) Recommended we attend event next time. Reminder that this was support vehicle for the upcoming Hobby Expo June 13 themed "Heroes and SuperHeroes"

As well, Dave noted for us the imminent (that weekend after we met) arrival of Hayward Airport Open House.



In model talk... Frank Beltran brings in his Revell Star Wars snap tite Tydirium Shuttle, which he detailed with washes and Future floor finish.



Frank reported his grandkids loved it.



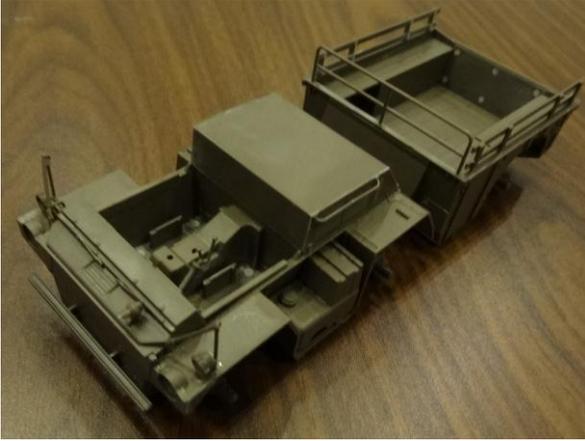
Marvin Eberhardt brings in his new in progress Tamiya 1/35 M3 Stuart, using an Army Green finish from Tamiya.



Marv also brought his 1/35 Tamiya M5 Stuart back in for the club contest "May Fives".



This one's finished in his mixed to suit, light Army Green, for Pacific Theatre 3rd Armor Division markings, WW2



Eric McClure brings his Tamiya 1/35 GAMA Goat “in progress”, it is ready to paint now and is done almost out of the box.

That includes the lack of windshield as matching per 1/1 prototype.

He reports it’s a “nice kit, goes together fast”



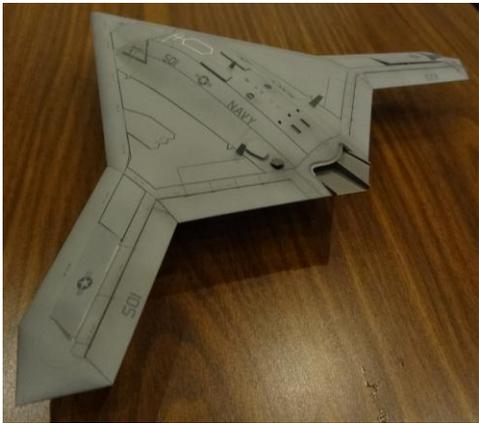
Jim Priete has his Tu-2 Hobby Boss 1/72 kit in progress, related how it was a struggle to build in correct wheel wells and complex landing gear. He used the ICM kit of same aircraft, for detail parts.

Jim also brought his Schnauzer “Lego”(like) kit dog, given to him as a birthday gift by a thoughtful friend (GP)

(For those who don't know: Burton left it to this newsletter to reiterate lesser known fact that the Tupelov Tu-2 had “NATO code name” of “BAT”. As perhaps will now make clearer, how he managed to title the cover here)

Greg Plummer had his Platz 1/72 X-47B on the table, good kit except for the decals, as he pointed out they are thick and don't stick !





Greg also had a 1/25 scale Revell 1968 Corvette with a Testor's Metalizer



(aluminum) base sealed with clear coat finish. (When questioned on this technique, Greg reiterated what he had stated initially: emphasizing you don't want to let the clear coat pool. Best apply in several light misting passes, as solvent base is same as the Metalizer and you will get a fisheye, or swirlies, or any number of other unwanted "special effects")





repurpose this to be a “paint mule”. As he repeated, he built this for himself, for fun and won’t let anything change that.

Laramie Wright – This M-60 Blazer, 1/35 ESCI kit old build that he stripped, so he could refinish now to better standard. Included in this repurposing was a new baggage rack, tank repainted in a gray & yellow mix.



Then WIP, he had a Hobby Boss 1/35 French Armored Car EBR (10?), a strange vehicle he got on sale. 6 wheels, long gun outthrust from an oddly blended turret, very Gaullic!



unforsaken time)

Kinley Calvert – shared with us his fantastic purchase of Bandai Star Wars kits: a 1/12 C3PO, R2D2, AT-ST in 1/48, TIE Fighter in 1/72. These are complex snap fit kits, and also articulated.



Kinley reports his wife doesn’t know about this great deal.

Yet.



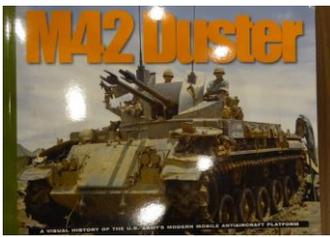
Jordan Li – Relayed his fun doing this, an ESCI 1/72 Harrier FRS. 1. One he had originally intended to complete as a real; i.e: Fleet Air Arm aircraft. Poor fit of gear doors, other issues caused Jordan to later



Also WIP, a new MENG 1/35 FT-17, WW1 tank pioneer. Laramie reports it’s a good kit, fits well, using the Internet for building references, “a cute little tank”.

Lastly, Panzer IID, Tamiya 1/35, says springs must be cleaned up. Laramie also replaced the tracks due to an error, and he tipped us to the procedure whereupon he got the tracks from Tamiya directly for only 6 dollars! (All On the up and up, basic requirement though for any kit to work this magic: must be of a recent production, not some old and obsolete item that hasn’t been reissued for some





Randy Ray – Related to us he has gone to the AMPS Nationals, where he bought the M42 and HUMMVEE books he had on display.

Along with a cool idea 1/35 MENG Kit for “Vending machines” (and a rolling garbage dumpster!, **IGOTTAHAVIT ! Ed.**)



German Puppchen gun in 1/35 of his, finally finished, and he took it to this AMPS show.

Where he got himself a GOLD medal. Congratulations, condolences both here, as now he moved into Advanced Modeler Status for future AMPS competitions. *No turning back !*

John Carr – had his 1/16 Michael Roberts Production figure kit of Marine Corps Sergeant in US service deployed to Mexico in 1836.

Scratchbuilt base, which he adorned with a custom metal plaque done by “Awards to the Wise” to his specs (with appreciated help) John recommends them highly (as do I. We’ve had plenty of great rewards with Pat and Russ Lee, of Awards. Been doing business with them since the late 1980’s...Ed.)



John also brought in to display this: his father’s (Mr. Carr) work in form of a 1/16 scale French WW1 Nieuport 28, sans covering.

Made up primarily using wood and some plastic, all basically a scratchbuilt work of art.

(John reports: Dad seemed to have some idea why he wasn’t happy with the end result we were viewing, and gave it to John “as is”.

Though no clue on root cause, John of course quite appreciates this gift. We all did as well, for this sharing)



Gabriel Lee is almost done with a Star Wars Naboo Fighter in 1/72 scale by Fine Molds.

Said he’s progressing to finish (slowly, due a massive task) the decal job on this BattleStar Galactica spacecraft.



Gabriel’s 1/72 Vertech fighter is now proudly situated on a 1/72 scale Carrier Deck by Verlinden (launch ??-craft ?)

Then following up with completed trio of the new mold Airfix P-51D kits, all for the Fremont Hornets Gruppe Build 2014, based on that kit.



Gabriel’s three: Fuerza Aerea Dominicana (Dominican Republic), Guatemala (same) and Uruguayo (Uruguay). *Muy Marveloso (MINUTES MAY FINISH, check in at sheet 2)*





**CONGRATULATIONS TO
Mr. Carr
FOR WINNING MAY MODEL OF THE MONTH**



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