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Timing is everything. This article had its formation take place in Editor's head few months preceding events which reshaped conclusion, but not the accomplishment.
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Editor's MisBehavings – this month's editor, Mick Burton

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“Life. Liberty. The Pursuit of Happiness. Indeed, So Much is Just Showing Up and Timing IS Everything ”

Going to write is never different, essentially, every time the same, really. A blank canvas faces you and either you be at the words or they be at you (as in staring blankly back). I had started this edition of The AfterMarket Sheet in much Different space/time continuum than where I am now, not exactly due to Pluto's final destination as a “known item”.

Having lost a great friend and important if not so easily seen as such, structural member of my universe in just over a month ago, not utterly out of the blue but never easy when the final bell does ring, part of this equation.

Another part is in the timing. Only days after this, when I am about to begin the final push of an event I am in charge of, enjoy, and kept at while letting as much go as fast as I could of another I equally enjoyed for years, the arrival of a repeat wanton destruction of a recent joy of mine that I share (as it is purpose driven) occurred.

The shutdown of a website that is one of three I maintain, and the oldest of them, and actually progenitor of one created in angry reaction, wholly due to this same wanton reckless antisocial imbecile action, to original site

Leaving me with a whole lot of executive and tiny decisions that have to be made while not having any time to, due plans around of course all this remaining boringly stable so I can go on about other plans and things like do a proper tribute to a dead friend, support other friends projects like Expos, Make and Takes, Club Contests, etc

Mind you, all this writing, picture shooting, web editing, does serve a decidedly selfish purpose, don't think I try to hide that or dress it up. It all comes down to my constitutional right to pursue life, liberty and happiness.

But everyone realizes how much time “rework” costs and at what expense to “new” in life especially. Then you have the lesson, in new is risk, new is loss, new is possible no gain in end at all. But you must risk to reward, it's hard but again, this time my loss of site has learned me many new useful things I'd rather have gotten easier or later. However, like the Space Program, sometimes the stretch wouldn't have been made had not disaster struck.

I now have a whole new gallery and tools to play with. “Flickr” is my friend. Hyperscalers help who never know they are so to me. Life reminds me dissing is only a minor relief of stress. This issue is as done as it shall be. Life is GOOD.

SVSM PRESIDENT'S CONTEST THEME July 2015 “Douglas ”

The exact ‘elaboration’ to me by President Woolson, with a few sketches of text : Any product by the Douglas or the McDonnell Douglas firms. One could say you could be flying like an Eagle, take to the sea as a Skywarrior or Knight, Wreak Havoc as an Invader or be a Destroyer, or end up a Mixmaster or try to be a Globemaster, even a god like Thor



Tech decisions are easier but lazier, Art decisions can be more peril, but more fun, yet both are still Beauty Contests.

– mickb

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We often find we can't accurately or completely frame how we are perceived while we're here, much less have any control in practical terms of how we're remembered when "we have gone on ahead"

On the cover I have a sampler of the range of talents, excellence in action which I hope will dispel the "narrow framing" of "the guy who does those Hot Rods" as this modeler often popularly "tagged"



Not intending to make that sound as if there's somehow a lesser valuation with that assigned reputation, far from it.

More that this obscures the greater truth of the man who's the Fellow Modeler here. How he all the time I have known him, been a quiet master of any and all problems he found come his way, not letting life's inevitable turns take away his good heart or generous spirit to share. Earliest pictures in my archive I can use to illustrate some of this, the February 2000



SVSM meeting, which is a good distance already down the fork in road when I first met Steven in our model journey.

The green '55 Chevy stepside here, Steve Travis relayed back then, was a kit he "picked up for a song" at the Gold Coast Nationals. Opening it at home, he found the roof was caved in. Not disillusioned by this turn of events, instead using those problem solving skills he was known for, turned it into a "phantom" minitruck, cutting the roof similar to one he had seen. Add stake flatbed, keg tank, redo tub, rescribe doors, voila another S.A. Travis automotive original !

In that same meet, we had a club contest that saw Steve take **FIRST PLACE** with this on the right.

Theme: "Ladies Night Out" "Rosie the Riveter" is the 1/48 scale AMT P-40 Warhawk which Steve reported went together very fine. As he also noted, he has great frustration when doing aircraft models so this was an excellent return on his time invested

Even then, Steve was clearly building a broader range of subjects and competitively so, than many paid attention. Then and now, "the Hot Rod" man would be the appellation spoken to frame Steven.



Of course, he did help this impression along at common "appearance venues" like these in same year, at the Kickoff Classic, with entries and results like this :

"Mooneyes" Fiat Funny Car, 2nd Place in Open Wheel Competition Auto, a 3rd in same for his '34 Ford Dry Lakes Racer. Steve entered so much that year There was a split in Customs, he took a 3rd with his '34 Ford PU in "Fendered" then SWEPT in the "Open" with '34 Lowboy "Blue Angel", '27 T-Bucket "Pearly Jammer" and a '34 5 Window "Neostalgia". Not forget also the 1st and 2nd taken in Competition Closed Wheel, as his '53 Stude Dry Lakes Racer and '57 Corvette Funny, won him.



Steve's "naming" became legend, like "Sweetie Pie" and Grape ...





From June 2000 SVSM meet comes yet another example of Steve's being a lot more varied in his builds and way to have fun, with a nice "fusion" here.

Say hello to "Moon Eyes 109" which underwent wing/tail plane clips, scoop removal and a total rescribe during his making her. Steve let us know then, a great learning experience as he ended up totally smoothing out his new lines,



applying this fabulous polished yellow coat with "just enough" markings to accent. The "N109" also a nice subtlety.



Just to emphasize fact, Steven's being so labeled "The Hot Rod Modeler" even way back then, not even touching core passions of his. Here the earliest photos in my files to illustrate one true touchstone. This is his then 8th '34 Ford, crafted into John Husted owned, Reeve Adams driven, '47 dry lake racer. Over the years I really began to see and appreciate Steve's pursuit in that vein.



One less obvious aspect of his great character here also illustrated, but I'll have to spell it out. That rolled up "softop" on roofline, Steven credited the armor modelers he had met who shared techniques of how to use plain tissue and PVA (white) glue diluted, to create as you see he did here, realistic scale "canvas, tarp and similar" items. If you spent any real time in the community where Steve was found, you'd learn how much giving and sharing he was doing, inspired.



That Husted/Adams dry lakes racer above shot at the May 2000 meeting, you'll see it again now in left shot with its 7 brothers plus a Pickup, another excellent modelling theme of Steve's we would learn in the years ahead

This array he shared with us at August 2000 where he also got the reward of seeing Anita his splendid wife, with whom he shared this

love of modelling, take Model of the Month for her passion crafted as

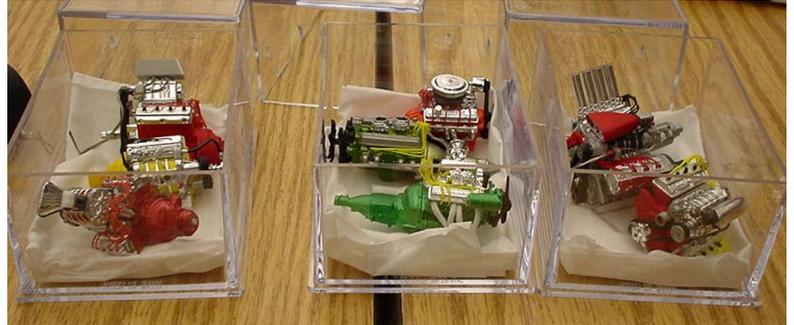


a collection of Universal Movie Monsters. If you look up, you'll see she has Invisible Man making a call (get me outathis place...now!)

As you see, Anita and Steve truly partners, and she'd hand you back anything that was not in her wheelhouse for them. Just ask us 😊

Steve underwent an angioplasty in January 2001. But that didn't stop him from coming back to help us with Anita's blessing, in balancing our books after the 2001 Kickoff Classic. We had fell short by 147 dollars, and always there for us Steve handed us a check for 150 Benjamins! Many, many more ever so valued and appreciated donations from the Steve and Anita Travis family over the years would be the reason several clubs, not just their home at SVSM, would be able to hold at all or have a very much better, annual public event which you all better know as Model Contests.

It didn't take long at all for Steven to get back on our Model Talk circuit from that surgical event, look at April 2001 !

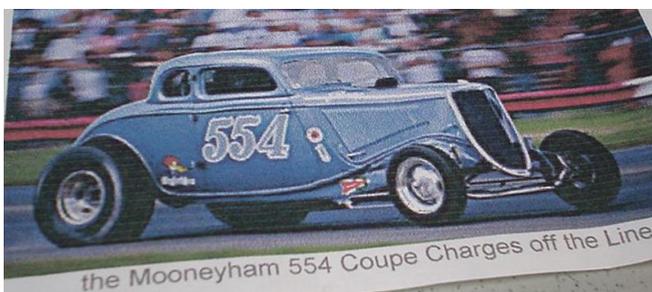


He relayed to us how his Red '29 Ford had suffered a horrible demise due to his "post angioplasty impatience", yet here it returns like a Phoenix, in gray primer, now reborn a dragster! Travis toughness, taking problems, turning them on their heads into sweet satisfying solutions (and often, award winners, a nice bonus) again demonstrated. Steven had also showed up with an AMT '32 Ford which he described as a bad kit, but he was tricking it out already, clearly. Oh, and those SEVEN engines you see? "Patience Rebuilder Therapy, S A Travis, M.D. (Model Doctor) Assigned" He'd done all of them serially, i.e; in a row. The Modeler, The MAN ! He'd go on to win July 2001 Model of the Month...!

Steve's hand at writing would also be amply shown, gratefully received as opening 2002 he penned a great article on what '34 Ford meant to the consumer world, the design world, the 1/1 Hot Rod world, even the "outlaw" world, as he relayed how Clyde Barrow sent Henry Ford an appreciative letter praising the "hot V-8 Ford", and then finished this little aside noting how Bonnie and Clyde in fact met their end being ambushed by police while at wheel of a '34 Ford!

If you'd like to read the entire article, just ask this Editor to send you a scanned copy (sorry, only have it in grey scale) PDF of the January 2002 Styrene Sheet. You'll get Steve's tight prose and excellent coverage, well worth finding copy

January 2002 Model Talk table saw Steve's 11th '34 Ford show up with a nice "local flavor" to it. This originated as an AMT vintage stocker '34, which Our Man Travis transformed into Baylands Raceway '88 (FREMONT) Dragster !



New wheels/tires plus chop, scratch build interior and roll cage, "beefy" engine. SO NICE



February 2002 also had Steven sharing some of the hometown in model form.

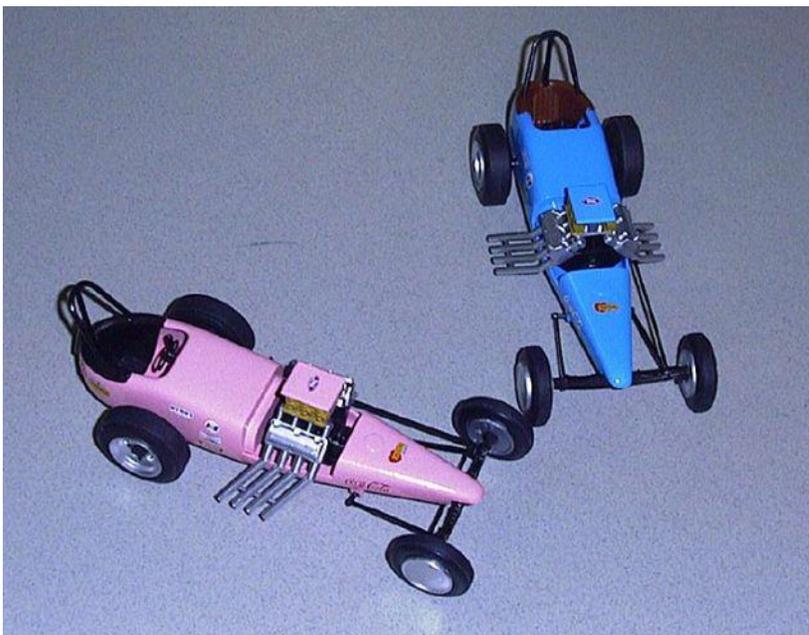
His '59 Chevy El Camino pair, lovely examples.

The red/black, a cruiser as he noted, you would have seen showing the ride on a San Jose Downtown street on a fine Friday or Saturday night. Steve named it "First Street, Saturday Night" in this conception. His orange "revealed" one was representative of souped up street machines you would see at a Friday Race Night in Fremont, of course on the Baylands Raceway.



Although I have written records for the rest of 2002, easily which do reveal a fair amount of excellent activity model wise by Steve..., my own archives as well as my checking of the SVSM official site photo archives don't provide much now for this. Sorry. Hazards of the digital age. Some SVSM 2001 minutes were lost due to car theft leaving a case where I have my pictures but no support for a fact of a "belly tanker model" is in fact Steve's. Then also a fair number of minutes for 2002 with no pictures to fill in blanks. Myself have lost

a good number of archived TIFFs and JPEGs due to some bad advice on CD storage vs "fragile hard drive" and now to find that our photography for several months "officially" were very, very minimal for 2002/3, in amounts shot. Alas...



Not entirely hopeless for 2003 coverage, and first photo is a real treat! This is Steve *and* Anita here, as he (blue) and she (pink!) took on the identical ancient Monogram molding of "slingshot dragster" which came back as a Galaxy Limited reissue here.

There was a 1/144 Aichi B7A "Grace" which was a Minicraft kit Steve had finished also at the meet, recorded that he had mixed the paints for it himself plus found "...even in this scale, the decals behave themselves very well..." There is no photo to show.

My archives & Chris's minutes provide a happy find again: Steve and Anita team up for September 2003 where we saw SVSM meet at the house of Fremont Hornets club, namely Scenario Hobbies Community Room. Where the "Monogram Mastery" club contest which signaled "revival of these type contests" by a suspect President by the name of Burton, was seen to have First place taken by one Steve Travis !



Steve's "Blue Green Hornet" (Model was blue, kit was "Green Hornet") was then latest of a long line of Steve's builds of this old Monogram kit. A nice yellow "box stock" Beer Wagon was Anita's contribution to contest ☺



It is “officially recorded” in the November 2003 minutes of SVSM that Steven and Anita Travis “took over” SVSM’s Veterans Model Drive, from John Heck. In that year’s minutes prior, it became increasingly often reported in meeting openings how the two of them had done some large amount of work recently each time, involved with this project. The record here now also reflects that John Heck reported forthrightly that in fact, the Travises had in fact been for awhile doing “90 percent of the work here, so now they will get full credit for it”. Not that it slowed down their model builds.

In fact, by March 2004, we have photographic evidence again of Steven being “evilly” helpful to the young public at large, recorded in our minutes. By this time he was working in a local hobby shop off of Bollinger Road and Wolfe. See, he shared how he gave the kids coming in to race their RC rigs, a lesson in “pinstriping and lightning bolting”

Steve could also show them how it’s done in two very competitive areas at the 2004 Santa Rosa IPMS Hobby Expo. As seen at May 2004 meet:

He took 1st with this 1/144 Ki-44 Shoki, again showing that, while aircraft builds may frustrate him, they oft didn’t turn out too bad in their end !



Right along with it and of “his signature model subject” by popular assign, “Nuclear Banana”: Steve’s ’34 Ford open tub here which started life as a 5 window coupe. Nuclear also took home a 1st in category at the Hobby Expo.

This Belly Tank Racer came along for May 2004 SVSM Model Talk, and is another example of Steve’s relentless quest in depth as I said earlier. He sought to ever improve and aim for the “ultimate” Belly Tanker model



More of Steve’s magic stamina came to fore, began life Monogram ’32 Ford, which he got at a flea market as a castoff. After a horrific, almost lost it due to paint stripping accident, he went on. Made it over as a ’29 Roadster, with this spectacular candy apple red paint job, ALL TWENTY COATS OF IT here...

So the July 2004 SVSM meeting was anything but dull with model tales like this to learn from . Go Steve !





August 2004 saw some more “crafty air turns “ by Steve, just to keep everyone guessing. He brought a set of 3 then new to many (old molds to me, new label) “easy builder” 1/72 aircraft, on the display stands of course (as they had no landing gear, nor could they, wings are single piece mold with gear scribed in as required). Reissued Hawk Model Company molds from very early ‘70s, yet Steve again made sure we knew how they were still fun.



One, this A6M2 Zero, he did stock out of the box, as apparently same for his -109F. Then he switched things up with a pink Fantasy Air Racer based on the Mk 22 Spitfire, which he of course had wing/tail clip among the requisite mods.



November 2004 closed out on a high note for us, and to that end Steve lead the way, you might say.

IPMS Redding “Dambusters” model contest had a lovely result for him. With two 1st places as shown for his recent ’29 saved from the scrap pile, as well for the red Belly Tanker. In middle, his violet Ford 5 window with “burger & fries” on the window had Best Street Rod 1949 & Older Special Award too!



Steven didn’t leave that night empty handed since he also won Model of the Month, with his “crafted from a crude California Modelworks kit “ 1954 El Mirage Dry Lake Bed belly tank racer here! Keep in mind, this *ISN’T* how it looks built “out of box”



A couple more long looks at his very violet 5 window and then, we go to start out 2005

Which has us finding out of real nature of what really, I mean, *reallly*, BUGS Steve, so he wrote us



January 2005 saw “Just Japanese” as our 1st SVSM club contest and these 6 are all Steven’s ! GO-MAN-GO on the Zero Racer...



Steve opened 2005 with something that was “bugging him”, namely why don’t we have more “insect model articles ” Which he rectified within the February 2005 Styrene Sheet, providing us with his excellent writeup of building Oryctes Nasicornis by Heller, in 10/1 scale.

As currently the February 2005 OSS is not easily found, you can drop a line to the Editor for a PDF copy in reply mail



April 2005 Meeting, Steve’s trio of poseable “Robogear” models made it abundantly clear. That if you continued to speak knowingly of Steve Travis being “that Hot Rod Guy” as end-all be-all, then you hadn’t a clue and best be quiet when spoken to. Steve said he was going for something completely different, and found the using the Citadel paints, these subjects, the whole experience a fun and learning reward. Pay attention !

May 2005, The Styrene Sheet. Steve publishes another excellent writing. Covers the birth of the Belly Tankers and his own deepening interest in the entire subject of people, places, projects which populate the Dry Lake Racers as a whole.



A splendid 3 pages, these three you’ve seen already now get a better cohesive context as models. You get an honest and appreciably succinct read of why, how the subject appeals to Steve. Rest of issue has more treats: UFO & Bison SSRs!

June 2005 SVSM Meeting: (this one I've been looking for in my archives for awhile, pleased to find it as so Steven)



Almost put this one on front cover, but it's *so* Steven A Travis for me, I had to save it for proper contexting and fun.



Steve relayed his delight at Polar Lights releasing this utter classic from the original comic strips, which had long been lost in the rare mineral class of “near Unobtainium” in the original Aurora Plastics Corp. release boxings. If you have not a clue what this is, or any idea why this would so appeal to Steven, myself or other fellow “social modelling folk” and cause us to delight, that’s alright. Know now: This is **THE Dick Tracy** (Ace Detective!) **Magnetic Space Coupe**. Accept no substitutes! Also know that when it first hit the pages, this was it, some would simply swear off that creator Chester Gould had finally done the deed, he’d gone too far! The talking wristwatches, the satellite television, golfing on the moon, that was still okay. Not this “atomic energized powered magnetic ears vehicle” with which to work with “Moon Maid” who joined him in the enforcement of Law & Order. No, in “modern” 1964 we couldn’t handle the truth

Well, thanks in part to Steve’s quiet enthusiasm for this and his gentle manner of explaining to me how utterly stupid I sounded to him being mystified in part by this (he knew my joy of “graphic novels (we called them comic books) and love for the extremely odd that proved to be prescient later while “dissed” by the “popular well to do’s about town” up to point prior to reality hitting home...when, of course “they knew it all the time...” uh huh.) I still go back to pick up my humility lessons for the day. Truly a deceptively deep bit of “pop culture” that’s actually a different form bedrock

Returning to the surface, Steve’s exquisite rendering here of this returned to real life (affordable and fun as intended) kit included his addition of “smoked glass” and showing what “rattle can magic” can be had with Tamiya yellow here.

August 2005 SVSM meet had a subtheme for Steve of being his “Spitfire 22 Moment”, alas, I don’t have any pictures located at either my own archive or the SVSM site to illustrate the newer one at this point. Minutes reveal that SAT found the 1/48 Airfix F.22 kit to have terrific fit and engineering, only the decals gave him some struggle. That was the one missing for illustration but it serves to reiterate the range of modelling he always put forth. Our club contest “In the Pink” saw Steve reprise his earlier F22 “easy build into Air Racer” and he was joined by his model wife Anita with her new pink Harley Davidson, 3 wheeled Morgan, reprised “slingshot drag in pink” which Steven had done in blue. Both great Fellow Modelers and splendid people to call friends.



September 2005, Steve shows up with this 1/48 ICM Yak-9, “an experiment in expanding his horizons” the minutes record. More insightful, minutes taking down of Steve’s description of building model as “tantamount to hurting himself”.

Ok, did say that, yes. Yet I said before, Travis Tough is what makes “the Right Stuff”. For here, as you see,



at very next month’s Model Table he shows up with this: New build tropical schemed Spitfire V, 1/48 Tamiya kit. Working through the pain, or working on the gain, either way he did it.

There’s no picture I can find to go with the Spit here, despite note also for October 2005 how Steve had another Monogram Hot Rod he was especially proud of. “Tricked out with a ’34 Ford seat from an AMT kit”. Mayhaps was “self medicating”



November 2005 has Steve Travis swearing off ICM kits, as the Yak-9D in 1/48 here on left has finally convinced him...

Recorded that this aircraft survived a sudden stop in the car. Perhaps a lesser man or modeler would have “retired” craft, with a plausible *raison d’etre*. Nope, not our Steven. No way

January 2006 had no model talk or special award news per se for Steve. But it’s an excellent milestone here to report on the spectacular growth of the SVSM Veterans Model Drive. Now lead by Steven and Anita Travis now for a while. Keep in mind as you’re reading this “meet your fellow modeler(s)” how all progress you’re seeing is happening while also, they are both carrying on very full lives. *PLUS* seeing to it, like at this juncture, **150 snap kits spread amongst 3 VA hospitals**,

were delivered without fuss or “hey pat me on the back why don’t ya?” at the holiday period. Along with all these Vet support, outreach and community efforts that Steve was involved in. That weren’t in the least related to any model club stuff. Not to mention the very active pursuit of other 1/1 hobby in vintage hot rods. Along with of course, being active making sure they’d both be volunteering so much time to show up at shows, setup to sell kits and take no pay for any !



Writing this article is as ever, a journey of discovery and redux, bigger than any that I have set out to do in this spirit, in the past. Thusly, I have found *there was* record of a Steve Travis work at January table. (at left)



As recorded in February minutes offhandedly, only data I have is how burnt orangeish rod is a first of two Replica in Miniature body build. Second here for Feb Model Talk, is beautiful purple one, done when Steve found he had two !

April 2006 SVSM records that Steven Travis has now on order, enough Snap tite kits to keep our Vets Model Drive on track, sustained fully THROUGH 2007 ! **WAY TO GO AND GROW A BUSINESS, STEVEN and ANITA** !

It was also recorded that Steve was so repulsed with the over thick chrome work on this AMT "Switcheroo", he went to work of stripping it off with "Bleche-white". Then redid steering rod, valve covers and new "skull" shifter knob, tied it all together with spray canned Tamiya Orange & Black!

March 2007 we pick up to find Steven has now his 10th "Green Hornet" built, now trying out a Gunmetal and Flat Red finish among his talented explorations here. The thick plexiglass brick behind it ? A 3rd place the new Hornet won, a show detail not recorded by that Styrene Sheet Editor nor minutes taker.

(nor did any shots any of us took, reveal where)

April 2007 was when Steven proposed to club a worthwhile community support project. Which resulted in one of the feature cover pictures for this article. Namely, our donation of funds for a "commemorative brick" for the new Mather, California Veterans Hospital Facility. Steven also shared his latest Hot Rod finished with the "iridescent bronze" paint, that switches to several surprising other shades as you move around it ! (purples, golds, yellows, reds) Model was an amalgamation of parts from a '32 Ford Phaeton, '32 Duce and several other kits. Interior was Krylon "Make It Suede", a nice sharing detail.



The HobbyCraft La-5 VVS fighter of WW2, which he said was "a good fitting model" ©

May 2007 meeting followed of course, and Steven revealed we had "trigger pulled on the brick" and he'll update us as time passes. The subtext here is that while some dithering took place, Steven stepped up to make sure we got our donation (on his dime and time) made with our club getting credit when done. Doing the right thing and quietly letting us know we could embarrass ourselves with him or swiftly cover check of his, our choice. Only now this salient fact is being publicly recorded, as I won't let it be lost or "unknown to history" at this point .

Also at that meeting table, another of Steve's forays into tail wheeled Soviet air, one of my favorites of his. One reason I put it on the cover...





No written and scant photo records for June, July, August or September 2007 (lost or never done), a dark time in our club history but brief. Nonetheless, things got back on track

Thanks to Steven Travis, we have this honorable record in the form of a commemorative brick at VA Hospital Facility, Mather CA which underwent construction . July 2007 for us permanently marked on it as contributors (SVSM 07).

On 11-12-2007 Steven was present for the 2nd annual Vets Memorial Plaza Event to take a picture for us of “our” brick

Luckily this Editor (having resumed task of putting out then Styrene Sheet only as of September) managed to not blur his

own shot of Steve’s picture, one of several he shared on table at our November 2007 meeting. Thank you, Steven.



Here also at that table, Steve’s latest Local Flavor project share ! This grey Primer beastie, he related, was a ‘51 Chevy (AMT) for his recreation of a machine he witnessed at the Baylands Raceway, taking on all comers (long as it had a rolling start...) one night.



“Making History” was theme for the 2008 Hobby Expo, and for some, it did in scale form. As it seemed to shock a few at show and at meeting, to learn “Hot Rod Steve” had won a 2nd place with this MPM “Kikka” in 1/72 scale.

Steve being then member of SVSM since 1996, and as you have read/seen, now 12 years of his sharing with us going on, was amusing to this Editor how few knew he made lots of models, including tough to build aircraft kits . Too much

Sadly too much at this juncture as well: Nowhere found is picture of Steve’s 1/144 German Leopard 2A4 tank! Which he is noted in **April 2008** as having done, too late, for our “Eight is Enough” club contest. I have a lot of April shots, The Club site has none, and there is no more Steve to ask.

June 2008 SVSM Meeting took place in a Round Table Pizza for the second month in a row, but that didn’t hold back Steve from making the *first appearance* of “Julios Jauler ”, a Revell Pickup which he was especially proud of with a fine number of number of “ Travis-i-cations ”. As you will see more clearly on the next page with pictures I took (the only and poor at that, photo record), Steve’s “Rodical Modification” included chopping, channeling the 1964 vehicle, adding a real wood interior. Also Replica in Miniature hubcaps on those wheels, those caps were chromed by the way!

Just in case you hadn’t known this, the “Jauler” name is pronounced correctly as “HOLL-ER”. Steven as ever, clever, made that naming on purpose, but knew that over time, many would not get it right...so I speak up for him now, here.



Julio would be having Pride in his Ride, Steve's talent undenied

Our **July 2008** finds Steve's "last model he had built behind the counter at the hobby shop he worked at" on the table, hidden in USAAF jungle in a fashion, if you look up right. This ARII 1/48 Me-109G (ex-Otaki molding) was hand painted, by the way.

August 2008 is one of the 3 months for which we had no record Official minutes, as well one of the 6 months SVSM website had no photos for. Happily, the Editor now will stick his neck out on a limb. For **HE HAS** August SVSM meet photos for that year, as well as a willingness to bet you'll agree. *Here's* a model by our S.A. Travis *for sure*, even without "written evidence". Look, see



Does this "Orange Crush" Hot Rod absolutely oh excruciatingly so scream from the page "STEVE" or not ??? Further "evidence" from my archives of August 2008: here's Frank B, Anita T and Steve T, looking mighty suspect. Steve's in the **ORANGE**.



Now, I admit that's sketchy. But hey, who else's ?



November 2008 sees a Czech Mod Yak-15 in 1/48. Steve called "A Brute". Did justice to it, anyways!



January 2009 finds that indeed, “Hot Rod” Steve has a **Fiat** on the model table...but wait what the?



While I can find no picture yet of Steve’s little armor the modern German MBT in 1/144 we mentioned earlier, here’s GRAPHIC proof of Mr Travis’s ARMORED NEIGHBORHOOD in action. This is TAURO (ouch, even hurts to say) kit in 1/35 of the well known Fiat 3000 tank. Best part besides the sweet tricolor scheme, Steve’s elegant problem into solution which is not in the least apparent (a true special effect success). The tracks on this kit are notorious for being unable to “properly close ranks”. Steven found his no different, so he made this mud base and deftly hid any mismatch

“ZERO HOUR” was the *April 2009* SVSM Club Contest, and Steven wasn’t about to miss out on competition here:



His venerable molding of the Monogram A6M5, in 1/48 with classic IJN Green over Gray was one



Which he matched up as you may make out in shot with this nearly as old 1/72 scale A6M5c (Hawk)

Above, closer look at that one...the “easy” build he’d brought in a while back. Excellent, S.A.T.

While the rest of 2009 as far as SVSM meets go, have no “model records” to extol of Steven here now, he was BUSY as **his regular updates** on **VA Drive** proved. Examples: **JULY 2009** – Reports of major donations from several ways including Berkeley Ace Hardware (7 boxes of kits ! make & take models! A 100 dollar ship!) **SEPTEMBER 2009** - We have added Travis AFB head trauma center to our list of recipients ! Steve has clearance for wider range of kits.

January 2010 would in fact be yet another Steve Travis, Vet Drive Director appearance... more improvement news ! In this case, he'd just arranged a "staged" donation, a large inventory that would be provided incrementally so storage not an issue, and also a huge start on maintaining the 3 hospital at a minimum quarterly distributions. Another triumph

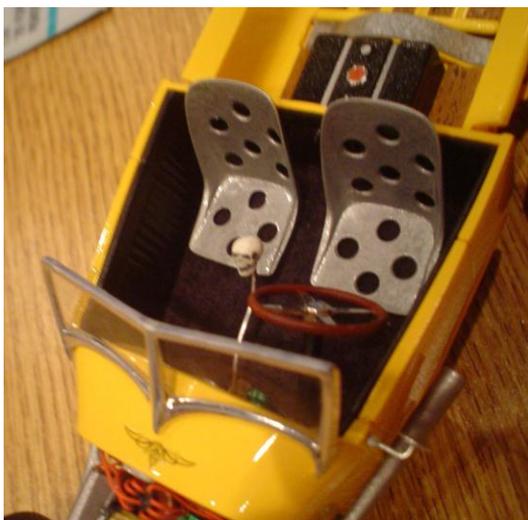
March 2010 bore witness to Steve's making yet another '59 El Camino come wildly alive, and win him Model of the Month. Tuck n' Roll interior & piping, aluminum exhaust system, Pegasus wheels, custom dash. Wrapped up brilliant in this yellow metallic finish. The open wing door posture, while a custom trademark, makes me think... aircraft tie-in!



As noted earlier in this treatise, PickUps as a theme style could be construed as a fondness of Steve's, in a variety of forms. More reinforcement on this, ahead



June 2010 meeting , next is a PU Hot Rod custom in Yellow/Green



The extent of creative "kit bashing" and all out "Travis-i-cation" was hinted at by this display mode of Steve's. Amarillo awesome





This bookend set of Hot Rod Pickups, as elegantly shared by Steve, *August 2010*

One a '34, the other a '32 Ford basis. As common thread, on both he used *decals for the wooden bed*



October 2010 had Steven applying a solution for the worst "final assy demon", a variation to an aircrafter like myself in fact, of "tarp maintenance trick" to hide a seam or missing cockpit.

Beautiful Yellow Rod, had cracked windshield which happened at the last. Steve put it up "For Sale". Sweet

November 2010 meeting had no official minutes, but this Editor did note "in code" appreciated EXTREME generous contribution to the upcoming Kickoff 2011 (of which he was Contest Director) "by Two Saints". These being Anita & Steven Travis, who at that meeting tracked me down. To firmly instruct that those funds, from their personal account not the Vets monies, were to be taken by me to help insure the event was funded by other than me. They were given a more detailed look inside the actual mechanism of how the deficit dynamics of the SCCC based KOC worked. Which did correct the understanding, so they did know how much help they were being while allaying some concerns. Many, many times since, for several other clubs too; invaluable and quietly "The Saints" (as I nicknamed them for mail list) would provide selfless support to make sure many community rewarding events would come to pass without question.

December 2010 was again our traditional "Gift (Theft) Exchange" and so we wrap up on a lighter note for the year, as I pressed dear generous Sir Travis into service as a foil in my newsletter account of the evening, as snapshot here now:

Steve Travis is puzzled. Yes, it IS on a desert floor, and looks a lot like a Salt Flat Belly Tank Racer...But do I want it?

No matter, Bill Abbott later steals it for his own nefarious purposes. Thank John Heck for the kit





January 2011 found us getting from Steve the Vet Model Drive Guy an extremely encouraging Update: At that point, thanks to some very generous donations, he & Anita had a good number of models already on hand, plus cash to purchase more! On the horizon: Kickoff 2011, where the Sainly Twosome would be literally buried behind models to sell for the project they make seem so effortless to carry on ☺ Not to forget that Santa Rosa Hobby Expo would also be a trip beforehand

This metallic green “custom show box car” of Steven’s provided us some evidence he wasn’t completely removed from his model bench with all this important volunteer engagement with All Pro results.

March 2011 meeting indeed provided thanks to Steven, exciting news on several fronts. He updated us how thanks to sales he and Anita managed by committing to being “vendor” at *Hobby Expo, NNL West* and *KOC 2011*, we now had purchased **900 DOLLARS worth** of new snap-tite models **for the Vets Drive** program !! This would now guarantee all the units getting material, full packages for the NEXT TEN MONTHS ahead. That is nothing short of spectacular.

Steven didn’t do to badly on the competition front either, at the KOC 2011 he took awards for some of his ’29 and ’32 Fords we’ve now seen, and his exquisite ’59 “winged” El Dorado customized Pickup.

April 2011 meeting opened with yet more insanely fine news on the Vets Model Drive execution, with Steve and Anita bringing in **534 more dollars** thanks to their tireless work, loading up, driving to the Stockton show (SJVSM) Tomcats staged very successfully only weeks before. Keep in mind, they had just worked string of 3 shows nearly back to back.

Just because he’s really a tough guy, masquerading as a soft and forever generous spiritual one, Steven went ahead, done did this: He took a 1941 Plymouth (*NOT* his favorite car...) and “gussied it up” with headlights from one of his favorites, the Monogram Green Hornet. Then also added wheels from a 1949 Mercury, Replica in Scale wheel covers. A custom ride.

Then, “Stonehearted Steve” went ahead and finished her off with a two tone job of Tamiya pink and Testors Electric Pink

Finally, to remain true to his nature, he christened her a name

Brute that he was, forever record she’s called “**Ugly Betty**”

Just to remind you, here’s Steven and Anita, Stockton 2011



July 2011 came to framed as “Vive Le Republique”, a meeting sardine tinned into a Pizza Parlor, with all our usual suspects. Steven was of course present, here he’s in a most characteristic posture, helping someone out !



Part of the fun that night was “Vanna White” Model Talk we were forced into by locale. I caught Steve in “mid-magic moment” as he’d begun his short treatise on what the real deal of “Mini Semi” model here of his, a true tale.

As you see, it’s actually a “5th wheeler” 1950 Ford Pick Up Truck (as I told you , a theme)

The kicker was, Steve wasn’t just building a fun unique MODEL –THIS IS REAL ONE.

Steve knows the one to one working truck’s owner, and thus this was a personal project.

One last note on this “bit of fun”.

Seems that Mr Travis took another honor of “Model of the Month “ with the “Mini Semi”



October 2011 sees us enjoying the 4 seater, “Lucille” from Steve

A ‘51 Chevrolet Bel Air custom. Topless.



March 2012 has a simply fabulous example (as it was directly recorded in official club minutes, mind you !) of true “Master Modeler Math” as computed, executed by who else but our good man, Mr Steve Travis. Here’s the equation:

$$\text{SEVEN MODEL KITS} + \text{THREE AFTERMARKET KITS} = \text{ONE FINISHED Model}$$

There is several coats of “rattle can” with a difference on there, too. “One Shot Lacquer” by Testor’s, “Raving Red”



Steve Travis. Professor without Parallel or Portfolio. Sharing the Joy Of Scale Modelling and Science Fiction, Fun and Fact. Same meeting, Steve, Kinley, Exotic Fly Sub





May 2012, whereupon Steve truly does “fusion” modelling. Here a “bucket T” Rod is in Russian Underside Blue. Of course there’s a Russian Yak-3 Weekend Edition Steve did, with it

June 2012 is just TOOO MUCH FUN with STEVE TRAVIS TAKING ON ALL WHO THINK THEY KNOW HIM .



Say hello to the Steven not so many ever got to know !

As already noted, his work with models that “bugged” him, truly an experience. The June 2012 table had a NEW “Formica Rufa” with Steve’s excellent research, model talents in full flower That’s Wood Ant, F.Y.I.



He repurposed a Heller kit of this, which he’d done in past, into this aggressive and lifelike stance for his second visitation.

His “large scale” Ladybird Beetle was another member of this shelf of very rarely seen, much less seen done so well, scale models “life”



I include now here, shots I took of “Battle Ant” at a Fremont Show later (good picture of his reference) and then a “ family ” photo from a Kickoff.



His 1st Ant in middle...





AHA! GOT YA ! If you had the pleasure of already having read Steve's article on making his "Rhino" Beetle back in February 2005, then you already had idea about this companion. For those who haven't:

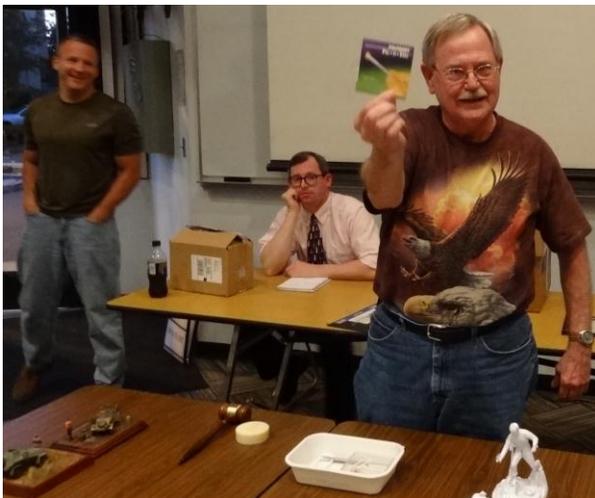
(on behalf of Steve, ed.) : Meet *Lucanis Cervus* !

Also better known as "The Stag Beetle". This is a serious model kit by Heller, who offers the bugs of the series you saw Steven crafting above. I wish I'd managed to coerce Mr T into writing an article to go with all these shots of this work of his, as lovely really rare and well done it is. Here you go though.

Steve's first Ant, yes, deserves more respect, too.



July 2012 was another watershed moment thanks to Steve Travis, courtesy of then President Joe Fleming. There we enjoyed Steven at his finest in the mode of sharing, God Bless them both. "Pic 'n Stic" was straightfacedly explained by Steve as a seriously good useful **MODELER** tool, when it started life out on shelf as a "dental assistance". Yes, that's right, For **DENTISTS** to use. Gee, we never ever have heard of scale modelers adapting such "weird tools" across the divide for our own...naaaah. Never. Especially, yechh, *Dental tools*. Nope



Here he is, demonstrating the greatness of "social modelling" 1000% ...you can use these to "mockup/assemble small parts" ...hold part to paint them, or precisely place or hold parts in place while you work them...



Steve showed **How to give a Tip Talk** well as he gave the Tip.

Again it seems, newer member Kinley Calvert is one brave and steadfast enough to go and further explore with Steve



"Dogs of Summer" Member's Club Contest theme that night too: with Steve T's Yak-55M apparently to him, a "dog" of a kit for a plane he really liked ! The Rod of his was named "Hot Dog" and its red / black motif was definitely sporty fine.





August 2012 meeting launched with quite a surprise note from Mr VA Project Director Steve ! Namely, he had just Finished negotiations recently and received the first of few boxes FULL of very nice 1/35 Armor Models, almost all IN THE WRAP. UNMOLESTED, NOT OPENED AND PAWED, PARTS LOST TOSSED OR ANY OF THAT. FOR FREE. NO KIDDING. DONATED NO STRINGS.

Okay, you say, so what. How about say what do you know How many give away to ANYONE or CLUB...4 GRAND Plus retail value. Yea, I thought as much.

Steve's reliable estimate of what the total donation for the Gentleman, from the EAST COAST USA, and I trust him On his numbers. But the bigger shock was why WE got it.

Seems the donor was utterly disgusted with his own home club and regional opportunities for Veterans Drive projects, had just about given up on this idea of his, donating his collection. Somehow he got put onto Steve and SVSM's drive. Since trust earned is a valuable treasure, next was no brainer, as they trusted man to man, old school handshake deal.

Trust me on these next two shots, they were a hard to edit in pair, for a simple reason. They are 8-2012, yes.



Say hello to the Galaxy Limited "re-pop" of the Monogram '32 Deuce Drag Strip Hot Rod Roadster. Yes, I know, we have seen Steven's affair with this kit in here before. However, THIS ONE he brought to that meeting, as he explained it was a proud moment to have made this "way back when" and then he had "a modeler's moment". Learning how he had put the distributor locale incorrectly and had to move to proper spot. All very well. Editor though, in returning to pick this particular meet, realized *THIS MODEL was BUILT the YEAR he met STEVE when joined the CLUB, 1996.*

SO – I think it is likely the most fitting point for me to wrap up this particularly bittersweet edition of "MY FM" here with the "wrap around" model archetype in essence. Steven and Anita were always generous spirits and friends who'd donated far more of themselves, their time and their monies to so so many that I could not even properly illustrate. As I had always intended to do this sort of an article. To shape and better enhance just a few facets of this man, modeler, a true human being. Yet as life does, I got a humbling reminder that indeed, *TIMING IS EVERYTHING...* Steve had a number of great disagreements with me or my close execs/friends, over the years, don't even get me wrong. Anita had as gentle and direct manner to "straighten things out around here" with me and us over the years as well. Treasured so moments now, and unspeakable help to keep one on the better path or as Lincoln said, the better angels of our nature.

I will miss you, yes *but, you've just gone on ahead.*



- mick
fini



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 07-18-15

Friday, August 21 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting. Editor's Club Contest Theme " *It's the Bomb/Spirit of '45* "

Friday, September 11 2015

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets monthly meeting. Club Contest Theme " *All Swept Up* " See www.mickbmodeler.com

Saturday, September 12 2015

IPMS/Reno High Rollers host High Desert Classic # 16. Theme this year is ' *1945* ' www.renohighrollers.org

Friday, September 18 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. Presidents Club Contest theme " Focke Wulf Fall "

Sunday, September 27 2015

IPMS/Fremont Hornets host **TriCity Classic XI**. Theme " The Good German " Milpitas Community Center. Fifty categories of regular competition, Special Awards include ones for "Best Mercedes" "Best Straight Wing Jet", "1915"

Friday, October 09 2015

IPMS/Fremont Hornets monthly meeting. Main Theme is "Did We Survive The TriCity XI ? " for plan right now,

Friday, October 16 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting. President's Club Contest Theme " Keep On Truckin' "

Saturday, November 07 2015

IPMS/ Antelope Valley Group host Desert Classic 18, Theme is " **Nifty Fifties** " AV College, Lancaster, CA

Friday, November 20 2015

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting. Editor's Club Contest Theme " **Get Tanked** "

First Weekend of December 2015 IPMS/ Silver Wings Show ? Saturday 12-5-15 despite date on their site.

Friday, January 15 2016

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting. Editor's Club Contest Theme " **1916** "

Friday, February 19 2016

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting. Editor's Club Contest Theme " **Heinemann's Heroes** "

Friday, March 11 2016

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets monthly meeting.

Saturday, March 12 2016

NNL West host **2016** show themed " **Trans Am : Pontiacs and Original Racers** ". SCCC Hall A, Santa Clara.

Friday, March 18 2016 IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers monthly meeting.

Friday, June 17 2016

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting. **Member's Club Contest Theme** " **You Mother !** "



Opening Summer Club Meeting Competition!

" TWINS "

2015 JUNE CLUB CONTEST

Photos & Text : Mick Burton
Models: Mighty Membership

Last fall, The President had set out this theme, with a barest of outlines. Left to his own devices, Mad Editor "interprets" in subsequent advertising.

Learning again a "change order" was coming to this flexible interpretation, in time thus to update website, plus MAY Publications yet to publish before contest date. Yes if this reads eerily familiar, it's a rewrite of similar event last time.

June's "Field of Battle " appears above left, Mr President was present and also became the Judge for this all, Thanks , from your Editor and two VPs. The competition was a lot more varied for this club contest as compared to the prior !



Cliff Kranz's " Gemini " Tractor Trailer here was so dubbed due to the aforementioned eccentric Editor's effusion to market the President's Twins club contest originally as such, twin this/ that, ergo, The Twins, aka as Project Gemini.

As Cliff explained , this is not just some off the shelf kits he threw together (if you've ever done a semi tractor and or trailer stock kit, they don't exactly rush to completion even if you use excruciating torture implements...) but a twin set of efforts combined in more ways than one meeting the eye. The tractor is a conversion using two Peterbilt Tilt Cab 352 tractors to form this one triple axle extended version. Then he went and took two perfectly fine stock kit 40 foot Trailers; cut them as required to form two 30 foot halves to create finally a proper 60 foot extended one, seen here. ☺





Since Cliff's modeler workroom has to be clearly a cousin of the Dr Who Tardis phone booth, only way I can explain it .

Whereupon when he steps into it, vast amounts of time to get all this modelling done, suddenly available. Thusly had he these three Panzers of some "twinsome" relations also ready for the table here

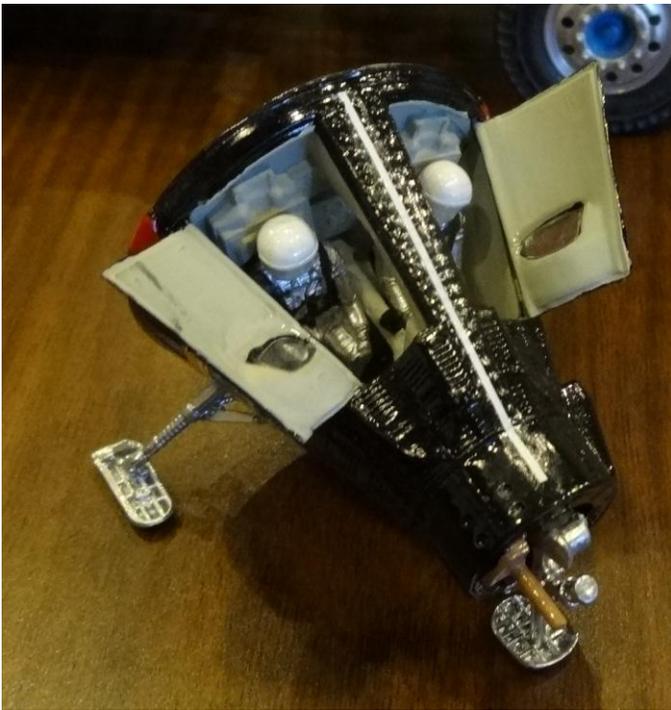
Since Cliff is a "dual passport", I see how much time and work it is just for the "Fruille" metal tracks he has on these. I guarantee you, *we* don't have any sort of "Time Tardis" going on at the Fremont Hornets meeting/buildfests. Only Cliff !

Now, the Editor will share this second look at Cliff's trio of twosomething Panzers, and slowly pass by whistling...



So that he doesn't have to confess to utterly missing any kind of details given by Cliff in the model talk for the Twins Club Contest entrants. I can only attest that the "twin guns" on the turreted piece right foreground, was specifically in the revised "restricted" rules as a qualifier, for one, would have fit in the Editor's Project Gemini misfire marketing of.

The true identities and other useful details are for now, lost to history for the other two here. Sorry.



Cliff brought this excellent piece of 1/48 scale Real (*because it's Revell !*) Space Modelling history, I appreciated it. This is the Revell molding of the McDonnell Gemini capsule as originally conceived for construction and usage, with "landing gear" for yes, that's correct, LANDING on solid surfaces like dry lake beds, after ORBIT and re-entry. The amount of serious research and proposals that came out of just that one portion of the "manned space program" has to me, been severely misunderstood, extremely underappreciated in many many ways, and utterly disrespected basically, in how it's ALMOST UNKNOWN HISTORY TODAY !! Yet here's the "model proof" in real time. Yes, long ago, Otto Lilienthal and his peers, did indeed "launch" and perform what is to me, the Grandfathers of "hang gliding" and related sport aviation niches. But it is the man, *and woman* behind the real story of this Gemini program's "dead end" that are given so little recognition outside their own community that I am expressing such aggravation over here, glad Cliff innocently left me an opening here. Below is a credited shot of the actual employment of this little known (today) Wing, known to me barely as a "space industry kid" here in "Aerospace Valley" as "the Rogallo Wing" and forgotten soon after exposure. Oh, when the "Hang Gliders" first became "media darlings" I heard and recalled briefly of this, it Was hardly given much more than a line or two ever in any mentions I read or heard over the many years. However, if you do today about 5 minutes of research online (which is all I needed to refresh memory for my original rant, and to deepen my knowledge plus recall reading some related history – "*Flying Without Wings*") you too can appreciate just how Americans especially, basically don't give much credit where credit is due, to those pioneers of ours in history or technology. Just ask Francis T. Rogallo and his wife Gertrude (that's her name on the Patent, by the way) about that.

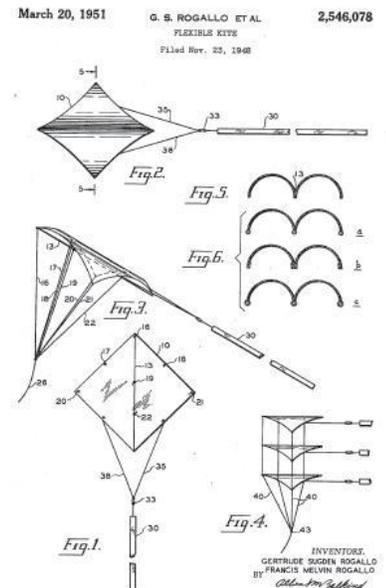


"Gemini paraglider" by NASA - NASA via Flight Global. Licensed under Public Domain via Wikimedia Commons -

There is an extremely big "pay back for the Dollars spent" into the civilian sector, from the much maligned (by some) "space industry" .

This whole Silicon Valley is only here due to it. You can argue otherwise with me if you'd like, but I grew up here as it unfolded. Now it no longer interests me to hear "rational or So Learned arguments" from those who don't go study history and people "outside the realm of Common accepted by Professor X, Y, Z", as it is pointless. "*Common knowledge*" and his cousin, "*sense*" aren't actually true, or factual.

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OKAY. Rant is over, we'll resume model club contest recollection on the next page ☺



Utterly lacking in controversy, was Cliff's M 47 by Renwal / Revell.



However, the Editor again is lacking the specifics for the "Twins" portion of the Patton's entry qualifications, so he's offering a "three view" instead, hoping that readers will enjoy them and not call the authorities for his ravings earlier.



While Cliff and I agree (among others) that Italeri's 1/35th molding of this excellent USA Main Battle Tank is by far a better choice of kit, there is a certain charm to this much older (closer to the prototype's actual lifetime) pressing. May the Cold War continue to go on slowly, into the dust bin of history, but do leave us some nice kits of youth and old...



Laramie Wright pressed on with two entries for “Twins”. Here seen are his “two turrets, two guns” M3 Lee which he modeled into a movie star (well, supporting role then), the “Lulubelle” from “Sahara”, and M4A2 “Russian Sherman”

Although I didn’t record any other details for Laramie’s entries at the meeting, I can offer an amusing but true bit now which “illustrates” a “two-fer” here, unexpectedly. The 1943 film “Sahara” which his M3 Lee is based on as Bogart’s steed, apparently has its story based on an incident within a 1936 Soviet (Russian) film “The Thirteen”. So..., *PAIR* !

Mayhaps that didn’t “play out” to the mind’s ear, with the eyes being “tone deaf” but, hey, seemed like it would work.



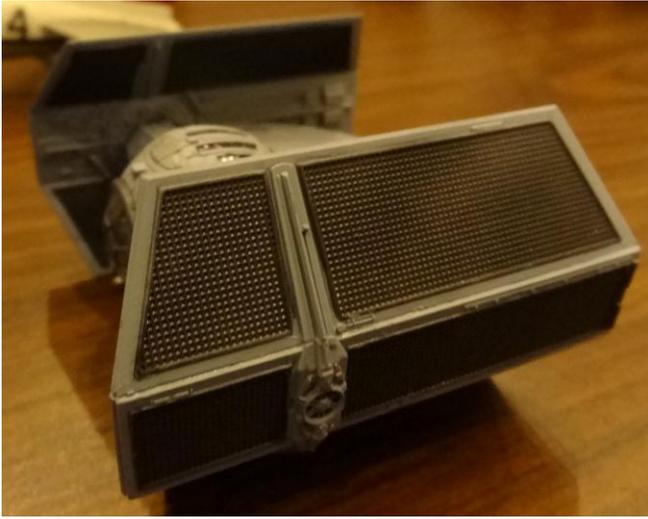
Where I could REALLY USE SOME HELP HERE, is with this one.

This definitely fit into the original and revised “restricted” rules, but no one of the three record keepers (myself, the Prez, the Minutes Sec’y) has any record of who built or brought this, “My Little Russki DC-3”

Would really like to give credit for this fine work, and also to clarify the scale, as I don’t know now in retrospect if it’s 1/200 or 1/144. Or an Li 2

ANY readers out there who were at the meeting or know who built the wee CCCP DC-3, please drop a line to DENS25403@MYPACKS.NET so I too can know, and perhaps attempt to credit in a future publication?





Now for something completely on target, albeit not obvious to the uninitiated in fictional space lore.

How does this 1/72 scale Star Wars “Evil Empire” fighter space craft fit exactly into “Twins” competition ? So easily.

Likely no matter what else you know or recall beyond this, most of you readers have some notion this vehicle is called the TIE Fighter...which it so happens, translates to **T**win **I**on **E**ngine **F**ighter, can't be more on target than that, hey?



Here is a clue to what the actual size of TIE Fighter translates to “our real world”, as this FAV C-47 is same scale as it is.

Now also directly speaks to who the master of both these creations is, namely our own Gabriel Lee.

I didn't think to ask him if his TIE Fighter is from the Hugo Chavez Volunteer Wing, damn it. Since he and I would have been in X-wing adversary squadrons, likely it would be a moot point in the end.

Just like to “embellish” my kill markings with detail is all.

If my recollection is correct, that is a Fine Molds kitting for the TIE.

Italeri's "old" molding was source for Gabriel's C-47.

Or was it the ESCI kit ?

All that I have memory of is that Gabriel said this was an oldie but still goodie. Both of the kits I have experience with, so recommend as well

Just wish that recording of those specifics here wasn't a blank on my part, for it later might come in handy when others read this, and we're not near or here to ask.

Just like these FAV decals, as our Mr Lee is a veritable fount of great references for Latin American air forces.

Especially on fine sheets of decals that not everyone gets the word out

about, or if they do, in time to be useful looking to buy them before they're out of print. Seeing at this point that all the judging had already taken place, time for me to say; *Now, on to WINNERS!*



JUNE *Twins* THIRD PLACE for "Twin Ion Engine (TIE) Fighter" Gabriel Lee



JUNE *Twins* SECOND PLACE for “ Russki M4A2 ”
Laramie Wright



JUNE *Twins* FIRST PLACE for “ Sahara (movie) Lulubelle M3 ”
Laramie Wright

YOU MOTHER – JUNE 2016 SVSM Member’s Contest Theme



A rare and creative direction for competition with a wry titling ! Will be aeronautical in approach, but requires some forethought as you must plan for Mother & Child. Check it out.

Per Member who came up with this fiendishly fun scale fight, qualifying contesting entries are listed below.

Note, they **must be finished** to be award eligible, and **“in combo”**, **not single ships**. Pylon references plus any requisite modeler tech to produce, not considered being outside your skill sets by the Member Sponsor.

LIST:

EB-29 + (X-1, X-2, D-558-II, XF-85) (Actual designation for “Fertile Myrtle”=P2B-1S)

EB-50 + (X-1, X-2)

NB-52 + (X-15, X-24A, X-24B, M2F2, M2F3, HL-10, Pegasus)

L1011 + Pegasus LV

Short Mayo Composite (Seaplane, AirMail Service)

DC-130 + (Firebee drones, other Ryan products of more “secret” nature)

747 Shuttle Taxi + (Shuttle Orbiter)

SpaceShip One & White Knight

German Mistels (real or proposed) series

Short Mayo Composite (Maia-Mercury)

FICON (RF or F-84 with GRB-36)

JB-36 Ferry (in transport of XB-58)

Tupelov ANT TB-1, TB-3 Zveno Project

Lockheed M-12/GTD-21 Blackbird combo

Project Tip Tow EB-29/EF-84 combo

Project Tom Tom B-36/EF-84 combo

Leduc 022 with her mothership

Byrd’s Antarctic Land Cruiser with Staggerwing

B-52 with GTD-21B

Dornier with Me-328

I-19, I-21, I-25 (sub carrier plus E14Y Glen)

I-400 (sub carrier plus Aichi Seiran floatplane bomber)

G4M Betty (when outfitted with an Ohka suicide bomber)

Sponsoring member suggests reference to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother_ship for anyone seeking additional guidance or an idea where maritime/land options lie.

There you have it, now get two it ! You have a year (more or less) to get ‘er done.

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Scale Model Contest and Exhibition



Sunday, September 27 2015

Milpitas Community Center 457 E Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas, California 9am - 5pm

50 Categories of Competition in Aircraft, Autos, Figures, Ships, Military Vehicles, Space & Fictional, and Paper Kits !



" THE GOOD GERMAN "
 (anything German or directly related)



NEW Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are:

“ The Desert Fox ” Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

“ Vengeance Is Mine ” (three awards for: Best “Marine”, Best V-Weapon, Best “Bulge” (not limited to German either)

“ A New Germany “ Award for Best Post 1945 German subject

Plus these: “ At Dawn’s Early Light ”, “ Best Straight Wing Jet ”, “ Mightiest Mercedes ” “ Best 1/48 WW2 A/C “

Also: Vendors, a raffle and other fun items announced on day of event!

Free Admission to all spectators!

Contestant Entry: \$ 10 for modelers 18 & older w/ TEN model entries or less (\$1 each additional entry) All modelers 17/under. FREE/unlimited entries

For Vendor Information, contact Lou Orselli by phone at (510) 481-7335 **VALID CA SALES TAX PERMIT REQUIRED**

Email Contest Director Mick Burton directly at DAZE61283@mypacks.net with “Tri City 11 Contest” on subject line

LITTLE OUTLINES of CLUB CONTESTS for SUMMER/FALL

SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME August 2015 "Spirit of '45/It's The Bomb"

It is the 70th anniversary of August Atomic Annihilation of Imperial Japanese Aggression, and end of Second World War that is celebrated locally as "The Spirit of '45". In that vein, all subjects from 1945 eligible of course. Since the Dawn of the Atomic Age is also 70 years old this year, all directly nuclear related subjects are also welcome to play.

This is not limited to only early or USA materials, please be encouraged to model up French, British, Soviet atomic articles if that's your yen. *Little Boy, Fat Man, Atomic Annie, Davy Crockett, Force de Frappe, Tsar Bomba ...* all in

SVSM PRESIDENT'S CONTEST THEME September 2015 "Focke Wulf Fall"

The exact 'elaboration' to me by President Woolson: Self explanatory. Keep in mind also, TriCity 11 at end of month



SVSM PRESIDENT'S CONTEST THEME October 2015 "Keep On Truckin' "

The most basic 'elaboration' for now: Civilian, Military trucks in all forms. Emergency vehicles like Tow & Fire truck

SVSM EDITOR'S CONTEST THEME November 2015 "Get Tanked"

The most basic 'elaboration' for now: This is the "birth year of the Tank". Armored with that knowledge, finish up ! The exact interpretation for me allows one to play in the prior month's club contest themed by President Woolson, with a few clever turns of the wheel. Think along the lines of TEXACO, WHITE TRUCK COMPANY or M29C... or if you still aren't getting it, for the aircrafters one way to play in this yard is think KA-3, KC-135, KC-97, get it now?

-Mickb

PLEASE SHARE THE JOY OF OUR HOBBY AND FRIENDS

Because it seems sometimes more than a few forget this :

THE ONE TRUE RULE OF MODELLING (if ever there is).

*If you're having fun,
Then you're doing it right.*

