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SVSM Club Meets ReCap and Near Term Forecast:



*Allowed A Repeat of Smashing July Meet 2019 ? **NO.***

EDITOR MUSES ON PAST CLUB CONTEST DIFFICULTIES FACED, WITH AN EXEMPLARY ARTICLE NOW, FROM THE GENT SEEN LOWER RIGHT LAST YEAR!

Many thanks again to "Sci Fi Mike" Schwarze for this timely submission *(continues page 3)*



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



“ NO END IN SIGHT EDITORIAL EDITION ”

YES, YOU ARE CORRECT THIS JULY LETTER IS BEING PUBLISHED LATE IN THE MONTH TOO 😞

ENEMY ON ISLAND – ISSUE IN DOUBT

WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND HE IS US

BECAUSE

THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR

IS FEAR ITSELF

Many thanks to Cmdr W.S. Cunningham, Walt Kelly & FDR for these useful quotes

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Meanwhile Your Cranky and Aggravated Editor will continue to carry his papers on his person at all times to make sure that he can show proof he has permission to travel to his daily work which is deemed essential. Where he is considered to be “at risk at all times” and working with “very high risk vulnerable population” Of which demographic he too is a member and also recognizes what life is, even without Gov. Nuisance’s not so solid assistance here and his fairly difficult to pin down specifics on just when the “stand down” can be forecast... Let’s hope we don’t have to rely on more of these “oops, flawed studies released too soon” for help

NOW HEAR THIS !

SVSM’s “ Shooting Stars ” Club Contest Retry

*Is On HIATUS UNTIL SOME FUTURE DATE
For Assembly & Final Judgment*

Until next newsletter then, Editor signs off,- mick fini



THE DIORAMIC CURVE LOOPHOLE ...OR, JUST LET IT GO BOB, LET IT GO..

It has come to our attention that under the rules of the Beginner's M-O-A-B (Model-Out-of-A-Box) contest that dioramas, are by strict definition of the contest rules, allowable.

However, is as much, we would like to bring some clarity to the afore mentioned potential dioramic entry:

*The Out-of-the-box model must be the clear focus of the diorama

*Any other part of the diorama are *accessories*.

*Accessories *may* be scratch-build but *no* more complex than a watering can.

*...And they must be integral to the diorama's story.

*All figure/accessories used must not be altered for their inclusion and display in the diorama

*Entries will be based upon the adherence and *spirit* of the rule and sub-rules above.

“Are there any questions?”

“Yes ‘Bob’, we have a question?”

“I see. Well, Bob, you must understand the judging criteria we’ve used... Yes, yes, I’m getting to that! Just... Yes, ...Yes. We understand that also. Yes, *and* that. Now we all here agree that your 1/35th scale chicken, *is* out-of-the-box and we also agree it is *the focus* of the diorama. However...

No, no, we agree the painting job is lovely ...and accurate for a French Ardennes chicken of that period... However....may I *please* continue? However... While we feel that the chicken *is* out-of-the-box, and clearly *the focus* of the diorama...the 3 surrounding Panzer tanks, armor, and support crews are heavily modified, and *each* contain over 700 custom-etched brass parts... and...

Now, Now, Bob! Calm down. Calm down... let me finish.... And while we *also* agree that your surrounding 4 x 8 foot diorama is a very detail and a wonderful piece, (how did you even get that in the door upright?) We’re afraid that we’re going to have to award the prize to young Timmy here and his snap-tite Power Ranger kit.

Bob...Bob! Yes, *Yessss*, we *did* also look at your 1/3rd scale F-15 seated pilot as well. And as resin, he *is* out-of-the-box as well.....however, the *surrounding* hyper-detailed F-15 tends to fall in the same category of over-detailed accessories. And besides, you couldn’t even remove him from the cockpit, because you super-glued him in. (*How* did you get that in the door too?!)

Yes....Yes.... we agreed that Tom Dinkleberg won 2005’s contest as well...and yes, he built a snap-tite car ...*because it was out-of-the-box!* And he moved to Seattle anyway *in 2007!* ...Why do you keep bringing that up? He’s not even here.

Wha...What?!? Fine. Yes. Please. By all means... file a complaint with the IPMS over our ‘infraction’ of the *in-house* contest.

...Any *other group* questions?”

Mike Schwarze-fini

The Silicon Valley Classic VII "TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT"



IPMS Region 9

SEPTEMBER 26 2020 NAPREDAK HALL 770 MONTAGUE EXPY. SAN JOSE CA. 95131

1920's racing vehicles of all types (land, sea, air), military recon subjects, spy aircraft, space, Aerospace vehicle or subjects that pushed the limits of technology or drew negative feedback from others, early stealth projects, super weapons, WWII aircraft that saw service in Korea & Vietnam, fire fighting aircraft, China Lake, Point Magu, Tyndell AFB, Holloman AFB, White Sands Missile Range, Red Flag, UCAV/UAV's, Land Speed vehicles.

9AM DOORS OPEN "Free spectator admission" 12 NOON REGISTRATION CLOSES, 1:05 judges meeting, 3:30 Awards

Free Make N Take model building for kids being held all day. Gourmet food truck serving food & drinks for lunch. Two raffles held at 11AM & 2PM. Competition open to the public (IPMS MEMBER OR NOT) in 47 categories of senior (18 & UP), 9 youth (13-17), sub junior (12 & under). (SWEEP ALLOWED) SENIOR \$12 UNLIMITED NUMBER OF MODELS, \$5 FLAT FEE

PLEASE NOTE Due to safety restrictions within the contest venue we can not accommodate models or vendors that require wall power. Small battery power models are ok.

Vendor table sales and other contest related information please contact the contest director. Tables are on a first come basis and limited to two tables per person and non refundable or transferable. NO EXCEPTIONS. Valid state of California tax form/permit required and must be present at event.

"The following awards will be awarded to a model that best fits the title, flavor, or the person would find of interest and does not have to be a 1-2-3 place winner"

"Best Competition Auto"

"The Steve & Anita Travis subject award"

"Atlantis reissued model kit" (must be built out of the box with instructions present)

CONFIRMED FOR NEW FALL SEASON DATE (Earlier Spring Date Postponed)

AND NOW, FURTHER UPDATES FROM THE CONTEST DIRECTOR, VP Mike Woolson:

As for Silicon Valley Classic news everything is on track for September 26th.

I have been in contact with the current president for the Monterey Bay chapter to reinstate their award for a 1/48th scale subject.

This year we will also be awarding a special award sponsored by [Frank Beltran](#) and wife Miriam for the Best Vietnam Subject that covers the entire conflict and subjects of land, sea, air.


JUST TO CLEAR SOMETHING UP

Several people have inquired about another award I added for SVC VII. The award for the "BEST ATLANTIS MODELS REISSUE SUBJECT" The models entered:

- #1 Must be built out of the box with instructions present.
- #2 Antennas, rigging or other details cannot be added even if they were made from kit sprue plastic
- #3 Panel lines and other details may be sanded off and or re-scribed.
- #4 All entries must be Atlantis kit produced/released prior to July 4th 2020. I think that covers it.

My idea for this category is to put aside counting rivets and have fun building models like when we were all kids

OKAY, IN THE REMOTE, OFF CHANCE
YOU HAVE NOT GOTTEN NOTIFICATION



**21ST ANNUAL
MODEL CONTEST**
THEME:
THE COLD WAR

SWAP MEET • 2 BIG RAFFLES

Date: Saturday - October 3rd, 2020 - 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Location: Reno Elks Lodge 597 - 597 Kumie Ln - Reno, Nevada
Entry Fee: Free to All Non-Entrants - \$5.00 for First Model - \$1.00 for Each Additional Model
Chapter Contact: - Douglas Summers (775) 835-0140 - ghpltd@att.net
Visit us at www.renohighrollers.com

THIS EVENT **NOW CANCELLED**
WITH AN EFFORT TO RESCHEDULE 2021
HOWEVER , THERE'S TWO STILL ON ...

3rd Annual

MODEL EXPO & OPEN COCKPIT DAY

ABOARD THE USS HORNET SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Saturday, October 24, 2020 - 10 AM to 4 PM

Desert Classic XXIV

IPMS Region 8

Saturday October 31st 2020

Presented by
The
Antelope Valley Group
IPMS AVG



Event Location:
Antelope Valley College
3041 W. Avenue K, Lancaster CA
Cafeteria Entrance

This Year's Theme:
"The Italian Job"

Categories

Provisions for Spills provided as required

1. Helicopters, All Scales & Types
2. Aircraft; Biplanes, All Scales & Types
3. Aircraft 1/73 & Smaller
4. Aircraft 1/72 Prop
5. Aircraft 1/72 Multi Engine Prop
6. Aircraft 1/72 Jet
7. Aircraft 1/48 Allied Prop
8. Aircraft 1/48 Axis Prop
9. Aircraft 1/48 Jet
10. Aircraft 1/32 & Larger
11. Ships: All Scales & Types
12. Submarines: All Scales & Types
13. Military Vehicles Small Scale 1/36 & Smaller All Types
14. Tanks: Allied -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger)
15. Tanks: Axis -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger)
16. Tanks: 1946 - Present (1/35 & Larger)
17. Artillery* & Open Top Self Propelled Guns (1/35 & larger)
18. Military Vehicles Tracked (1/35 & Larger)
19. Military Vehicles Wheeled (1/35 & Larger)
20. Auto Factory & Replica Stock
21. Auto Street Machine & Hot Rods
22. Auto Cruisers, Customs, Low Riders
23. Auto Competition Straight & Oval Track
24. Auto: Miscellaneous
25. Figures: Historical
26. Figures: Fantasy / Sci-Fi Biologic Types
27. Dioramas: All Compositions
28. Vignettes
29. Mechs / Robots / Sci-Fi & Real Space: Hardware
30. Miscellaneous
31. Tom Daniel
32. Jurassic Plastic
33. Juniors: 17 & Under

Notes: * Category 17: Artillery is All Types and Scales

Special Awards

Theme Award: "The Italian Job"
Best of Show
President's Award
X-Plane Award
75th Anniversary VJ Day
Red October
Spooky Award
Best Auto Paint & Finish

Schedule:

09:00-12:30 Registration
1:00-3:30 Judging
3:30-4:30 Awards Presentation

Fees:

Parking: \$0.50 charged by College (May be waived)
Adult: \$12.00 up to 3 entries,
\$1.00 ea. per additional entry,
\$2.00 discount for IPMS Members.
Juniors: FREE
Spectators: FREE
Vendors: \$45.00 Per table (reserved), \$50.00 at the door.

Vendor Contacts:

Vendor Contact:
<http://www.avg-ipms.org>

Curtis Stidham (661) 267-0089 cstidham@abcalabel.net

7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING 8:00 PM SHARP

FRIDAY

JULY 17 (CANCELLED)

At

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd

Milpitas, CA

