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URGENT NEWS SPECIAL SECOND MARCH ISSUE!

NOW, SHALL WE TRY THIS AGAIN, MINUS GIFTS ?



THAT' s RIGHT, NOT KIDDING HERE !

The March 18th 2022 SVSM Meeting at the Milpitas Police Department Comm. Room, HAS BEEN RE-INSTATED ☺

We are approved to assemble at the locale we last met at in December 2021, and you are all invited. JUST WEAR A MASK, OK

*Editor Makes His Try Getting News Out
Let's see on page 4*

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

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“ IN FIRST QUARTER OF NEW YEAR , NOW HAVE SOME BETTER NEWS ”

THANK YOU to SVSM PRESIDENT Ron Wergin for making this come to pass

Ron has been faithfully filling in for our stalwart warrior Mr. Kent McClure, who has been exemplary in many ways, one key way being in his consistency finding time every month for years to make sure the Milpitas Police Department Comm. Room has been ours for the 3rd Friday. Kent was dealing with urgent priorities for several months of late, and helped get Ron set up with information to negotiate a means to keep us afloat while he was busy. You may not realize the fragility of our meeting bookings process. We have never had many Milpitas based members. Know that it was originally Randy Ray and Eric McClure (Kent's brother) who had secured this location for us, from their Western AMPS experiences, years ago when we had a sudden loss of customary meeting site.

The point being, unless you're a Milpitas resident (and can prove it if asked) you don't get priority access or long term booking privileges. Kent has been our sole member in this status for a while. It was because of his excellent relationship already established, followed up with Ron's excellent diplomacy in getting the bureaucracy to allow him standing in for our Milpitas Man, that has enabled us to weather the pandemic vagaries in spite of other obstacles. Oh, don't think there isn't competition in this gambit. More than once the Girl Scouts (YES, NOT KIDDING) have gleefully taken the 3rd Friday at this locale and our former one, as their rightful space in time. So it's not exactly a gentleman's game to make this effort. Keep in mind that Kent and President Ron do this on an unpaid basis with utmost professionalism and attentive care.

Ron has also been facilitating an online meeting presence for SVSM all along as well, which helps too with club health.

Still, in most reasonable estimates, it's the “in person, hands on meetings” that all our clubs survive on if not thrive on.

If it were not so, hell, we could just have all our meetings and conventions from here on out “virtually” and dispense with the bother of all this, or putting up with people we may share a common interest in modelling with, but oh my god they may have opinions or manners that don't agree with us and my god with the online community you can solve that “problem”!

Yes, an elegant “solution”. Same worked great when modelers flocked to the online hobby shops to avoid those shops that didn't see fit to lose their shirts discounting to match prices found on the internet. Until one day, some of those “smarter” modelers went outside to see their buddies again at ye olde hobby shop, in a fit of wishing for some face time. Only to find that how rude, the shop was no longer in business. Or didn't cater to “their kind of modelling” any more, and wasn't keen on discussing “returning to those shelves of kits and paints” or having the clueless hanging about bemoaning, either. Huh!

So, now we again get to enjoy the MPD site, with lessening restrictions and likelihood in near enough future we can even approach the “norm” we long took for granted. Kent has confirmed to me this week that our April 2022 meeting date for this facility has been approved. Proving my faith in stating last editorial :Dreams don't die if hope is not lost. - **mick fini**

THIS IS A SPECIAL EDITION MARCH OSS 2ND ISSUE, PUBLISHED 3-12-22. 1ST EDITION WAS 3-7-22

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT VERY IMPORTANT NEWS TO READ

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND EITHER MARCH 2022 MEET FOR SVSM

AT THE GAME KASTLE OR THE MPD COMMUNITY ROOM

BE ADVISED NOW

MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER

ALSO

BE ADVISED THAT THE GAME KASTLE IS HAVING RENOVATIONS DONE DURING THE SPRING MONTHS TO THEIR LARGE GAME ROOM

SO

OUR MEETING ROOM IS A SHARED SPACE WITH LIMITED SEATING FIRST COME FIRST SERVE WITH NO GUARANTEE ALSO AMBIENT NOISE WILL LIKELY IMPACT SOME OF THE BUSINESS PORTION OF MEET

OTHER IMPORTANT LATE BREAKING NEWS YOU CAN USE !!!

OUR LONG TIME GOOD FRIENDS UP NORTH ARE TRYING TO GET FUNDS RAISED TO PUT TOGETHER POTENTIAL FOR THEIR OWN RETURN TO THE COMPETITION AND SHOW CIRCUIT. IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN TO THEIR SHOWS OR THEIR AUCTIONS, YOU KNOW WHAT A GREAT TIME IS HAD

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING THE TRIP TO BE PART OF THIS EVENT THEY MAKE OUR EVENTS AS ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS, BE A MODEL CITIZEN!

IPMS Santa Rosa

Annual Model Auction

When: April 9th, 2022 at 7:00pm

Where: Petaluma Round Table Pizza
227 S McDowell Blvd, Petaluma, CA 94954
(in the Washington Square Shopping Center)

Everyone is welcome.

- IPMS Santa Rosa will buy the first round of Pizza & Soft Drinks.
- There is a Beer & Wine Bar available (for wallet lubrication) at your personal expense. (The club cannot provide alcoholic beverages).
- We ask that the members and other attendees donate kits, books, tools, or anything model related for auction and all proceeds go to benefit the club.
- Donated kits must be complete and in good condition, If there are any issues with the kit, please mark them clearly with a Post-it Note so that the information can be announced.
- Started Kits are allowed ONLY if a minimal amount of work has been done and it is clearly marked as such.

It will be a great time! See you there!

For more information, directions, or to just chat, please contact Randy or Jack:

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7:30 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 9:45 PM SHARP*

MEETING REINSTATED for

3rd FRIDAY of Month

MARCH 18 (at OUR OLD MEETING SITE)*

at

COMMUNITY ROOM

MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

***Please review rules on Editorial Page before you attend**

1275 N Milpitas Boulevard

Milpitas, CA

+ DON'T FORGET WE STILL HAVE 2nd Meet FOR MONTH

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THIS PLAN IS STILL ON for

4th MONDAY of Month

MARCH 28 (again at COMPLETELY NEW SITE)

At

COMMUNITY ROOM

GAME KASTLE

1350 Coleman Avenue

Santa Clara, CA

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