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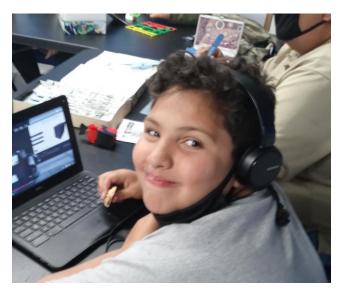


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APRIL TWO BUSY MEETS, 1 GREAT CONUNDRUM!



Editor Makes Both, Begins Second Quarter With Problem of Finding Fittingly Proper Coverage . Let's see page 3





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

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" AS A MATTER OF FACT, EDITORIAL SPACE IS JUST THAT. MAY BE ENTIRELY OFF IN ANOTHER WORLD "

As occasionally or not so much, this Editor could be found going out into "unrelated" territory when writing for this space. Well, it's an opinion territory not a rigid outline subject to oversight, constitutional review and nor even held to having to be "polite" or "nice". Oh sure, I can already hear the "learned and degreed" among others grumbling or off to produce some journalistic truncheon to reduce me to common slag. Or maintain some subsection of Club Fed rules & regs exist that I am either ignorant of or studiously ignoring, probably with some evil dark likely even extreme letter borne conspiracy intent. Undoubtedly, it could never be just being fed up with first world nincompoopism becoming the rule of society, Watching the result of that year after year erode while those supposed second, third and beyond worlds either go their own way knowing we are new Empire with no clothes expecting eternal sunshine and respect well because ...it's us

It's another election year, though the whole concept of much difference left the building about 2 decades and counting ago So expect that the fomenting of everything to set one against another with utter surety and righteousness to achieve heights (more like depths, really, Marianas Trench now the shallows...), I will try to resist going to swiftly for the cheap shots here as much as I find possible. With some of the conflicts underway now, sobering doses of reality aren't hard to intake.

But yes, perhaps to bring this somewhat to a "relevant to model club business for an editorial" point, we didn't have any Elections this spring like we have had for last few years pre-society turning upside down for last 2 years, for the club. If our 4 times now held in abeyance comes to pass anytime in the coming months, we'll likely have a call to elect a board as that was our usual practice. However for now, the E Board of SVSM such as it is comprised has agreed to stay in place to keep things rational until we reach shore again, as we say. Anyone wishing to consider taking a post though encouraged to let some of us know ahead, in case we can help you with the pesky details of how these whole admin/exec stuff goes on.

I may even try for my "Ace" status and run for President of this outfit one more time if no one else runs past my couch fast enough. ANYWAYS, enjoy this weather this life we have and those models we have so many to choose from these days!

Below, please note, MIRANDCO has been at it again, having gotten word that those great folks down in Lancaster (AVG) are totally defying reports of their demise and PLANNING TO RESUME HOSTING THEIR DESERT CLASSIC in Fall. Although I had as potential last hope of a date for returning to helm the TriCity Classic 14 which that date below was latt one, it was always the AVG and Modelzona date window and I am very happy to have that returned to my world. Well, another day forward another chance more good news will arrive from somewhere - mick fini

ANTELOPE VALLEY IPMS HOME CLUB CALENDAR DESERT CLASSIC NEWSLETTERS MORE ...

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Mark your calendar! Desert Classic is back! After two years of hiatus, we are happy to announce that we plan to have the Desert Classic on October 29th, 2022. The theme will be "ZOO in 2022". The theme implies any model with a name related to an animal or an insect, like Mustang, Hornet, Cougar, Bull, Camel, Tiger, (You name it) etc. It will be held at the Desert Christian High School in Lancaster CA. *Located at 2340 W. Ave J-8, Lancaster CA 93526*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT VERY IMPORTANT NEWS TO READ IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND EITHER NEXT MEETING OF 2022 FOR SVSM AT MPD COMMUNITY ROOM THIS 3RD FRIDAY AT GAME KASTLE COMMUNITY ROOM THIS 4TH MONDAY BE ADVISED NOW (THESE ARE THE RULES WE HAVE TO ENFORCE) MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER



Editor attempts to provide passable coverage of great pair of meetings 10 days apart in April (from page 1)

Well, we began having two meets in a month in late 2021, and it has evolved as you see here.

The Game Kastle in Santa Clara provides us this grand space on 4th Monday of the month.

Since March, we have begun again sharing of space with the game shop regulars because of major reconstruction going on in larger space next door. However, we get the lion's share of the room, and as you see, we take it happily.

While we have done Model Talk here, it's an ideal space for a "buildfest" and that's more often how our meets work out. Show up, sit down, start cutting, sanding, filling, painting, building, what have you whilst you converse or listen in, as you see fit.

We have already gained a regular new guest, who sits with Cliff Kranz for the duration. anytime Cliff shows up. Other times, he just calmly watches us at our hobby.



In case you're wondering, that's Editor's post, the empty seat with a newsletter in production, below.



Also if you're wondering, here above and on the right, patiently working away, is **Ken Miller**.

This time out, Ken's handily at a Monogram kitting of what was a Rockwell X-30 NASP testbed. It was called "Orient Express" by President Ronald Reagan when it was commissioned. A future HST for Washington DC to Tokyo in a 2 hour flight. This reissue named so with new decals, but really the 2 seat tech demo design, that did not see flight. Still very cool. Ken graciously endures the crankiness of the Editor every time he comes to this meeting. Plus whiles away at his great Chevelle project, too.





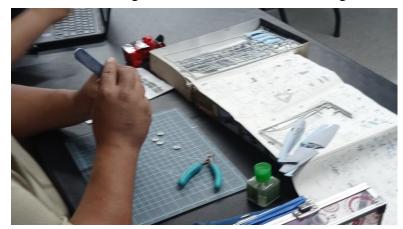
Cliff Kranz this time out, was avidly working up his model of a vehicle he once trustily drove to Fremont and SVSM meets, he reminded Editor. Cliff also had his delicious home made choc chips on hand, mmm.





Mike Schwarze also back underway with his Blackbeard and a project I am sorry, I failed to identify, looks faintly arachnid.

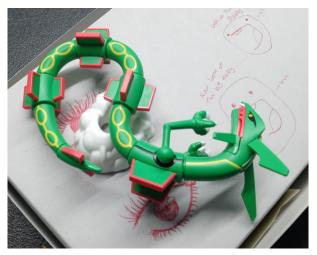
Dave Balderrama, making DML's Ar-234B do his bidding...





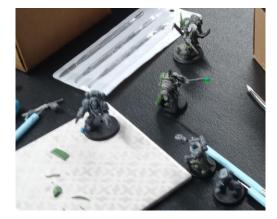
Mariah C. made short work of this Bandai snap tite kit of the Pokemon GO "*Rayquaza*", with little assist from one **Max B**. and Editor **Mick B**. It was Mick's kit, but as she pointed out, as he was too busy grumping and taking pictures, so practical thing here was for her to "get 'er done" Brilliant, lass.



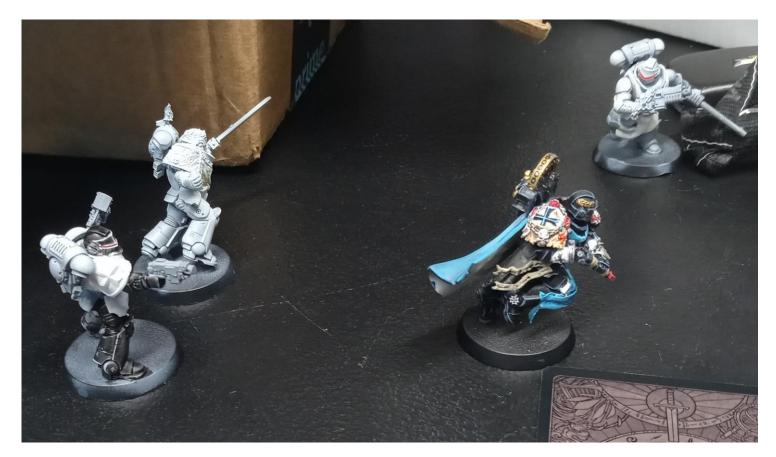


Also brilliant was the work being undertaken by the **Rhetta Brothers, Adam** and **Aaron**.

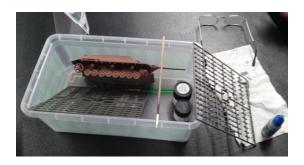
As ever, quietly working away with their exquisite results evident, so speaking for themselves.







While you take in this fine detail work here of Aaron and Adam, I'll sneak in a peek ahead of what their dad was doing





That sword blade, my picture is no way imparting the magically engaging finish achieved here.

Pleasure to witness it underway!





Jim Rhetta had this WW2 Jagdpanther in process with gusto. Dad Jim was rapidly getting those links in a painted posture, so ready thus to assemble.

Alright, that's best I can manage for giving you an idea how April SVSM meet at Game Kastle went. Thank you all again for showing & going.

Now, on cover and another below, I have a shot of earlier April SVSM Meet. One at our MPD Comm. Room locale. As you regular readers likely know, I put together an article account of all that fun, in the March/April 2022 TAMS (The AfterMarket Sheet).

So if you're looking for that news, there's where you find it. I created that publication in 2012, just for times like these where I needed the extra room

Okay, so next will be the well deserved 2 Model Of the Month winners for April. CONGRATS! -mb





Congratulations to Bob Meyers

FOR WINNING APRIL MODEL OF THE MONTH





7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 10:00 PM SHARP* <u>MEETING ON for</u>

3rd FRIDAY of Month

MAY 20 (at OUR OLD MEETING SITE)*

at <u>COMMUNITY ROOM</u> MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Please review rules on Editorial Page before you attend

1275 N Milpitas Boulevard Milpitas, CA HOWEVER, DON'T COUNT US OUT FOR MONTH

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

THIS PLAN IS STILL ON for

4th MONDAY of Month MAY 23 (again at COMPLETELY NEW SITE)

At COMMUNITY ROOM

GAME KASTLE 1350 Coleman Avenue Santa Clara, CA

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