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## TRULY IT WAS AN ABSOLUTELY AUGUST MEET



**GOT FOLKS TO ROLL ON IN and ENJOY THE LAST MONTH OF SUMMER's FUN**

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**Games, Toys and Collectibles (GTC)**, located at **18 South A Street in San Jose**. It's a mostly Gundam store, but they're expanding their tool section.

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Thanks ever so much to "dual passporter" Bob Meyers here, for his effort to restart our MPD Meeting Raffle opportunity. It was well received, all three prizes left to new homes, and club treasury earned \$\$.

Also SHOUT OUT to **HOBBIES UNLIMITED** for providing means-mb and now...the minutes you've been waiting for:

At the August meeting, Aaron Rhetta let us in on a new hobby shop:

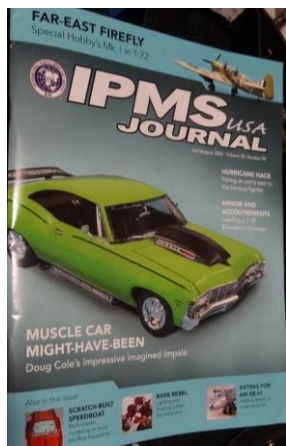


*Editor's Ravings* – this month's editor, Mick Burton



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**“ A MOVE IN TIME and THUMBS UP on JOURNAL ”**



*With this issue just in time thanks to work and my fading on finding a suitable editorial fill here, now came another fabulous issue of the “Club Fed” (IPMS USA in my slang) which I just ran through a reading of.*

*In this edition the cover model is an intriguing “what if” Chevy Impala muscle car, inside there’s a sweet bit of scratchbuilding an Italian racing boat and accompanying trailer, custom tow pickup. Plus someone’s excellent tribute to the legendary “Bondo Phil” Brandt, a build of a VACFORM XB-51 inspired by writer’s encounter with a 2003 online article of Phil’s work on same old Execuform kit, absolutely excellent work.*

*Yes there’s also plenty of excellent “real stuff” including a 2 seat Hurricane and Far East Firefly models. With also a great writeup reminding us what experience of “Club Med” (your local model club my slang) paraphrasing no less than founder of IPMS USA, thoughts that ring so true still today, that it’s splendid.*

*If you’re not a NATS IPMS member, here’s a another excellent reason to join, you’ll get this back issue -mb*

(AN AUGUST NIGHT FINISH FROM page 8)

The red color was created by spraying Mr. Color red over a pink primer.



And the model of the month went to... **Bob Meyers** and enormous Andy's Hobbies/Das Werk M4A5E8 Sherman in 1:16 scale.

Bob used only the mouth and eye decals to replicate a Korean War “Tiger Force” Sherman, and painted the rest of the face and stripes by hand using Mig acrylics. The face on his model took about nine hours of work.



Our contest, “**Corvette Summer**,” drew three entries.

In third place, with UPC 1964 Corvette, was **Cliff Kranz**. Cliff started the model when he was 15, and made some modifications to the frame, but it’s been on his shelf of doom since 1966!

In second place, with his 2010 Goodwrench racing Corvette, was **Bob Meyers**. Bob received the model as a gift from his wife, and so he had to build it! He ran a wash along the edges of the car to weather it a bit and get

the detail to show beneath a heavy layer of decals.

And the winner was **Greg Plummer**, with his Monogram VetteAgain conversion! The starting point was a Tom Taylor-designed custom that Greg lowered, put on a modified Jetta frame, and equipped with 24-inch wheels. The model was painted in a custom mate dull greenish-blue, with metallic blue flames on the hood. – *chris fini*

**Editor's P.S.** As I ran out of room to properly document the “*Corvette Summer Deux*” August Club Contest, and I wanted to show some more (and larger) shots of Eugenie’s “humorous saucer” from the Nationals, I am going to have a supplement to the August MPD meet coverage in the upcoming TAMS. Bee seeing you – *mick*



**August Starts Here (cont'd from pg 1)**

In model talk...

**Cliff Kranz** brought in the new Takom 1:16 M50A1 Ontos, which is a small subject in a big scale. He and his brother are each building one.

Cliff also had the Revell Mooneyes dragster, built from the very welcome Atlantis re-issue, along with the trailer from the original issue, and a pair of Mickey Thompson dragsters from Revell.

One built with one of the kit's standard engines and the other a conjectural racer equipped with Cliff's own modifications.





**John Jew** built Tamiya's Sherman and was very pleased with the fit. He used metal tracks, and the kit tracks were then available to be used as stowage. John complemented the tank with three Tamiya figures.



**Kent McClure** has finished his Hawk Freddie Flameout, finishing it with bloodshot eyes and bad teeth, plus modifications to his plane including drop tanks and a scratch-built control panel. Kent also had works in progress that included a Fine Molds SM-3, a SuperModel Re. 2000 in 1:72, a Polish C41 artillery tractor and a 1:72 Humber Hornet. Kent has his Airfix Mk. I tank finished, and he also has a 1:76 Universal Carrier well under way. His 1:76 Land Rover will be part of his *Dr. Who* collection, while his red M113 Italian Police APC is inspired by the *Star Trek* episode "Bread and Circuses."





**Frank Babbitt** brought the models he had on display at the Spirit of '45 event on August 12, starting with an Arado Ar 240A-0 built from the Revell kit. His newly-finished Airfix P-51D is finished in Very Long Range (VLR) markings; he swapped Academy landing gear struts and a vacuformed canopy for the kit's deficient parts. His B-17G came from the Hasegawa kit; Frank backdated the tail gun position and un-staggered the waist guns to make an earlier block aircraft. His Me 262B and Hurricane Mk. II both came from Heller kits, and his Ki-15 is from the old but still very good Mania kit.

Frank nearly finished a Tamiya Fw 190D-9 in time for the event; he's using it as a test bed for Ammo by Mig paint. Frank's also finished his Heller 1:48 Entendard in Argentinian colors. He used a resin ejection seat and borrowed some stores and decals from the Kinetic kit.



**Eugenie Taylor-Ray's** U.F.O. diorama's wiring worked as planned, helping her to win a second in Humor in Modeling and one of the Six Flags Over Texas special awards at the Nationals.

She painted the model a metallic green copper, forgoing the color shifting paint she planned to use because it kept clogging her airbrush.

The batteries were found to last for 30 hours with conservative blinking (more frantic blinking – activated by a magnet on a wand! – drained the batteries faster).



**Randy Ray's** 1:72 Copper State Models Lancia 1ZM armored car is finished, and it took an award at the nationals despite the turret popping off in transit! He painted the model with Tamiya paints and weathered it with AK and Mig weathering products.



**Riley Kitchener** built Italeri's C-47 Skytrain as "That's All, Brother!" which is now restored and flying and flew pathfinders to Normandy on D-Day.



The model was finished with MRP paints, Kits World decals and replacement propellers from Quickboost. Also on the table was Riley's first – and possibly last! – motorcycle model, a Tamiya 1:12 Honda Fireblade, which had a lot of tedious detail painting that tried Riley's patience.

**John Carr** is working on his rendition of Tamiya's new Panzer IV/70A; he commended the kit's great engineering, saying the model was 70 percent finished after just four nights of work.



**Dave Balderrama** received a command to build the 1967 Impala owned by his uncle, and he's on the job. He was amazed at the optional level of trim detail differences, which are forcing him to scrounge some from a 4-door kit and hubcaps from a '61 Impala.



**Brian Geyer** was less than impressed by Trumpeter's 1:32 F-100D Super Sabre; he says the fit is poor and the directions are vague, and it took three weeks just to build the engine! Once the difficulties are overcome, he says, it will be an impressive model.



**Ron Wergin** had a bad time with the windshield of his "Black Widow" hot rod, only his second car model. Once he fought past the poor fit, he had a mishap with his Future gloss coat – but recovered, like all good modelers do!



**Chris Bucholtz** prepared for the Spirit of '45 event by painting up five 1:72 figures to display with his models – two U.S. Navy pilots from CMK, an Italian ground crewman from Waterloo, a Japanese Navy pilot from Hasegawa and a British Pacific Fleet pilot made from Black Dog legs and hips, a Revell/Prieser torso, a head from AIM and legs from a CMK set! All were painted using enamels.

Chris also displayed four 3D-printed Smilodons, all adjusted to 1:20 scale to match his other prehistoric mammals. Chris said he might start with the reclining Smilodon, which he may portray as a mother watching her cubs.



**Gabriel Lee's** latest Hornet is an EF-18A, built from the Academy kit; it has all its major markings on it, but the next step is the multitude of small data decals.

**Ben Pada** has concluded that AFV Club aircraft kits are hard to build! He has his 1:48 F-5E together, painted and in markings provided on the 2021 IPMS/USA Nationals decal sheets, but he said the model was quite fiddly.



Ben had no such complaints about Arma's new 1:48 Hurricane Mk. I thus far; he has the wing assembled and partially painted, using MRP and AK paints.

**Aaron Rhetta** started with a red original R570-Z Gundam – not Bandai's best, he says! – and cleaned up the seams and added some details.



*(AUGUST Text/ minutes conclude on page 2)*





Congratulations to  
**Bob Meyers**  
FOR WINNING  
AUGUST  
MODEL OF THE MONTH



**7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 10:00 PM SHARP**

**3rd FRIDAY of Month**

**SEPTEMBER 15 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)**

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**

**Milpitas, CA**

***HOWEVER DON'T COUNT US OUT FOR THE MONTH***

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

**4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY of Month (BUILDFEST NITE)**

**SEPTEMBER 25 (at ADDITIONAL meeting site)**

COMMUNITY ROOM

**GAME KASTLE**

**SANTA CLARA**

**1350 Coleman Avenue**

**Santa Clara, CA**

