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

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" EDITOR LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT 2 MEETS"

EDITOR is rejoicing in the fact the next two SVSM meetings basically write themselves in (not really in December's case, still I just work up an analysis and photo array. To support the minutes tale Chris B generates from the index card maelstrom resulting from his tracking gift exchange madness in real time. The Super Auction does sail along with no editorial framing required.

Thusly with some luck, the Editor will get some backlogged material run into finished material, mayhaps even gather enough photos to do "The Sum Of All Fears" Classic justice before more heavy lifting to carry off TC-18 "Top Gun" befalls him – mb

OFFICIAL RULES BELOW: "RULES OF ENGAGEMENT": GIFT "THEFT" EXCHANGE

SVSM DECEMBER 2025 MEET

- 1. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. So show up on time to register AT FRONT DESK**
- 2. MAXIMUM THREE Gifts put in play by any ONE Player present
(Need not be SVSM Member to play, ALLOWED THIS YEAR)**
- 3. MINIMUM RETAIL VALUE EACH GIFT must be 25 US dollars. LABEL YOUR NAME ON GIFT**
- 4. GIFTS IN ORDER TO PLAY must be reasonably pre wrapped, not outrageously "disguised" or otherwise camouflaged, to not take a person all night (that we don't have) to unwrap and continue our game.**
- 5. GIFT TO BE OFFERED IN PLAY should be model oriented, likely to be generally perceived of as an item some several of those present WOULD WANT TO STEAL. Bring item you're mad for, others likely be.**
- 6. ONCE UNWRAPPED, ALL GIFTS CONSIDERED "IN PLAY" UNTIL "DEAD". NO TRADES ALLOWED IF IN PLAY ITEMS INVOLVED. Feel free to manage what you like with yours and others "dead"**
- 7. UNWRAPPED GIFT IS "IN PLAY" UNTIL STOLEN THREE TIMES THEN IT IS DECLARED "DEAD" Any & all disputes for this declaration are resolved by Club Secretary or his designee, are final and binding. Just ask Chris B. or his designee.**
- 8. PLAY ENDS when time to leave comes or all items are stolen to the deadpoint or the last one is unwrapped to its eventual fate.**
- 9. AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT MODEL CAR, SNAP TITE, SCI FI or SHIP KIT must be present in the GIFT PILE. Or you're all in trouble.**
- 10. THIS MAY NOT BE COMPLETE RULES. LISTEN AT THE MEETING FOR ANY ADDENDA !**

BREAKING NEWS – JANUARY MEET DATE 2 WEEKS LATER



INVITE YOU & FRIENDS

TO

OUR

**SV CLASSIC X
FUNDRAISER AUCTION**

NOW BEING RE- SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON
OUR **REVISED** MEETING NIGHT OF **FRIDAY**

JANUARY 30 2026

AT OUR MILPITAS MEETING LOCATION

Community Room, Milpitas Police Department, 1275 N Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas CA

Business begins promptly 730 PM & everything must be concluded by 10 PM

ADD TO THE FUN !

BRING AN UNSTARTED MODEL KIT (or two!) THAT YOU WOULD BID MADLY FOR
TO GET BACK, AS A DONATION

NOTE: NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED

Queries may be directed to our contact – DENS25403@mypacks.net please allow for 2-3 days response time

FEBRUARY 2026 MEMBER's Club Contest

"No One Wants You 💔"

Anything that can fall into the following or similar.

Failed or Rejected Prototypes

- *Northrop YF-23 ATF (Lost to YF-22)*
- *Boeing X-32 JSF (Lost to X-35)*
- *Northrop F-20 Tigershark (Lost to F-16)*

Rejected Proposals

- *T28 (Super Heavy Assault Gun)*
- *Bell X-16 (High Altitude Reconnaissance)*
- *XP-59 (Twin Boom Push Fighter)*

Abandoned Projects

- *Horten Ho229*
- *Kyushu J7W Shinden*
- *Graf Zeppelin (Aircraft Carrier)*

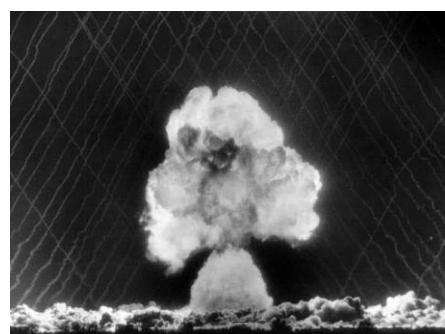
Outlandish Unreasonable Concepts

- *Convair X-6 (Nuclear powered Plane)*
- *Project Habbakuk (Ship built of Ice)*
- *Chrysler TV-8 (Nuclear powered Tank)*

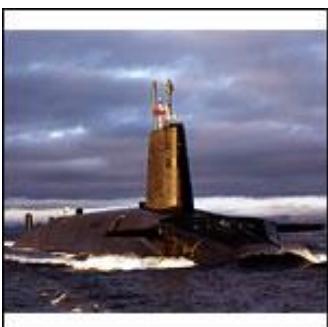
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MARCH 2026 MEMBER's Club Contest

HERE COMES THE SUN !



In Simplest Terms, ANY NUCLEAR WEAPON or NUCLEAR WEAPON DELIVERY SYSTEM



7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 10:30 PM SHARP

3rd FRIDAY of Month

DECEMBER 19 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd
Milpitas, CA**

MAY 2026 MEMBER's Club Contest

BUILD YOUR NAME !

SAY WHAT ????!

SIMPLE - If Your Name Is Mick Burton, for an example using Editor, you can choose to build a Japanese Army Air Force version Messerschmitt Me-109, as the USAAF gave it the ID code name "MIKE".

Frank Beltran could show up with a Ki-84 (code name "FRANK") while Frank Babbitt could counter that with his entry of a DH Mosquito FB Mk 6 (the FB being his "name trick" by initials, here it is for Fighter Bomber, just in case you need more assistance).

Mark Balderrama won't take this all lying down and shows up with a Martin Baker MB-5...

Gene Trickster outdoes them all with his collection of the Ford GT-40, GT-350 and GT500 Shelby Mustangs.

But then in comes Eugenie Ray with her NASA ER-2...

Postoria Aguirre flattens them all with his surprise Piper PA-28 civil air !

Are you getting the idea yet?

There has to be some creative types out there who can determine a means of making a name for themselves in order to take this to outlandish extremes...

