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## *DECEMBER THE BUNT*



### *SLIM DETAILS RE MONTH*

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The results of the gift exchange, to the best of our knowledge! **December Event coverage resumes at page 7**



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



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**“ A NEW YEAR , HEAR, HEAR ”**

*With the opening of this year I find myself publishing this issue hours before first SVSM meet of our chapter anniversary # 60. Not how I planned at all, yet it bodes well in its own way. Part of the reason why for the hold up finishing was being able to make the journey to Yuba City for DragonFest 2024 show, which opened the Region Nine event year on January 13. Night beforehand, I was conducting first 2024 meet of the Fremont Hornets. Day after Yuba City I went to the Castro Valley Toy Show for first time. Beyond selfish aspect enjoying all these different aspects of scale modelling community, I find the swift beginning encouraging.*

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( DECEMBER's FIRST LOOK from page 9)



As for The Pirate's Pleasure game analysis bits, while I don't have stats for this same event in December 2016, 2017 or 2018, here below are all the most recent data points I do have, in digest format for contrast/comparison:

2013 December Stats 33 players, 55 presents total, breakout: Single = 14 Double = 10 Triple = 9  
2014 December Stats 21 players, 50 presents total, breaking out: Single = 5, Double = 2 Triple = 13  
2015 December Stats 24 players, 49 presents total, breakout was: Single = 8 Double = 7 Triple = 9  
2019 December Stats 28 players, 53 presents total, breakout: Single = 10 Double = 5 Triple = 13  
2020 December Stats 0 players, 0 presents total, due to pandemic lockdown prevent holding any meets  
2021 December Stats 22 players. 50 presents total, breakout: Single = 4 Double = 8 Triple = 10  
2022 December Stats 25 players 60 presents total, breakout: Single = 3 Double = 9 Triple = 13

**2023 December saw 29 Players. 78 Gifts total, with 1 Single Gifter, 7 Double Gifter, 21 Triple Gifter**

Many thanks again for all who came, who played and made things work so well *-mick fini*

**AND NOW IT CAN BE REVEALED IN WRITING ! (since the base material is now publicly officially available & compiled in this issue)**

**YES, WE HAVE A NEW MONTHLY CLUB CONTEST ON FOR APRIL 2024 SVSM Meet at MPD site (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)  
As was originally announced at the December 2023 "Pirate's Pleasure" meeting by the Sponsor; Mick Burton (aka The Editor)**

## **120 Day Wonders Contest**

**ANYTHING that is AMONG the 78 GIFTS in exchange for the December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 Meeting (as listed in this OSS issue)  
IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE at the APRIL 19 2024 Meeting FOR 3 CASH PRIZES (1 each winning entry, no sweeps)**

**JUST TO MAKE IT MORE COMPETITIVELY INTERESTING & POTENTIALLY MORE WELL ATTENDED:**

**WHILE THREE AWARDS POTENTIAL, Entrants MAY ENTER as FINISHED or UNFINISHED (from still in the wrapper to nearly done)  
The FINAL DECISIONS on what is AWARDED WILL BE MADE at end of JUDGING so DO NOT WORRY ABOUT JUST ENTER, OK?**

**ALSO NOTE: You don't have to be the original "taken home by" owner of record to enter any of the 78 gifts in play, so feel free to obtain one !**

# PARADE REVIEW

*MODEL Of the MONTH 2023*

The year 2023 proved to be momentous in several ways, true solid new foundation after two years of rocky bits now saw full set of meetings, NO Auction or Annual Contest, A Return of Meet Raffle, a great 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

*JANUARY 2023 – Cliff Kranz*

*“ Back To Our Roots ”*

*The San Jose club was already on its sixth year when Cliff Kranz built this 1969 Dodge Dart Dragster by MPC.*

*Cliff was in US Army and stationed at Fort Bragg at the time*

*Quite nice coincidence that President Greg had chose this for 1<sup>st</sup> MOM !*



*FEBRUARY 2023 – Geoff Kreuger.*

*“ A Wise Old Owl, In A Way ”*

*Geoff Kroegeer wrote us an excellent article on building Minicraft’s M60 with a signoff thank you/farewell for September 1995 Styrene Sheet. Geoff was reporting fpr duty with US Army then at Fort Benning GA that August.*

*Little did we imagine then that 20+ years later we’d find Geoff’s name reappearing in our annual contest winner rosters. Then shortly thereafter rejoining us as a meeting member. A talented builder of 1/48 aircraft now like this incredible He-219 here.*



**MARCH 2023 – Mike Schwarze.**

*“ Timely Tiny Totemic Figure ”*

*Mike took this Reaper miniature, figure, scratchbuilt a pot of gold for him be wielding, hand crafted the requisite mushrooms to join rocks, grass, tan bark for his spot on work.*

*He finished this unique diorama at 6 PM on the March Meeting Day, as it happened to fall on the 17<sup>th</sup>. That also known as St Patrick’s Day...*

*Look on the right of article header to gain appreciation of its true size.*



**APRIL 2023 – Chris Bucholtz.**

*“ No Fooling, Obliquely Speaking “*

*Thanks to Hornet/SVSM alumnus David Newman’s Muroc Models, Chris splendidly recreates the unique AD-1 after an outsized adventure in the making. Including having to recover a long decal wrinkling in finishing, yikes*



**MAY 2023 – Ben Pada.**

*“ A quite tony Tony, one may say ”*

*Ben had nothing but great praise to share about his time with Tamiya’s Kawasaki Ki-61 Hien, known by Allied code name “Tony” better in WW2 PTO days.*

*At meeting month before, Ben relayed that any fit problems with this were result of “operator error”, kit is that well engineered. Now finished using MRP paints on a superbly achieved tonal natural metal Alclad base coat, I am sure Teruhiko Kobayashi be in agreement, Ben did winning replica of his fighter.*

**JUNE 2023 – Brian Geyer**

*“ Nice resume from the Shelf of Doom “*

*A chance now to make good on an errata in the provided minutes now, while we’re here.*

*Brian reported that he had set aside a Ju-87 Stuka in 1/32 on his own Shelf of Doom a few years back. He had returned to it recently to finish with a better opinion of it than at first.*

*Recorded in minutes then as an Airfix classic it’s actually the old Revell kit, with the snake. Airfix did do a Stuka in 1/24, back in the day.*



**JULY 2023 – John Carr**

*“ Master Modeler Makes Steel Bend To His Will ”*

*Metal Earth models are excellent products featuring a pretty good range, but they are definitely demanding more commitment and unforgiving in many respects.*

*So to be sure, choosing this Terminator series figure as his first time taking on the challenge of Metal Earth, and showing us how he came out on top with this shining result, hits me as awesome.*



**AUGUST 2023 – Bob Meyers**

*“ Face the Face, You’ve Got to Face the Face ”*

*Also one not to shy away from a challenge, Bob took on this new, massive 1/16 model of a Korean War Sherman from Das Werk/Andy’s Hobbies.*

*Not easily seen is the nine hours alone Bob spent painting the face, along with finishing the stripes, as he said decals provided did not prove satisfactory to the task.*





**SEPTEMBER 2023 – Chris Owczarek**

*“ Gift of a Long Lived Dragon Lady ”*

*Chris is a recent addition to our SVSM family, joining us this past year, and proving to be quite the enthused modeler. He'd brought this 1/48<sup>th</sup> U-2R to share with us before he gifted his build to a friend who was a “Dragon Lady Driver”.*

*Chris definitely showed his learning curve sharply ascendant in how he managed the “tonal totality” when doing a “black overall ”(or even just nearly so) finish, a problem which only worsens as the scale and size of subject increases.*

**OCTOBER 2023 – Ken Miller.**

*“ A Model Restoration, A Modeler’s Tribute ”*

*Ken “Airliner “ Miller has been a modeler with a particular passion for passenger air transport for the many years I have known him as member He’s also a notably great soul to those who know him. Ken had gotten this rare old box scale model as a gift from our great Historian/Modeler friend Warren J. “Jim” Lund years back. He’d restored it to renewed glory. He brought it in as a salute to our Jim, who had recently passed on.*



**NOVEMBER 2023 – (2)**

**Jack Riggart “ Mesozoic Mastery ”**



*Seeing how we had such a splendid run of meetings & MOMs for 2023, as recently re-elected SVSM President (only month before) seemed best to me to round out year with choosing two great models for MOM at the last regular meet of the year. This pair clearly met that challenge*

**Riley Kitchen “ Taking On Two Wheels, For The Win ”**





**KP 1:72 deHavilland Comet:** Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Bill Ferrante.

**Tamiya 1:48 F4U-1D Corsair:** Opened by Amelia Bucholtz, stolen by Geoff Krueger, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen and taken home by Geoff Krueger.

**Bronco 1:35 M24 Chaffee:** opened by Mark Balderrama, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen by Bob Meyers, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin.

**Meng 1:35 M4A3E8 Sherman:** Opened by Mark Balderrama, stolen by Postoria Aguirre, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Maira Benjamin.

**AFV Club 1:35 Sturmtiger:** Opened by Riley Kitchen, stolen by Mark Balderrama, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Mark Balderrama.

**Italeri 1:72 F-22 Lightning II:** Opened and taken home by Max Balderrama.

**Tamiya 1:35 Hanomag Sd.Kfz. 231:** Opened by Dave Balderrama, stolen and taken home by John Jew.

**Eduard 1:72 Nieuport 17 Combo:** Opened by Bob Meyers, stolen by Bill Ferrante, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.

**Airfix 1:32 Aston-Martin DB-5 and Triumph TR-4:** Opened and taken home by Mike Meek.

**Hasegawa 1:200 Boeing 767:** Opened and taken home by Bob Meyers.

**Tamiya 1:700 IJN Shinano:** Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Dave Balderrama.

**AMT 1:24 Coors Beer Thunderbird:** Opened and taken home by Riley Kitchen.

**Tamiya 1:48 J2M3 Raiden and Eduard 1:48 P-39 Airacobra:** Opened by Bob Meyers, stolen by Geoff Krueger, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen and taken home by Dave Balderrama.

**Olimp 1:72 Bristol T-19=80:** Opened by Randy Ray, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Bill Ferrante, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.

**Tamiya 1:48 F-51D Mustang:** Opened by Bill Ferrante, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Eugenie Taylor Ray, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.

**Testors Soviet Tanker Figure:** Opened and taken home by Mark Balderrama.

**Monogram 1:48 P-61 Black Widow:** Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Sim Coester, stolen by Amelia Bucholtz, stolen and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.

**AMT 1:48 MiG-27:** Opened by Mike Meek, stolen and taken home by Mike Burton.

**Testors 1:48 Lear Jet:** Opened by Vartan Yeros, stolen by Eugenie Taylor-Ray, stolen and taken home by Ben Wergin.

**ICM 1:24 Model T Ford:** Opened and taken home by Riley Kitchen.

**AMT Star Trek three-starship set:** opened and taken home by Kent McClure.

**Tamiya 1:72 Il-2 Sturmovik:** Opened by Dave Balderrama, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen by Dave Balderrama, stolen and taken home by Mark Schynert.

**DML 1:72 Panzer III:** Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Ken McClure, stolen by Ben Wergin, stolen and taken home by Kent McClure.

**Tamiya 1:35 M18 Hellcat:** Opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Ken McClure, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin.

**Hasegawa 1:48 P-47D Thunderbolt:** Opened by Randy Ray, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.

**Revell 1:48 F-16C Wild Weasel:** Opened and taken home by Vartan Yeranós.

**Zvesda 1:72 Yak-6:** Opened by Eugenie Taylor-Ray, stolen by Bill Ferrante, stolen and taken home by Eugenie Taylor-Ray.

**AMT 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery:** Opened by Greg Plummer, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Postoria Aguirre.

**Arii 1:600 Yamato and Otaki 1:600 New Jersey:** opened by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Max Balderrama.

**CRM 1:72 Spitfire F. Mk. 21:** Opened by Randy Ray, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.

**HobbyBoss 1:35 R35:** Opened by Vartan Yeranós, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen by Ron Wergin, stolen and taken home by Ben Wergin.

**Zvesda 1:72 Su-25:** Opened by Amelia Bucholtz, stolen by Mark Balderrama, stolen and taken home by Maira Benjamin.

**Tamiya 1:35 PAK36/37 88mm gun:** Opened by D.J. Balderrama, stolen and taken home by John Jew.

**Accurate Miniatures Yak-1B:** Opened by Bob Meyers, stolen and taken home by Eugenie Taylor-Ray.

**Revell 1:32 Opel GT:** Opened and taken home by Chris Owczarek.

**Sword 1:72 Reggiane 2000:** Opened by Max Balderrama, stolen by Randy Ray, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Jim Priete.

**Eduard 1:48 Bf 109E:** Opened by Ben Wergin, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Dave Balderrama, stolen and taken home by Max Balderrama.

**Tamiya 1:35 M4A3E8 Sherman:** Opened by Kent McClure, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.

**Testors 1:72 C-119 "Flying Boxcar" :** Opened by Amelia Bucholtz, stolen and taken home by Bob Meyers.

**Revell 1:48 F9F-2 Panther:** Opened by Chris Owczarek, stolen and taken home by Greg Plummer.

**Academy 1:32 Sopwith Camel:** opened by Mike Meek, stolen and taken home by Landon Carr.

**Revell 1:72 Ju 88:** Opened and taken home by Jim Priete.

**AMT "Alien" bust:** Opened by Eugenie Taylor Ray, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen and taken home by Amelia Bucholtz.

**Italeri 1:700 USS Ranger:** Opened by Postoria Aguirre, stolen and taken home by Dave Balderrama.

**Monogram 1:24 Dale Earnhardt Monte Carlo:** Opened by Kent McClure, stolen and taken home by Mike Burton.

**Tamiya 1:48 F4U-1D Corsair:** Opened by Amelia Bucholtz, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by John Carr.

**Airfix 1:48 Lynx Mk. 7:** Opened by Riley Kitchen, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen and taken home by Frank Babbitt.

**Airfix 1:48 English Electric Lightning:** Opened by Vartan Yeranós, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Kent McClure.

**Tamiya 1:35 Panzer IV/70(A):** Opened by Vartan Yeranós, stolen by Eugenie Taylor Ray, stolen by John Jew, stolen and taken home by Randy Ray.

**Italeri 1:72 Tu-22M "Backfire":** Opened and taken home by Sim Coester.

**AMT Star Wars Speeder Bike:** Opened by Eugenie Taylor Ray, stolen and taken home by Maira Benjamin.

**Hasegawa 1:48 Bf 109E:** Opened by Randy Ray, stolen and taken home by Jim Priete.

**Hasegawa 1:72 F-4S Phantom II and Fujimi MiG-21:** opened by Bob Meyers, stolen and taken home by Bill Ferrante.

**Roden 1:72 Opel Blitzbus:** Opened and taken home by Randy Ray.

**Monogram 1:48 P-38J Lightning:** Opened and taken home by John Jew.

**Monogram 1:20 Lotus Indy Car:** Opened by Bob Meyers, stolen and taken home by Sim Coester.

**Aviation USK 1:27 F1M1 "Pete":** Opened by Eugenie Taylor Ray.

**Sword 1:72 FJ-2 Fury:** Opened by Amelia Bucholtz, stolen by Greg Plummer, stolen by Eugenie Taylor Ray, stolen and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.

**Special Hobby 1:72 Meteor NF. Mk. 12:** Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Jim Priete, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Chris Bucholtz.

**Italeri 1:72 Br.20:** Opened by Chris Bucholtz, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Frank Beltran, stolen and taken home by Vartan Yeranoss.

**Revell 1:24 1957 Kaiser "Henry J":** Opened by Maira Benjamin, stolen and taken home by Bob Meyers.

**Tamiya 1:35 Panther G:** Opened by Amelia Bucholtz, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Max Balderrama.

**Revell 1:72 F-16A Fighting Falcon:** Opened and taken home by Amelia Bucholtz.

**Tamiya 1:35 Sd.Kfz 232:** Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen by Eugenie Taylor Ray, stolen and taken home by Ben Wergin.

**Bandai 1:72 Star Wars X-Wing:** Opened by Mark Balderrama, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen by Maira Benjamin, stolen and taken home by Postoria Aguirre.

**Monogram 1:600 USS Chicago and Testors 1:48 OV-10 Bronco:** Opened and taken home by D.J. Balderrama.

**DML 1:72 P-61 Black Widow:** opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen by Dave Balderrama, stolen and taken home by Bill Ferrante.

**Bandai Gundam LAH:** Opened by Mark Balderrama, stolen by Randy Ray, stolen by Max Balderrama, stolen and taken home by Randy Ray.

**Kinetic 1:48 F-16DG/C/J Fighting Falcon:** Opened by Mike Meek, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen and taken home by Frank Beltran.

**Magnifier:** Opened and taken home by Sim Coester.

**Frog 1:72 F-16C Fighting Falcon:** Opened by Greg Plummer, stolen by Chris Owczarek, stolen by Bill Ferrante, stolen and taken home by Chris Owczarek.

**Hasegawa 1:72 Hasegawa B-47 Stratojet:** Opened by Vartan Yeranoss, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen and taken home by Greg Plummer.

**ZTS Plastyk 1:72 RWD-5:** Opened and taken home by John Carr.

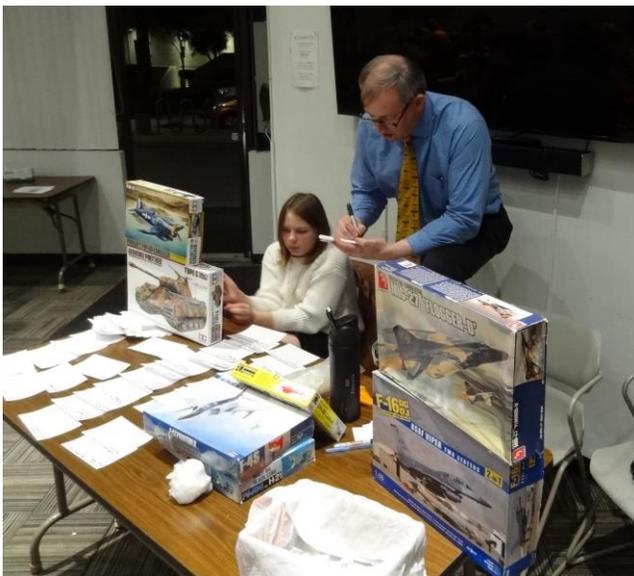
**Airfix 1:48 Sea Fury:** Opened by Mark Schynert, stolen by Kent McClure, stolen by Mark Schynert, stolen and taken home by Greg Plummer.

**Bandai Gundam AMS 10 Zupak:** Opened by Jim Priete, stolen and taken home by Max Balderrama.

**Heller 1:35 VCA:** Opened by Mark Balderrama, stolen and taken home by Mike Burton.

**Airfix 1:72 Buccaneer S.3 :** Opened by Bob Meyers, stolen by Mike Burton, stolen by Frank Babbitt, stolen and taken home by Ron Wergin. - *cb fini*

**DECEMBER MEETING NOTES CONCLUDE ON PAGE 2**



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

**3rd FRIDAY of Month**

**JANUARY 19** (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

**1275 N. Milpitas Blvd**

**Milpitas, CA**

**OUR SUPER AUCTION is TONIGHT**

***HAPPY NEW YEAR AHEAD***

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