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#### JUNE SWOON MEETING AFTER WE HIT THE BEACH



AN AWARDING FOLLOWUP TO OUR FIRST SV CLASSIC EVENT IN 21 MONTHS

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#### "THE SUMMER CRUSH"



With this issue of the Original Styrene Sheet coming out just a day ahead of the meeting The Editor has his own cautionary tale. I had issue mostly laid out at beginning of week, worked out from memory such as I could.  $3/4^{th}$  way through text filling, now up very late, use limited access to the Internet to check email. Lo! Minutes have been sent me, alas too late to change plans now. -mb

(JUNE's RUN From page 8)



**Mike Meek** has this Reno NCAR P-51D Racer well on the way, even though the original "Race 21" decal set disintegrated on him during application. Mike was showing manly restraint in his relay of how the aftermarket decal supplier demonstrated why it's probably a favor to us all that he's out of business now, given his lack of any customer appreciation or service when approached for help here.

Bravo to Racer Mike, finding an alternate solution and moving on!

**Laramie Wright's** latest pair of underway projects here, I hazard a guess one is an M46, the other a Wermacht SP Howitzer or close to

**Aaron Rhetta** is ever expanding his range in how to finish his Gundam models, the painting here and the subtle touches deserve more text than I can supply



Mike Schwarze was able to make the meeting this time and as well report that he has secured stable residency for the moment. Once education field has again secured him better work status he will finish some of these models he's recently unearthed again!

The President reminded all the **JULY Club Contest** is **"24"**, the rules could be found at mickbmodeler.com

And the model of the month went to... Mike Meek and his red Reno Racer WIP. -mick fini









**Eugenie Ray** was a key component member in the planning, execution of the 8<sup>th</sup> SV Classic "Hit The Beach" She smartly followed the success of that show with a well organized effort to give recognition to many who were also part of why that event went so well, using repurposed "challenge coin awards" left over from show.



Two of the many, seen above getting the thank you's, were Gabriel Lee and Randy Ray.

SUPER THANK YOU, ALL!

In model talk, Jim Priete showed up with a project set for a variety of 1964 Corvette Grand Sports, two of them in 1/24 scale using the legendary Accurate Miniatures kit.

One of those will be made in the convertible version, which he had a smaller scale version to show the finished look.

**Frank Babbitt's** pair of 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale Vipers included a finished 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary scheme of a Venezualan Air Force F-16.



**Mark Balderrama** is making great progress with a box scale classic of a now nearly unknown weird success of the USN in the 1950s. The President cruelly encouraged him to seek out the  $1/72^{nd}$  scale vac of this aircraft  $\mathfrak{S}$ 

Geoff Kroeger brought his superb kit bash crafting of a "real" UH-1E USMC Huey in 1/48<sup>th</sup>, now completed



Gabriel Lee took home a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for his 1/72<sup>nd</sup> F-18E "Maverick: Top Gun" and Spanish F-18A, nice!



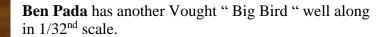




**John Carr** again schooled us in the art of realistic historical figure modelling with this latest fine work in progress.

**Logan Carr** gave us a grand succinct briefing of his travails taking on this "snap tite" Monogram A-10, reinforcing how it often takes true grit to see through so called "starter models"





He also had finished "just in time "a Northrop F-5E that will be amongst his competitive entries for July's IPMS USA Nationals in Wisconsin. Of course using Nationals decal sheet, here's to third time a charm Ben



**John Jew** hadn't quite finished his 1/35<sup>th</sup> Valentine tank, still had the weathering he was going to apply to undertake. Happily, he did not shy from bringing the model "as is" to share with us at meeting.



**Bob Meyers** won awards at the SV Classic 8 with two of his several entries, among his many contributions to success of that event. Thanks for your tireless efforts!

This was his Mk 1 Female in 1/35, taking a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the split S21A, 1/35<sup>th</sup> AFV Tracked, to WW2, Allied

Bob's 1/16<sup>th</sup> scale Korean War M4 Sherman took 1<sup>st</sup> place in S29, Armored Vehicles 1/34 and larger.

Bob's 1/35<sup>th</sup> Tiger featured the "Octopus" Camouflage scheme,an interesting look!

Bob gave us a second look at his recently finished Sd.Kfz. 17/II two-ton truck from AFV Club; he has added a Dragon 20mm gun to the bed.



**Cliff Kranz** was back at his specialty, that of crafting "*Kranzodons*" (my bit of whimsy nickname for his unique works)

On left, the "Lawn Dart" in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale and made from two F-16s into this very vicious looking cool beast.

Cliff truly enjoys finding new pathways, ideas to make up and so exploit the already different shape of the Fairchild/Republic A-10.

Thusly here a "twinned Warthog" underway in  $1/72^{\rm nd}$  scale.



Lastly, an intriguing piece that confused the President. Turned out to a "near enough to HO Scale" kitting of the Type 66 Maser Cannon, first seen in the original Godzilla movies several times. Nice work, Cliff

Cliff relaxes with projects like his Monogram F-84G in 1/48<sup>th</sup>. Which he added more weapons load to and used the Tamiya kit decals of same aircraft on this.





**Chris Bucholtz** has painting underway of his 1:72 Academy PV-1 Ventura.

He also now has "kits" for his attentive mother Smilodon Saber Toothed cat work in progress.

Kittens will have their tails "bobbed" so to make them more true to the real deal. Turns out the real ones had their signature teeth well up inside jaws until maturity, which made their nursing possible!

**Peter Long's** WIP of the new Tamiya F-35B will be an RAF scheme when done, Pete says the model is very nice build as long as you follow instructions in every manner, don't deviate or you will regret it.



Randy Ray's 1:35 kit by Mini Art of the Toyota FJ43 35 will have factory finish first so when chipped, the IDF camo will show this underneath!

**Eugenie Ray** shared more chapters of her cautionary tale in making the Accurate Miniatures Corvette Grand Sport her first auto model.

The blue paint seen on hers here is first coat applique, after she found out on a test bed Monogram Midget racer what paint combinations not to use! Thankfully, no "fizzing finishes" now (continues on page 2)





# Congratulations to **Mike Meek**FOR WINNING

#### JUNE MODEL OF THE MONTH





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

#### **3rd FRIDAY of Month**

## **JULY 19** (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM
Milpitas Police Administration Building

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