

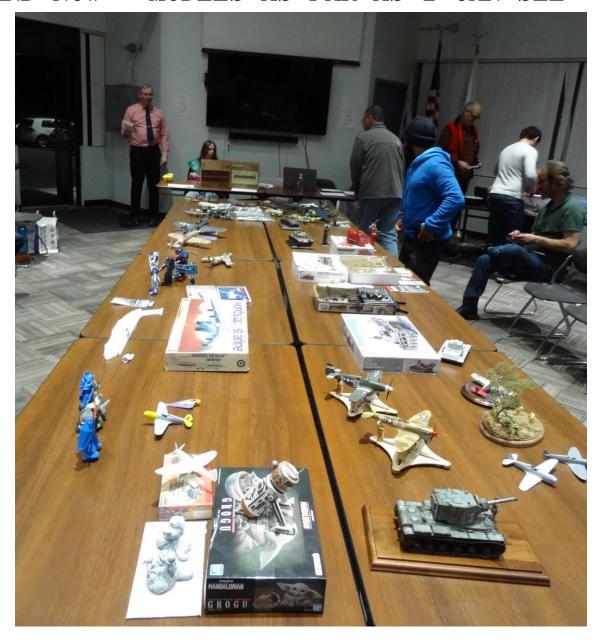
THE AFTER MARKET SHEET



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AND NOW - MODELS AS FAR AS I CAN SEE



WE REALLY BEGIN LOOK BACK

AT SVSM FEBRUARY MEET (starts @ 3)

PLUS UPCOMING EVENTS NEAR and FAR



" AN ECSTATIC FIRST QUARTER and THEN SOME... "

What a busy 120 days it seems to have been. Editor is scribing this swiftly after just having two more model passages to enjoy, Friday's April SVSM and the brief chance to get a taste of two events occurring next day at GTC in San Jose in Midday. Having so much material for doing publications and not enough time to get it on preferred schedule is honestly a great "problem" to have as any kind of Editor/writer. As in one gaining new inspirations in resolving, adding more joy to taking on one's passions to endeavor in, happiness result in the pursuit as well as realizations. This year marks the begin of 18th year (oh my I may yet become a legal adult!) of my helming this Editorship in continuity, this club's 62nd year continuity.

One of the fun mechanisms that makes this all possible is illustrated here below, the concept of "Club Contests" hosting.

The idea seems simple enough, fiendishly to execute them isn't always so much, but that's how creativity, model activity and just plain getting crazy having some fun with your model friends gets another chance to thrive, challenge you, really!



Not to mention, give Editor something to provide coverage ??. Thank you all for making these happen and be fun







February, March and April SVSM Club Contests soon be covered, GTC on left, Aaron may yet share article! - fini mickb

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February SVSM Meeting "F is for ... Finally!"

Photos/Text: Mick Burton Minutes: Chris Bucholtz



The year of 2025 has seen Editor having to relearn what being busy truly encompasses, and some evidence of that has come in form of late breaking "POSTCARD" OSS editions. This TAMS is the second he's managed to create since January, and will begin effort to give better coverage of recent past meets as they deserve. Noting here as well, February was our first "regular" meet of 2025, chock full of material. I restart at minutes as thus:

At the February meeting, Mike Burton provided a rundown of club contests for the year. March is the 90-Day Wonders contest, featuring models people received at the gift exchange in December. In April, in memory of Cliff Kranz, we'll have our brush-painted contest. In May, we'll have our Gundam contest. And in November, the contest will be "In Search of Ancient Wonders," open to holiday gift exchange models received from 2018-2023.

At that point, Eugenie Ray took over as president, as our slate of candidates was approved unanimously.

In Model Talk... **John Carr**'s small-scale Joker was painted with a mix of oils and acrylics paints, and he made a knife blade for the figure from an aluminum soda can. The playing cards scattered on the base were









Bob Meyers applied MERDC camouflage to Takom's 1:35 M48A5. He said the tracks on the kit took a lot of work, since they were single-link tracks but they were tight on the running gear. He used AK Interactive paints, airbrushing most of the model but applying the green border by hand.







Landon Carr's Gundams were purchased at a sale where there were lots of Japan-only models, including a blue and red mecha with a small ship included.

Landon also had a batch of 1:144 Gundams, and he said the Special Ops variants were harder. He added a chest plate to one of them to better reflect the TV show, and he used a black marker to pop out some of the panel lines.







Randy Ray picked up a copy of the Blitz Panther Ausf. G so he could participate in an on-line group build, and he was pleased to discover he had a pile of useful aftermarket parts ready to go that can be used on this kit.

Eugenie Ray's 90-Day Wonders entry is her Monogram 1:48 AH-64; she's finishing the instrument panel, which was painted white, then black, then sanded to reveal the raised detail. She's also painted the rest of the interior and has started the figures.









The Hawk 81-A-2 had some styrene detail added, followed by Quinta Studios 3D decals for the control panel and sidewall detail, with a photo etched seat mounted on a frame made from a bread bag twist-tie.

Chris Bucholtz has two models in basically the same condition - a Special Hobby 1:72 Spitfire F. Mk. 21 and an Airfix Hawk 81-A-2.

The Spitfire benefitted from extra wiring and panel detail that came via Special Hobby's own "aftermarket" phqtoetched sheet; Chris also added the oxygen tanks behind the cockpit bulkhead and former and stringer detail in the fuselage.





Chris also had a base for his 1:20 Smilodon diorama, featuring a tree made using Scenic Express' Sage Tree system







Chris somehow managed to leave out mention in his minutes he also had Tuskegee Airman's P-51 razorback Mustang vignette along, "Kitten", a suitably appropriate exhibit considering February is Black History Month

Ben Pada built Eduard's 1:48 P-51B Mustang straight from the box with the exception of some aftermarket exhausts, then gave it an olive drab-over-neutral gray with MRP paints.





Ben was also forced into building a version of the Spitfire V he didn't plan on building because the Eduard 1:48 kit has multiple options for the windscreen, which he missed until the markings had to go on. Ben used the Eduard decals, and was able to strip off the carrier film by lifting the corners with a piece of tape





John Jew's Tamiya KV-2 with Fruillmodelismo tracks and metal barrels for the main gun and the four machine guns. He found a tow cable in the spares box that worked and painted the model with Vallejo colors.





Mike Schwarze's scratch-build droid RU-P2 was made using a toilet roll as the basic shape.





Mike's also at work on a Hawk Spitfire F.22, and had two 28mm game pieces, a Fat Plague Demon and a Fat Plague Gentleman (distinguished by his hat).

He added boils to the demons to hide the seams.





Kent McClure's Airfix 1:72 P-40C Warhawk is being turned into a "what-if" Vichy French plane, and he has the yellow sections of the plane pained and ready for their red stripes. He's also built a Revell Snap-Tite *Star Wars* Obi Wan's Starfighter, but he's blinged it out with a custom paint job to make an "alternate universe" craft.







Aaron Rhetta kit bashed a Gundam figure, using bits from the standard type and the flight type of the same subject, and he added a gatling gun in the hole in its front.

He plans to add a cloak and some chains to create an entry for a "Mad Max" contest at GTC. The leftover parts are being kit bashed into another model.



Ken Miller is building the Entex 1:144 C-5A "World's Largest Airliner" kit for the Airlines International contest, and he's also doing an Academy 1:200 Galaxy that will wear either Delta or Pan Am colors. Ken also took inspiration from the original *Planet of the Apes* to hunt down a very small scale Icarus on eBay for a potential diorama.

Frank Babbitt built Hobbycraft's 1:48 MiG-17 a while back, using some resin and photoetched details in the cockpit and brass rod for the wingtip pitot booms, topped with a vacuformed canopy. Frank's MiG wears Angolan colors.







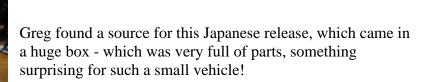
Ron Wergin enjoyed building 21st Century Toys' 1:32 Macchi C.205, and lamented that the kits have become scarce since the company folded and the molds were stranded in China.





Mike Sanchez built the Trumpeter 1:32 SBD-5 Dauntless mostly because he picked up some very nice 1:32 U.S. Navy figures! The model was given a gray wash to pop out the detail.

And the models of the month were... First, Greg Plummer's Aoshima 1:24 Subaru Sanbar fire truck!





The finished model is quite hefty, Greg said -like holding an armored car, only one that's shiny and red.

The finish was achieved by shooting red lacquer over the kjt's red plastic.









Next, John Carr's Bandai 1/16
Batman, which he said was a
detailed but simple build. John
added to it with several different
shades of black, then made a new
cape from Sculpey to replicate the
Caped Crusader from the Dark
Knight Returns.

Next issue will cover Club Contest



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 04-20-25

Saturday, April 26 2025

IPMS/ Seattle host their SPRING SHOW & Region 7 Regional 2025 at Renton Community Center, Renton WA

Friday, May 09 2025

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at GAMES of FREMONT in #200 Fremont Hub, Fremont

Friday, May 16 2025

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. Gundam/Mecha Club Contest

Saturday, May 17 2025

IPMS/ Silver Wings host their SILVERCON 2025 at Town & Country Lutheran Church and School, 4049 Marconi Ave, Sacto CA Theme is "The Vietnam War"

Saturday, May 24 2025

IPMS/Las Vegas host "BEST OF THE WEST 30th Anniversary" Show at their favorite locale Orleans Hotel & Casino

Friday, June 13 2025

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at GAMES of FREMONT in #200 Fremont Hub, Fremont

Saturday, June 14 2025

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers host their CONTEST & Show SV Classic NINE "V For Victory" at Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, 38991 Farwell Dr, Fremont CA

Friday, June 20 2025

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. No current Club Contest

Friday, July 11 2025

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at GAMES of FREMONT in #200 Fremont Hub, Fremont

Friday, July 18 2025

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. J is for Japanese Club Contest

Friday, September 12 2025

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at GAMES of FREMONT in Fremont "Felonious Felines" Club Contest

Saturday, September 20 2025

NNL Hollister host their Fall show at Hollister Elks Lodge, Hollister, CA

Saturday, November 08 2025

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their CONTEST & Show TriCity SEVENTEEN "The Sum Of All Fears" at Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, 38991 Farwell Dr, Fremont CA

Friday, November 14 2025

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at GAMES of FREMONT in #200 Fremont Hub, Fremont

Friday, November 21 2025

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. In Search of Ancient Wonders Club Contest

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Scale Model Contest and Exhibition

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

DOORS OPEN AT 9 AM

Contest Entries Close at 12 Noon

Awards at 3:30 PM

- Model Contest with 75 Different Award Categories!
- 1,000 plus Scale Models! Over 15,000 Square Feet!
- Huge Raffle All Day!
- 80 Vendor Tables!
- Every Junior entry wins an award!

MAKE 'N' TAKE FOR THE KIDSI



DRAWING ALL DAY!

Adult Entries: \$20 (unlimited) • Junior Entries: \$5 (unlimited) • Spectators: \$5









Categories, model registration forms available online at: http://www.ipms-seattle.org/Springshow

Renton Community Center 1715 Maple Valley Hwy, Renton, WA 98057

From I-405, take exit #4, Renton-Enumclaw exit. At Maple Valley Hwy, drive east to the second light and turn right into RCC.



For additional information contact: Rick Taylor at show-coord@ipms-seattle.org
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IPMS SILVERWINGS

presents:

SILVERCON 2025

Model Show & Contest

Saturday, May 17, 2025
CONTEST THEME: VIETNAM WAR



Town & Country Lutheran Church • 4049 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento



Contest Registration - 9am to 12pm

Adults (18+) \$12 first 2 models & \$3 each additional entry Junior (7-17) \$4 first 2 models & \$1 for each additional entry Kids 6 & under entries free



8 ft. vendor tables \$40, 2 or more \$35 each

Vendor Coordinator: Gerald Clements (916) 346-2419 • bigjer009@gmail.com

Updates and additional information will be posted on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/IPMSSACRAMENTO/ and website: www.sacramento-model-club.org/ www.facebook.com/groups/IPMSSACRAMENTO/ and website: www.sacramento-model-club.org/

BEST OF THE WEST CHAPTER 30TH BEST OF THE WEST ANNIVERSARY











Saturday May 24th, 2025 Orleans Hotel Casino Las Vegas, NV

Show Brought to you by IPMS Las Vegas, with help from Red Flag Scale Modelers, Las Vegas Model Car Club, Vegas Armor Modelers Preservation Society, and Gunpla Builders United

Tons of Vendor Tables, 49 Contest Categories, IPMS 1,2,3 Judging Criteria

Special Judging rules: No Touching Models, No Flashlights, No optical devices and or Mirrors, No Sweeps.

Contest & Show Admission (CASH ONLY) Doors open 9:00 am, Judging noon, awards 3:30 pm, close 5:00

Adult Model Entry \$15 for the first 2 models, \$2 for each additional model. 1 guest per entrant

Juniors (under 17) FREE (unlimited entries) Special Awards to be announced at a later date.

General Show Admission

(All other attendees) \$5 each Adult & Family. Children under 12, Active Military & First Responders are FREE FOR MORE INFORMATION: Www.ipmslv.org for contest forms. Or email ipmslv@aol.com Orleans Hotel 702-365-7111. April 25th cutoff date. Room Reservations code IPME25P. Vendors Contact and Show Coordinator Jay Bergeon 702-861-9050 ipmslvraffle@yahoo.com



Silicon Valley Classic 2025 scale model contest and expo

Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Fremont Elks Lodge 38991 Farwell, Drive, Fremont, California

Special Awards for

Best V-subject-Best Victory in Europe Subject-Best Victory in the Pacific Subject-Best V-8-Powered Automobile-Best Operation Desert Storm Subject-Best Vietnam Subject-Angelo Deogracias Award — Best Competition Car

Over 50 regular categories • Huge raffle • Vendors For more information visit www.svsm.org or call (510) 599-1526

NOVEMBER 2025 Editor's Club Contest In Recognition of SVSM 62nd Anniversary "In Search Of Ancient Wonders AGAIN"

A Chance to Finish Some Old Past Wonders here note the bandwidth though, Ancient not PreHistoric

Premise: Once before, a semi successful attempt to gather up past "Wonders of various short passage" put on as this kind of event, so your mad SVSM Editor is sponsoring this try at repetition. These items are based on past "Gift Exchange"

THERE was MANY gifts put into play at past year's events, and if you kept yours you know already who you are. and thus those gift or gifts are eligible for this contest. However, if you need help determining them, the PDFs of all the eligible years listed for this contest may be found in relevant OSS and TAMS archives. Those can be found at mickbmodeler.com, so research them thusly as:

ANYTHING GAINED in 2018 thru 2023 years <u>DECEMBER SVSM GIFT_EXCHANGE</u>
<u>IS ELIGIBLE</u>, so know it's the gift not the "taker" that is eligibility standard

CASH PRIZES GIVEN -REALLY

FALLING OUT OF BED EDITOR REALIZED HOW TO MAKE RESEARCH INEXCUSABLY EASIER FOR YOU ALL HERE ARE DIRECT LINKS:

https://www.mickbmodeler.com/resources/SV_2k19to21/OSS_JAN_2019.pdf

https://www.mickbmodeler.com/resources/SV_2k19to21/OSS_JAN_2020.pdf

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TRI-CITY CLASSIC XVII

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition



Saturday, November 08 2025

at the Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, California 9am - 5pm

67 Categories of Competition in Aircraft, Autos, Figures, Ships, Military Vehicles, Space & Fictional, and Paper Kits

" The Sum of All Fears "

(On Theme Subject: any USA, USSR, Israel, Egypt, Syria, Germany, 1973 Yom Kippur War or directly related)

NEW Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are:

"Nessun Dorma (Let No One Sleep)" Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

"Sum Of All Fears" (three awards: Best: Israeli 1948- Subject, USSR 1948-1991 Subject, Egyptian 1948- Subject)

"Without Remorse "Award for Best Post 1993 US NAVY subject

ALSO "Mulieres Volante" for Women In Aerospace Subject & "Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting" for Best American Fighter Aircraft

Plus these: "Best Twin Engine Lightning", "IT FIGURES" (Up to 3 Awards for Junior/Youth with prolific entry)

Vendors, a raffle and other fun items announced on day of event!

Free Admission to all spectators!

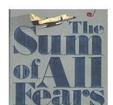
Contestant Entry: \$ 10 for modelers 18 & older w/FIVE model entries/less (\$15 for SIX or more) Any modelers 17/under, FREE with unlimited entry

For Vendor Information, Contact VP David Parks, DAVIDPARKS81@comcast.net. Be advised: VALID CA SALES TAX PERMIT REQUIRED

The following are planned for 2025 TriCity Classic XVII. Entrants should not plan for nor expect splits. SWEEPS ALLOWED in REGULAR CATEGORIES. (Not for Specials)

Cat #	Category Description	Y	outh = (12 & Under)	Ju	nior = (13-17)		Senior	(18	and up)	AS	S = All S	cales	AS	AT =	All Sca	les / All	Types	
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9	Multi Engine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/72				15	Sir	igle Eng	ine Jet	/Rock	et Aircra	ft 1/48	3							
10	Single Engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft 1/72				16	Μι	ılti Engi	ne Jet/	Rocke	et 1/48									
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29	9 Automobiles Competition, Closed Wheel, AS				36	AF	Vs & M	filitary	Softs	kins 1/25	& La	rger							
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Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are: (Please Note: NO SWEEPS in Special Awards)



- Nessun Dorma (Let No One Sleep" Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme
- " Sum Of All Fears " Award (3) Best "Israeli 1948-", "USSR 1948-1991", "Egyptian 1948-" Subject " Without Remorse " Award Best Post 1993 US NAVY Subject (Real or Not) " Mulieres Volante" Award for Women In Aerospace Subject Entry
- 5. "Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting" for Best American Fighter Aircraft, in honor of Sir Bob 1759 OBE
- "Lightning Strikes Twice": Best English Electric or Lockheed Lightning, Arado Blitz (all are Twin Engine Lightning)
- "Kenneth Jung Memorial Award "Contest Director's Choice
- 8. "Steve Travis Service Award" Recognition for Service to Fremont Hornets or Region Nine
- 9. Awards Best in Category for: Fig or Robot; Auto; Ship or SpaceShip; Aircraft; Armor; Diorama, Show Senior, Show Junior or Youth
- 10. "IT FIGURES Lester Tockerman Memorial Award" 3 set Junior/Youth Awards, Given by MIRANDCO in honor of a great man and contributor

GUNDAM IT, MECHA UP YOU MIND TO COMPETE, AGAIN

Real Easy Rules here: If your subject model fits into the class of GUNDAM or GUNPLA, or MECHA, it's competitive!

After that, depending on entry turnout, splits may or may not be made, but in any case CA\$H Prize\$ awarded for at least 1-2-3 placements overall.

AND YES, If you entered in the April Fremont Hornets Club Contest with a similar theme, YOU CAN REPEAT here





<u>PLEASE SHARE THE JOY OF OUR HOBBY AND FRIENDS</u> <u>Because it seems sometimes more than a few forget this:</u>

THE ONE TRUE RULE OF MODELLING (if ever there is).



If you're having fun, Then you're doing it right.

