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PARADE REVIEW

MODEL Of the MONTH 2025

The year 2025 provided new in several ways after following a great 2024 run. Eugenie, as our new President, went full bore with a standard practice of TWO Models Of the Month when presiding. One awarding for giving technique or other meritorious sharing, other in tradition as deserving by dint of the President as they wish to share rationale (or not). All in all we saw through a fabulous 62nd year as Club & 61st as an IPMS USA Chapter

FEBRUARY 2025 (1) – Greg Plummer

“Sammy Hagar, Subaru Sambar, Separated At Birth ?”



The first regular meeting of SVSM was held in second month, we had our Auction to open, in case you wondered why no January MOMs

Greg sourced this Japanese release of Subaru Sambar, a neat trick in itself and described it as a very hefty result for such a small model.

He achieved the stunning shiny finish using red lacquer sprayed over the red base plastic

FEBRUARY 2025 (2) – John Carr

“A Re-Caped Crusader ”

John demonstrated the splendid difference one can achieve by using several shades of black on his Bandai Batman, topping it off with a cape he sculpted himself from Sculpey !

The Dark Knight Returns, indeed.

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



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“ ANOTHER 250 TO START PLEASE, HERE HERE ”

Well look at this, here we are living in the anniversary #250 of this lively experiment in nationhood, no small feat getting here eh?

Ahead in our “little world” we have an amazing abundance yet again of things to do, people to see, places to go, yes mayhaps not all as “it once was” , however as full of promise for opportunities to enjoy as ever. Missing keenly am I the lead up in the last two months that would have lead to my being able to greet folk coming to enjoy the ambience of NNL West for the day in January. Yet, as I was in midst of wrapping up a model news edition editorial this week, a welcome surprise showed up in my inbox having to do with heralding arrival of a new hybrid event in Ventura this spring. The hosts clearly state it's built in part to carry on fun of what made NNL-West at its core, with hope this will take root, grow, evolve in the same spirit. So one door closes, another opens ! We have an event season opener in IPMS Region Nine that has every reason to succeed, grow, be something new and different in years ahead. Built on the evolutionary and revolutionary efforts of people you know, others you should go this show to meet. -mb

FAIR WARNING NOTICE OFFICIALLY BEING GIVEN !

(so that the following individuals may have time enough to leave planet before this event occurs...)

FEBRUARY SVSM Meeting Will Include E-BOARD Election!

Currently these members have been nominated for these posts:

Eugenie Ray – President 2026/27

Chris Bucholtz – 1st VP/Contest Director 2026/27

John Carr – 2nd VP

Bob Meyers – 3rd VP

Chris Bucholtz – Secretary

William Ferrante – Treasurer

Mick Burton – Editor

Anyone else wishing to be considered for any or all of these posts must make their nomination known ahead in time that notice of such intent can be given in the February Styrene Sheet – Editor

AND NOW IT CAN BE REVEALED IN WRITING !

YES, WE HAVE A NEW MONTHLY CLUB CONTEST ON FOR APRIL 2026 SVSM Meet at MPD site (3rd Friday)

As was originally proclaimed for by Presidential demand at December 2025 “Pirate’s Pleasure” meet. Sponsors; Eugenie Ray/Mick Burton

Another 120 Days Wonder Contest

ANYTHING that is AMONG the 73 GIFTS in exchange for the December 19th 2025 Meeting (as listed in an upcoming TAMS issue) IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE at the APRIL 17th 2026 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 73 gifts in play, so feel free to obtain one !

MARCH 2025 (1) – Postoria Aguirre

“ Two True Friend ”

Mr. Aguirre built this big bike model (1/12!) for a friend who rode a full scale Yamaha SRX-6, back in 2007

As fate would have it the model was “toyed with” during a move, and P.A. being friend that he is, found a 2nd kit. He performed a full restoration using parts from old where he could, and voila !

P.A. got to display it at 40th NNL West, too



MARCH 2025 (2) – Aaron Rhetta

“ GUNDAM It, That’s Twice !! “

That is eerily and amusingly correct !

Gundam on the left is two kit “ bash ” by Aaron, along with some other bits he’d traded for to include.

He also modified one of the guns to be a left handed fit so this spiked menace was able to carry one in each.. He made this for the “MAD MAX” contest at GTC.

My fit of editorial fiat came from finding out that Aaron won 2024 April’s MOM , with a super kit bashing of GUNDAM !

Keep at it Sir Aaron, you’re MFP grade

APRIL 2025 (1) – Bob Meyers

“ Lebanon Sings The Blues ”

Bob found plenty of fun to work with in making this former Israeli Tiran. In itself already a repurposed vehicle, as Tirans were rebuilt out of captured T54/55s

This here is the likely final guise for this storied tank. Being in service of the South Lebanese Army, likely faced threats inside and outside. The intriguing worn blue camo was authentic to this version, nice



APRIL 2025 (2) – David Balderrama

“AutoGyro, Aussie Inspired Indeed ”

David was looking for suitable entry to have for the upcoming “ MAD MAX “ contest being put on by GTC.’

He kitbashed this credible incredible from a base kit run across in his stash, adding bits here and there. Ended up brush painting it and thus took 3rd at the “Brush Painted” Club Contest of April

His blade work won him MOM as well.



MAY 2025 (1) – Chris Bucholtz

“ Now Kids, Just Stay Out Of The Tar Pit ”

A strikingly domestic rendering of the some what well known Smilodon “Sabre Tooth Cat”

No diss, my compliments here, being a fan of the beast since I was little, never would have struck me to model them in such real life way.

Too many exposures to paintings and sculpts with the fearsome fangs being employed or in threat mode, I guess.

Mother and kitten are watching as sibling is shyly toying with a tortoise (whose real life counterpart may still be living...well ok, not.)





MAY 2025 (2)– John Carr

“ Make No Mistake, WORK FAST ”

May be John has a second career as tailor to Super Heroes? As seen here on left. When he found a Batman figure at Flea Market, he thusly determined that a new cape was called for !

Here you see it in process, the old school modeler epoxy clay we know by brand name Sculpey marvelously molded to suit by John.

The Brave and The Bold was title for comic series that later in its majority an exclusive teaming of The Batman and another hero.

Here I would say, John definitely fits perfectly for a reprise, as working successfully with material like Sculpey definitely not for hesitant or faint of heart.

As so subtly put in the May Minutes, John suggests you work fast.

JUNE 2025 (1) – Riley Kitchen

“ Wanted To Start with A Bigger Boat ”

As Riley relayed to us, being in a modeler’s version of writer’s block or batter’s slump not fun. So fearless and determinedly, purchased this THIRD in a series (skipping the earlier beginner boats !) of introduction to wooden ship modelling kits. Fittingly with not small name of Muscongus Bay Lobster Smack. Very nice and lots of work !

Entertainingly written, detailed thoughtful work guide provided got Riley well underway as seen, would say any “slump” is in dustbin now, hey?



JUNE 2025 (2) – Chris Bucholtz

“ Mighty Monogram Meets Determined AfterMarketer ”

Chris dryly noted that having now finished this F7F-3N Tigercat, one could say that other than the 5 distinct sets of aftermarket parts plus a lot of scratchbuilding, he did this “out of the box”.



JULY 2025 (1) – Thanh Nguyen

“Royal Rotary Is Rhapsody In Blue”

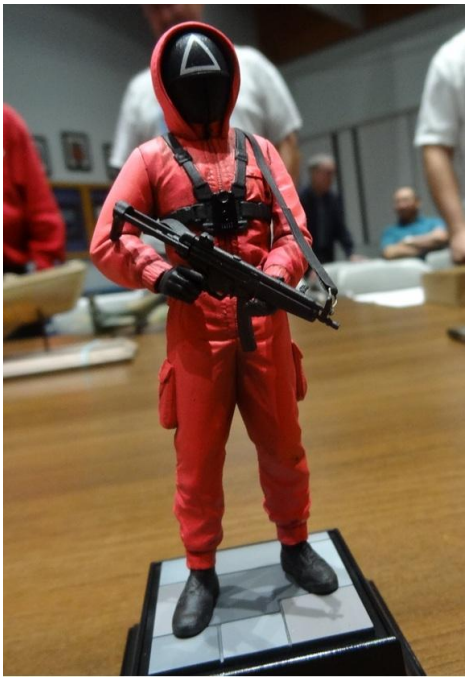
Thanh was completely happy with the newer Airfix 1/48th scale Sikorsky workhorse, says this build is totally out of the box ! Bonus for him, extra parts will now become part of his Hasegawa Sea King project

JULY 2025 (2) – Steve Hays

“ Always Great To Get New Modeller In Community Especially When They Add To Our Base-ic Knowledge ”



Steve may never forgive Editor for that titling, however his clever repurposing some pink insulating foam with paint and painter’s putty for this late war FW-190D-9 with auto’s display base was Technique of the Month!.



AUGUST 2025 (1) – Greg Plummer

“ No Squidding, That Thar Armed Guard Is VIBRANT pink ! ”

This Armed Guard from a famous TV series (yes, that’s how it’s put on the box, I checked) received respectable treatment at the hands of Mr Plummer, who used an undercoat of white base before the fluorescent pink applied. ...

AUGUST 2025 (2) – Bob Meyers

“You Just Can’t Pick Only One...”



President asked that August be meeting where folk should bring their one favorite tool or the like, to share with the group, as she said, much help to her during Model Talk building her set of modelbuilding basics, wanted to increase the chances quantitatively for all. Bob did best he could to narrow down to the set you see here

Eugenie had total concurrence, Bob won here !



SEPTEMBER 2025 (1) – Louis Orselli

“ Why CANT Win? Who Say’s a SUPERMODEL ”

Seeing this trimotored menace even just parked gives me chill. World War Two Italian Air Force’s CANT Z.1007 Alcione (Kingfisher) regarded as the best bomber aircraft in Italian service. Real deal was made primarily from wood, this one here is a 1/72 scale injected mold plastic SUPERMODEL.

Not kidding that’s the kit maker brand! Louis has earned this award the hard way, that camouflage was applied in stages, little by little. The canopy frames also hand crafted, as in painted decal film

SEPTEMBER 2025 (2)

– Mark Balderrama

“ Mighty PencilShip Render, Marko-san ”

Mighty eye catching work caught Prez’s attention, this 1/144 F-15J of the 305th TFS on the JASDF is parked on framed pencil drawing Mark did of it.

The Mt. Fuji and blossoms scheme was done in 2004 for JASDF 50th anniversary



OCTOBER 2025 (1)

– Greg Plummer

“ Had To Go Old Schule In Order To Finish My New Mule, You Might Say (or not) ”

Greg had produced a magnificent result from the newer Eduard molding of the Avia S-199 Mezec (Mule) which he intended to have in Israeli scheme. The story of these, especially the original six, in the 1948 war, incredible Well he ended up having to buy the old Czech mold by KP kit to get usable decals to complete this you see here



OCTOBER 2025 (2)

– Steve Hays

“ Never A Dull Moment When N Gauging, Especially In 3-D (plus some N-trigue for Editor Too) ”

Okay, Editor was in another state entirely when SVSM meeting held. He gets three pictures on his phone with a cryptic message for this you see here. Much later, he gets the minutes of the meeting. Careful re-reading of it reveals answer to his question, who won the 2nd MOM

Much appreciation of this tiny award winner, it's a 3-D printed Airstream Trailer 1970s vintage fully outfitted.

In N-scale (1/160th) for N Gauge rail layout...FYI



NOVEMBER 2025 (1)

– Kent McClure

“ Hey, DON'T YOU MOVE, Mister Big ”

Kent's Big Zün Gundam has no longer articulated legs here (seems apropos for a static model, no?) so enabling Kent to also thusly mount him to a proper base, to defeat top heavy tendency to fall over. Awesome effort Mr McClure and I am not reporting you to the SPCGA...(though I'm sure they exist)



NOVEMBER 2025 (2)

– Mike Schwarze

“ An Enormous Effort Seen Now Underway to Foil Fate “

Only a meteor striking planet might thwart his determination

Mike gave us the low down on his fin model output slow down and yet he does not blow down



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