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APRIL SHOWERED US WITH MODEL MADNESS ... YET



NOW A BRIEF LOOK AT THE APRIL MEET (Basically Club Contest Only, for now)

Photos/Text: Mick Burton Minutes: Chris Bucholtz



We had a Guest Presider in Chief, no fooling. Alumnus President Randy Ray filling in for our current President Eugenie Ray (yes, his wife).

Bane of Major Migraine befell her at last minute and so Randy splendidly stepped in to see things through.

Attendance was solid and Club Contest turnout was superb, so splitting up coverage !

Editor is using Club Contest Minutes for this issue and Meet Coverage will be in 2025 May TAMS (resumes at 3)



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

" OH HELL YES - BREAKING GOOD NEWS HERE "



Shameless plug: www.mickbmodeler.com

EDITOR has just learnt that AVG has a 2025 EVENT ON THE WAY and if you don't recall, last issue here I was congratulating IPMS USA Journal for having this great article on the last AVG show, courtesy of another great group out West who wrote it SO HERE's the NEW News and another high five to IPMS Las Vegas too – mb

Desert Classic XXVII

IPMS Region 8
Saturday October 25th, 2025

NEW LOCATION !!!!
Antelope Valley College
3041 W. Ave K, Lancaster CA 93536
-in the CAFETERIA

Presented by
The Antelope Valley Group
IPMS AVG

**This Year's Theme:
"Red Storm Rising"**

Categories
Provisions for Spills provided as required

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2. Aircraft: Biplanes, All Scales & Types
3. Aircraft: 1/72 & Smaller
4. Aircraft: 1/72 Prop
5. Aircraft: 1/72 Multi Engine Prop
6. Aircraft: 1/72 Jet
7. Aircraft: 1/48 Prop
8. Aircraft: 1/48 Multi Engine Prop
9. Aircraft: 1/48 Jet
10. Aircraft: 1/32 & Larger
11. Ships: 1/500 & Larger
12. Ships: 1/500 & Smaller
13. Submarines: All Scales & Types
14. Military Vehicles: Small Scale 1/36 & Smaller All Types
15. Tanks/Assault Guns Closed Top: 1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger)
16. Tanks/Assault Guns Closed Top: 1946 & Later (1/35 & Larger)
17. Artillery & Open Top Self-Propelled Guns (1/35 & Larger)
18. Military Vehicles Tracked (1/35 & Larger)
19. Military Vehicles Wheeled (1/35 & Larger)
20. Auto Factory & Replica Stock
21. Auto Street Machine & Hot Rods
22. Auto Cruisers, Customs, Low Riders
23. Auto Competition Straight & Oval Track
24. Auto: Motorcycles & Miscellaneous
25. Commercial & Construction Vehicles
26. Figures: Historical
27. Figures: Fantasy/Sci-FI/Margame: 53mm & smaller
28. Figures: Fantasy/Sci-FI Biologic: Types
29. Dioramas: All Compositions
30. Vignettes
31. Gun/Arm / Mechs / Robots / Sci-Fi & Real Spacecraft
32. Miscellaneous
33. Junesec: Plastic (OOB Rules) Instructions Required
34. Tom Daniel Creations
35. Juniors: 17 & Under

Special Awards:
Theme Award: "Red Storm Rising"
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Presidents Award
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Schedule:
Registration: 9:00 AM to Noon
Judging: 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Awards Presentation: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Fees:
Adult: \$15.00 up to 3 entries.
Spectators: FREE
Juniors: FREE
Vendors: \$45.00 Per table (reserved), \$50.00 at the door.

Vendor Contact: Curtis Stidham cbstidham@stbcglobal.net
<http://www.avg-ipms.org>

SHOW REPORT

Desert Classic 2024

By Bob Lovinson

The contest and vendor rooms are housed in one room, which apparently pleases the subjects (guy and audience). Although not exceptionally large, it's well lit and contains plenty of table space and ample room between the tables for exhibitors, customers and camera folks to see the models. Vendors are housed along the walls and there are always several good vendors with top-of-the-line goods for sale. Just outside the contest room there are plenty of tables and easy chairs, and outside in the courtyard there are quite young people selling hot dogs, sodas and chips to lunch on.

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IPMS SILVERWINGS

presents:

SILVERCON 2025

Model Show & Contest

Saturday, May 17, 2025

CONTEST THEME: VIETNAM WAR

NOONTIME RAFFLE

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

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website

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

Our club contest this month was “Brush Painted.”



Dave Balderrama started things out with Son Goku’s ship from *Dragonball Z*, Dave said the kit had about 10 parts and he painted it with markers before adding a little pastel weathering.

Laramie Wright took only about an hour to assemble Tamiya’s 1:35 M18 Hellcat before painting began. He liked the model’s level of detail, and it gave him a chance to try out some rain-streaking weathering effects.



Bill Ferrante had a model of Albegas, the super-robot from *Lightspeed Electrod* *Albegas*, a series he describes as “child soldiers in space.” The model was unpainted except for some panel lines that were highlighted.



Bill also built a Gelgoog Marine Gundam from the Principalities of Zeon in 1:144. He painted it using Gunze paints, and was impressed by the engineering of the kit.





Bill also had a 1:35 figure of a special forces soldier in Vietnam, which he started by trying to identify the hardest camouflage to paint, then selecting the SF tiger stripe pattern.



Bill is turning the Dragon figure into a replica of a 15-year-old who stole his cousin's identity to fight in Vietnam and had an eventful career before being outed as a minor.

Bob Meyers had a KV-1 in 1:48 from Tamiya mostly assembled, so he finished it off with a coat of MiG Russian green, then applied several coats of chipping fluid over a flat acrylic barrier coat before adding a Tamiya white wash, which he then distressed.

To make the Soviet slogans visible over the white wash, he carefully overpainted the Cyrillic legends in red.

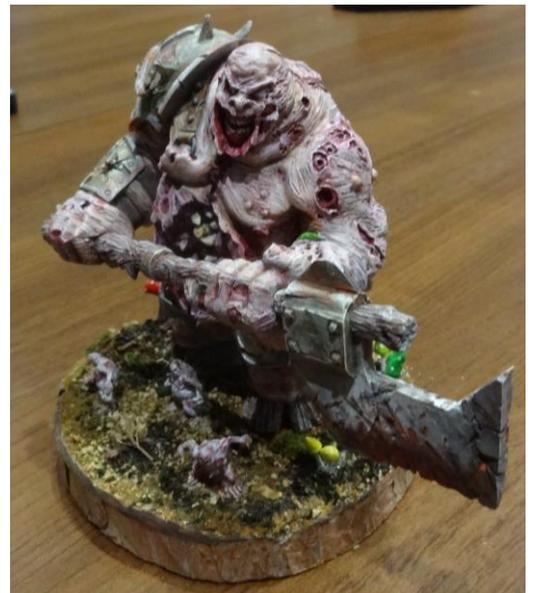


Mark Schynert's acid dragon was a pewter Dungeons and Dragons model that came in about six pieces. Mark used it to perfect his approach to black, and he brought along a little undead bear for comparison's sake.



Mike was painting it within an hour of the meeting's start!

Mike Schwarze's Kranlok Rotten Butcher plain demon was started last month, primed by hand, and then painted with seven shades of red, five shades of rust and plenty of gray.





Ron Wergin used plaster of Paris for a water base for Trumpeter's 1:350 S-boat, and he even put some tiny figures on deck.

His Dragon 1:72 Panzer IV had some Prieser figures, and he even had a couple of actual figures in 1:35: Vlad the Impaler and his court jester, Seymour.



Ron used Aeromaster paints to finish up his Airfix 1:72 CAC Boomerang,





and he also had an entirely brush-painted PZL.11 from Heller
And the winners were...



In third place, with his autogyro kitbash, was **Dave Balderrama**. Dave found the base kit while cleaning out the stash, then started adding loose bits and pieces to the model to create something for the upcoming GTC



“Mad Max” contest. He also discovered a clever technique for weathering the rotor blades in the process.

In second place, with his Zlin Z-50 in 1:72 modified into a counterinsurgency aircraft, was **Greg Plummer**.

Greg started with a Legato kit, but he replaced the radial engine with a scratch-built turbo-prop and added ordnance and tanks from a 1:144 A-10. After he hand-painted the camouflage, he added decals from a Hobbycraft MiG-15 that correspond to no known nation!



And in first place, with his Lindberg 1:32 Laird Turner Meteor racer, was **Ron Wergin**. He repositioned the engine to get it to sit correctly, but then dropped the model, which led to much effort to fix it — but then he dropped it again! The break this time also opened up the cowling so he could fix it once and for all. He used Run 'n' Buff for the silver finish, and he found the decals to be very thin and fragile, so he had to repaint some of the markings by hand (appropriately enough). *-chris fini*

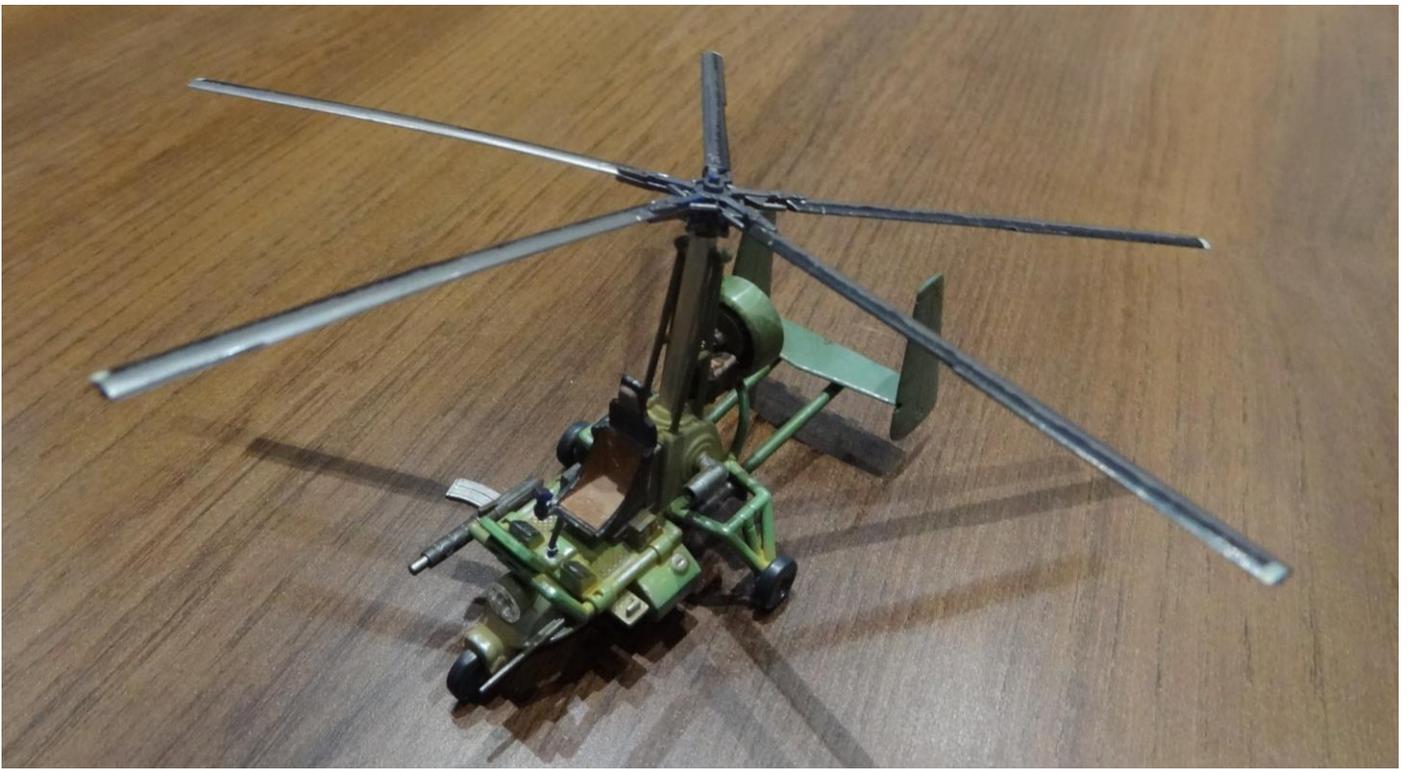


OKAY that's all there was room for this issue, coming soon will be full April SVSM Meeting Coverage and a true winner's gallery in TAMS, stay tuned *-mb fini*



Congratulations to
Bob Meyers
FOR WINNING APRIL MODEL OF THE MONTH





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

3rd FRIDAY of Month

MAY 16 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd

Milpitas, CA

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MAY 16 2025 SVSM 62nd Anniversary Celebration Club Contest

Gundam It, Mecha You Mind Up 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 (thus, again!)

Mick Burton – Editor/Sponsor



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