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Minutes: Chris Bucholtz*



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



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“ EDITOR TAKES YOU ON A TOUR ... ”

THREE MODEL CLUBS IN THE AREA still going strong after all these years. This is indeed a grand hobby. Happy Anniversary y'all
Fremont 49 + ! Monterey Bay 59 + ! SVSM 63 + !

Okay that was my opener for Editorial in Feb/March 2026 TAMS, where I caught up my SVSM news backlog a bit with May/June 2025 meeting coverage (sans club contests, which had been done in 2025). This issue here now catches backlog up in same vein to July/August SVSM meets again sans club contests again already done 2025. **Along with it came to me:**

This TAMS also new record for me as Editor as in it will be my SIXTH publishing done in a month, so far!

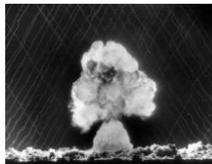
Don't mind me I am just having some fun filling this space usefully for now while being caught in wonder of it.

I started this publication in summer 2012 after already back at the OSS helm since 2007, and never imagined how happy now especially that I did so, along with beginning the Fremont BUZZ V.1 in fit of pique back in 2012 (it now 146 issues!) Trying to keep all the three up has made me realize how fortunate I am to be part of something that is so much vital fun, while seeming to some in my life as pointless or a just a side gig to “serious things” . Having to go untangle these last 14 months in a semi coherent manner while “doing serious things” has again reminded me how short life is, so don't miss fun

-fini mickb

MARCH 2026 MEMBER's Club Contest

HERE COMES THE SUN !



In Simplest Terms, ANY NUCLEAR WEAPON
or NUCLEAR WEAPON DELIVERY VEHICLE



HAS BEEN POSTPONED to APRIL 2026 Meeting

AND YES WE WILL STICK to our SHEDYOOOL keeping with

ORIGINAL

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

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WHY IT'S JULY WE CATCH UP NOW



At the July meeting, we received a reminder of upcoming events (WonderCon in Oxnard and the High Rollers in September, OrangeCon in October, and Modelzona and the Tri-City Classic in November). We also had a reminder about the Spirit of '45 event on Aug. 16, which we'll have a display in this year again. To participate, contact Chris Bucholtz at bucholtzc@aol.com

Our club contest in November will be "In Search of Ancient Wonders, Again," in which models you've received in the gift exchange over the last five years can compete.

At the August meeting, President Eugenie Ray invited us to bring our favorite tool — something that gives you the ability to do something faster, better or more effectively.

The club contest in July was Just Japanese. **And as for that, it's already been covered entirely well in published TAMS DECEMBER 2025, so go check it out** -mb

In model talk... Bob Meyers' lineup of 1:35 tanks started with a Tamiya BT-7, which was a Soviet tank built on the American Christie-style suspension.



He painted it with the late-war white cross identification markings on the turret.



Bob has a Dragon SdKfz. 234 Puma built and ready for paint, and although he contends he's not a figure painter he did an excellent job on the crew of his Tamiya Panzer IV.



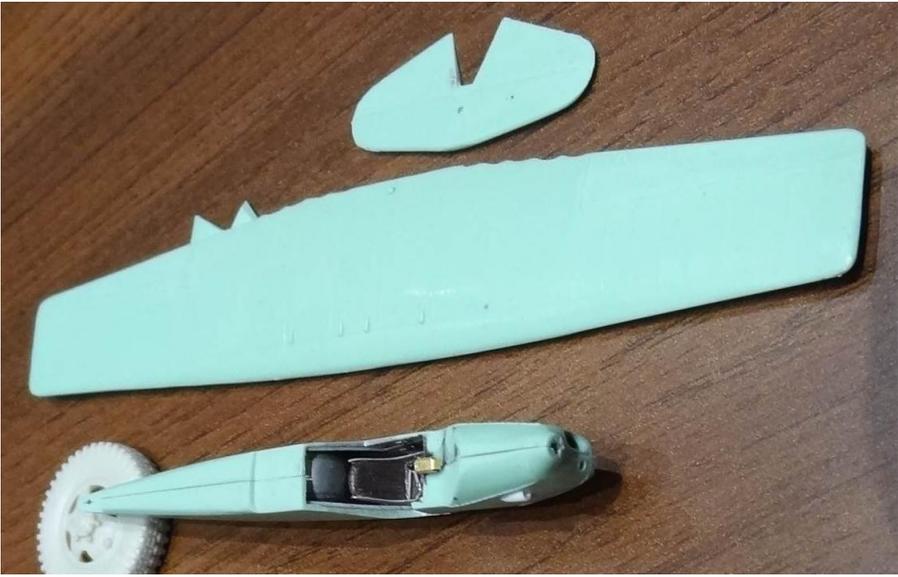
Bob added sandbags made of epoxy putty, using the grip area of his hobby knife to impart a fabric texture.



Bob's Takom Tiger I came with zimmerit already molded on; he says the kit is great, but the tracks are tough. Bob is building the model as the tank of Panzer ace Otto Carius.

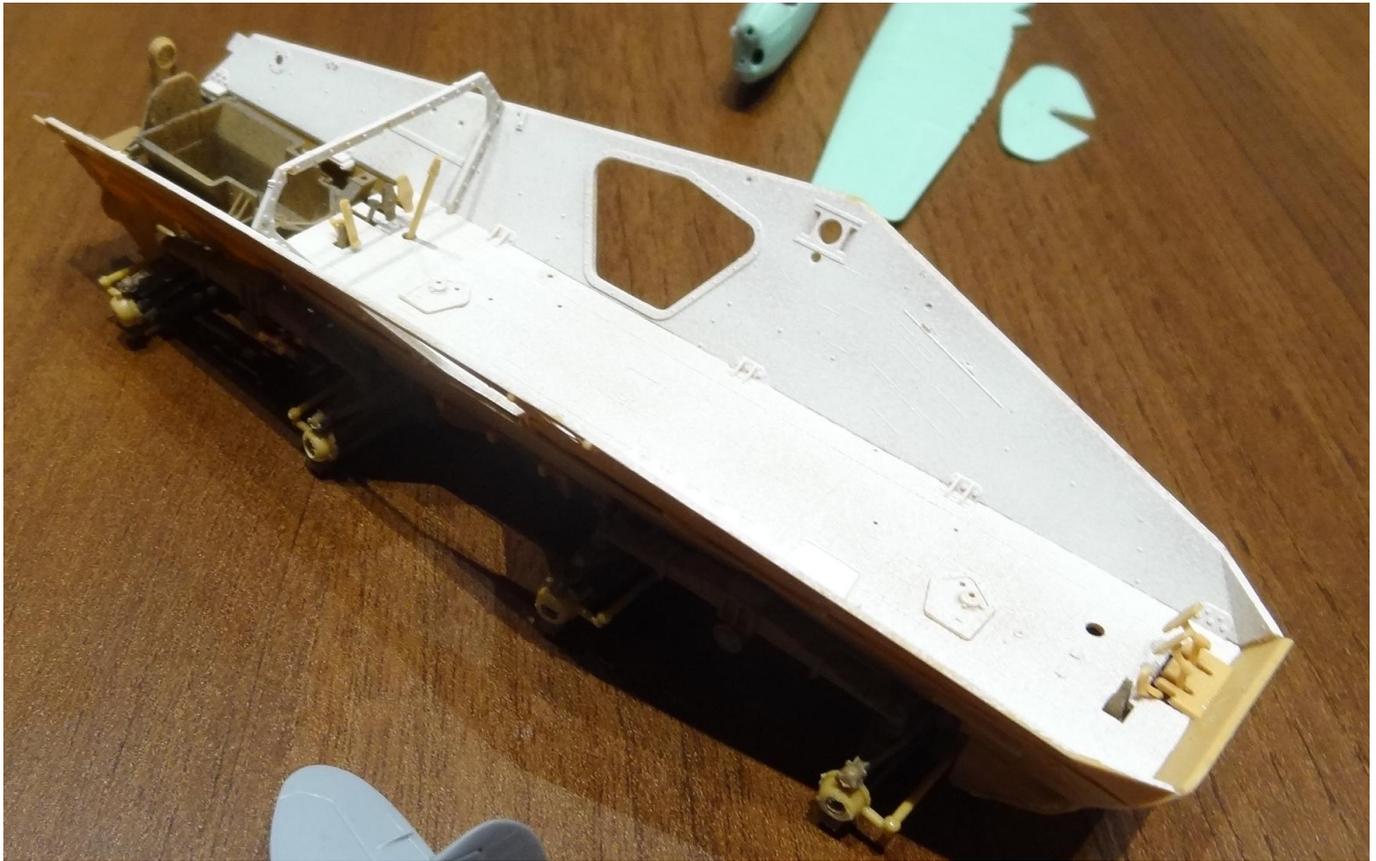


Randy Ray has his 1:35 Panther Late G in primer (from VMS) and rolling on 3D-printed tracks. A bucket from RV models is among the items of stowage he's putting on the Panther.



Chris Bucholtz has been detailing a castaway from the gift exchange, a Plastic RWD-5 sport plane in 1:72.

He's detailed the cockpit with photo etched parts from PART and made a Gypsy Major engine from an old Aeroclub item, which is visible through the opened ventilation hole in the nose.



Chris has also added the steering arms to the never-ending AFV Club Sd.Kfz. 232 build, and he engineered a new way to attach the wheels that simplifies the kit's process.

Chris also has a Special Hobby Spitfire 21 approaching paint, with all the radiators, scoops and photo-etched inspection plates in place.





Greg Plummer took a 1:32 Matchbox Spitfire's engine and built a hydrofoil boat around it — and then for good measure build the Spitfire's fuselage into the boat, too! He was especially happy about how the hull came out.



And yes, you guessed it, the Editor found it to be his favorite of the meet for pictures...



Mark Schynert is building a Lockheed Lightning the hard way, assembling Anigrand's 1:72 XP-49, or the Lockheed Model 222. This was a Lightning with different engines and slightly different proportions that never made it past the prototype stage, and ended up serving primarily as an engine test-bed for the power plant of the McDonnell XP-67 Moonbat.

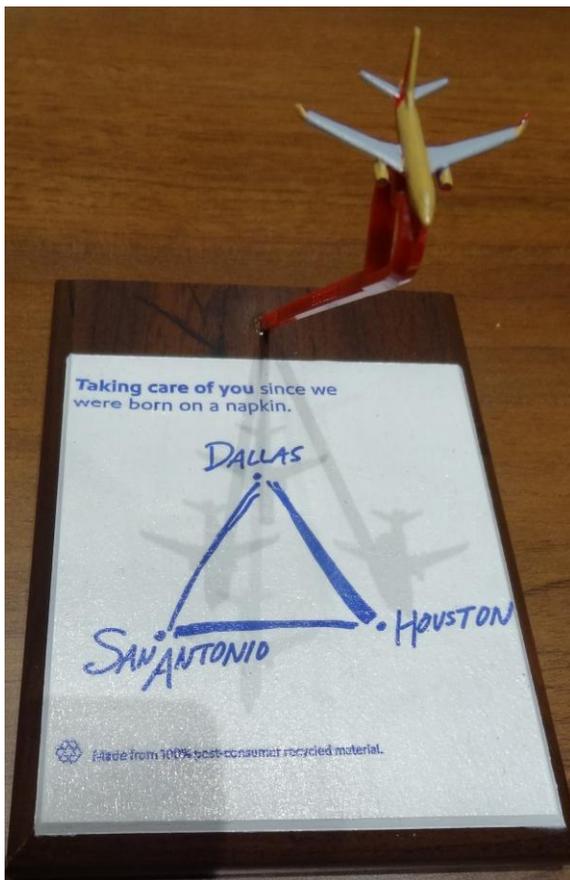


The model came out of the box with many warped parts and has been a bit of an exercise in resin rehabilitation.





Ken Miller brought in some projects he built for the Airliners International convention in June, starting with a 1:1200 Southwest 737 in the original scheme mounted on one of the airline's old plastic cocktail stirrers. Ken has a C-5A in 1:144 underway from the old "World's Biggest Airliner" boxing, as well as a smaller one from Academy in 1:480 with Delta Airlines markings provided by Vintage Flyer Decals.



Ben Pada's three 1:48 planes — the Tamiya F4U-4 in El Salvadorean markings, the Arma Hurricane Mk. I

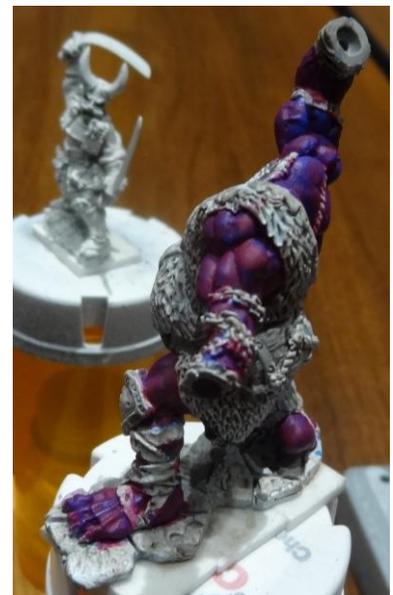


and the Eduard F4F-4 Wildcat — made a rare appearance for a final judgement before Ben took them to the nationals.

The P-47D Spirit of Lodi is assigned to Ben by the Editor, nothing noted of it in minutes but I took pictures...



Mike Schwarze's work this week including drilling some holes for horns and tusks on some of his figures and re-purposing some of the decals intended for his 1:48 MiG-37 "Ferret" for use on a samurai model.



Ron Wergin's rendition of Academy's 1:48 Il-2 Sturmovik came out beautifully; he used Gunze paints for his finish.



Thanh Nguyễn built the new Academy 1:48 F4F Wildcat straight from the box. He liked it because it provides the folded-wing option right in the kit.



Thanh built his 1:48th Airfix Sea King right out of the box, and was pleased that the extra parts can be used to enhance a Hasegawa SH-3 kit!



He painted the model in an overall blue scheme.



Steve Hayes built the Monogram 1:48 PBV Catalina, a very large kit that he wants to place on a water base.





Steve already had two models on bases - an Fw 190D-9 from Tamiya, with the Citroen 2CV car that was packaged with it, and an Airfix 1:48 Lysander with an O-scale figure to represent the agent being transported to France.



Both models were on pieces of pink insulating foam that Steve painted and covered with painter's putty



Frank Babbitt's building a Heller 1:72 Noratlas transport for the Nationals; he says the basic kit is nice, though he detailed the cockpit and the wheel wells, corrected the engines to have the right number of cylinders, and painted the model in the Djibouti scheme used by the French with the aid of Gunze paints. Frank also had to improvise some masks to create the yellow spirals on the propeller spinners.

Frank also came prepared, as on left a detail shot of his armed guard for model



And the model of the month goes to... Thanh Nguyen and his 1:48 Airfix Sea King ! - chris fini

Technique Model of the Month went to Steve Hays' Fw-190D-9 with car on the unique recycled base.

No extra shots here as you can find better in traditional style MOM shots in the **OSS JUNE/JULY 2025 issue**. - mick fini

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 03-21-26

Monday, March 23 2026 **NOTE DATE, DAY AND LOCALE CHANGE**

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at **The PLEX, 800 Embedded Way, Northside Meeting Room, San Jose.**

Friday, April 10 2026

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at **IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** in Fremont

Saturday, April 11 2026

IPMS/Wine Country Modelers host “**WINE COUNTRY MODEL EXPO** ” Show at Petaluma Community Center 320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma CA. *AN AWESOME EVENT not to be missed, with lots to do and see, new concept*

Friday, April 17 2026

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **Another 120 Days Wonder Club Contest** + ALSO postponed from MARCH ”**Here Comes The Sun” Club Contest**

Saturday, May 02 2026

IPMS/Las Vegas host “**BEST OF THE WEST** ” Show at their favorite locale Orleans Hotel & Casino

Friday, May 08 2026

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at **IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** in Fremont

Saturday, May 16 2026

IPMS/ Silver Wings host their SILVERCON 2026 at their favorite locale. Theme is “Heavy Metal”

Saturday, May 23 2026

IPMS/ Fresno Scale Modelers host their major event CONTEST & SHOW in conjunction with CASTLE Air Museum Theme is “250 Anniversary of USA”, contest/show is at Atwater Community Center. OPEN COCKPIT Day is at Castle.

Friday, June 12 2026

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at **IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** in Fremont

Friday, June 19 2026

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **D-Day for Let Me Finish That For You**

Friday, July 12 2026

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at **IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** in Fremont

Saturday, August 29 2026

San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers host their **Contest** at Stanislaus County Veterans Services, Modesto CA

Saturday, September 26 2026

IPMS/ Reno High Rollers host their 25th Classic at National Auto Museum, Reno NV Theme is “Red, White & Blue”

Saturday, October 17 2026

IPMS/ Antelope Valley Group host their **DESERT CLASSIC #28** at Antelope Valley College cafeteria, confirmed Antelope Valley College, 3041 W Avenue K, Lancaster, CA Theme is “Feminine Phenomenons”

Saturday, November 14 2026

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their CONTEST & Show TriCity EIGHTEEN themed “TOP GUN “ being held at the Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, 38991 Farwell Dr, Fremont CA



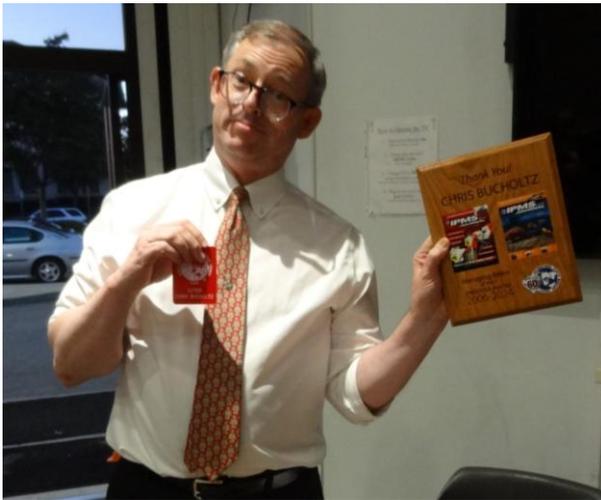
AUGUST SOON AS EDITOR COULD CATCH UP NOW

At the August meeting...our in-house contest, as called by Mick Burton, was "A Touch of Gray."

*(now, you will find all the how dos and wherefores of that club contest in the **DECEMBER/JANUARY 2025 TAMS issue**) so now back to August next up-*

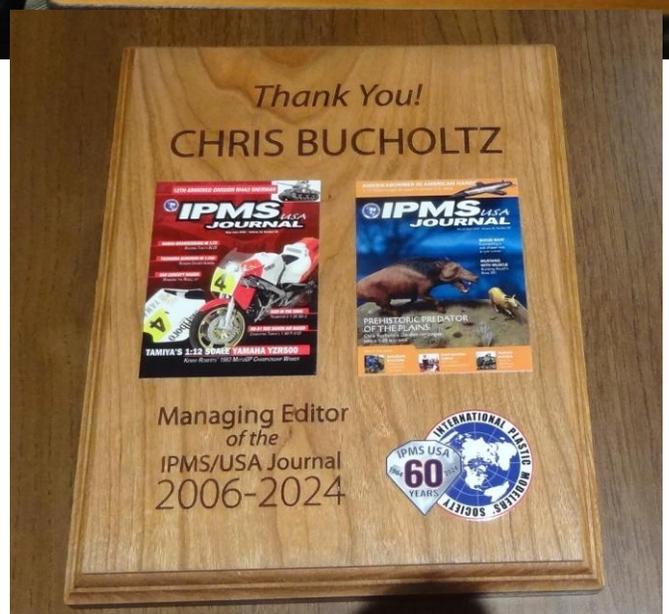
In meeting opening, President Eugenie had a nice surprise for Club Secretary, Chris Bucholtz, from the USA IPMS HQ

Modestly, Chris left this all out of the minutes, however given my snarky take on IPMS-Fed, any time I can give them props for getting it right, I'll take. SO here you are, good show !



As a long time Nationals member and knowing what fresh hell it took to get him at helm back in the day, I am glad to see that some true recognition for long time job well executed was given while recipient still is above ground.

That red badge of courage is public notice he's LIFE member of IPMS/USA !





OKAY! back to his minutes... **In model talk...**

Gary Heathcoat tackled some pretty tough builds in the Ho 229 and the Bachem Ba 339 Natter —they were Airmodel vacuformed kits he built long before there were injection-molded kits of those subjects.





He also wrestled Karo-AS's 1:48 Arado 234 into shape before more modern kits arrived. *(as it too, a vacform !)*





Just an aside from Editor – Gary hadn't been to a meeting for going on well over 20 plus years. So Howdy



Gary also built a couple more conventional kits, making nice work of the Otaki 1:48 Ki-43 Hayabusa



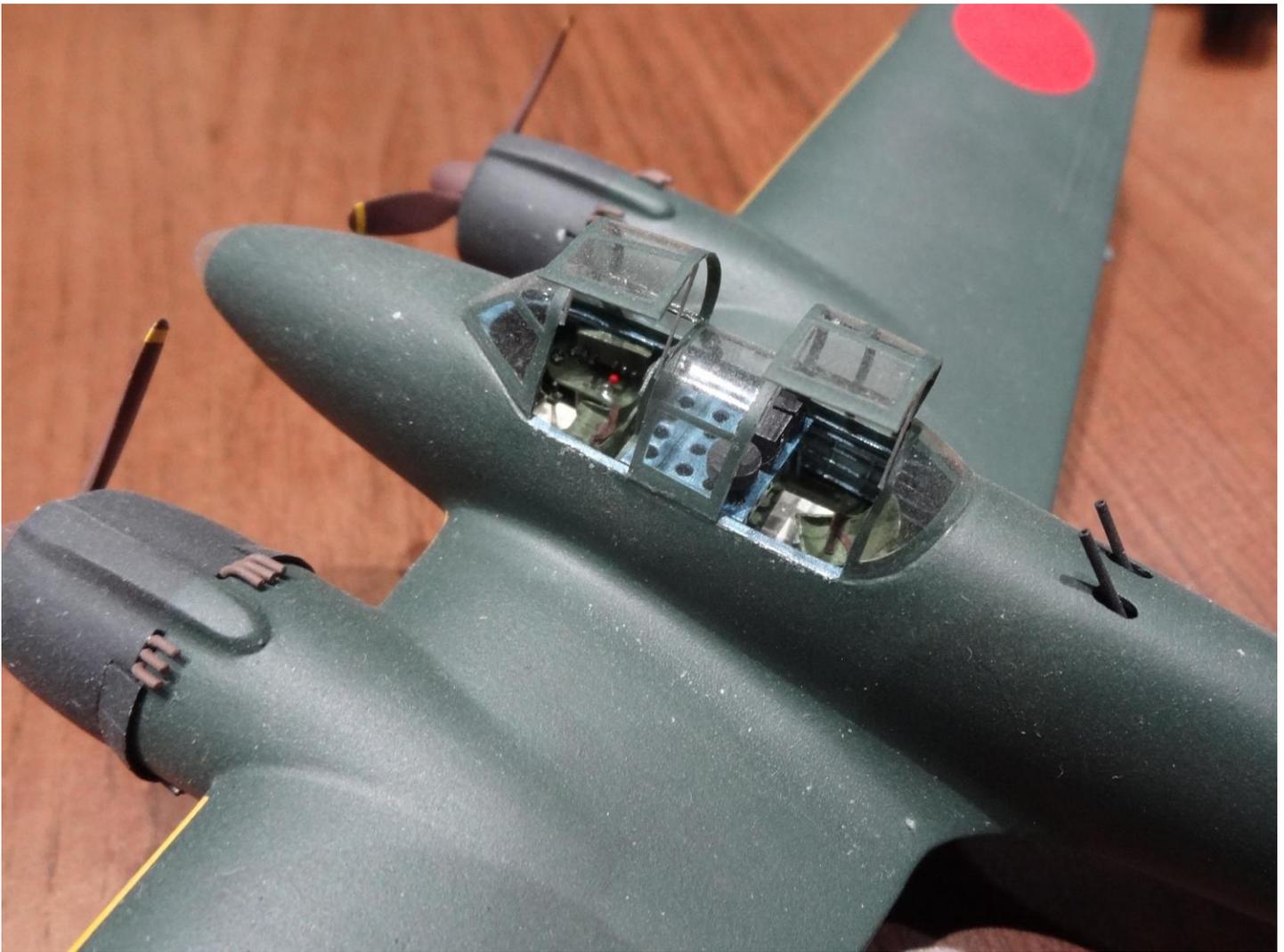
and the Fujimi JINS-1 “Irving.”



One of the more intriguing features of the JIN1 which was an attempt at a USAAF B-29 bomber-killer plane, was the angled upward firing guns just behind crew...



What fun to be “that guy” in the rear cockpit, trying to concentrate at night to intercept and then firing.



Thanh Nguyen had a second Tamiya 1:48 Skyraider, this one an A-1J; it was built out of the box with the exception of a new seat.

Thanh says the kit is a really fun build, which is why he’s done so many of them!

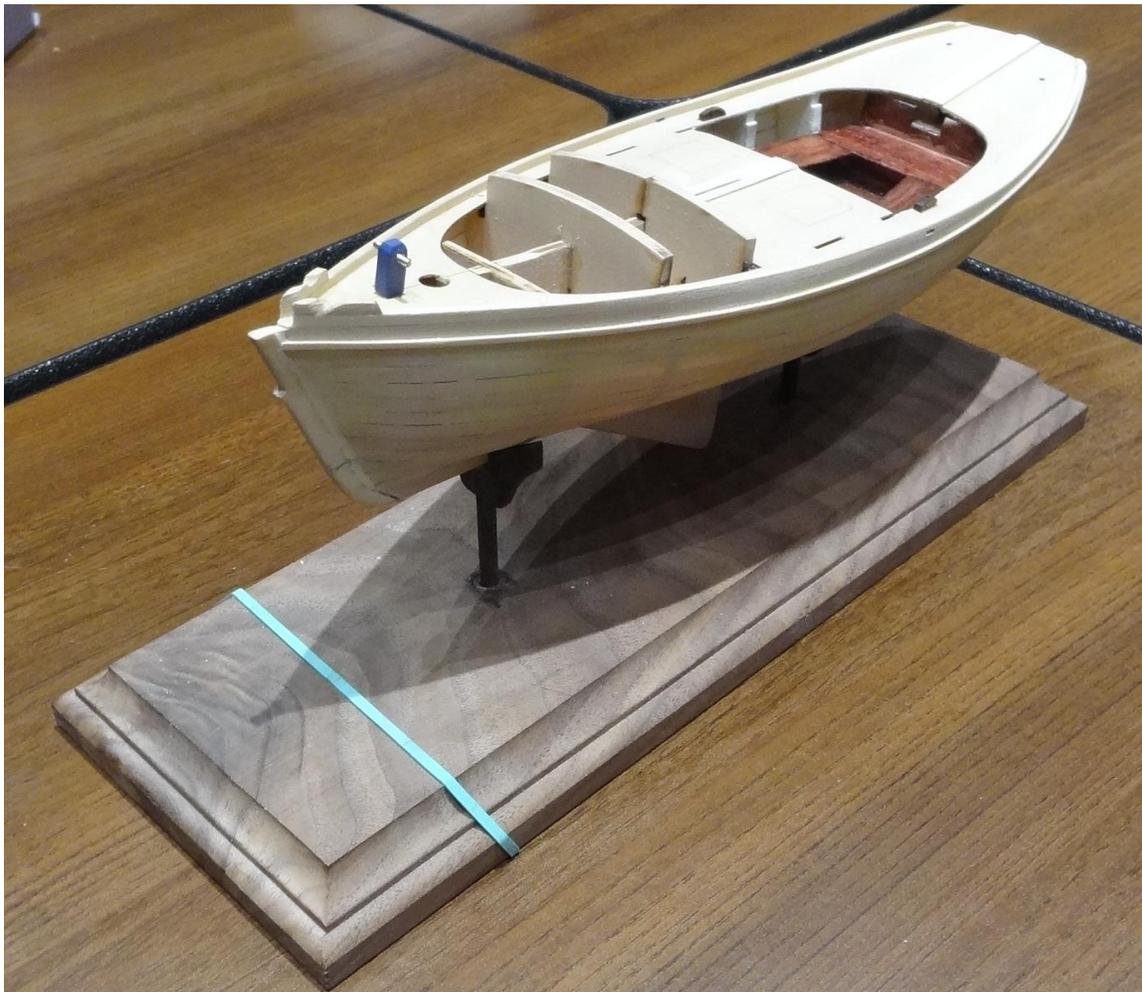


(His other, A-1H was in A Touch of Gray club contest)





Riley Kitchen continues to have a great time with a wooden lobster smack boat, which has resulted some interesting new tools for Riley's workbench, including a tea kettle for steaming and bending wooden planks! The hull of the boat is now ready for paint.

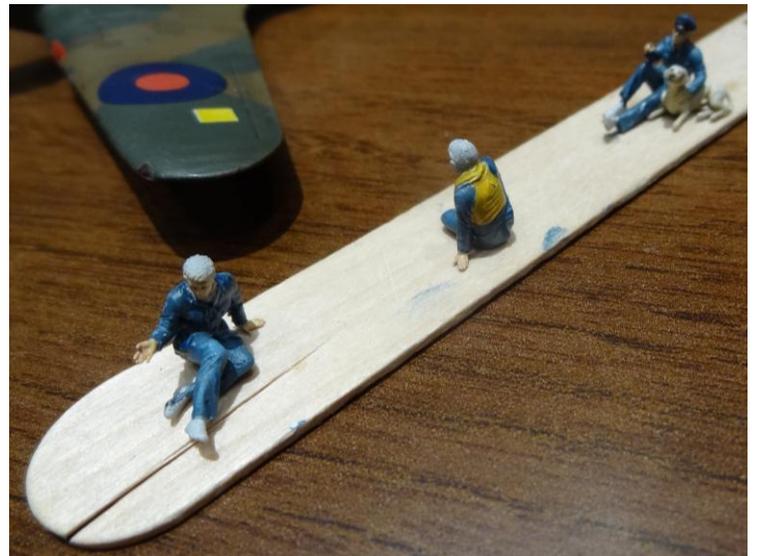




Chris Bucholtz had some help from friends to cut masks for the final, unique markings on his Academy PV-1 Ventura, which is inching closer to completion.



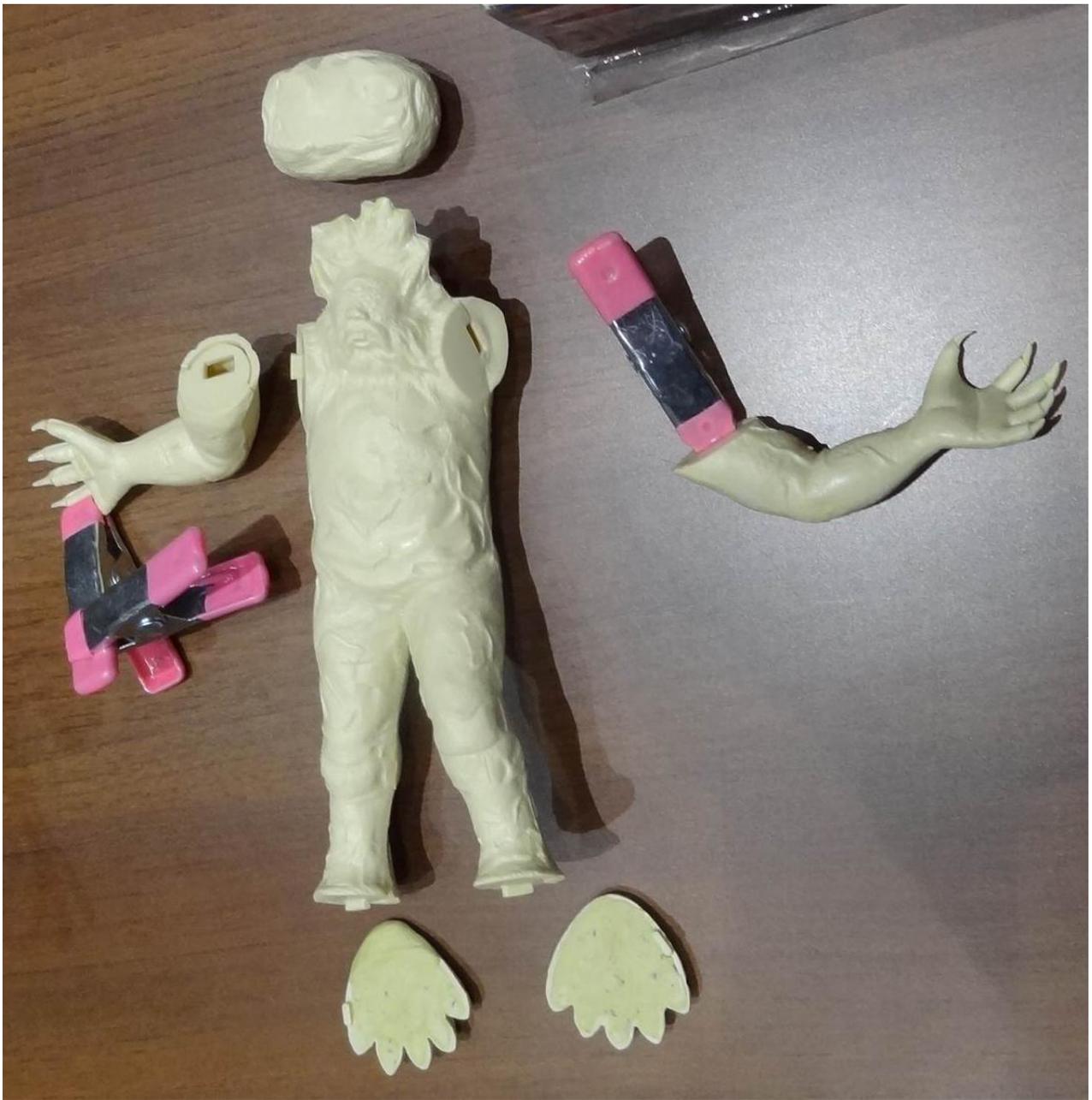
His Airfix 1:72 fabric-winged early Hurricane Mk. I benefitted from weathering applied using oils, and he's painted up a set of 3D-printed RAF figures to go along with it at the next day's Spirit of '45 event.



Mike Schwarze's velociraptor from Lindberg came out in 1993, around the time *Jurassic Park*



came out. His model had its arms broken off and they've been glued back on, so now painting awaits



Mike is also working on a Polar Lights issue of the classic *Lost in Space* Cyclops, and he demonstrated how he turns extra epoxy putty into convincing mushrooms for some future projects.





Ben Pada's Tamiya P-47D razorback finished as the familiar "Spirit of Lodi" took a first place at the Nationals in Hampton, Virginia.

His Eduard F4F Wildcat was repainted and re-weathered before the nationals and would have been a sure award-winner had it not been in the same category as the P-47!



Landon Carr built one of Bandai's 1:12 *Star Wars* stormtroopers using the Phase II helmet, and made a new cape for it from a napkin. He says it's the favorite among the customizations he's done.

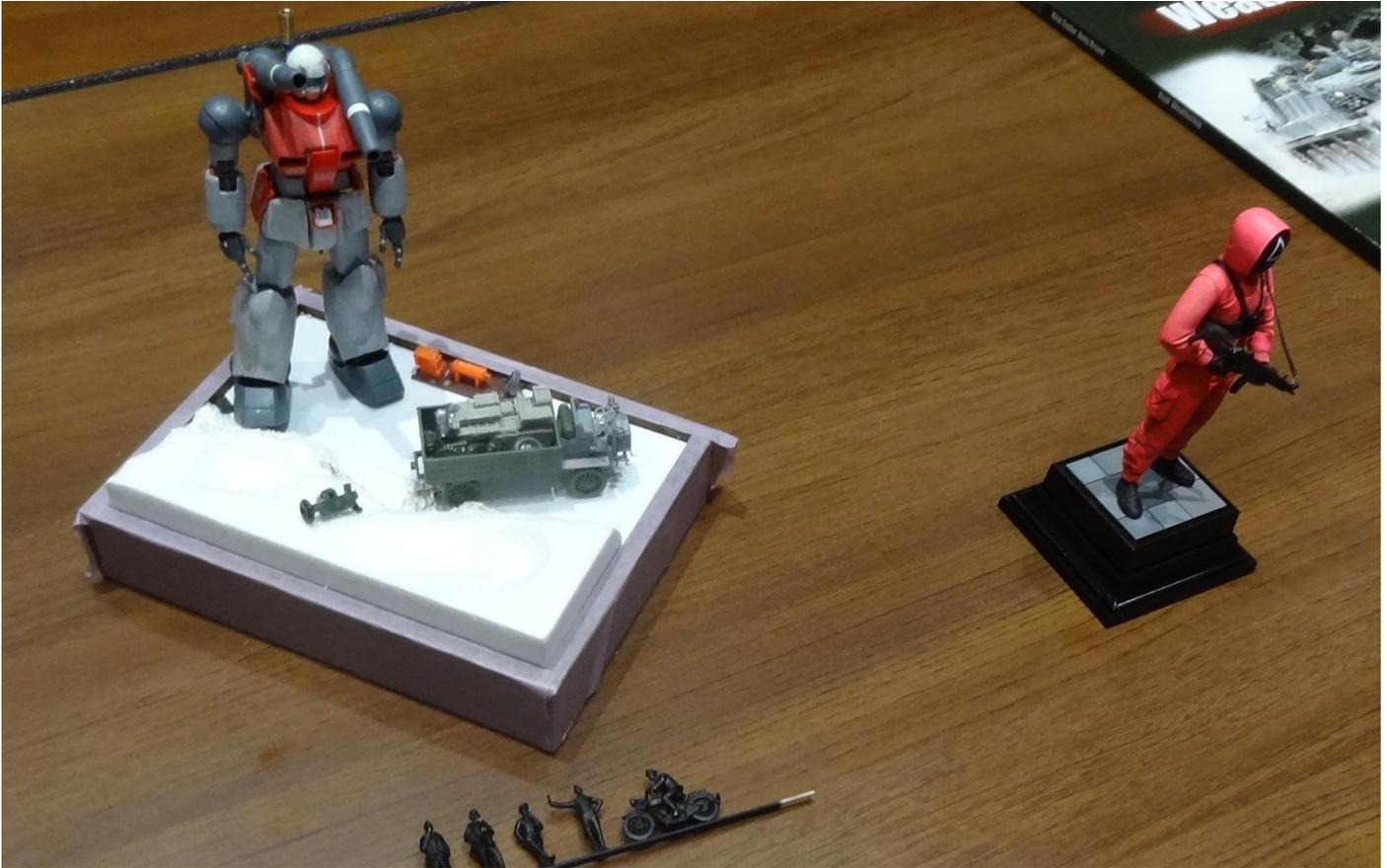


Landon also made some SEAL figures in 1:35, but did them for wargaming, so he could paint them any way he wanted to.





John Carr is building a Gundam, but he wants to bring a World War I feel to it by adding bolts to the armor and adding texture using liquid cement.



John also brought in some 3D-printed 1:72 RAF figures by Peddinghouse which have remarkable detail, including spokes in a bicycle and a cigarette in one figure's hand.



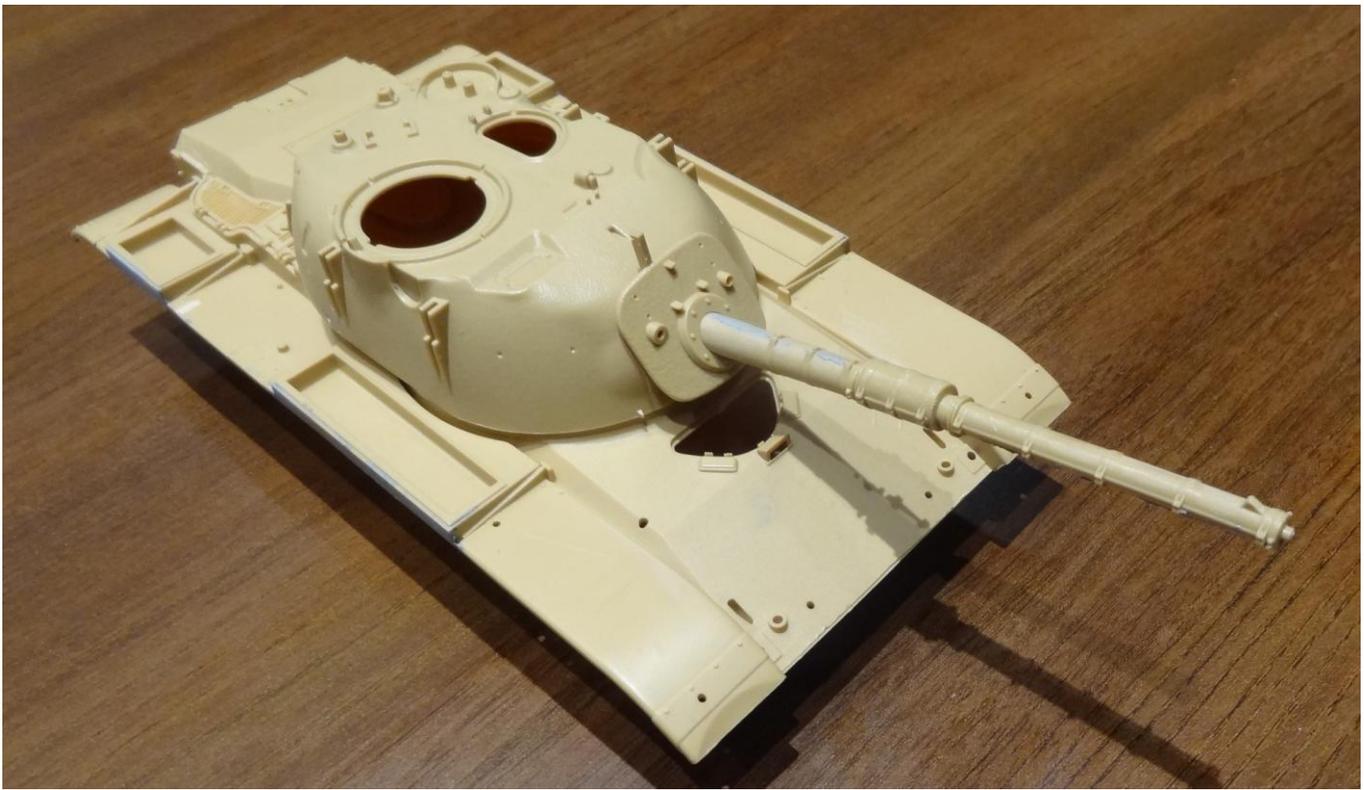
John's also working on a Zvezda weapons hauler, which he says is absolutely horrible, with nothing fitting together properly.



Greg Plummer used ICM's somewhat vaguely-named figure clearly depicting a character from *Squid Game* to create an armed guard. He added a strap made of paper to his gun.

Greg got a vibrant uniform by laying down a white base coat before applying fluorescent pink.





Laramie Wright is building Academy's M60 as a base for a conversion to an Israeli Magic, which will boast plenty of add-on armor. He says the Academy kit isn't the most detailed M60 out there, but it's a good starting point for this variant.

Bob Meyers' 1:35 Hotchkiss H39 tank is from Tamiya; he also has the Trumpeter kit, which he says is terrible, so he stole the Zu Fuss rockets from the Trumpeter kit to outfit the Tamiya kit as a captured rocket-firing vehicle.

He added stowage, replaced the grab handles with wire, and textured the seams with liquid glue/sprue putty.



Mark Balderrama brought in a vast assortment of his small pre-painted planes he bought in Japan, including an F-16XL, an A-10 Thunderbolt II, an F-14 Tomcat, a Eurofighter Typhoon, a Ki-45, an F-104, a T-37, a B-53, an SBD, an SH-60, a Ta 152, an Su-27, and a Beriev MBR.

And the model of the month goes to.... Greg

Plummer, for his depicting a character from *Squid Game* to create an armed guard. **- chris fini**
2nd MOM went to **Bob Meyers** for his technique and tools gathering in response to President's call for that be a focus of the August meeting. Bob met her standard and went beyond call splendidly. As he said, just can't pick one thing... BEST PICS for these MOMs will be found in the published **NOVEMBER 2025 TAMS** **- mick fini**

ADVANCE NOTICE about NEXT SVSM CLUB MEET for MARCH 2026

NEXT SVSM CLUB MEET will NOT be in Milpitas Community Room, NOR on 3rd FRIDAY

INSTEAD IT WILL BE HELD on

**MONDAY March 23
at THE PLEX, Northside Meeting Room
Address is 800 Embedded Way, San Jose CA**

From 730 PM to Late PM



THE PLEX is located just off Highway 101

**From NORTH use Hellyer Avenue Exit
From SOUTH use Silver Creek veer left at Hellyer**

**Our good friend and Member Steve Hays will have
A-Frame Signs with Arrows at the intersection to get
you to the best entrance to use.**

**PLENTY OF PARKING, especially on the North Side
where the meeting room door seen on left has entry**

RESTAURANT inside WILL BE OPEN if you're hungry

PLEASE SHARE THE JOY OF OUR HOBBY AND FRIENDS

Because it seems sometimes more than a few forget this :

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

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



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