

AN UNAUTHORIZED (mostly due to unnecessary, also because I said so being I'm the Author) PUBLICATION

# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 4

January 07 2013



**Somehow managing to wing it for now over 36 years...**

## Welcome

**IN THIS ISSUE – You will find: (basically in the listed order, tho a stream of consciousness device)**

**A Short Take on Present BUZZ (This Issue's *small* Editorial, in case you needed clarification)**

**Reminder of Upcoming Nest**

**Short schedule of upcoming near meets and events of possible interest to Hornets and their friends**

**NEW VIEW FROM THE FRONT – Guest Editorial (BIG, and contribution much appreciated )**

**Far and Away Hornet Alumnus provides Prehistoric Prose and Plastic modeling!**

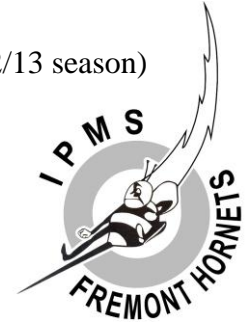
**A Surprise Look at FIRST KNOWN FINISHED MODEL By A Fremont Hornet FOR 2013 !**

**MORE PICTURES of this superb SCALE ARMOR WORK on view soon to be POSTED FOR A SHORT WHILE ON OUR CLUB WEBSITE, pleasingly in conjunction with this “Bonus Issue” of the BUZZ of the Free Hornets!**

## THE Latest BUZZ (as of Jan 07 2013 early morn)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor (& Hornets Treasurer a Deux, Current Contest Director for 2012/13 season)

**Boo Yah!** With now FIFTH issue (prototype was #0) The Buzz continues its 1<sup>st</sup> Generation. A suitable way of keeping things Fremont Hornet and R-9 interests related, updated until such time when it's no fun and becomes just work.



Origin of this rant rag was a blend of frustration with latest round of “as the website churns” with certainty it would be fun to have some sort of newsletter in the Hornets own trademark “harangue-guage”. Since this won’t be a “print/copy/mail” product, plus provides something more to later “post” on the club website as content, I’ll saddle you all with this forecast for 2013...the Buzz will go on. You were warned. – *mickb*

**The Hornets Nest Night coming up Friday January 11 @ Irvington Locale**

**WILL BE**

### **A BUILDFEST, Model Talk and Business Night**

SO please show up in any case to the Nest and enjoy, contribute. REMEMBER, “Buildfest” nights, like “Model Talk Only” nights, are not mandates which force you to bring anything besides yourself, or do anything more than be there to share some air. If you don’t feel like doing any “building as we talk”, bring a project finished or not like always for “Model Talk” portion. Or come on down to enhance the sarcastic swagger, without any target of your own on tables. Business as usual, you might put it. Speaking of business, here’s few calendar item notes of which you may need knowing.

---

**REMINDER : We plan to try to show the flag at Hobby Expo (Petaluma) February 9 2013 and Kickoff Classic March 23 2013 with “CARS”**

---

**Saturday, January 12, 2013 – IPMS Santa Rosa’s “ SUPER AUCTION” 6pm -10pm** Round Table Pizza, 1003 Guerneville Rd Santa Rosa

**Saturday, February 9 2013 – Hobby Expo 2013** “Models from the Movies” theme, Petaluma Community Ctr, Petaluma 930A – 4PM

**Saturday, February 16 2013 – NNL West hosts Western Nats 2013**, Theme “1963” Cars, Santa Clara Convention Ctr, Santa Clara 9AM-4PM

**Saturday, March 23, 2013 – SVSM hosts Kickoff 2013 “Go The Distance”** Theme for Record Setters, Endurance Champs, etc. Hall D, SCCC.

Our last opportunity for the Hornets to aim for a take home of an award for Gruppe Build “Cars”, with an entry in “Collections”. Don’t miss it !



## NEW VIEW FROM THE FRONT – GUEST EDITORIAL *from Philip Ludolph, valued long time Region 9 member*

Something has rattled my cage in the last year or so and I need to get it off my chest. I hope this is not out of order, but after looking at the SVSM list of categories for the Kickoff Classic 2013 competition I don't see the ~ “OUT OF THE BOX”~ category for the junior, fledgling and assembler type modellers.

I'm confused!

As we all know, basic construction is targeted by those selected as judges at most competitions, and enforced with gospel ferocity. Most senior modelers should be able to complete a basic plastic model to this level with their eyes shut. If they cannot, then maybe it's a sad endorsement on the pathetic efforts of local IPMS clubs to pass on the basic skills.

Sadly, I witness that the placing of a rather plain or ordinary - out of a box build - up against a more appropriately built professional model, will automatically put the professional effort at a disadvantage. What's the catch phrase - “The more the parts, the greater the likelihood of there being an instant alignment issue thusly an instant knockout ruling-or so the phrase goes.”

Is this a twisting or manipulation of the basic competition rules shall we ask? I don't know for sure; yet it certainly looks like it to me! Heaven forbid, should we see in the same categories “Snap Tight” kits together with Dragon or WNW kits as it would make a mockery out of the whole competition. Possibly, that argument is taking this subject to the extreme; but hey I needed to say it, get it off my chest. But sadly those that have greedily manipulated the rules to suit their own diminutive skill level have stifled the hobby; and resultantly are driving the basic cost of a plastic kit to the extremes. Who are they you might ask?

It's obviously clear, when one is viewing or walking around the competition tables. When walking around I hear this, “Oh I'm not going to put on any ordnance or open the canopy because I'm gonna get dinged!” Or “I can't put stowage on the tank, it may block the access hatch and it should be correctly tied down with a tarp”....etc.....etc.... Yet another sad response; “I'm not going to put the model on table until the end of the competition submissions deadline. Hey I don't want everyone looking it over and badmouthing the build.” It is disappointing to hear; it plainly causes disillusionment amongst other modelers walking around.

Those issues need to be looked at and addressed.

In judging, a reasonable application of the rules is essential and more appropriate given this complicated and advanced hobby. If there's any debate between entries, well then, that's what the head judge is for.....and don't nit-pick!

Scale modelling, as we know, is a craft hobby and not an art form. Were it an art; we'd see blobs of melted plastic with a wing sticking out of it: “Yeah, it's a 1/32 P-51D from Tamiya, you can see it plainly by the wing ! More importantly though, it's a comment on the social implications of the limited supplies of petroleum being wastefully used in children's toys!” Using the “art form” categorization would give this kind of effort the right to place itself on the competition table.

Focusing more directly and for us, importantly; a craft is related more to the skills and how they are applied. Essential basic skills like scratchbuilding, vac-u-form, resin casting, photo-etching, along with the basic use of an airbrush. All are essential skills which the senior members of IPMS should basically have and strive to pass onto the eager flock. If they don't, then they should be held in contempt, for selfishly stifling the hobby. Those that can't or don't pass on the skills, should never hold an elective position within any IPMS local club.

There I've said it.

My purpose for writing this is with the sole intent to foster debate and stimulate thought. It's in no way meant as a shot at any individual(s). It's moreover, just a view of the facts, the challenges that face this great hobby and the future of all scale modelling. - *Fini* PHIL

# RODNEY WILLIAMS, FEARLESS FREMONT HORNET, TAKES A TRIP BACK IN TIME, RETURNS WITH A CRITTER KIT REVIEW



*Which I must admit, at least for this Editor, sure beats getting a crummy T-shirt !*



(L - R) A relative, featured subject, “the 3 dinos ”

“CHASMOSAURUS DIORAMA SET”  
Molding by Tamiya in 1:35 Scale  
Text and Photos By: Rodney J. Williams

**Prior to** leaving San Jose, CA in 2004, I had built a few dinosaurs and brought them to SVSM’s club meeting and contests. Not long ago I was surfing the web and found 3 “dino’s” listed for sale. Intrigued, as they were “out-of-production”, and were not currently available from hobby shops.



The “box-art” on each box was impressive which gave me the incentive to buy them at less than ten bucks each. A real bargain these days.

About seven days later I received the kits in the mail.

I opened them up and to my surprise, the kits did not match up with the art drawing.

Take a close look at the “mother” dino’s feet in the box art, then study the plastic feet on the kit. WOW ! there are no real toe nails. No “realism” here!





Mom and baby went together ok and a bit of revision was necessary on the seams.

I chose not to use the kit's supplied tree and rocks. Instead, replaced them with real rocks and a piece of dead wood.



I decorated the base with real desert sand, green model grass. Then added some Future (floor finish) to represent some water under the mother chasmosaur. The turtle and lizard were placed nearby.



What's nice about building dinosaurs is that you can paint them any color you want and no one can challenge you.



I just wish that Tamiya would have taken the time to make proper feet for these animals. Cheers, Rodney  
P.S.

On the Navajo Reservation over in Arizona, you can go to and see dinosaur foot prints left in the rock formations. Dinosaur National Monument is about 300 miles north of our home and one day I gotta go there... Hey!!! maybe they will want to buy my "dino-collection", which consists of 8 beautiful models.

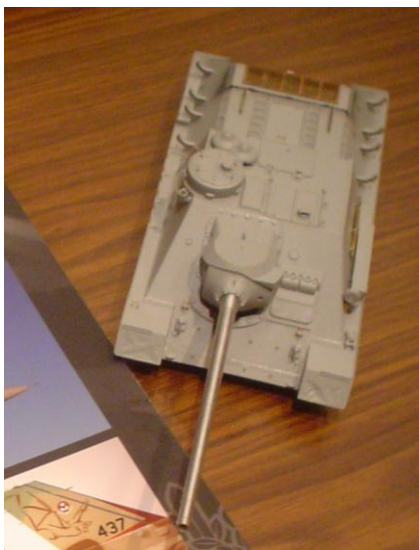


# SURPRISE PREVIEW of A Hornet's New Year Armored Victory

As **January 2013** opened, as luck would have it for this editor, an opportunity to celebrate another's accomplishment unbeknownst to him (or any at dinner, actually) presented itself. Hornet Randy J Ray happened to show up for dinner on the first Thursday of 2013 with his marvelously finished 1/35 SU-100 to share with us all. Knowing I had some (few) pics of it "work in progress" somewhere in my archive, thought it would be fun trick to see if I could get "before" and "after" out for all to see, ahead of the meetings this month. Like, you know, "breaking news" scoop incentive. Oh yes,



a selfish motive too. Hoping maybe I can tempt Randy into shoveling a few words into an article for the Buzz or Styrene Sheet on this project. I'm a fan of SU-100s...Not the only one either. Thanks in any case, Mr R J Ray, for sharing this armor apparatchik with us.





For more “sneak peeks” at what one Fremont Hornet has accomplished to start the New Year off right, visit our club website !

Mick Burton, madman at large – [DAZE61283@mypacks.net](mailto:DAZE61283@mypacks.net)  
(sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here)  
“Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm”

