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

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Far and Away Hornets visit the Santa Rosa Hobby Expo and come back REWARDED!

God Almighty, Speaking of CARS, look how many model ones showed up in Santa Clara for NNL West in February

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HEY Someone told me something about SVSM's having a contest in Santa Clara...(reminder about KOC 2013)

PLUS YOU "AUTO" KNOW...Show up with your Hornet Gruppe Build 2012 contribution for that show day. Thanks

THE Latest BUZZ (as of Mar 06 2013 mideve)

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

YES! Now #7 is being published. Felt weird, actually taking over 30 days to get another one done. Yet a natural outgrowth of having an expected holiday/first month lull in activity, then as forecast, BOOM, lots of meetings, events and just madness of modeling in a short month, too. Assisted by being KOC 2013 Contest Director, with my event coming up in less than 3 weeks, happily however we have "Old" Hornets website up again, 'Exile" site I developed in absence, as yet another "modeler Mick" site also, so getting updates and word out for this event, others not as ornery a process as for TriCity 8. Which you may recall, was a little more than 30 days away when website hacked!

Thanks so much to the rapid and in depth assistance of good folk up at IPMS Santa Rosa, no such trauma even on horizon, they have been advertising both TriCity Nine *and* Kickoff 2013 in all the means I requested, for a number of solid months. SO coverage and communication for those events, no problem. My hope my coverage of how well Hobby Expo turned out (AGAIN) will balance scales some. – *mickb*

The Hornets Nest Night coming up Friday March 8 @ Irvington Locale <u>WILL BE</u>

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.

Friday March 15 2013 – SVSM meeting Club Contest "That's a Spicy Meatball " A chance to "fusion" Japanese and Mediterranean subjects! 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! Saturday, July 20 2013 – IPMS Dragon Lady (Yuba City) Show 2013 "Get 'Er Done" theme, First United Methodist Church, Yuba City CA Saturday, September 7 2013 – IPMS Reno High Rollers host #14, Theme "Civil Wars" Desert Heights Elementary School, Stead, NV

2013 HOBBY EXPO OPENS NORTH WITH PLENTY HORNETS IN ATTEND



With great effort often comes great results, the spectacular opening for Region Nine 2013 events year was perfect evidence of this truth. Hobby Expo 2013 held at Petaluma's Community Center, hosted by IPMS Santa Rosa & Mt Diablo Chapters with invaluable support from Hobbytown Petaluma, a FULL FUN DAY Although I don't have the official numbers as yet, I was given a preliminary firm estimate at dinner after the show which seems pretty reliable. 350 Plus! entries, and as these following photos will show, ALL the tens of thousands of square footage inside fully employed in sharing hobby enjoyment. Plus outdoors, "warring" models "at sea" and in the air. Congratulations to the entire staff who made this all come off without a hitch, and to everyone who showed up to make it so fun. It was confirmed by public announcement at end of the day that there will be a Hobby Expo 2014 on Saturday, February 15. Of course it's on Hornets web calendar.







Like I said, there was a lot of activity pretty much throughout the day at Expo, "the machines are everywhere". I would swear these AMC cars were menacing ...





Once inside, and if you could make your way to the less crowded stage, here's what you'd see. Mayhaps explains the look on Daisuke and John, two of our hosts!

Many Hornets made the trip to the Expo, several entered, and otherwise actively participated. Mike Meek can be just spotted in the crowd shot, lost in the view is Jim Priete, Eric McClure, Kent McClure, Randy Ray, Chris Bucholtz, Roy Sutherland, Louis Orselli, Frank Babbitt, and of course I'm holding the camera, so me.

Ray Lloyd was there (thanks to Louis and he, we had our Gruppe Build entry well populated) as was Brian Sakai, whom I shot picture of as he was being indoctrinated into yet another "Speed Build"...

The Fremont Hornets were present in other ways as well, not always so easily seen. Our club was one of the early paid in full responders to winter call for award sponsorships, in form of donation by Mick Burton on behalf of club (in other words, no cost to treasury). Chosen awards package meant that we had our new logo showcasing on 12 awards/FOUR categories (First/Second/Third in S35/36/37/38). Translation: Collections, Miscellaneous, Unfinished and SPEED Build. These awards turned out as very attractive, creative sets, again produced with a good deal of volunteer hands on work in making. Hornet Mick also had two Special Awards sponsored this year for the Theme Packages, one of them was personal as he'd lobbied to keep it in play potential winners have to fold into Movie Miscellany. End of the day, definitely rewarded for this behind the scenes wrangling with how awards went on!



Now, before going any further, let's see some of these 350 plus models written of earlier, starting with those "specific theme categories Models from the Movies"





"MOVIE FIGURES" so competitive, Phantom (Opera) tried to close lid on Creature from Black Lagoon! "MOVIE SHIPS" tried to put a torpedo into neighboring "MOVIE SPACECRAFT" (failing that, an incessant sonar ping emanating from Admiral Nelson's Seaview. may have been a secret weapon on any slow judges)





One "Movie SpaceCraft" in shape of spoked rings ended up orbiting in with the Ships, likely due to a late launch window in registering.

More coverage in larger scale to come for "MOVIE VEHICLES" and "MOVIE AIRCRAFT", yes.



However, first let's not neglect the special theme category "MOVIE MISCELLANEOUS", Robert Conrad would be deeply miffed otherwise, he showed up ready!





This craftily created entry provided much enthused responses from all in attendance who actually "experienced" it first hand. Provides a real challenge to me here tho, in attempting to engender quality of the experience. The "demo" recorded episode of this well known to many TV series ran as a loop to catch your attention and enhance. A patient observer would eventually tip to fact you were supposed to be facing into the "directors vision tunnel" where upon you treated yourself to a skillful "eye painting in 3-D". A long horizon fish eye lens cinemascape in models greet you, as a diorama of prototypical setting on the Pacific Islands full of air and land borne aircraft, men and machines on a sunny day are there on view. Clearly known are the actual dimensions of this piece, yet the work is done so well you fall into "suspension of disbelief" and all appears authentically what your mind tells you is correct depth, proportions, details etc. Great.

At the end of the event, I had the privilege along with several others to get "a look inside the magic box" and even more appreciative of this work came away I. What the eventual fate of this work was to be and how our paths crossed, at time I wasn't even clued to ponder

Speaking of crossing paths, on the left is a better shot to convey just how big some of the "live exhibits" were and a "future soldier" or somesuch character in green armor was one I literally ran into trying to get thru this doorway. On arrival and having completed registry, I was "invisible" due to his costuming (helmet and bulky armor left him blind) when trying to negotiate past with a "plateful of car models". So "Gruppe Build Hornets 2012" nearly was crushed a few inches from arrival at destination. A sight similar to "Movie Vehicles" below greeted me (aka NO PARKING)



A Bevy of Batmobiles dominated here...







Happily tho as seen here, we had Daisuke's swift magic in action. Platter of "CARS" on table instead of "scatter" on floor, Fremont Hornets entry was parked.

Amusingly, as it happened, a category next door sharing space was one



near and dear to me as is "Collections". What else but "Unfinished" models, which again had a blowout turnout, very pleasing and interesting variety. Take a look:





There's Gundam 'Bots, a 50s Chevy, a former "stock" Roth "Surfite" radical surfer's custom, in process of being further pushed to brink of absurdity as a "space" vehicle! There are several types of armor and artillery pieces, a huge B-29 Superfortress project, a 1950s classic "tactical nuclear tipped missile on launch trailer", no doubt fitted with a scale nuke in case it doesn't place will take out errant judges (and half of Petaluma...). Of course, plenty of unfinished airplanes, hmm does there seem to be a familiar WIP bird on this table, Hornets? Yes, clear evidence that Hornet Ben Pada made it to the Expo, that's his unmistakable signature work in form of "natural wood finish" on what else, a Tamiya kit, the 1/48 Sturmovik. Not bad turnout at all in "Unfinished" and in the retrospect, looks to this eye as if there'd be enough for a split: "less Unfinished" and "more Unfinished". Just a thought for next time, if the numbers and mix run this way. Glad they had category.



Oh, and speak of the Devil! (well, kinda fits with one of our host chapters don't it?) Here's Ben Pada, and a diligently decal researching Jim Priete, with David Balderramma in deep background. Told you Hornets were

out in force at the Expo!

Others were there and not buying as much as selling, evidence given by my shot of Postoria and always so lovely Myra, hidden in the entry hall behind a fine wall of sale kits.

As you see, P.A. gestures, hey, ya got me! (now buy something...)

> Neighbors to P.A. were in similar confine spacing as





these pictures will attest



Plus, you have to be looking out for stray robot shoppers!



Thankfully later on this "assault shopper vehicle" was corralled, Thunderbirds to the rescue. Warning! Warning





Will Robinson, we have located Hornet Gabriel Lee! Here and without a single purchase evident in hand.

Oh well, mayhaps at the Kickoff Classic 2013 he and Plastic Finders will find a transactable moment shared.

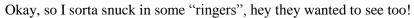
The theme of Hobby Expo 2013 was as noted earlier, "Models from the Movies" and they had a lot of great support in form of actual production companies there to share in the fun. Several folks were speaking on the subjects of movie magic and models from direct first

hand knowledge (they were the ones who done it!) in the middle of the day, from a great forum on stage in main display/contest room. Look at that audience ©













Now the "standard contestants makeup" weren't the only ones to show up with plenty of "models from the movies" to share with the audience. In a few rooms there were LOTS to see, here's a sampling just to give idea:













Now again, here's a quick look at category "Movie Aircraft" and "Movie Vehicles". Note the difference, also extent a builder will go for research for details...





Jesse from SJVSM Tomcats at wheel of Batmobile!



Of course, there were plenty of "non movie" master works to see and predict the winners from. Some Hornets came back (by proxy in one case, had to leave early) with awards in these categories, too.





One of them, plentifully populated, was small scale (1/72) Armor, seen on right. Next door, Softskin 1/35 wonders including Buffalo MPCV and an excited Scud.

A very pleasing variety was found in 1/48 SE Jet too.



In fact, at the end of the show, the Cessna Dragonfly took a First in category, duly followed by Second going to Gloster (gawdawful agony build described at meetings) Twin behind

Hey look there's some true twin agony in the making, those two Boeing SSTs in civil air next door. Brave and talented

soul who brought those to competition, lovely I thought. Below, a couple slices of the other subjects abundant, dioramas and custom cars, again all toothsome.



Seems in 1/72 ME Jet, a certain Hornet managed to overcome agony of Meteoric proportions, enter





Okay, I hear you're ready to see some results and such, don't worry we got them details too. Remember 5 frames 1st, 4 frames 2nd, 3 frames 3rd... got it?

Where this bit of framing fact goes is appreciating the design of these trophies. The secret team who worked long and hard on determining them deserve an award.

Central column is dark stain finished wood rectangle block, topped by a stylish black plastic mount for holding the *sheet aluminum* movie "clapper" with artistic thoughtfulness in all the graphic details, screen printed onto surface in glossy black & white. Note the show, date data, category, scale, all are integrated well. Then you may notice that the "film strip" applique seems to have a consistent and long thought out design. First cel has the sponsor of the category, with logo most often On the First place, the second frame is a movie cel, on Second and Third it's the "Place" in the signature Hobby Expo 2013 graphic style, on "First" it's frame #3 Last two cels on First are more great movie graphics, same for Second and Third having only 3 frames of course ends this same way in stack. This entire graphic is again glossy screen printed on thin sheet aluminum and glued to the wood column. Very good value for the sponsors who paid for them and the hosting clubs.

Give a good once over on how these look in pictures, and doesn't that new Hornets club logo look very right being there at the top. Yes, I'm biased, but still.





Pleased as I am to point out how The Fremont Hornets and Mirandco sponsored several awards packages for this show, truly this is the best point in this essay to give some symbolic (I can't do justice to Mr CZ's major kudos speech thanking and recognizing these two, at the show) recognition to the invaluable role Steve and Anita Travis played in the bringing the show to "GO". Here below, you see these extremely fine and always busy working! folks, hard at it at the Expo making it seem easy to raise money and kits to support all these Veterans projects. The number of Special Awards this year they sponsored at Hobby Expo make me pale. The number of ways every year throughout Region Nine and beyond that Anita and Steve insure we all are having the best time...just uncountable. Their good works and good will — PRICELESS. Thank you AGAIN.





Speaking of the inimitable Mr CZ, here he is! Getting a Special Award into the hands of a deserving Hornet, our own Milt Poulos. Behind Milt, a bearded and bereted Jack Riggar, notorious winner of many awards and good guy. There in sharp relief standing patient for my camera, is the quiet genius creator of these Special Awards, Mr Greg Reynolds. Be sure to thank him when you see him sometime, Hornets, it was he working with Jim Priete that finally brought our new logo to Buzzness. Take a look at two of this year's "framed boxes ala Reynolds" and see a taste of why myself and few others compete to get chance to sponsor these! MIRANDCO got "Movie Miscellaneous" and "Movie Ship" Best Of as it came to pass, and gorgeous work Greg did for them. "Miscellaneous" featured Ray Walston (Uncle Martin) of "My Favorite Martian" TV series as shown in graphic poster. "Ship" featured James Mason who starred as Captain Nemo, in Disney's version of Jules Verne classic "20,000 Leagues Under The Sea", this went to Milt as you see here on left.

Yes, you'd be so right if you guess Milt won with his "Seaview"!

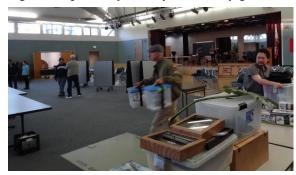






Congrats also in order to Hornet Eric McClure, he took home a 3rd for his 1/72 scale M26 Dragon Wagon. Well, okay I took it home for him and made sure he got it safely. Oh, yeah, almost forgot. A First Place award in Collections went to...The Fremont Hornets Gruppe Build 2012 "CARS". ©

Amazingly, there is all this open space shortly after the last award is handed out. Leaving Daisuke, Chris Z, John and a few others to get it all put away so they can finally get some grub and relaxation. I just took pictures of it all. THANKS Y'all and CYA 2014!





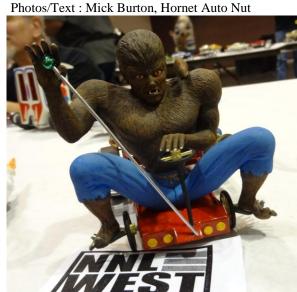




One last look at "Space" we sponsored before leaving our Solar System. - *mick*

VAROOOM! NNL West 2013 Balances out a "Model Pair of Weekends" With MONSTER Auto Display







ONLY WEEK LATER from the Hobby Expo 2013, we find ourselves in midst of answer to "wha happen if y'all offer 25 thousand square feet, \$60 Vendor tables, \$15 entrant ticket and NO CONTEST?"

If you're the NNL West, it's ANOTHER YEAR OF GREAT SHOW to log in the history books! See it!

This was their 26th year offering this opportunity for us all to enjoy, socialize, shop and just appreciate all the scale autos, put on DISPLAY by all who wanted.

1000 plus of every variety of scale automotive build, a theme of "1963" and perhaps a sub theme it seems of "Corvette", good friends good sounds good shops

and if you know the right people, GREAT COOKIES (might have to do some hoofing to pick up staff lunch tho). This is another "short" photo essay to tempt all who didn't make it to this show, to consider rectifying that error in judgement, as yes, NEXT YEAR is booked already for Saturday, February 1. Take a look now:

Santa Clara Convention Center Hall A offers great lighting, plenty of floor space to play with and the incredibly able (there is a very small crew that puts this



together!) folks of NNL West make the best of it. At the centrally located "Theme" tables, I got shots of Execs Greg Plummer and Bill Bauer getting a deserved moment of pause to look at some 'Vettes, Avantis, Karmann Ghia, Chrysler's last/best Turbine



The creativity and the range of subjects:





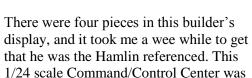
The ways That your Eyes are Caught is Beyond my words



Some who show their works at NNL, are quite the scratchbuilders and clever to boot. For example. These two large Fire/Rescue rigs of "Hamlin Fire Dept" here.



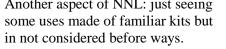




well crafted, executed and just plain fun to look at for a good long while, wish I had shot more of these.



Another aspect of NNL: just seeing





This set of Commercial Trucking includes a payload I've built myself and knew it was correct for scale effect. Never had idea to employ Revell's 1/24 Gemini like builder here!

OKAY. Because This is a HORNET.





Hey, I didn't know we had a member name of Tim Flock. Hmmmm. Nice ride, simple clean styling.

Why do I suddenly burst out with that? Ask Andy Kellock (another Wizard of NNL West!) he'd know



As ever, NNL West show displays range from the sublime ...

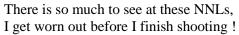




To the ridiculous.









Don't believe me? Then visit our Hornets Photo Gallery, below is address for my 700 plus shots divided into two albums. There's past years at same site too.

http://www.fremonthornets.org/index.php?view=category&catid=68&option=com_joomgallery&Itemid=30 Hope to see some of you there next year! - mick

REVIEW of Hornet's February Nest



We had our meet fall on night before all the 2013 season shows opening took place. Last calm before the storm, you may say.

While only slight drop in our usual suspects, we hardly lacked for fun and excitement mind you

Beginning with President Louis bringing along with those fine raffle prizes from Hobbies Unlimited (*thanks Al*!) some "extra smarts" for any who'd



find them handy to have on hand. As it turned out, they were just what the witch doctor (me) ordered, later on.

First things first. Jim Priete showed up a little later than some. However a Valiant effort has he underway, so no ribbing him, for just look at model he has WIP'd. Our final "model talk" display items seen here on left, as I said, included the Prez's

here on left, as I said, included the Prez's spare brains, which Burton may have needed seeing what he had on table. Must be suffering from "yellow fever", clearly. V-2 shall see, meanwhile Cliff Kranz had armored assault well

















underway for second month running, as his swift sure assembly of those fiddly metal link to link tracks pays off. Cliff was undaunted, making tracks as meet went on. In same vein, Lady Christine our best looking Hornet, went on her

merry modeling way not in the least intimidated by this big missile. Obviously she knew it was a neutered shell of its former self, as the markings clearly indicated. Or perhaps she knew Wallace & Gromit's British utility truck was more than a match for any flimsy constructed in caves by slaves German "terror weapon" requisitioned by those damned Yankees. Go Christine!

Below, you see as meeting got fully underway, President Louis is offering a pitch for "this growing brain" being potentially use to any or all of us. Little did he know what prototypically mischievous Hornet chain of events he wa about set off as we went to

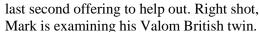




Round table discussion. Gabriel Lee was first to ponder the possibilities here, hmmmm.

"Missing Man" Peter Long, caught here (he was mistaken if he thought I didn't see that "power amplifier dish" behind him. I had my tinfoil hat on under my hair!) just getting "his mildly Dr Evil Look" on before he swiftly strikes. Casting a mysterious gesture at neighbor Mark Schynert as Lyle plays innocent and Ray tries a









As ever, these obscure limited run kits of even more obscure British unnecessities prove to be impervious to anyone's effort to bend them to their will, even if evil!



Speaking of, where's Pete? not in shot and... *AAAACHHHH*!

I CAUGHT IT AT THE MOMENT OF IMPACT

See, there as Kent McClure is stunned watching as our good friend Dave Anderson is zapped!!

OH looks VERY PAINFUL and I hope it didn't trash his Work In Process.

Maybe that's Pete's evil intent. Not show for these Dark Arts so he can return to us thusly so competitive builds til he catches up. Yes, I AM But wait you say, if that "mysterious force that Pete cast out" didn't impact Mark's Buckwhatever, where did it go? Saaaaay, look that's Southern Lad Frank Babbitt's work area but....where's FRANK? OOOO NNNNOOO! Oh no, wait, here he is, normal pose, shopping and blithely ignoring us all (great focus, that guy. Why he wins.)

SO WHERE DID "DR EVIL PETE LONG'S MISCHIEF RAY FLY OFF TO???





awhile, likely out studying armed and slow down our PARANOID. Still...

Okay, just so you know the whole story. As you see here, President Louis recognizes this has all gotten out of hand and he begins his powerful magic to force

things back to their normal sarcastic frameworks (realizing of course that otherwise, we'll NEVER get to after meeting dinner on time

Our fabulous former President, Ray Lloyd (wouldn't he be a great return candidate some day?) has a moment of doubt as to how



from ourselves again.

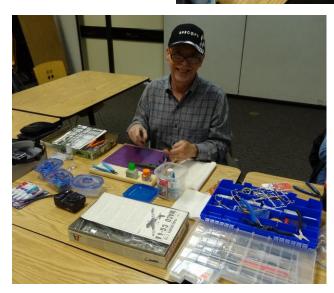
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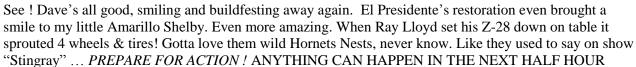
See on left how Ray's Z-28 is bit blurry, don't you? So did Ray!

But have faith my Hornet brethren

Quick enough (on right, a proof) Ray's Camaro returned to clear and steady state, Louis' saved us









Good man that he is, President Louis reminded us all to give some credit to where it's due. He'd had that pack extra brains on hand remember?

Y'all laughed when he pointed them out earlier in the evening, yet now that you've seen how things turned deadly during the night's buildfest suddenly it seems very very smart and thinking ahead to have that "toy" on table, no? We'll wrap up on next page as you see on the far right how things were muchly back to normal, such as we ever be so.









HEY! I almost forgot again. Yes, we did in fact have a Model of the Month award and a subject selected for the February Nest. But with all the excitement you saw we

lost track of time and focus, didn't get the bloody award out. At least Burton didn't forget to make sure that everyone knew for the evening raffle that there was a pristine new copy of the BRAND NEW MODELER's GUIDE TO THE P-38 LIGHTNING by Jay Sherlock (himself an Expatriate Fremont Hornet) available to win. Burton donated a 2nd copy he bought, shamelessly trying to boost attendance for SVSM KOC 2013 which has a "Best P-38" award this year. Seems that he's the Contest Director, so suppose we'll allow it. THIS TIME. Next month...who knows.

Here, a close up before we close out the remembrance of February past. Just in case you ever run across one of these handy tools, in virgin bubble pack. Don't forget, you need water (not soda, not beer, H2O!) added to this device before full capacity is achieved.



Damn, all this while Christine's been just confidently charging on ahead with that masterpiece of British mis-engineering.

Look!

That does it, NOPE, NO SUPERGLUE FOR YOU! CUT OFF



What? What was that Chris?

My caffeine is cut off? NOOOOOOOOO!



Mike O'Leary gladly took that book with his winning red ticket, so you know.

As for the Big Smiling Free Hornet Here...

Cliff Kranz

You won Model of the Month for your T-34 ARV in Panzergelb (captured)

And if you'd like to see MORE pictures: link on here
http://www.fremonthornets.org/index.php?view=category&catid=66&option=com_joomgallery&Itemid=30

Mick Burton, madman at large – <u>DAZE61283@mypacks.net</u> (sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here)

"Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm"

