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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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

## Welcome

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

**Reminder of Upcoming Nest 4-12-13**

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

**For whatever reason Hornets visit the Santa Clara show !**

**Good Speaking of CARS, any model ones showed up in Santa Clara for KOC 2k13 (yes) (but not all of them)**

**A LOOK BACK FROM THE FRONT – Review of our March 2013 meeting**

**HEY Someone told me something about HORNETS having an auction (month after elections!) is this true? (see Ed)**

**PLUS YOU BEST “SNAP 2 IT” Remember Hornet Gruppe Build 2013 theme and deadline for show day. Thanks**

## THE Latest BUZZ (as of April 06 2013 midday)

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

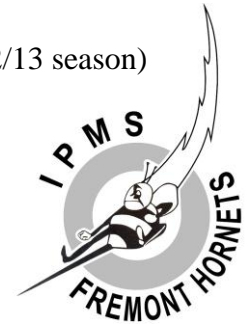
**YES!** Now #8. In case you are a new reader, the Issue number is off by one always, since #0 was outset of this lark. That clarified or muddied, let's get to some actual important business!

With SVSM seeing off Kickoff Classic with number 19 this past month, we're now in Region Nine amply served with plenty of time to complete model projects before next "local" event.

There won't be any unless the hosts are hiding them to spring on us any moment now, UNTIL JULY 20. Dragon Lady is prodding us with their theme "Get'Er Done" so do just that, take their awards and their door prizes, hell, take the table signage, never know what may come in handy for contest or other uses.

BEFORE HAND Hornets, keep in mind, shortly enough (June Meeting) we'll be seeking unwary prey for an Election to Presidential, Treasurer posts for next term. Then we can relax (NOT!) because it will be THEIR FAULT if SUPER AUCTION ala HORNETS in JULY doesn't prove to be as always, best damned one ever.

My hope that you all keep up good works, great sarcasm and spirits of fun to share. Seeya soon. – *mickb*



## The Hornets Nest Night coming up Friday April 12 @ 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.

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**Saturday, April 20, 2013 – Mojave Airport Days see hosts of Experimental Aircraft Association stage "Mojave Fly In"** Promised appearance of some pretty rare Rutan designs and other cool stuff being flown in, demonstrated, or folks emptying hangars of "secret projects" from 10a-3 pm

**Saturday, April 27, 2013 – IPMS Seattle's "SPRING SHOW"** Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Hwy, Renton WA

**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 SVSM Kickoff Classic # 19 “GOES THE DISTANCE” WITH HORNETS IN ATTEND

Photos/Text : Mick Burton, Hornet Attendee

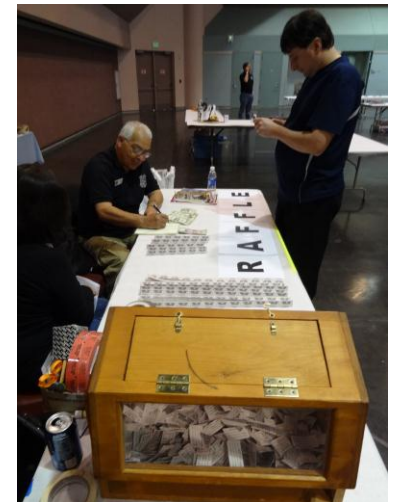
**With no great effort** of a sort to accomplish that fact, in a way. You see, the Contest Director (Mick Burton) is a Free Hornet as well as Life Member of SVSM. Vendor VP plus Head Judge Mike Meek is a Free Hornet as well as Life Member of SVSM, oh and so it happens also is Chris Bucholtz who again was the Awarding Voice for the show. Then there's Mike Woolson, Raffle Team Lead and VP becoming new Contest Director, a Free Hornet and long time SVSMer. The Treasurer, New President and Kickoff Registration Czar Bill Ferrante is an Alumnus Free Hornet plus oh yes, a Life Member of SVSM. Jim Priete, brothers Eric and Kent McClure, Cliff Kranz, Gabriel Lee, all Free Hornets and SVSMers who were there. Louis Orselli (whom also is “dual passport” though I can't recall at moment what function he serves in Free Hornets ☺), as a valued returning Vendor at Kickoff was there with fellow Free Hornet, Randy Ray, as a neighbor in Vendor Land. There were several more, but I think I have pounded into dust the point. So I'll let it slide that I, amongst other Hornets, *didn't manage to make* the “Gruppe Build 2012 Fremont Hornets ‘CARS’” happen as gently requested more than a few times in recent weeks. Might have placed Third in Collections...☹

All things considered, probably for the best, we won First at the first show of 2013 Region 9 year, in Collections, and our tradition for Gruppe Builds has for good reason thoughtfully constructed that no matter what, we win for having come up with one at all.

Yes, you Hornets, you know damned well it's serious sarcasm for play here. Thoughtful construction by lack of any so just codified the reality in fact. Administration by Executive In-Action, you can't get more laid back more efficiently than that, spot on Hornets!

Since having written on 15 pages now with photos of course in the two Styrene Sheets about this event o' mine, excuse me if I only concentrate on Hornets-centric current or historical aspects as I wrap up here. Or just wander about aimlessly to the end.

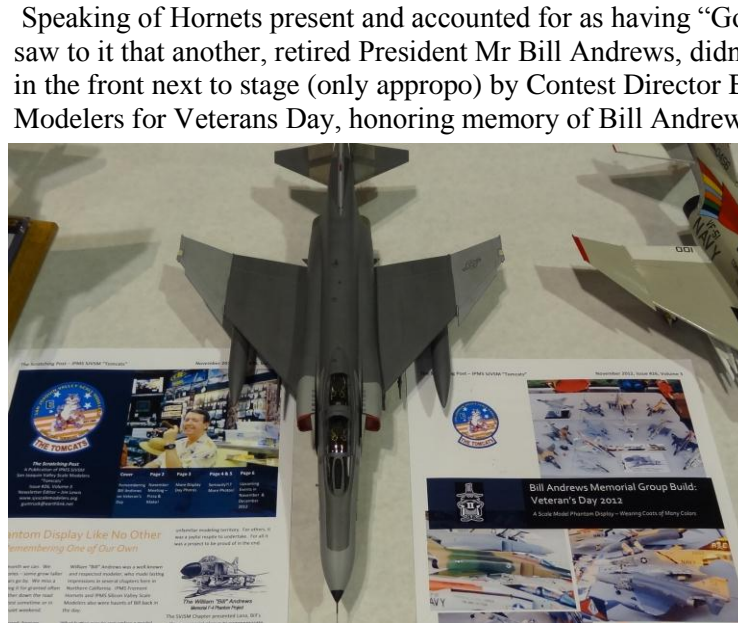
Damn, as always, my review from memory needs visual aids which amply demo'd here again. Free Hornet Frank Babbitt in shot below is caught here in his characteristic pose at a show, shopping at a friendly vendor. Do I sound jealous? Of course! How else do you think I presuppose to know what Frank B does at model events? He's a well respected resource competitor (oh by the way, Frank, thanks again for gifting me the half 1/72 scale Neptune from those Ozzies, other day) (1/144 P2V-5/7 Aeroclub...geez how could someone *not* get that straight from my writing ?) Hey look, Jim Priete examining the OPEL GT Racer in detail



while Mike Woolson and Frank Beltran work raffle, as always in a magnificent remunerative way. Some how one day, I'll have the Sarge inducted into Free Hornets society. After all, our TriCity Eight raffle was a generous effort thanks to his staff work along with Mike, Dave, Kris.



Kickoff #19 seen here was as good as it gets again, with Hornets being part of why ! Randy Ray among the contributors also of great grand prizes. THANKS you



When they displayed on November 2012

Editor of "Scratching Post" Newsletter for SJVSM, Jim Lewis, captured in his article all the flavor and great memorial that their heartfelt Gruppe Build intended to convey. That workup happened to be very forward looking, as turned out. In making trip to SVSM Kickoff #19 to share this memorial, the SJVSM's table signage stayed home. Thanks to Jim's prior sharing of the "Post" with me, Bryan Finch and I managed quickly enough to create suitable new signage using two parts of Jim's article printed on my hard working Awards Canon on glossy photo paper. Thusly you see, Bill Andrews was smiling his sly smile, stogie in hand (how many Hobby Shops in Bay Area you know would be allowing such "classic" old school modeler behavior?) in midst of a Tomcats meeting at Modesto Hobby & Craft, apparently pleased to see how his friends saw to it he again made it to Hornet Burton's last mile along with them. McDonnell's F-4 was Bill Andrew's personal favorite. This SJVSM Gruppe Build saw Jim Lewis building first aircraft model in ages for it! That's his Egypt One camo bird in pride of center formation. Plus, among done was a 19 year plus (old) starter from Alan Weber. I was as much in shock as he, sitting with him at the Tomcats meeting when we recounted where he got that Phantom he was working from... As Alan was so kind to point out to me: "man, Burton, you remember *that guy?*" Damn man, YOU'RE OLD! " \*rueful laugh and smile\* I love it when my friends remind me. (and dear Bill would have had just the right timing to punctuate Alan's comment with underscore)



So being so ancient, seems as good as time as any to wrap on being too much tied up in Contest Directing a show like the Kickoff, let some young'uns like Hornet Mike Woolson and his crew take it on, have fun.

By the way, reason the last picture for this wrap up of SVSM's #19 "Go The Distance" isn't a sideways jab subtly at the lack of any Hornets Gruppe Build 2012 collection entry (was CARS...remember?) by some moody, sullen jackass of a retiring Director who also pretends to be an Editor of "The Buzz". ☹ NNOOO!! It's because Hornet Jim Priete (who also had his "Soldier of Orange" for TriCity 9 already done, entered too at show, hint: Martin B-10 he won SVSM March Model of Month with while it still unfinished a week prior) has his Shelby award eligible Nissan racer on table (red hood, white top). The inestimably fun last chance to be smartass about "CARS" and local club Gruppe Build contrasts, just a bonus. Thanks to all who showed!

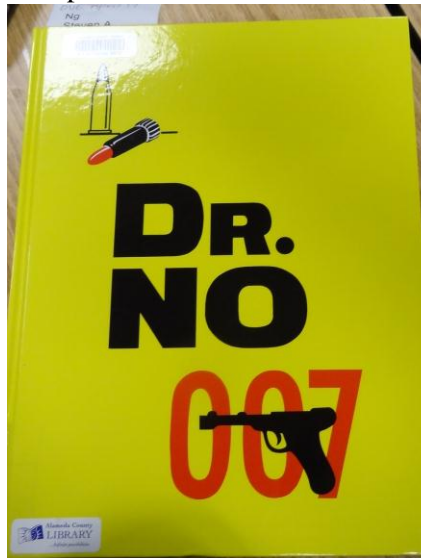


# REVIEW of Hornet's MARCH Nest



We were meeting with two weeks to go before Kickoff Classic fall on event horizon. Practice makes for Perfect, now having been through two rounds already in last month, Hobby Expo and NNL West. So, old hands staying calmly sarcastic on course were we.

Below, Our Guidebook for Member Prospects of the Free Hornets, and



MO:  
Do *I* look *like I* care? Go away, you bother me. If you have to ask the answer is NO. *You GOT IT?*

Later, this Member Prospect figures the simple formula  $(7+PPK=$  number folks requiring us to apply an emphatic negative and symbolizing measures taken to do so...when they wouldn't shut up and take NO)

So then simply joins in the verbal brawls, model WIP in hand, a Free Hornet now and forever. Like these gents who look like they're playing serious money Poker. If you can't take the sort of mild sarcastic intro with no malice aforethought or intended that I gave as a sample here, then maybe being in a Nest of Hornets isn't for you. Thanks Mike for letting me cast you as the faux villain in this. And Hornet Steven Kumamoto, who again brings a great book to the meeting table. ☺

## (a look back from *The Front*)



modeled expertly by Emeritus Hornet Mike O' Leary below right.

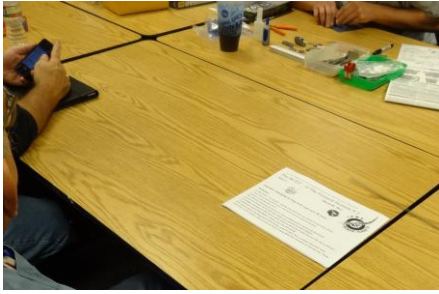
Permit me to translate:  
MP: (*member prospect*)  
*Can I become a Member?*

MO:  
You want to be a Hornet?  
Clearly, you should see a Doctor, you need help !

MP:  
*No need to be so surly, I really want to become a Hornet, what do I do?*







Oh DEAR ! Appears here that perhaps someone didn't find us and our sarcastic Buzz to their liking. Abandoned to its fate (shuddering at possible prospects I am) is a rare printed copy of The Buzz of The Fremont Hornets, issue 6 in fact. O well, can't please anyone all the time or any of the time in some cases. (okay, clever editing, I cut Hornet Tim White from shot, he was reading Cliff Kranz's copy he got from me, and set it on table innocently.)

March's Nest was pretty active, which is a pleasing standard held up without question by Free Hornets for long time. We of course covered in face to face news sharing how things went at the Hobby Expo , seemed to work out in our favor even taking home for Club trophy part of package we'd sponsored. (for "CARS" Gruppe Build, maybe you heard of that \*lauffing\*)

NNL West 2013 lauded as well, and then we got into items of interest about the upcoming in two weeks SVSM event. Of that dialog, more will come later at end of this meeting recollection. Tim White and others also covered how the budgets travail in nation's Capitol actually do affect us, as Air Shows attended by or featuring Blue Angels, Thunderbirds etc are being cancelled or put on indefinite hiatus, other politically charged items for fuel to incite Hornets to riot if not careful. But with all the excitement, soon enough we got back to what's important to focus on, namely Model Talk while builds are going on and of course, finding every which way to deliver zingers at our neighbours expense while we are at it!



One order of old business that came up and thanks to this Buzz, in fact Issue 6 seen earlier the news was already known to him. Cliff Kranz, seen here madly assembling tracks for his Russian turrets o' plenty 1930s tank, got official word from President Louis Orselli he was February Model of the Month awardee, for his Captured T-34. He was applauded, and we're working on remembering to bring the Award to meeting, missed it for March by that much, Chief. Become a tradition at this rate, as you'll also see at the end of this article...



As other Hornets were themselves busy workin' equipped at studiously ignoring me & my cam, I set out to find what it was Frank Babbitt had up his sleeve.

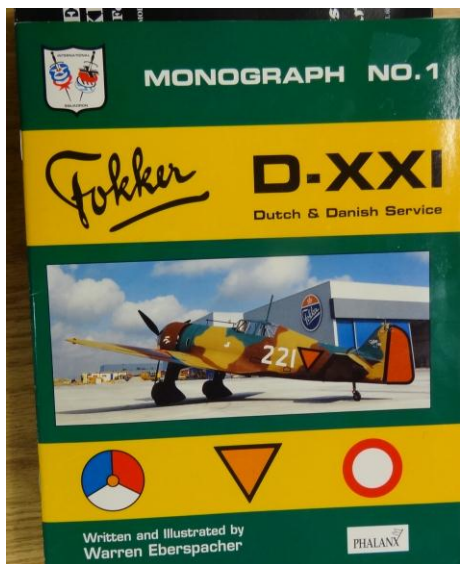


Okay, so off his left one, slip past me as project of Tri City 9.

Ahahhh !







Oh it's a not so little Fokker hey? Frank's preferred scale as for many Free Hornets, is quarter scale and under that book's one Classic Airframes D.21 in of course 1/48<sup>th</sup>. While the book covers Danish Fokkers too, I now know that Frank has evil plans to complete this by September 29, 2013 because he knows "we're going Dutch" so likely will he with this project.



My being so intent on nosing into what Frank's up to, nearly did I miss what has President Louis and Ray Lloyd intently focused. I think Milt was looking up Newark Com Center Security phone in case he could have me tossed out for being too intrusive here.

THERE's WHY ! I shoot over Chris Bucholtz's shoulder to see



Appears Chris is well along further with his Project Fairey Firefly, even has this nifty and very rare these days reference for it. Australian publication which has Sea Fury, Firefly and Sea Venom, In Australian Service. Very comprehensive reference which seems to be prototypical for Oz a/c historians, in that you can virtually know the life of each serial number of every type in coverage. I've got refs on Oz Aardvarks recently, plus seen Chris's recent bargain find on Fairey Gannets in RA Naval Service. A common characteristic is how much coverage is there ! The Stuart Wilson book series, one volume of Chris shows here; I have all but one, thus familiar and admiring how these Australians write air tomes.

Also visible to recount here, Chris's "SNAP 2 IT" contribution for Hornets Gruppe Build 2013 with its snappy title courtesy of Hornet Gabriel Lee. The subject is Monogram's Snaptite edition Martin B-26 in early mark, in of course Chris's preferred 1 to 6 ratio scale (aka 1/72). My fervent hopes that he'll be ready with this come TriCity Nine, which is our initial deadline for completion of Gruppe Build 2013.

Well within sight across table, is work in progress by Mark Schynert, who's Spitfire in same favorite scale I think was finished timely enough to enter at Kickoff 2013. Not so was the fate of his obscure Bristol twin (engine and tail). Hey, fact he's even calmly tackling build of beast is way complimentary

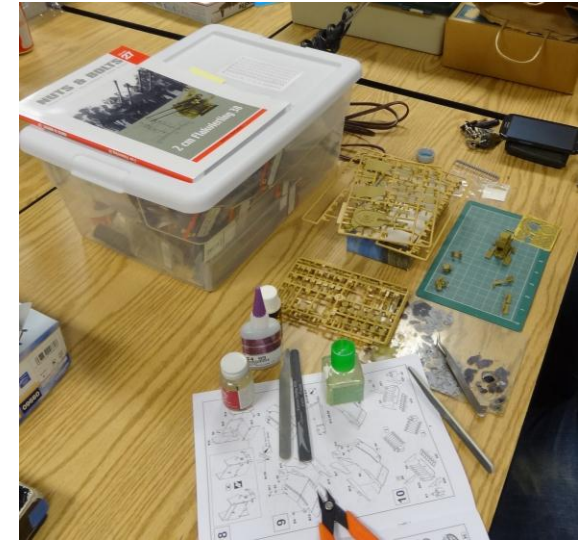
to his skills, no way could I or anyone be rushing the completion of that particular and peculiarly British "item"

Speaking of peculiarly British items, Jim Priete wasn't just there at meeting to see to it our legendary Hornets Nest Raffle came about on time in budget. See here:





Last Nest we saw Jim has a new Airfix Valiant who's Box is in picture, here is companion the Matchbox 1/72 HP Victor he has underway. No small beast, either.



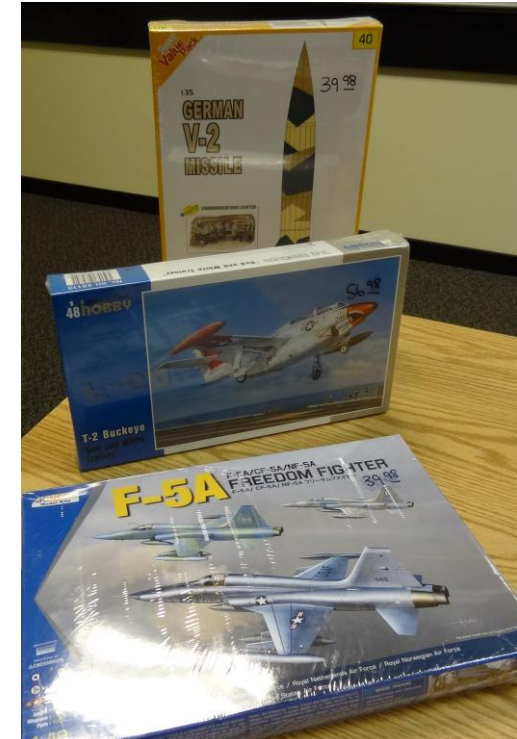
Brian Sakai has some manner of tank or tankette underway whose identity I confess totally missed recording. Same is true for Randy Ray's latest WIP seen far left.

Among other really inspiring works on the works tables of Hornets aplenty at March Madness, two 1/48 scale Skyhawks for two. At least one appears headed for "out of the box" schema, namely the Hasegawa "Adversary" carton providing "support" to the team. As usual these days, this editor/treasurer/nutcase didn't have anyone else to record the meeting (thus no formal minutes) and just enough time to shoot the pictures you're seeing here in edited editions. So forgive me if again I didn't record fully or correctly the models here and missed some of you entirely. I am always in the market to fit in works



even just "drafted" by others, so consider that.

Hornets Nest Raffles are legend, and good part of why is shown on left. Three great kits chosen for us by El Presidente, Louis Orselli, with precious assistance on budgeting from El Owner of Hobbies Unlimited, namely AL ! thanks to you both again. Frank Babbitt as you see above, smiling as he won the F-5A on what else, first pick. Mike Meek goes for the Big Buckeye, and here RC Chris





follows with a win for the big V-2 which includes a bonus figure set, because it's a Cyber Hobby special. Translates into Special Hobby or other maker of kit(s) in Chris's choice of scale, since the Terror Weapon and crew are 1/35<sup>th</sup> but this is going to nicely convert to 1/35<sup>th</sup> price he paid for raffle tickets in trade in values!



Again, this all is possible because Louis faithfully makes effort every month to get the kits for us and Al is so supportive of our club with same consistency, good business in all ways. Maybe others could learn from this hey?

Okay, first part of this I had two items I said more would be said late namely the end of this piece. Here tis. Here on left, the two in forefront, Dave & Chris, showed up at Nest with all kinds of good news for me, after having a short while before met with me to take on the entire project of Kickoff #19 Make n Take, which I'd basically had to put into "great idea however never found anyone this year to head it up and no time left to manage it myself"

Dave and Kris Balderrama had tried out their oldest two Mark & Max at Petaluma for this project, and if I could find adult support, they were available. Right after I had this information packaged with David and Christine, we had things totally running hot. They soon had 50 kits they paid for from IPMS-USA HQ on M & T, posters, props

even a complete separate Insurance Cert for just that activity. Plus a mission plan, and other stuff yet to unfold. That is just the sort of get in there get it done and get it right crew, that makes any Contest Director pray for a way to clone these folks !!

They were already signed up to try again this idea of "Photo Scavenger Hunt" for same event, which would be run out of the same space at the same time frame. Yo!



They gave everyone a complete run through at our meeting so I, Hornets learnt of these updates, all same time. They'd also done in short time all this came to be, two examples of model each for the project. Tradition now of a sort has come about, with them like Cliff K, learning afterwards via Buzz they'd won our MOM. And like him, awards on way...



So for the Big Smiling Free Hornet Surprise This Time...

## Christine & Dave Anderson

Each won Model of the Month for their Snap kits  
(Mustang & F-18 Blue Angels)

*And if you'd like to see MORE pictures: link on here*  
[www.fremonthornets.org](http://www.fremonthornets.org) (gallery) under Hornets Nest 2013 meets look for March of course

Mick Burton, madman at large – [DAZE61283@mypacks.net](mailto:DAZE61283@mypacks.net)  
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"Come for the models *Stay for the Sarcasm*"

