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 7-12-13

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

Flyer Page for flogging one last time, Hornet SUPER AUCTION this month!!

A LOOK BACK FROM THE FRONT - Review of our last 2013 meeting, in June

HEY Someone told me something about Free HORNETS having an auction this month! Is this true? (yes, this WORKS BEST IF many folk show up bringing along at least ONE kit they'd kill for, bidding themselves...)

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

THE Latest BUZZ (as of July 07 2013 mid evening)

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

Now over halfway thru the year, we managed somehow again to find a good hardy soul to be at the helm by dint of an honest election, had a great Speaker engagement and saw several club "buildfests" with sweet success. Ahead, looks good for "more of the same". Happy as well here to report that anniversary date of the last major hack of Hornets website (now set up as "OLD" site) saw yes, you guessed it, ANOTHER hack! Only this time, I got the service I pay for now, to successfully isolate and expunge the damned "bad code" in pretty short order. So down time minimal. Boo Ya! Really pleased that is true. For the club site in its two parts ("Old" & "Exile") have been providing consistently access for not only getting regular long term calendar notifications for Club events. They're also places to share PDFs of other groups in & out of our Region 9, plus past copies of this or club news! Not always true with some other sites if prone to checking, you're aware of already. So we're the one stop shop that keeps its top hop on. Coming next time, look at some of the NEW added special awards for TriCity Nine recently announced! – mickb

The Hornets Nest Night coming up Friday July 12 @ Irvington Locale <u>WILL BE</u>

A SUPER AUCTION and excruciatingly minimal Business Night ONLY

As much fun as the "Buildfest" meeting option nights are, for PRACTICAL REASONS there's just no way to make sure we've the room and time to conduct the necessary business, so for July "buildfesting is off the table". If you show up and try it, you'll be put in the HAWKER Factory and be on hook to raise funds or take blame if we don't get enough Yes, the Editor/Treasurer/Contest VP is NOT kidding. But he will donate kits for auction.

Friday, July 12, 2013 – IPMS Fremont Hornets Meeting Irvington Community Center, SUPER AUCTION NIGHT! (w/standard \$ 5 per collect) 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 Sunday, September 29 2013 – IPMS Fremont Hornets host TriCity 9, Theme "Soldier of Orange" MCC Main Auditorium, Milpitas, CA Saturday, November 2 2013 – IPMS Antelope Valley Group host Desert Classic #17, Theme "Day at the Zoo" AVC Cafeteria, Lancaster, CA Saturday, December 7 2013 – IPMS Silver Wings host Silvercon 2013, Theme "Days of Infamy: Pearl Harbor to Guadalcanal", Elk Grove, CA Friday, December 13, 2013 – IPMS Fremont Hornets Meeting Probable "Holiday Meeting Nonsense & Whatsuch" @ usual time and place.



INVITE YOU & FRIENDS TO OUR 2013 TRICITY CONTEST FUNDRAISER AUCTION

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON OUR MEETING NIGHT ON FRIDAY JULY 12 2013 AT OUR USUAL MEETING LOCATION

Irvington Community Center, 41885 Blacow Road, Fremont, CA

<u>THERE WILL BE A 5 Dollar Door Charge</u>, and plenty of bargains to be had! Business begins promptly at 8 pm and everything must be concluded by 10pm

Queries may be directed to our contact at <u>DAZE61283@mypacks.net</u>, please allow 2-3 days response time

REVIEW of Hornet's June Nest

(a look back from The Front)

Without a doubt, President Louis Orselli saw to it we Hornets had another great year of Club meeting with great enthusiasm, deserved a chance to relax as a "regular member", with election of new Officers at this meeting, not remain in place for a FOURTH term. Notwithstanding, two other members just made it clear when I called meeting to order for a quick election, that would be their preference. This drew immediate support from those present including myself having made no secret of plan to make my own full court press on him to stay. Did any of it work? Hell NO! Louis got chance to retire from that post, for now. For yes, after some impassioned pleas and somewhat unseen arm twisting, a willing and able volunteer stepped up to the plate to be sworn in. The other post was fait accomplit.

With smooth and unanimous agreement from quorum present, voted:

Mike Woolson, President 2013/14 Mick Burton, VP/Contest Director/Treasurer 2013/14



AGAIN MANY THANKS to LOUIS ORSELLI for serving Hornets in another fine run as Prez!

Seeing the dull but important business of E-board elections through as quickly as possible was pressed on by our having a Guest Speaker, who arrived right on schedule! Making sure he had proper means to make his presentation was joint effort. Tim White helped me set up room and find ideal power outlet locales, just in time. Seeing how my new DLP (Digital Light Projector) was just barely known by me, my plan getting the Community Room set up using the existing screen was preference. Except I'd not anyone to clue me in to use it that night. Thanks to Tim, I had my own laptop set up with DLP with a 30 x 40 " artist canvas for

a screen as Plan B, initially, with time to left to investigate. As you see, I found means to lower the projector screen so yes then our PLAN A was pretty much on.

Only part left to confirm was that I'd have HDMI compatibility with guest device...

As you see on right, our guest speaker had a perfect swap out of my laptop for his laptop with all his presentation aboard. With all lights on, the screen images were a bit washed out. Still, we did have a solution which our speaker Deniz verified as OK and meeting shots ahead will affirm worked well enough.

With election business and a very quick review of immediate news for Region Nine out of the way, we were ready to proceed with our plan. To try out this idea for show and tell sharing as it were, formally arranged with a mutual agenda yes, but intended to be friendly, casual, fun for all. Thanks to all who showed up and our guest speaker in large part, actual delivered result far exceeded the planned intent, magnificently. This recollection by Editor won't be able to capture the full atmosphere of our June Nest, but at least an attempt to hit some of the highlights will be made. Here goes.



Mr. Deniz Pelvan of the USS Hornet Museum had met several of us on board back in fall 2012, and we had discussed potential for arranging this sort of presentation in the future when less was on all our plates. President Louis and I for two, were very pleased with this idea since we among others had been part of the IPMS Chapter that had held their monthly meetings, even staged an invitational contest aboard the USS Hornet Museum. This was all over and done with a few years before Deniz had become an integral member of her volunteer staff. Deniz was aware of the bare facts of it and felt as we did, there would definitely be a mutually beneficial interest in rekindling relations between "IPMS organized model community" and the Museum. Keeping it informal and casual as possible to



the greater degree while recognizing some formality was involved, keeping our focus on the fun and tangible mutual benefits. With May or June Hornet's Nest then a date far in the future but planned as best first chance to try this "outreach", let all things play out as they would.

When Deniz arrived for his very first Hornet's Nest, he already had been getting plenty of the same traffic in his email that many of you put up with, namely this "The Buzz" plus both those SVSM monthly news PDFs. Plus we'd corresponded enough, despite our mutually full work schedules, to have worked out several contingencies for this "prototype run". He knew I was going to have to work out on the fly some of the mechanics, since I'd emailed him while we were in the May Hornet's Nest live. He'd only just confirmed that two days earlier that he would be available for the June meeting date, and to let him know whether or not I had or be able to provide for him that night, a suitable projector and screen, ideally live Internet access. Otherwise, he was pretty well along ready to present using his laptop and printed materials, only needed to know how much time I could safely commit to us allotting. Thanks to Dave and Christine Anderson, I was able to get on the Net. So live with my laptop linking through the facility of Christine's phone to formally commit us with Deniz, consulting with President Louis as he ran the May meeting, advising Deniz as to how it was all coming about up to the minute! Having that made possible for me to get formal flyer drafted, ready to go only week later, shortly after review we had "web-vertizing" going on Hornets site and sent with email.

As reported earlier, I had to resolve the final means of actual provision for presentation, having no formal training or past experience directly in this very particular realm. Not my first rodeo here. New chance to learn in a hurry what was available, make some decisions. Found out there's a very cool "pocket projector" solution that uses modern LED and HD Technology. One so easy to quickly learn enough of to use, even I could do it. At a price equal to a rental setup (many hassles in that pathway especially in a short time) cost for me. It's "the 3 legged alien" there on left, next to Deniz's laptop in picture above. Yes!

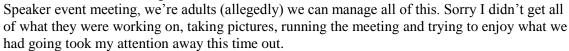


Although I had put in "The Buzz" a statement of intent that due to the special event of our guest and the need to fit our board elections in (with July slotted for our Auction without option to reschedule) we would NOT be having a Buildfest option for June, some Hornets came set up to do just that. That was a great bonus, as it gave Deniz a full experience of modern Fremont Hornets meeting for his first visit. There was of course also a small display of models for "Model Talk" potential as seen in same picture where Deniz is getting a look first hand at "Southern Lad" Frank Babbitt's WIP as soon to be new Prez Mike Woolson and Prez Louis provide their own take to the table business at hand. Off to the left partially visible is Postoria Aguirre, who'd only dropped in on way to another engagement, he was pleasingly intrigued enough to delay his early departure to get a taste of the planned presentation.



Although we actually did the model talk for the table after Deniz's gig it's more appropo to cover it here now. From the rear on left, metal box has Chris Bucholtz's fastly progressing F11F Tiger masters he's creating for an upcoming Obscureco product. Next to that is his early P-51D with other Obscureco bits. Lastly, Chris's "Loo Bomber" SPAD using base Hasegawa "Special Mark" A-1 kit combined with decals in the exquisite BrenGun aftermarket "toilet bomb" kit is now near done. The 1/35 Maus "hulk" in front is a project by Cliff Kranz, beside it in same scale is his 320mm Soviet howitzer with Voro-something tractor. Behind the Maus is Cliff's bête noire, A-Model's Tu-128 Fiddler. To wrap up, Mick Burton had WIP of a 1/35 BT-7 (Eastern Express), the SU-100 by Zvezda, and Italeri M-24 Chaffee. Last, complete only then broken in transit, 1956 Ford F-100 in Ed "Big Daddy" Roth kit scheme

On the right, Steve K, Eric M and Kent M support smarter premise of to hell with the Editor's putting a restriction on buildfesting at the



On the left, a close up of our guest speaker Deniz getting detailed look into Frank B's work.





Yes, we REALLY DID let Mr Deniz Pelvan speak, show and tell which he did masterfully for the full 75 minutes allotted plus 15 more for Q & A!



Deniz definitely has a gift for working with any number of folks and seeing to it you're more talking with an old friend rather than meeting one for the first time. He also had a seamless agenda for entirely using the time. Deniz kept it moving swiftly yet always on a casual note, I forgot we had never done this all before pretty quickly. Thanks to Deniz, I've the slide show now for reference.

The Agenda:

History of CV-12 Volunteering at the Museum Plastic Models and the Museum usshornetmuseum.org Show and Tell O & A

This ambitious coverage was achieved, and quite handily. The USS Hornet CV-12 as the eighth ship in US fleet to be named Hornet, followed the famous CV-8 which launched the Doolittle raiders in the spring of 1942, only to be lost in fierce Battle of Santa Cruz in fall of same year. Deniz's detailed history covered her years in WW2, her first modernization after post WW2 mothball (becoming CVA-12) then another set of modernizations as she became CVS-12 (AntiSubmarine) until her decommission in 1970. Mothballed until 1989, and opened nine years later as USS Hornet Museum in 1998. Oh yeah, Deniz did have a passing mention



about CVS-12 Hornet having a role somewhere in the Apollo 11 and 12 Moon Landing Missions, but I am sure there was not much to it that I could have missed to put forth here. Anyways, surely if there is anything significant about it, the Museum will have a flyer or small display about it ... As you might notice here, the half lights off improved the projection viewing for those who came





A major part of Deniz's presentation was regarding the opportunity for anyone to volunteer to become part of the Museum organization, as he made very real time clear how valuable the volunteer staff like himself are to the continuing success and growth of the Hornet! Yes, as a now ten year veteran docent of an obscure but mighty Aircraft Museum myself, let me assure you he's not kidding! The ship is huge, the exhibits that are there are largely the work of a few working a lot, and considering the actual "infrastructure" it's even more amazing that it all is as lively, "done and going on" as it is. However, there's a BIG bunch of things that aren't getting done or very swiftly, making avail massively excellent opportunity very unlike most offered in museums like it for smart motivated sorts like us. One very clear and immediate place to be making a difference as he beautifully made clear, is in the

"museum quality models" on display (or for the most part these days, NOT!) We have a splendid chance to begin building a long term ongoing relationship that would be of excellent service to the Fremont Hornets, USS Hornet Museum, Region Nine IPMS and of course the general public, IPMS USA at large. A few who would be able to commit to just a few hours a month in a year becoming trained Volunteers (there is a New Volunteer Orientation weekend day once a month, on their calendar) would be an excellent starting point, for one. Organized and coordinated, joined by a more casual crew of occasional help, with Deniz as our lead, that group would be able to make quite a nice outreach display effort on the USS Hornet in a very public, highly trafficked place aboard the ship. We could also establish (or in a way, re-establish) an ongoing "model builder's oasis" on USS Hornet, something basic like an afternoon "build fest" on a weekend day or two. Sharing in as interested passers by watch or join in. There also is open invitation to join already ongoing efforts to lend "professional or semi-amateur modeler" hands with existing Volunteer effort non IPMS groups. Doing such outreach on our part is something which could easily lead to more club membership or for sure some more interested attendees to future R-9 events. Undoubtedly would provide chance to make new model friends while helping keep afloat a unique treasure. Plenty of other ideas came up during our discussion, but you get the idea how part of the evening went, and of course it will be explored more in future, trust me. Next in depth coverage by Deniz regarded the vast archive of material for which volunteers are sorely needed to work projects. Namely the photo and shipboard cruise items in various storage and archive lockers much of which has rarely or never seen public viewing. More donations come every month. Deniz has been at a personal project several years now, to complete another whole website just to get out some of this material usefully. Also thus inspir



He gave overview of www.usshornetmuseum.org (his web magnum opus) and nice sharing of the perks/rewards that being this sort of committed volunteer bring. Having no direct access that night to the Internet, he had sample slides in his presentation and then treated us to two short films one of these was like a "behind the scenes at filming "Bridges at Toko-Ri"" with awesome 50's footage! We ended with a small Q&A . An after action report from Deniz was very favorable as was survey I'd took since from various members present. It's my hope that I'll be able to assist Deniz in doing again a similar gig with a couple more Region 9 clubs in the near future, said he's definitely onboard for it!





Thanks to Deniz Pelvan and all those who did make it to this unique and fun Hornet's Nest.

-Mick Burton, madman at large –

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"Come for the models *Stay for the Sarcasm*"