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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 Word From Our New President. Thanks

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A LOOK BACK FROM THE FRONT – Review of our last 2013 meeting, in July (a small notation of the Auction)

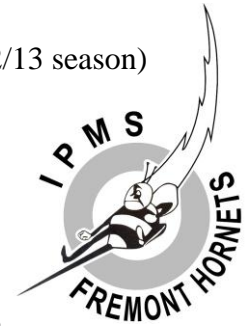
HEY Someone told me something about there's an IPMS event of some sort in Colorado sometime this month! Is this true? Who knew? What's the theme? "Thin Air Nationals? Huh?" (Teasing reminder of upcoming NATS)

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

Latest BUZZ (as of August 05 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)

YES! Now #12 in the series since the outset of this lark. By the time you are likely reading, The IPMS-USA Nationals 2013 edition are about a week away from launch in Loveland, CO.



While I'd originally planned to be at the latest "Western" and even had one of those mythical rooms reserved at the actual Convention Hotel, circumstances beyond my control or liking have intervened since. So I won't be able to enjoy first hand what is sure to be another great social model event.

A fact of life for me made more maddening today, won't be able to meet in person new folks in our grand USA modelling community that I just met thanks to our Fremont Hornets Web presence! You're now invited to visit Pedro J. Negron and his club at www.ipmsborinqueneers.com Please say hello to him for us, at those NATS – *mickb*

The Hornets Nest Night coming up Friday August 09 @ 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", OK 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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Friday, August 09, 2013 – IPMS Fremont Hornets Meeting Irvington Community Center, See wassup NIGHT ! (w/standard \$ 5 per collect)
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.
Saturday, February 1 2014 – NNL West Show 2014 with a "1964" theme (it's getting popular!). Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara CA

NOW FOR A WORD OR TWO FROM OUR PRESIDENT

(Who wasn't able to make the last meeting due to circumstances far from planned or to his liking...)



FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED MATERIAL OR EFFORT (OR BOTH)
TO OUR RECENT FUND RAISER (JULY MEETING)

NOW PLEASE NOTE:

Those wishing to donate models or related items for the 09/29/2013 Tri Cities Nine Raffle
I will be accepting items at both the Fremont Hornets and Silicon Valley Scale Modeler Meets
Upcoming in August and September

PLEASE CHECK THAT ALL INTENDED DONATION ITEMS ARE UNSTARTED AND COMPLETE

Thank you – Mike Woolson

(He's not just the new Hornets President, he's also the TriCity 9 Raffle Director !)

IN YUBA CITY, SCORE A 1ST FOR HORNETS

DRAGON LADY challenges all in Region 9 to “Get ‘Er Done”; Fremont Hornets say we’ll take One.

Without a doubt, whenever one of our members wins an award, I want it made well known around town.



Several of the Free Hornets made a profitable and enjoyable trek North, on Saturday July 20 2013. There to be again enjoying Summer Classic Contest & Show hosted by IPMS Dragon Lady with welcoming style.

While unfortunately I did not get a complete record of Hornets & SVSM entrants who won this trip, there was one I know for sure. Having gotten a ride to the event with Jim Priete, not hard for me to miss his winning the lovely 1st place plaque on the left.

Taken with pride by export version of Martin B-10, in Dutch AF service

Made even sweeter by it beating out (got 2nd place) ANOTHER B-10 of same source material in an USAAC scheme. One less realized treat of a road trip contest, is finding surprise of two entries of a rarely seen model Here's an excellent example, surely

not often you see the Williams Brothers B-10 done at all, meetings or contests or what have you,

They handily trounced the Japanese Kawasaki product of nearly the same period (generation just after them) which was a pretty nice rendering of again a not often seen contestant subject. Going the distance for this show, to experience this little slice of fun, was quite worthwhile by itself.

Of course, MUCH MUCH more was going on and I'll cover it a bit here, but congratulations to Jim for his deserved win and to all who made it to the Yuba City event. They announced at show too, that they've already committed to July 2014 for another Dragon Lady Summer Classic, FYI.





Another signature aspect of the Dragon Lady event for a few years now is the “canny” competition and displays of a few. Two this year I took a note of, one was as a Display Only, the other was in “Other than Plastic” Miscellaneous Category. That R2D2 was a full size replica fashioned of Pepsi cans, quite well done. The “camouflaged” B-52D in probably 1/72 scale (as my guess, not recorded) making a bomb run on armor tables, was some feat getting done. I was given the background on how much work it was to get enough of the right soda

consumed while preserving the integrity of the “materiel stockpile”. Well executed model and I don’t think it will be leaving for any other contests as entrant...No reflection on the quality of the build mind you, only on the likely increased stress on the human considering the logistics of transporting this precious cargo. Now as I said earlier, there was a lot going on at this show, and capturing the flavor of it every time I go is a challenge. For this year’s coverage, now proceeding to put a few glimpses of the tables in the contest areas only, perhaps get readers intrigued for next years show seeing what was missed this time. Here we go...





Figures of a tremendous variety, indeed ! Elvira overshadowed “Honest Abe” who was tipping his hat to her on left. There was a “scary wabbit” on table, trust me.



This “flying armor” is a display technique I appreciate and also see seldom as a competition entry pose. The “smoking light” was definitely on in Diorama category, and most amazing since the show is staged in a church building! Go Yuba



On the right, another fine and perhaps unexpected to some, entry by Jack Riggart.

On left, a familiar entry to me as I took shots of it, from the “Get Er Done” category. When I read the story for it Later, I knew this had been a Fascination of mine from the Reno High Rollers show in 2012. Amused and amazed was I taking in tale. Turbine Car, Chrysler, 1963, a kit by Jo-Han models that I know.

Know now how builder of this one started it in 1972, he

found some extremely exquisite ref material (actual Chrysler docs for press release!) in 1977 at a Kansas swap meet. Starts kit in 1990, tries to correct a molding fault, ends up setting all aside until 1993, when he finds new inspiration ref material, buys another kit (he’s now raided original for parts to other projects), starts anew for a short while. New projects, set aside. 2010 (yes, you read that right, 17 years later) builder reads of how Jay Leno has now bought the Museum car which he’d Originally been inspired by in 1972. Still is having no luck finding what he considers “proper copper color”. (Real deal is “Turbine Bronze” per all my sources). NNL West 2013 announced in 2012 with a theme of “1963” which prominently features the Turbine Car as a signature car.



Now builder has learnt of WWW.TURBINECAR.COM . Also determines it’s now or never to build this now nearly 4 decades old kit of his workbench. Then gets it done in time for the Reno 2012 contest (so becomes one of my totally obsessed photo series, as a fan myself of kit and real car). Of course now ready so easily shown at NNL 2013. Now, a bonus for him, Yuba City show theme. So which allows me fun of learning all this. I don’t know if he won at this show, but he earned it !

A little about two shots here, next...



Again emphasizing that the Dragon Lady show always has a unique slice in turnouts: prior page had a view of the lovely Hasegawa 1/48 scale Voyager craft with a pleasing, easy enough drybrush technique applied to the tricky “latticework” of booms which are solid molding in kit. For which there’s of course, an aftermarket solution with its own painful fun, which is why I shot how someone solved it “good enough” for my own someday. The Mercury capsule in large scale will appear again in later pages. The “Ronnie Raygun vs Gorbie” grouping of “Stealth Fighters” was a creative collections entry from the Dragon Lady home team. Loved it. As I did the well executed “20 Mule Team” Borax transport.



This was part of the “Miscellaneous, Plastic Based” and from a very old “marketer’s kit” which a Ronald Reagan connection could be loosely made to as well. It’s Death Valley Days TV show (RR as host !) sponsor Boraxo, who offered this novelty back in day. Next to this is a look at the very large scale automotive category, with three very well done subjects of three distinct American auto design periods. Not to be left in the dust were the VLS Aircraft, which Yuba City had divided into Single and Multi Eng Prop with success in turnout you see. A documented pair of great twins in form of P-61 Black Widow and B-25 Mitchell no less. Pleasing in so many ways that at least two such as these were present and entered into competition.



Another look at a portion of the Diorama category, quite a range hey? Meanwhile, in the Closed Top Military Vehicles there were plenty to see, only some shown.



Another look at the rare occurrence of two B-10s and then cheering view of a long needed new kit choice, the Meng F-102A completed with aplomb here.



The pair of Martin twins weren't the only case of "glad I came to this show 'cause there's some fine not oft seen stuff here competing today". Happens that a long time unfulfilled wish is to have a group of Heinkel He-70s done. Here at Yuba City, two examples of why were present. Hope the F2 builder takes it to Reno 2013



Two looks of another item which doesn't ring in memory as "commonly seen" in either invitational contests/shows or at club meetings, this "combat 'dozer'"



The Open Top Military Vehicles are always an attraction for my roving photo eye, and here's two more which could not be passed by without a proper recording.



Not to be neglecting the presence of our British friends, the Submarines category in fact was graced by docking of the HMS Turbulent, accompanied by the French Fleet Ballistic Missile submersible Triomphant, well done works.

This Ironclad caught attention, not its identity ☺



Now, a swing back through the aircraft categories to give more consideration to my own favorites with no idea if they even took awards. No matter, they were a treat to see and I hope at least a few make it down for the Fremont Hornets show in September, please !



This early Me-163 was well crafted, opened up to draw closer attention which was rewarded by lively detail executed throughout. Again, not an often seen item at least in my estimate. 1/48 scale Single Engine Jet/Rocket entry.



Sword's new 1/72 rendering of Lockheed's F-80 Shooting Star.



A late model E-2 Hawkeye in USN scheme, 1/48 scale Multi Engine Prop entry.



Also 1/48, this F3H-2M Demon generated inspiration to get one underway

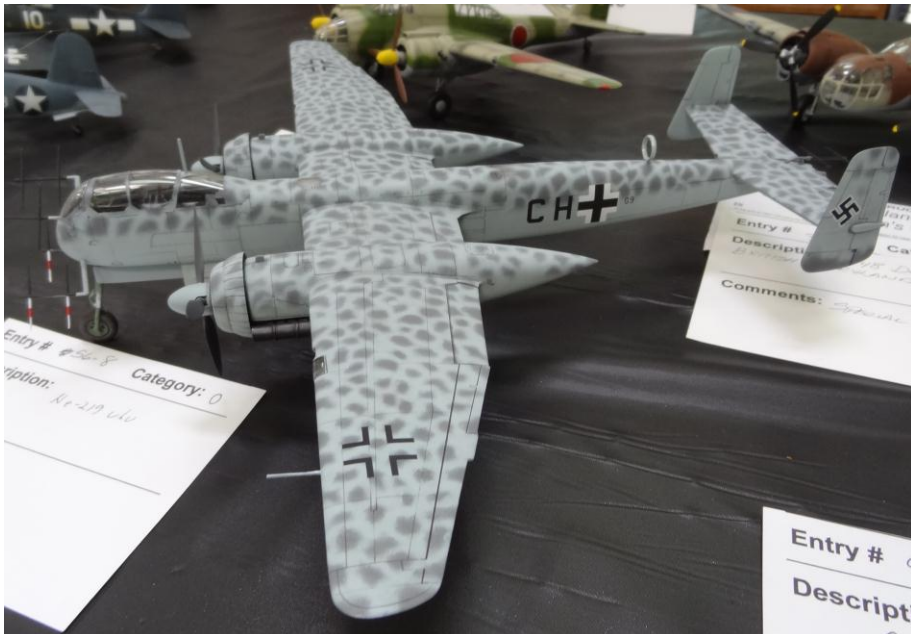


The Hawkeye was far from the only 1/48 Multi Engine Prop that caused excitement to shoot pictures, this Martin Maryland of “Warburton’s War” provided more



incentive to “capture the essence”. The Japanese twin versus an Owl ? You can see which one won out for pick to fit in here.

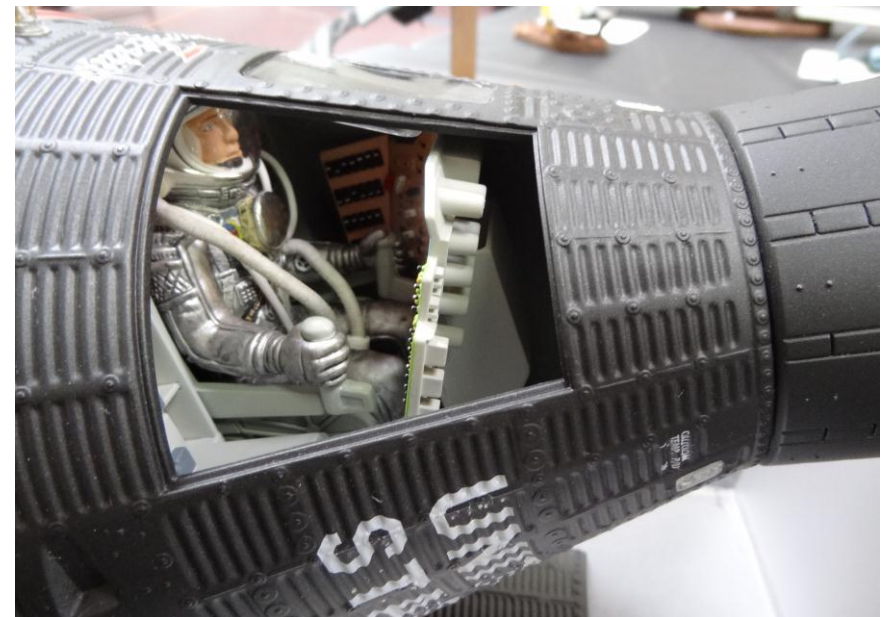
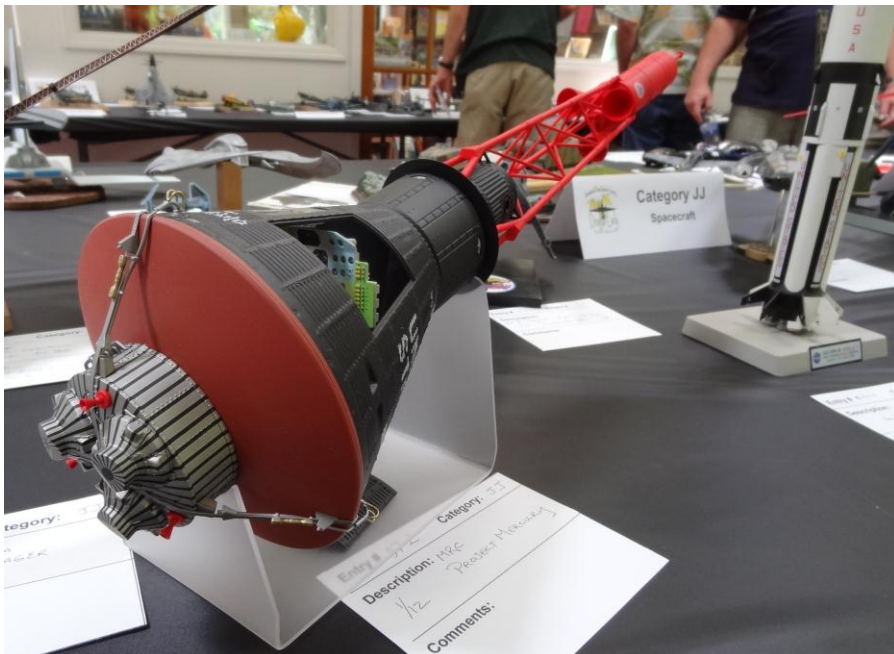
Next to that, 1/32 “Miss Merced” Sea Fury, body by Fisher...





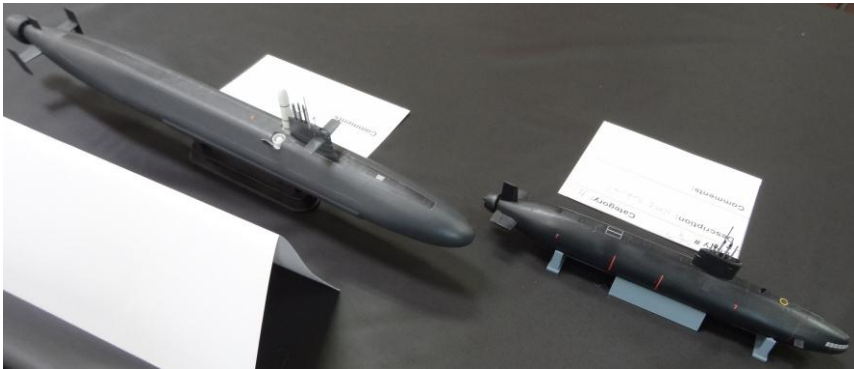
More eye pleasing odds and ends, back at the Armor tables with I think is an M24 Chaffee based conversion but didn't take notes, so of course a guess. Next to that, an American SPG of which what else, I like looks of but can't identify. Then some additional respect paid to "Real Space" subjects. Another look at the 1/48 scale Voyager on right, then two looks at the Mercury capsule. One with a nice glimpse of a Saturn launcher rocket, the other close up "what the hell"

pose looking into the large scale Mercury. Cramped ala "Soviet Style" cockpit, no?



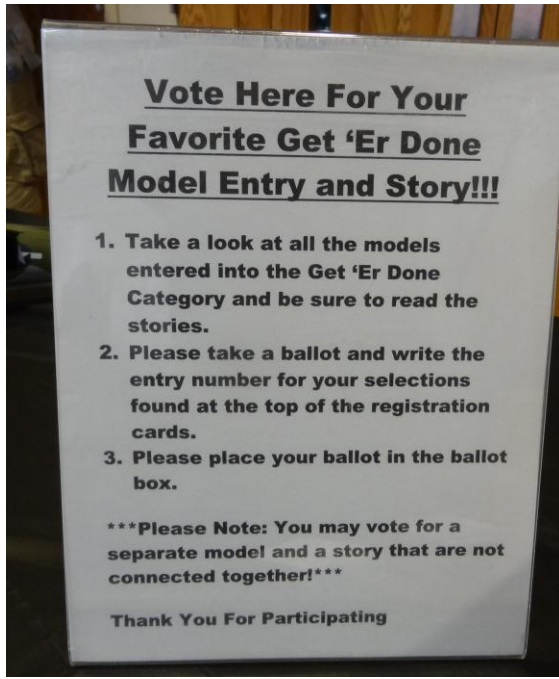
Of course, the Editor has an obsession with the Voyager spacecraft. Not hard to tell, still do look at the nice “black out” work on the lattice of boom upper center. Note as well, the fine molding done for the “data plaque” which is affixed to the real vehicle, like here on model. Builder/Entrant included much data to increase viewer interest.

Two more looks at Maritime categories, one new, other a different angle on two subs



Next is a new 1/48 Sea Vixen from Airfix all done up and opened for inspection. In midst of that, a 1/72 crafting by likely the same builder of lovely prototype Me-163V, with a delicious rendering of prototype Me-262, again complete with documentation.





Before wrapping up here, can't just leave it unheralded what the "Get 'Er Done" theme produced

On the left, the generous rules and regulations for democratic process of getting all judged.

Do note it was perfectly okay to split your vote, one model entry and another story entirely,

Earlier in this essay recollection, The Chrysler Turbine Car of '63 whose tale of taking nearly forty years to be done was detailed. It was of course, a member of this Category (PP) which included all seen below (C-46 in 1/48, C-5 in 1/144, B-1 in 1/72, 757 in 1/72).




That still wasn't the entire battlefield. There was also a small "desert diorama" of which I don't have any notes on, and this oddly related to SF Bay Area machine. A Winner of the First place in this creative and fiendish theme. I'll let the builder tell the story in his own words, in three pictures of his supplied documentation. No, I'd not entered a damned thing in this contest and also did not vote for anything so be a lot more objective if possible when the outcomes were officially rendered and this became a "newsletter worthy item" However, I think it deserved the award it got

(Part One of the tale)



"S-Tank /Hoe"
(stank-ho)



Development of the "S-tank/hoe" began in the early 1980's by Sven Berge of the Swedish Arms Administration. In response to California Transportation Service's contract requirement [code 001/sec.77430] which stated that, by the Fall of 1984 ...all above ground road/utility work in Oakland CA. shall be performed at night. The apparent logic/illogic was to reduce construction impact during commute hrs. The crews and equipment would need to be provided with the necessary "defensive capabilities", in order to protect themselves in such an environment. According to inside sources the program went awry when developers took the wording in the design criteria, "Raider Nation" apparently literally!

(Part two)

Several prototypes, using “Cold War” surplus STRVs, were built under the designation STHO. But, only one pre-production model was produced. The #01 *Stank-ho*; as it came to be known, was however, evaluated in actual field trials for a brief period, with mixed results.

One crew member /operator involved in the initial testing, stated in a debriefing interview, “... it’s very difficult to dig a straight trench while the doggone [S-tank/ho’s 105 mm] main gun is going off! It scares the cr#p out of ya...”

In fact, the whole concept was fraught with the potential for disaster. And the test program was halted immediately after it was learned that crews were taking pot-shots at the “port-O-potty” whenever the Boss was in it!

And the entire project was scrapped soon afterwards.

(The Rest of the Story)

Several other questionable conceptual/designs associated with the doomed 4.1 billion dollar blunder were swept up in the mass cancellation.

Most notably;

“[BFL] Bradley Fighting Loader”

“911 Colt 45 Nail Gun”

“M113/9 Stryker Scraper”

“120 cm Tunnel Boring Howitzer” and,

“M1A1/3B Abrams Lincoln Welder Tank”

When the Senate Armed Services Committee was pressed for the *real* reason for the abrupt program termination. The committee Chair responded simply,

“No hoe is worth 4 billion dollars!”

As said before, I think this entry won fair and square and also managed to “tweak” on the well meant innocent intent of the overall theme. Knowing two clubs in Bay Area who have “specialists” in this sort of model competitive action, think they’d appreciate more than some where this ironic appreciation comes from. Yes, A Winner.

For both quality of building and utter fearlessness in crafting a story which was precariously balanced yet maintaining quality satiric from begin to end, knowing a portion of the potential audience could likely be taking it “wrong way”. No matter, a suitable way to test the limits, remind everyone to not be too serious, okay ?

ALRIGHTY THEN! This is the end of my tale of how the Dragon Lady Club “Got ‘Er Done” with another signature success of a Summer Classic. Glad I was able to be there and enjoy the company of good friends, good models and good fun, hope some of you who didn’t make it this time try to be there for the 2014 hosting !

OH, and for those who like to know this sort of thing, by examining my shots closely, estimate that at least 250 plus entries were at this Yuba City competition. Be proud of that turnout, quite respectable Region Nine showing for any of our chapters. If interested, you can find my pictures of this show at *our website* via this:

http://www.fremonthornets.org/index.php?view=category&catid=88&option=com_joomgallery&Itemid=30

REVIEW of Hornet’s July Nest

(a look back from The Front)



With great support, July “Super Auction” meeting was administered with an on time delivery of paper (money) exchanged for both plastic (kits) with a fair number of books. Chris Bucholtz and Mick Burton worked the crowd as “Hawkers”, while Jim Priete did his annual splendid work keeping track of final bids and bidders, collection duties. THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED THAT NITE

THANKS AS WELL TO ALL WHO SHOWED AND BID, AND DONATED SO WE COULD !

The end result: We took in a respectable \$423 US plus the meeting room fee, TriCity Nine won out

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(sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here)
“Come for the models *Stay for the Sarcasm*”