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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

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

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

Reminder of Upcoming Nest 01-10-14

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

FLYER PER SE ! Seeing as how we've got a Club Contest for the Hornets coming up for 1st meet of New Year

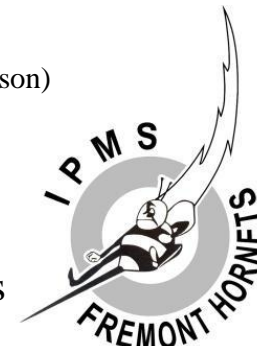
A LOOK BACK FROM THE FRONT – Review of our final 2013 meeting, in December, Pizza, odd remarks and all. Includes Semi Detailed Results for Holiday Nest Party Game “Steal or Deal” Hornets inaugurated at this meeting

BONUS : Holiday “Puzzle” and NEWS of ANOTHER Hornets “Club Contest” coming now in April, no foolin !

THE Latest BUZZ (as of December 26 2013 midday)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor (& Hornets Treasurer a Deux, Current Contest Director for 2013/14 season)

YES! Now #15 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!



Want to know how a Society grows and thrives ? By increasing its numbers at rates exceeding its natural losses. While making sure all who became part of that Society feel cared about for their membership, hopefully also inspiring some them to contribute beyond the natural minimums. How do they go about this ? Well, some offer the “new or recurring” a bonus for joining/staying. Others, talk at great length and with superb speech, about “how best to get it done and for and by whom”, which could even win awards in some academic or professional circles. Well, if you read in a recent IPMS Journal about “a certain young lady from the San Francisco Bay Area, who contacted an Executive Officer of our Society” while (as he wrote) he’s getting around to...what ? Why, something she has amply to be sure demonstrated the “HOW WHY WHO” of. That’s her, above left. Our own Lily Liu. Who in less than a year: has won the Best of Show Junior awards at two major R-9 shows, gone to her first IPMS Nats and won awards there, plus WORKED path to LAUNCH a “Junior IPMS Chapter” effort that has every sign of taking root, spreading in the modern way with great life. Merry Christmas and thank you, Lily Liu. Many can talk, but few will act. Even fewer, LEAD. You GO GIRL !
– *mickb*

**The Hornets Nest Night coming up Friday January 10 @ Irvington Locale
WILL BE**

BuildFEST, CLUB CONTEST, Model Talk & Minimal Business Night

Friday, January 10 2014 – IPMS Fremont Hornets Meeting Irvington Community Center, SPECIAL “Double Dutch” Contest Theme Night !

Saturday, January 11, 2014 – IPMS Sonoma County SUPER AUCTION 6p-10pm @ FUNDEMONIUM, 171 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma CA

Saturday, February 01 2014 – NNL West Show 2014 “1964” theme, Santa Clara Convention Center Hall A, Santa Clara CA

Saturday, February 15 2014 – IPMS Sonoma County host Hobby Expo. Theme “Build The Future” Petaluma Comm’y Center, Petaluma CA

Saturday, April 5 2014 – IPMS Silicon Valley Scale Modelers host FIRST SV Classic Theme “1964” Napredak Hall, San Jose, CA

Sunday, September 28 2014 – IPMS Fremont Hornets host TriCity 10 , Theme “Out of Africa” MCC Main Auditorium, Milpitas, CA

The Upcoming New Year CLUB CONTEST You May Want to Know About

January 10 2014 Hornets Nest Contest Theme



" DOUBLE DUTCH "

As some of you may know, Free Hornets Tri City Classic 9 (2013) had a theme tied to anything DUTCH or The Netherlands

That theme's success lead them to this redux

The "club contest" is simple, open to all who come to January "Nest"



Anything Dutch or related to the Netherlands is eligible, regardless origin, scale or subject. TC-9 winners are welcome to display, also. (however they aren't eligible for awards here, having won some already, you see.)

Intent here is to get either those lovely models who didn't get done in time, on the table and competing, or to allow second chance for those delicious Dutch pastries in plastic old or new to have a shot at winning for showing up. All entries MUST be finished, to compete.

The awards will be plain and simple, merely US Government Gift Certificates for First, or Second or Third. Each award will have a total of 1 image of Alexander Hamilton, or 2 images of Abraham Lincoln, or 10 images of George Washington, as required.

Total three places will be given, if sufficient competition presents itself

The awards are being generously donated by new member Free Hornet Eric Lenk, via MIRANDCO

THANKS ERIC !

and thusly will be revenue neutral for our Treasury of the Hornets.



Hornet's *December Holiday Nest* (a look back from *The Front*)



Displaying inestimable great judgement, indubitably (or merely how hungry they were) a fine lot of Free Hornets in the room in timely manner for our annual Holiday pizza party!

As you may make out from my pictures haphazardly taken, we had faces familiar in usual frenzied form (below) to those new arrivals (Francis L. and newcomer whom Francis told me is a potential new local area member, name escaped me now)



(middle shot below) to definitely a local we know, but I can't quite recall identity of, has been scarce a good part of year, seen in the back near soda, conversing with P.A.

Perhaps my photograph will jog someone's memory, and the mystery will be solved.



Thanks to “ House Master “ Ray Lloyd, we had treasury only reasonably dented to facilitate the timely delivery of a variety of fine Pizza Pies to our meeting “house” pretty close to our standard start of business at just little past 8 pm. Donations of cash by Cliff Kranz (who didn’t make the gig!) and Mick Burton made sure we had lots of some types of soda, sturdy paper cups and napkins aplenty before Pizza arrived. Other members and guests of



fine reputé did bring a few other food items or drinks, so we were well supplied for the night’s plans.

This didn’t permit us to neglect entirely our usual business at hand though. Treasurer had to collect the standard five dollar room dues for we have quite the deficit underway now

with the increased costs per hour for rental of the very fine accommodations of Irvington Community Center. So some offset was in order that night.



While collecting the Dues and keeping the Hornet President Mike apprised of how timing for night’s agenda was holding on or off so we could schedule “flex”, Burton kept a running commentary going.

All in order to remind all present, we seemed to have enough “play” entrants available to be

launching “inaugural run” of “STEAL or DEAL” gift exchange.



As perhaps can be made out in the expressions of several in photo above right, the reprise of “rules and regulations” for this “requested game” were a reminder “be careful what you wish (vote) for, you may get it”. Mike Meek and Gabriel Lee seemed to be almost in resigned horror, and Steve Q, Chris B, Ray L became utterly locked in a conversation while Louis returned a responsive look at Burton while holding a paper copy of aforesaid.

However, as you may also see on the above left, Mike Meek was happily drinking and protecting the gifts we were about to set out to steal or deal...



On the right, all the innocent gifts plus finally prepped “jokers” on display before game commenced. Mike Meek considers if he



donation of one of them along with an obvious “ticket chaser” known as the HK 1/32 B-17 were both his portion of Grand Prizes pool for TC-9. Again, didn’t seem the winner was disappointed. So, he surmised, TWO of them plus something else would be a pretty good bet for “Joker” gifts in this nefarious exchange plan. Especially since only his two consultants had any real concrete idea how he’d planned to use them. The envelopes were in service of the idea, and more or less were to appear “the same” on the kits, as shown here in closeup.

While Hornet President Mike signaled me with his signature Nitti “The Enforcer” look that it’s nearing time I take final time to finish up “the Jokers” if I was going to in fact play them, and get this ship underway, so everyone would learn what all that unfathomable blather I’d been publishing and regurgitating, added up to.



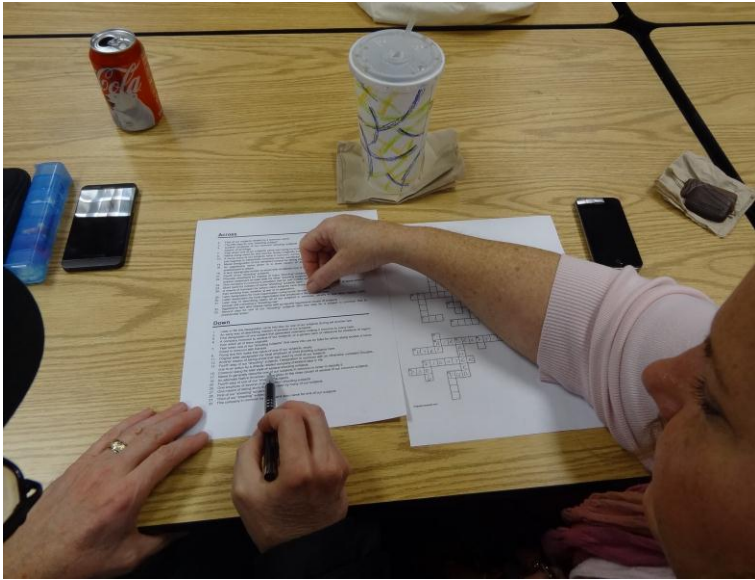
should have maybe put some Tequila into that Pepsi before undergoing this gig.

On the left, the 3 Jokers that Burton purchased as his “donation to the cause” for trying out this “slightly sarcastic twist” on the “steal this gift exchange” concept.

The three brand new, sealed kits for service as “Joker” on the deck of the Free Hornet Gift Exchange were just chosen by Burton based on reactions unscientifically surveyed by him.

Seemed the 1/72 PBM-5A kit recent release from Minicraft had been well received when Hornets raffle offered one at Hornets Nest. Based on that, a





Oh, did you happen to see what looked like a somewhat puzzled or dubious look visaged by Southern Lad Frank Babbitt, in prior picture? Well, it wasn't likely due to what he had to drink in hand, nor the tortuous recounting of "exchange regs" by "Advocate" Burton.

Nay, I suspect it was the reaction Frank had reading the "fun little game puzzle" I gave to Christine and Dave Anderson. A couple of others were tempted into trying this out, as I was seriously offering a "free meeting nite" payout for the first three to finish puzzle in the meeting time left. Alas, having only a very short time to test out the whole package, soon determined on my own that my clue writing needed more time and polishing.

We'll revisit this item in a moment, but for now, the narrative needs to close in on the Final third of the Holiday Hornets Nest. With Mark Schynert fabulously taking post as a Record/Scorekeeper, Ray Lloyd as MC, Mick B (me) as Advocate and "expeditor" for a means to keep tight timing as advertised a feature of the "Steal or Deal" Gift Exchange, a great if shorter than expected duration game did proceed. Now that it's all been recorded, here's the barest stats first: 16 players total, 5 played 2 gifts, 11 played 1 gift each. As so:

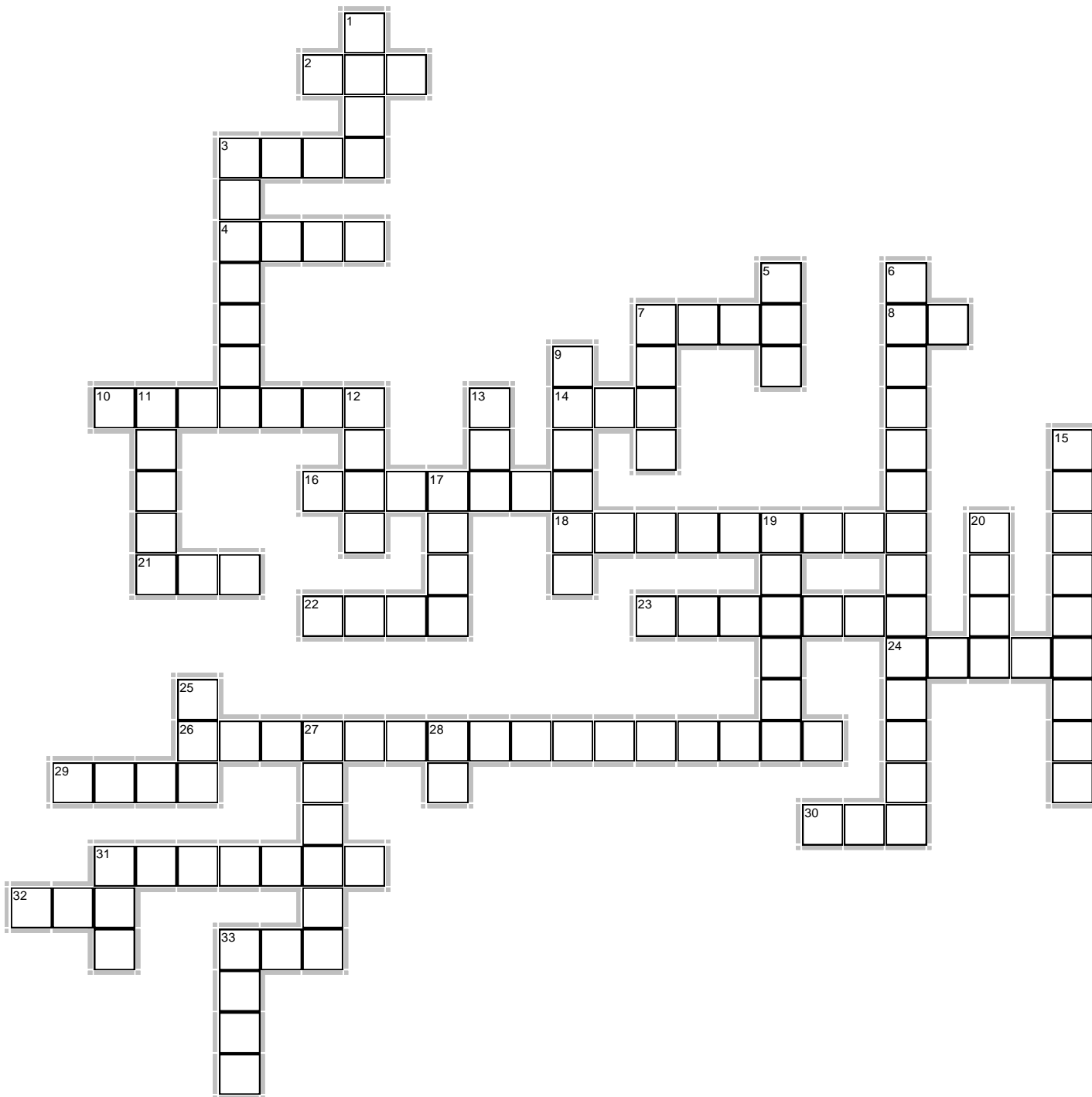
The Inaugural "Steal or Deal" Gift Exchange for 2013 Game Plays as follows:

Brian Sakai – opens TA-154. Elizabeth Bucholtz - steals TA-154, so Brian Sakai goes to table, selects/opens RoG 1/72 Fw-200 ! Drawn as the next name is Frank Babbitt – whom of course, promptly goes and steals Fw200. Patient as ever, Brian Sakai returns to select again,-opens Tamiya 1/48 P-51D "Tuskegee".

Drawn again, now Frank Babbitt chooses to deal off the table, opens a 1/72 Valom Hampden. Then we see draw for Steve Quock, who selects deal, unwraps an s Accurate Miniatures 1/48 SBD ! Oddly next drawn, Mick Burton takes the "grocery bag wrapper gift" (a tug to his own preferred means, recycle wrap!) and he's now found a Trumpeter 1/48 Spiteful (shades of last month's Raffle!!). Randy Ray is drawn, chooses table deal – finds it is a Monogram F4U-4 in 1/48. Ray Lloyd goes to table and unwraps a terrible cheap wrapper (weeks Fry's advert from Merc'y News) to discover a scarce 1/35 Shanghai Dragon Brumbar in shrink wrap.

All does not remain so sedate though. When Christine Anderson is drawn, she steals the Valom Hampden ! Shocked, dear Frank Babbitt chooses to deal again, and finds he opens an Eduard BF 110 in 1/48. Feistier mood leads Kent McClure (next drawn) to steal Spiteful (aptly named, eh?). Inspired thusly, Mick Burton goes and steals FW 200 which makes it DEAD. Drawn again, Brian Sakai goes and steals Valom Hampden (kills it dead). Christine Anderson decides to deal now, and returns from table having opened an X-Acto Hobby Gift Set. Louis Orselli deals too, turns out he unwraps an Academy Me-262. Dave Anderson, piratically, steals Tuskegee P-51. Brian Sakai takes another deal, ends up with an LCAC in 1/144. Mark Schynert takes a deal and opens a 1/72 DML AR-234 of a proposed Nachtjager variant. Next draw sees Randy Ray go forth to steal Academy 262. Louis Orselli takes the plea by Advocate Burton to perhaps be first to try a Joker – he mulls all three carefully and takes a Joker PBM, finds "he chose wisely" (envelope #2 specifically states that THIS PBM cannot be stolen, and that feature is transferable if Louis wishes to trade with another, altho only "dead" or other Jokers can be traded "live", but no one knows that til now) Steve Quock next up and takes the Joker (new kit) 1/48 T-38A Talon (which cannot be stolen). Chris Bucholtz goes and opens F-5/F-20/T-38/MiG-29. Lily Liu takes a deal, unwraps a pair of "New Airfix" MiG-15/BAE Hawk. Postoria Aguirre boldly takes on last Joker, the PBM #2 (and it stays his). Mick Burton on draw, goes viciously out for a steal of his own "play gift" (Brumbar). Ray Lloyd sportingly goes for a deal instead, finds he can cry Havoc ! as he lets slip the wrapper on an AMT A-20J kit.

A turn for Frank Babbitt sees him open a TA-152. Lily's Dad, Ming, now drawn, gleefully steals Brumbar (kills it dead!) . Advocate Mick Burton is so bemused, he carefully selects the last really crap wrapped gift (another newsprint special) and happily opens to find Kagero P-66 in 1/48, doesn't realize he now ends game. So ends this tryout but verdict seems that it's worth trying again next year, with some small tweaks. Now about that puzzle of his...copy provided you all next:



“ Wild Horses ...

...Couldn't Drive Me Away ”

*An Army-Navy Game Puzzle
With Civilian Connections*

Try your hand at it, it's really not that difficult, even though The Puzzle Producer could do with some “clue-ing in” help

Since the title and the subtitle may not yet automatically set off the necessary processes, a set of “gimmes” is in order.

The “across and down” are on next page, but these will help you drive all the shots home.

6 down is

NORTH AMERICAN
(and yes, a space btwn words)

11 down is

USAAF

33 across is

F6A

Across

2. First of our subjects related by a common name
3. The fifth step for one "shooting subject"
4. Another employer of our common shooting subjects, for whom home base would be familiar to a wizard, of all things
7. Year when one of our subjects came into being in mind of the general public
8. Native slang name for one country, thusly magically linked to Kansas
10. A name many of our subjects have in common, comes to mind almost auto-matic if certain numbers pair together or either/both company names mentioned
14. Model Designation of one hardware means for taking shots, used by many of our subjects
16. An aggressive name given to a close cousin of several of our common subjects, this one predisposed to attack
18. A land aboriginally known to some who employed one of our common subjects
21. Fourth of our "shooting" subjects
22. Phonetic shorthand for mission of many "shooting" subjects. A fine coincidence, its same single digit mission statement re-used later for other "shooting subjects" here
23. This company in common's president had an odd middle name
24. Short hand for mission of some "shooting" subjects here
26. A means of transport for whom many subjects here share an experience "on deck" at some point in their working lives, whether at war or in peacetime.
29. Later designation for local organization using some "shooting subjects" here
30. Letter designation for local organization that employed a fishy subject here
31. Later way of describing nearly all of our subjects in common, usually in one letter means, oddly enough still indicating a "shooting role"
32. Aggressive twin who shares name with an equally aggressive cousin of subjects
33. Second step for one of our "shooting" subjects also last step for a subject in common due to presidential action (*spelled out on puzzle*)

Down

1. Later in life this designation came into play for one of our subjects during yet another war
3. An early way of describing mission of several of our subjects
5. First designation of one subject that generated nickname making it common to many here
6. A company common to several of our subjects, or a generic term of reference for residents of region from which all of them originate (*spelled out on puzzle*)
7. Year when one of our "shooting subjects" first came into use by folks for whom slang locates a home linked in common with Kansas
9. Flying and fish make this name of one of our subjects, clueily.
11. Original letter designation for local employer of most shooting subjects here (*spelled out on puzzle*)
12. Another means of taking shots that was used by most of our subjects
13. Fourth step of our "shooting" subjects. Designation in common with an otherwise unrelated Douglas, due to an action by a directly related company president later in life
15. Common slang for later style of several shooting subjects
17. Name to generally describe one of our subjects in common in order to classify it
19. An alternate Native American name given to the close cousin of several of our common subjects
20. Fourth step of one of our "shooting" subjects
25. One employer of several of our common shooting subjects
27. One means of taking shots that was used by many of our subjects
28. First of our "shooting" subjects
31. Third of our "shooting" subjects
33. This company in common by name, and also name for one of our subjects

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

OKAY JUST SO YOU KNOW...IF ANY ONE IS AT LEAST WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY IN THE COMING DAYS... I am going to offer the *first TWO* seeing me with CORRECT ANSWERS for ENTIRE PUZZLE, will get REBATE on their "room dues" collected for **JANUARY NEST ONLY. GAME ON ??**

AND NOW PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THANKS TO CONTRIBUTION OF NEW MEMBER ERIC LENK FOR AWARDS FOR JANUARY NEST

MIRANDCO will be SPONSORING TOTAL OF THREE SIMILAR AWARDS FOR A FREE HORNETS CLUB CONTEST AT THE APRIL 2014 NEST



April 11 2014 Free Hornets Club Contest Theme " Thunder and Lightning "

Perhaps a somewhat "cliche" theme, I KNOW and I do go off about thematic "clichés" now and again, don't I ?



Nonetheless it's a great one for rustling up the goods and resoundingly berating any who dare opine "but what can I build for that?"
Think about it only a moment:

Thunderbolts, Thunderbirds, ThunderStreaks, ThunderJets, Thunderflashes,
and a **Chief** reason to be astounded if USAF entries alone don't overwhelm table, off the bat.

Lightning strikes twice (at least) when added to the mix.

There again, US, UK, Germany, Japan, and of course Sweden all immediately blow away any excuses for NOT building.

Oh, don't even go there with "but but but, there's only AIRCRAFT in play here".
BS. Ever heard of the "Opel Blitz" for JUST ONE example? Operation Thunderbolt ?



Armor, automotive, maritime contingents do in fact have eligible items.
So we won't accept "doh, I didn't finish an entry" for an answer.

GET BUILDING.

– fini mb



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

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(sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here)

" Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm "