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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 15

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over 37 years...

Welcome

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

Reminder of Upcoming Nest 02-14-14 (and don't forget, GRUPPE BUILD 2014 Airfix P-51/F-51 Mustang 1/72)

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

FLYER, FOOL ! Seeing to continue reminding about SPRING's Club Contest for the Hornets

A LOOK BACK FROM THE FRONT – Redux Rotterdam, aka “Double Dutch” club contest results among notes of the January meeting. Several surprises in who showed up and with what. You'll have to look and see to know though ☺

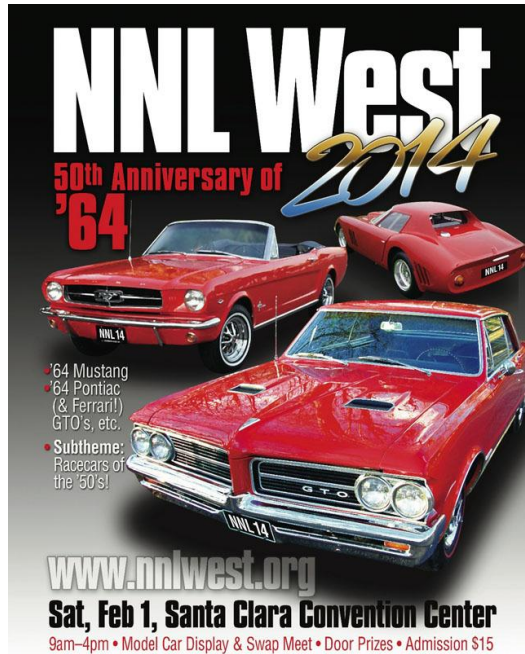
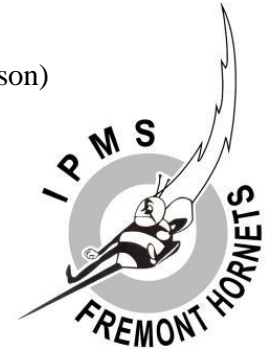
BONUS : ANSWER KEY to last issue's Holiday “ Puzzle ”, whose “clue-ven” hooves apparently beat out all players.

BONUS PLUS! BREAKING NEWS First Looks at the “ BAY AREA DRAGONS ” LAUNCH MEETING SUCCESS

THE Latest BUZZ (as of January 27 2014 evening)

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

YES! Now #16 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 SEE A LOT OF MODELS in ONE DAY ??

THEN GET TO THIS SHOW THIS SATURDAY !

NNL West's event is ALWAYS a crowd pleaser and a fun surprise for those who go for the first time. Still somehow doubting their friend's tales of this big Show of models, WHERE THERE IS NO CONTEST GOING ON. EVER. Yet this huge hall is FILLED with activities and things to see, buy, enjoy all day!

If you visit the Free Hornets Gallery Site, you may have noticed several years of NNL West shows in there. I have been going since the 80's as often as I can, it's an extremely fine way to introduce or reintroduce people to "joy of models" while socializing hugely. Make your way to this and go EARLY because this year, they have several other events in same Convention area, parking is likely

at a premium. Seriously though, this is a SHOULD NOT MISS event, fun for all and very unique enjoyment.

– mickb

The Hornets Nest Night coming up Friday February 14 @ Irvington Locale

WILL BE

BuildFEST, Model Talk & Minimal Business Night

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

Friday, April 11 2014 – IPMS Fremont Hornets Meeting Irvington Community Center, SPECIAL "Thunder & Lightning" Contest Theme Night !

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

The No Foolin' CLUB CONTEST You May Want to Know About

April 11 2014 Hornets Nest Contest Theme

" THUNDER & LIGHTNING "

MIRANDCO will be SPONSORING TOTAL OF THREE AWARDS FOR THIS FREE HORNETS CLUB CONTEST



Think about it only a moment:

Thunderbolts, Thunderbirds,
ThunderStreaks, ThunderJets,
Thunderflashes, **Chiefly** speaking



Lightning strikes twice (at least), also

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

Hornet's *First of the Year Nest* (a look back from *The Front*)

Doing their inestimable best to be playing hard and not the least bit interested in "business", Hornets as a fine lot showed we were no worse for the wear of Holidays.

As a cheering beginning (while your Editor was getting texted that Prez was stuck in traffic, running late) the Contest VP (me) got to the meeting house early. So could be sure to set up room as he pleased. Short time into this scheme, Kent McClure and Cliff Kranz arrived to assist. Followed by a pleasing surprise, of



a visiting SJVSM Tomcat, Michael Stoneman! Since I know they have a "buildfest only" meeting nowadays themselves for the 2nd Friday, shocked me a mite to see Michael. He was in town for his 1/1 car hobby, taking delivery of some great wheels. So Mike had smartly figured to use his time in a visit with us vs taking on traffic likely to cause him to miss it all. ☺



Perhaps Michael was the "herald" for the way rest of the "opening night" Nest was to be. As you may see here, our table of models for "model talk" was competitive for room as were "buildfest seats" at table

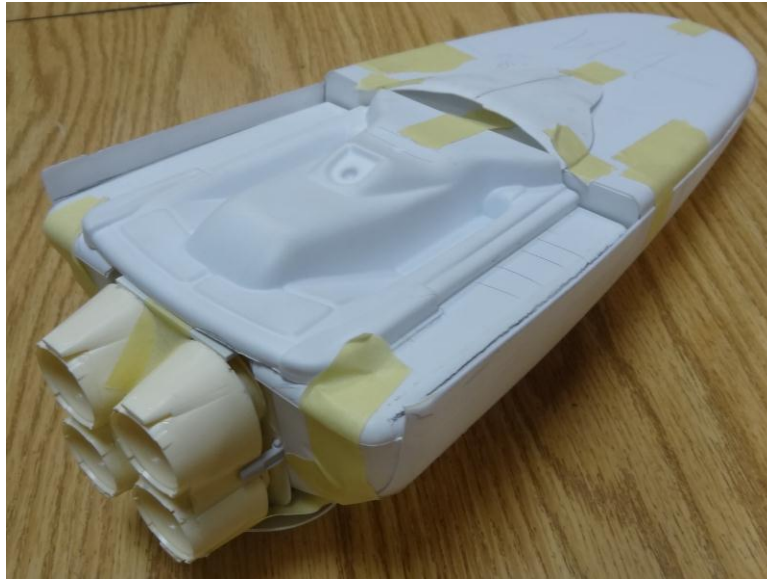
What you likely won't be easily able to see partly due to my candid shooting here, is how we had another "surprise" visitor in the same shot looking intently at what's on table besides his and Mike's contributions. Clue: man in the Tomcats shirt is Mr Stoneman, opposite him in green/white ball cap hiding him perfectly is none other than Mark Norhnberg !

A long time Free Hornet (if I recall correctly, he was actually a Junior member to start out...) and recently it seems he's moved back into the Bay Area so we'll see a bit more of him now.

NOW BEFORE I GET TOO FAR INTO THIS WRITING...Be warned it won't be "minutes" it will be meeting notes and Editorial musings. Okay-

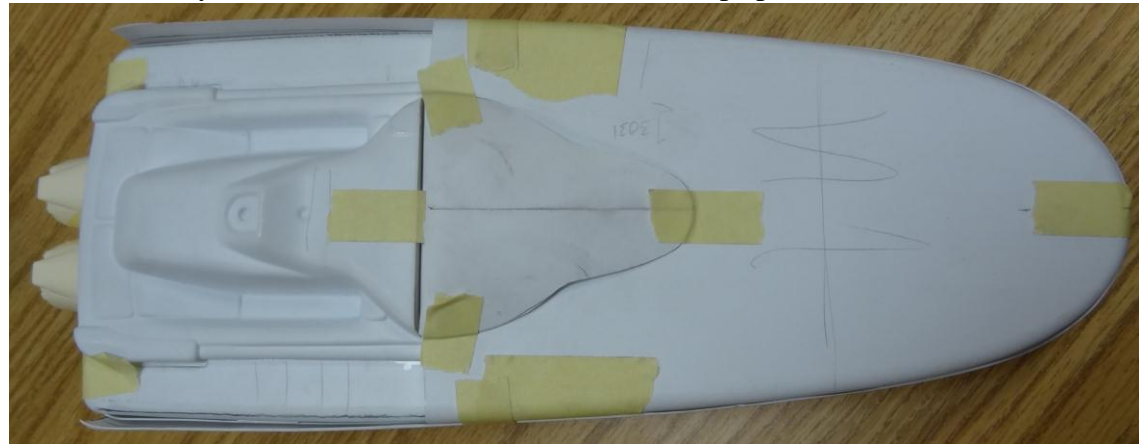


Since Mark had to leave early, strikes me best we cover his model contribution now. That's him, on the left ... Handily providing scale reference to his large 4 rocket craft now underway, in white vac plastic which I believe is an original Nornhberg design, but I can't swear to it. We'll grill him next time we see him! It's great to see in any case, and the display stand he has here also a generous resume to Mark's considerable skill as model artiste.



Science Fiction, Fantasy arenas are very demanding model-wise, a fact underappreciated often. Real Space modelers probably closest to next in the severely underserved model market communities. Oh yes, if you're a major fan of a

"popular enough" movie or a same frame TV show, basics of your particular taste MAY be available (often for limited time though) in model form (as kit, or a "solid", or resin casting, even vacform). Step off that path, you're most often on your own and in a vast wilderness of deep space for resources. ☹

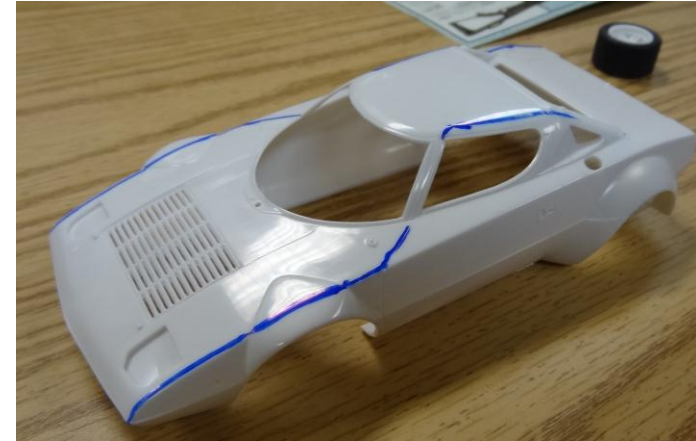


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Don't believe me? Ask Mike Stoneman then. He's smiling, perhaps because he knows damned well I can't read material here shown with his MS-18E



Actually, Mike's just a friendly modeler and enjoys sharing the joy of modelling. That white "car like thing" you see is his Lancia Stratos underway in fashion I did fail to record for this episode, sorry.

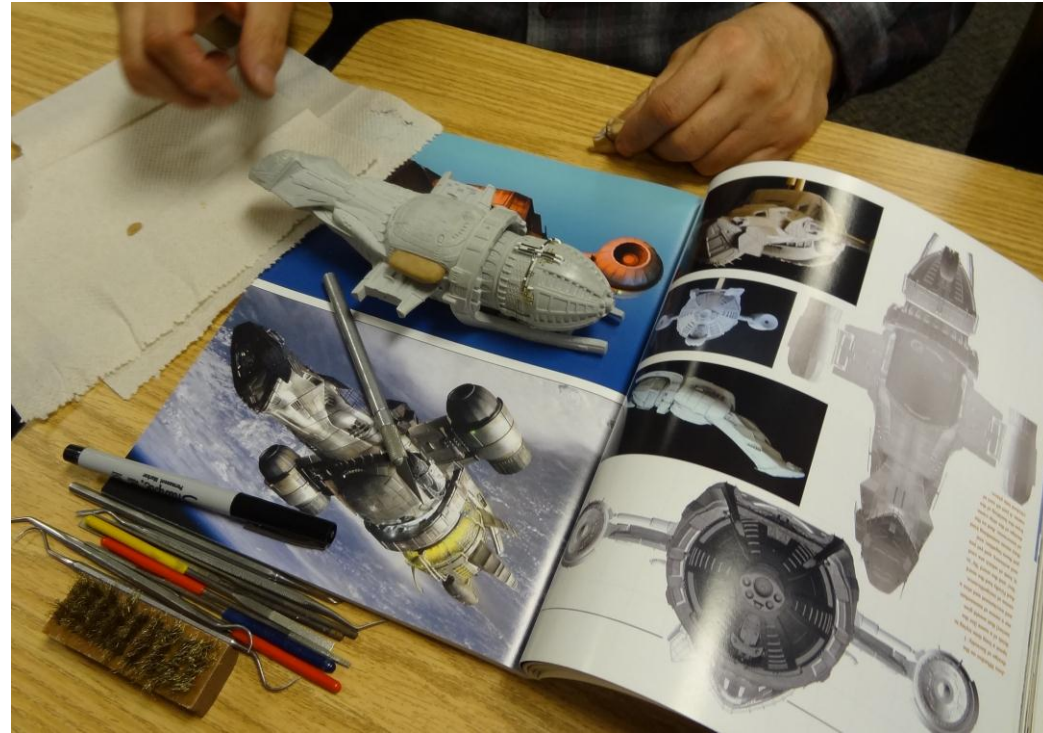
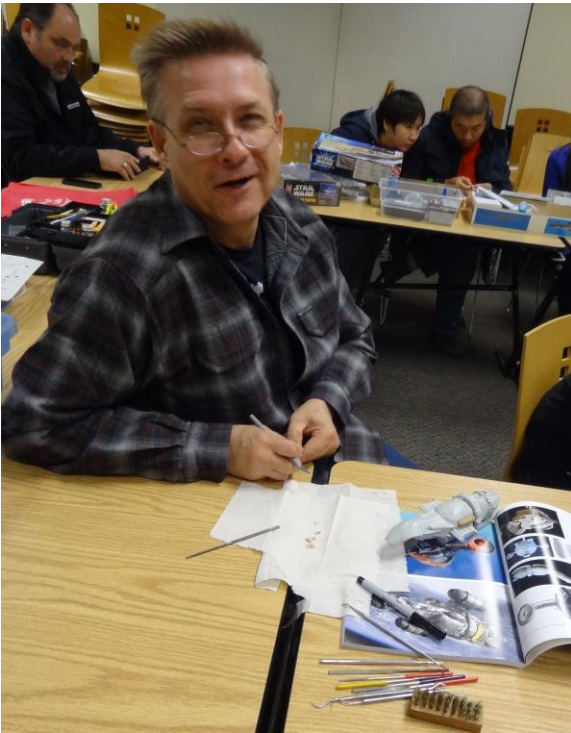


Mike's regimen includes exotic autos like the WIP Lancia, along with the more exotic genres of modelling loosely collected for a competition in our world as " SF, Fantasy Vehicles/Figures/Robots/Whathaveyou "

I bring this up in a way to try to illustrate that there's far more than meets the eye, sometimes nice to remind that not EVERYONE is rolling in IPMS clover as a matter of fact. Meaning while nearly a lock for an average local contest most anywhere these days, that "such & such subgenre of Axis/Allied air/armor or even in Autos there's few fixed splitouts or woe to the Contest Staff...not so for the actual myriad of SF/Gaming/Anime/related in kind, even these days. Partly because they aren't well known or defined, perhaps



Yet another “until recently, MIA Free Hornet”, Blair Smith here, could better explicate some of what I meant there. Here’s Blair, hard at work on a subject I took only a wee while to determined I knew myself what it was, and was in more awe of the effort. His work here on the table, it’s from the excellent Joss Whedon series “Firefly”, the spacecraft “Serenity”. This series and it’s creator are to many, truly the successors of the Gene Roddenberry school of “Westerns In Space”.



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Joss Whedon and his clan of folks like him along with JJ Abrams are , are creating anew as well as recreating a Boomer’s paradise of “homages”, which are making sure more new models and important more so, more “stars to inspire to” are being enjoyed for a future.

I know for a fact of two dads and daughter combos who share a love of “Firefly”, that is as significant, cool

as any father/son shared love of a Mustang in either aerial or auto form 1/1 to model and vice versa. Our hobby of scale modelling is rich in “cross fertilization of a kind” with loves of history, building, seeing,



or simply artistically happy sharing, mixed in many ways and amounts, but not limited to “just WW2, or military or commercial/industrial mode or only reality”. Consider as much “reality and history” is made now for Star Trek, or Call of Cthulu, or many of the Anime series mediums, Or something pretty basic on a barely “fictional” level as “Luft ‘46”. Few hobbies do offer so much for so little of an entry price. Just join, go share, and enjoy !

Time to revisit the “display table of January 2014” to refresh everyone, just in case my ruminations on rich history of the never lived and how it models, lost you.



Mike Stoneman’s MS-18E, Lancia, Mark Nornhberg’s Space Renderings, Five New from Cliff Kranz (another who missed some meets recently, due illness) all appear in above table shot. On the right, we take up Six WIP Ships by Burton, Ben Pada’s F4U



Then two appear on bottom, ah now whom claim you?



Well, while you wait to find out the answer, here’s a good close look at Cliff Kranz’s latest contribution to his model dedication to his Dad. The P-8F Bearcat from Hawk molds under the Testors label. He did gear up as it will join others “in flight” hanging from ceiling. The pair on right? They’re Chris Bucholtz’s P-9C and P-51D, more about them a little later.



Now a closer look at Cliff Kranz's M47 from the Italeri molding, very nice US Army scheme rendered by him. Next to it, Heller's LeClerc French MBT in camo.



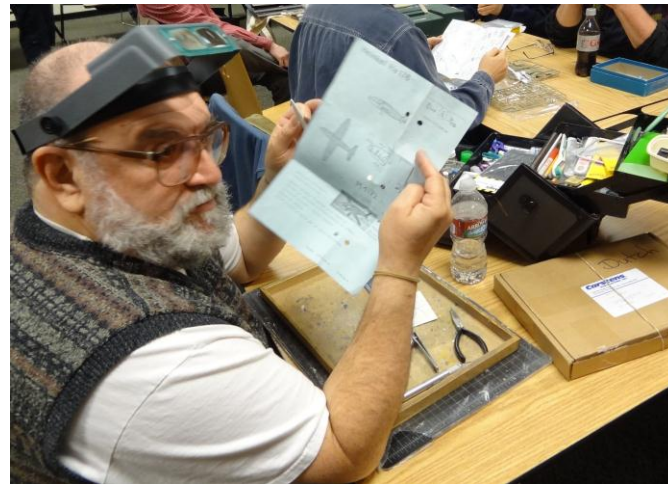
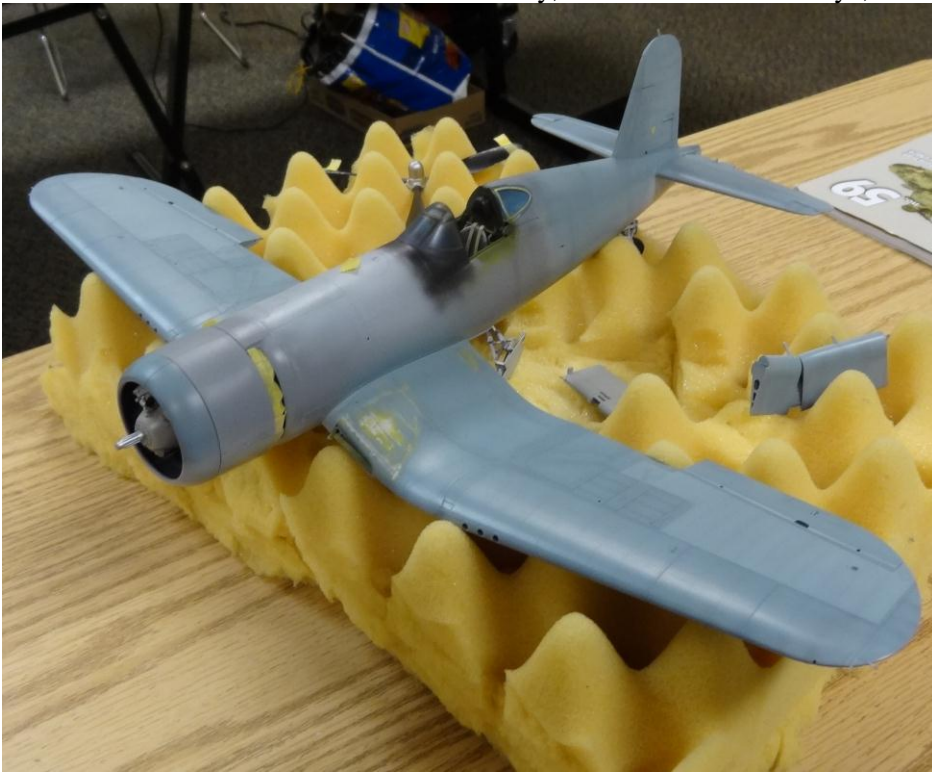
Cliff used some "French" words in his building of this kit, and was clear on his low opinion

of this molding. Patiently he awaits a better edition by another maker



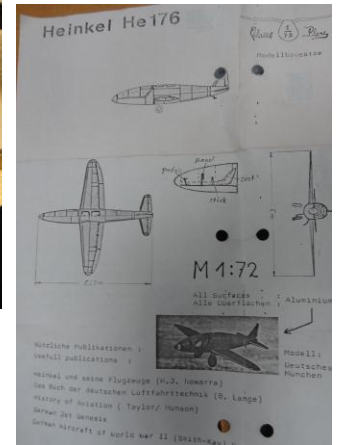
Cliff cleverly turned out a Lockheed proposal for a Flying Bomb from P-80, using the Lindberg 1/48 molding, which is first I have ever seen of that ! Lastly, this French Armored Car which alas, I didn't record ID or kit maker of.

Ben Pada has another clear winner on the way, this time in 1/32. Tamiya, of course. The BB-63 Missouri in 1/350 WIP? That's Lily Liu's dad hard at work here.



Lou Orselli was found hard working at this !

1/72 Heinkel He-178, Research rocket plane.



There's Ben Pada, and Frank Babbitt, Ray Lloyd, Milt Poulos, creating away!



Frank's a magician, he turns out a fair amount of models every year, as you see his 1/72 Hercules are practically building themselves. I'm jealous



This "Tuskegee Airman" WIP is Chris Bucholtz's, from the Hasegawa kit. Chris's brilliant brief had us in awe when he told of how much painting done!

As you can see, we're very liberated here. Female or male, we don't discriminate, we'll let you walk in with hands full and keep building blithely on. Lily Liu had other engagements so arrived AFTER all the tables I'd set up were full. Center picture she smiles patiently as I try to get a table set out for her, lickety split, Mick



Last picture in series shows Lily wisely using her "wait time" to discuss upcoming event she is planning, with Blair Smith and daughter, who I had clued in about Lily's project, a bit earlier.

Now, photo proof I made sure Lily & clan land!



Look ! Lily and I are both witness to the shocking Truth, Frank Babbitt actually WORKING on his model here. No magic, just hard work, plentifully. Like Gabriel Lee, patiently crafting away as well.



NOW...

For the rest of the story. Here below Frank is that night's three raffle items. Perhaps no excitement for some, For all the regulars perhaps not even news that we have them since it's a virtual staple of Free Hornets. Well, Reality check time my friends. These prizes were purchased at a generous discount from Hobbies Unlimited, THANK YOU AS ALWAYS, AL ! and delivered promptly as you see here for the meeting. That worked well As always, thanks to volunteer effort by two members who've handled these affairs for several years now. The Hitch in the tale came when President, already having texted ahead he was running late from his long drive to meet from Livermore after another hard week of work. Arrived to learn NO ONE had the raffle tickets. He was also drafted by default into being the person to sell them if and when we got some. Following some work to get someone else, Prez Mike worked swiftly to get tickets and I ran meeting in his absence. Not fun for all.

When Mike returned, we were getting an announcement from Lily Liu about the “IPMS Juniors Club” project she has been leading for awhile now, with final date now selected (01-25-14, a Saturday) for their first launch meeting. With only the always fun problem of WHERE to do this still to be finalized. We gave Lily some ideas (pizza parlors, libraries, possibly Community Centers (least likely due to cost with no funds on hand)) and promised to get the word out soon as determined.



Lily had everyone held rapt giving us her impending “BAD” news ☺

BAD = Bay Area Dragons Jr IPMS Club, what were you thinking I meant there? ☹

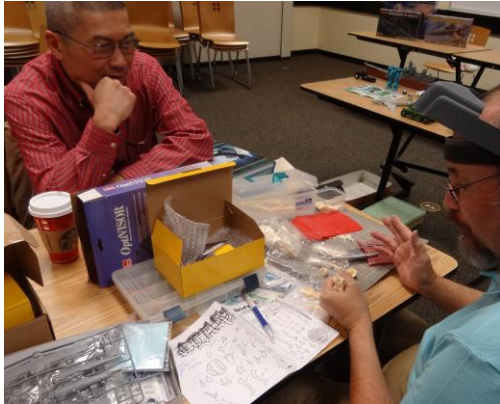


Mike worked out the tickets Missing In Action problem in best manner possible in short order. He only had choice of “single” tickets, so set up the Night’s raffle with edict you’d Have to write your own name On each ticket purchased. No Name, No Win in the game ! He also ended up Raffle VP.

Lily talks BAD to RC-9 Chris



Jim Priete returns to meet with a Minicraft PV-1 underway, Ben Pada QA’s Frank Babbitt’s QA of one Herk, Steve Kumamoto is in deep converse with Kent M.



Meanwhile, Cliff Kranz’s track production continues unabated Two Rays promote by T shirt.



While Randy Ray proselytizes Pi by cotton/poly blend, he's also guarding our table of first competition of the year. Not only a reliable security force, Randy's one of the two entrants of "Double Dutch" Club Contest.



Originally planned to be sponsor by MIRANDCO, and rules stated only "non winners from TC-9" or FINISHED new builds eligible to win, reality and good fortune did come to pass here.

Reality, in that fact only two entries made it to meeting, one unfinished but a new build, the other, winner of an award at "Soldier of Orange" Dutch themed TC-9. Contest Director Burton determined himself with a healthy response of "that's the ticket" from those present, that best course was Executive Action here. A decision by Judge (Burton) to award First Place to the lovely Dutch East Indies Air Force Martin 139 (as designation of export model of B-10 was known), Second to WIP Dutch AF F-16. Jim Priete, Randy Ray got 10 dollar awards provided by sponsor and new Free Hornet Eric Lenk, via Burton. The last award goes back into the funds until next Hornets Club Contest, which MIRANDCO cosponsors now. This was announced already, April and theme "Thunder & Lightning".

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Now, last but not least, Mick Burton had some WIP to put on the Model Talk Table.

On the left, Monogram 1/48th F-80C now sporting a Tamiya AS-14 Silver finish. Planning as Korean War.

The companion "Shooting Star" on right is Academy T-33A, currently planned as Luftwaffe camo schema.



One last 1/48th Lockheed product that he has underway is this Academy P-38J Lightning. Plans to do it with an aftermarket decal sheet have changed, but no matter. In the out of the box scheme, still will work for Burton's plan for a Pacific Theatre of Operations collection.

At the distant right corner, Monogram F-84F in 1/48, with plans to finish again OOB in the USAFE Tactical Nuclear Delivery scheme. Yes, there's more next page



There's a touch of maritime in the mix, the Yuba City show this summer provided a decently priced Polar Lights reissue of the Aurora mold "SEAVIEW" along with a Skyhook Models conversion set in resin. For what? Why, to update to the later season version with "The Flying Sub", yes.



Finally rounding out the work in process and still in a nautical vein, here's FineMolds D4Y-1 "Judy" in 1/48. Another OOB project, for a reason.

Finish so far is in IJN Green topside using Testors Acryl, underside is light Gray FS 36495 in same series. Not visible in the picture but when his build article comes along, the out of box mismatch of horizontal tailplanes at the fuselage joints will be shown, noted. Basically otherwise, model comes out superbly well in all aspects out of the box, provides D4Y-1 or D4Y-2 opts.

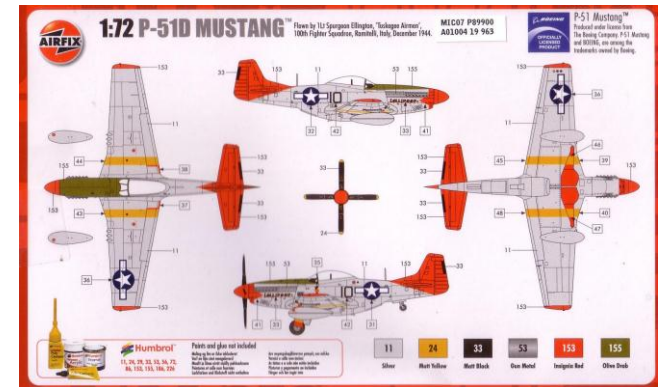
Before meeting end, Burton announced the Gruppe Build 2014 package so More about that in a moment... President Mike Woolson awarded MOM,

Again more details about that coming up. Our raffle thanks to Prez, went off perfectly. There were no takers to last issue's Puzzle challenge. See next two pages.



ANNOUNCING ON PERMANENT MEDIA
FREMONT HORNETS GRUPPE BUILD
"MUSTANGS MUSTANGS MUSTANGS"
 VERY SIMPLE RULES TO FOLLOW

1) MUST USE ANY EDITION OF THE
 NEW MOLDING OF 1/72 AIRFIX "D"
 Several versions are shown here as example



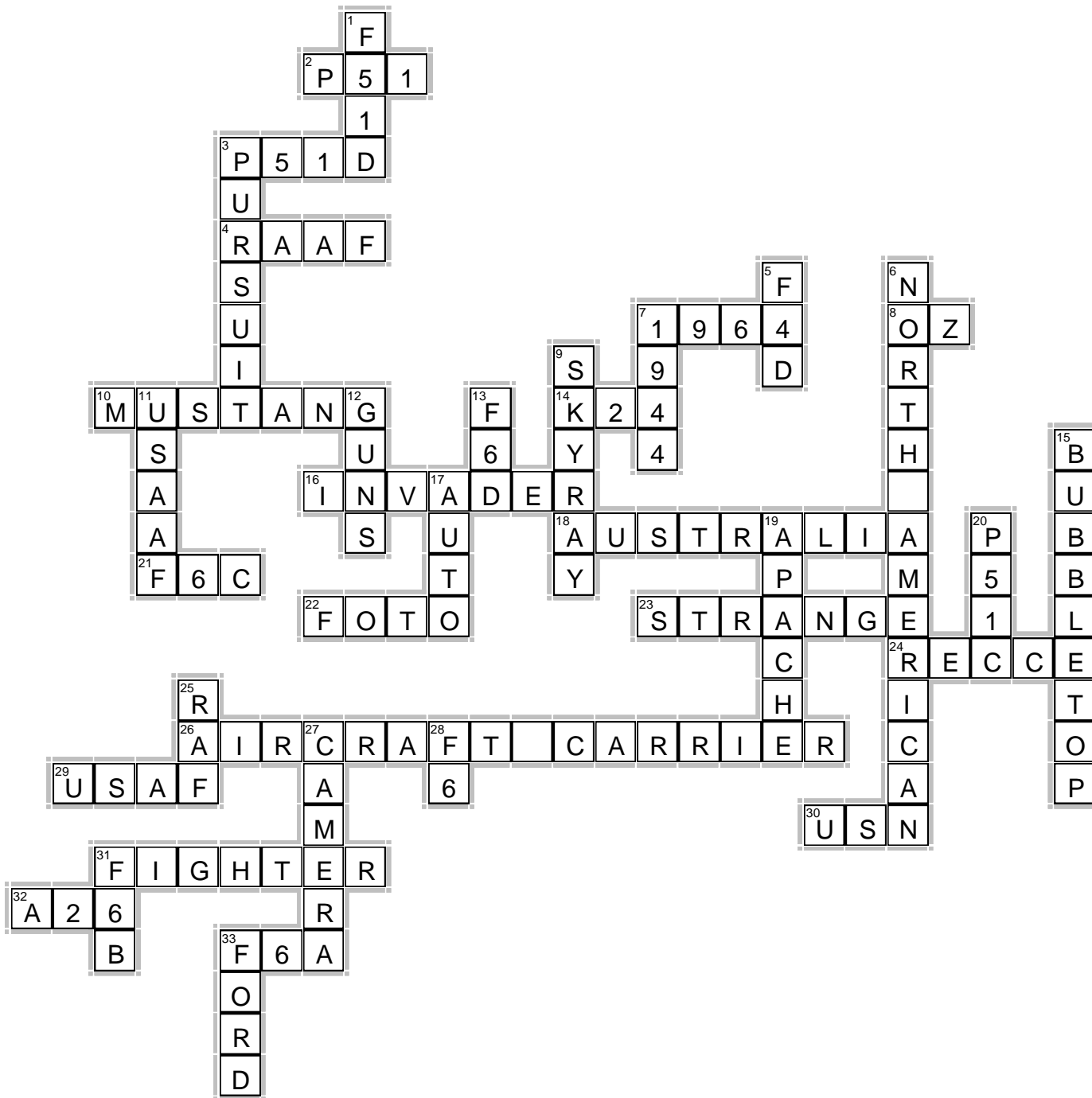
2) MUST BE COMPLETED BY TC-10 so
 CAN BE PART of COLLECTIONS ENTRY
 That is September 28 2014, so you know now

3) YOU MAY BUILD ANY OR MANY AS
 YOU WISH. ONE IS GOOD, MORE IS A
 GRAND THING, NONE IS FINE, TOO.

4) ANY SCHEME REAL OR NOT IS FINE
 NOT LIMITED TO OUT OF BOX, ETC.

5) FREE HORNETS ONLY, MAY PLAY.





“ Wild Horses ...

...Couldn't Drive Me Away ”

*An Army-Navy Game Puzzle
With Civilian Connections*

THE ANSWERS HEREFORTH

BEING NOW GIVEN FOR

THIS GOOD FAITH TRY

OFFERED LAST ISSUE

(BUZZ #14)

AND JUST AS A REMINDER

HERE WERE THE “GIMMEs”

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, cluely.
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

BREAKING NEWS ! “ Bay Area Dragons” JUNIOR IPMS Club TAKES OFF !

As reported in light detail by a Free Hornet who was late to the party, but managed to get some shots and notes – mick burton



Lily Liu on left, in middle of her open for business talk !

Smartly, she had each of the adults in “resource row” also speak for bits before too long.

Several of those in the initial arrival, were like me, in a mode to shoot pics first, work/talk at a



mite later point. Fortunately as you see, thanks to the likes of Chris Zanella (came from Santa Rosa !) Dave & Christine who



are integral parts of Lily’s team as much as her hard working Dad and Mom, and our Hornets Prez, Mike Woolson, who came down from Livermore to work much in the effort, the tables of eager attendees were well served. If you think these shots look busy, just remember there was more than met the eye here going on, YO!

My main contribution could be summed up in the left upper corner of the display table #2, the '67 Impala, HobbyBoss P-40 in RAF N. Africa, Panzer 1 in Spanish Civil War scheme, and the old Revell Aerobee Hi sounding rocket on TE rig. Sparked a fair number of good discussions with several of the youth modelers, most Often with the rocket (two especially liked the "Science" aspect of its mission, and that it "did stuff" when I let them move the erector boom, remove rocket) The "rust" and "machine guns not cannon?" aspects of the Panzer I also proved of value as I had hoped with inquiring and not at all shy to speak/challenge juniors!



Several attendees brought finished works like the excellent M1 on a base which was done by a far younger master of modelling than was I at his age! Fine job.



That's him, here with Dave Anderson, working magic on a Snaptite Warthog! Nearby was Lily keeping it all running, as her dad assists several others all at once!



GO DAD! This luscious purple Tractor was done by another



Skilled Junior, as was 1/48 B-25 you see on the right. These kids! Today, kits are so much better and so are they. Jealous? yes, ☺





There's M1 mentioned earlier, here. Now a grand job of running her whole show moved perfectly to this climax: Lily's "Warhogs WAR Contest" (WAR= Warthog Assembled Rapidly). She had quite a turnout, judged all in short order, plus awards to be given out!



Solid Full Scale Success Sound. EVERYONE seemed to me and all those present as staff, to have had an excellent experience and wanted to repeat it, soon.

Lily posted the web site for all to read & copy down. So Here:

<http://ipmsjuniorclub.weebly.com/>

Here's a shot at the end of 1st BAD meet

Which didn't include Chris Zanella, as he like me and Lily's Mom, were taking a picture.

SMILE as yes indeed, youth here making The One Rule Of Modelling come true.

They are all Having FUN Doing this!

-mick fini



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

**FIRST Model of the Month for 2014
Award to Free Hornet Chris Bucholtz !**



OK, yes. Perhaps some don't quite recognize this rare aircraft he modeled here.

A very significant vehicle in many ways both in "world history" and personal history for several of us. The Curtiss F9C-2 "Sparrowhawk", in USS Macon markings. The actual aircraft today lies submerged off coast of Monterey along with its brethren, where USN Airship ZRS-5 USS Macon went down February 12, 1935, with 70 crew onboard, of which only two were lost, thankfully.

Chris has been working on this model from the Pegasus kit for many years, and a good portion of this build is his work alone, replacing or reworking many items. The engine is an aftermarket item as well, itself requiring a good amount of effort. Originally being finished for donation to the Seattle Museum of Flight, it will now more appropriately remain home with Chris. Magnificent work here, CB. — *fini mb*

*And if you'd like to see MORE pictures: link on here www.fremonthornets.org (gallery) under Hornets Nest 2014 meets look for JANUARY of course
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(sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here)
"Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm"*