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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 16

March 09 2014



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

## Welcome

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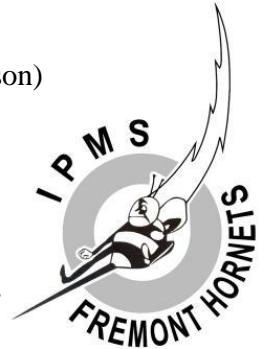
**A LOOK BACK FROM THE FRONT – Valentine Surprise ! Club meets night before BIG contest AND on “V-day”  
Success where others dared not tread ! (later known that at least a few didn't bother to schedule events that night...) ☺**

**BONUS : (don't forget, GRUPPE BUILD 2014 Airfix P-51/F-51 Mustang 1/72)**

# THE Latest BUZZ (as of March 09 2014 afternoon)

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

**YES!** Now #17 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!



SVSM 2014 SV Classic  
Saturday, April 5, 2014  
Theme: **"1964"**



Celebrating 50 years of SV Scale Modelers



Napredak Hall 770 Montague Expressway San Jose CA 95131

9:00 AM Doors Open 12:00 PM Registration Closes 1:05 PM Judges Meeting 1:15 PM Judging Begins 3:30 PM Awards Presentation

2014 SVSM Classic Theme "1964" Muscle Cars to Missiles, Men at War and Men At Work. Scale Modelling's First Golden Age 50 years Then and Now

**NOW OFFERING 47 Categories of Senior (18 & up) Level Competition**

**SWEEPS ALLOWED!** ALSO OFFER 13 "Golden Chances" for Special Awards

5 Categories for Junior (13-17 years) 4 Categories for SubJunior (12/under) Competition

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! NEED NOT BE AN IPMS MEMBER TO ENTER & COMPETE!**



JOIN SVSM returning to their San Jose roots for a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary as IPMS-USA chapter (we're older than that!)

**NEW CONTEST DIRECTOR**  
**NEW SHOW LOCALE!!**  
**NEW SPECIAL AWARDS!!**



THE BEATLES

THE MUNSTERS



**SAME OLD LOTS OF FUN!**

Contestant Admission Pricing: \$12 Senior, Unlimited number of models entry  
\$2 Junior, up to 5 models included, enter 6 or more = 5 dollars flat fee  
\$1 Subjunior, up to 5 models included, enter 6 or more = 5 dollars flat fee

Spectators admission free! RAFFLE! FREE MAKE AND TAKE For 17 and under! VENDORS!

The Silicon Valley Scale Modelers (SVSM) are a chartered chapter of the USA branch of International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS)

**What the Free Hornet Prez will be up to 4/5 ...**

***HE's not just our President, he's the New SV Classic Director***

Now on deck: Region Nine's longest running active Chapter has their Golden Anniversary themed annual contest and show, with a "dual passport" (Free Hornet & SVSM member) at the helm!

Not such a shock. Mike Woolson's been part of "R9 larger tribe" long enough to know, that our good number of clubs with lengthy terms is due to this "Get 'er Done" community spirit. Fremont and South Bay have a long history of independent but shared moments. But they're not only ones. Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton/Modesto/San Joaquin Valley clubs also know well how this works. Or does not, as those who aren't around for this recollection would ruefully attest. So, come share and celebrate with the "larger tribe", who make sure we remember the only rule in Modelling, is you should be having/sharing FUN.

- mickb

## The Hornets Nest Night coming up Friday March 14 @ Irvington Locale

***WILL BE***

## **BuildFEST, Model Talk & Minimal Business Night**

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!

Saturday, September 06 2014 – IPMS Reno High Rollers Show 2014 "TBA" theme, Stead, NV

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

# *RACEPLANE IN MINIATURE MAY BE RARA AVIS TO SOME BUT NOT TO "RED"*



May 21, 2006

Shortly after I joined a local San Jose, California model club known as "San Jose Scale Modelers" I joined "International Plastic Modelers Society," (IPMS/USA), including none other than this air race society called "S.A.R.H." All of this transpired in early 1984. HEY, it's my 30th anniversary, WOW!!

As a young kid in the 1930's I became a "rubber-band" model builder flying my creations from the top of my parent's California style flat roof home in Portage Lakes, Ohio. We lived out in the country, about seven miles south of Akron.

This town was the "Rubber Capitol" of the world and was the new home of Goodyear Aircraft Corporation, better known as "GAC." This company became famous near the end of WW2, as it designed and produced the most famous and then "fastest" fighter plane that the world had ever known at the time in the history of mankind.

Yes indeed, we are speaking about the "FG-1 to the F2G-1D Corsair" aircraft. The big bomb was dropped on the "Japs" and the war ended in 1945, thus the F2G version never saw combat action. However, it became famous and saw lots of "peace-time" action during the Cleveland, Ohio National Air Races, (1947-1949).

My "air-racer" model building took off in 1986 by converting a 1/32nd scale Revell F4U-1A kit to Cook Cleland's #57 F2G-1D racer.

## "AMERICAN JET"

F8F-2 Grumman Bearcat Modeled in 1/48 Scale  
Text & Photos by: Rodney J. "Red" Williams



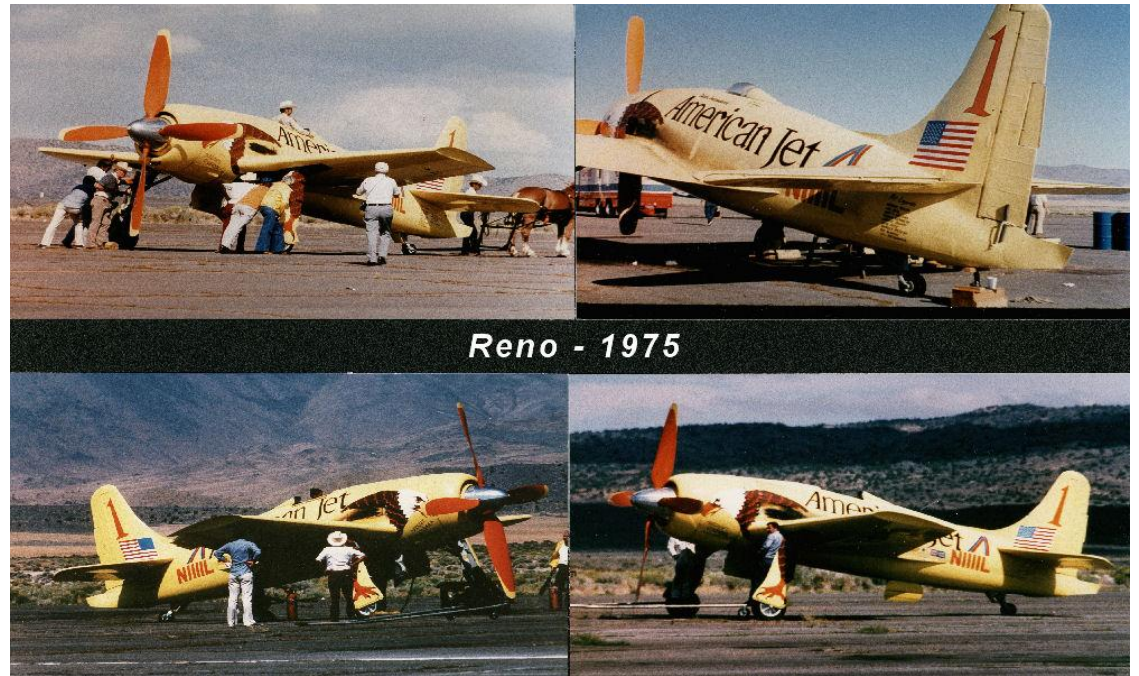
**I'll start out with a very colorful model for 2014 which is a 1/4 scale plastic model, (a replica) of the real Bearcat fighter plane that was revised into a racing aircraft.**



As years went by, I built all of the F2G racing airplanes then got into building some P-51D and F8F Bearcat racing models in the late 1990's and in the 21st Century.



BEST AIR RACERS ~ S.V.S.M ~ 2004.  
THIRD PLACE ~ "COLLECTION'S" ~ IPMS KANSAS CITY ~ 2006



## “ THE MODEL BEGINS ”

While visiting the “San Antonio Hobby Shop” that was then located near San Francisco, CA, I bought the following book:

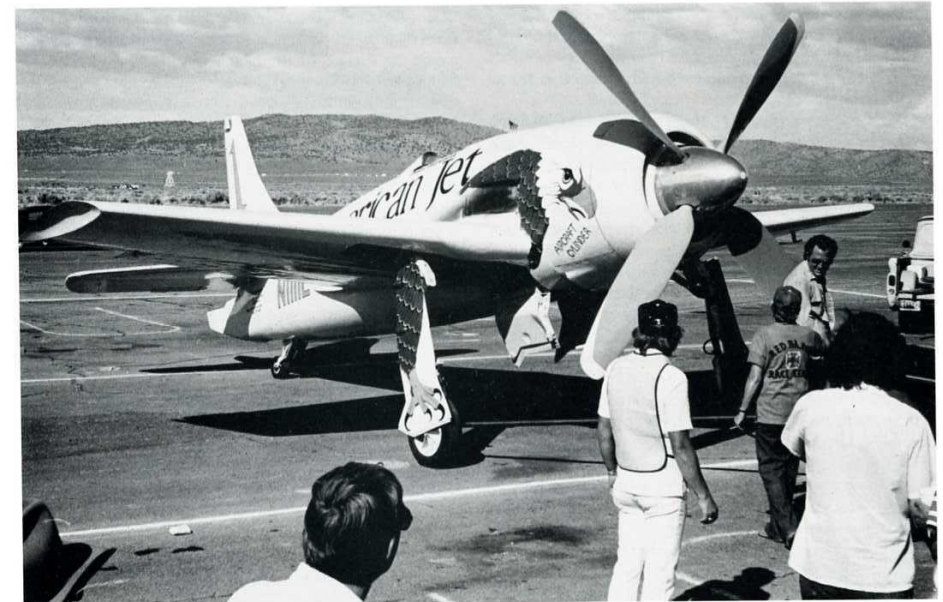
“RACING PLANES and Air Races” – A Complete History by Reed Kinert – VOLUME IV REFERENCE SERIES No. 1, (1946 -1967). This book was published by: AERO PUBLISHERS, INC. of Fallbrook, California and cost a whopping USD \$4.95 in 1985. The © for this book is 1968.

On the back cover of “Vol-IV” it states that Reed had produced other racing books that covered the racing community: Volume-I, (1909-1923), Volume-II, (1924-1931), Volume-III, (1932-1939).

Volume-IV inspired me to build some of the other racers that flew during the early “heydays” of the Reno, Nevada Air Shows. The model companies that manufactured the plastic injected molded kits, however, only made the fighter versions.

It is easy for an experienced modeler like me to “convert” a fighter into the racing version.

However, the “big” problem in the last part of the 20th Century was the “RACING DECALS.”



Darryl Greenamyer was back for his final appearance in the famous Bearcat, “Conquest I” now sponsored by American Jet Industries and wearing its most attractive paint scheme ever. However, after being the top qualifier, there were problems. (John Tegler)

In 1989 I spent USD \$150.00 for a set of decals for my 1:32nd scale P-51D Mustang named "HI TIME-II." The price for the model kit in those days was about 10-12 American dollars.



I had always wanted to build the F8F-2 Bearcat named "American Jet" but I could not find



anyone to make the decals at a more reasonable price.



In late 2005 I saw a notice posted on one of the modeling web sites that a company by the name of "Hi Planes" down in Australia, was making an injected plastic F8F-2 kit with "AMERICAN JET" decals.

I do not recall the price of the kit, but that did not matter. We modelers get into this syndrome:

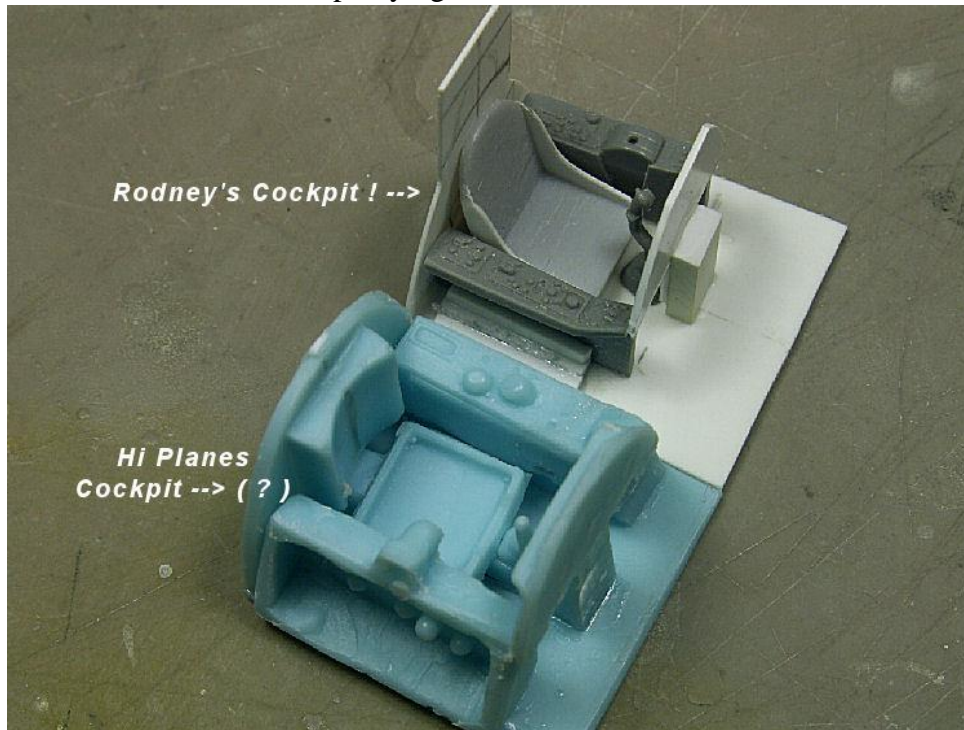
***"I GOTTA HAVE THAT KIT !!"***

***"NO MATTER WHAT AND THE PRICE DOES NOT MATTER."***

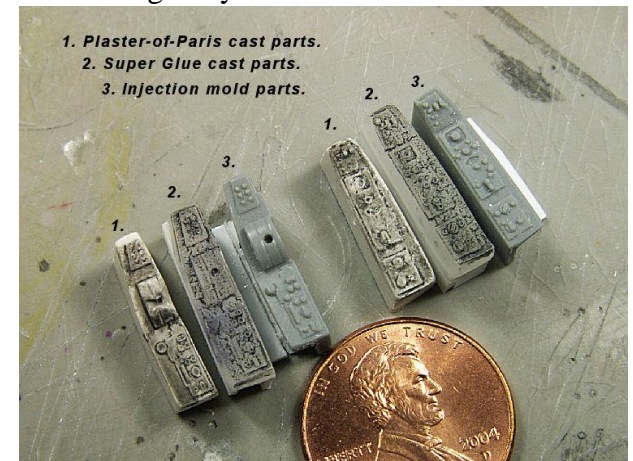
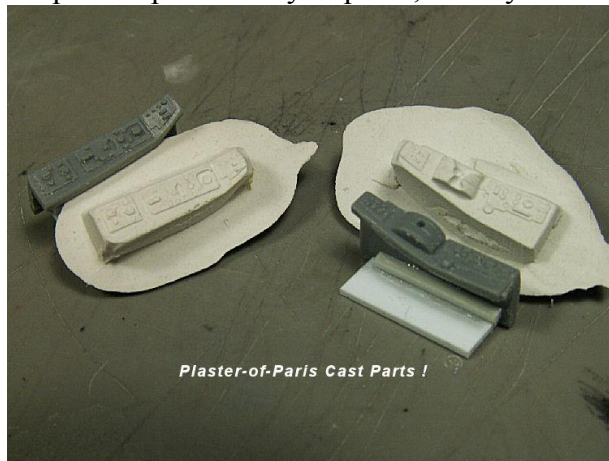
Today, January 24, 2014 I retrieved some left over F8F-2 Bearcat parts from my “spare parts box”. So I see that I bought two of these kits and I’m searching my memory bank to see why I bought two kits, but I’m coming up with a blank answer.

The enclosed building photos show a real dilemma in building this kit. Most of the cockpit parts, including parts like the wheels, wings and fuselage were useless. I wound up buying the Testors 1/48 Bearcat kits.

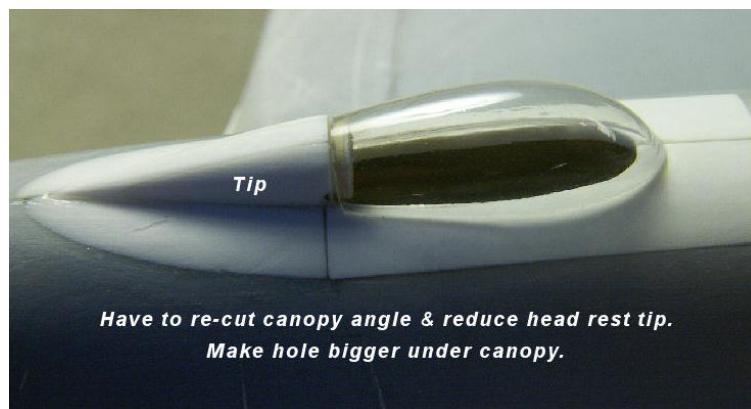
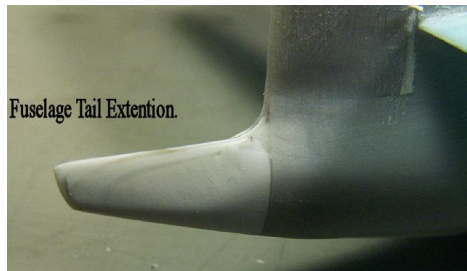
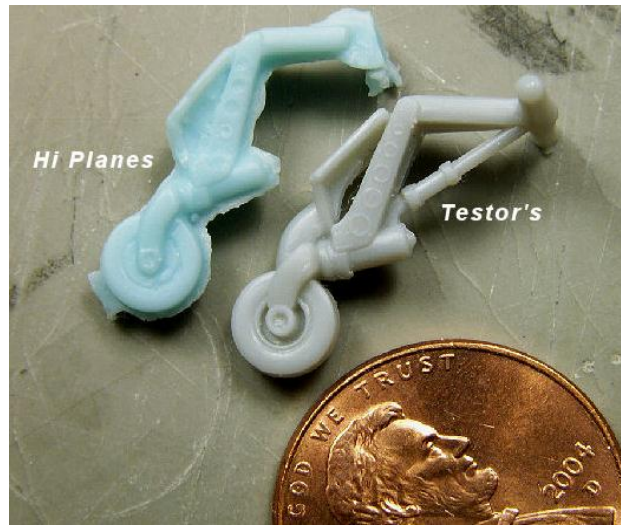
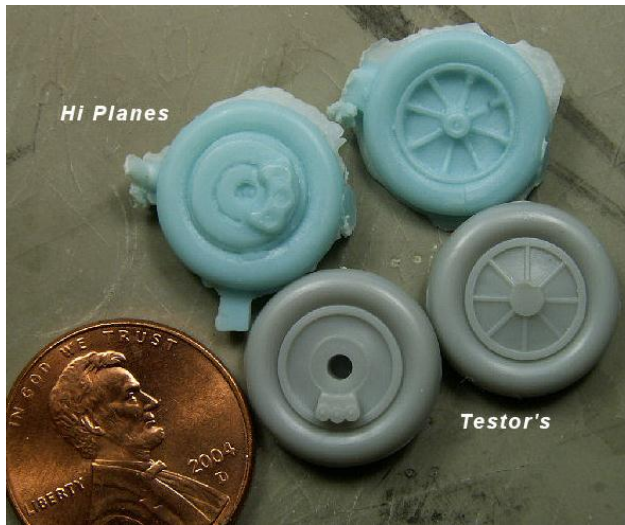
I experimented with all the cockpit parts and made some new ones, then I used a mix-match of both kits to produce a nice looking model. As model building goes, the cockpit, wheel wells and engines are the most



important parts of any airplane, so they should look “realistic.” I’m letting most of the photos tell the building story.

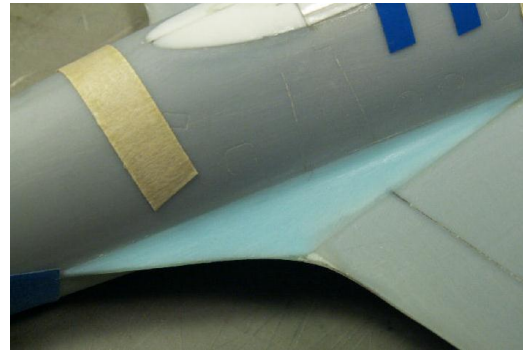
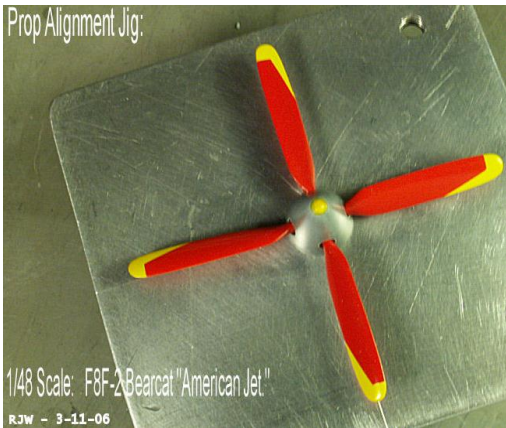








Prop Alignment Jig:



I painted the model with Tamiya Acrylic Paints.

The model's main color was X-8 Gloss Yellow.

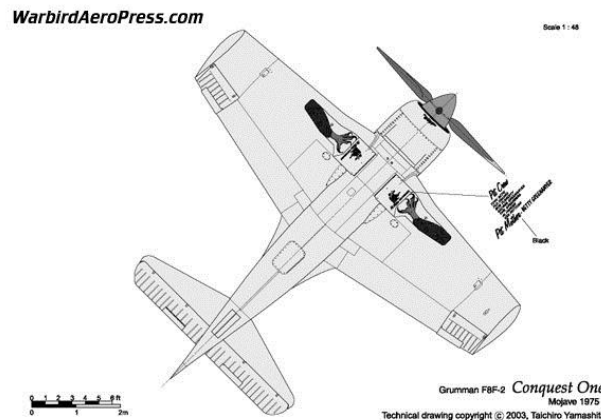
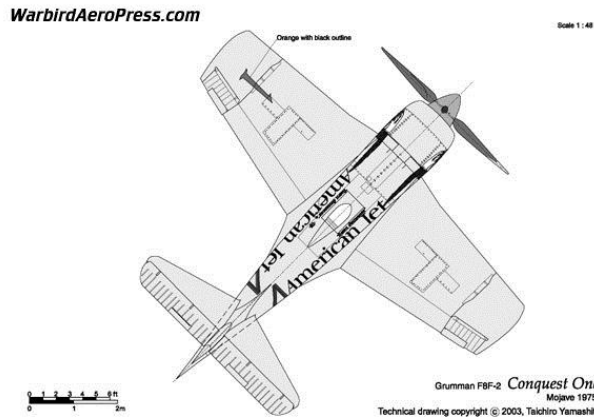
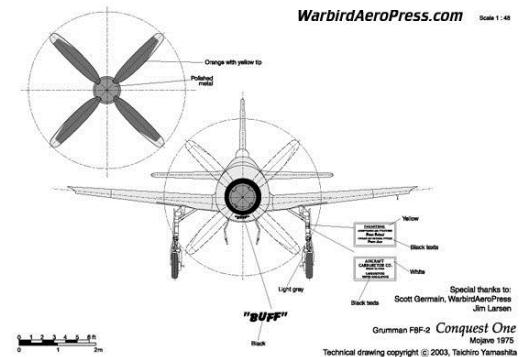
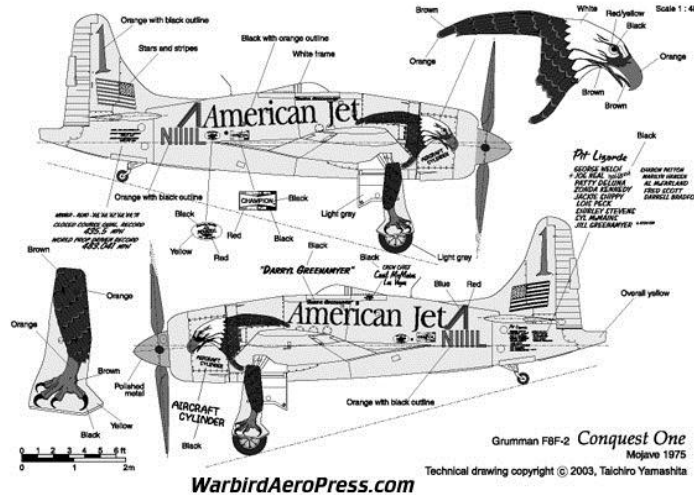
The orange prop color was achieved by mixing gloss red with some gloss yellow so it looked similar to the color of the kit decals,

including my color photos of the real Bearcat.



I let the paint dry for a week or more then sprayed on some “Future Floor Wax” which will give the gloss yellow a bit more glossy look to it.

A week or two later the model was ready to be decaled. We “modelers” cut out each decal and soak it in clean water and within a minute or so, the decal is ready to slide off of the special made decal paper and onto the model at its proper location. The kit instructions show you where the decal (s) should go. If you have real photos of the aircraft then it will show the decal placement too.



Alas, with all work performed, I started to decal the finished model and to my “astonishment” these new decals started to break apart into very tiny pieces, (like a few dozen).

I did my best on trying to get the decals on model, and close up the gaps due to the decals breaking apart, but it really looked *BAD*.

I have had this problem with very old decals but “NEVER” with new decals. I stopped the decaling process and removed the few decals that were on the model.

I emailed the company in Australia and they sent me a new set of decals. To be safe I coated these new decals with our old modeler's stand-by water-clear "Future Floor Wax," which usually holds old decals together.

The newer decals presented no problem back in 2006. I just went out to my model display case that is located in our living room and looked at the model. It looks like brand new, even though it was built 8 years ago.

You will note that the windscreen/canopy is one small unit and when you look into the model you see next to nothing in the cockpit, so why go to the bother to make an accurate cockpit?

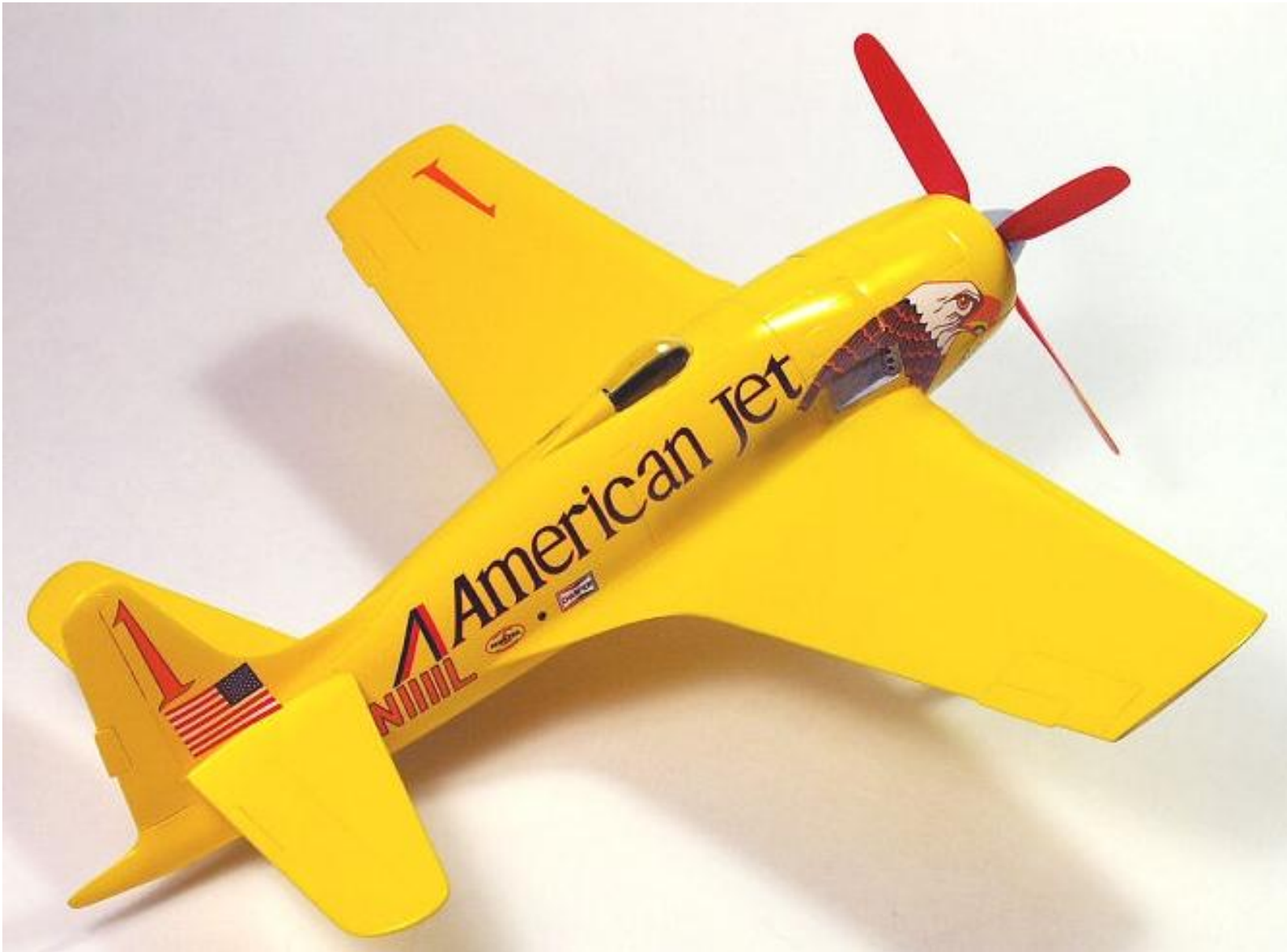
The answer is: We modelers know it's there!

As the story goes we in "photojournalism" say: If you speak about something, it's best to show a photo of it, if you have one.

On the other side of the coin, many times you can display a photo, which tells the story and you do not need to enclose any narration.



In closing I have added a photo of my #57 F2G racer and an image of my third P-51D “Hi Time-II model. ( Now showing at the start of the article – Ed. )



As always, if you have any questions concerning this model feel free to email me here in Colorado @ [fox7077@gmail.com](mailto:fox7077@gmail.com).

Happy modeling as we say:

Rodney



*Model by: Rodney Williams*



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Vacuum Formed (civil or military all ones) - 1/144 and 1/72  
Sponsored by Ronald Bell

IPMS/USA CONTEST - 2006 ©RJW.



0394-08  
IPMS  
National Convention  
Kansas City, MO  
August 2006

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Kansas City, MO  
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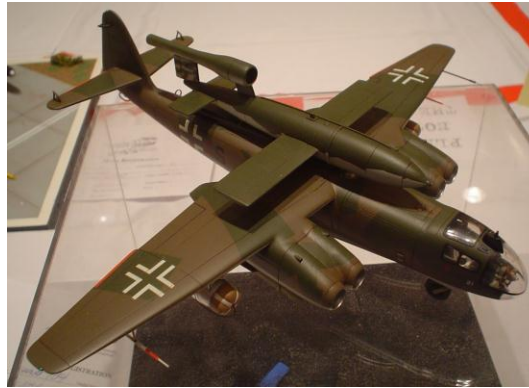
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# The No Foolin' CLUB CONTEST You May Want to Know About

## 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 Valentine's Surprise Nest (a look back from *The Front*)

Despite the “special day” falling as it did on our meeting night, to increase the odds for a “lighter” attendance, enough Free Hornets arrived for us to have “business as usual” to conduct. The Contest VP (me) had a forecast in place that a combine of V-day with 2014 Hobby Expo very next day, would impact numbers. Thus worked out two piece raffle plans with “Raffle VP” Louis O. Who would not be there as he had serious work to do to make trip early morning to Hobby Expo, as a vendor. (1/48 F4C, Lotus Type 49 '67 F-1 1/20)

As a cheering bonus, Jim Priete was the designated “arriver” to be getting these two raffle kits. Since Jim’s been able to be back at our meets, he’s shifted gears so now many years of being “Raffle VP” again to Louis for keeping the a monster appreciation to our Prez he to “encourage at knifepoint” to great thanks is owed to Al at the

Brian Sakai thanks Al I am sure,



he can finally get back to being “a regular Joe”. Thank you for the and “Ticket Nazi” so we could duck the duty, James. Also thanks faith so that our “world famous Club Night Raffle” is fueled. Plus Mike Woolson for making sure this all continues, even if requires ensure things continue to run on time. No, I haven’t forgotten that Superb Shop we know as “Hobbies Unlimited”, for the support !

as he took this “overly large scale” F-4C and converted into much more model material suitable to Brian’s preferred scales, next day or so (ever patient shop owner Al told me the Phantom exchanged when I saw him two weeks after the fact, to pay him the money we owed him. SEE, he’s a helluva guy. Thanks!)

Speaking of Brian, he challenged me a couple of times prior to meet’s arrival about the “theme” I had posted in a few obscure places. Well, as I predicted and explained when he again asked that night, “Valentine Surprise” was just that. Whatever and who ever showed up, would be the surprise. I had let clues drop that “Valentine Tanks” or “Erich Hartmann” etc, would easily seem to fit as possible “contest or theme for this” but never actually had a “real plan” scheme. It was part humorous “psyche”, part wishful thinking at my keyboarding pure and simple. No “special surprises” showed up per se, but the entire meeting was so marvelously relaxed that almost upset me to consider that I had to somehow record it for publishing in “The Buzz”. After all, that seemed like, you know, work!

Yet here it is. Do take preceding as a form of “any resemblance to reality or living persons, purely coincidental” release similar to that dull verbiage in 50 languages that you all don’t read on your DVDs... just so you know ☺



What you see here is that Jim isn't slowing down his steady pace of difficult kits finishing well. This is his Fine Molds "Sam", also known better at home as the Mitsubishi A7M Reppu.



The neighbor next to him ? That's none other than Kent McClure, working on none other than (Editor was beyond pleased to discover this mid-shot) the NEW AIRFIX 1/72 P-51D Mustang ! Oh yes, indeed it is for " Gruppe Build 2014 by FH "



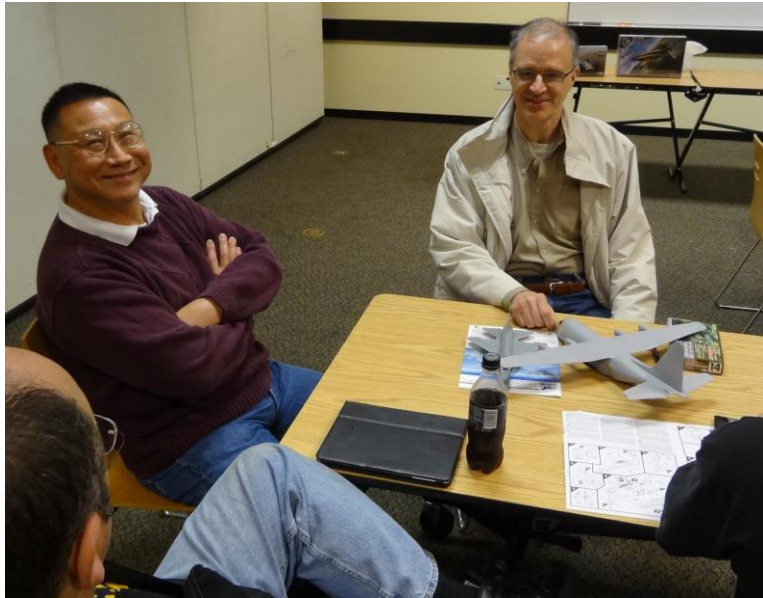
Now, while some of you may be musing on why there's a Five Dollar US Bill on the table (yes, it is Kent's paying to get rid of me, but not a hostile act, everyone else had to pay me that, too, and I do go away)

That's the room dues, and they only partly cover our costs every month, trust me that we appreciate that every Free Hornet who

shows up for a Nest, pays in. We take pride in how we're the ONLY club in Region 9 (and likely in all of of IPMS USA !) that has yearly membership that runs 60 dollars annual. With no promises of a contest, or website, or even a newsletter of sorts to show for it. Yet, somehow over these years, we have them all.

Meanwhile, Kent's not only spiritedly modelling this fine contribution to the Free Hornets GB 2014, he has his "Love Hina" anime series character well along. So well, he's begun one from "Claymore" which is character "Clare". She is produced in resin by a Hong Kong company whom I didn't clue to record ☺





Jim wasn't the only "long lost soul" to return to our Nest that night. Here we see vaguely familiar mischievous smile, why yes, it's "Vino Veritas Pietro" himself. Aka Pete Long. He is keeping a watchful eye on Frank Babbitt, who's lately been known to break out in fits of four engined outrage of Herculean proportions (in the gentleman's scale, of course).

Hell, here's an example on deck now. Frank is masochistically fashioning backdate to an "A" model C-130 from the Airfix 1/72 H/K kit. One *could* say that nowadays, to build the Airfix molding *is equivalent to* building an "A Model Hercules", but that's not quite ticket

That the C-130 is product design of the famous "Skunk Works", may not

be strictly true, however it was prototyped out of their facilities. As history was recorded, Kelly Johnson told his boss Hall Hibbard, the whole thing (the original C-130 contract proposal) "would destroy the Lockheed Company". One of the few times my hero Kelly was ever so wrong when it came to design! Thanks to Frank, we will be treated to THREE "Herks" in 1/72 scale, all from different makes.

To relax in this herculean effort of his, Frank is enjoying Bronco's 1/48 scale JF-17 "Vigorous Dragon".



Seems that Frank is especially impressed with this kit of this modern Chinese fighter jet.

Alas, as you can see here though, the rest of the present Free Hornets seem to remain engrossed in their own bit of the world, presence of a Vigorous Dragon on Valentine's Day doesn't prove a "game changer".

Maybe, if that's next Gruppe Build...



NNNNOOO !!!  
REALLY, DAVE !

I WAS KIDDING !

REALLY...really

Dave ? Christine ?

Earth?



The whole idea of that JF-17 GB ...

Seems to have driven away Randy Ray

Which means I couldn't record ID here

Only safe to say, looks armored, 1/35?

Alright then. Speaking of Gruppe Builds, here's Gabriel Lee fashioning his excellent adventure towards that end. Ray Lloyd just is



curious about the "true meaning" of "ISOTOPES" shirt of Gabriel. Come to think of it SO AM I !. Now may have to check those "special modeler tools" at the door... Right side graphic here is that of three possible finishes to Gabriel Lee's Mustang. Boo Ya !

Now, this isn't a Purple Sea from some obscure SF movie, with the "good guys" (in the circular ship) approaching with caution (as you should, with this Editor, should he be released on the street...) an evil looking green "bad guy sub"

It's Dave Anderson's 1/144 C-47

Next, we'll see about those two old kits chasing tail, on far right.





Firstly, a few looks at the belly of the beast (s). Trust me, these days, that is what they are

The pair are both 1/32 scale, from the “Golden Age” of American plastic Scale Modeling, the late 1960s to mid 1970s. That is Revell’s McDonnell F-4J Phantom, definitely vintage “thirty two scale” material. Cliff Kranz’s enthusiastic and soon to be realized final plan here is to have this bird hanging from ceiling pipes of the school work shop where he spends his days, in triumphant pursuit of a NVAF MiG-21 Fishbed D in the same locale, scale. The triumphant part comes in by virtue of the 1/32 scale AIM-9 Sidewinder missile model about to enter aforesaid MiG’s tail pipe.



The Revell MiG-21, not bad for it’s age. Cliff’s aerial ballet display plans solve elegantly one of the worst features of this I and plenty of others have found with the kit. Namely, the main gear legs tend to “bow” over time, simply from the “out of the box” weight of the model (no nose weight required) If you ever used aftermarket resin cockpit...good luck !



Before closing out the V-Day 2014 meeting musings, let me show, with the help of two “nameless props”, as to how actually “properly distant” is Cliff’s “aerial diorama” to be posed.

MiG-21 call sign “TOAST” with the “Made in USA” AIM-9 right on its rear, while too close really but for a diorama, USS America’s F-4J gets a bird’s eye view See you next month.

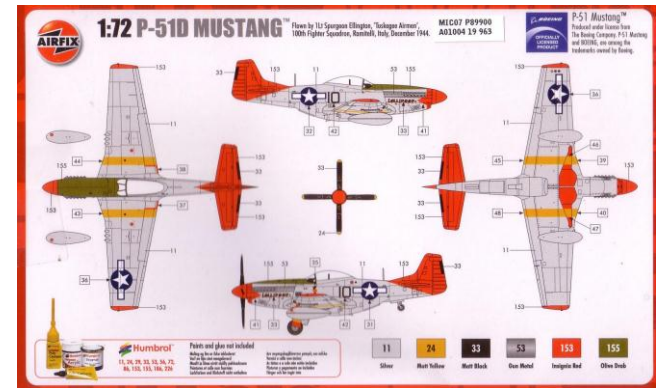
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REMINDER FOR ONE AND ALL of **2014**  
**FREMONT HORNETS GRUPE BUILD**  
**“ MUSTANGS MUSTANGS MUSTANGS ”**

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.**



And if you’d like to see **MORE** pictures: link on here [www.fremonthornets.org](http://www.fremonthornets.org) (gallery) under Hornets Nest 2014 meets look for FEBRUARY of course

Mick Burton, madman at large – [DAZE61283@mypacks.net](mailto:DAZE61283@mypacks.net) (sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here) “ Come for the models *Stay for the Sarcasm* ”