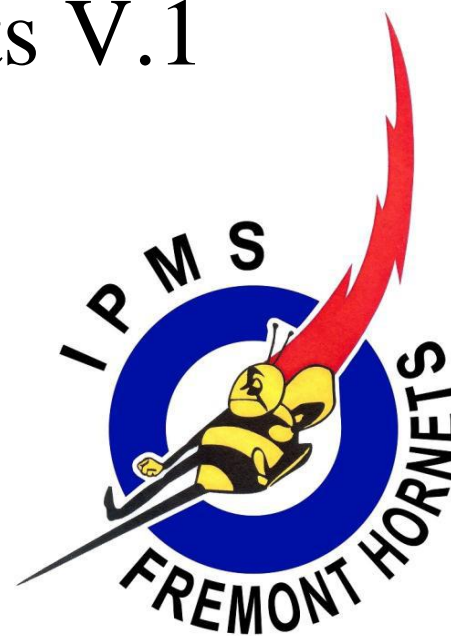


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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over **45** years...

Welcome

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

LATEST BUZZ (*Issue's Editorial, bearing no relation to the picture on the right*)
MORE LOOKS BACK AT A NEW LOCALE MEET, MORE OF BIT of NEWS ,
SOME MENTION of a TRICITY, LOOK AT UPCOMING YEAR EVENTS

You May Call This BUZZ The “LAST RE-TRY AT AN END OF YEAR EDIT”

ALL INSIDE THIS

CERTIFIABLY ANCIENT PRODUCTION

(well, maybe just the Editor)

Reminder : <http://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/> Just three little pages.
*Not a lot to dig through , + **Events Calendar web page 3**, ALWAYS*



THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of December 31 2022 1159 PM)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor

YES! Now # 101 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!



“ THE NEW YEAR IS NEARLY HERE and already...HALF GONE ”

Being in midst of my two local clubs as a member and Officer for a few large passages of time puts me in post to occasional glimpses of where truly lie the truths behind the tenets “so much to do, in so little time” and “how much is owed, by so many, to so few”, especially at this particular calendar juncture.

With opening of 2023 now pretty solidly looking NOT LIKE that of 2022 (never mind ‘19, ‘20, and ‘21), we have several fine events and groups making sure that we know “THEY’RE BACK & RARIN TO SHOW”

We Free Hornets are amongst them, and those of you who are like me, “a dual passport” may especially appreciate aspects of what I am trying to impart/illustrate. Already in the works as fixed in place, set into motion events are NNL West 2023, IPMS Santa Rosa Show 2023, IPMS Silver Wings Silvercon 2023, IPMS USA Nats 2023, IPMS Reno High Rollers Classic 2023. Inside this span are also an imminent supporting event (Auction for Santa Rosa Show funds) and a “soft hold on dates” (for June 2023 due Silvercon “flex”)

So, if you’re a club say like Free Hornets or SVSM, and you’re planning for an event in 2023, and say also you’re going to need to stage a fundraiser for that. Well, that means you’re already competing for times that are left to engage with the actually pretty small community at large. So you best get your staff on this, NOW Of course, make sure they know you’re not available until “day of the show” cause you have lots to things to do including getting your models ready for these events... Also be sure they get the locales you like and when but don’t expect you to be on hand to help, cause after all, not your job, you can’t be stuck with this stuff.

Oh wait, what? You no longer have “the ones who always got it done”? ... you don’t have anyone finding the Spaces, Places, and Monies to pull this off in a timely manner? All the good times have been taken for this year or in conflict so it likely less a success to even endeavor? How odd, how could this happen ... tempus fugit.

Not complaining just explaining, while there is still some time and crew left for that which we need to do -mb

NOT SPOOKED IN THE LEAST, Our Second Success meeting at Shop, thank you Al

The Free Hornets gathering at Hobbies Unlimited for October with all its happenings, proved to be another good sign for us!



Oh No! Why is “Builder Bob” face palming the photog ?

Well, thank you, Peter Long, for approving my vantage...

Having a definite success to start us off for the rest of the 2022 year with last month’s inaugural meet at Hobbies Unlimited, The Free Hornets ramped up momentum with our early October Nest. Tucked into the busy month’s schedule (by the time of meet, we had already seen Orangecon ’22, Reno HR ’22 events go by with attendance by some of us, to boot as bonus) along with fact that next weekend would be Fresno SM ’22, week later would be AVG Desert Classic ’22 and then TC-14, Yuba !



With Pete Long giving brief review of how the relocated/redated OrangeCon 2022 went, and Mick Burton giving as brief as he'd manage of the Reno High Rollers High Desert Classic event at their new Elks Lodge venue, which he and others made it to, we finished off business portion reviewing final state of affairs for the upcoming return of TriCity Classic with # 14 in short order.

Which left us time to check out some of the great WIP works on

hand. Above and to right, Gabriel Lee progressed quite a bit on his "Hunt for Red October" film model recreation. Also gave us a look at another "Space Cruiser Yamato" TV show

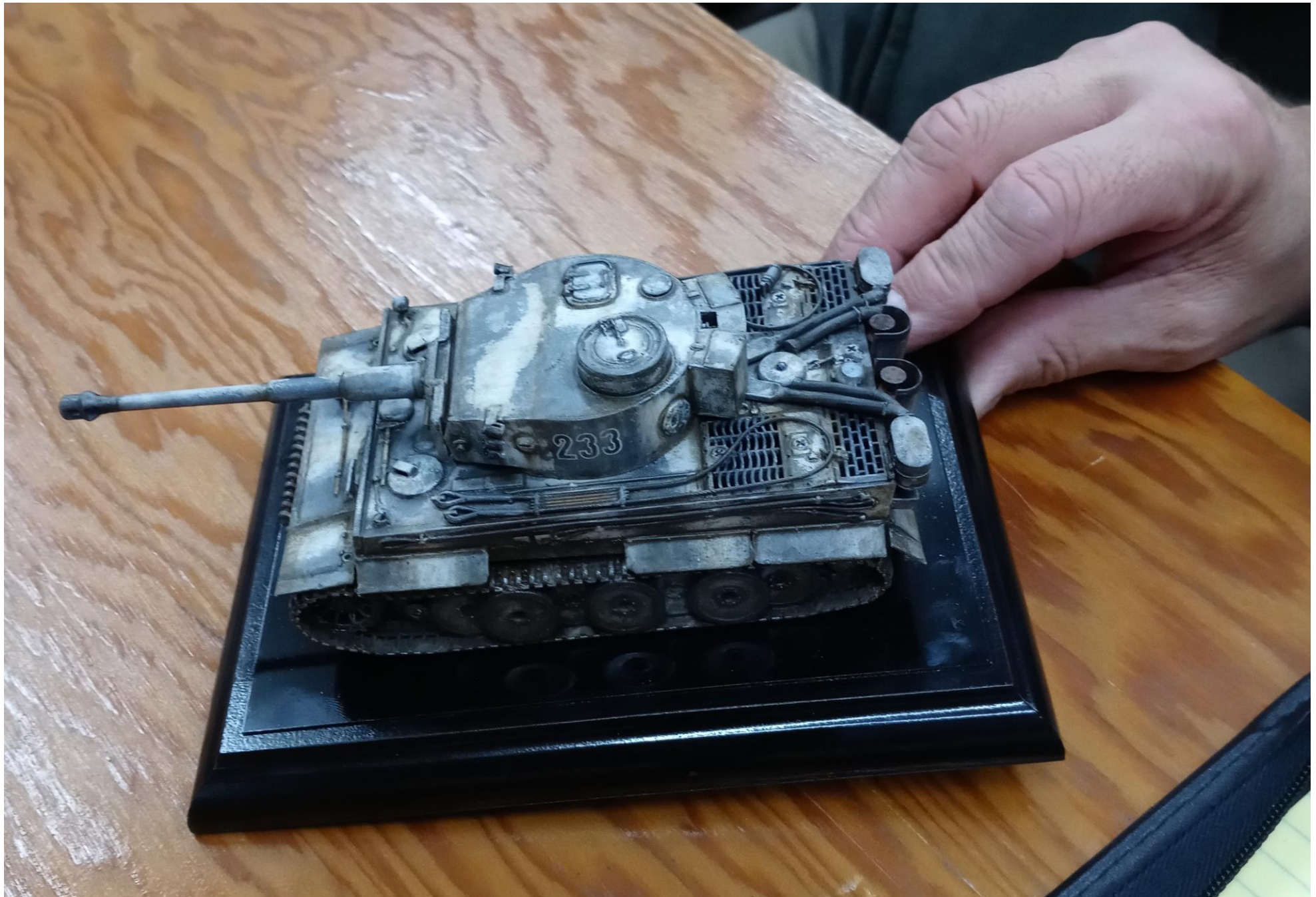


family member. That is some m lange, Space Battleship mixed with Assault Ship, very purposeful indeed.



Next up, three from "Builder Bob" Meyers: 2 Armor, 1 Air.





“THING” from The Addams Family briefly joined us , here to help show off Bob’s 1/48th German Armor. Thank you , Thing.

Bob explained this was a hypothetical WW2 German assault gun, the proposed refit required the added armor box for a recoil



Bob's Eagle 2 seater underway here in 1/48th, he spoke of with no lack of detail. However, this Editor didn't keep record of October Meet except photos and soggy memories. SO – this is the F-15 of Mr. Meyers, a Work In Process, that's all I can say.



Below, a charming Vac-form of an obscure (for some) subject, and for the Editor now, a mild quandary, again. Although as a model and real prototype, I knew then this was a Japanese KA-1 KaGo autogyro, I had little knowledge of it beyond that. Didn't even recall that it had been done TWICE as a vac-form subject in 1/72 by “mainstream” (in vacform model terms) manufacturers.

Louis Orselli brought this beauty to share, and again he told us of his experiences with it, but I didn't catch which kit he had for this. So it's either the Wings 72 or Eagles Talon molding !

I can thank Lou here now, for in looking up supplement data I finally know that KaGo isn't some Japanese shorthand for Kayaba aircraft company who made this, it's **Kellett Autogyro** credit (for the design upon which this was based and developed from, the KD-1A of USA)





As my research taught me, the KA-1 was very popular with the IJA for many performance reasons, Over 200 were made !

Louis perched his Kayaba atop another venerable vacform kit of excellent provenance he had acquired. This Koster A-20 Havoc proved to a big hit with our next guest whose work is about to be featured. He and Louis gave us background aplenty on Koster

Welcome the trio of 1/48th scale twins gathered here courtesy of Ron Darcy. More ahead on his F7F, P-38 and Mossie







Ron's P-38 "Beautiful Lass" is an "F" or earlier, as the angled smaller intakes indicate. Sorry, I didn't record the kit make.

This is a Monogram molding of the Wooden Wonder, the DeHavilland DH.98 Mosquito. Ron's is a Fighter/Bomber variant.





Ron's F7F-2N Grumman TigerCat is from the AMT kit. It depicts a Korean War vintage Night Fighter very decisively.



Chris Bucholtz dropped in with R-9 RC business, and two WIP models to share with us.

The DeHavilland brand cropped up again, but this time in 1/72nd scale and while a wood product again in real prototype, a much earlier vintage. Airco DH.2 of World War One !



The greenish color pusher biplane fighter was accompanied by a NA Mustang, underway. I have no further notes on either. 😞



Now, a background shift to enjoy some model review:



Literally just that. I liked how some of these models looked when shot on the other table. So I include these repeats since I can.





Beautiful Lass
The 48th FS
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That pretty much covers our excellent October meet, with more events just ahead of us then. We forge further onward: -mick fini

Since We're Looking Back October, A Quick Taste of Reno 2022 :



The Reno High Rollers of Region Nine have had a long successful run of competition & show events for over 20 years continuously. Interrupted by misfortune that befell many of us back in 2020, unfortunately after they had secured a new venue which they proudly announced earlier in that year. Having had many shows at the Mt Bismarck Elementary School gymnasium, located on the grounds which included famed Reno landmark Stead Airfield, home of the NCAR, this venue change was of course in itself likely to disrupt the smooth flow of things for a bit. However, the hardy club weathered the issues that followed which included the cancellation of two re-schedules, to grandly host us October 8 2022 finally, at their lovely new venue, the Reno Elks Lodge in downtown Reno. Keeping with their announced “The Cold War” theme they neatly framed as period between Churchill’s “Iron Curtain Speech” March 5 1946 to Dec 31 1991 (Bye Bye to the USSR!)







As you may see, the 1/48th aircraft response to that theme was pretty damned good, in view towards the stage taken at ME Jet 1/48th corner

Attendance was pretty good in numbers, with modelers from Regions 8, 9, and 10 showing up. Mt Diablo, Fremont Hornets, Folsom Scale Modelers, Central Valley and Humboldt clubs were in strong evidence for sure. Reno High Rollers and IPMS Las Vegas of course, and folks who traveled from further distances too. One couple came across a few states to enter models and take in the show, not leaving their cat out of the fun.

When this friendly and pretty docile feline wasn't residing on his master's shoulders whilst he strolled about (that Elk is definitely keeping on them !) he was quite demonstrably happy to just chill in the rolling cart and await being petted, scratched, fussed over by several in the crowd during the day

His name ? Seriously it was NASA. Yes, real space enthusiasts. Purrfect.



OKAY next up is one of my favorite categories and this year it had 3 entries that totally enchanted me and some others, and all "on theme" All 1/144th scale and well presented. Too many pictures to show you!



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COLLECTIONS



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MATS 'FLYING FIDDLE FINGER' EMBLEM



USAF 6th TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON

Cold War Heavy Haulers C-46, C-54, C-69, C-118, C-121, R7V



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520th AIR BASE GROUP
RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, WEST GERMANY



86th AIR BASE GROUP
NEUBIBERG WEST GERMANY



ATC - USAF AIR
TRANSPORT COMMAND



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Cold War Heavy Haulers C-47 and R4D

War Heavy Hauler
and base C-47





That Douglas “Thor” IRBM on trailer was a nice touch, parked as it was next to Douglas C-133 Cargomaster. Which basically was purpose built for such hauling!



Now, just in case, the reference "R7Q" here most likely should have been R4Q, the USN/USMC pre-1962 designation of the C-119 Flying Boxcar... The R7V in the earlier shots refers to the USN C-121 Lockheed Constellation (pre-1962) and R4D, a USN C-47 Dakota (pre-1962). Now you know!

Collections category wasn't all aircraft. See below, two more excellent examples in Automotive variety which did produce some competition, winning awards at the end of day. One of the reasons I enjoy this category and encourage its employment at any show local/regional level is delicious opportunity for modelers to put on display a larger number of subjects that have a relationship, sharing their passion for it. Even if viewers may not share the exact same passion or a take on the model(s) or in many cases, have even known of what is being displayed beforehand, quite often it elicits a powerful, positive reaction and thoughtful take.

After all, otherwise, for instance: everything you just looked at in these last few pages, while potentially could have all showed up at once at a show like this one, no way they would have been displayed together like this otherwise. The aircraft at a minimum, although all multiengine prop, would have been lumped together as "ircraft, 1/144 and smaller, all types" at entry, with only slim chance for a split of some sort later. Which would be little to no benefit for viewers and extremely unlikely to inspire an entrant to spend the \$\$ for the per model fees along with having all in competing with jets, single engine prop, etc for typical 1/2/3 awards.

The cars, in this case, may have faired slightly better. But again, a per entry fee and less incentive to put them all together in the regular categories...



Another welcomed repeat aspect for me of the Reno High Rollers Classic: the consistent repetition of offering several categories for Paper Scale Models and the Movie/TV (Real to Reel) model subjects, plus the Commercial Vehicles (along with Police, EMS, Fire). They get entries every year they offer these, sometimes a pretty good amount. In any case, again these are as much entertainment and crowd pleaser facets that do help make the show part of events, draw repeat customers. That is something the Nationals (USA IPMS and others) definitely have an appreciation for and know benefit of. Props to you again, High Rollers !

Thanks as well to Fresno Scale Modelers, who offer similar “Regional/NATS” type extra cats.





Again. all in all, Reno High Rollers' 21st Classic, staged 2 years later than planned, with a completely new venue to experience, turned out as another fine chapter in their storied existence. It was also a very cheering hopeful experience for this Editor. As at the time, the TriCity 14 of which he was Contest Director, would be by this point less than 30 days from return itself after 5 years hiatus at new venue, yes Elks Lodge!

NOW IF YOU LIKED THAT, GOOD. BECAUSE HERE COMES NOVEMBER

Free Hornets 3rd gathering at Hobbies Unlimited in November was just days after the 14th TriCity Classic, on eve of Yuba City



With two meetings in a row now at Hobbies Unlimited to work out the mechanics, we got underway pretty quickly for November. As a good thing this learning curve since we had a lot of business to cover, talking over Fresno Scale Modelers event in October that a few of us made it to, along with the AVG Desert Classic which had just been held after a long hiatus, at the end of October. At a new venue, but of course. Sound familiar?

Should, as we too had just concluded TriCity 14, five years nearly to the day from TriCity 13, only weekend before this meet!

Which, like Reno event, was in an Elks Lodge. A locale we had been hoping to try out way back when, and as it turned out due to the maximum efforts made by so few on behalf of so many, was adjudged a pretty nice show and let's do it again, soon !



My apologies to the guest standing in this picture, I didn't get his name for this newsletter. That's Louis Orselli about to show Bob Meyers his latest modern light armored vehicle in 1/35, underway, while our guest takes this all in stride.



My photos are a bit blurry, as I was using my phone for my shoot. Not as familiar with it as I am my old trusty Sony.

Somewhat exhausted as well still by meeting night, I also didn't take any notes. Having just done my part in the post TriCity 14 "after battle" gig, well handled by 2nd VP Dave Parks who also kept the show rolling along smoothly, along with Bob Meyers & his wife.



Below: Peter Long's latest big aircraft underway in the box, outside that is a WIP Consolidated B-24 Liberator in 1/144 scale, a new project by Louis Orselli.

Here below, Gabriel Lee's "Top Gun: Maverick" movie F-18 WIP



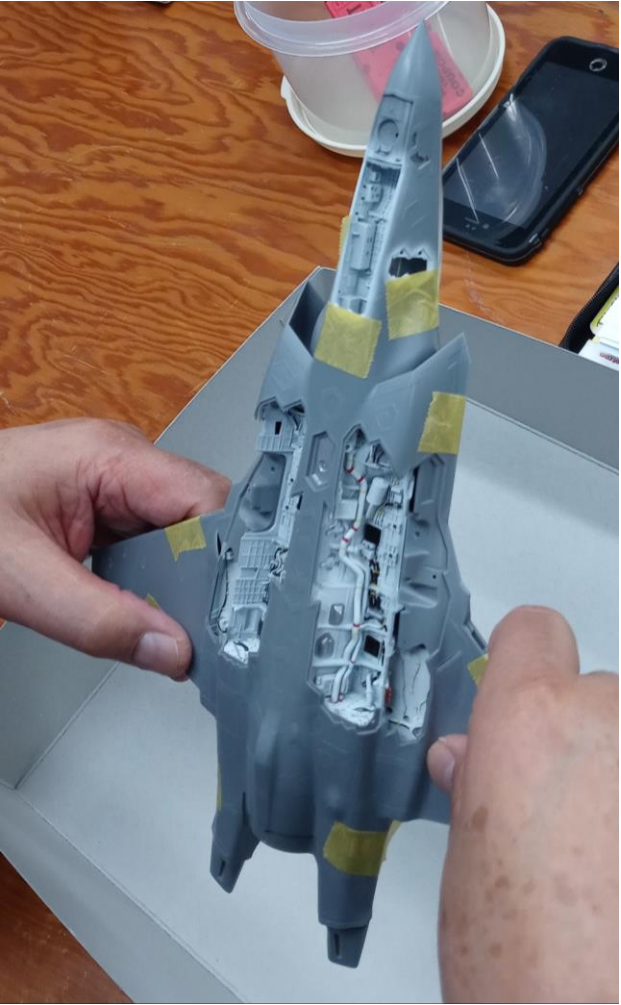


Another, bigger view of Gabriel's F-18E. If you've read this far, you likely know where best bet he can forecast entering this in 2023 events with a keen cinematic edge on his competitors.

On the right, Bob Meyers is casting a discerning eye on the big jet project of Peter, examining underside bays.

THEN, IN A FLASH ...
BOB ROTATES THE JET,
THEN WIELDS IT WITH A
THREATENING POSE AT
VP DAVE PARKS ! AIEE!
(see below)

OH NO!



CAN NOTHING SAVE DAVE NOW ? (asks B-24) YES!



ACTING SWIFTLY, G-MAN LOU GRABS HIS
FSV ... *NOW*-

WITH THE MYSTERIOUSLY MISCREANT
MISTER MEYERS (BOB) , SAFELY UNDER
THE TWO GUNS OF ORSELLI's LVTH6A1:

WE WERE ABLE TO RESUME END OF MEET
IMPORTANT PRIORITIES, LIKE THE RAFFLE
AND FIGURING OUT HOW PRES. BURTON IS
GETTING TO THE BIG YUBA CITY EVENT AS
THEY WERE OPENING DOORS IN 12 HOURS.

Free Hornets are the best, and again to prove it,
Gabriel Lee (who was already volunteering to take
Bill Ferrante's winning F-6A Recce Mustang up to
Yuba City show to restore model to its owner. Who,
being worn out from working with TC-14 Contest
Director Burton all bloody day last weekend, had
left his F-6A at the TC-14, but offered to meet if
any were going to the last show of 2022 R-9 year)
kindly arranged to make room for Burton as well

Helpfully serendipitous, this worked out thusly, that
Gabe could toss Burton out at BART station nearby
his place, so hopefully Mick could remember with
only 8 hours interlude to go, how to get back there.
Maybe he'd have time to find something to enter...

Well, as they say, that's a tale for another time.

For this is the end of the November Nest story.



SPEAKING of TriCity 14, another VERY BRIEF LOOK for NOW

Contest Director for Fremont Hornets TriCity 14 Briefing on Award SA24 and the Worthy Awardee for 2022

On following page is promotion/general reference on this ongoing award I started in 2015, will give you an idea of scope. The 3rd time ever this was given out was 5 years before at TC-13, to “40 Year Hornet” Jack Riggart, of IPMS Santa Rosa. While I’d have rather had the joy of handing this 4th time award to intended unsuspecting recipient, **Mr Lester Tockerman** of IPMS-MB, fate intervened ahead of me and dear Lester left the building on 6-6-22. Didn’t change anything about what he did to earn it and wise counsel in youthful form advised me to stick to plan and thusly give it posthumously.



Lester was a fearless modeler and promoter of the hobby, a Great Spirit and many times, often behind the scenes, was a crucial help to our common good and community.

He is and will be missed, but is only Gone, Not Forgotten.

His writing for me for support of the John McLane Memorial Award given by IPMS -M Bay, now sets a bar for me to meet, for my future awards in honor of his passion for modelling.



**Gratulation
Postuma,
Sir Lester.
You Earned
This The
Hard Way
Living True**





TRI-CITY CLASSIC XIV Scale Model Contest and Exhibition

**SPECIAL AWARD PROMO & REFERENCE DATA
FOR**

“ Steven A Travis Service Award ”

Award for Service to The Fremont Hornets or Region 9 Community or Both

SYNOPSIS: The Fremont Hornets have now a means to recognize those few who serve the many, faithfully and well, with an eye to making sure that our reach exceeds and excels in the manner Steven and his Anita, so tirelessly managed for so many.

Steve and Anita were strong supporters since the First TriCity event, always checking in with us to make sure “we had what we needed”, often enough following up with “ a small donation of appreciation “. Be advised, only small here was the handwriting.

Steven would also be sure to donate (out of his and their pockets, again) Raffle prizes, pay early to secure vendor tables for the SVSM Vets Drive Model Sale which he & Anita managed for many years, and always be smiling, helpful ambassador at that table all day long during those shows. We were far from alone in being treated to this universe of largesse from them, several of the Region Nine clubs in fact were equally well blessed by the Travis tenderings. Steve would be very pro active, promote the hobby and the organizations throughout the year, and travel quite a bit on their own time/dime to shows for the Vets project

There were other groups and organizations whom Steve also was a key contributor to, and veterans, hot rods (1/1) probably be how most who knew of him will remember him for. But above all, Steve was a “helluva guy” (his Anita does not suffer fools).

S. A. Travis enjoyed being part of a team in service to a common good with fun as a watchword. He is, always will, be missed.

So seems only apropos that we who got so much from him , give some back in the years ahead , in the spirit of Steve.

11/30/2022 UNOFFICIAL FLYER from **MIRANDCO**
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An IPMS SILVERWINGS Event

SILVERCON

REVISED 2023 edition

SATURDAY

JUNE 17 (Provisional)*

**At TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**subject to possible change, will not be getting lock confirmation on date from rented locale until after January, so be advised*

Coming Up NEXT YEAR

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY JANUARY 13 2023**

REMINDER – Al Gerace has generously offered us the use of Hobbies Unlimited shop space After Hours to hold our meeting! Treasurer/VP Dave Parks has generously been willing to provide the chairs and transport to/from of these, as well as be in charge of attendance and access for the meeting at the Hobby Shop. Be Respectful of all that

“ WOW AGAIN WE MADE IT. ”

AND WHO KNEW EDITOR WOULD MANAGE ANOTHER BUZZ

PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION

WE FINALLY AGAIN RETURN TO CONTINUING A LOOK IN DETAIL AT FREE HORNETS

WAAAAAAYYYYYYY

BACK WHEN



And possibly, some mention in more detail of FREE HORNETS TRICITY 14 event occurrence...

- Mick Burton, madman at large – DAZE61283@mypacks.net

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

“ Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm “