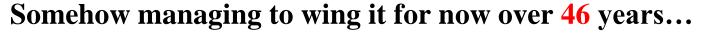
The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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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)

CATCHUP with our Feb Meet of 2023 & a sneak look ahead at NWS Feb Show cover





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 March 10 2023 1059 PM)

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

YES! Now # 104 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!



"Well Illustrated in 3 Dimensions & Some

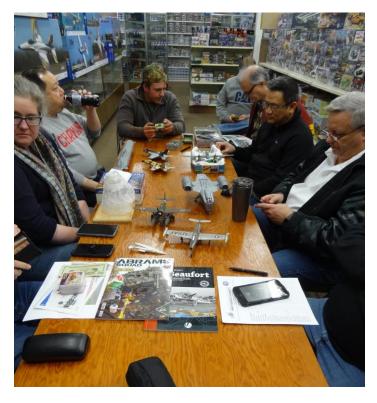
On the way into the Museum Of Flight, you walk past this fine statue "Team Effort". What you see outside, inside and as an annual bonus at the Museum all embody that concept in exceptional manner. I hope to again be able to be part of another example of this sort of thing, soon. Hats off from us Free Hornets, to you of the NorthWest Scalers...-mb



NOW FEBRUARY YEAR 2023 NEST, Our SIXTH Success meeting at Al's Shop

The Free Hornets gathering at Hobbies Unlimited in February proved to be another nice surprise turnout, with our having one less table just making it more exciting trying to find room and time to cover it all. New folks and others able to be out our way.







Coming along nicely, our new year here, now our face to face meeting count reaching record high in continuity since resuming in 2022.

Oh? YES, with this Nest we had 6 meets in a row at Al's shop, which exceeded our total of 4 at the Round Table Pizza in Newark, which weren't all in a row, either, for a grand total 5.

So thanks to Al again, and Dave Parks, that we have now had a consistent, stable, FUN place to have our club back at that we do so well, having great modelling and sarcasm!

Ron Darcy avoided getting his own picture taken but I did get his two model talk birds. A Thunderjet in 1/48th? Yes, but...Not a HAWK.





NOT A MONOGRAM/REVELL F-84 either. Or Collectaire (resin)







As a matter of fact, the Arado 196 Floatplane is ALSO NOT a Tamiya, HiPM, MPM or other injected mold or resin kit. Like the lovely F-84 of Ron's, they both are VAC FORM kits. The German firm KARO-AS did the F-84, I don't know the Ar-196.





Dave Parks had this lovely "testbed" project to share with us. The warship is quite well done, however I don't recall what it is. He wanted to try out this technique of making "water and ship underway in it" he had run across, and this was the splendid end.



Chris Bucholtz had advanced his 1/72nd scale AD-1 Oblique Wing testbed with copious layers of white paint and tubing probe





John Larson did a fantastic job of turning out this recent 1/72nd scale AMT kitting of the RAZOR CREST from the Star Wars Mandalorian movie. John is a former Tanker, he expresses huge interest and passion for all things Armor, but he really made it clear how much fun he had building this kit, and said it helped stepping out of his comfort zone in doing it. Got me wanting one





Well, a couple more looks at least at this interesting beast, with two 1/72nd scale F-18 Hornets in background for comparison, eh

Forgive me, I didn't record name of builder of this Me-110 in 1/48



On the right, viewing two works ahead of a returning member, a glimpse of two of the three very different in subject works by new member, Ed.





Frank Babbitt has been away, back now with WIP 1/35th MLRS and a 1/48th Horten Gotha hypothetical flying wing Nachtjager!





Also a look ahead at works of Gabriel Lee, below!







Gabriel Lee has nearly completed his pair of new F-18s, one being the short lived "movie scheme" "E" Hornet for returning Tom Cruise as Maverick. The other is a former Aggressor "A" of USN now in use by Spanish Air Force.

More completion as well of his movie version sub, "Red October", modified heavily from a Typhoon.





Gabriel is not to let anything be out of whack, a quick review of his sub's stand reveals there is balance and the proper titling.



Edwin Cuenco brought along this really vividly camouflaged MiG-29 in Ukrainian AF scheme, in 1/72nd scale. Not quite sure,



but I would hazard a guess he used the Fujimi edition of the available kits. Guarding his table offerings with no lack of attention to detail is a group of Napoleonics, also by Edwin, which we will get a bigger look at soon. That T-55 in background with vivid color scheme faintly reminiscent of a type of fancy serving ware, is also his and I indulged in shooting many pictures of it, too.





Actually shot more pictures of his T-55 in blue, however ended up I used more of the MiG shots here.

It isn't always easy to forecast how The Buzz may turn out while trying to conduct the meeting, and thusly picture collections gather a bit awry





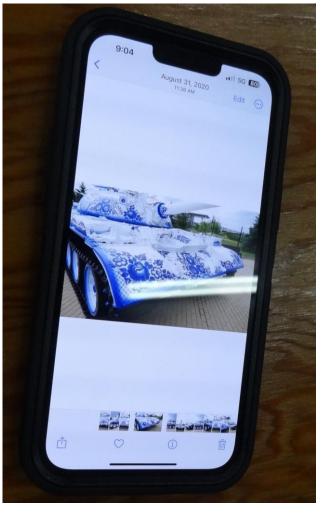




Editor search online lead me no extra help to supplement from memory for Edwin's intriguing "Blue Willow Pattern" T-55

I recall him saying it was the Lindberg kit in 1/35 that was basis for this rendering.

Did manage to get a shot of his phone with his source photographs, that helps.











Eugenie Ray has now quite an advancement on her Special Project for the upcoming reload Nationals of IPMS in San Marcos.

She had outlined her concept at a model meeting in the fall of 2022, and I have been looking forward to her getting this one done.

Eugenie is using the old "The Invaders" TV Series Saucer kit that Aurora first molded way back when. One of most unique appliques of this, I must say.







The cannon is a reference to the IPMS San Marcos Nationals publicity press, and an example of what the actual gun piece looks like is on her phone, below. That way you can compare to the model she obtained, seen here in orange.



More details on what this project is will be coming In later issues of The Hornets Buzz V.1



Models from the SVSM 2022 Gift Exchange are up for competition in a Club Contest April '23

Randy Ray aims to have this 1/48th Fokker D.8 of DML done in time to be there. That wraps up my coverage of February!





■ Mick fini

BONUS LOOK Ahead Due Mostly This Issue Is Getting Out Late

Hoped to have this Hornets Buzz out before I held gavel at March 2023 Nest, alas life intervened. Thus page grew, so enjoy

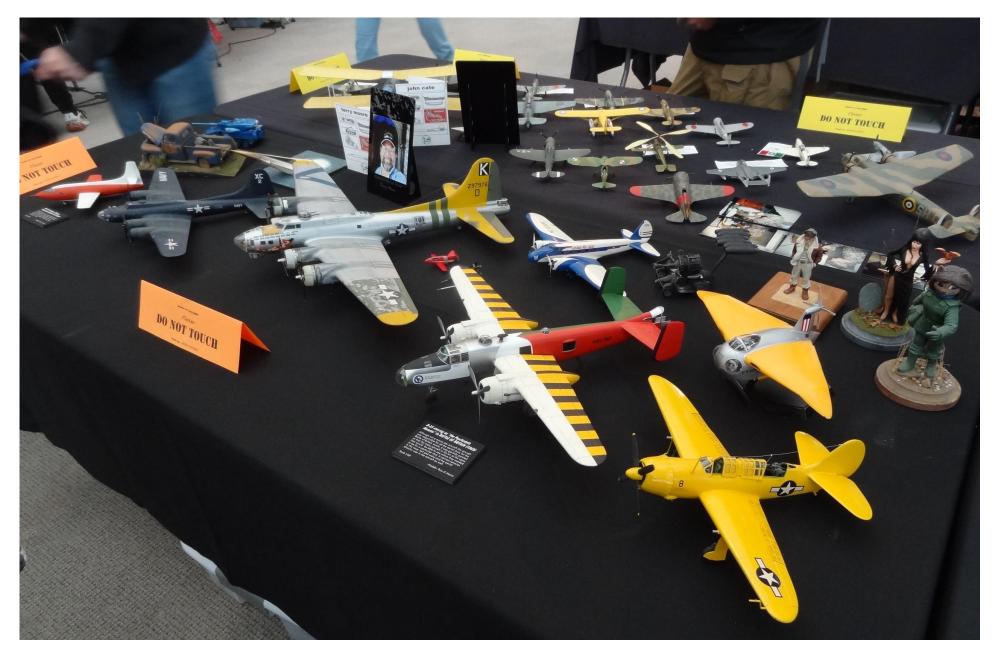




Having been to the largest privately owned air museum in the USA several times over the past two decades, I have had some nice memories built up and loads of photos of contents thereof. Yet, until this year, I have never managed to make it to see this event in person, which is held there. Take a quick look at what a "no compete show" can look like...



This is a partial look at "The Great Gallery" which stands below ground level mind you, and yes that is the sole existing M-12 Blackbird "Mother & Daughter", faithfully restored and now mounted up a few feet from floor. A lot of models?



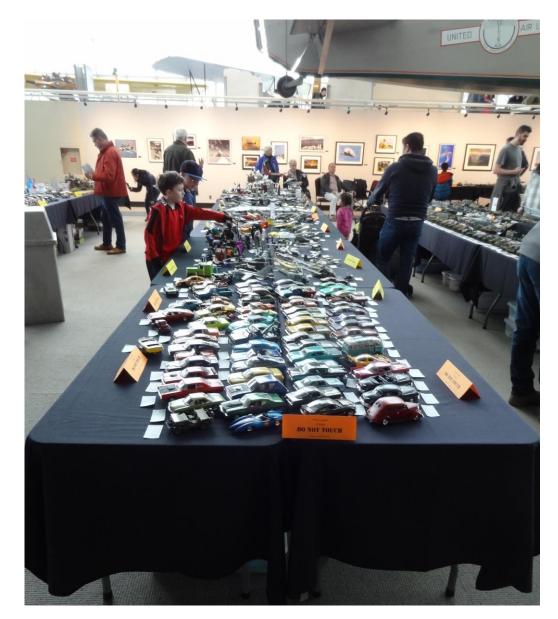
Here is why I said in last issue Editorial, that two of the folks who made this show happen were there in person as well as spirit, even if having to my recent knowledge beforehand, one here having "shuffled off this mortal coil". The picture on table shows the modeler here, Terry Moore of Seattle IPMS & NWS clubs, this is some of his great works. RIP, bro.





Terry just passed too soon (younger than me) not long before this latest NWS show. Steven Tontoni, also a member of both clubs, had gone on ahead a few years back, eerily as it turned out, barely hours after getting home from meeting of this group. They have an award in his name that they give at the end of second day, I saw on the schedule, first I knew. Sadly I wasn't there to learn for what it's given for, but next time. Steven's models were also on the tables like Terry's.

On a different note, please take note above that far more than "just aircraft models" were present at this fabulous show





While I do plan to do it right for an article on this event, for now having the chance to better illustrate what I had been going on about in recent BUZZ and at the Hornets Nest was part the point here, since this issue had little time and room left over. Again, take in the display of automotive and more aircraft modelling excellence on display and also that most of the audience was the interested public who paid admission for museum as usual and got to see all this as a bonus. -mb

IF YOU LIKE US TO TRY HAVING SOME CLUB CONTESTS NOW AND THEN, GOOD. BECAUSE HERE COMES OUR MID YEAR LINE UP ALREADY!

JUNE 09 2023 Free Hornet Member's Club Contest Theme

" The D-Day Club Contest"

The short and sweet of it? If your chosen entry vehicle or figure or what have you has "D" finite linkage in its Designation then it is ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE

Examples include:

Douglas or Dassault aircraft, Daimler or Dodge automobiles, DUKW amphibs, any subject that clearly relates directly to June 6 1944, but don't be shy.

I barely touched the range of possible Destroyers of concept that this theme is difficult to find range in. Don't get me started on Dr Dornier or Doolittle...

BONUS FEATURE – The following Friday there is a Club Contest At SVSM meeting, "D-Day Deux". Check this link for details: https://www.mickbmodeler.com/august-2022-svsm.php

CORVETTE SUMMER (for you)

Is JULY Free Hornets ClubCon

And part Deux will be at next Month on Third Friday SVSM

Simple rules: Your entry must be a Corvette, any period, style, etc.

Lest you think this is only for Chevrolet fans, let me refresh you:

Corvette noun corvette kor-'vet

a warship ranking in the old sailing navies next below a frigate

a highly maneuverable armed escort ship that is smaller than a destroyer

SO, there you have it, a grand experiment if you will, please try to at least give it a chance. CASH PRIZES on offer, from the Editor

Coming Up NEXT

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is FRIDAY MARCH 10 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

"WELL WE DO IT RIGHT (WE'RE HAVING FUN)" AND SOMEHOW EDITOR STILL ALSO BE PRESIDING?

PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION

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

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