

AN UNAUTHORIZED (mostly due to unnecessary, also because I said so being I'm the Author) PUBLICATION

The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 104

March 20 2023



Somehow managing to wing it for now over **46** 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*)

CATCHUP with our March Meet of 2023, another round of reminds of upcoming stuff

You May Call This BUZZ The “IDES of MARCHING on 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 March 20 2023 900 AM)

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

YES! Now # 105 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 DONE R-9 COY Fresno Scale Modelers, and an advisement ”

*On the 3rd Friday of March, I was at my original home club IPMS-SVSM, where I am now comfortably having my 40th anniversary as a Club Member. At the Business portion of meeting we were apprised that the winner for 2023 Chapter of the Year for Region Nine was Fresno Scale Modelers. **CONGRATULATIONS !!***

*Now to my advisement **to this Chapter The Fremont Hornets**: Here is last message from RC about this item:* Since we only have a single entry right now, I'm offering all our clubs a three-day window (through Saturday night) to get their score in toward the Region 9 Chapter of the Year. Again, here are the criteria:

1. Host a contest: four points.
2. Organize a public display: two points
3. Conduct a make-and-take: two points
4. Organize a charitable event (model drive, benefit, etc.): three points
5. Host a guest speaker: one point
6. Publish a monthly newsletter: 3 points
7. Produce a website: 3 points
8. Re-charter before Dec. 1: 5 points
9. Re-charter before Jan. 1: 3 points
10. Have a member gain R9 Qualified Judging Status: 1 point per member
11. Hold club meetings on-line: 3 points
12. Schedule on-line building parties: 1 point
13. Host an on-line speaker: 1 point

Tally the points and send them in by Saturday at midnight! Highest scorer wins - and the only guaranteed way to not win is to not send in your points!. ***Okay, just so you know, the RC is Chris Bucholtz that's who to submit this data to. Be advised, as President, Contest Director and Editor (formerly also Treasurer) it hasn't been a priority for me to worry about or do this submission. However, it will now be be duty of the Hornets Club Contact to compile and submit this. Now you know, Mr. Contact -mb***

THIS UPCOMING EVENT that would be a shame to miss – FIRST OF THE YEAR FUN !

IPMS SEATTLE PRESENTS

Spring Show 2023



Scale Model Contest and Exhibition
SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH
DOORS OPEN AT 9 AM
Contest Entries Close at 12 Noon
Awards at 3:30PM

- Model Contest with 75 Different Award Categories!
- EXPANDED PARKING
- Huge raffle!
- Vendor tables!
- Every junior entry wins an award!

Adult Entries: \$20 (unlimited) • Junior Entries: \$5 (unlimited) • Spectators: \$5







**MAKE N TAKE
FOR THE KIDS**

**HUGE RAFFLE
DRAWING ALL DAY!**

Categories, model registration forms available online at: <http://www.ipms-seattle.org/Springshow>

Renton Community Center
1715 Maple Valley Hwy, Renton, WA 98057
15,000 SQ. FT. OF MODELS!

From I-405, take exit #4, Renton-Enumclaw exit. At Maple Valley Hwy, drive east to the second light and turn right into RCC.



For additional information contact:
Rick Taylor at
show-coord@ipms-seattle.org
Designed by KaylorMade Design • www.kaylormade.com

EVENT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL LOCAL AND STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS FOR COVID-19

*NOW MARCH 2023 NEST, Our SEVENTH Success meeting at Al's Shop
The Free Hornets gathering at Hobbies Unlimited in March again a mix of new folks and others able to be out our way.*

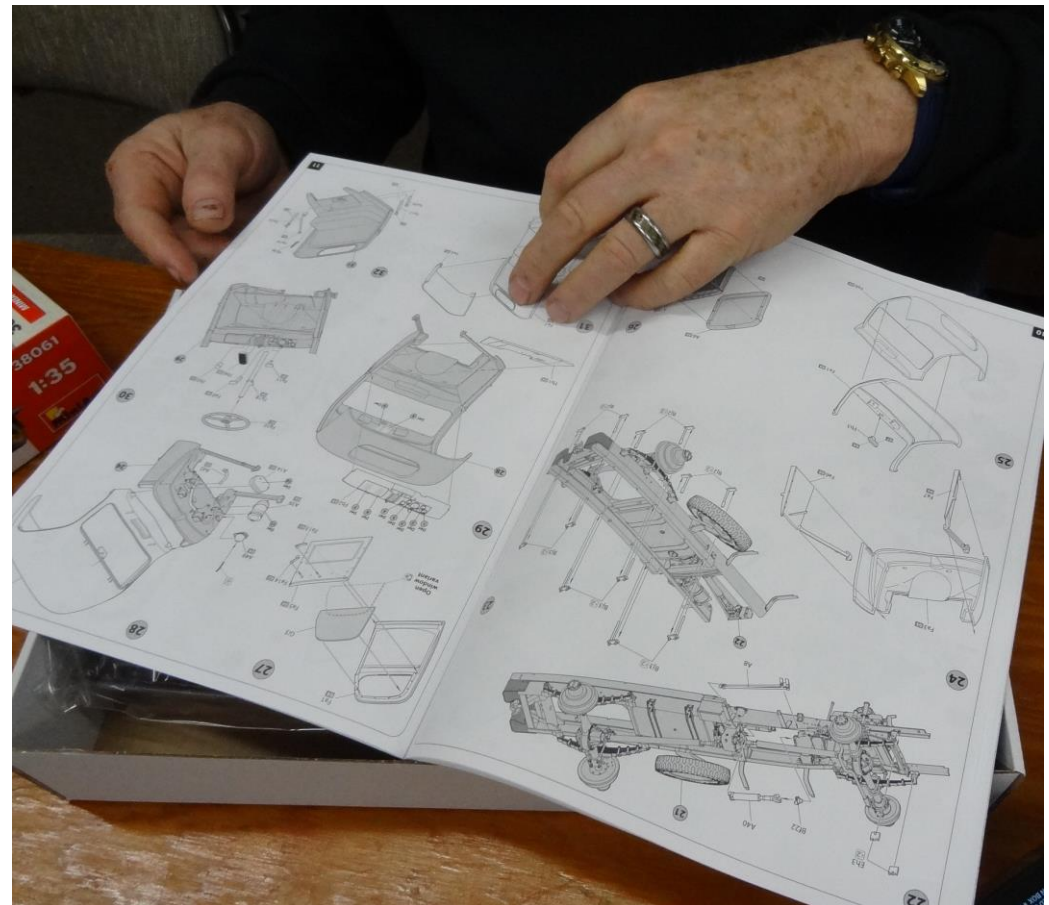




Coming up on our actual 46th year anniversary month of April 1977, in very good stead here. The noting of being seventh time we have met at this locale is partially react to having gone without face to face meets for painfully long time. Then, having our meeting locales be resumed in hit ormiss string for next little while. I'll calm it down here soon. Anyways...



Bob Meyers got us off to good start as he showed his new Tow Truck and built version of the kit of Dave Parks' sharing on the left here. Yes, it's new 1/48 Armor.





No, you're not imagining, that is actually Past President Jim Priete here



He is sitting across from Bob, who set his M8 HMC atop Dave's kit box, in a show of force. Yes, kidding

Both Bob and Dave concur that this new 1/48th HMC is quite a delightful addition to the Tamiya armor set,

With Bob's signature weather work applied, otherwise this is basically built out of the box.

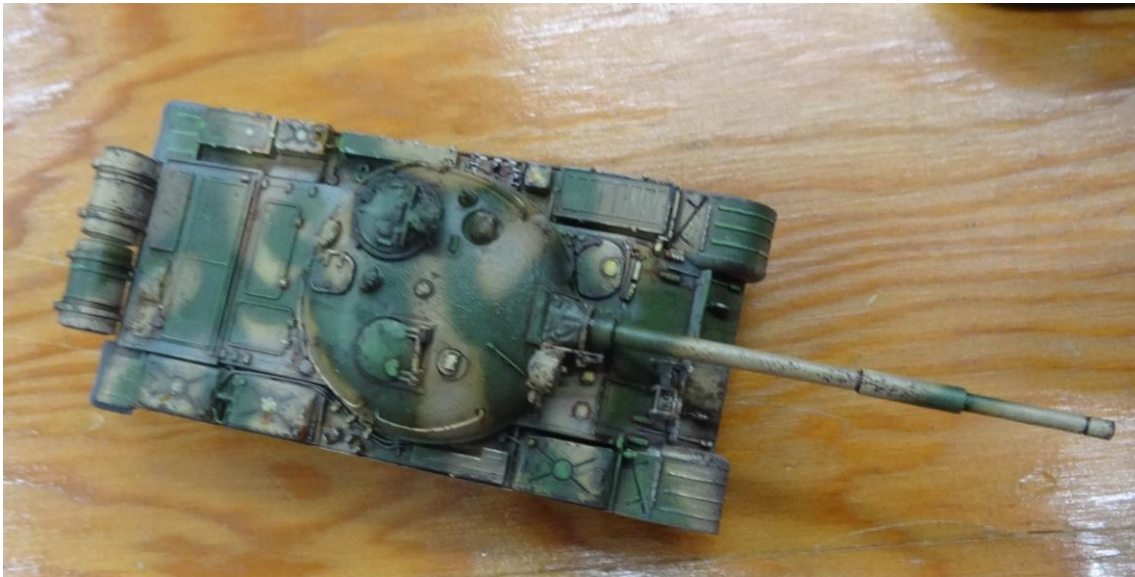




As a matter of fact, **Dave Parks** had this lovely finished 1/72nd Soviet MBT to park near Bob's M-8. A bit point of discussion came up with this pairing, along the lines of yes many Soviet tanks are on a smaller side, this wasn't quite the case between the USA M-8 and T-62 here, exactly.

Dave also had a very good looking smaller scale version of the RAZOR CREST from the Star Wars Mandalorian film.

Dave explained he was trying out some metal finish media and was quite happy with the results. You'll see more soon.



While being a Soviet Russian origin MBT, Dave has finished his in what I believe to be one of the MidEast countries military forces scheme.

Forgive me, (or not) I didn't record name of kit or the exact make of this, although Dave gave us a fine rendition of this beauty in his conversation.

Make it to one of our future Nests, you can ask for more info yourself from him in person.

Also find out the magic metal formula he used for the Razor Crest, again he did say, I didn't record.









One more look at the MBT and the Razor Crest, with items for relating relative size of these in compare to 1/1 familiar items...



Gabriel Lee reminds us we are in advanced degree hell here at Plastic Modeler U, while returning guest Jeff Newhook looks on along with Gabriel as **Peter Long** shares his latest “secret project” with us all. I was under orders not to shoot pics of the box...

More power to Jeff for returning to see us again, he had attended an earlier Nest and has expressed interest in returning to active duty status with the hobby. He has a very young son and this might just be the ticket for the two of them to share the interest as well as build the skills together, perhaps. In any case, next time he shows up, please make him feel more at ease with us all .

He has modelling interests in aircraft, armor and automotive that I know for sure, subject matter some of us might be familiar.



Yes, you are correct, that is our intrepid Gabriel Lee's trio here.

The former Aggressor USN bird based in Florida, now in the service of the Spanish Air Force is interesting sand/brown/grey F-18A in the left rear formation

Using the Airfix kit for which the decals more or less went to the lead Hornet here. Being of course the now notorious "E" Hornet that represents the Top Gun: Maverick movie plane.

It being a Hasegawa kit for the correct version, Gabriel noted.

Proving again that he doesn't shy away or become easily put off, the WIP bird is his next of Latin Hornets, an F-18C if my recall is close to target.

We will track progress in days ahead, if he shows up with it.

In pages ahead, some better looks at this tripooley.

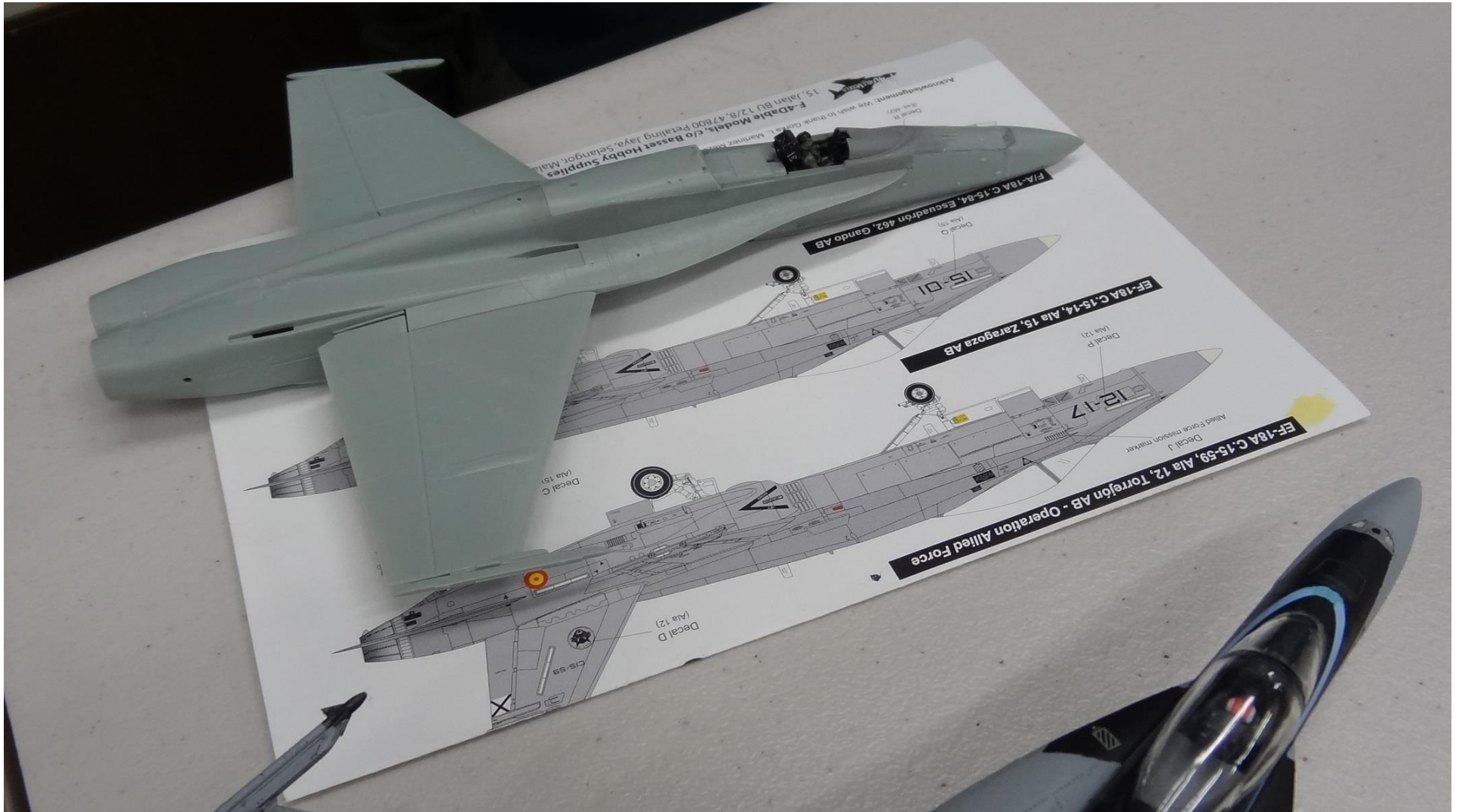


Here she is in all her technicolor glory, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell's F-18E from the famous recent sequel to Top Gun. Props to Gabriel for undergoing all he did to see this model to completion. Real deal only lived for three weeks, this one a bit longer.

Below, the bird that started it all. This is the Airfix F-18 that allegedly is Maverick's plane. As Gabriel well knows and shared, this is a passable rendering of an early "A" model of this aircraft. He has finished it in the Spanish Air Force use from ex-USN



Demonstrating that nothing deters him, Gabriel has added a third Hornet to his efforts, it will be getting a less spectacular look as a Spanish Air Force EF-18A/C. I think it's a great choice and addition to his birds, looking forward to completion of third.



Edwin Cuenco produced yet another grand example of his range in model projects. This time it was a finished “Hypothetical” World War Two German Tiger, 1/35th scale, along with promising start of a Mi-24 “Hind” Russian attack helicopter in 1/48th. Alas, didn’t note the make of the Tiger’s origin kit, nor the details of the hypothetical variation, but did get some pictures of it.





One might wonder what “Maverick” might have done, had he been in the cockpit when this AFV came about like so...



Edwin's Mi-24 will be more detailed than out of the box, as you begin to see here in development. Looks like the twin turbines could start up with little encouragement, and have seen their fair share of hours already, doesn't it?





And ahead, now for something a little different ...

Earth to San Marcos, TX; warning ! warning ! The Invaders are here, and the Fremont Hornets have seen them. Their mission: To make your Nationals their Nationals. No amount of Flags will save you (sorry, Sheldon), no old front loader cannon either.



Eugenie Ray has completely revised several facets of her approach to her planned entry for the IPMS 2023 Nationals since we last saw her here. I would agree with her they are improvements, albeit not all planned or intended as such.

She had originally a flared glass for her “levitation beam” under her “mysterious craft”. The one you see here now is sturdier by far replacement to that original, and she is happier with it now. Apparently a mishap with the thinner walled piece led to this



Eugenie now has a grid underneath her ship that will allow the “energy beam” to be emitted from inside. I don’t have a memory clear enough, but I would swear she said drilling of the model was how she did it. Having made this cool kit long ago when it was new, I remember the huge number of bumps so hats off to her for patience to have drilled them out here

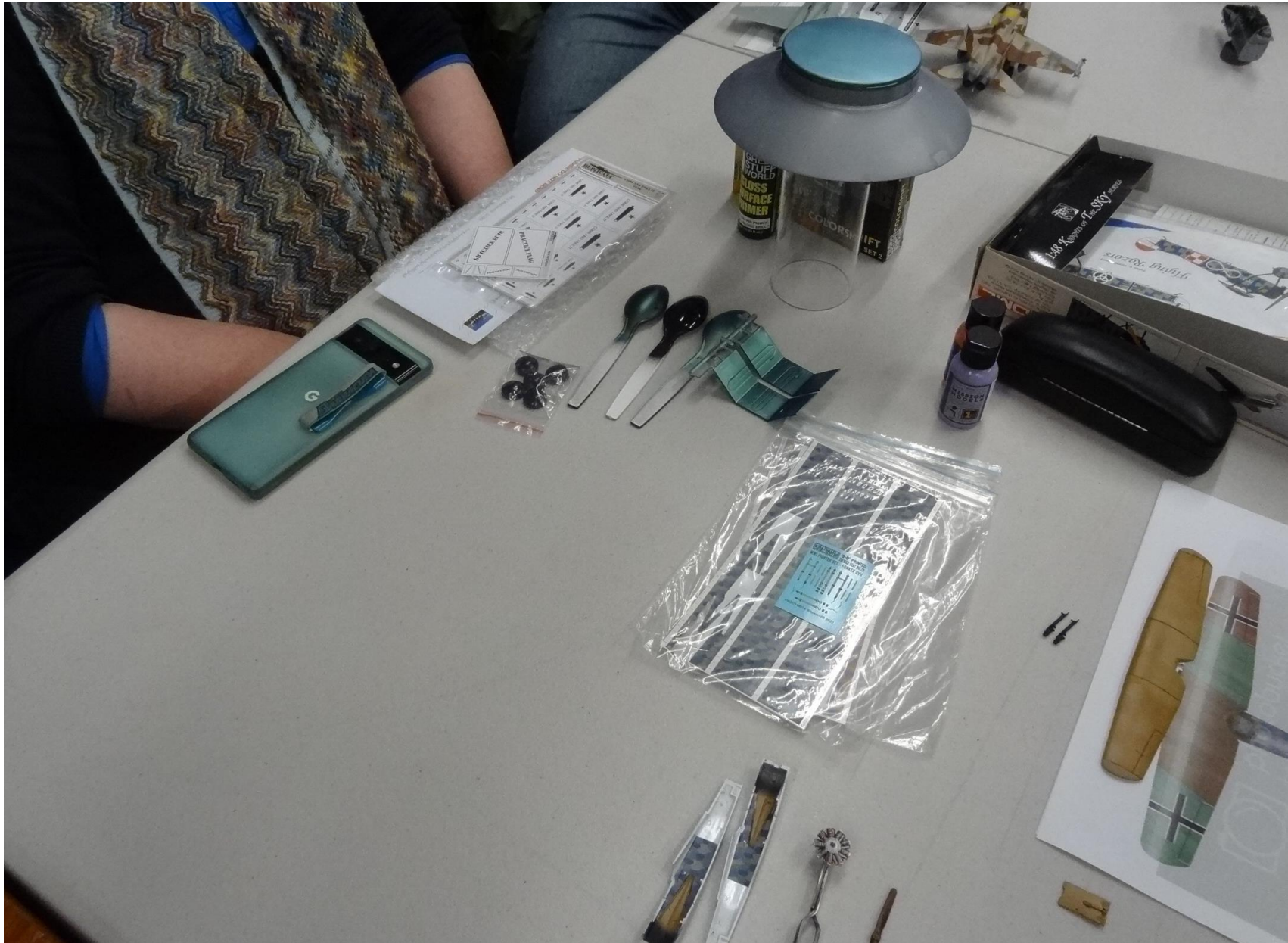
Having found this wonderful colorshifting paint online, she applied it to the top of saucer after testing it out on spoons.

Intriguing substance, apparently acts like several metalizer finishes in that it requires a solid base coat (gloss black here) and changes in character as you apply more “paint”. Green is what you see, but the liquid is basically a subtly off white in the bottle, she showed us.



Eugenie did give the information as to where she found the paint along with source for an awesome model table light source that almost eliminates shadowing on your work bench, so if you were present you got the data. I don't take notes much as just conducting meeting and taking pics is taxing after a while, so let's hope she writes us an article some day in future hey?

And again thanks for fitting in a "Big Bang Theory" TV series nod with her review of getting those model flags sourced too.





Randy Ray at a high speed to try for finishing this DML kit of the late WW1 period Fokker D.8 .

His impetus? Well as it happens, as a member of the SVSM I had sponsored the return of an idea to have a Club Contest for only the items from the infamous Christmas Gift Theft Exchange that has gone on for many years in December for that club's holiday meeting.

“The 120 Day Wonders Contest” is what it's called, and pretty simple.

The 2022 Event had 60 total items in play, and 59 of them could potentially be built to compete in these basic terms: Item has to be one of these kits on record (the January 2023 Styrene Sheet has “the official record” easily available now)

It has to be present at the April 20 2023 meet of SVSM and entered as “ for judgement ”. There is cash prizes being offered out of pocket by the Sponsor. No sweeps, **NEED NOT** be **FINISHED** To Compete. That last part, I have to keep repeat.

Having done this sort of event number of times, it is tiresome to award hard earned cash to very few who actually try very hard to finish in the scant time offered (usually 3 months, this time it's 4).

Many who sometimes start , only to realize they don't have time to enjoy the kit if they rush... SO.



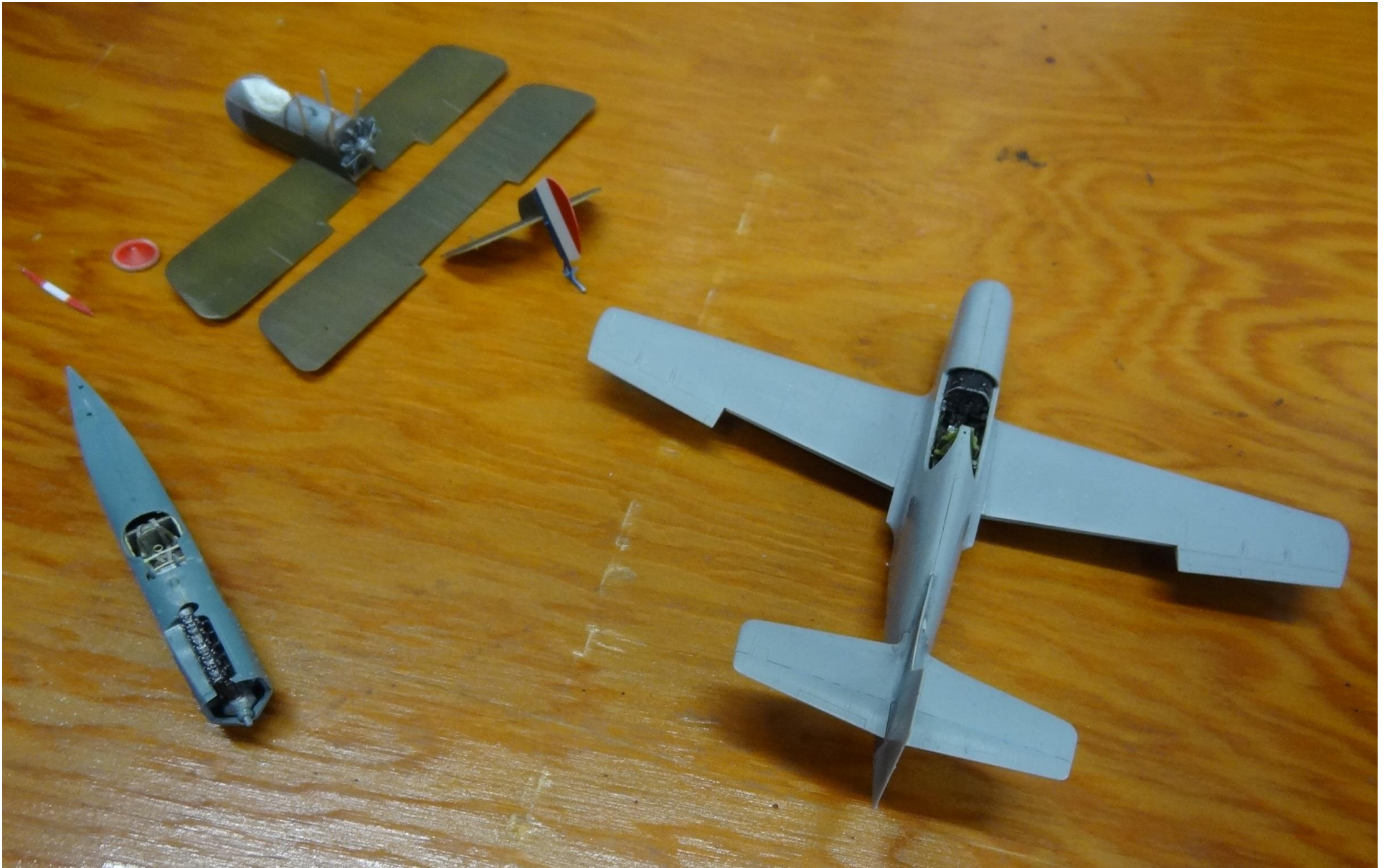
I would like to offer the chance to balance the wish to put together “slow” speed contest with trick features while also getting a chance for a decent turnout, with the contestants having better opportunity to have fun with their “valuable theft”. By making “unfinished” entries open (and I was pretty liberal, “open box” still eligible, though good luck competing there *laugh*) hoping to get a better turnout for entertaining model talk as well as some fun competition. Another small but significant emphasis that I have had trouble communicating effectively for this: Although yes only the “recorded items” may qualify to enter, I DID NOT say that “the one recorded having taken item home in the record” has to be the builder to enter this 120 Day Wonders contest.

Encouraged by the past and current practice of all those who do trade, give away (of my three “done” “thefts” my lovely 1/48th ICM Firebee given off as Christmas gift, as exam) or simply later don’t or won’t want to bother to compete, made it clear it could be ANYONE who possesses the entry item at time of Club Contest, be entrant. Course, doubt anyone will proxy build to simply have chance to be splitting cash prize, but I don’t care if they want to.

So, kudos to Randy for a spirited effort to do this D.8 right, and hopes he brings it on finished or not in April to compete with what hopes to be a field of entries, not two or three.



Alrighty then ! We have one more member's table offerings from March to review, and it's another terrible trio, seen below ☺
Chris Bucholtz brought along progress reports on three of his latest 1/72nd scale efforts, 2 from "The Great War" and 1 WW2 :





This P-51 Razorback is a new molding, and I will be out on a limb guessing ARMA company is source.

In any case, it's quite the update in today's terms, such as how rudder pedals include NAA imprint on them in this scale to accurately match 1/1.

Of course, that's a conceit of sorts from an outsider's view, as "after all, who is going to see or know it's there when all done?" will be refrain

But like the Railroad modeler folks we sprang from, many of us scale modelers will enjoy the attention to such details in the "mass produced" base kits on offer.

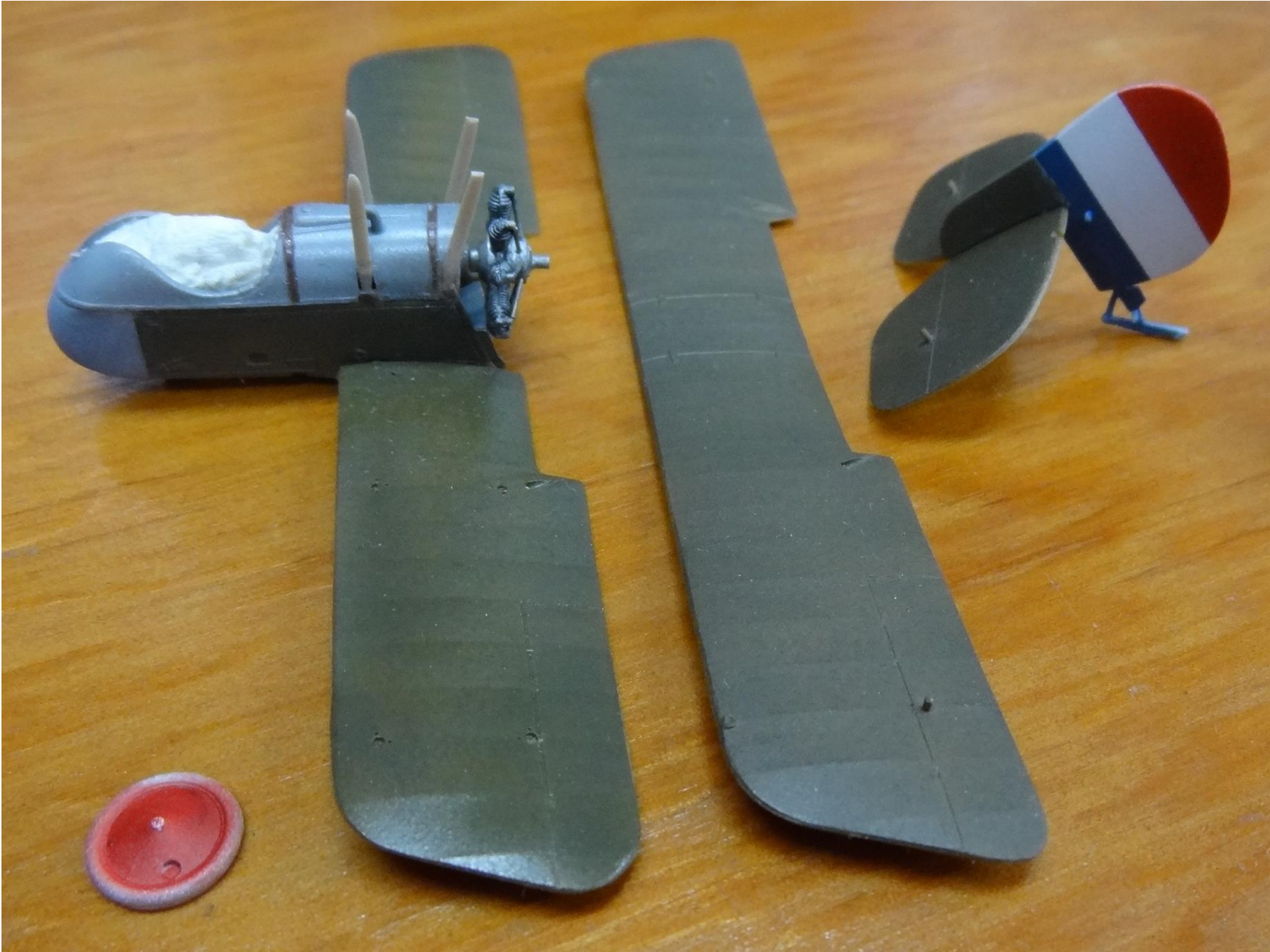
Chris had a lot to say about this model and it was all good news.

Oh yes, of course, it has to also be recorded, there is a slightly higher MSRP for this kit as compared to other 1/72nd Mustangs. If you'd like to be saving money this isn't your kit of choice to be sure.

Good luck doing pedals with such a detail on your Revell or Airfix P-51 Mustangs, or dare I say, Tamiya?

Time is money, some say. Enjoy

Chris's Dehavilland DH.2 is proceeding along well, this famed "ace maker" early pusher biplane fighter being a favorite of his





Last but not least, Chris's Fokker D.VII is providing a nice rendition, this being quite the design triumph for Fokker in fighter production. I like the Flying Razor D.8 as well, but it never got chance to really be competing with the D.VII for top honors, even post war. The D.VII is a story in itself both during "The Great War" and afterwards.

We had another great meeting, ending with a raffle for a 30 dollar gift cert for Hobbies Unlimited. I can selfishly report that I won this time.

The actual news of all this? Thanks to everyone buying these tickets regularly at Nests, and most decided on paying the new upfront dues in 2023, Treasurer/2nd VP reports a 3K and some change coffer on hand.

With any luck, TriCity Classic Fifteen should become viable to plan... Stay Tuned. This is a wrap for the March 2023 Free Hornets meeting.



EVER BEEN TO A MODEL CONTEST
HELD IN A HUGE HOBBY SHOP ??**

11/24/2022 UNOFFICIAL FLYER from MIRANDCO
Information deemed reliable & accurate, not necessarily complete



COMING UP – SATURDAY MAY 20 2023



Hosted by **IPMS/SANTA ROSA**
At FUNDEMONIUM, from 9AM to 4PM
Expressway Center, 579 Rohnert Park Expressway
Rohnert Park CA

Contact: **Dev Sodagar** (Chapter President)
ipmssantarosa@gmail.com

LOTS to DO and SEE
Website for updated info <https://www.ipmssantarosa.org/>

****GO TO THE ABOVE, YOU CAN SAY YOU HAVE !!**

AND NOT LONG AFTER THIS, IN JUNE 2023 WE
KNOW THAT THIS IS CONFIRMED DATE

02/01/2023 UNOFFICIAL FLYER from MIRANDCO
Information deemed reliable and accurate but not necessarily complete



Confirmed 2023 edition

SATURDAY

JUNE 17 *

At TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH
4049 MARCONI AVE
SACRAMENTO, CA 95821

CONTACT : RUSSELL NILES (r_niles1@juno.com)

**since now having gotten lock confirmation on date from Russ about the rented locale after January 30, so be advised*

THEN WE HAVE OF COURSE – IPMS USA NATS

AUGUST 2 thru 5, 2023 in San Marcos TX

THEN RIGHT AFTER ALL THE FUN IN SAN MARCOS TEXAS...YOU CAN COUNT ON FUN NEARER BY

01-10-2023 **UNOFFICIAL FLYER**

Information deemed reliable



from MIRANDCO

but not necessarily complete

GET UPDATES and ADDITIONAL INFO at their address ipmslv@aol.com Or IPMSLV.com

The banner features a dark grey background with a navigation bar at the top containing the text: HOME MEETINGS & EVENTS GALLERY BEST OF THE WEST CONTACT JOIN IPMS FRIENDS. On the left and right sides of the navigation bar are circular logos for the Pacific Northwest IPMS Chapter and the International Practical Metalworkers (IPMS) logo. The main content area is centered and features a large, ornate diamond-shaped logo for the '2023 MODEL SHOW & CONVENTION BEST OF THE WEST' by the 'IPMS LAS VEGAS CHAPTER' (founded in 1968). Below this logo, the event is scheduled for 'August 19th 2023' at 'The Orleans Hotel & Casino'. It is sponsored by 'Findlay Subaru' at 6455 W Roy Horn Way, Las Vegas, NV 89118, with phone number 702-495-2100. The event hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$20 for the first 3 models and \$2 for each additional model. General admission is free for non-contest attendees, and \$5 for individuals or families, with children under 12 free. Active military and first responders are also free. The banner is decorated with illustrations of a classic car, a fighter jet, a missile, and a tank.

With more good fun ahead in Early October , Thanks Doug & Crew



RENO HIGH ROLLERS

Host

Their 22nd Show & Contest

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 07 2023 - 9AM TO 4PM

RENO ELKS LODGE, 593 KUMLE LANE, Reno NV 89509

TENTATIVE THEME is "THE SWINGING '60s"

CONTACT - President Doug Summers GHPLD@att.net



01-11-2023 **UNOFFICIAL FLYER**

Information deemed reliable



from MIRANDCO

but not necessarily complete

GET UPDATES and ADDITIONAL INFO at their address
RENOHIGHROLLERS.com

*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 amphibians, 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 cor·vette kôr-'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 APRIL 14 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

“ WE WILL WE WILL ROCK YOU ”

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

WAAAAAAYYYYYYY

BACK WHEN

ALONG WITH COVERAGE OF NOT SO LONG AGO SUCCESSES OF FREE HORNETS

And possibly, some explore in more detail of the 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 “

