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)
FINALLY the JULY NEST NEWS INSIDE! MORE REGION 8 & 9 EVENTS!
CARRYING FORTH showing some more details for 2023 FALL TriCity Classic # 15...



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You May Call This BUZZ The "BETTER LATE THAN NEVER EDIT"





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 August 27 2025 0900 PM)

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

YES! Now # 110A 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!

"SUPERB WORK from Club FED, OMG That, I can't believe I just said that"



IPMS Region 8
One-Oh Wonders

Presents:

Wonder-Con 2023

California Dreamin' Model Contest & Swap Meet

Sponsored By:



1930 Eartman Ave. Oxnard, CA 93030 www.murphyautomureum.org



Join us at the Murphy Auto Museum September 9, 2023 9a.m. to 4p.m.



Multi-Category Model Contest with trophies

Special Awards for "California Dreamin" and Movie Models

Model Kit Swap Meet - limited 6' vendor tables available @\$60/ea

Vintage & Antique cars

Open to the public

Taco & Hot Dog Trucks

\$10 admission

Contest entry fee: \$5/1st model, \$3/ea additional, 2/class maximum

Contact: Lou Franco c130jlou@yahoo.com 805-832-3614

Mark Lampe xs10tl@live.com On Facebook: Ventura County IPMS



101 Wonders - WONDERCON

IPMS International Plastic Modelers' Society IPMS Region 8 - Chapter 8

YOU'RE INVITED!

Dear MIKE BURTON:

The 101 Wonders are extending a personal invitation for you to attend our first annual Model Context and Show. "WONDERCON", Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the Murphy Auto Museum located at 1930 Eastman Avenue, Oxnard CA 93030.

Registration is from 9:00am till 11:00am. Judging is from noon to 3:00pm. Awards are at 4:00pm. We have ten classes covering 57 categories. Our contest planning committee members have gone over every aspect of the show to insure a successful show!

The 101 Wonders Club strives to make our show a truly positive experience for all modelers, kids, seniors, beginners, and crafteness across all genres and mediums. Please consider making the trip to Omand for a day of amazing ministures, vendor deals, raffle prizes, and rubbing elbows with some of the finest modelers in the country.

For even more information on registration, rules, and classes and categories please visit our <u>Facebook</u> page contact Lou Franco at c130jlou@yahoo..com

Hope to see you there! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

JC Osborne

Contest Planning Committee

In my email this week, came this shocking nice letter, only two weeks or so after I had finished my first round of full court press publicizing this gig.

I first knew of it thanks to one of our most constant enthused members who currently is detached to IPMS LV and also Reno.

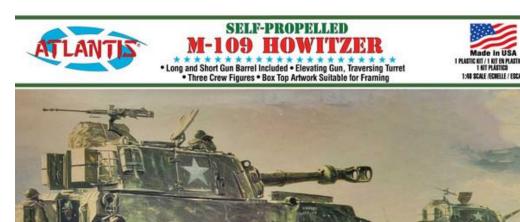
Imagine my pleased shock to get this cool invite from the IPMS HQ, on behalf of this club. It bolsters my wish to try to commit to finding my way to this event even more, considering it is right after our next Nest, quite a trick. But this now seems more special than ever. -mb

THIS IS IT – IT'S OFFICIAL! FREMONT HORNETS SEPTEMBER MEETING CLUB CONTEST

is

QUITE SIMPLE - " THE 109 CONTEST "





Here are four different examples of absolute qualifier right off the bat (Me-109, M-109, F-109, PT-109) to start you thinking Consider that ANYTHING in the family of the Messerchmitt 109 including the 209, 309 variants also eligible, same case for the SP Howitzer. Don't forget the JAAF had a wicked twin engine, the Mitsubishi Ki-109.

Next, ships, aircraft, armor, autos with "109" as a ID number.



Have fun using your imagination

CASH PRIZES TOO



JULY 2023 NEST, Our ELEVENTH Straight Win Assembling For Meeting at Al's Shop



The Free Hornets Meeting was a lot of fun midsummer, with a shot at another Club Contest as part of the planned festivities.

We also got a great final look at some 2023 USA Nats entries.

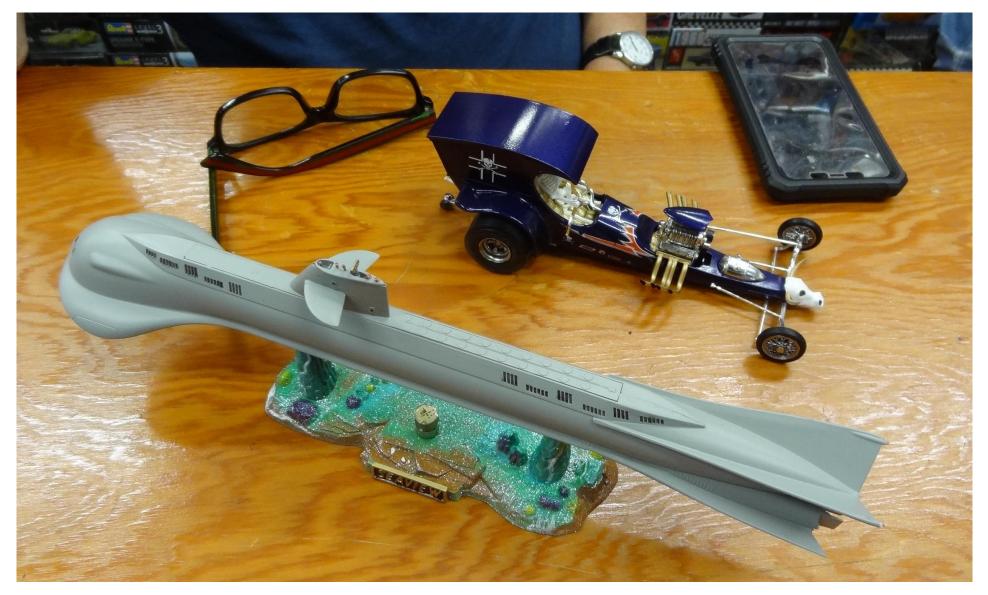


That's aid, since this issue and this article are being published well on past even the August Hornets Nest, I am going try for brevity in review

Louis Orselli brought us a WIP of a rare 21st Century Hobbies kit, the MC.202 Folgore. Shaping up fine, I hope he has it for TC-15 show!







Mike Jimenez had some more of his great finished celebrations of "older kits" for us to enjoy. The "Bad Medicine" dragster and show hot rod, original 1970 Monogram Models kit design by legendary "Red Baron" Tom Daniels. Mike recrafted his from a rerelease he had, and he used Testor's "Purple-Licious" one shot hot lacquer for the overall finish, turned out pretty sweet. He had a re-issued (and somewhat improved) kit of the old Aurora "Seaview" from TV series "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea" which he made a lovely finished "stock" rendition of . The base he mounted it on, part of the improvements of the re-issue.









Bob Meyers showed us the new Andy's Hobby HQ kit of the Sherman M4A3E8 in 1/16th scale, which he did a magnificent job finishing in "Operation Ripper" scheme of the Korean War. Bob was quite enthused with the quality of this new kit series and gave us a good review of all its salient points.

Apparently there's a goodly number of $1/16^{th}$ scale new model kits in armor vehicles coming out, Andy's has an early Tiger which Bob may have us seeing from him soon, and Takom, Das Werk model firms for two have very popular subjects in this scale out now. Bob is part of the TriCity 15 Exec staff and he's rapidly convincing Contest Director to consider revising our current 59 categories to add a "AFVs & Softskin, 1/25 and larger, all types" to potentially take in a number of these as entrants

After all, otherwise they'd be left with going into "1/35 & larger" which would hardly seem fair to either group and not likely. Stay tuned for further developments on this interesting proposal, mayhaps look into those subjects yourselves...who knows?



Bob was wonderfully enthused to end up also participating in the July Free Hornets "Corvette Summer" Club Contest, model is directly parked in front of the big Sherman. He had his 2010 Corvette which he finished for this event! As Bob related, this kit was a present from his wife early in their time together, which he enthusiastically began back then, yet as we all know, life goes one way,many of our WIP projects go another. Happily, he found just the inspiration to complete this car from the announced contest, which included chance to enter it again at the August "Corvette Summer Deux" club contest of SVSM.



Bob kindly set the Contest Sponsor right that he was forgoing any contest prize this night, as he felt he had be rewarded already, even if he was the only contestant this time out.

Bob showed us the interior of the Sherman kit, which out of the box has none. Probably a very wise consideration for keeping price reasonable for larger potential kit audience



A couple more looks at Sherman and Corvette, then we shift to the rest of the tabling, which runs gamut from WW2 Wermacht armor, Mach 3 wizardry, Fantastic Meeting of Challenges to Make It so...

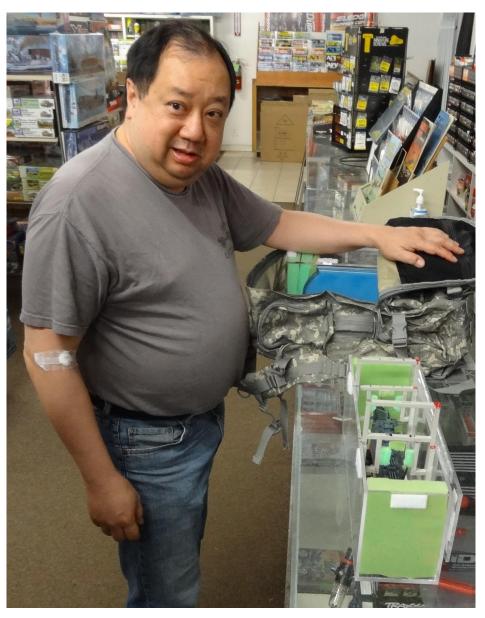


Not to forget also the finest in recent Spanish Hornets, prehistoric equine conversions and of course, back to WW2 Wermacht...



Gabriel Lee showed his Spanish AF F-18C Hornet is near done. He also had his USA Nats entry Carrying Case to show someone







Cheering him on here (or running in terror, your choice) **Chris Bucholtz's** prehistoric equine, the Parahippus in 1/20th scale

As Chris has outlined, this is a conversion of a modern day Plains Zebra molding he found in 1/35th, which pretty much scales out suitably to a 1/20th scale Parahippus in shapes and build. One has to work on the "three toes" where hoofs are later in lineage to evolve, which he has done.

Chris has this prehistoric prototype finished for now in coat of German Desert Yellow, and it looks pretty good.

The project I allege his Parahippus is cheering on progress of here, is a 1/72nd scale AFV Club 8 wheeled Sdkfz 232 German Reconnaissance vehicle.

It doesn't skimp on detail parts. It reminds me of the Katyusha Rocket Firing truck in 1/35th which I had the experience of. He reports that he feels he's past the worst of this with chassis and the fun part will begin soon.

Chris says not having the Monogram 1/32nd version when he was young. is what prompted this wish to build, somewhat.







Because the contest rules were firm on that entry had to be an USA American kit (or sourced Native if scratchbuilding) and using an American scheme, with American paints, Eugenie had her work cut out, she thought at first. Then her husband Randy pointed out that amongst her growing kit collection for builds, was this, a Monogram Models SR-71A Blackbird in 1/72 scale.

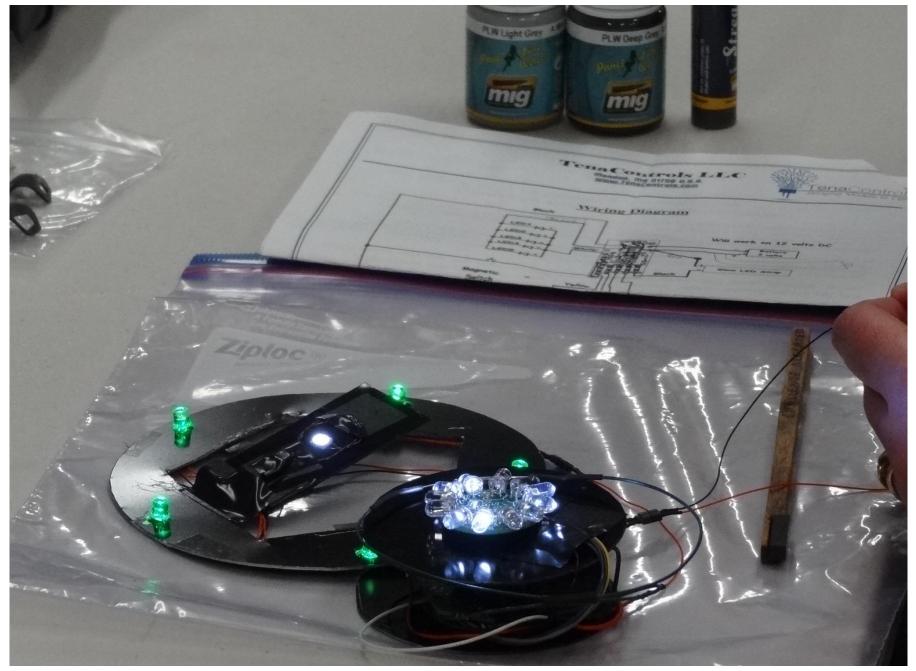
Delighted now having this potential perfect entry, Eugenie saw her main problem here as: How do you make something that's mostly all black, look interesting and lifelike in scale. She worked on that solution set while she did this grand turn making the cockpits "pop" in all the details. My photos don't do her justice. I tried to include enough shots to impart what "life" she input.



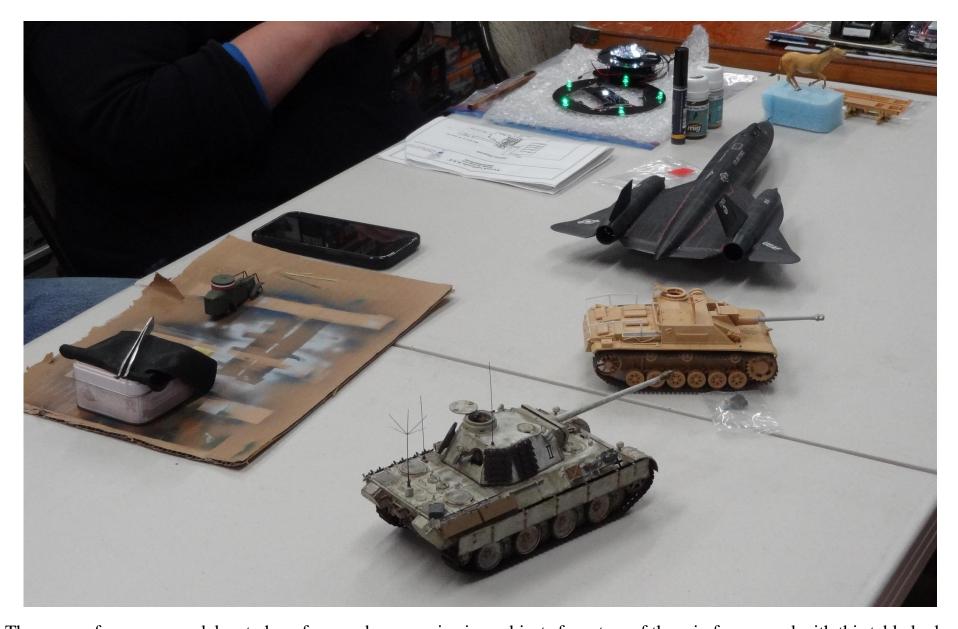
Eugenie worked out a system of airbrushing and washes, as you see here, the Blackbird really got lifelike looking indeed

She also showed her latest engineering of her "Come and Make It" 2023 USA Nats entry, the Flying Saucer component





Eugenie has been pretty happy with all the new skills she has been acquiring in this ambitious project, including soldering and circuit design for her LED lighting effects.



There were four more modelers to hear from and we are viewing subjects from two of them in foreground with this table look **Kyle Larson** being on summer break from college meant he had chance to again show up with his dad at our July Nest. He had brought along two more German WW2 armor works, one basically done and one in process.





Kyle's 1/35th scale Panther looks to be decked out as a command or reconnaissance vehicle from the number of antennae.









As noted, I didn't have a lot of notes so no clue what kit here, a nice feature how it allowed the side skirts to be removed.

The Stug III of Kyle's is WIP and looks every bit to become as nice as his Panther when all done.

Return to college looms so we will just have to wait and see.

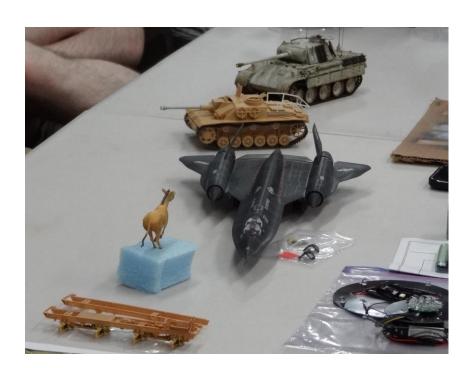




Randy Ray showing mighty determination to see through completion of his 1/72 scale Lancia Armored Car from the WW1 Italian Army.

A scale down of their 1/.35 version from Copper State Models, Randy reports being quite happy with the kit and expects to be having it on the table at USA Nats 2023.

Quite a nice feat of his to get the Italian TriColor here to so neatly wrap around that turret, as you may imagine.

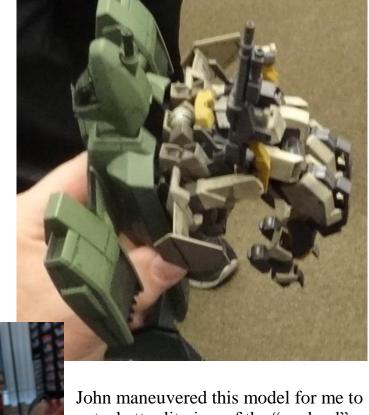


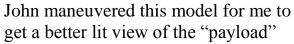


John Larson verily stumped me with this model, it's very nice, however I don't recall anything to identify it, sorry. Quite a machine, as you may be able to tell, it's ferrying a fighting suit soldier underneath it, armed to the teeth very clearly











John also did this Star Wars vehicle, again I am without further data



Last but not least for the July 2023 Hornets Nest was this Big Red Gundam.

Chris Kaminaga built this with his son, for Chris's wife (son's mother) as he says she really likes these figures.

THE End (for now)



FREE HORNETS JULY 2023 CLUB CONTEST " CORVETTE SUMMER"

FIRST PLACE -

2010 Corvette # **50**

Bob Meyers

No Second or Third Entries

REFERENCE DATA & CLUB CONTEST PROMO FOR



"Nifty November Nonsense"

On the left, one part of what inspired this contest, at the July Free Hornets meeting. It's painted in Testors # 1842M "Purple-Licious" A lively discussion there caused the President (and Sponsor of this Contest) to



arrive at conclusion for crafting this. Very simple entry parameters: Use ANY model subject, kit based or otherwise, to start. As easy as that, next part just as uncomplicated. Make sure you use ONE or MORE of the Testors One Coat Lacquer line products as I have shown here for reference, on your potential entry. Go crazy or mild, simple (Wet Look Clear for gloss finish agent or well applied single color on say, an auto) or complex (use your imagination) CASH PRIZES, event is held on 11-10-23













TRI-CITY CLASSIC XV Scale Model Contest and Exhibition REFERENCE DATA & SPECIAL AWARD PROMO #2 FOR



"Dr. Strangelove"

SYNOPSIS: Where I try to explain how Theme of Award ties in (or not) with overall Contest Theme. Our TriCity Classic has a fairly long run tradition, theme being combine of a known movie linked directly to specific geography. Choosing "Dr. Strangelove" actually feels timely, as old as it is. The movie is fairly well known, the geography really fits neatly within it . Breaking down in three main parts, US, UK, USSR, setting in middle of the Cold War, that ran from 1948 to 1991.

Taking into consideration also theme of simply "The Cold War" was offered twice in our region in recent years, possibly give another chance to whom may have finished too late

for entry then with this specific theme. With our own unique take and blending in some old favorites of ours. On to Promotion! Of course ANY and ALL MODEL SUBJECTS are encouraged, welcomed to enter. Contest Theme is a way to have some fun, give an overall tone for the show from one year to the next. So, PLEASE FEEL FREE to ignore it entirely or plunge headlong into the fray, as you see fit. Just see fit to enter show and enjoy is all the Contest Director here wishes for.

Whereupon simply here stated, current list of the TC-15 Special Awards. Now here and in future issues, details for each. The Red highlighted Specials are considered fairly self explanatory and likely won't be part of upcoming essay series. Highlights in Blue will be the subject of this article, and Green will be used to indicate a past issue coverage.

SA3 "The Right Stuff" Award for Best Entry befitting Contest Theme SA2 Best Of Show Junior/Youth SA1 Best Of Show Senior

SA4 "The MAD Triad" Series SA4A Best Strategic Aero SA4B Best Cold War Missilery SA4C Best Cold War Maritime Subject (US/UK/USSR) SA5 "The Dead Hand" Best Post 1991 US/UK/USSR subject SA6 "Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting "Best American Fighter Aircraft

SA7 "Lightning Strikes Twice" Best EE or Lockheed Lightning, Arado Blitz

SA8 Best in Category for **Aircraft**SA9 Best in Category for **Armor**SA10 Best in Category for **Automotive**SA11 Best in Category for **Figure or Robot**SA22 Best in Category for **Ship or SpaceShip**SA33 Best in Category for **Diorama**

SA14 "It Figures" Lester Tockerman Memorial Award Series (Junior/Youth only)

SA15 Kenneth Jung Memorial Award

SA16 SAT Service Award for Service to FH or R-9 Community

SA17 Mulieres Volante Best Women In Aerospace

SA 6 "Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting"

Award for Best American Fighter Aircraft









One of our Free Hornets, hereafter known as Sir Bob 1759, O.B.E. (Our Benefactor Extraordinaire) weary of all this model nonsense, retired from it to pursue other passions. Offered to provide some means to carry forth our mission, to be the Acme of Sarcastic Scale Modelling. If we actively promote our hobby, and share this opportunity for others to join us. Rather than be elitist, selfish and just plain crazy not to.

Failure to do this, not an option. That would be simply dishonorable, plus anger the Contest VP, whose generous friend this is. Against Bob's wishes but with his knowledge, I inaugurated this award in his honor at TriCity 8. Seems apropos enough, given how his absolute **favorite** subject in scale models or in history, is the **American Fighter Aircraft**. Especially those Curtiss Hawks...

In order to be eligible for this award, entry subject simply must be something <u>American Made</u>, tasked as a <u>Fighter</u> mission aircraft, even if it never actually was operated or served as one. Sorry, eligibility requirements *EXCLUDE* such otherwise worthy subjects such as Spitfires, Mosquitos, Fiat G.91 or similar American operated but not made here, craft. Don't forget, "Pursuit" designation = Fighter, also that USN & USMC operate fighters! Clarification: "hypothetical" or "paper designs" are eligible, as long as they are based on real proposals or project. Examples of these include the Republic P-69 or F-103, Bell P-59 or F-109, North American F-108 or Lockheed L-1000.





Further incentive; given the subject is not exactly a rare personal favorite (American Fighters): This Special Award remains as planned feature of

all future Fremont Hornets "annual contests". Regardless form they may take or themes otherwise selected.

So running out of steam to complete a "stinging" entry this year, still won't penalize you in vying for it next, in other words.

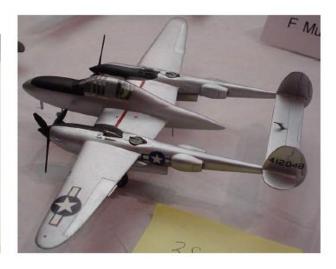
SA 7 "Lightning Strikes Twice"

Award for









While the English Electric component this time out ties neatly into the TC-15 overall theme, it's just a lucky break. This is a returning favorite of the Contest Director and considerable amount of kits are available for all three entry qualifiers these days, so here's hoping some more winners ahead.

BASICS for SA7 Award QUALIFY:

ANY and ALL versions in family for EE Lightning, Arado Ar-234 "Blitz" or Lockheed P-38 Lightning

Note that each of these are named "Lightning", began as twin engined, and offer a pretty wide range of options for versions, possible finishes, etc.

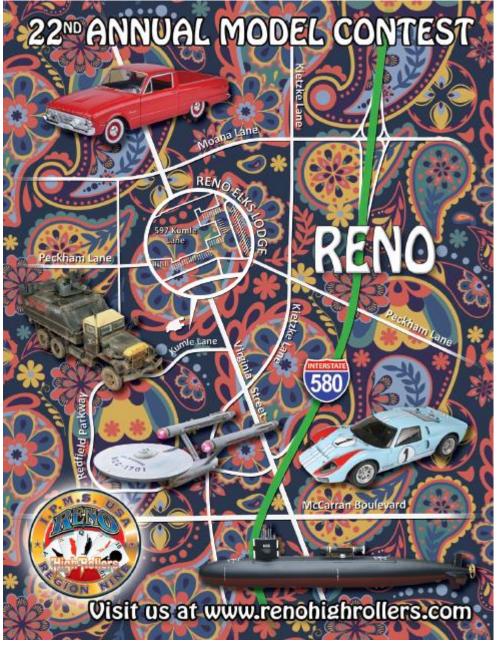






With more good fun ahead in Early October, Thanks Doug & Crew





ALSO IN OCTOBER (the other end of it)

Desert Classic XXV

IPMS Region 8 Regional Model Contest

Saturday October 28th 2023

Presented by The Antelope Valley Group **IPMS**



Event Location: Desert Christian High School 2340 W. Ave J-8. Lancaster CA -In the Gymnasium

This Year's Theme: "Lights, Camera, Action!"

Categories

Provisions for Splits provided as required

Rotary Wing, All Scales & Types Biplanes, All Scales & Types Civilian Aircraft All Scales & Types 1/73 & Smaller Aircraft 1/72 Aircraft, Allied, Single Eng. Prop. 1/72 Aircraft, Axis, Single Eng. Prop 1/72 Aircraft, Multi-Eng Prop 1/72 Aircraft, Jets 1/48 Aircraft, Allied, Single Eng. Prop 1/48 Aircraft, Axis, Single Eng. Prop 1/48 Aircraft, Multi-Eng Prop 11 1/48 Aircraft, Jets Single Eng 1/48 Aircraft, Jets Multi-Eng 13 14. 1/32nd & Larger Prop 15. 1/32nd & Larger Jets 16 Ships 1/451 & Smaller All Types Ships 1/450 & Larger All Types 17. Submarines, All Scales & Types Armor 1/72rd 20. Armor 1/48th

Tanks, Allied-1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger) Tanks, Axis-1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger) Tanks 1946 - Present (1/35 & Larger) Military Vehicles Tracked Closed Top (1/35 & Larger)

Special Awards Theme Award: "Lights, Camera, Action!"

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Best of Show Presidents Award

David Newman X-Plane Award

Best Aircraft

Best Armor Best Auto Best Ship

Best Sci-FI/Fantasy Subject Best Figure/Vignette/Diorama 65 Years of the F-4 Phantom

Best Israell Subject Red October

Vendor Contact:

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Military Vehicles Wheeled Closed Top (1/35 & Larger) Military Vehicles Tracked Open Top (1/35 & Larger)

27. Military Vehicles: Wheeled Open Top (1/35 & Larger)

28 Artillery All Scales & Types 29 Auto - Factory & Replica Stock 30. Auto - Street Machine & Hot Rods Auto - Cruisers, Customs, Low Riders

32. Auto - Competition Closed Wheel Auto - Competition Open Wheel 33.

34 Auto - Miscellaneous

35 Motorcycles, All Scales & Types 36. Figures-Historical

37. Figures: Fantasy / Sci-fl Biologic Types

38. Vignettes 39. Dioramas 40 GUNDAM

ScI-FI - Mechs / Robots / Spacecraft 41

Real Space / Rocket powered

Jurassic Plastic (OOB Rules - Instructions Required)

44 Tom Daniel Creations Miscellaneous

12 & Under Up to Age 12 13 to 17 Years Old Ages 13 - 17

Fees:

Adult \$12.00 up to 3 entries. \$1.00 ea. per additional entry \$2.00 discount for IPMS Members.

Juniors: Spectators: FREE

\$45.00 Per table (reserved), \$50.00 at the door.

Schedule:

0900-1230 Registration 1:00-3:30 Judging

3:30-4:30 Awards Presentation

Curtis Stidham (661) 267-0089 cbstidham@sbcqlobal.net

Special Awards & Category Criteria

Theme Award: "Lights, Camera, Action!"

Best subject as seen in a movie or on a movie set.

Presidents Award:

Best model as determined by the Antelope Valley IPMS President.

David Newman X-Plane Award:

Includes any "X" Designated Experimental Plane tested at Edwards AFB or Mojave area.

Jurassic Plastic:

Any plastic model that the original mold was released prior to 1970. IPMS National Out of Box rules will be used. Instructions required.

Best Israeli Subject Award:

Best subject used by the Israeli Armed Forces

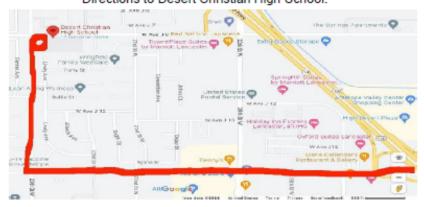
Red October Award:

Best Cold War subject.

Note: Please notify AVG in advance regarding any large entries so accommodations can be made.

Take 14 North or South to Avenue K Exit, turn west. Turn right on 25th St. West and turn right onto Avenue J -8. The high school and its parking lot are on the corner.

Directions to Desert Christian High School:



For contest news and updates see our website at http://www.avq-lpms.org

IPMS National Rules will be the primary judging criteria. A "limited" No Sweeps rule will be in effect for this contest. No one contestant shall hold all three placements (1st, 2nd, & 3rd) of any given category, unless that contestant is the "sole participant" in that category. There is no minimum entry requirement per category; thus no category merging.

NOTE: Any winning entry from previous AVG contests and any award winner from IPMS Nationals are not eligible; with the exception of the most recent IPMS National award winners.

IPMS / AVG reserves the right to change/aiter any category structure(s) and entry classification as they pertain to IPMS Rules and AVG contest criteria. All judges' decisions are final. The Antelope Valley College and IPMS AVG cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to entrants, vendors, or spectators and their respective entries, merchandise or effects.

HERE WE GO AGAIN YESSSSSSSSSSSSS



TRI-CITY CLASSIC 15

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition



Saturday, November 25 2023

at the Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, California 9am - 5pm

59 Categories of Competition in Aircraft, Autos, Figures, Ships, Military Vehicles, Space & Fictional, and Paper Kits

This Year's Theme " Dr. Strangelove " (any USA/UK/USSR Cold War related item)

NEW Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are:

"The Right Stuff" Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

"The MAD Triad" (three awards for: Best Strategic Aero, Missile, Maritime subject of USA/UK/USSR btwn 1948-1991)

"The Dead Hand" Award for Best Post 1991 USA/UK/USSR subject (Real or Not)

ALSO "Mulieres Volante" for Women In Aerospace Entry & "Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting" for Best American Fighter Aircraft

<u>Plus</u> these: "Best Twin Engine Lightning", "IT FIGURES" (Up to 3 Awards for Junior/Youth with prolific entry)

Also: Vendors, a raffle and other fun items announced on day of event! Free Admission to all spectators!

Contestant Entry: \$ 10 for modelers 18 & older w/FIVE model entries/less (\$15 for SIX or more) Any modelers 17/under, FREE with unlimited entry

For Vendor Information, Contact VP David Parks, DAVIDPARKS81@comcast.net. Be advised: VALID CA SALES TAX PERMIT REQUIRED

For All Other Queries: Email Contest Director Mick Burton directly at DAZE61283@mypacks.net with "Tri City 15 Contest" on subject line

Coming Up NEXT

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8 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

"WHAT THE F IS A "109 CONTEST ANYWAYS?" YOU MAY ASK " AS EDITOR BEGINS ANOTHER ROUND OF ODD FUN

PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION perhaps imminent in production...

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

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BACK WHEN

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

And possibly, some explore in more detail of the FREE HORNETS TRICITY 15 event plan...

