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)
COVERAGE, AUGUST NEST NEWS INSIDE! MORE REGION NINE EVENTS!
CARRYING FORTH showing some more details for 2023 FALL TriCity Classic # 15...

You May Call This BUZZ The "BETTER EDIT"



**ALL INSIDE THIS** 

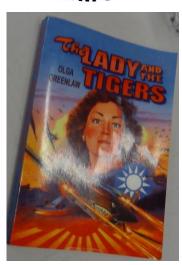
#### **CERTIFIABLY ANCIENT PRODUCTION**

(well, maybe just the Editor)

Reminder: <a href="http://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/">http://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/</a> Just three little pages.

Not a lot to dig through, + Events Calendar web page 3, ALWAYS





## THE Latest BUZZ (as of September 04 2023 1200 PM)

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

YES! Now # 111 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!

# "Make Room! Make Room! Now Tri-City 15 is potentially getting BIGGER!"

In view here are four different subjects that I have shot inside of the last two years. Three of them were at contests in fact. Were the fourth (the yellow M4) to have been entered at any of those three shows or, currently in future R-9 or R-8 shows, it too like the others, would be competing with 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale items. Considering they are all significantly larger (1/25, 1/8, 1/16) it definitely be a skewed situation for the Judges, very likely to not encourage a return engage by someone, no matter how things rolled out, agree?



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Encouraged to consider this matter seriously recently, by an active member of our community, as TC-15 Contest Director I have gone ahead and decided to open up a new category for <u>Armor, All Types, 1/25 & larger</u> for this <u>November's show.</u>—mb





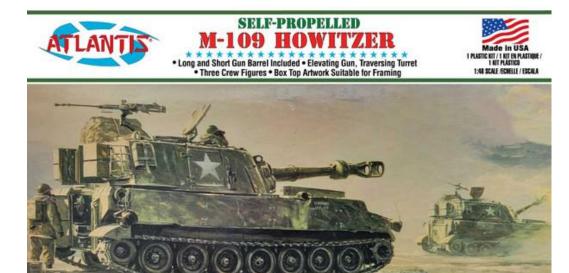


## THIS IS IT – IT'S OFFICIAL! FREMONT HORNETS SEPTEMBER MEETING CLUB CONTEST

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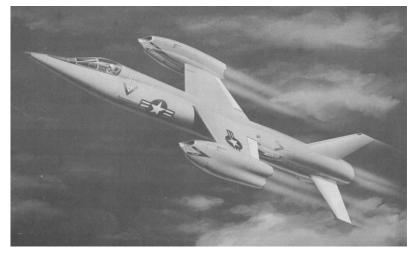
# QUITE SIMPLE - " THE 109 CONTEST "





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



# AUGUST 2023 NEST, Our TWELFTH Straight Win Assembling For Meet at Al's Shop

The President, having managed to miss going to the IPMS USA Nationals in San Marcos, had been anticipating this month's AUGUST Free Hornets Meeting for a fresh from the front run down from some fellow Hornets. Alas, Life said No Way, Mickay Well it wasn't a complete shutout, happily Gabriel Lee got to the Nest to give some first hand accounts, and RC Chris had us a

good background on something that blew up there.

So, some of these shots actually do illustrate us all in mid fiery discussion over issues which have had IPMS USA in turmoil time and again regarding as usual, Judging, Judgement, how to conduct (or not,





leaving us a mess) discipline when things go awry. All of this in play this time. Catalysed by extremely poorly handled, singular situation, given the full firestorm effort on the social media. Thanks Louis for helping getting us back on to Model Talk, giving me the finger.





Oh alright, that last part a bit of artistic license. I took the picture as you see above. Clearly Louis is NOT using a rude finger gesture, he was trying to politely get his question answered from the other end of table (mine). We did get talking Models...

Say hello to first time visitor (and now Member in Good Standing) **Norm**, who showed up thanks to VP Dave Parks.

Norm brought this diorama model of his in a case, which he graciously took the acrylic cover off so we could get a finer close look at his grand work.

What I hope to convey somewhat, pictures aren't nearly as good as being there, is the incredible run of living detail.

Norm's work is based on photos he had, this famed "Gustav" German 80 cm long range cannon

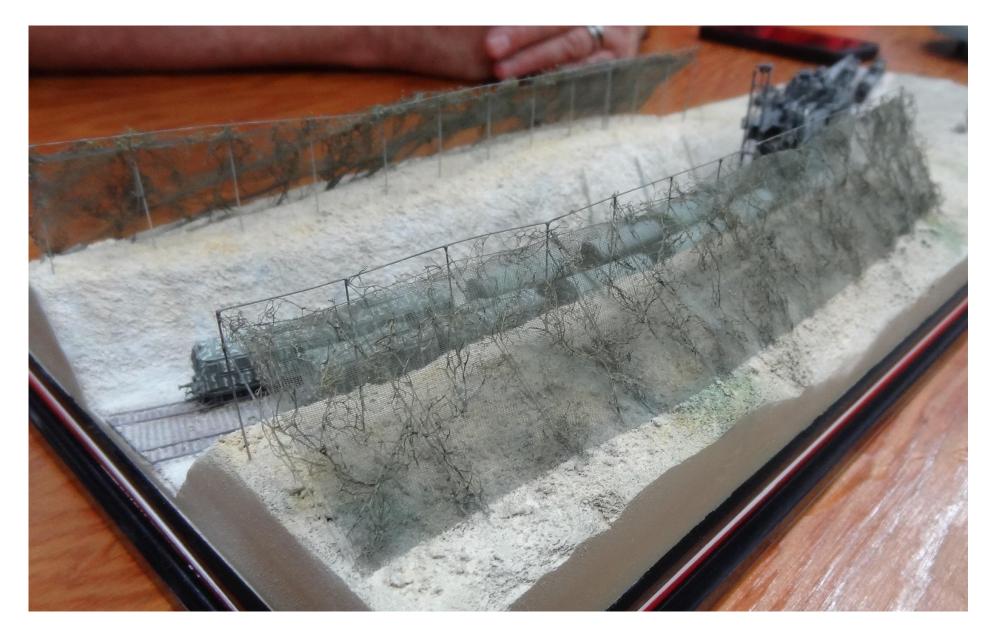
Gustav was a nickname, as *Krupp 80 cm Kanone* (*E*) *Schwerer Gustav* being its formal titling.

Even in 1/350<sup>th</sup> scale, quite a big artillery piece!





This overhead reconnaissance shot at low level ought to do trick, this is pretty much the logistical truth of "Gustav" in a look.



That track not only had to be laid out just so, it also had to be canted at an angle of 15 degrees to allow proper aiming. Norm's skilled work helps impart just how effective the seemingly simplest techniques of camouflage could be. The largest rifled gun to see combat service, this monster more or less proved the maxim: "bigger is always better" to be not always true. Cool diorama!





Statistics make this artillery piece at first sound mighty fearsome: 30 inch diameter shells, a seven ton Armor Piercing version and 5 ton High Explosive brother, along with a concrete piercing variety and some others, with a maximum range of 43 km for any of them. Now, consider you only get to shoot maximum 14 rounds per day, the barrel wore out after 300 shots, (the original gun shot 220+ in testing, so initial combat deployment required barrel changeout after only 44 more rounds fired... Then there's the pesky requirement of 3 days to set up gun with your 250 man crew, the 2500 man crew to put the trackways and embank...



Not to overlook the fact that this be hard to miss as an aerial attack target. But for a propaganda weapon, oh surely, priceless. This first gun for the Wermacht was free, a Krupp tradition. Second one, "Dora", cost equivalent of over 24million US today.

Next up was a quad of subjects close to the heart of the President/Editor, a lively bunch of Smilodon Californicus (okay, it could be they were S. fatalis, or another subspecies) brought in by **Chris Bucholtz.** Along with a crowd of figures, a sign.



These SaberToothed Cats roamed Florida in abundance, but they are better known for their association with La Brea Tar Pits of Southern California, possibly due to the paintings of Charles S. Knight which look almost like 2D dioramas of prehistory!

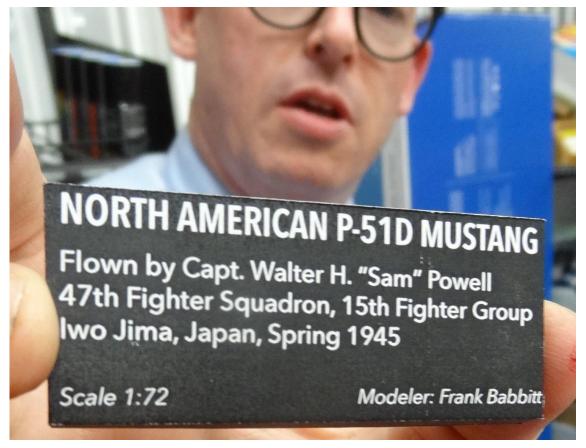




Interesting creatures, the Smilodon family. Researchers have produced enough evidence over the last few decades to pretty well establish these cats to have been social, communal animals. Several cases of skulls with one or both Saber teeth broken, yet the individuals survived to have visible healing. Almost certainly due to other "tribe members" making sure they were fed, and not left to die as prey or starvation. Also, consider how they are basically in size ¾ scale African Lions. Contrast to American Lion of same prehistoric period /locale, was essentially a 1 ¼ to 11/3 bigger version of those African Lions we know these days.



Best I can recall, Chris explained he obtained these splendid resin castings due a fellow modeler who has a subscription service which entails receipt of four models per month! Prehistoric subjects in model form have been quite a growth market of late ©



While Chris's model figures seemed to be some what alarmed that he intends to drop this sign on three of them below, there's a benign story here.

This is an adaption of something Chris had seen in use several years now by the group who stages the fabulous Seattle Museum of Flight model gig. These signages are used by them for the many of their model displays put on for 2 days running in February, they are akin to the display signage for the full size aircraft in museum, and imparts to the viewer in a familiar manner, critical information.

The day after our August Nest, Chris would be at the helm for a "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive" show being held in History Park, San Jose, with a table. Joining him would be Frank Babbitt, and to help with the aircraft models on display, these signs.

Lastly, here a quick look at the latest set of  $1/72^{\text{nd}}$  scale figures for use with his aircraft displays.



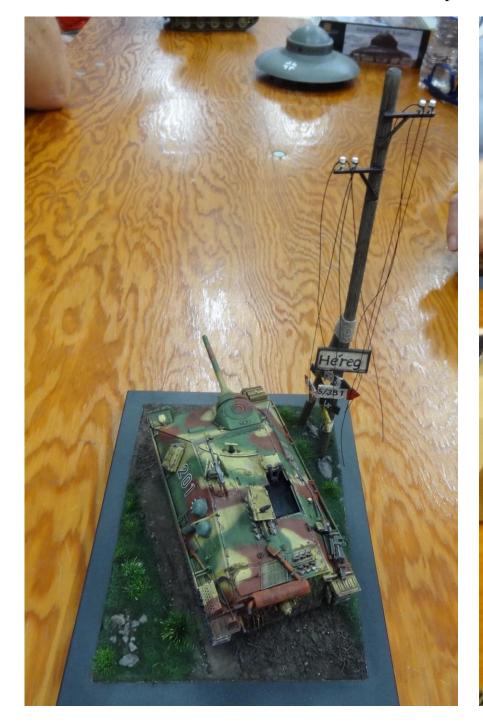
Mike Jimenez followed up his recent success with fictional saucer like war craft, only this one is not extraterrestrial. This is the Pegasus Models 1/144 scale "Hanebu II Saucer". Not surprisingly, my research confirms there's been more actual kits made by different folks over the years of this than that of an actual "flying saucer", of which the two prototypes still exist to measure Yes, that on the left, the Avro (Of Canada) VZ-9, a Cold War Classic. But Luft '46 still holds sway.





Although this was never proven to have existed, it was credited to being constructed by Dornier, which I am sure Claude liked.

Dave Parks had his well rendered Czech Hetzer 38t on a picture frame base.

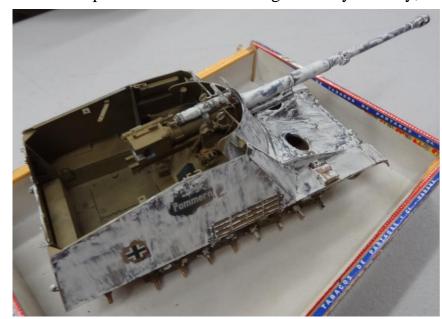








**Alan O'Neal** has a Tamiya 1/35<sup>th</sup> WW2 German Nashorn which he is trying out a winterizing technique from the February 2003 issue of mag FineScale Modeler. Looking great, but Alan says, not recommended as a method from his experience so far. Great cigar box by the way, Alan.









**Kyle Larson** brought two subjects with a huge distance in time and space, both of course well done.



First up was his Tamiya 1/35 scale King Tiger, which he finished in this tri color Ardennes scheme.







Frank Babbitt shared his now completed pair from Argentine Falklands War period, plus two WW2 gems. The Mirage and Etendard in 1/48<sup>th</sup>, Air Force for the Mirage, Navy for Etendard.

The P-51D is for the upcoming Spirit of '45 display that Chris made the signage for him for. The WIP FW-190D, Frank has said the MiG Ammo paints were a nice new experience for him on



**Gabriel Lee** has almost completed his latest 1/72 Hornet, the Spanish F-18C in grey to accompany his recently done F-18A in the Spanish AF service with the USN Aggressor camouflage scheme. Coincidentally, the base for his Hornet is a box for craft that would be perfect scale match to Kyle's Enterprise. "Ships passing in the night, eh?" . Okay, that's the August Meet in short *-mb fini* 





# "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 #3 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 17 Award for "Best Women In Aerospace"

#### **BASICS for SA17 Award QUALIFY:**

Women have been in aviation since before fixed wing powered flight, and in roles besides time honored left seat of command or at helm of a fighter plane. History bears this out time and again, with only a slight effort of research these days you can discern many a way to come up with interesting entries that would qualify for this award. While Amelia Earhart carries the day in popular media even today in the USA, Bessie Coleman, Florence "Pancho" Barnes, and the gift that keeps on giving; one and only Jacqueline Cochran for three historic individuals for another take on Americans. A quick reminder that it wasn't a propaganda exercise but a well recorded and regarded truth that during WW2, "the Night Witches" among others were a solid contributor to the war against Germany in the Soviet Union, along with a young legend named Lydia Litvyak. The first woman in space was a cosmonaut named Valentina Tereshkova, she still holds the record for youngest female in space (age 26) and longest solo space flight by a woman. A TINY glimpse of some of the ways one could approach this for a competitive entry. Look into Rogallo wing, Mercury 13, the 99s for other starts...

So think in terms of Figures, Busts, Vehicles, Dioramas for good bets.





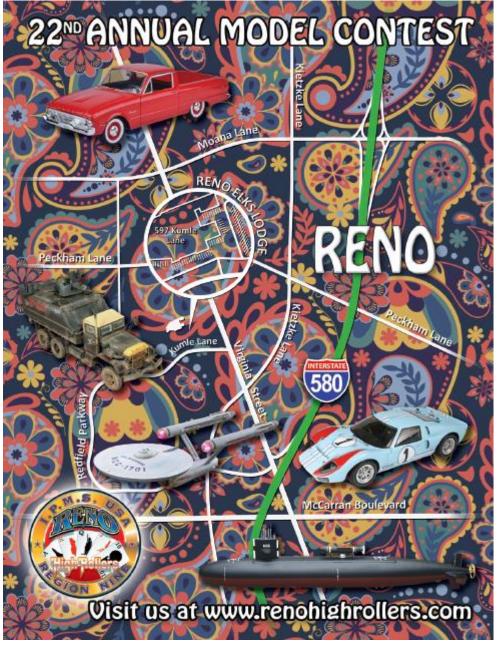






# With more good fun ahead in Early October, Thanks Doug & Crew





#### 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 1/72<sup>rd</sup> 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

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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

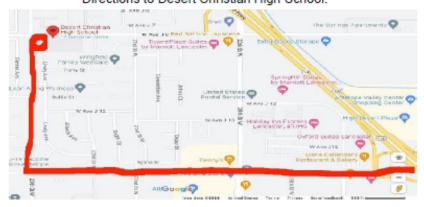
#### Red October Award:

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.



# 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)

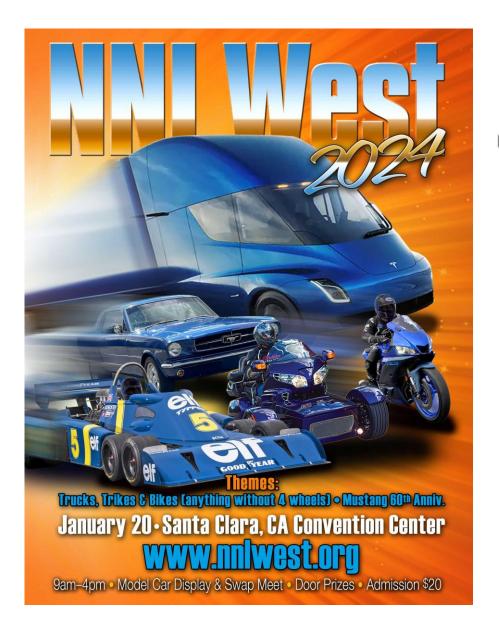
Also: Vendors, a raffle and other fun items announced on day of event! Free Admission to all spectators!

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

# OPENING UP the NEW YEAR with a Great Pair of Shows!



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#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 03 2024

Far West Region IPMS/USA Region 9 At This Locale

Clovis Veterans Memorial District 808 4th Street Clovis, CA 93612

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO OUR

## Pre-SUPER BOWL BASH

IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers are hosting a pre-Super Bowl contest on the weekend before the big game!

Special Award category for any NFL themed entry; i.e. German (Carolina) Panther, Sepecat (Jacksonville) Jaguar to celebrate the upcoming game.

(Entries do not have to carry any special NFL themed livery, the name is enough.)

Contest Chairperson's Name:
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rickecooper@hotmail.com

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# 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 YOU MAY ASK" EDITOR BEGINS

#### PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION

WE MAY 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 LIKE THIS

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

