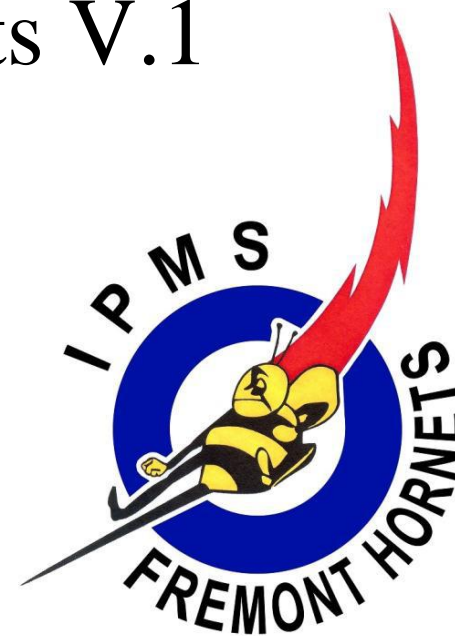


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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 111

October 05 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*)
COVERAGE SWEET SEPTEMBER NEWS INSIDE & MORE R-9 EVENTS
BLATHERING ON some more details for 2023 FALL TriCity Classic # 15...



You May Call This BUZZ The "GREENER 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 October 05 2023 1100 PM)

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

YES! Now # 112 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!



“MIGHTY GREAT 2 WEEK CONVERSION THERE, RICK, WAY TO GO !”

Breaking news from Club FSM today courtesy their President, Rick Cooper

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Theme – NFL Subjects



***Congratulations to you and your entire FSM Team for turning this situation around so expertly, new date, new locale !
Again evident your club motto “ Where Everyone Is Welcome” is every bit far more than words on a page GO TEAM – mb***

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



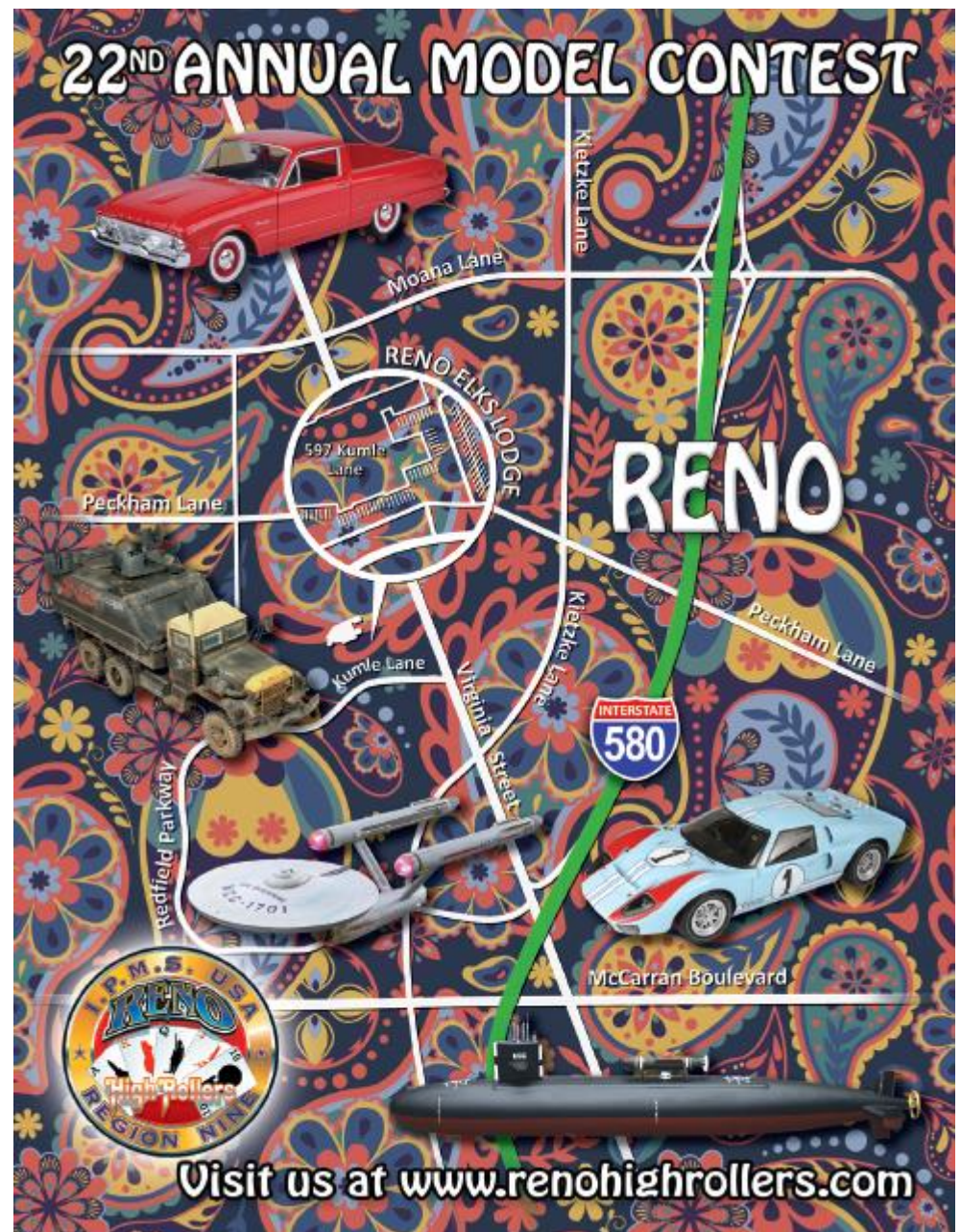
22ND ANNUAL MODEL CONTEST
THEME: **THE SWING'N '60s**

VENDER TABLES
2 BIG RAFFLES

Date: Saturday - October 7th, 2023- 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Location: Reno Elks Lodge 597-597 Kumle Ln - Reno, Nevada

Entry Fee: Free to All Non-Entrants - \$6.00 for First Model - \$1.00 for Each Additional Model
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SEPT 2023 NEST, Our THIRTEENTH Straight Win Assembling For Meet at Al's Shop

The President managed again to make it to early opening, which helped in getting things set up pretty swiftly. Also helped in having a chance to chat

with a long time Alum Free Hornet before we got VERY busy that night

Working from an insufficient sleep regimen again, assessing likely that taking an AMTRAK Bus/train to the imminent Oxnard "WonderCon" be instead the third strike from his plans this last month for making big shows (IPMS Nats-TX, Best of West -LV)

Still very happy to have this turnout



you will see here, nearly overwhelmed our venue!





Great turnout early on included Randy and Eugenie, who were unable to fill us in on IPMS Nats San Marcos experience from their perspective at August's Nest, due to being pretty exhausted. Nice surprise to learn early from them, their plans to make it to the Oxnard event in a sensible manner. So part of our business first part of the September Nest was a nice fill in on the Texas fun, from them.

After a pretty lengthy discussion series, the President regained his sense of perspective and we got Model Talk underway, and also saw that we had at least two entries in the President's pet project for September, "The 109 Contest". So, here we go see!

Kyle Larson made it to our gig with his dad, with return to college looming on horizon. He had this lovely Takom 1/35th scale M103A in grey, his review of this kit entirely entranced me especially as he was familiar with the DML Black Label version I have, being a fan of this machine. He also helpfully made sure to have a new build Italeri M109A6 in 1/35th, for the club con.



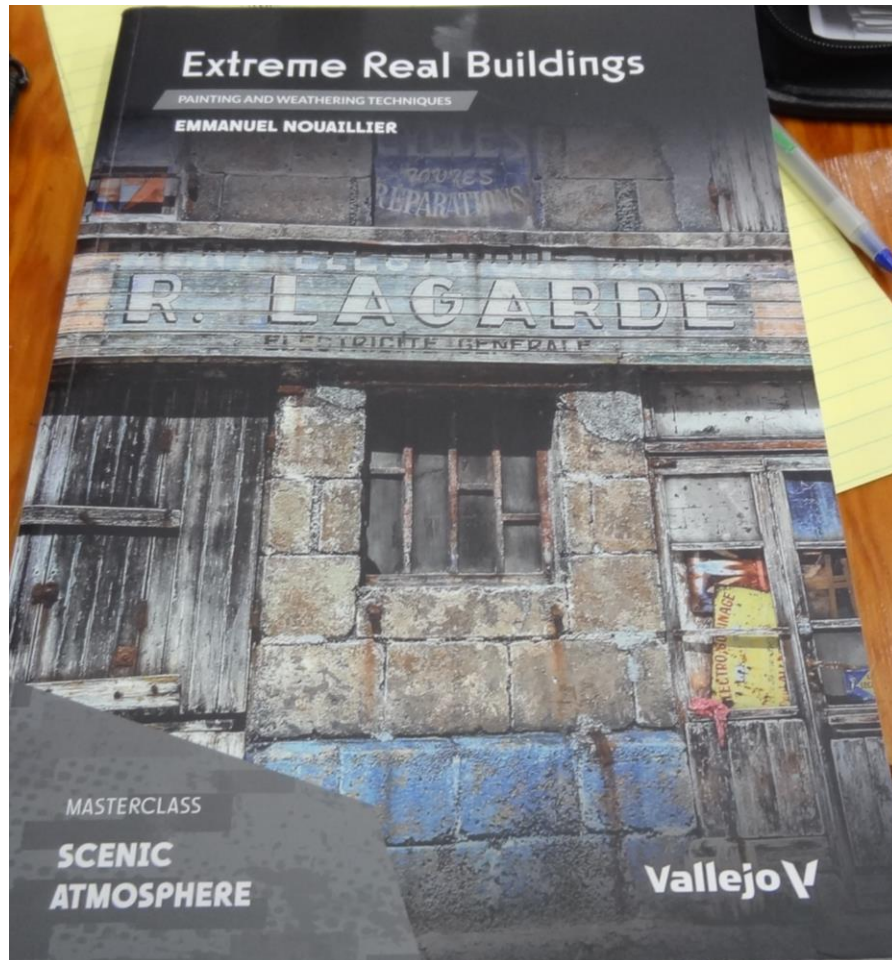
As you might see and agree, both of these builds by Kyle are splendid pieces of armor, seen from any angle. Thank you Kyle.





Louis Orselli found this bright blue resin bodied car in process within the '58 Christine Plymouth box he got at a thrift store.

I am sorry, I don't think I ever established if we got the car ID'd.

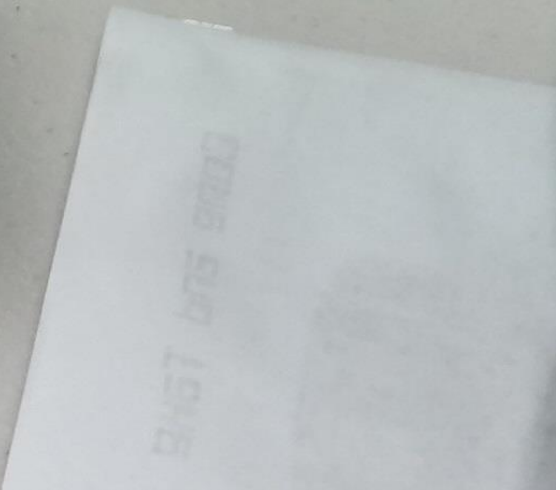


On the left, a simply magnificent volume that **Randy Ray** had an eye out for and obtained at the USA Nats, whose title is complete truth in advertising. I am sparing you all of my sampling shots of inside contents I took. This is a gorgeous piece of model literature indeed but also simply a grand buy as an art piece in itself.

Randy also of course had along his award winning WW 1 vehicle.



LANCIA 1ZM, 1918





Alan O'Neal relayed here that he now felt this was “ the finished product ” with regards his Project Nashorn Dry Pigments experiment, that he launched after coming across an early 2000s vintage FineScale Modeler magazine article on the technique.



I really liked how Alan's Nashorn turned out. In lacking another good singled out shot from my meeting pics led my choosing one carefully posed to show fiendishly his 1/35th Wermacht weaponry was about to take out Eugenie's multi award wins UFO. This is a not bad other side look at Alan's Nashorn. I for one really liked how his crew is so active and seeming to be literally in split second freeze but not quite. As much as how his pigment effort turned out far lovelier than his Model Talk would have you believe. Happily here this bonus shot also allows me to show good candid view of Eugenie's finished "Come And Take It" as well. Some of you readers may recall that we have well documented portions of her work here in all its glorious progression, so the final product may be more fully appreciated by us more than most. Her major shift on the overall paint finish from planned color shifting scheme we saw in progress, for instance. Eugenie relayed it was due to persistent clogging performance of color shift paint in her airbrush. Her engineering of the lighting mechanisms turned out spectacularly in my estimate, the batteries had about 30 hours running time with careful management, and that proved perfect for the purposes of the Nationals display !



Truly “ a model pair “ these two. Eugenie has been extremely superb at absorbing all she can from her husband Randy’s years as a modeler and incorporating it into her meteoric modelling ascent. Not to discount the glimpses I have had of how massive her skills at researching, evaluating, experimenting and willingness to tackle, master sufficiently many new things. Inspiring yes

If you think I am being too over the top, just keep in mind she began this only a year ago and it's like her 5th finished model...



Mike Jimenez didn't want to show up empty handed, he said. He borrowed these two beauties from his son's modelling shelf.





Thanks to doing so, Mike's now well apprised of the true identity of these two fairly rarely shown birds, and amused to learn of how this one he thought for sure must be some hypothetical machine, actually was purpose built during World War Two. It's the J7W1 Shinden (Magnificent Lightning), a bold effort at coming up with a sure fire B-29 Killer Interceptor. Likely this kitting a Hasegawa 1/48th edition, and compliments to Mike's son for his modelling it as well as Dad for bringing it to share that night.

The other bird was in fact, more or less a true hypothetical, although it did lead to some post war relatives being made thanks to it's designer, Kurt Tank. If you ever saw the Argentina's first jet, the Pulqui I, this was its predecessor in Luftwaffe terms.

This is the 1/48th scale rendering of Tank's proposed Focke Wulf Ta-183, and it may have been quite a handful if ever built 1/1.



With a great splash so to speak, new Free Hornet **Norm Luebker** showed up “bases covered” for the September club contest, carefully transporting his project 8 years in the making, the 1/350th scale rendering of Solomon Islands base of PT-109, et al.



Norm's introducing himself to us with his 1/350th "Schwerer Gustav" still has me crazed with the wonder of it all, but this work of a piece of history, well words fail me entirely. I can recall he said the palms are etched metal and some of the ships, model figures are commercially sourced. But this entire project came from Norm's imagining, based on photos to create this !





Great night for the Rhetta family to try out a Hornet's meeting, wouldn't you say?

Aaron Rhetta seated right across from Norm's work, with his latest Gundam in red looking at the model too.

Here are two looks at that R570-Z beastie, front and back, thanks for promoting TC-15 with Gundam folks!





Chris Bucholtz dropped in with a great update of his long in the building queue Martin B-26B early model, 1/72nd scale Monogram snap tite. It's going to be the famous Midway battle "buzz bomber", it flew right down the length of flight deck of Japan air carrier in successful bid to elude its pursuers.





Speaking of carrier deck aircraft, “Navy Ray” Williams made it to his first Hobbies Unlimited hosted Fremont Hornets Nest with his latest batch of great USA maritime aircraft. Many of the folks present probably didn’t know Ray, but he’s been Hornet and Navy for as long as I have known him, many a meet at the Irvington Center or the Hotel ? or Scenario Games locales had us getting a great look at Ray’s largesse. Ray is especially fond of Skyhawks, Crusaders and Corsair IIs, he served during height of our infamous SEA conflict years and has first hand knowledge of many of these birds in 1 to 1 scale.

I sadly was not able to manage to take notes on much for record here, but I do have it flagged that another Free Hornet Alum sadly no longer with us (David Newman) was partly responsible for why we saw an early F-8C Crusader here from Ray. Dave’s Muroc Models conversion set provided Ray the means to getting that end (or rather the nose) for his here, from an F-8E kit.



Bob Meyers definitely enjoys this Das Werks 1/35th scale FAUN 0900 heavy cargo truck, so much he's done two so far. This is Erika, porting about a 1/35th Tamiya Panzer II as cargo here. Bob has photographic proof of this vehicle's existence, just FYI.



We opened this September coverage with Kyle Larson, we'll close with a picture of his dad, **John Larson's** SA-2 Guideline (aka R-75), quite possibly as famous as C-47/DC-3, MiG-15, P-51 or MiG-21, the "Flying Telephone Pole" SAM of Vietnam



Alright, here you go, that's the September 8 Free Hornets Meet in short . We'll note the contest winners up next. *-mb fini*



FREE HORNETS SEPTEMBER 2023 CLUB CONTEST “ The 109 Contest ”

FIRST PLACE – PT-109 & Friends Based in The Solomons (Diorama) Norm Luebker



FREE HORNETS SEPTEMBER 2023 CLUB CONTEST “ The 109 Contest ”

SECOND PLACE – “ M-109A6 ” Self Propelled Howitzer Kyle Larson

There was no third place entry



“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 #4
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 SA12 Best in Category for Ship or SpaceShip SA13 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 14 Award Series “ It Figures ” for Junior/Youth Only

BASICS for SA14 Award QUALIFYING:



IT FIGURES - First

Lester Tockerman Memorial Award Series
(Junior/Youth entrants only eligible)
Sponsored by Mick Burton



3 part Memorial Award – Lester was a big guy with big output it is deserved

It Figures First – Junior/Youth modeler who has the MOST entries at the event (regardless if any or all win) Lester was always about promoting modelling to the young and he as a teacher especially fond of seeing that spark lit .

So to match his prolific entry output and encourage more like him I award 50 bucks

DR. STRANGELOVE

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IT FIGURES – (Again)

Lester Tockerman Memorial Award Series
(Junior/Youth entrants only eligible)
Sponsored by Mick Burton



It Figures (Again) – Junior/Youth Modeler who has two or more Figure and/or Armor vehicle entries.

In event of a tie or multiple entries by a modeler of one not the other, judgement will go to the one who has both first, then to one who has most of one or the other

Again, Lester’s two most passionate genres, to encourage more alike I award 25 bucks

DR. STRANGELOVE

TRICITY CLASSIC XV NOV 25 2023



IT FIGURES – (‘N All Adds Up)

Lester Tockerman Memorial Award Series
(Junior/Youth entrants only eligible)
Sponsored by Mick Burton



It Figures (‘N All Adds Up) – Junior/Youth Modeler who has placed second or tied for the It Figures “Again” award - who has two or more Figure and/or Arm or vehicle entries.

If not any one for that, then runner up for most entries award “It Figures First” wins 25 bucks

DR. STRANGELOVE

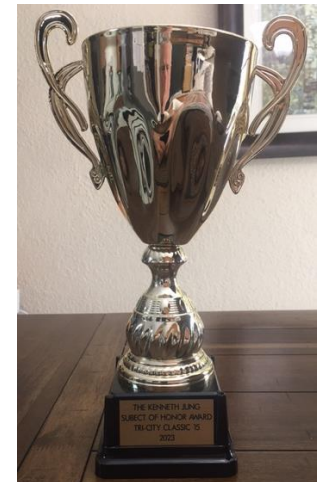
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SA 15- Kenneth Jung Memorial

Contest Director’s Choice

Who knows what will show up that is going to capture the fancy of TC 15 Contest Director or his delegate ?

What we do know is what the award looks like and thanks again to sponsor Mr Peter Long, and to Mike Woolson



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

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| 1. Rotary Wing, All Scales & Types | 25. Military Vehicles Wheeled Closed Top (1/35 & Larger) |
| 2. Biplanes, All Scales & Types | 26. Military Vehicles Tracked Open Top (1/35 & Larger) |
| 3. Civilian Aircraft All Scales & Types | 27. Military Vehicles: Wheeled Open Top (1/35 & Larger) |
| 4. 1/73 & Smaller Aircraft | 28. Artillery All Scales & Types |
| 5. 1/72 Aircraft, Allied, Single Eng. Prop | 29. Auto - Factory & Replica Stock |
| 6. 1/72 Aircraft, Axis, Single Eng. Prop | 30. Auto - Street Machine & Hot Rods |
| 7. 1/72 Aircraft, Multi-Eng Prop | 31. Auto - Cruisers, Customs, Low Riders |
| 8. 1/72 Aircraft, Jets | 32. Auto - Competition Closed Wheel |
| 9. 1/48 Aircraft, Allied, Single Eng. Prop | 33. Auto - Competition Open Wheel |
| 10. 1/48 Aircraft, Axis, Single Eng. Prop | 34. Auto - Miscellaneous |
| 11. 1/48 Aircraft, Multi-Eng Prop | 35. Motorcycles, All Scales & Types |
| 12. 1/48 Aircraft, Jets Single Eng | 36. Figures-Historical |
| 13. 1/48 Aircraft, Jets Multi-Eng | 37. Figures: Fantasy / Sci-Fi Biologic Types |
| 14. 1/32 nd & Larger Prop | 38. Vignettes |
| 15. 1/32 nd & Larger Jets | 39. Dioramas |
| 16. Ships 1/451 & Smaller All Types | 40. GUNDAM |
| 17. Ships 1/450 & Larger All Types | 41. Sci-Fi - Mechs / Robots / Spacecraft |
| 18. Submarines, All Scales & Types | 42. Real Space / Rocket powered |
| 19. Armor 1/72 nd | 43. Jurassic Plastic (OOB Rules - Instructions Required) |
| 20. Armor 1/48 th | 44. Tom Daniel Creations |
| 21. Tanks, Allied-1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger) | 45. Miscellaneous |
| 22. Tanks, Axis-1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger) | |
| 23. Tanks 1946 - Present (1/35 & Larger) | |
| 24. Military Vehicles Tracked Closed Top (1/35 & Larger) | |

JUNIORS

1. 12 & Under Up to Age 12
2. 13 to 17 Years Old Ages 13 - 17

Special Awards

Theme Award: "Lights, Camera, Action!"

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 Israeli Subject

Red October

Fees:

Adult: \$12.00 up to 3 entries.

\$1.00 ea. per additional entry.

\$2.00 discount for IPMS Members.

Juniors: FREE

Spectators: FREE

Vendors: \$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

Vendor Contact:

Vendor Contact

Curtis Stidham (661) 267-0089 cbstidham@sbccglobal.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

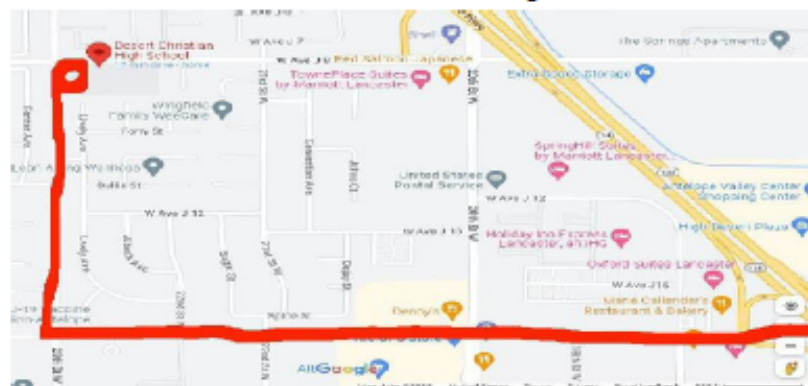
Red October Award:

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.avg-ipms.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/alter 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.

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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

60 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

Plus 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 OCTOBER 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

“ HOW THE H ? 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

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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...

- 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 “

