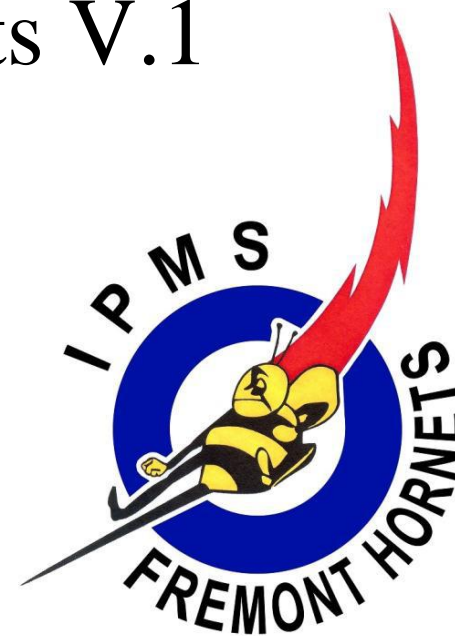


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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 113

November 13 2023



Somehow managing to wing it for now over **46** years...

Welcome

IN THIS **BONUS EXTRA COVERAGE** 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* )  
**SPECIAL ADDED COVERAGE AWESOME OCTOBER HORNET's NEST**  
**BLATHERING ON** some more details for 2023 FALL TriCity Classic # 15...  
**SOME NEW EVENTS FOR 2024 NOW INSIDE take a look, see**

**You May Call This BUZZ The "Felt Bad Had To Leave Out Too Many Good Pics 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 November 13 2023 546 PM)

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

**YES! Now # 114** 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 MOTORSPORT WAS ENDANGERED SPECIES, NOW NOT !”***

*Sadly for this Editor, making the 59<sup>th</sup> year run of the National Championship Air Races at the Reno-Stead Airfield that has been its home for so long was not to be. More sadly in bigger perspective, Gold Races Unlimited finale on Sunday Sept. 17 were not able to run due the post race collision of two great veteran race pilots in the landing pattern after the T-6 Race.*

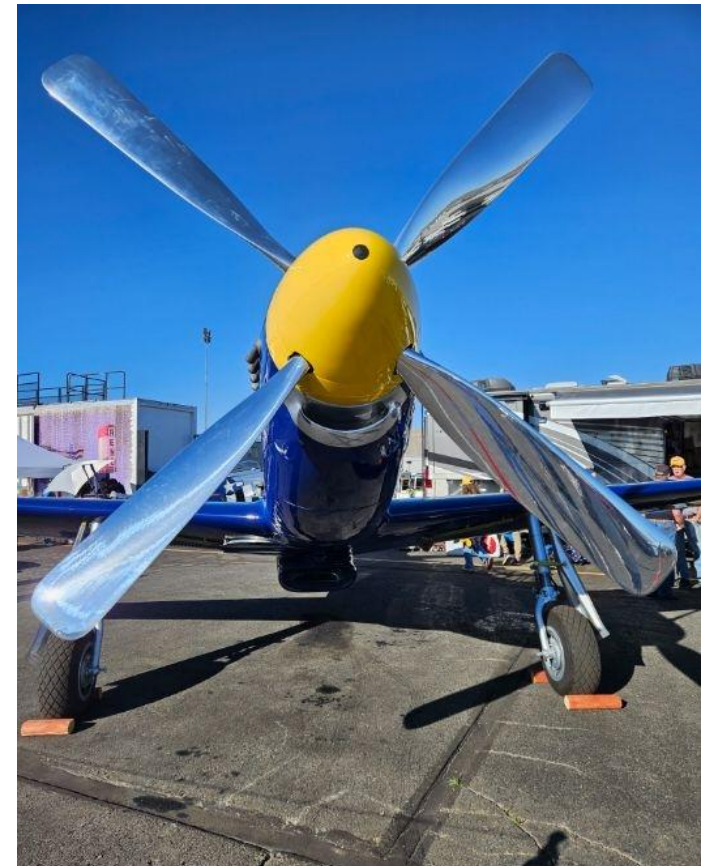
*There are many classes in the NCAR, and all are exciting, oh so demanding of their crews in air and on ground. My take on a clearly limited in person basis (I didn't see one until 1982, a good number of attends from late 90's on) and study seems*

*to bear out that those T-6 racers do have more fatal result than others, over the years. Though it's been the spectacular Unlimited class that gets all the press if any crash occurs*

*While I for one was brashly of the opinion that when was announced Reno is no longer allowing an Air Race Week at Stead, so the NCAR now was likely no more, NOT SO !*

*SIX cities are now firmly in the final round bidding with a 2025 NCAR locale/date expected to be announced before Summer '24 Thermal, CA is one of them and many are betting on Casper, WY.*

*Thank You Mike Meek for pics - mb*



## *MORE IN DEPTH LOOK BACK at OCTOBER 2023 NEST, at Al's Shop*

*As promised in last Buzz #113, because the President/Editor felt the turnout in many ways for our October meeting was getting a short shrift in coverage, (time and space constraints for two reasons) a “bonus issue” with some additional coverage called for. Here it is, hope you like it. Here’s reminder of how the crowd looked then, and Norm isn’t really casting hex on me here ...*

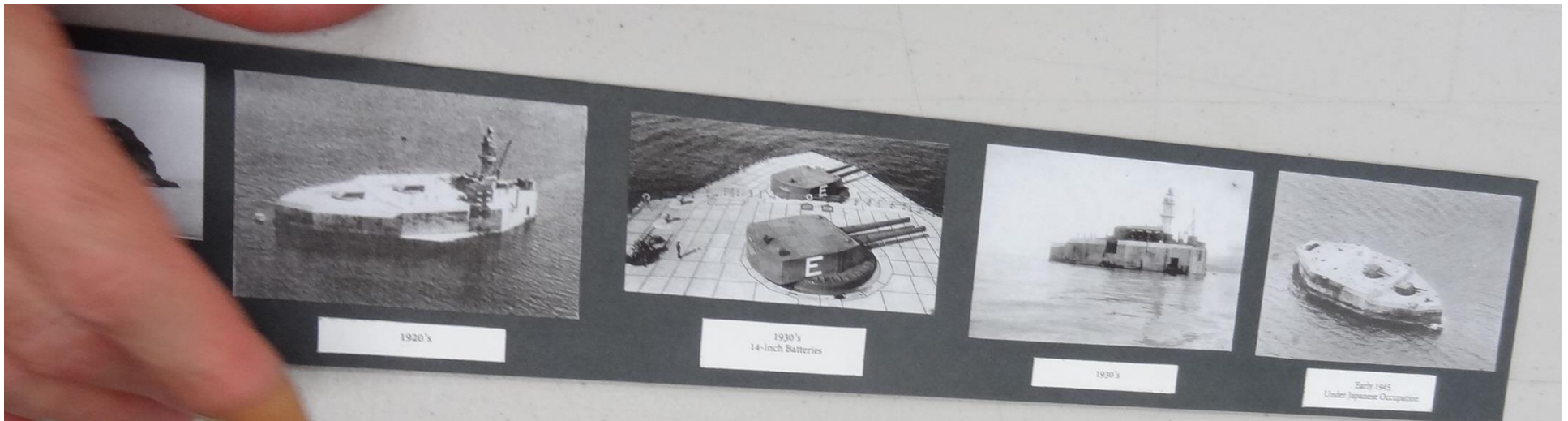




**Norm Luebkers** showed up with a diorama that just amazed me trying to take it all in. Above, another look at how it came in, he first berthed it on Al's counter, inside display case.

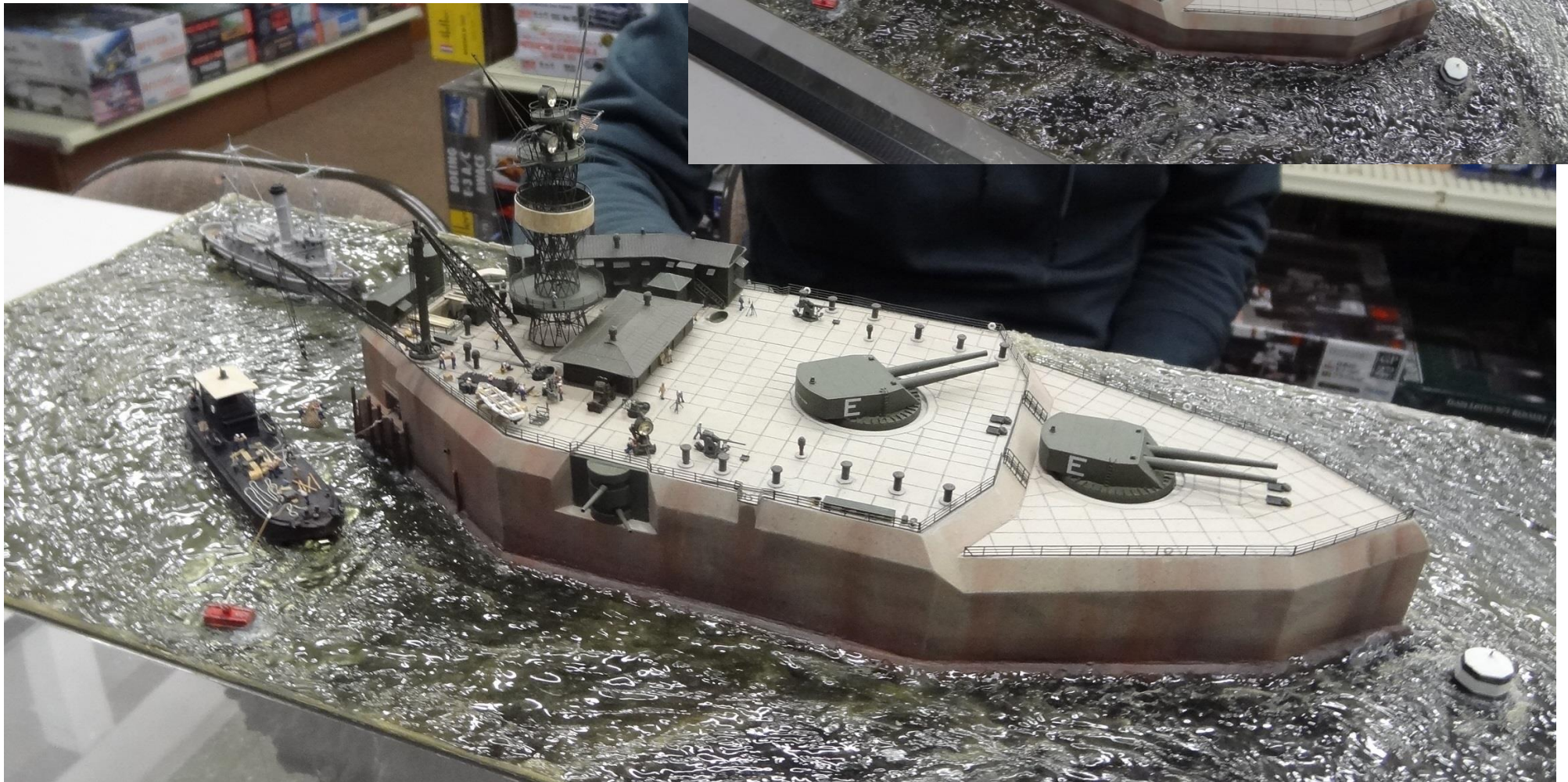


On right, Norm's model talk included his sharing the nifty placard with some photos of real deal, including the "before" condition of El Fraile Island, covered by his hand in shot below that I took, sorry. I will provide a supplementary cropped snapshot of that portion, very soon in pages ahead

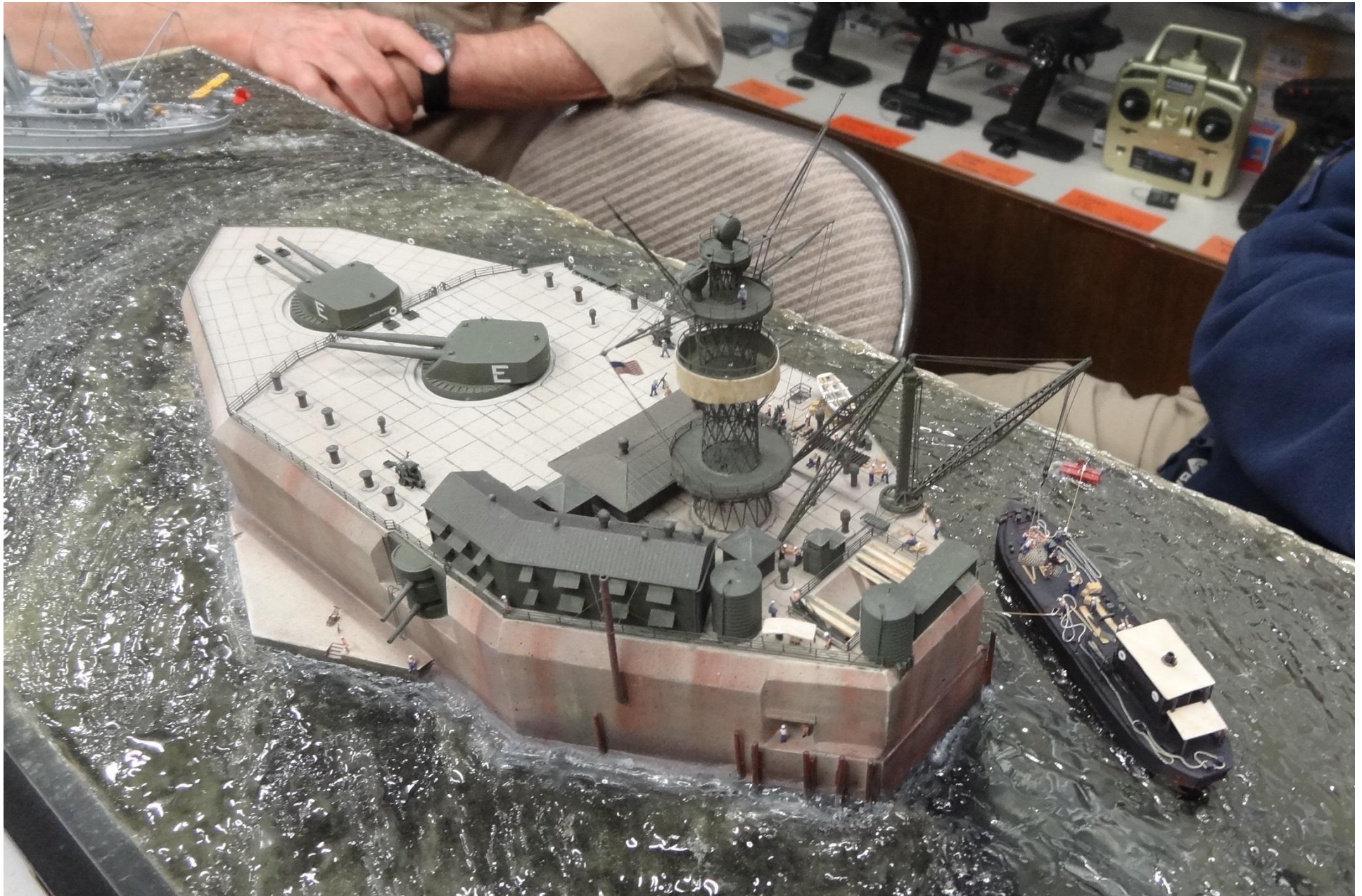




For those who may not know, Norm's faithfully rendered in 1/350<sup>th</sup> scale work here (that's a scale 150 foot depth here, please note!) is of the circa 1930s operating condition of then United States Army's harbor defense emplacement called Fort Drum. Built over 5 years time starting in 1909, it was to serve as coastal/harbor defense for entrance to Manila Bay in Philippines, an unique installation in that it was decided to level the rocky island and built "a concrete battleship" on that basis. Successfully !



Above left, as promised, a cropped snapshot of Norm's handy placard, showing the rocky original above sea level look of the El Fraile Island, which in that configuration, served as coastal defense gun battery locale for Spain in the 1898 war with USA!





I had only peripherally ever heard of this “ Fort Drum ” in my time, and seen a few very small models in person at the occasional model contest, in definitely nothing this large a scale nor with this level of art, attention to detail, “life”

Seeing this at our meeting had me utterly captured, and I know my incessant photography grabs as I “presided” the meeting had to have been annoying at least.

However, I had gathered pretty likely I wouldn’t be seeing this lovely work any time soon again or at any model shows, sadly.

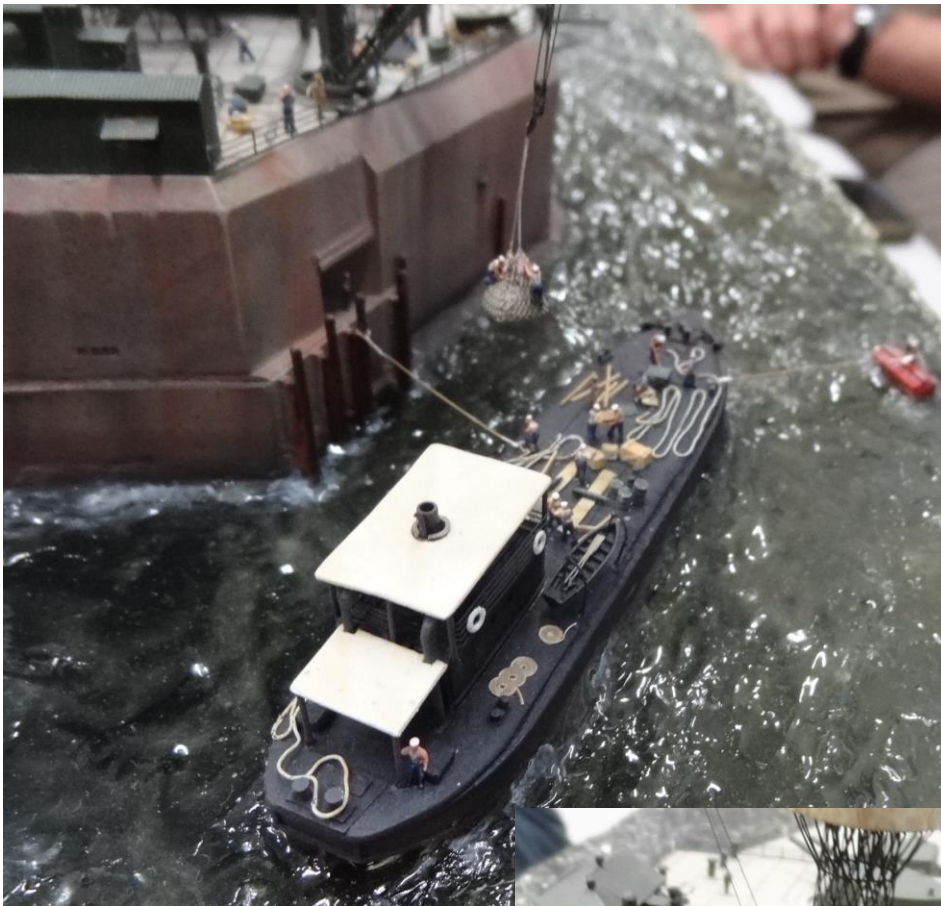
It is a lot to ask of someone , risk the transport of something like this unless they have their own reasons to do so, and so I felt motivated to take in all I could and find ways to share some of what I saw best as may find ways to, later.

This photo essay is my chosen means, as my appreciation and respect for this 3-D Model art.



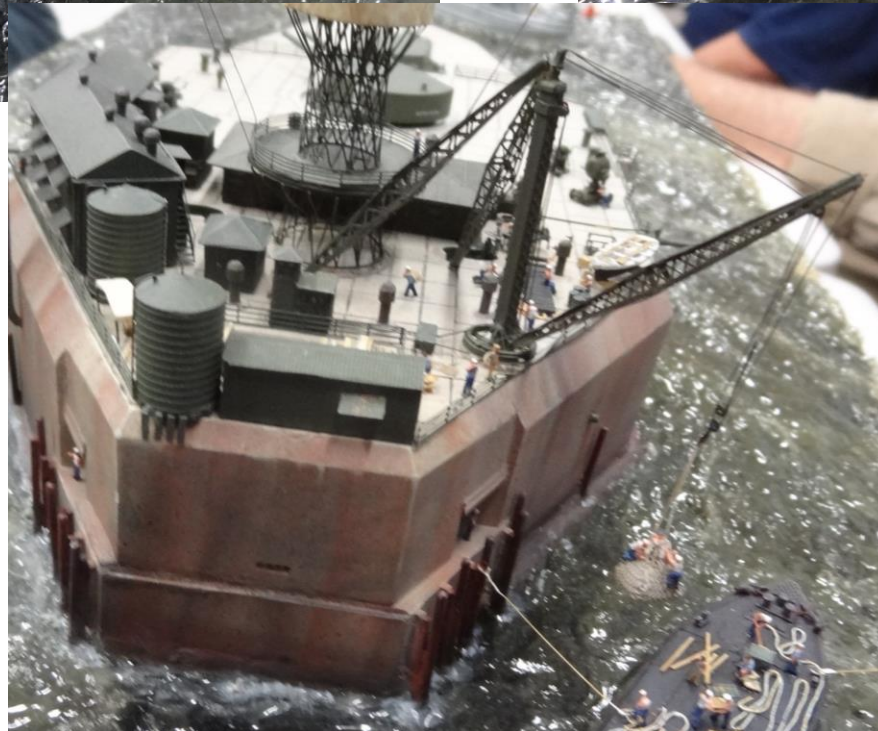


Everywhere you take your eye, you will find things going on, as real “life” you might say, caught in a snapshot.

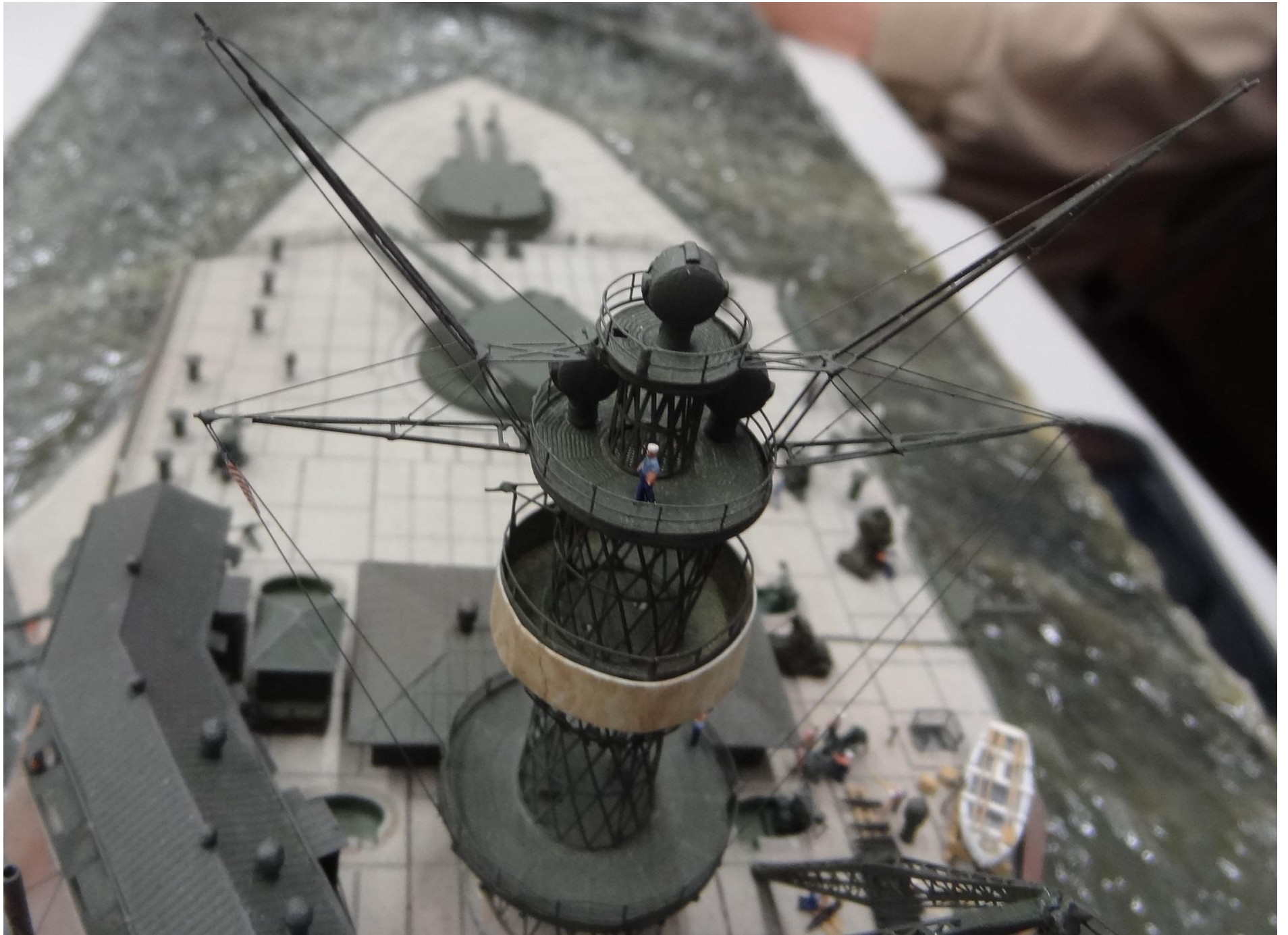


Norm gave a great succinct talk and also shared many fine detail all those dependent on my short

Enjoy the photographs !



on how he went about this model points, but alas, my ability noting term attention memory , sorry.



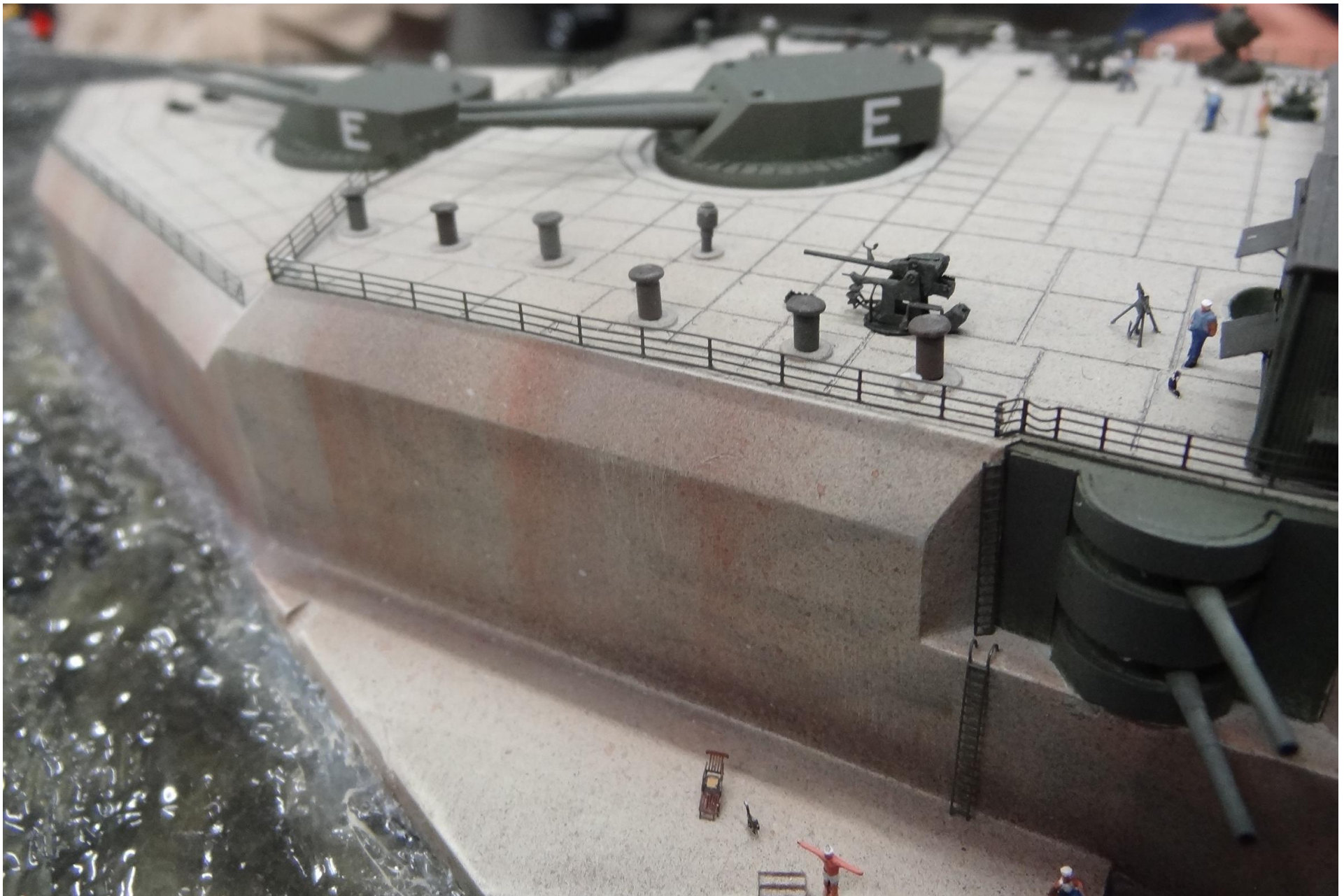






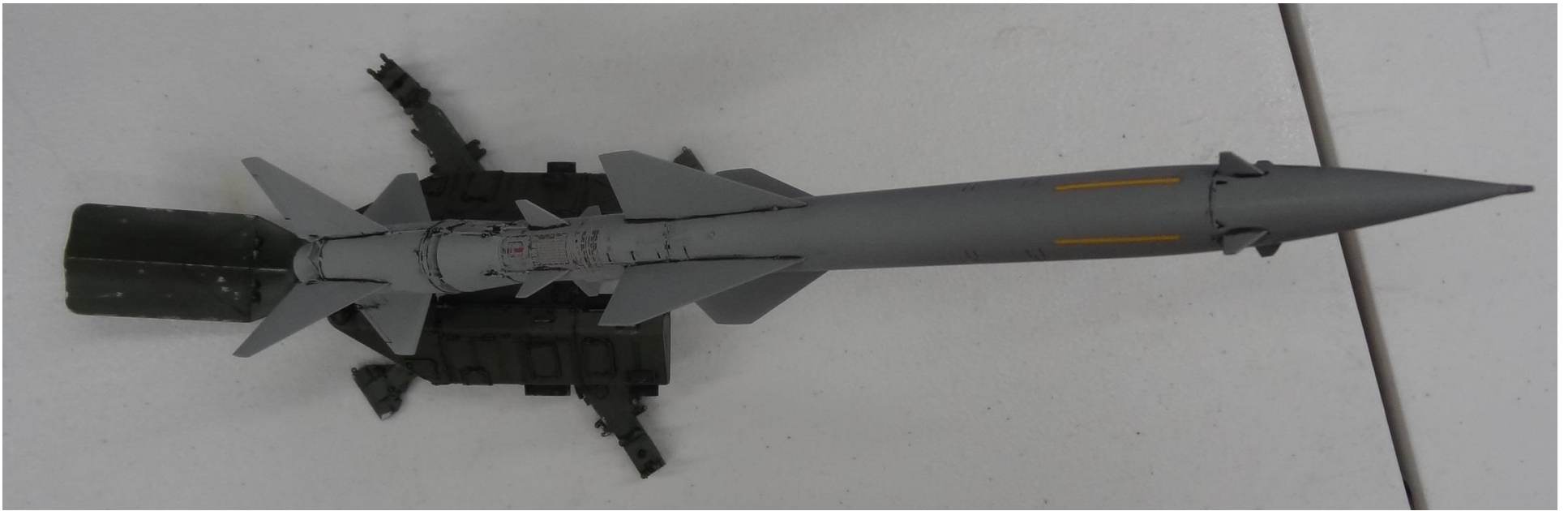
I tip my hat to the Curtiss SOC Seagull biplane, it was rigged up more than some 1/72 scale ones I've seen (those are 5x bigger !)





I can't swear to it, but I believe that is a "ship's cat" , tail proud, to be seen right above ! THANKS for bringing this in, Norm .

Okay, now this concludes my specific focus on the intriguing Fort Drum contribution . I will continue this photo gallery with October 2023 Hornet's Nest shots I didn't have room for last issue, additional coverage of fine contributions by our members



**John Larson's** rendition in 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale of the Russian Surface to Air Missile S-75 Dvina, better known popularly as "SAM-2" or by NATO code name "Guideline". These pictures I hope help to also provide context for a nickname given it by the targeted pilots in US-Vietnam war, " the Flying Telephone Pole "

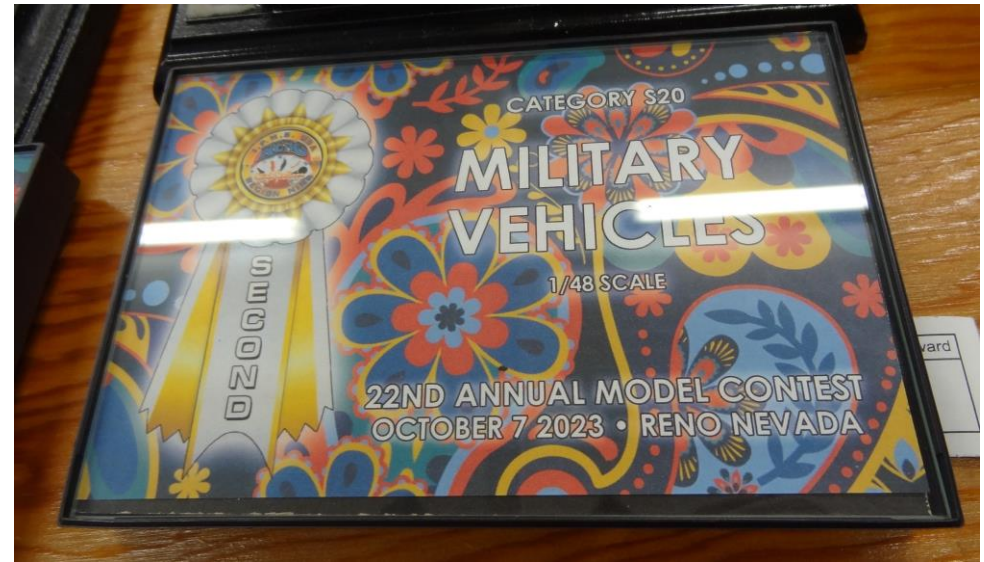






Alan O'Neal's 1/35<sup>th</sup> T-34/85 on his signature cigar box , nice      Bob Meyers "paper Jagdtiger" with the monster gun is just cool model to me, and provides segue as well for shots of the 2023 Reno High Rollers contest awards Bob gave kudos too ...





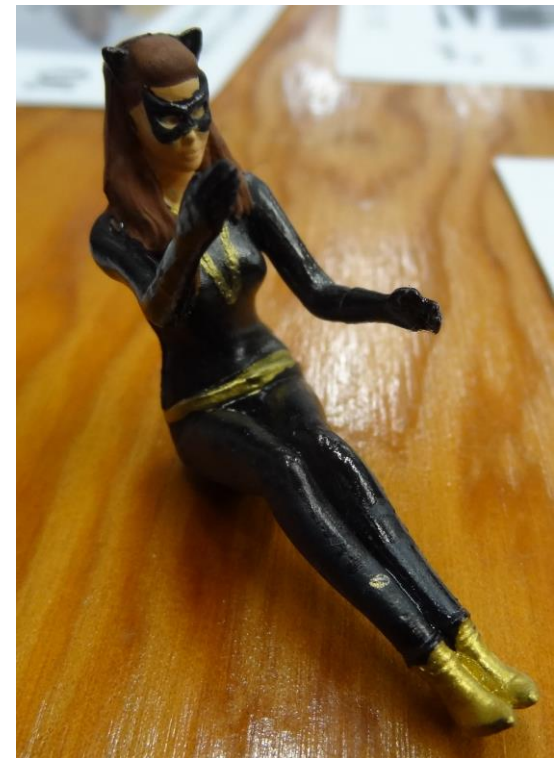
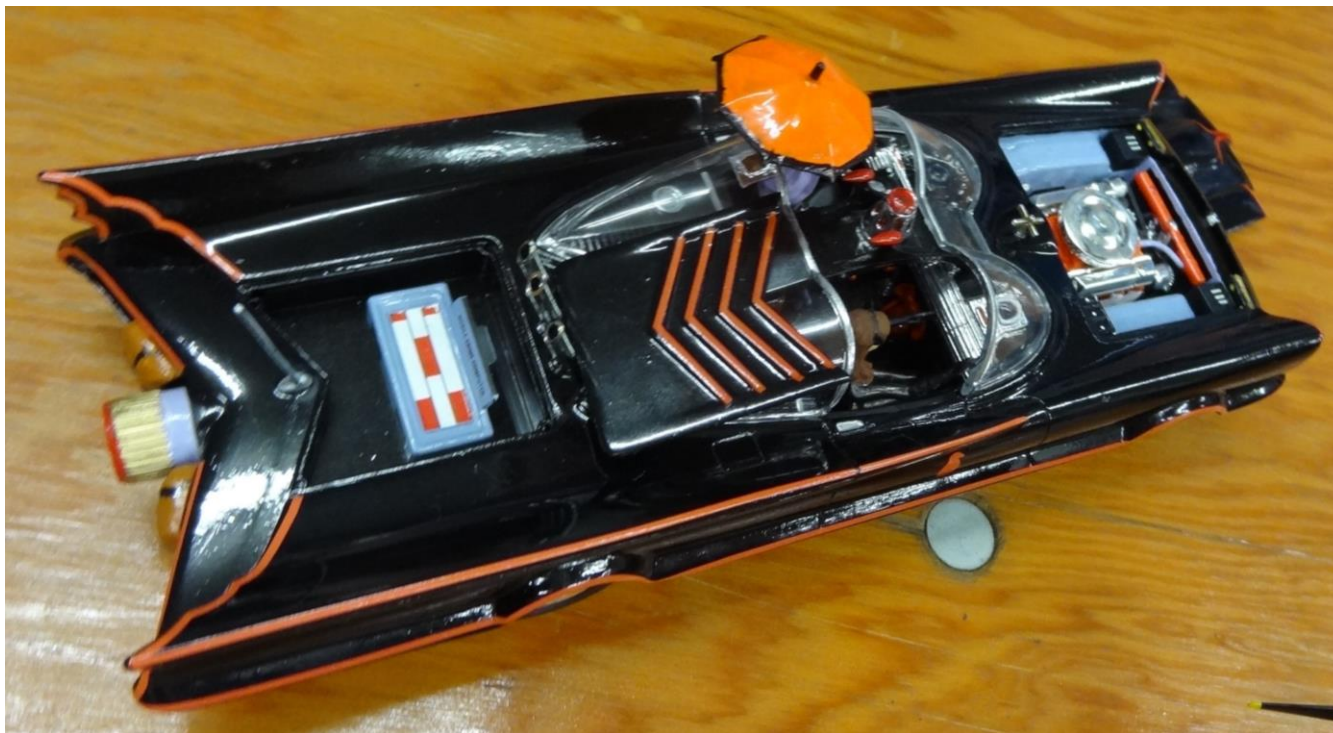
I missed going to that event which I sorely regret, and I also would have liked to have gotten another chance to shoot pics of the Special Awards they had, as some like “Ramp Trash” are utter genius, I love to have picture examples on hand to share. Yes, the 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale British WW2 ambulance of Bob’s also happens to be a favorite of mine, so I conclude this portion with a shot.

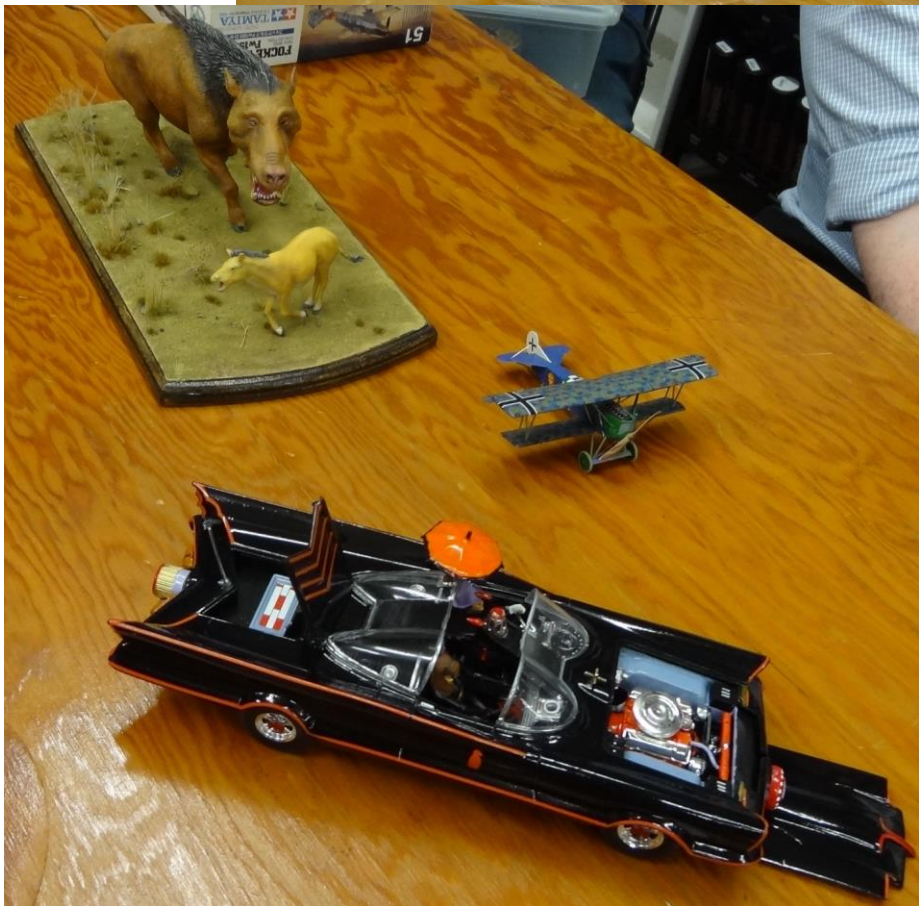
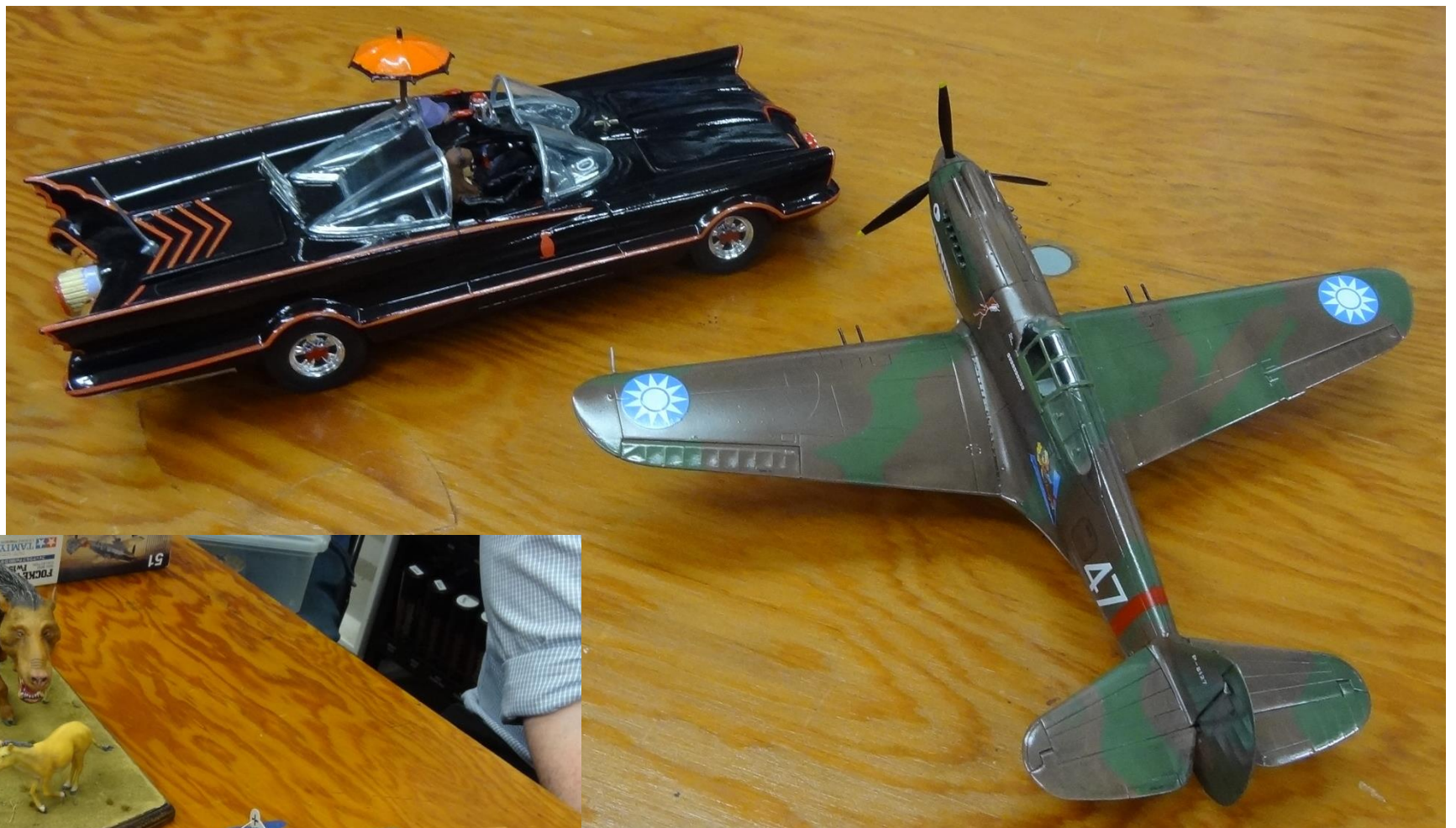


Mike Jiminez put the PenguinMobile project of his to rest with solution for painting his two figures in it



Mike also opened up places to share the extra features of this 1/25<sup>th</sup> model





Mike's PenguinMobile, P-40 Warhawk (shared work with his son who built the model, Mike used it to try out acrylic floor finish for glossing) joined up as road block.

Slowing down move by the Daeodon and D-7 !





Chris Bucholtz's 1/20<sup>th</sup> scale Prehistoric Mammals output makes me wish I could have kept my Special Award "At Dawn's Early Light" in play for TriCity 15, as it was for rewarding all efforts Prehistoric in scale

Perhaps another event in another time. Maybe one day at a Nationals I will see someone tackle Collections with the family of Trilobites... Sure.

Alright I have room to wrap up with one more better look at this 72<sup>nd</sup> scale nearly done WIP Fw-190D9 by our own **Frank Babbitt** -mb fini



TRI-CITY CLASSIC XV Scale Model Contest and Exhibition  
REFERENCE DATA & SPECIAL AWARD PROMO #6  
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. Contest Theme is a way to have some fun, give an overall tone for the show from one year to the next.

With our own unique take and blending in some old favorites of ours. On to Promotion!

Of course ANY & ALL MODEL SUBJECTS are encouraged, welcomed to enter. So, PLEASE FEEL FREE to ignore theme entirely or plunge headlong into the fray, as you see fit. Just see fit to enter show, enjoy is all the Contest Director here wishes

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    *revisited* SA17 Mulieres Volante Best Women In Aerospace

# Summary on SA 1, 2, 8-13 Special Awards for “ Best In Show & Category ”

## **BASICS for SA1 and SA2 Award QUALIFY:**



While “ Best of Show ” would seem self explanatory, I think it would help to review how this decision is arrived at the TriCity Classics for now.

The actual full title says it better for both Senior and Junior/Youth BOS awards, namely “Judge’s Best of Show”

The First place and now determined Best of winners in all categories at the event where such were given, are listed for the Head Judge to get his team together to go over, determine each so that everyone is now on the same page since many of them will not have judged many of the contenders in the initial 1/2/3 passes. Seen them, perhaps, but Judged, not likely.

Then a first cut is made by the team to winnow down to a workable set of usually 8 to 15 contenders for the final or next to final pass for the BOS decision. In the case of the Junior/Youth, it’s usually gotten on the first pass as the number of contenders is usually not even the full ten to start out with. The Senior categories can sometimes go for two further passes to make sure everyone is in an agreement such as possible, for BOSS. There you have it.

Not so simple as that, but it’s the best fairest manner we all agree on. Popular or People’s Best of Show, well, sorry, not a fan of creating that chaos. On the left, the actual YOUTH/JUNIOR BOS award for TC-15. The Senior is alike but larger

## **BASICS for SA8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and SA13 Award QUALIFY:**

Well again, these Special Awards for “Best In Category” winners don’t actually make themselves so clear, self explanatory and such. Plus some folks do know it’s somewhat skewed on a mathematical basis. Why, how you ask, isn’t that unfair? Not really, by virtue there is a lot of Air, Armor and Auto categories, but the Ship, Spaceship, Figure, Diorama , SF/Fantasy categories come down to much smaller amounts to be winnowed to just one winner. Many have tried to change the math but honestly, at club, regional, Nation level competition the same skews exist for the same reasons. Given the expected turnouts over numbers of tens of years as a guide, there’s not much point changing the method much as it’s tilting at windmills.

So yes, basically again the Head Judge is given a tally of the specific FIRST place winners in each of the General categories, qualified teams of the same judging pool are gathered to go with the lists for each, and do their best to swiftly winnow out the Best of those best for that event. Although some arenas will have some who perpetuate that size does matter, or certain subjects within their genres will gain or lose favor at this juncture. My own first hand experience from many angles inside and outside the Judging pool, comparing notes with others, seems to bear out that none of it does have an edge in the end. Smaller, more obscure or less popular have triumphed here more often than not, and likely will continue surprise in future.

# Reprise on 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.





# Additional material for

Tri City Fifteen Classic 2023  
"Dr. Strangelove"

# SA17 Support



Jackie Cochran's **THUNDERBIRD** Air Racer



Line up of "The Night Witches"



Jackie Cochran with Starfighter she set speed record for women piloting

Jackie Cochran in F-86 Sabre she flew to set records for women pilots



Many Many Thanks to **Mike Meek** for getting these pictures of lovely “THUNDERBIRD” Racer at the last Reno Air Races held at Stead Field



A fine tribute to American Air Racing and this particular American woman of aviation, that this aircraft should onsite at the final round of the National Championship Air Race in Reno NV. 59 years of the World's Fastest Motorsport indeed

**HERE WE GO AGAIN YESSSSS**



# 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

# NNI West 2024



**Themes:**

**Trucks, Trikes & Bikes (anything without 4 wheels) • Mustang 60<sup>th</sup> Anniv.**

**January 20 • Santa Clara, CA Convention Center**

**[www.nniwest.org](http://www.nniwest.org)**

9am-4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$20

# *COMING FEBRUARY '24, NEW LOCALE & DATE*



Brought to you by IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 2024**

Far West Region  
IPMS/USA Region 9

At This Locale

*MAIN CAFETERIA  
FRESNO CITY COLLEGE  
1101 E UNIVERSITY  
FRESNO CA*

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO OUR

## **Post-SUPER BOWL BASH**

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

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

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

Contest Chairperson's Name:

John Ballman

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E-mail:  
john.ballman@att.net

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*BREAKING NEWS it's Official from Contest Director*

## SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC # 8

Theme: Hit the Beach !

Being held

# Saturday June 15 2024



At Main Dining Room of Fremont Elks Lodge, 38891 Farwell Drive, Fremont CA

10 Junior/ Youth, 46 Senior competition categories currently planned for and several Special Awards which will include besides the Best of Show & Category Standard Issue:

Hit the Beach Award - Best Beach Subject

Stars and Stripes Award – Best Subject featuring Stars or Stripes (not in insignia)

MANY MORE DETAILS and OFFICIAL FLYER IS COMING SOON

**CONTEST DIRECTOR & CONTACT: CHRIS BUCHOLTZ** email [bucholtzc@aol.com](mailto:bucholtzc@aol.com)

*Coming Up NEXT*

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY DECEMBER 08 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 ? *ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO* was TriCity 15 *YOU SAY ?* ”

EDITOR BELIEVES WE MAY TALK ABOUT LATEST CONTEST

**PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION**

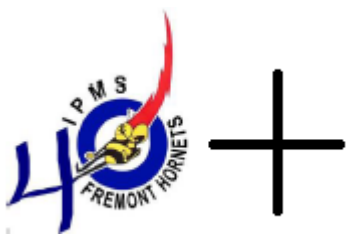
*WE MAY FINALLY AGAIN RETURN TO CONTINUING A LOOK IN DETAIL AT FREE HORNETS*

*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 a future **FREE HORNETS TRICITY** event plan...*



*- Mick Burton, madman at large – [DAZE61283@mypacks.net](mailto:DAZE61283@mypacks.net)*

*( sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here ) “ Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm “*