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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over 38 years...

Welcome

IN THIS ISSUE – You will find: (basically in the listed order, tho a stream of consciousness device)

**A Short Take on Present BUZZ (Issue's Editorial, in case you need clarification)** Reminder of upcoming Nest 10-09-15

Short schedule of upcoming near meets and events of possible interest to Hornets and their friends

**Somewhere inside**, the Editor explains this picture (*New Entrants Seeking Registry at TC-11 perhaps ?* )



IN THE MIDST OF IT – “*Hornets Nest September* ” 2015 Club meeting

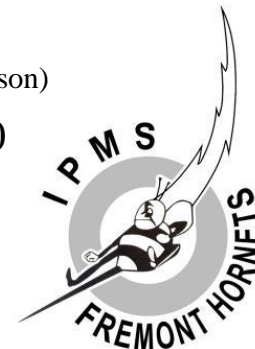
**FREE HORNETS CLUB ANNUAL CONTEST** First Look and Quick Review



## THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of October 09 2015 evening)

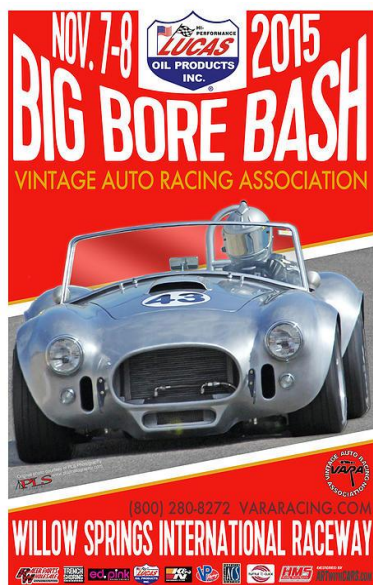
(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor (& Hornets Treasurer a Deux, Current Contest Director for 2014/15 season)

**YES!** Now #35 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 muddled, let's get to some actual important business!



*“ Oh YES, The Editor is Being Utterly Lazy At this Juncture, and Pasting Odds ‘n Ends “*

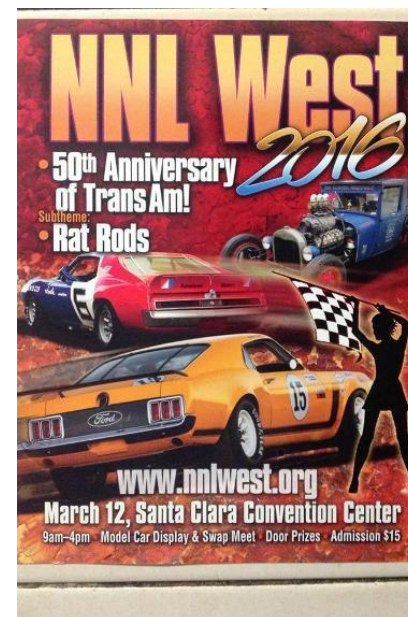
*Having just finished this issue of the Buzz about ten minutes before leaving day work for the October 9 Nest listed below, enjoyed decision to simply throw something together :*



*For those who are going to So Cal for the AVG event on Triple Threat Saturday (11-07-15 features 3 IPMS Regions in the West holding an event on the same day), you will be in prime territory to enjoy the “Big Bore Bash” on Sunday!( flyer on the left )*

I have been hooked on this since fellow Free Hornet, Racer Mike Meek introduced this event to me on an AVG trip . It's a loud and fervent, passionate bit of fun in the High Desert.

*On the far right, a reminder that after SilverCon 2015 in the February 2016, we have an NNL West coming up quick*



**FINALLY BELOW, ACTUAL MODEL STUFF !**

*A shout out of THANKS LOADS, to Vladimir Yakubov, for:  
<http://svsm.org/gallery/tricity2015>*

- mick

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## **The Hornets Nest Night Friday October 09 @ Irvington Locale PLANNED TO BE**

### **Minimal Business, BUILDFEST, TC-11 CONTEST “Wrap Up”**

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Saturday, November 07 2015 – IPMS Antelope Valley Group “ The Nifty Fifties ” at Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, CA

Saturday, November 07 2015 – IPMS Dragon Lady “ The Forgotten Ones ” at VFW Post, Olivehurst CA



DON'T MISS OUT ! THE **FIRST WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER**, HERE'S WHAT'S COMING

## IPMS Dragon Lady 2015 Model Expo



### "The Forgotten Warriors"

November 7, 2015

Olivehurst, Ca.

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### IPMS DRAGON LADY 2015 MODEL EXPO CATAGORIE LIST

- A- KIDS MISCELLANEOUS
- B- JUNIOR MISCELLANEOUS
- C- AUTOMOTIVE MISCELLANEOUS
- D- AUTOMOTIVE COMPETITION
- E- AUTOMOTIVE REPLICA STOCK
- F- AUTOMOTIVE STREET AND HOT RODS
- G- MOTORCYCLES
- H- AUTOMOTIVE- 1/16 AND LARGER
- I- ROTARY WING
- J- CIVILIAN- AIR LINERS AND AIR RACERS
- K- PROP: 1/32 AND LARGER- SINGLE ENGINE
- L- PROP: 1/32 AND LARGER- MULTI ENGINE
- M- PROP: 1/48- SINGLE ENGINE
- N- PROP: 1/48- MULTI ENGINE
- O- PROP: 1/72- SINGLE ENGINE
- P- PROP: 1/72- MULTI ENGINE
- Q- 1/32 SCALE JET AIRCRAFT SINGLE AND MULTI ENG.
- R- 1/48 SCALE JET AIRCRAFT SINGLE AND MULTI ENG.
- S- 1/72 SCALE JET AIRCRAFT SINGLE AND MULTI ENG.
- T- MULTI ENGINE PROP- ALL SCALES
- U- MULTI ENGINE JET- ALL SCALES
- V- DIARAMA - ALL SUBJECTS
- W- FIGURES- HISTORICAL
- X- FIGURES- SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY
- Y- MILITARY CLOSED TOP
- Z- MILITARY OPEN TOP
- AA- MILITARY SOFT TOP
- BB- MILITARY ARTILLARY
- CC- MILITARY ARMORED HALF TRACK AND CAR

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### **Information:**

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### **Schedule of events:**

**8am-9:00am- vendor setup**

**9am-12:00pm- registration**

**Note: Entries must be submitted no later than 12:00pm**

**12:30pm-1:00pm first raffle**

**1:00pm-2:30pm judges meeting and judging**

**1:00pm-2:30 pm make and take table open**

**3:00pm-3:30pm second raffle**

**3:30pm to 4:00pm awards presentation and recognition**

**adults- 18 and older:** \$6.00 first entry, \$2.00 each additional entry-  
up to 5 additional entries. \$1.00 each for all  
remaining entries

**junior- 11~17:** \$2.00 each entry  
**kids- under 17:** free. All children's entries will receive  
recognition.

**Vendors:** Vendor tables are \$35.00 each, \$30.00 there  
after. Tables are on a first come-first serve  
basis, so please arrive early if you want a table.

**Raffle:** Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 or 30 for  
\$25.00

~~special raffle to be announce at the show~~



## Free Hornets in September Serenity (View from The Front )



***“In The Between (Events Aplenty)”***

***Even with an approaching model event literally on the horizon, President / Editor manages to take on a meeting to harangue the Free Hornets membership***

*Not everyone goes to all the shows of course, also aware that not many even realize just how “event full” last few years of September have become. An illustration to exemplify:*

*The First weekend (Labor Day Weekend) now has featured a “Make ‘n Take” at the second of two “Open Cockpit Days” at Castle Air Museum in Atwater. Fresno Scale Modelers is the crew who makes this possible and having been part of one done for the Memorial Day Weekend by them, I can say it’s a very enlightening experience plus a spectacular public reach.*

*The Second Weekend sees the Reno High Rollers put on their fabulous High Desert Classic. A bonus feature here for those who are wise enough to attend, at Stead Airfield grounds near the contest site, the start of NCAR “Race Week” and so you*

*can see for free, the “pits” of National Championship Air Races with plenty of great photo ops and cool “air show” as arrivals, practices occur.*

*Third Weekend: The Big One. Model Contest in Oregon, with McMinnville’s Evergreen Aviation Museum as site.*

*In Reno, 1/1 Air Racing completes Race Week. If you are a pilot or completely insane, potentially you could make it to both events that weekend. Timing is everything...*

*Fourth Weekend: Hey, some outfit known as the Fremont Hornets seems to be having a Model Contest on Sundays of this one. At least, again so this year. 2016? We’ll see.*

*Fifth Weekend (Okay, it’s October’s first, but fits for this) ORANGECON Model Contest and Show, to close out this busy string of weekends for model fun. Which gave Editor an excuse to title and fill this page as he did.*





Ready now to review in summary form, the relaxed and fun September 2015 Hornet's Nest. Although the "All Swept Up" contest called out for this, saw no contenders, thanks to Ray Lloyd we did have a wickedly sweet F-86 to get swept up by. Cliff K, Peter L, and Brian S provided the rest of fun

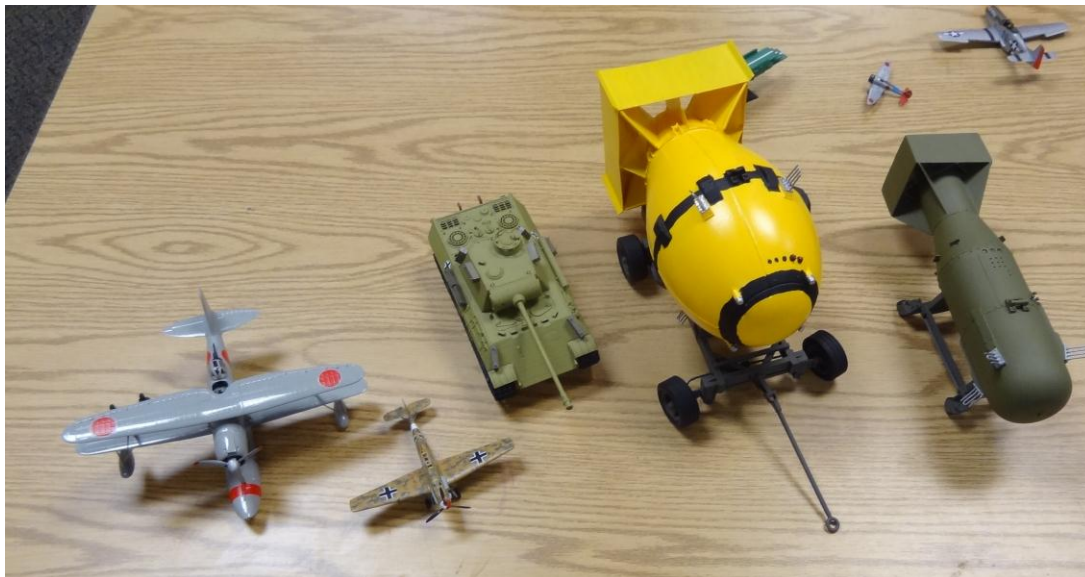


This is "Big Viv" of the famed "Geiger Tigers" unit, who flew these proudly shark mouthed "Dog Sabres" (F-86D). Ray created this metal masterpiece using the Monogram/Revell 1/48 kit. I didn't record the aftermarket decals. ☹



Staying in 1/48 scale of course, we switch to “Tamiya Pete” Long with his Aussie Beaufighter. Peter worked out a lovely mix of, of course, Tamiya Acrylics to make the brown/green top side camo.

Burton had no other details written down for this superb work, however it is pretty clear from the photos to him at least, that this Bristol is the bomb.



Cliff Kranz ran the Display table so to speak, with wide range in his subjects and scales for September.

Almost looks as if his “Big Brothers in Atoms” spooked those models behind them, the way my shot here came out. We’ll be visiting those appreciated items of Brian Sakai’s, right after we work through Cliff’s Model Menagerie.

To outline before we begin, this is Mr Kranz’s Neighborhood:

1/12 scale “Little Boy” uranium A-Bomb

1/12 scale “Fat Man” plutonium A-Bomb

1/35 scale “Anglo-Teutonic” Panther

1/72 scale “Desert Troop” Bf-109E

1/50 scale “Pete” IJNAF Floatplane



Cliff's "Desert Tropical Emil" in 1/72, I believe is from the Airfix kitting and thusly made "out of the box".



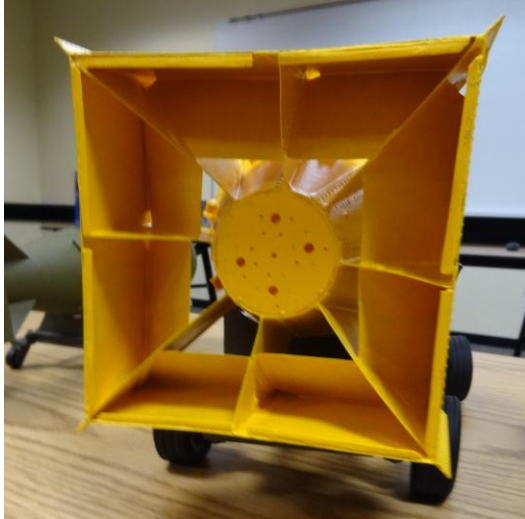
Undaunted as ever, Cliff produced the "War Prize Panther" which he fashioned using his own scratchbuilt items to simulate "weights" the Royal Army placed on the 1/1 prototype during their testing. No, I didn't capture the full extent of Cliff's Model Talk here, sorry.

On the left, another, closer look at Fat Man and Little Boy models.

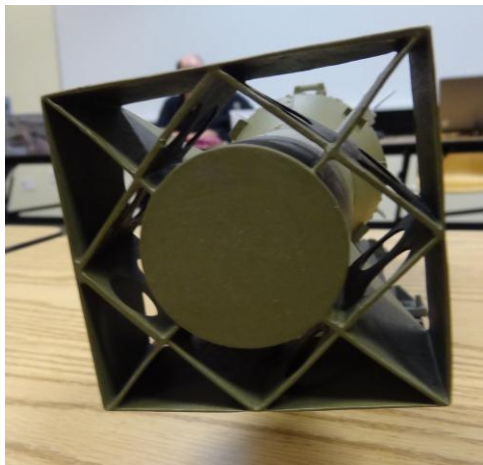




This “MasterKit” resin cast replica of the first Mk 1 US Plutonium Atomic Weapon, AirDropped, was Cliff’s “sought after beast”. He made it as the companion of course, to his “Little Boy” US Uranium Atomic Weapon , AirDropped, from same manufacturer. Both in 1/12 scale, and both far from a lark to purchase or assemble. The website to order them, advises you there is a 2 plus week wait from order to ship, due to casting processing.



Mr Kranz said his experience working the 30 plus pieces of tail box, decided for him, this one and no more. He also noted the basic fragility of the thin wall Bomb casing casting, glad to have this whole unit cradled (even if supplied one is not accurate, he found out later)



This of course is Cliff’s first A Bomb done in 1/12 scale, from Master Kit.

“Little Boy”, perhaps one of the most famous weapons in recent history, employed just once. By B-29, Tinian to Hiroshima, 1945

Cleanly built as was prototype, and I think Cliff said the cradle is accurate and in scale here.





Not leaving the Imperial Japanese out of his “70<sup>th</sup> anniversary memories, Cliff’s “Pete” was well built and he did threaten to return with this again if he manages to install the “crew” which he had on display, unfinished, laying nearby.



Now, as noted at the article opening, this group of Brian Sakai works in progress all seemed to be in the Shadow of the Bomb

Here now, a better Look close up. The “Sweet” Claude is in background. Foliage Green Spacecraft ...





I will confess that as much as I enjoyed viewing it, my utter lack of notes and memory now leaves us bereft of details, Ident, etcetera for this work !



One still might note however, seems are telltale signs of the SF movie/tv production present on this rendering. What triggers this, looking on both sides of this tri - decked contraption, doesn't that appear to be a lot like a 3 gun turret off of a battleship, near the paired bumps, say a 1/700 scale one?



So although I missed specifically what this spaceship is, found evidence on it that it relates this back to one of Brian's fine other modelling genres.

Brian's "Claude" in the wee 1/144 scale, has his latest experiment that is

to me at least, a seeming success, namely a "weathered metal " finish on this bird, achieved by use of a "painting pen". I think Brian should do us a short article on this technique, don't you agree?



Brian was exploring Natural Metal and Red Finishes in another arena of WW2, this time in 1/72 scale. His Airfix (of course!) P-51D is Coming out nicely, and will be "Old Crow"



Mayhaps too late for the 2014 Mustangs Gruppe Build, never too late to have another Free Hornet in position to place with an award winner model.

Keep at this to finish soon, Sir Brian !



Seated near Brian, Free Hornet Steven Ng, with another of his excellent tomes found. This time out, I didn't spare the time to deeply examine, still...



“They Drew As They Pleased: The Hidden Art of Disney’s Golden Age” definitely had a resonant rebelliousness to it, so very Free Hornet in tone.



All in all, the September Free Hornets Nest for 2015 proved to be a relaxed if still at times raucous affair. The President got model talk out of the crew, left it at that for “pressure to perform” as he too needed to relax with an “up & back” road trip to Reno (which was foiled midway last year) literally only hours away

Reno Road Warrior Captain Jim Priete at the helm here, sold plenty of raffle tickets and reminded Prez Burton to be swift with the night’s wrap up.





With the handiwork of Louis Orselli (Free Hornets) and Al Geraci (Hobbies Unlimited) fully in play, we had ourselves a pleasing line up of night's raffle prizes to be vying for.

THE BIG PRIZE of course, that was the lust producing scale model animal of the evening, was this brand new molding and release by Revell of the Douglas C-54D Skymaster in 1/72.

While of course the World War Two version of the Douglas DC-4 is still to come out, this was a real keeper as there's plenty of schemes for civil and military post WW2 to be enjoyed, with the out of the box USAF Dayglo scheme being an excellent example.

Miguel Barquero has managed to find time from his overwrought schedule to show up and he is the one who took home the "Grand Prize" as you see.

Keep smiling Michael, flashing that sign won't change the fact it's a long distance from meet room to your car \*Editor evilly grins\*. The Academy 1/48 Cessna A-37B Dragonfly went next, and the Focke Wulf Ta-152C in 1/48 from Hobby Boss, saw fit to be won by the Editor. Well, he figured, it was German...and TriCity 11 two weeks.

It's all good. We began to wrap up for the night to head our respective pathways. Thanks YO!



*But wait, there's more !*





## OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF SEPTEMBER !

*Congratulations to  
Model of the Month winner,  
Peter Long*



- Mickb-fini

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*”



# Free Hornet Editor Quick Reviews "The Good German" Contest Fun

"Time Enough Tomorrow to Go In Deep , Right Now Demands Director Show Some Clue and Get Some Sleep "

Text & Photos by: Mick Burton



*The basic raw stats for TriCity Eleven 9-27-2015 The Good German:*

*68 entrant modelers had 269 entries !*

*We had 20 total Special Awards and NONE went un-spoken for ~nice result in itself*

As ever, so much goes into carrying off an event such as the Fremont Hornets Tri City Classic with every year offering different challenges and rewards. One common thread and the real reason they come off as a success, though: *THE AWESOME PEOPLE DOING IT*





Kent McClure , Hero At Large. Brian Sakai, ditto. Be sure to thank Kent several times over the next year, as he is the real reason TC-8, 9, 10 and 11



ever left the launch pad. As the Contest Director for them, I've direct knowledge of how & why

Brian and Kent put up with me and carry off registration with a marvelous professional manner.

Just ask Patrick and Kelly here.

Vendor Chairman Louis Orselli is not only the reason we have a vendor turnout, he's one of them

My picture on left doesn't have Louis visible, he's neighbor to good man Postoria A, in the hat.

Louis made sure that appreciated return customers like Randy Rothaar & Modesto Hobbies Crew, Ed Souza (Warbird Decals, from SoCal !) and many others, all were present and well accounted.



Modesto Hobbies, Berkeley Ace Hardware, Hobbies UnLimited, Free Hornets Tim White, Brian Sakai, Randy Ray and the Raffle Chairman himself, Mike Woolson, we had another series of finely productive, entertaining raffles during the event. Thanks to Jim Priete and Frank Beltran, Mike wasn't ready to kill me, being expected to spend the whole day in all aspects of the Raffle without any breaks. Along with myriad other important duties !

I was thankful for the precision arrival and set up of the Society of Scale Model Warship Collectors, with their excellent model display here. " The Italian Surrender Fleet, 1943 " on table here was one of two fleet displays I had seen of theirs at the "Spirit of '45" event in August.



With a table sponsored by Mirandco, (me), we had them for our day, shares of passion for scale modelling and for history generously ongoing, boo ya !

Thanks to Lily Liu and her crew, the Junior/Youth categories were full up. Thanks also to her for being part of The Make 'n Take so ably carried off





by Tom Orsua, thanks to the generous donations of material by himself, Dave & Christine Anderson (who had to be away that day, in Lodi) . Another Dave & Kristine were also part of that appreciated crew and present, namely the Balderrama family. A very big thanks owed to returning Head Judge Mike Meek, who made sure the hard working skeletal crew of volunteers he corralled that day got everything done on time, leaving the Data Captain (aka the Contest Director) thankful for having just enough time thanks to everyone else keeping things running, to just finish the results to deliver up.



Director is thankful as well to all those who came with such a nice variety of models on the various themes and signed up for the full range of our Special Awards.



Thanks to those two already overtasked Crew, who made the remaining “wishes” to complete 1/2/3, as you see stacked here

Also thanks Gabriel Lee, for your patient folding all of those table placards at the last minute for me !







Appreciation to those who entered categories for Air Racers (three placers, yes!) and Paper Mod Categories, you're keeping the faith for the Contest Director here .

Again THANKS TO ALL who made sure we had this event happen again, and we will revisit in more detail in next issue,.when I have had a bit more time, lots more sleep. Meantime, look over



these stats for fun and profit, a very simple comparing all of our TriCity shows so far.

So here you go, a brief summary of our **now ELEVEN** Tri City Classics, with some compiled numbers and theme notes for your amusement or amazement:

Year	Name	Locale	Entrants	Models	Theme (where recorded)	Notes
2004	TriCity One	Newark	73	290	"Best of Three"	TriCity Award for Superbee w/3 carbs!
2005	TriCity Two	Newark	73	237	"Three of A Kind"	TriCity Award for 3 entry/Same entrant
2006	TriCity Three	Newark	45	169	"Never A Shot In Anger"	Included "Woulda/Coulda/Shoulda"
2007	TriCity Four	Newark	45	170	"The Italian Job"	Italian/Italy Theme
2008	TriCity Five	Newark	49	188	"The French Connection"	French/France Theme
2009	TriCity Six	Newark	57	218	"From Russia With Love"	Russian/Soviet Theme
2011	TriCity Seven	Milpitas	74	300	"Black Rain"	Japanese Theme
2012	TriCity Eight	Milpitas	55	211	"Midway" & "Missiles of October"	USA Theme
2013	TriCity Nine	Milpitas	58	197	"Soldier of Orange"	Dutch/Netherlands Theme
2014	TriCity Ten	Milpitas	76	285	"Out of Africa"	Africa/African Theme
2015	TriCity Eleven	Milpitas	68	271	"The Good German"	Germany/German Theme

This year's event sees no records fall, however a notable "flooring" seems reliably to have set. Woody Yeung's first time as a Contest Director with "Black Rain", (TC-7) saw him set us a new record for Entrants/Models count. His Models count still holds First at 300. Schynert's TC-1 holds Second with 290, Burton's TC-X holds Third with 285, and TC-11 of Burton's, holds Fourth with 269. Burton's TC-X with 76 entrants now First, edging TC-7 record of 74 Entrants into Second place with Third for TC-1/2 & 73. TC-11 takes Fourth with 68. Bottom line really, we're holding our own pretty well since moving into Milpitas from the Newark Comm Center after our first Seven TriCities. While 8 less entrants and 16 less models overall compared to immediately prior TC-X, the fact is that TC-11 had 10 or more entrants than TC-8, TC-9. *PLUS sharply significant higher number of models entered* than in SIX of SEVEN prior TriCities. The particular "nerdmetrics" don't really reveal much, yet are numbers most easily digested by the "at large" community. Significant potential trend though in higher average numbers of last 6.

When all said, WE Free Hornets should be again proud of hosting "The Best Little Show in the East Bay" – *mickb fini*