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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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November 30 2015



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

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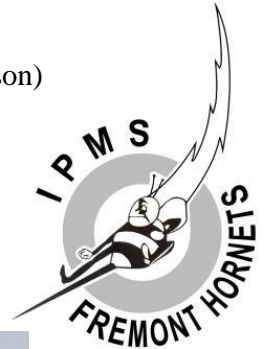


# THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of November 30 2015 morning)

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

**YES!** Now #37 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!

*“ Okay, Crazy Editor is Being Thankful For “Road Trips” Brought On by Modelling... “*



*How else would he have run across this mystery Canuck FireBomber A-26 plus an even more mysterious Aermacchi MB326, both discovered returning on Hwy 99 from AVG ? Thanks to Ken Miller's Road Trip up same Highway in 2014, also now know to get lunch at a “T-29 Diner” he found.  
If You Never Go, You'll Never Know ! - mick*

**The Hornets Nest Night Friday December 11 @ Irvington Locale**

***PLANNED TO BE***

**Minimal Business, Holiday Party Antics**

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Saturday, February 20 2016 – IPMS SilverWings host Wintercon 2015, Town & Country Lutheran Church, 4049 Marconi Ave, Sacramento

Saturday, March 12 2016 – NNL West “NNL West 2016 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trans Am + Rat Rods” SCCC Hall A, Santa Clara, CA

Saturday, April 2 2016 – IPMS-Silicon Valley Scale Modelers host SV Classic # 3 “Clock's A Ticking” Napredak Hall, San Jose CA

Saturday, September 10 2016 – IPMS Reno High Rollers host RHR Classic #17 Desert Heights Elementary School, Reno, NV



# THE FREE HORNETS **PRESIDENT PROLONGS HORNET “ HUN SENSE ” WITH GB 2015 !**

*The Gruppe Build for 2015 is “ Any BF (109) as long as it’s by AF (Airfix) ”*



## VERY SIMPLE RULES TO FOLLOW !

1. ANY Edition of an AIRFIX Messerschmitt 109 may be used to start with. Some examples of old & new shown here
2. You do NOT NEED TO FINISH IT OUT OF THE BOX, YOU JUST NEED TO FINISH IT (**SEE NEW RULE 6**)
3. Exercise as much or as little “creative, artistic, or of course, SARCASTIC” license in your entry(s) as you feel like
4. You must be a Free Hornet to play (participate)
5. No one is compelled to participate, it’s merely another chance for FREE HORNETS to LET OUR FREE FLAG FLY
6. **WE’VE TWO MORE USEFUL SHOTS YET – Let’s try to have GB 2015 Entry for April 2 2016 SVC # 3 & May 28 2016 for the SONOMA COUNTY/Mt DIABLO Hobby Expo. We’ve done this before, let’s score again ☺**

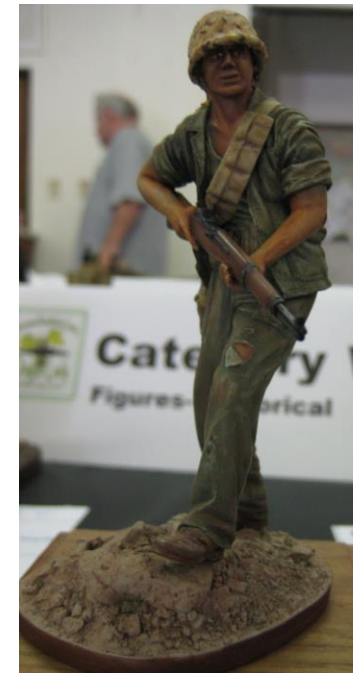


# Free Hornet Brian Sakai Provides Good Show of Dragon Lady Expo

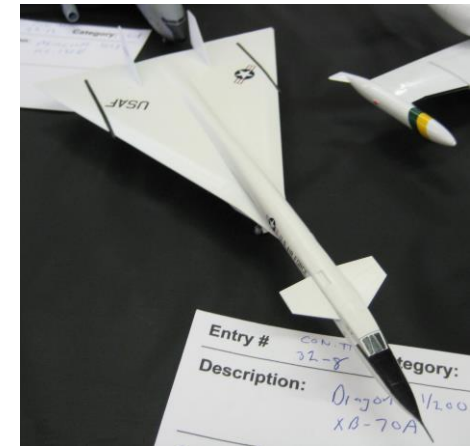
Text : Mick Burton

Photos by: Brian Sakai

*Nearly all the Western Region of IPMS had a show going on "Triple Threat Saturday", 11/07/15. In our Region, Nine, the flag was flown proud with IPMS-Dragon Lady (Yuba City) hosting "The Forgotten Warriors" themed Contest & Show, in Oakhurst. Brian took plenty of pictures, thx!*

















# Free HORNET PETER LONG'S LOOK at Yuba City 2015 : A BONUS GALLERY







## Free Hornets in November Nest News (View from The Front )

*“ Friday The 13<sup>th</sup> Not Unlucky ”*

*Enjoying scale modelling and company of each other, Free Hornets membership withstood President's model this month of giving them all the business. Boo Yah !*



*November Nest was a week ( just shy, really) after first weekend in the Fall everyone had recall of ; where there were **THREE SHOWS** going on in the West !*

*With our energetic as ever crew, Model Talk display, Buildfest and of course a super 3 kit Raffle feature of night.*





Louis Orselli came through with a great tripooley of prizes for ticket sales, including Third Try for The Sky (master) aka Revell's new C-54D in 1/72.



Thanks to Al Gerace of Hobbies Unlimited for making this all happen. After prolonged open period, President Mick called to order.

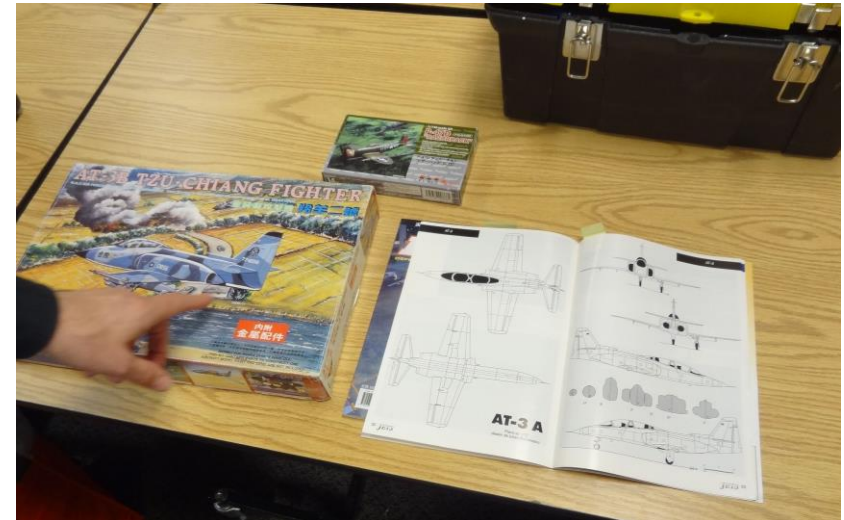
A summary review of the Yuba City, Arizona and AVG events came to pass. There was not an ability to get direct news of Telford's SMW 2015 UK Nationals, as it turned out our Hornet correspondent Mr Roy Sutherland wasn't up

and about, apparently he suffered mighty abuse in return flight seating courtesy of Air France. We wished him a speedy recovery, so maybe December? After giving news of the TriCity 12 "Battle of Britain" theme and event launch for Fall 2016, Model Talk was put underway. Louis Orselli lead off, work shown upper left

Louis has an early Ju-87 Stuka underway, from the 1/72 MPM kitting, hence the nut brown styrene you see. Next door, Frank Babbitt had a AT-3B Taiwanese Tzu Chiang

Fighter, which he obtained by overseas shop!

This 1/48<sup>th</sup> kit has this 3 blue scheme out of the box, along with an option for earlier type



Husband and wife modeler team Patrick & Kelly Hsieh show their latest big set of projects on the left. Patrick shockingly, is working on 1/72 World War Two German aircraft mostly. Who could imagine our friend working so hard on a Fw-190A-5 "Special" or Fw-190D-9 "Papagei Staffel"? Fortunately, we found Kelly working on a sane project, a 1/35 Mercedes 770K Touring Car...





Mark Schynert had a Special Hobby postwar Messerschmitt, the Hispano HA-1112 Buchon as a WIP, and a nearly finished metal finish/flat red “Mule”, the Czech built S,199 postwar Messerschmitt. Nice looking with blown hood, even if ”Mule” nickname was a softer rendition of the actual translation for how the real pilots considered the performance of the real airplane, especially handling.

Brian Sakai has an excellent start towards the NEW 2016 Free Hornets Gruppe Build project, a Lockheed L1049 Constellation *AIRLINER*, in 1/144<sup>th</sup>. This lovely triple tail will be a welcome “leader” for our next year collection entry, and Brian has his Airfix Mustang contribution nearly ready to go.



Cliff “Tracker” Kranz was diligently at production of more metal tracks to apply to another of his 1/35 fleet.



Kent McClure has two projects underway for the same GB 2016 purpose, an Airfix 727 and a Boeing Vertol 107 Airline Helo, quite exciting. Kent also had a pair of amusing Figures on his work table here, a “Surfer Dude” and a Sumo Wrestler. Sorry, my camera didn’t fare so well trying to capture these rowdy scale characters.





Gabriel Lee had four pieces on Model Talk table in nice lineup.

The F4U-5NL Corsair of Captain Fernando Soto of the Fuerza Aerea Honduras, credited with three kills in the 1969 “100 Hours War” (aka “Soccer War” ).

This is recorded as the last piston engine air combat kills in history, and it was a F-51 Mustang, no less !

Gabriel’s 3 WIP Spacecraft were all from Battlestar Galactica series, all in 1/72. The white one is a Mark 1 Viper, the others I didn’t get recorded.



Chris Bucholtz has nearly finished “Mimmi”, a late model Fokker D.VIIF, of course in 1/72, using the Roden offering.







Cliff Kranz provided another example of how ancient kit by today's measure (Monogram's SBD is copyright 1959 ! ) will still reward builder with a nice result, given some care.

The 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Dornier Do-24 Wal seaplane of Cliff's has documentation for the odd oversize wing crosses, scheme that Cliff was after specifically for this feature. Italeri molding,

Mike Woolson has a Tamiya 1/24 scale Impreza underway, but that didn't stop him from supporting the club in big way with raffle ticket purchases that saw him taking the THIRD



Revell C-54D Skymaster home on first ticket draw for November Nest. Congratulations, Mike !

The new Airfix Dornier Do 17 in 1/72 went to the next ticket drawn (whom I did not record and have forgot by time of this writing).

The last ticket was held by this writer and I happily took home this new to me 1/48 scale Academy molding Cessna A-37B Dragonfly. Appreciate what it represents in a manner not so many may realise. I have an Aurora Models T-37A Cessna like one I built back in the 1970s, in my stash, along with the still lovely Monogram A-37B of the 1980s which finally put the Aurora rehash into "A-37" of their old T-37, into proper "collector only" stature. This underappreciated aircraft getting an improved tool mold, just shows we're in the best of scale modelling periods ever, TODAY.

So, there we are, a wrap up of November's Nest.

*But wait, there's more !*







## OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF NOVEMBER !

*Congratulations to  
Model of the Month  
winner,*

*Gabriel Lee*



*- 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 “Red” Williams Shares His Time at ModelZona 2015 in Mesa, Arizona*

Text : Mick Burton

Photos by: Rodney J Williams

*Now as earlier related, Western Regions of IPMS had 3 shows going on “Triple Threat Saturday”, 11/07/15. In Region Ten, the Phoenix-Mesa’s IPMS-Phoenix/Craig Hewitt hosted “Modelzona” as they have for several years. 2015 saw them get a reward of biggest show yet, 500+ entries !*



As relayed to me by Rodney, this event held in a large hangar of the C.A.F. Museum with a pleasing array of indoor and outdoor exhibit items. Also, because the Commemorative Air Force is “flying museum operation”, Warbirds are by design, pretty much providing air shows every day with this event date no exception.

Rodney has been a participant in this contest now for 5 different years, often taking home a number of awards. This year he had a variety on tables again, including a nice “Rutan B-17”

There was plenty of competition, as he shows.





The Table Category signs look awfully “IPMS USA Nats-like”

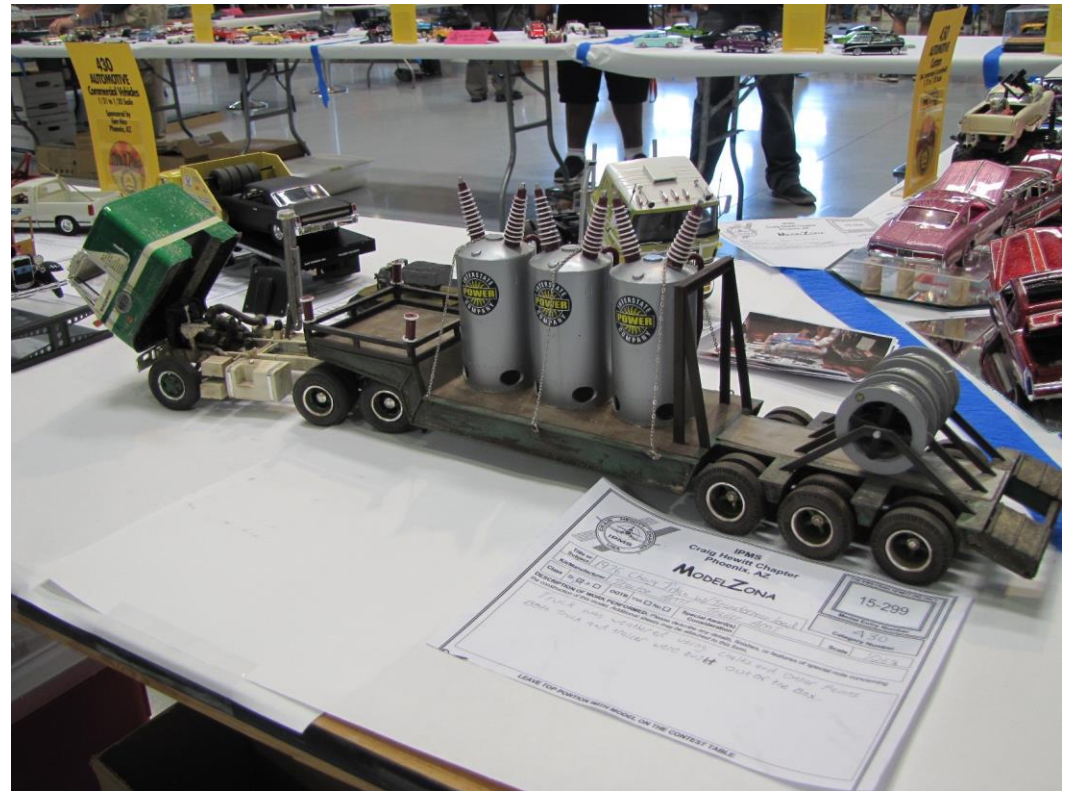


Which isn't exactly a surprise, as the chapter has been the lead group for more than a couple of USA Nats ... and so extremely appreciated by many!



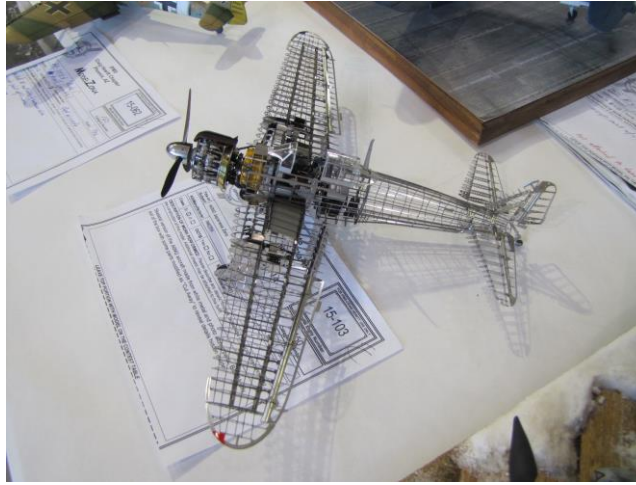


Lovely work here, a Beech Starship and the “Transformer” Semi





The Skyraider here is a Zoukei-Maru SWS display item in Vendor area. The “skinned” Zero, another competition piece, like Submarines below.



Another rarely seen finished item, the Hughes XF-11. This one in 1/72 is not the vacuform, but resin Anigrand kitting.



There was clearly a competitive array in Dioramas, as seen by the signage. Class was pre-split into multiple subsets and I for one, would bet that helped their superb turnout here.





Rodney made clear in his report and photos, how much there was to see at the host locale, beyond the models.



Many thanks, Red, for sharing your good times and to the hosting Chapter for putting this show on. Only hard on those of us who will travel to "far away gigs", when they fall all on the same day ! – *mick fini*







# FLY WITH WE

*As the Free Hornets Set Up a West Coast Hub for Gruppe Build 2016*

## “ AIRLINERS “

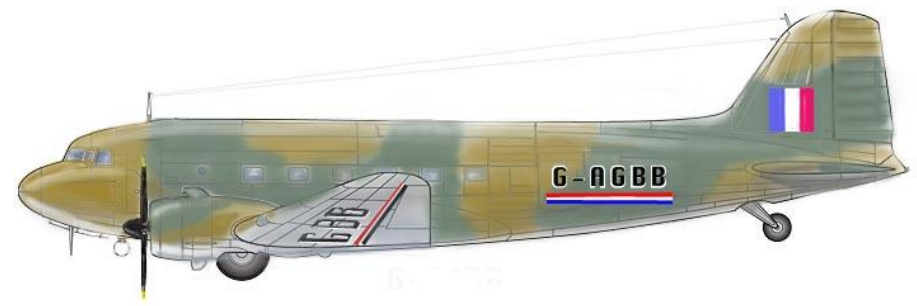


Our Grand Opening :  
At the Hornets  
TriCity 12, 9-25-2016



*Don't let these images limit your excitement, they're merely "color" for launching.*

**Very easy rules to follow:** ANY Airliner aircraft, ANY Period, ANY Scale. Merely one has to be finished in time for entry on 9-25-16. So get those Curtiss Condors, HP.42s, He.70s, L-1011s, G.43s, Viscounts, TriMotors, Saro Princesses, "Clippers" et al...on



**NO HASSLES,** you don't even have to be a Free Hornet to get on board here, we'll book you on our manifest at designated embarkation.



# FREE HORNET THREE TRAVEL TO LANCASTER FOR “THE NIFTY FIFTIES”

Text : Mick Burton

Photos by: Mick Burton

Models by: Plenty of Others But Not Mick Burton

*Region 8's IPMS-AVG hosted their 19<sup>th</sup> Desert Classic on their traditional First Saturday of November. Yes, “Triple Threat Saturday”, 11/07/15. In keeping with their own tradition, three Free Hornet Road Warriors showed up, slightly out of sequence, to again enjoy this show. Here's look:*

( if space permits, a little later I will explain how



our following of this fast race car on left, made for late arrival of us three to AVG)

As stated, with us too late to enter, a practical J Priete heads for vendors

While Mike Meek takes in the table sights, such as the “X-plane “ entry



in 1/72 scale Jet/Rocket category, this Monogram 1/72 scale X-15A-2, with included pilot.

Amazing to this veteran of the AVG Desert Classics, arrived at begin of Judging to discover that this was the only occupant of the aforesaid category !

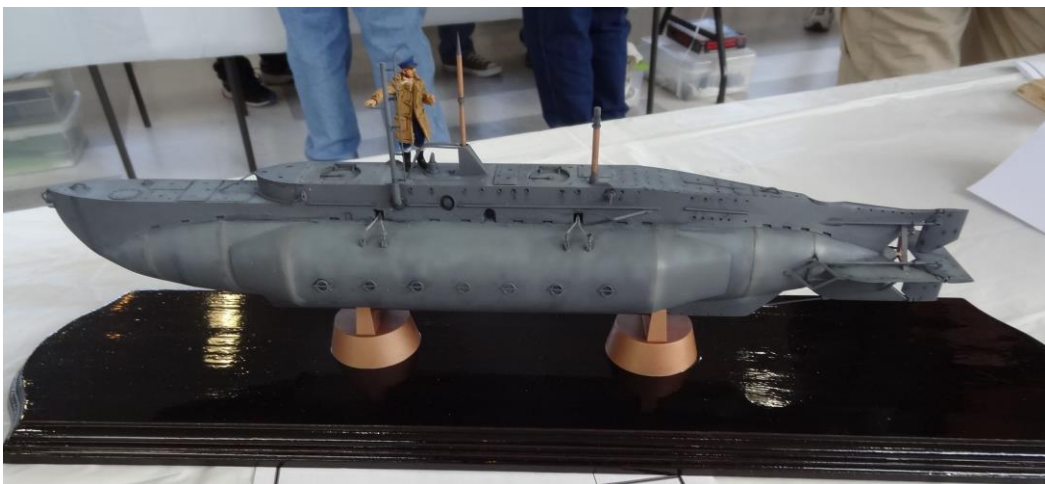
While the unique signature of “X-Plane” Award is normally a spare number of competitors, a near bare cupboard in 1/72 Jet is extremely rare. I messed up.

Though X-15 turned out as the solo competitor , it wasn't sole “X-craft” present at show. ☺

In the pleasingly full classes of Ships, WW 2 British “X-Craft” in large scale was proudly asail.







This Merit kit in 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale is representative of one of the 6 purpose built X-5 class “special ops” midget submarines which were used in 1943 against German warships in Norway docking. The *Tirpitz* fell victim to two of them, and was out of service until April 1944. Pretty impressive effort, overall.



Another early eye catcher for this photographer was this B-25 Mitchell, which saw a lot of audience stop and look. The 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Prop category was nearly as scarce as the Jets, which again shocked this Editor. This NMF North American twin definitely carried the day for its class however, a clear winner in finish alone.



The subtle “corrosion/staining” applied to this bird was as impressive as was the overall natural metal application, my pictures don’t really do it full justice. Pretty sure this late version WW2 ETO or MTO glass gun nose took home a First here, but I didn’t pay enough attention during the awards period to confirm that.





This was the OTHER 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Prop, deserving a picture at least, made from Airfix F4F-4 with aftermarket “Operation Torch” decals. One thing about Antelope Valley Group for sure: even when there are categories that are underrepresented, the quality of those that show to compete is always consistently high and higher again this year. Tough to beat !

Another consistency, another banner year for the Automotive classes at Desert Classic,



with this on the right just giving a small idea of variety in what shows.

This Tamiya 1/24<sup>th</sup> Mercedes 300 Gull Wing, is totally Out of Box ...



Not often you see so many Rescue and Offroad/Offbeat types, with no “thematic” push.



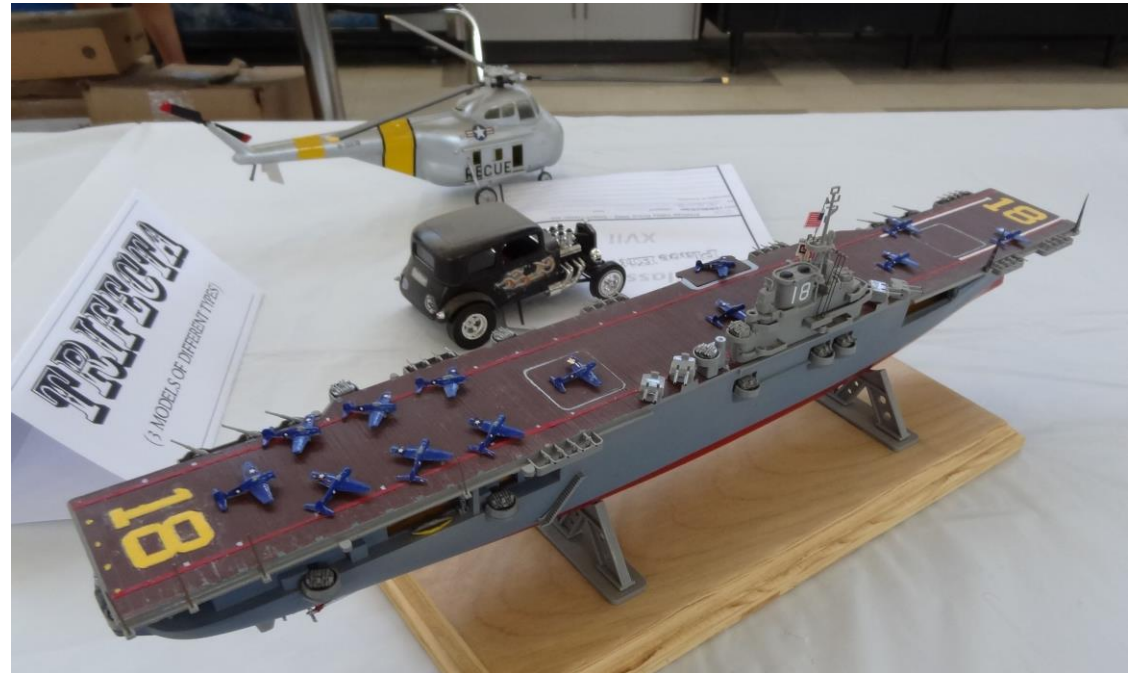
There was a full category for Rotorcraft, and again this year a Mil product captured the eye of this Editor, demanding to be included in the photoessay





The 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale Aircraft and other larger scales Air, on the other hand, were pretty heavy competitions again this year. This on the left, ended up split into THREE categories so that all the worthy contestants got a deserving shot at an award, instead of being edged out by a nit after a grueling process to squeeze the group down to three places...

Antelope Valley Group has some other excellent “signature” features that they have kept, one being “Trifecta” category. 3 entries in one by same builder, must be different in types.



The skills and sheer stamina of a competing modeler will be surely tested here, if anywhere, as you see. This tripokey of USN Aircraft Carrier (Ship), Hot Rod (Auto) and old H-19 (Aircraft) a damn good example of someone who isn't shy in taking on all comers, if you ask me.

Probably see this entrant next time in the “Master's Award” competition, which AVG launched last year as new signature. The F-16 would also be eligible for another long time Special Award of this Desert Classic, namely “The Best Viper”, given to finest F-16 Fighting Falcon of the day, except for two small details: This year, it wasn't on offer. That happens from time to time. Also:

The Master's Award is the one category where any and all prior First/Second/Third place win Entry (including of course, past AVG events) can return to compete, against USA/UK National Winners or Region 8 Regional Winners, or just anyone who feels their entry here can “run with the Big Dogs” even if this is the first time they have ever put it on the table! Those who have an entry here, aren't eligible for other awards. Glad someone has guts to try to make this idea work







The Antelope Valley Group offers the opportunity for sponsorships for all their Awards, and several “long time signature features” of theirs are kept in play due to that. The Fremont Hornets have been sponsors in the past for some of these, it was unfortunate for this Editor/Pres/Contest Director of 2015 Hornets that he was unable to make that so for this year’s Classic. Incentive to rectify/redouble for #20

This year, the array as you can see above left, offered some pretty wide ranging in Specials. The **Best Auto Paint & Finish**, not one I’d have enjoyed having to final pick, so much to choose from ! **Theme Award**, to be eligible for “Nifty Fifties” as entry, your subject needed to be proven to have at least begun production between 01/01/50 to 12/31/59. So not as easy to qualify as say, merely been “extant then”

**Best Russian Armor, Best British Aircraft** , pretty self explanatory. good range.

For **Best X-Plane Award**, you need to understand it’s only X-1 to X-56 were on the eligible list for this year. Free Hornet Jim Priete has won this FOUR times, we will see whether a future year sees him get “Ace” status with a fifth award. Muroc Models CEO (and alumnus Free Hornet!) David Newman is sponsor of this trophy

New for this year, **First Timer Award**, intended to go to best of the “first ever for being an AVG entrant”. **President’s Award**, where the AVG President du jour selects their estimate of the Best Model of Show. **TriFecta, Masters** awards already covered. So the **Best of Show, as chosen by the Judges, is self explanatory.**



This English Electric Lightning F.6 in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale, is Airfix's exemplary, if somewhat finicky, excellent kitting, built straight out of the box. Considerable effort, a worthy contender for the Best British Aircraft trophy being offered. Contestant noted "decals were slightly out of register", which I didn't notice, until I read it.



While on topic of Out of the Box, here's look over



at most of the entrants in 2015 edition of the class !



There are possibly some of the winning entrants in the three detail closeups I have chosen for showing here, couldn't say for sure. These simply happen to be three chosen by me from my photo set, that were pleasing, very well done examples of the competition in this category.

That Chevy Bel Air definitely in my eye's estimate was in the running for a "Nifty Fifties" and/or Best Auto Paint/Finish, and lovely example of an "Out of the The Box" entrant going the full measure to display entry.

The Yamaha 500 racing machine also well in the casting to me, for the Auto Paint/Finish, Motorcycles are a challenging build and finish subject, in any scale.

The El Camino is just a cool looking machine and especially when in the "finned" period of the marque.



Some more looks at just some of the many Automotive competitors, AVG definitely is a hard place to win and will sharpen up your game by far, even trying out!



Another look is warranted, at the “work truck”, really, really good detail and finish work , it also provides another angle on the “Surfer ‘Dubya Van”, itself every inch a well done classic







1/48<sup>th</sup> Jet had other lovelies which a smitten Hornet Editor simply has to include for illustration.



The Ohka was simple and superb, the “Metal Panther” here all fine

The Czech's Aero L-29 Delfin has been a favorite of mine, finding out at AVG there's a grand new quarter scale kit out for her. There in tri-camouflage and open 2 cockpit glory, teases me mercilessly,

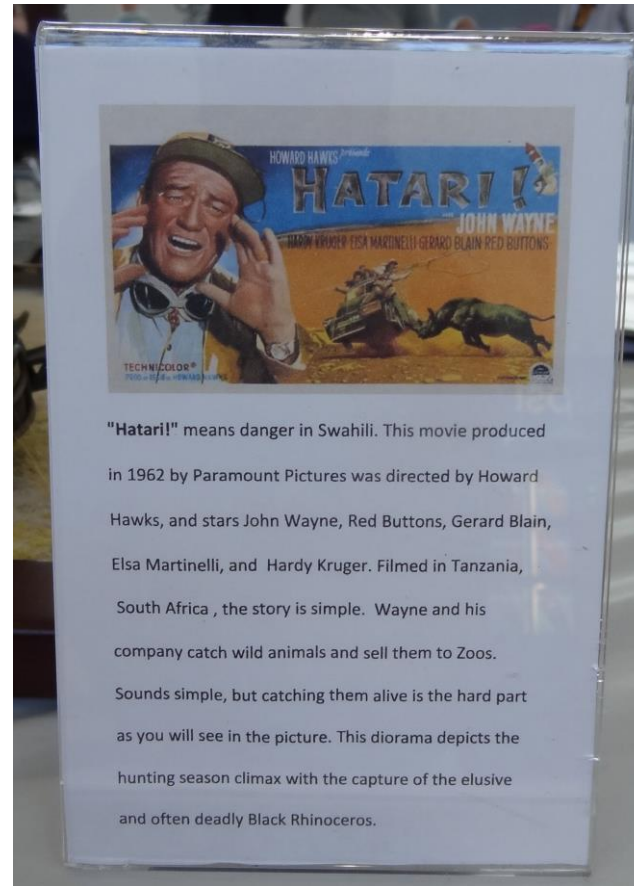


I was pleased to see that there was more and quality entries here at AVG for the small scale Armor, since locally for me we're simply not seeing them. Not a trend in the West, just a local anomaly .

One the right, a diorama that simply fascinated the photographer, and you may find it intriguing too. Here is “*Hatari*”, in summary:



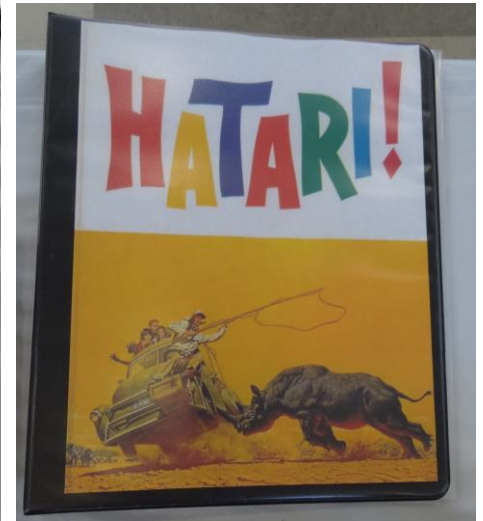




This entrant really did a marvelous setup here. This wasn't any run of mill piece, and well executed for a fairly obscure (today) movie ref.

The detail work for making these vehicles alone, quite a sweet feat.

The execution as a whole, really a fine demonstration of Dioramics !







The real movie actually had real live captures as part of the making of the film, which certainly would lend “credibility” to production.

Giraffe, rhino are rendered pretty lifelike and seem “alive” in pose.



The positioning of all the human characters is pretty dynamic, another difficult aspect that creator of the piece seemed to make look easy.







While perhaps not any where near as interesting for some or many of you, the rarity of this kind of diorama alone, plus the genuinely understated brilliant execution of the whole piece which had to be a “labor of love” I had to put this set of pages to record it, for those who will enjoy it and wouldn’t have otherwise seen this. Another spectacular reason for the purposeful effort to get to “out of comfort area” events. Alright, before wrapping up (ran out of room to pack this Buzz for PDF publication, so time to finalize), have minute amount left to complete one last AVG related news item filler -



**OK, so SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 2015 WE WERE AT THE TRACK BEFORE DESERT CLASSIC 19**

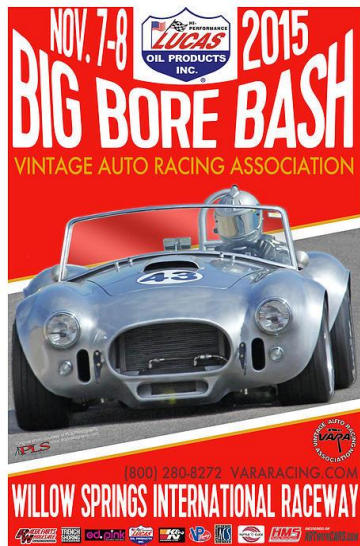
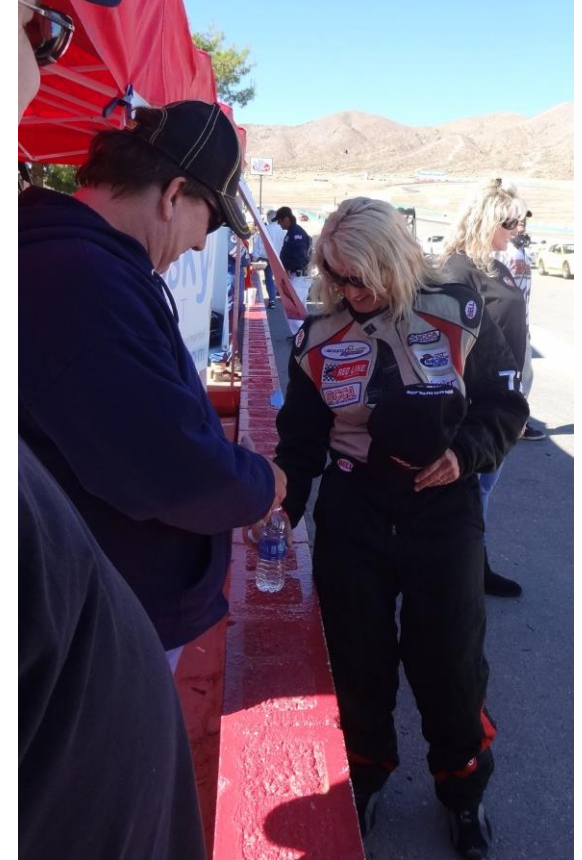


*As I opened the Review of AVG DC-19 I said, if space permits, I'd explain about our following this "very fast race car" making for our late arrival ... welllll*



### **SPACE & TIME JUST PERMIT IT**

We three happen to be race fans of one **Michelle Nagai**, who was racing on the Saturday portion of her racing class in **2015 Big Bore Bash** at **WISR**. We got there first, in time to see final prep, start and after a mighty hard 20 lap circuit, a great third place finish for Michelle !



*- mick fini*





**IT's OFFICIAL NOW ! BRITANNIA & HORNETS RULE**



# TRI-CITY CLASSIC 12

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition



**Sunday, September 25 2016**

Milpitas Community Center 457 E Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas, California 9am - 5pm

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



This Year's Theme "***The Battle of Britain***"  
(anything British or directly related)



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

**“ On Her Majesty's Service ” Award** for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

**“ London Calling ”** (three awards for: Best SAS/SBS, Best B of B Air (RAF/Axis) , Best Dreadnought (not limited to RN))

**“ Dr Who & The TSR 2 “ Award** for Best Post 1945 British subject

Plus these: **“ Mightiest Merlin ”** , **“ At Dawn's Early Light ”** , **“ Best Twin Engine Lightning “** , **“ Best 1916 “**

*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/ TEN model entries or less (\$1 each additional entry) All modelers 17/under, FREE/unlimited entries

For Vendor Information, contact **Lou Orselli** by phone at **(510) 481-7335** VALID CA SALES TAX PERMIT REQUIRED

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