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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 37



December 12 2015



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 Nest 01-08-16 - Short Schedule of Events Upcoming – President's Plug of GB 2015



**Somewhere inside**, the Editor explains this picture ( *Mostly by way of Rodney's article...* )

**FREE HORNET Editor Burton Shares Road Trip Treasure for fun ( like Invader below)**

**Convair T-29 Lunch Wagon ? Ken Miller proves 1 exists !**

**“RED” Williams Shares Look at Judging at 2013 NATS**

**REPEAT NEWS of THEME for GRUPPE BUILD 2016**

**Snapshot of 2015 Willow Springs Raceway fun & a tribute**

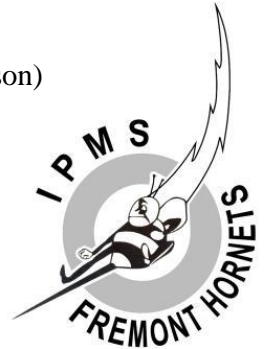
**Reminder of our Fall Classic coming 2016... the TC-12 !!**



## THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of December 12 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 #38 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!



*“ Crazy Editor is Blessed With Model Friends Sharing a Sarcastic and Festive Fun Spirit “*



*Had plans to get this “Bonus Holiday Buzz” ahead of the Christmas Party Nest. Now I have this shot of our mascot “Christmas Gojirah Claus” from that night ...*



*Plus smiles of next day at East Bay Model Society's Holiday Lunch. - mick*

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**The Hornets Nest Night Friday January 08 @ Irvington Locale**  
***PLANNED TO BE***  
**Minimal Business, Buildfest, MODEL TALK & usual 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



# 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 Burton Shares Roadside Odds 'n Ends from Two Trips

Text/Photos : Mick Burton

*While traveling south to the Antelope Valley Group Desert Classic in Lancaster (via Highway 99) and north to the OHMS Contest/Show up in McMinnville, Oregon via Highway 5 this year, happened upon these hitherto unknown to him, roadside subjects. Have a look for yourself now.*



Spotted on way to AVG. We on return found it on frontage surrounds of Shafter Airport



off "99". Mike Meek clued me that this was an oddity, a fairly rare FireBomber A-26, being of Canadian registry. No clue how this Invader found a home here, though appeared to be under a "repair or inspection" status. Parked in a large open space, alone, sits C-FAGO.

Sign shot above ? My one reference to her locale, on fence opposite of the A-26







Ever since we first met, so long ago, have I been so captivated by these aggressive, attractive lines.

In fact, the very first photos I'd take in my life involved a (then) small rural airport, pair of A-26 FireBombers, off in a corner. Of course they were Polaroids, that I managed somehow keep track of, until recently. It was Medford Airport, Oregon, late 1960s and I fell for her hard. Madly struck by Ed Heinemann's purposeful and powerful Douglas Attack design.

Repeated again here,.c'est la vie.



Then, another curiosity encountered as we three departed site of discovery for the “yellow Invader” I had espied from the Highway. Minter Field’s



Air Museum was closed at the time, but I could see through the fencing that there were exhibits to check. Finding this Aermacchi MB-326 was a shock ! Again, no clue hitherto of this museum or this bird’s existence, quite fun.



The faded and worn condition notwithstanding, there was an “N” civil registration to indicate this jet trainer had been a US Civilian at some point.



Minter Field is Shafter Airport's "other name", and since the Museum's purpose is to collect, preserve, protect and promote the history of this area's aircraft, operations and people, apropos the Minter name used.

Feel the need to revisit here fairly soon, dying to know more



as to how and what have you for the Navair T-33 here, just as much as the MB-326's real tale.

Working this little piece did lead to find that yes, indeed the Museum has a website. Nary a mention of the T-Bird or MB-326

Same research led me to know Shafter as the site of award winning flight, by Gossamer Condor !

Concluding coverage of Trip Two. On back now in time, to Trip One.





This Firebomber S-2A of the CDF is nicely mounted and displayed. Also, DOES NOT APPEAR in the Wikipedia list for “S-2 Tracker on display “!



Alas, I too cannot help in rectifying as I didn't note it myself. Located off of Highway 5, between Mt Shasta City & Yreka, near either a gas station exit or a Black Bear Diner. Mike Meek reminded me it was located at WEED Airport, which we checked on way to the Oregon model show, September '15



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# Free Hornet Ken Miller's 2014 Road Trip Gold Share: A BONUS GALLERY



Thanks to Ken, I know about "Richard's Lunchbox"

These shots of this, Tulare's unique California BBQ, by Ken do it better than the Google street view shot! I'll advise you now, stated hours are 1030-2 weekdays & 1030-4 Saturday ONLY. Burgers & SloCook BBQ, mmm



So perhaps for the Road Tripper, hours not the easiest for "drop in visits"

If you're thinking to pay call on Museum Minter Airfield, or to visit Mefford Field's B-17 & F-4 AmVet Memorial in Tulare, I'd say this "Burger Bomber" be perfect answer where to eat





## *My Comments on Judging at the 2013 IPMS/USA Contest*

Text : Rodney J Williams    Photos by: S.V.S.M. staff member



## ***I – AIRCRAFT***

## 139 PROPELLER DRIVEN

**1:32 SCALE SPLIT**  
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## INLINE ENGINES



**I was one of three judges, including one lady “OJT” person. OJT is defined as: On The Job Training. We judged the above stated category.**

One of the other team judges was appointed by the Head Aircraft Judge, Mr Bill Devins to be our “team leader”. Our team leader elected to write on the back of each entry form what was wrong with each model (eg: dust, seams, gaps, alignment etc.). When we were finished judging this category we turned over the entry forms and counted up the flaws. This gave us the selection of three models that had the fewer amount of imperfections. Thus our team leader CAREFULLY picked up each model and we all looked on the bottom of the model(s). The team leader had on a rubber glove, so he did not leave any residue on the models. He did not break any models. Shown below are the three winning models that we all agreed upon, including our “OJT” judge, who does not vote. However, we felt that she was a great help to us so we ask for her comments. *(from L-R, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup> Place )*

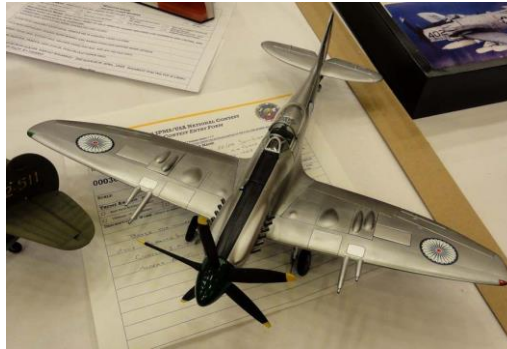






If your model was not in the winning circle then it contained more flaws than the three winners. If you did not pick up your entry form with your model, then you will never know why your model did not win.

The losing models had several of the basic flaws: Gaps, Sink/Mold Marks, Bad Seams, Wing, Tail-Plane, Canopy and Landing Gear Alignment, Decal Silvering and Paint Problems.



Dust on models from the “home front” was a problem and we discounted any dust from the carpeted convention hall floor.



If you become an “OJT” like I did back in 1987, you will learn how to build a winning model. Some of the helicopters that we judged in another category appeared to have a large accumulation of household dust on their models, which could not be blown off.

Suggestion to all modelers: Please deep clean your models prior to bringing them to ANY CONTEST. From the time I finish my models, take their photos, they go to my dust proof showcase and/or in a dust proof plastic box. Three decades ago my finished models were placed on shelf in our living room or on a shelf in my model room. Within just a couple of months, they were covered with kitchen grease and then dust settled on them.

I tried wiping off the “goo” and ruined most all of my then 27 models. Today, I have models in my showcase that were built in the late 1980’s on into the 1990’s. They still look as if I finished them yesterday plus they are dust-free. Cheers and have more modeling fun.

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# FLY WITH WE

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

## “ AIRLINERS “

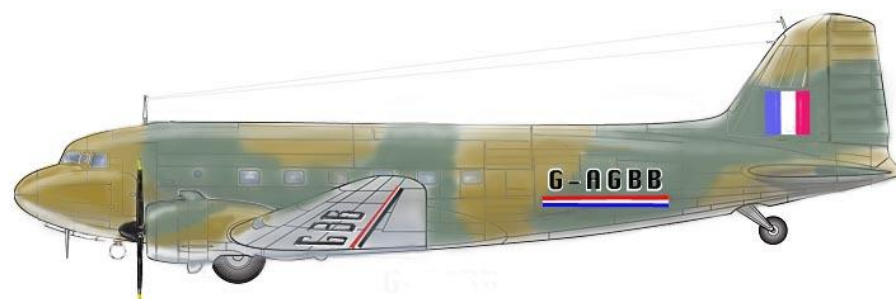


Our Grand Opening :  
At the Hornets  
TriCity 12, 9-25-2016



*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



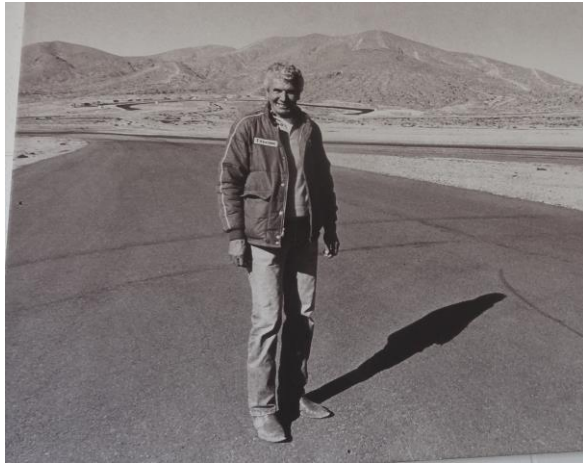
**NO HASSLES**, you don't even have to be a Free Hornet to get on board here, we'll book you on our manifest at designated embarkation.



# HORNET TRIP TO LANCASTER SCRAPBOOK & SALUTE TO B HUTH/WSIR

Text : Mick Burton

Photos by: Mick Burton



*Free Hornets Three (Meek, Priete, Burton) visit to “the fastest road in the West” in November 2015* was in part this year, salute to man on left, Mr. Bill Huth. Who built up the Willow Springs International Raceway after buying in 1962 from the 4 partners who'd carved a 2.5 mile oval dirt track out of the 1953 Rosamond desert.



Bill Huth parlayed his 115 thousand dollars (borrowed against his Lancaster Muffler shop) into a multimillion dollar racing monument.

He was a true Great American Success and well worth reading up on. He produced, promoted and just plain pioneered plenty of excellent racing opportunities.



Bill's philosophic side was not hidden either. On trips over the years to WSIR, books of his were part of my fun purchases at the track. Low cost, thoughtful and unique.



This year's "Big Bore Bash" weekend had another bumper crop of sweet vintage British, Japanese, American speed machines, all easily accessible as you see.







Bill Huth kept at his good living and good investing all the way to his end. An interview given to Car & Driver magazine columnist Aaron Robinson in June 2014, now providing me a possibly best summary of Mr. Bill Huth.

Responding to query of talk that Korean investors had offered him recently 50 million dollars for ownership of WSIR:

*In Bill's own words, at age 90 ... "Fifty million is a lot of goddamn money, but when you think about it, what could I do that's like this? I made two \$45,000 scores on two different deals once. I've had a lot of money, but the money never meant much, really. And when you're older, what are you going to do, spend it? On what?"* Thanks for that one, kind Sir. Mr. Huth passed less than a year later, May 4, 2015. Requiescat In Pace, good man.

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 “



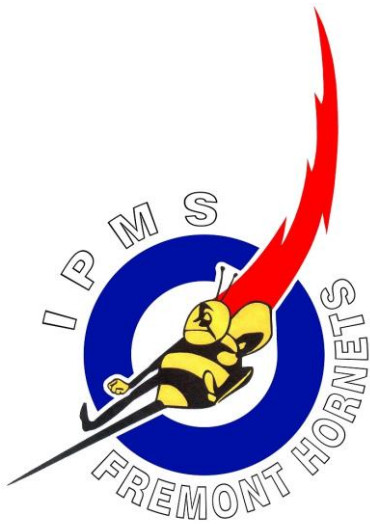
**IT's OFFICIAL NOW ! BRITANNIA & HORNETS RULE**

# 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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