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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over **39** 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

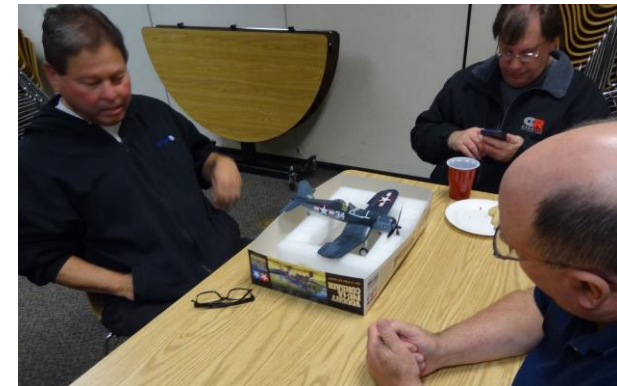
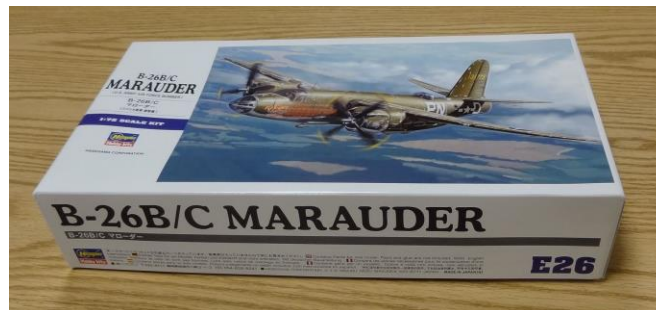


Somewhere inside, the Editor explains this picture (*by way of...*)

FREE HORNET Editor Burton Shows More of Holidays

**REPEAT of
THEME for
GRUPPE
BUILD 2016**

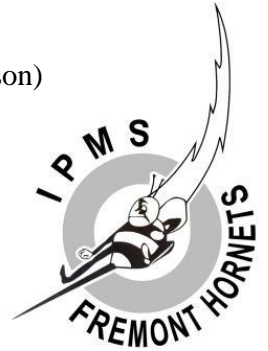
**Reinforcing of
our Fall 2016
Classic TC-12**



THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of January 01 2016 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 #39 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!



“ Closing New Year , Editor Muses On Cost/Benefit Ratio of Potential & Current Hobbies “

Had to give some considering to possibilities of this concept, run across at the 2015 SF Auto Show over Holidays. Another holiday road trip to Berkeley is



*revealed to have “hidden costs”, as we go to park at our Favorite Bay Area Shop !
Happy New Year, y'all . - mick*

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

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 50th 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 Hornets 2015 Holiday Nest News (View from The Front)

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“ Free Pizza, Free Drinks, Three Free Tickets, Lucky Be We ”

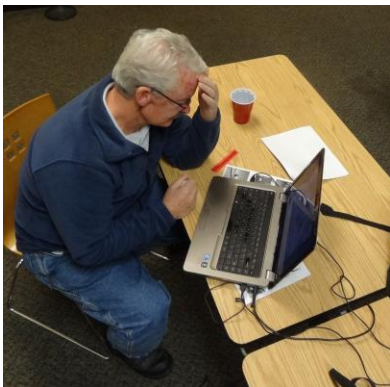
Even Free Hornets membership take a break once a year from a packed scale modelling schedule to relax with friends for Xmas !



By the time the President managed to show up with some soda, napkins and paper plates, found out the ever resourceful Hornets well underway with the party, having earlier solved for the missing components. Many thanks again to Ray Lloyd, Cliff Kranz, Mark Schynert, Brian Sakai, Lou Orselli,

Kelly & Patrick Hsieh, Steve Ng, et al for that.

Appreciate also how as ever patiently, Michael O’Leary managed kind look over of “Holiday Bonus” Buzz 38 draft.





Far left, evidence we weren't ever at risk of starving at this Nest. Phil the Tall, Ray Lloyd and Tim White here are assisting Cliff Kranz in keeping "Christmas Gojirah" to minimal mayhem. You can see above, he headed over to Cliff's "Battery B-29". Seems he set off left wing two engines with props a'spinning.

At this time, Editor still has no clue what exactly was in Santa Zilla's little red gift bag, he sure seemed to be undeniably pleased with himself and in an aggressively happy spirit.



Patrick Hsieh as you see, intervened with the Scaley Santa which apparently worked, as we had no further terrorisms.

Even after all these years, I have yet to reliably record the actual true identity of this old school motorized B-29A !



A look up and down the Christmas Party Hornets tabling now, as the now fully assembled crew awaited patiently as they could , for the President to be getting our “ Gift Giving Gig ” for the year 2015 underway.



Thanks to the efforts of Jim Priete working with Mr Al Gerace, whose superb Hobbies Unlimited store is a constant delight, a sketchy plan by President turned into a fine holiday surprise. We ended up with FIVE wrapped gift packages, with James the only person knowing what was in them.

At first, a plan for having everyone present draw a face down playing card from two different suits was in play, as means to fairly randomize chances to win. President Burton's complicated plan was scrapped and while Jim, Mike Meek and several others came by to check out Ben's

latest 1/32 F4U Corsair masterpiece in the making, President passed out the three free each raffle ticket sets to all. Those were “on the club's dime”, a Christmas bonus to the membership. As was the decision by Treasurer to forgo collecting the Lincoln bucks room fee from all present.



The Editor now will distract one and all with a last look at Ben's Vought, and at the contented table, due he doesn't have picture of first prize opened



It was a 1/48th
FJ-4B Fury kit,
for the record.



Next we saw a 1/48th RAF Ventura, 1/35th Panzer IV, 1/35th "Bulge Tiger" and a lovely 1/72nd B-26B/C being won (see front cover for shot). So, there we are, a wrap up of December's Nest.

But wait, there's more !



LAST GALLERY OF 2015 HOLIDAY HORNETS AROUND THE AREA OF THE BAY



In Newark at the December Hornet's Nest, Ben Pada's "LA City Limits"



In San Leandro, Burton, Meek & Priete find friendly greetings.



Downtown SF, Moscone Center Show

Burton shares shot of sweet ride with vintage camper. Hornets Meek, Priete hanging out elsewhere at this excellent as always, Academy of Arts University special display of their auto collection.

In Milpitas, Hornet Dave Anderson at the December SVSM meeting. Holding inaugural Steve Travis Service Award of the Free Hornets. Initiator of award was pleased to know that Sponsor and Creator of trophy got chance to deliver this to as ever, busy Dave, thus closing our last outstanding TriCity 11 item .



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* “

Free Hornet Burton Shares A Remembrance of a Bay Area Ace

Text/Photos : Mick Burton



With the New Year comes an adjustment as a local legend is no more, it yet lives on anew.

I'm referring to one & only Berkeley ACE Hardware .

Legendary is a true fitment, as our old brick & mortar front w/ "underground" located HUGE



Hobby Shop in a Hardware Store passes into history. RE-OPENS blocks down from its fabled corner @ University Ave across from UC -Berkeley



While the unique old locale is leaving us, the Hobby Shop is as ever, going strong into 2016

Newbies and veteran old hand alike will find locating ancient styrene gold, exotic ephemera in scale, or just the chance to put your hands on something otherwise you'd never see but on the Internet, easier now.

Everything will be on ground floor, single story in new store.

- mick fini





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

“ AIRLINERS “

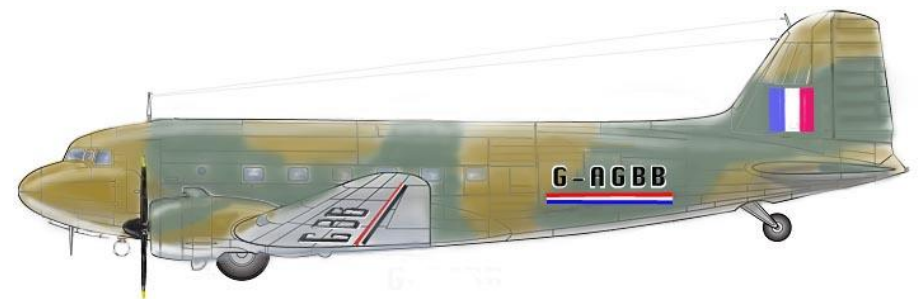


Our Grand Opening :
At the Hornets
TriCity 12, 9-25-2016



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.

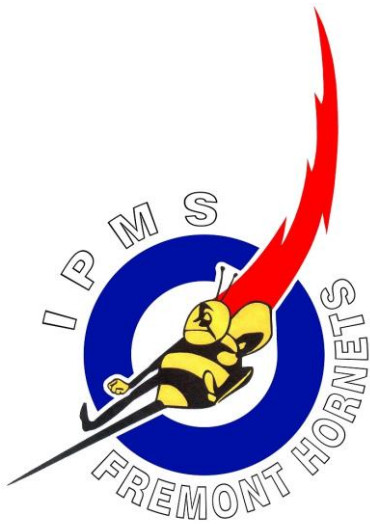
IT's OFFICIAL NOW ! BRITANNIA & HORNETS RULE

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

Email Contest Director Mick Burton directly at DAZE61283@mypacks.net with “Tri City 12 Contest” on subject line

My 2016 Opening Comments For Promoting This Fall's Hornet's TC-12

Text : Mick Burton Photos : various sources



(BOB aerial photo plane, Model by Terry Moore, IPMS-Seattle)

Our TriCity Classic has a now fairly long run tradition whereupon the titled theme being combine of a known movie linked directly to specific geography. 2016's use then of "*The Battle of Britain*" would be obvious, no? A title which pretty much says our contest has a "British or British related" theme. Not intended as limiter !

Of course *ANY* and *ALL* MODEL SUBJECTS are encouraged, welcomed to enter.

A Contest Theme is a way to have some fun, give an overall tone for our show from one year to the next. PLEASE FEEL FREE to ignore entirely, or plunge headlong into the fray, as you see fit. Just see fit to enter show and enjoy yourself , is all this Contest Director here wishes for. This year, he's trying a supplementary approach.

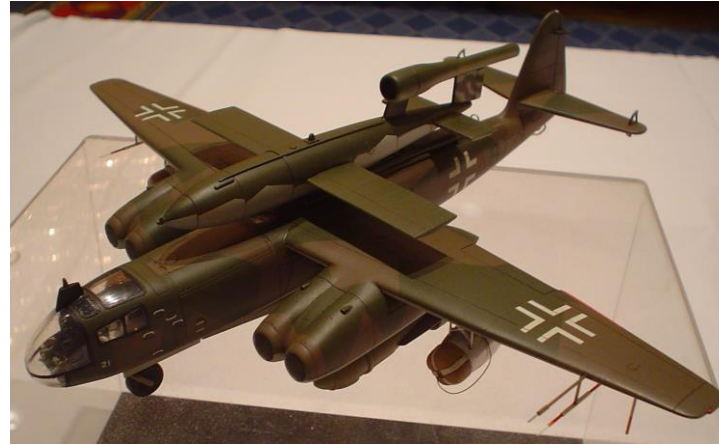
Below, find the current list of the planned for TC-12 Special Awards, by award # and title. Some details for each directly noted.

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| SA3 " On Her Majesty's Service " Award for Best Entry befitting Contest Theme | SA2 Best Of Show Junior/Youth | SA1 Best Of Show Senior |
| SA4 " London Calling " SA4A Best SAS/SBS, SA4B Battle of Britain Air (RAF/Axis) or SA4C " Dreadnought " Subject (any nation/period) | | |
| SA5 " Dr Who & The TSR 2 " Best Post 1945 British subject | SA6 Ken Durling Memorial -Most Creative or Quirky Entry | |
| SA7 " Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting " Best American Fighter Aircraft | SA8 " Diamond In The Rough " Silk Purse/Sows Ear Award | |
| SA9 " At Dawn's Early Light " Best Prehistoric or Early Man Subject | SA10 " 1916 " (tie into 1916, ANY Nation or Type) | |
| SA11 "Lightning Strikes Twice " Best EE or Lockheed Lightning, Arado Blitz | SA12 " Mightiest Merlin " Best Merlin powered Air/Land/Sea | |
| SA13 Best in Category for Aircraft | SA14 Best in Category for Armor | SA15 Best in Category for Automotive |
| SA16 Best in Category for Figure or Robot | SA17 Best in Category for Ship or SpaceShip | |
| SA18 Best WW2 1/48 Air (JMA/IPMS-MB) | SA19 SAT Service Award | SA20 Kenneth Jung MA Cont Dir choice |

As some of these are pretty self explanatory (SA13 through SA17, the Best in Category Awards) Contest Director won't keep them in this series of essays in the months ahead. Best of Show Awards (SA1, SA2) would seem also to fit as "self identified". Others won't likely need much re-iteration or expansive explanation for garnering turnout or giving a clue what the Judges are going to be looking at/for (SA6, SA7, SA8), but this Editor will include a brief in the upcoming effort. Several left, which will get some extra emphasis to promote, just to try something besides the "Specials Reference PDF" which has been again written. For first portion, Director will cover more on three possibly less well communicated Specials, awards SA 11, SA 12 & SA18.

SA 11“ Lightning Strikes Twice ”

Award for the Best Twin Engine Lightning



While not specifically linked to overall theme for TriCity Twelve, richly embroidered in potentials for “ wily game lawyering“ Perhaps restrictive by designating “twin engine” as part of the eligibility, note one could delve deep, determine something that fits this description that Director overlooked, give it a double shot. For now, the simplest outlining of what is eligible, this: **ANY SCALE** and **ANY VERSION** of these listed **AIRCRAFT**:

English Electric Lightning , Lockheed Aircraft Lightning , Arado AR-234 “Blitz” (Lightning in German)

Take careful note, these are all “Twin Engined” designs at their outset, and all officially “ Lightning ” by name



As long as your subject entry(ies) fit inside that outline, you’re good to go. Any other effort, will be judged as dicey at best. So ANY number of subjects is eligible to start with. They don’t have to be British, clearly. However, one may consider the fact that *all three indeed did* at some point, *legitimately wear RAF markings* during their useful lives. Be sure to consider how this could be a rather larger range than first meets the eye for potential and still be eligible by the rules, subjects.

Also keep in mind, while there is a “no sweeps in Special Awards” proviso in place for TriCity Twelve, this particular award does offer an opportunity to the intrepid for a twin or better chance at a single entry being eligible for more than this, conceivably.

As FURTHER INCENTIVE, consider “Straight Wing Jet” arched glass award here from TC-11 shown above, is serving as sample of likely TC-12 trophy type for this Special Award. Go for it!



SA 12 “ Mightiest Merlin ”

Award for Best Merlin Engined Air , Land or Sea Subject

Rolls Royce and this particular engine are practically synonymous.

So what more British subject could one have, besides James Bond , 007 (whom of course for one, is FICTIONAL, and for whom model basis in quantity/quality is lacking) ? Part of catalyst for this award.

Without a doubt, first and foremost forecast is that anyone will picture this as merely another sea of Spitfires and Mustangs, never a bad thing really. Yet, as a Contest Director, you’d probably like to provide some means to expand the potential customer base to at least convince yourself if not them, that there’s more to this than that. Clearly here, you have way more priming & promotion for improving the conception to your potential customers!

For those who don’t know or realize: among Merlin employments in strictly British terms, you have Fairey Battle, Hawker Hurricane, DH Mosquito, DH Hornet, BP Defiant, HP Halifax, Avro Lancaster, besides well known Spitfire. Of course, that’s not an exhaustive list of Brit Birds with Merlins. Merely the more commonly seen and available to scale model. Then there’s the Land and Sea applications of this famous engine family, which will

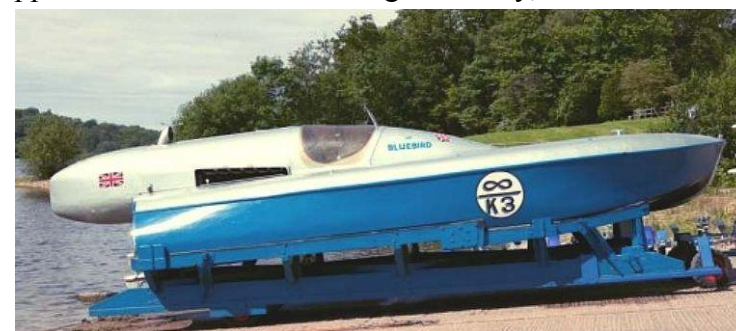
be more emphasized here for our contesting

So ANY Merlin engined Air, Land or Sea based vehicle is eligible. Consider “Meteor” engines by Rolls Royce are treated simply as being Merlins under a different name. Being they were in their lifetime considered as “land based” versions of famous aircraft motor. There were also modifications of the basic engine to permit their application and

usage in RAF AirSea Rescue Launches, MTBs, Motor Gun Boats. Post war, unlimited Hydroplane racing boats had a very successful run of different vehicles that employed formerly airborne Merlins in “marine usage”. Don’t forget also, movie “Battle of Britain” employed for “He-111” bombers; Spanish built CASA 2111, MERLIN Powered. As well as those ‘-109s that were Hispano Suiza Ha-1112s, also Merlin engined.

Even a “Beast” of an auto that actually saw asphalt and success as an enthusiast vehicle.

As more incentive, consider TC-11 “Straight Wing Jet” arched glass award shown at right is serving as sample of likely TC-12 trophy type for this Special.
Make with the Mightiest Merlin MayhemModelling !





SA 18 “John McLane Memorial”

Award for
the Best 1/48 WW 2 Aircraft
Sponsored and Given by IPMS Monterey Bay

Free Hornets are honored to be selected as the host chapter to present this competition opportunity to our contestants, by our dear Friends in the Monterey Bay Chapter of IPMS-USA.

Award given in Memory of Mr. John McLane, IPMS –MB

John will always be remembered as a consummate artist, family man, friend, and modeler.

The Contest Director has selected these illustrations particularly for this award “seed” with provocation in mind. Namely, consider that each here has potential for more than one TC-12 Special Award, without specifically stating how. While “no sweeps in Specials”, SA18 exempt from that stricture.

