The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over 39 years...

### Welcome

N 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)

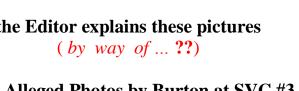
One line review of Nest 05-13-16 - Short Schedule of Events Upcoming – President's Plug of GB 2016

FREE HORNET Nest April Coverage, Bonus Gallery

Somewhere inside,

the Editor explains these pictures

Blather & Alleged Photos by Burton at SVC #3 2016 Show held in April!







### THE Latest BUZZ (as of May 03 2016 afternoon)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor (& Hornets Treasurer a Deux, Current Contest Director for 2015/16 season)

**YES!** Now #43 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!

"Web Site Launched! Facebook Page Created! MONTEREY BAY MODELERS are GO"

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for our long running club down the Coast a small distance. Already very successfully publishing several nice issues of their "Monterey Bay Muddler" E-zine (electronic magazine for those unfamiliar with term). There's Lester now, clearly pleased that now there's a fully operational set of "modern comm tools" for their modelers.

http://mbaymodelers.weebly.com/

Take a gander soon and see how the MBAY flagship of the Web sails, as again it shows where there's a WILL, there's a WAY TO GET IT DONE.

Being aware of all the pitfalls and missteps, most important as well "cost of trying to do business anew" when you're not overrun with time, talent or the overflowing Treasury, I appreciate much what this effort means and meant.

If ever MBAY Chapter sees fit to have their own version of a club "Service Award", my encouragement to nominate whomever was key part of this *GO! Be seeing you* - mick



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## The Hornets Nest Night Friday May 13 @ Irvington Locale PLANNED TO BE

Minimal Business, Buildfest, & usual antics

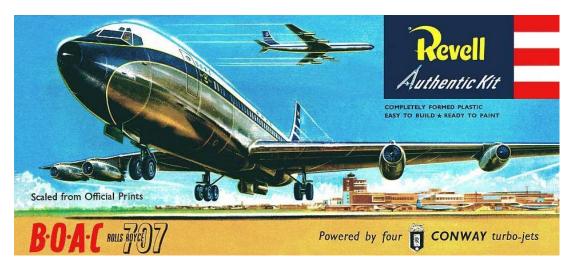
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# FLY WITH WE

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

# "AIRLINERS"



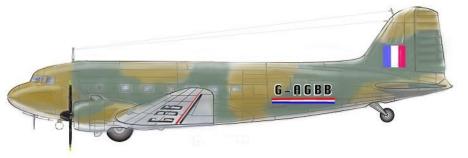
Don't let these images limit your excitement, they're merely "color" for launching.

*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



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





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 Hornets 2016's April Nest News (View from The Front)



"No Fooling"

Free Hornets take their sarcasm seriously, no need for an excess of "flourish"

### Just The Editor's fun.

As the President, Web and Buzz Editor, Burton provides foolish antics aplenty whether he meant to or not, for any month passing in our calendar, much less April

The recounting of our Nest that followed week after the SVSM's Spring Classic #3, will prove to reinforce Burton was only there to put a scare into innocents or take hapless Lincolns from all.

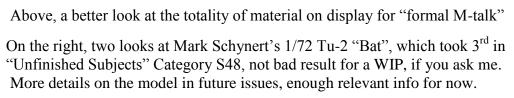
While these Free Hornets had a fine time carrying on building or talking or both, for hours. ©





The fine tripoley of Free Hornets Raffle Prizes you see, another superb collaboration of Louis Orselli/Free Hornet & Al Gerace/Hobbies Unlimited. The plethora of models for "Model Talk", courtesy of several who showed and spoke in the evening, as recorded somewhat by Mick Burton, read on.











Gabriel Lee had several and varied items on table. The Sud Aviation SE 210 Caravelle in AVENSA scheme, 1/144 scale was first to catch my eye. Nice!



This lineup of 1/72 scale for

BattleStar Galactica fighter craft was next, pretty impressive lot and of three types.

Then there was a 1/72 Douglas A-4 Skyhawk, in that fairly rare scheme of Argentine Air Force. Gabriel is a rare aircrafter in our midst as well for his penchant to have pilots in the cockpits of



his works. Most appreciated his bringing this along with another A-4, an "Aggressor"



Gabriel's Top Gun USN Fighter Weapons Training School bird got him a  $3^{rd}$  place place in Cat S1, 1/72 Single Engine Jet, at SVC # 3.



Interestingly, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in same category was a Top Gun A-4, by Thomas Le of San Jose (not an SVSM or Hornet member) Go figure!



Swinging back into "WIP" territory, we armor up with Cliff Kranz in W2



"Ramm-Tiger" conversion of Cliff's in 1/35, is apparently model of a model, as only a 1/10 scale wooden model exists to provide clue in 3-D what the "real deal" was to have looked like. *Jawohl* 





Cliff's Messerschmitt Me-328B in 1/72 captured well this freaky

"fighter" that never quite got off the ground (due to bad vibes, really!) The twin pulse jet version saw 1/1 reality, but only as ground test material ...



Bob Meyers made his first but hopefully not last visit to our Nest,



this is his finished 1/35 scale Tiger for an example of one interest in scale subjects of his. Welcome to our sarcastic lot, Mr Meyers ©





First two items to see on lower left, are well won Awards for Service to SVSM to Free Hornets Lou Orselli and Gabriel Lee, in memory of Tim Curtis, a founding member of that 50 plus year old club. Below directly, a look at fun Mark Schynert had



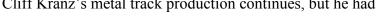
Below, Gabriel Lee's work area, abandoned briefly.



Cliff Kranz's metal track production continues, but he had a













big bright green, "not Luftwaffe" Machine, also.

That's an original Airfix 1/72 kit of the Ju-87 "Stuka" "in bag" as sold. Then, built up, the latest Airfix 1/72 Stuka in Spanish

Civil War scheme, showing the progress of 50 plus years in model company terms so well!



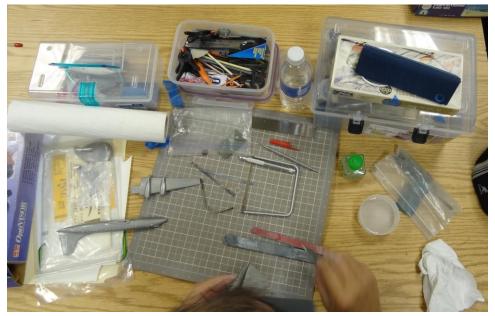


Meanwhile, quietly industrial in effort and artistic in work, Sean Fallesen from Downey, CA (Orange County IPMS) is seen having joined us while a TDY posting at his work for a number of months ahead. So very glad to have him be part of our raucous group. He has been in "contests aplenty"...

Sean also helpfully reported there's now another Orange County IPMS chapter formed, so at least in the South, the USA Org is continuing to grow.



Nearby, we found Louis Orselli with a "Cyclone" on his hands & bench.





As Louis helpfully pointed out, his "original boxing" of this famous large scale "old" Monogram kit of the Curtiss Wright "Cyclone 9" radial engine was made to "be motorized" as an option.

Perhaps one of us will dare such an adventure, someday.

Myself, learned with "Lindberg Jet Sound" kits that at \$1.98, one tends to "get what you paid for" and "not everything works as advertised", even if one carefully follows the detailed instructions...several times over.

Kent McClure, meanwhile, quietly and carefully carries on construction of his "secret airliner for Gruppe Build 2016 Free Hornets" as you see here.





Also not one to shy from adventure (he married a redhead, didn't he?), Patrick Hsieh has this 1/75 scale "La Reale De France" sailing vessel going.



While Kelly (the aforementioned redhead) continues her construct of a "famous Austrian's motor works" in 1/35.



Nest for April was full of sarcasm, surprises, good company and great modelling. No fooling! That was also the LAST C-54D we will see in raffle, a humorous ending here too. Kit is being taken off market for a new edition, that was our FOURTH time offering one. Our one in raffle, went back to San Leandro as return. Visiting Hobbies Unlimited, this editor picked that C-54 specifically up, so he got one anyways. 

\*But wait, there's more!\*

# OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF APRIL!





AVENSA A

Congratulations to Model of the Month winner, Gabriel Lee

- Mickb-fini



Mick Burton, madman at large – <u>DAZE61283@mypacks.net</u> (sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here ) "Come for the models *Stay for the Sarcasm*"

### **APRIL GALLERY OF 2016 HORNETS**









## <u>IT's OFFICIAL NOW! BRITANNIA & HORNETS RULE</u>



# 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

### More of My 2016 Continuing Comments For Promoting This Fall's Hornet's TC-12

Text: Mick Burton Photos: various sources

Our 2016 TriCity Classic continues a long run tradition: the titled theme; a combine of a known movie linked to specific geography. Use then of "The Battle of Britain" would be obvious. Title which pretty much says our contest has a "British or British related" theme. Not as a limiter! ALL Model Subjects are encouraged, welcomed.

Contest Theme is to have some fun, give an overall tone for our show from one year to the next. PLEASE FEEL FREE to ignore it entirely, or plunge headlong into the fray, as you see fit. Just see fit to enter show, enjoy yourself is Contest Director's aim

This year, he's promoting in photo essay, select Special Awards for TC-12. This is #4 in his series.

(BOB movie poster, found on the Internet)

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

"On Her Majesty's Service" Award for Best Entry befitting Contest Theme SA2 Best Of Show Junior/Youth SA1 Best Of Show Senior SA3

"London Calling" SA4A Best SAS/SBS, SA4B Battle of Britain Air (RAF/Axis) or SA4C "Dreadnought" Subject (any nation/period) SA4

SA5 " Dr Who & The TSR 2 "Best Post 1945 British subject Ken Durling Memorial-Most Creative or Quirky Entry SA6

"Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting" Best American Fighter Aircraft SA8 "Diamond In The Rough" Silk Purse/Sows Ear Award SA7

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** 

SA19 SAT Service Award SA18 Best WW2 1/48 Air (JMA/IPMS-MB)

Battle of Britain

SA20 Kenneth Jung MA Cont Dir choice

As self explanatory; SA1, SA2, SA13 through SA17: the Best of Show or Best in Category, Director will skip them in essay series in the months ahead. Awards SA11, SA12 & SA18 covered in Buzz 38 for January 01 2016, in case you'd like to refer. SA 3, SA 5 & SA 9, SA 10 covered in Buzz 40, 2-11-16. Third pass, awards SA6, SA4 covered in depth by Buzz #41 3-06-16

likely need much of an explanation for garnering turnout /giving clue on Judge criteria but Editor will include eventually. Of those left, some will get an extra emphasis, to try something beyond the already produced "Specials Reference PDF" (which is available on website).

For fourth portion, Director will cover more on SA7 "Hornet's Mighty Sting", SA8 "Silk Purse/Sow's Ear" Special awards.



# SA 7 "Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting"

# **Award** for **Best American Fighter Aircraft**







One of our Free Hornets, hereafter known as Sir Bob 1759, O.B.E. (Our Benefactor Extraordinaire) weary of all this model nonsense, retired from it to pursue other passions. *Offered to provide some means to carry forth our mission*, to be the Acme of Sarcastic Scale Modelling. *If we actively promote our hobby, and share this opportunity for others to join us.* Rather than be elitist, selfish and just plain crazy not to.

Failure to do this, not an option. That would be simply dishonorable, plus anger the Contest VP, whose generous friend this is. Against Bob's wishes but with his knowledge, I inaugurated this award in his honor at TriCity 8. Seems apropos enough, given how his absolute **favorite** subject in scale models or in history, is the **American Fighter Aircraft**. Especially those Curtiss Hawks...

In order to be eligible for this award, entry subject simply must be something <u>American Made</u>, tasked as a <u>Fighter</u> mission aircraft, even if it never actually was operated or served as one. Sorry, eligibility requirements *EXCLUDE* such otherwise worthy subjects such as Spitfires, Mosquitos, Fiat G.91 or similar American operated but not made here, craft. Don't forget, "Pursuit" designation = Fighter, also that USN & USMC operate fighters! Clarification: "hypothetical" or "paper designs" *are* eligible, as long as they are based on real proposals or project. Examples of these include the Republic P-69 or F-103, Bell P-59 or F-109, North American F-108 or Lockheed L-1000.





Further incentive; given the subject is not exactly a rare personal favorite (American Fighters): This Special Award remains as planned feature of

all future Fremont Hornets "annual contests". Regardless form they may take or themes otherwise selected.

So running out of steam to complete a "stinging" entry this year, still won't penalize you in vying for it next, in other words.



# SA 8 "Diamond In The Rough"

# **Award** for Best FINISHED Subject from the Worst Start

Basically this award is aimed to encourage everyone to try and finish that "hopeless diamond" (sorry, couldn't resist) or simply an old dog of a subject from only kit available.



(Martin B-10, from the 1/72 Williams Bros kit, an old dog)

(SSP Kaimalino, a 1/700 scale SCRATCHBUILD)

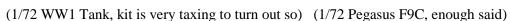
However, an important distinction and "plot twist" to digest before you're going off saying "ho hum, just another way of giving a Silk Purse from a Sow's Ear trophy". That concept qualifies here, yes. YET NOT ONLY the standard "dreck into gold, from kits" will work for this plot device.

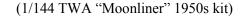
FOR THE CONTEST: Besides standard "bad kit, good finish", any SCRATCH BUILT (completely begun from raw materials) or MAJOR KIT BASHES (say no more than 30 percent of any single original kit left with a number of others or added scratchbuild parts to finish) or any MAJOR CONVERSIONS (aftermarket or scratchbuilt or kit bash of a subject from original start subtype to finish as another subtype) or any started from COMPLETE VAC FORM kit, ALL THESE FIT within intent of this award.



(1/72 VAC FORM KIT of Boeing KC-97G, no small feat to turn out)









So a LARGE RANGE of "bad starts to good ends" are eligible, as outlined in synopsis above.



## Desert Classic XX

**IPMS Region 8** 

### AVG's 20th Anniversary Model Contest Saturday, November 5th 2016

Presented by The Antelope Valley Group IPMS AVG



Event Location: Antelope Valley College 3041 W. Avenue K, Lancaster CA Cafeteria Entrance

#### This Year's Theme: "Vietnam War"

#### Categories

#### Provisions for Splits provided as required

- Helicopters, All Scales & Types
- Aircraft: Biplanes, All Scales & Types
- Aircraft 1/73 & Smaller
- Aircraft 1/72 Prop
- Aircraft 1/72 Jet
- Aircraft 1/48 Allied Prop
- Aircraft 1/48 Axis Prop
- Aircraft 1/48 Jet
- Aircraft 1/32 & Larger
- 10. Ships: All Scales & Types Submarines: All Scales & Types
- 12. Armor: 1/72rd & Smaller
- 13. Armor: 1/48th
- 14. Tanks: Allied -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger)
- 15. Tanks: Axis -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger)
- 16. Armor: Tanks & AFV 1946 Present

0900-1230 Registration

1:00-3:30 Judging

3:30-4:30 Awards Presentation

- 17. Armor: Artillery, All Scales & Types
- 18. Armor: Softskins
- 19. Auto-Factory & Replica Stock
- Auto-Street Machine & Hot Rods
- 21. Auto Cruisers, Customs, Low Riders
- 22. Auto-Competition Straight Track & Oval
- 23. Auto: Miscellaneous
- 24. Figures: Historical
- 25. Figures: Fantasy / Sci-fl Biologic Types
- 26. Dioramas: All Compositions
- 27. GUNDAM / Mecha
- 28. Sci-Fi / Real Space: Hardware
- 29. Out of the Box: All Scales & Types (National OOB Rules)
- 30. Miscellaneous
- 31. Juniors: 17 & Under
- 32. Jurassic Plastic

#### Fees:

Parking: \$0.50 charged by College (May be walved) Adult:

\$10,00 up to 3 entries.

\$2.00 ea. per additional entry.

Juniors:

Spectators: FREE

Vendors: \$30.00 Per table (Reserved prior to Aug 1.)

\$40.00 after August 1, \$45.00 at the door.

#### Special Awards

Theme Award: "Vietnam War" Best of Show

Presidents Award Best Natural Metal Finish Best Auto Paint & Finish

Specific Subject & Anniversary Awards Best WWI Subject

Best USMC Subject

Best Cold War Aircraft 1946-1989

Best Israell Armor X-Plane Award

#### Vendor Contact or additional information

IPMS Chapter Contact: Curtie Stidham (661) 267-0089 cbstidham@sbcglobal.net

http://www.avg-lpms.org



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San Jose's Napredak Hall home again to SVC with a familiar face at the helm, Mr Mike Woolson as CD.



The Fremont Hornets crew didn't do badly either for the awards take, out of 147 winners recorded, 12 were from Fremont/Newark/Milpitas.

For third time, return to Napredak Hall provided means to host well over 370 models on tables & a sold out vendor area, congratulations to the SVC 3 team & Mike Woolson.

For this writer & photographer, it was a third chance to relax, show up late and take only pictures, notes and the treasured data, having retired from being SVSM CD now And that look on Mike W's face on the right, priceless ©





This year's SVC saw a welcomed return of "Gold Rush Eatery" for an onsite midday meal option.

Some very big Grand Prizes lie ahead for raffle ticket holders...



A very wide range of modelers and interested parties showed up, and there were winners all across that spectrum. Below, a look at one of SVC "Best of " awards





Another blessing that isn't easily seen here in the pictures, "dual passporter" (member Free Hornets & SVSM) Head Judge Mike Meek was able to round up that magic number of qualified Judges to make sure all the awards processes ran swiftly and smoothly, with Assisting Head Judge Vladimir Yakubov for big help.







Fremont Hornet Blair Smith took a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Cat. S39 with his "new school Lost In Space" Jupiter 2, "Necromorph" above took a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Cat S43. Unclear what *his* expression is about, but Blair smiles.

For Free Hornet Phil Ludolph, clear why his wife Barbara here was smiling. That is *HER* 1/350 CVN-68, raffle win







J4

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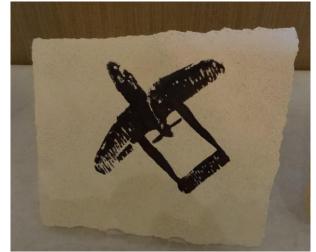
Right next to Barb and her Fleet Carrier is a table shot of the soon to be delivered Junior/SubJunior category awards, sponsored by Mike Woolson. "Archer" below crowd shot, took a 1<sup>st</sup> place medallion in J4, for Bay Area Dragon Vincent Chin, and JBOS!











One of the more creative and fiendishly fun entries, was one in S47, Collections, All Types and Scales. Titled "Fossils" with as required by rules, 5 or more related subjects by a theme, winner second place in Category. Also generator of much mirth for the Editor/Photog at the show and days after. For these works act as "Rhorschach images" with just how they seem to disturb a few entirely with their very being present as entries, while for others like myself, exemplify the very dichotomy perfectly of "Art/Soul vs Tech/No Soul" that is a distinct division within our scale modelling community, clear as day to some of us.

These playful and decidedly hard to produce as original ideas, much less execute as "scale models", ARE LEGIT ENTRIES as "scratchbuilt scale models". Also splendid "original art" So, if you differ with that, *become CONTEST DIRECTOR* and *be ready to deal with "your public"* if you think this is "not legit".

OTHERWISE...shut the %\$# UP. On the far left, more scale art in form of BMW Z8







Now, a sneak peek as Fremont Hornets Louis Orselli (cent) Gabriel Lee (left) receive just rewards and big shock as the SVSM Tim Curtis Memorial Awards For Service are for them this year! While that Bronze/Orange BMW took a First in its category S32, the Albion 3 pt Refueller below took a Third in its category S25, both took first with my eye!



Good thing I wasn't working as a Judge this year, isn't it?

The M-ATV seen below, really impressed the Edit/Photog, as Fate would have it though, builder would win but not with this particular item. Congrats though to Wansoo, a new entrant!



"Tiger Meet" Panavia Tornado by Shiblee Hassan of Santa Clara, was winner and among a sweep in Cat S2, 1/72 Multi Jet, by this new to SVSM Classic entrant.





Nice to see new faces and entries in winners circle, very healthy.

Well, time to close this essay out, with a lovely 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher from Sacramento Ca, J. L. Roberts' yellow & black Jordan Formula One in Cat S34.

-mick fini