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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 44



June 14 2016



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)

Review of Upcoming SPECIAL EVENT JULY HORNET NEST - Short Schedule of Events Upcoming

FREE HORNET Nest June Coverage , Bonus Gallery – President's Plug of GB 2016



Somewhere inside ,

the Editor reveals how someone in this picture shared more of his fortune in travels
(by way of ... ??)

PLUS !

Reminder, Free Hornets “website” locale:

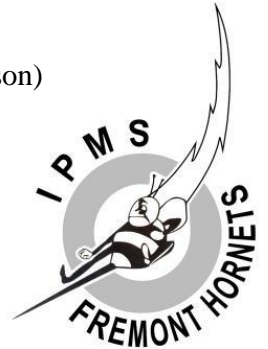
<http://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/>

Just three little pages. *Not a lot to dig through*, and the Events Calendar is on page 3, ALWAYS
And if you'd like to get “back issues of The Buzz”, go here: <http://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/>

THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of June 14 2016 evening)

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

YES! Now #45 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!



“ United We Hang Together, or most certainly We will hang separately “

*The summer is nearly upon us, only now is it becoming clear
that there isn't a lot going on (and yet, there is) in our Region 9
Remembering that when we do have something , showing up
to be part of it strengthens us all and brings a better future ...*

We have more in common than that which may divide us

Bee seeing you. – mick

Friday August 12 2016 “Son of a Mother-F-eR”

As in SON (i.e; spawn) of a Mother(ship) or Father (& Son)



The details are too much to fit, look up “Club Contests” at www.mickbmodeler.com

CONGRATS TO **Ernie Gee & “Big Easy” (Mr. LF)**

*You may or may not have already been apprised, but our R-9 Summer is not completely without hope of fun
Thanks to the above mentioned individuals & their assembled forces, **IPMS-Fresno Scale Modelers** returns
to “contest/show/event” calendar with a hosting of their “World War I / 1916 “ themed contest, details below*

Saturday, August 27, 2016 Opens 9 AM Ends 4 PM Setup is in the Cafeteria/Student Lounge
Fresno City College 1101 E University Ave Fresno CA 93741

The Hornets Nest Night Friday July 08 @ Irvington Locale
PLANNED TO BE

Our **INFAMOUS SUPER AUCTION & usual antics**

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THE FREE HORNETS

INVITE YOU & FRIENDS
TO OUR

2016 TRICITY CONTEST

FUNDRAISER AUCTION

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON
OUR MEETING NIGHT OF FRIDAY JULY 08 2016
AT OUR USUAL MEETING LOCATION

Irvington Community Center, 41885 Blacow Road, Fremont CA

There will be a FIVE DOLLAR DOOR CHARGE , and plenty of bargains to be had !

Business begins promptly at 8 PM and everything must be concluded by 10 PM

ADD TO THE FUN !

BRING AN UNSTARTED MODEL KIT (or two!) THAT YOU WOULD BID MADLY FOR TO GET BACK, AS A DONATION

Queries may be directed to our contact – DAZE61283@mypacks.net please allow for 2-3 days response time

Free Hornets 2016's JUNE SWOON Nest News (View from The Front)



“ Nobody Here but Us Chickens... ”



As ever, Free Hornets manage to have things well underway without any “Presiding Folks”. Major comfort to 2016 President Burton, who showed up not too late in the evening. Thanks to Hornet Mike Meek , who drives to meetings far north from his home in San Martin, got him.



Not pleased with having the hassle, President was far more pleased with having such good friend to set things on course for Nest.

Found out later at dinner that Hornet Jim Priete was all set to step in, run Night’s business in his absence with no notice or clues. That sort of get on with the fun spirit is why we Hornets have been Free for now over 39 years.



Once plugged into the satisfying vibrant evening's gathering, Treasurer Burton collected the monthly dues from all who had showed up ahead of him. Even when they were calmly reading the paper and talking to one another, ignoring him ☺

With that necessary effort completed, it was short while before President Burton rudely gaveled Business Meet to order, a sign for Editor Burton to cease or least of all, slow down his camera snapping.

(and his incessantly loud mental noting)

During the discussion of matters in our worlds near and far, we received 2 great updates for upcoming events. One in the traditional school, a flyer, as modeled by Sean Fallesen, seen below w/Orangecon

Sean helpfully brought along extra copies. Peter Long gave me a snapshot to confirm the August FSM contest :



While yet a flyer to be had, or any sign of this on the IPMS USA events Calendar, at least now it is detailed.

Of course, a Facebooker would have this already.

Then off to talk models.



As often happens, Cliff Kranz began our talk with his two latest finished projects. AFV Club's M35 Prime Mover from WW2. Roughly defined as a turretless M10 Tank Destroyer with modifications to permit use for towing 155mm and 240mm artillery pieces. 1/35 scale. The "twin twin engined" aircraft Cliff shared here ?



Why, a Huma Me-328B (the version with the two underslug Argus pulse jet engines) which combined onto Italeri's Do-217 for an example of Luftwaffe lunacy (or desperation...)

As photos emphasize, the two green upper surfaces are virtually monochrome. Cliff said the camouflage wasn't the biggest hurdle, the mounting struts were.



Next in our Hornet hit parade for June, Peter Long's Panzerhaubitze 2000 in 1/35th scale, from the Meng kit. Nice NATO European armor camo job.



While Peter feigns a surprised face, Dave Parks next to him pondering when to break free and go retrieve his newest scale landscaping from his car. A bearded wonder known to us also as Regional Coordinator Chris Bucholtz was feigning being too busy to speak next on his model display items. It was all for naught, as Burton made Chris give us updates of his rapidly now being completed, Korean War schemed Royal Australian Navy Firefly V



As Chris explained, he's somewhat pained at how long this particular kit has been "WIP", however now pleased to show it's moving into completion range

Aeromaster provided the EDSG, Testors for the Sky undersides, the stripes were applied first before the EDSG/Sky colors as an easier masking plan.

For those intrigued, the placement of the stripes was a choice of the RAN and complicated things for decal...



The work in front of Chris was very intriguing, it's an "near unobtainable now" resin/multimedia kitting of the Britten Norman "Trislander" feeder

liner, developed from the original twin engine “Islander”. These unique STOL craft have quite a storied history, and airline “Aurigny Air Services” is a legend unto itself as well. First to operate the Trislander, and first airline in the world to, in 1977, BAN SMOKING ON ITS FLIGHTS. Trislanders were operated by Aurigny (as largest single fleet of them) until type’s retirement beginning 2014 (three will continue to operate thru 2016, despite the “high costs”, as replacement Dornier Do228 aircraft aren’t coming online faster). Trislander aircraft capacity increase a boon, as allowed Aurigny to be reaching into South Coast of England and Northern France, some nice economies there. When Chris originally got this kit, little did he realize how rare an opportunity had he in hand. Finding online and ordering, learned that the entire operation that produced this as first effort had essentially gone as if they were never extant, shortly after he received his. As you can see, this offering is pretty solid with well cast resin, metal bits, vacform “glass”, a nice 3x5 glossy photo for 1/1 reference, detailed instructs, even great decals featuring the Flagship plane “Joey”, named from its registry G-JOEY. If you don’t grasp how well loved these odd airliner birds are, consider that recently “Joey” has been obtained for permanent exhibit by government of the home base, the Bailiwick of Guernsey. No small monies here, but that’s what majority of populace got behind as a serious charter effort.

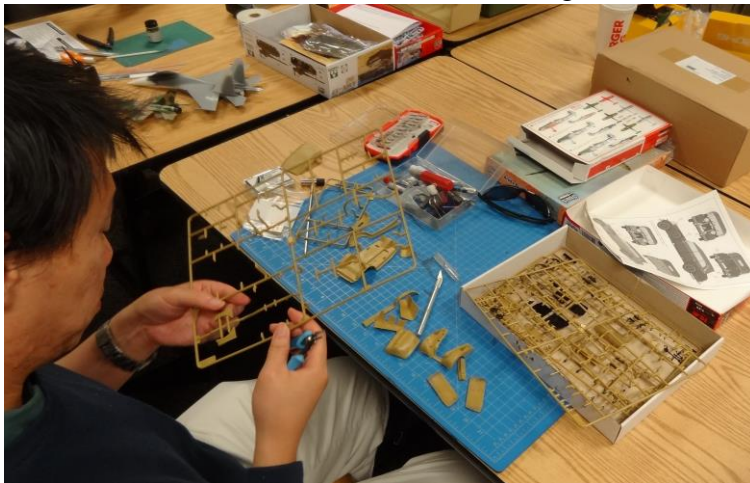


Now when he’s not posing as “Mr OrangeCon 2016”, Sean Fallesen is often hard at work on some mighty ships ! He had just had a weekend visiting the new USS Iowa berthing down South. Where his recently done USS Delaware (seen in its case) had been part of featured scale model ship exhibit on the Iowa for entire weekend, he joined in as part of it on Sunday. Bravo !

Kelly Hsieh was engrossed in her “Warrior Unicorn” and her PDA, across from Sean as you see at left.



Husband Patrick seen below, is crafting his “ Fuhrer Mercedes” it seems. What, no Luftwaffe legacies, Patrick? ☺



Mark Schynert stuck closer to home, with a classic Made in USA product in two formats: limited run inject and earlier release as one of true gems of Rareplanes vacuform. Both of course are one and same aircraft, the Republic AT-12 Guardsman. A two seater adaption design of the Seversky P-35 fighter, Guardsman intended for “Advanced Training” (AT) and also light attack duties.



Having finally seen one in air at 2015 Chino POF airshow, this Editor totally now gets why this airplane grabs heart.

May not look all that great at first glance, but she's a classic

Now, if the aircraft below seems faintly familiar, it should. But this time, it's not Mark Schynert's. He has one underway as well, but this twinsome Tupelov is handiwork of Jim Priete. If I recall correctly, it's a kit bash of the ICM and Hobbyboss 1/72 releases of the Tu-2 “BAT”, a light attack Bomber/Recon of post WW2 late 40s USSR



While Jim juggled shepherding the Nest until Burton & Meek arrived, carrying forward the construction of the Tupelov, and being as ever, in charge of raffle ticket sales/management, Mr. Meek settled right on in with his latest 1/48 scale pleasure. It's the Special Hobby Grumman Guardian AF-2, which of course, Mike will be masterfully converting to a civilian fire bomber.

As you see, Mr Meek was not enamored of me shooting more.



Then quite unsurprisingly, Louis Orselli and Frank Babbitt were heads down in depth with projects. In middle, Gabriel Lee takes a reference break.



On the far left, see Gabriel Lee's new double action airbrush in resultant action, as he freehanded camo on his FAV F-16. Gabriel explained he rarely repeats a subject, but this Falcon presented too good of a chance to stretch his skills with his effective new modelling tool. I must concur, the picture doesn't do it

justice, seeing it in person brought that home. Sukhoi is Mr Lee's work as well and shaping up nicely. There on left, a look at Louis' Messerschmitt, Convair projects.

In front of those are Frank Babbitt F-18C in 1/48 parts.



Meanwhile, in the orange, the camera found Dave Parks deep in the innards of a new 1/48th scale F4F Wildcat. Not seen here, but appearing on table from Dave a little later, was a shocking case of scale landscaping model gone completely right. More detail on that later, Editor promises.

Right now right here, it's time to take a look at the latest marvelous offerings for June's door prize raffle. All this awesomeness made possible by a Looooonnnng time BIG Friend and SUPPORTER of the Free Hornets, Mr Al Gerace of Hobbies Unlimited, on Manor Drive in San Leandro. Too many take for granted, in my estimate often, what really a major infrastructure item Al is to us and the hobby community in the ENTIRE Bay Area. Oh sure, I know modelers well, and yes yes yes so many things can be had cheaper or with some "side benefit" (sale points, free shipping, "super Customer X rating" or somesuch) when getting things "off the 'Net at X, Y, Z Hobbies or Shop Spectaculara in Lower East Slobovia, etc". Fine.

And tell me, you so smart "bargain brilliant" modeler guys, when was the last time you ran into your model buddies in those aisles at those "better alternatives? " When did you get some excellent unpaid for assistance on any number of hobby topics, or more topically, friendly ear of a true friend in the hobby, who also happens to be very well tuned to you and your clan's personal eccentricities, likes/dislikes, political hot buttons, etc, and YET STILL WILL BE THERE with a smile and a hello, next time you walk in, even if just to browse or meet someone else ? Yeah, thought so, the "high Tech geniuses" at Facebook, Google, Hyperscale, HobbyLink Japan et al, can't come up with algorithms or apps that will fill that bill. NOT. EVER.



O sure, I know as well as anyone, and Al knows I know, he's running a business here. Not a charity or some fraternal order of odd fellow hobbyists organization that just happens to have sales desk

Still, *unlike* a well known Hobby Shop that I went into *for over 40 years*, always made to feel as if I was a shoplifter or lowlife for just seeming to be hanging in aisles (*this, by owner WHO KNEW me, my friends, others in hobby clan!*)

I know instead our Al carries on his shop with welcoming all way, how that is priceless and RARE.



OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF JUNE !



***Congratulations to
Model of the Month
winner,
Dave Parks***

Yes, as President Burton noted when he gave this out, giving “back to back” MOM awards is not preference. Dave earned this with full acclamation of the members present. Who shared with President an appreciation of the excellent short tutorial of “how he did this tree” as he was asked, when it appeared on the table during nite. Dave only brought in to share with Peter Long, for idea



of how to dress up a potential armor diorama of Peter's. The scale “tree” is created using techniques he learned from a railroad modeler crew, and this is “spun rope” in large part for raw material ! Awesome work, David

JUNE BOON Gallery (extra bits of fun from our last meeting)



- Mickb-fini

OrangeCon

Model Contest and Vendor Fair

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 2016

REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR

Be a part of Southern California's largest exhibit of scale models of all types.

Orange County
IPMS
International Plastic Modelers Society

<p>Location:</p> <p>Pavilion at the University Conference Center Cal State Fullerton 800 N. State College Blvd. Fullerton, CA 92834 (State College and W. Campus Dr.)</p> <p>Schedule:</p> <p>Open to the Public Vendor Setup Model Registration Contest Room Closed Awards Presentation</p> <p>Admission:</p> <p>Spectator Admission Contestant Admission (includes first three models) Contestants under 12 Model Entry fee after first three models Adults Junior & Young Adult</p>	<p>IPMS REGION 8 2016 REGIONALS</p>	<p>9:00 AM to 5:00 PM 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM</p> <p>\$5.00 \$10.00 Free \$1.00 each Free</p>
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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* “



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

“ AIRLINERS “

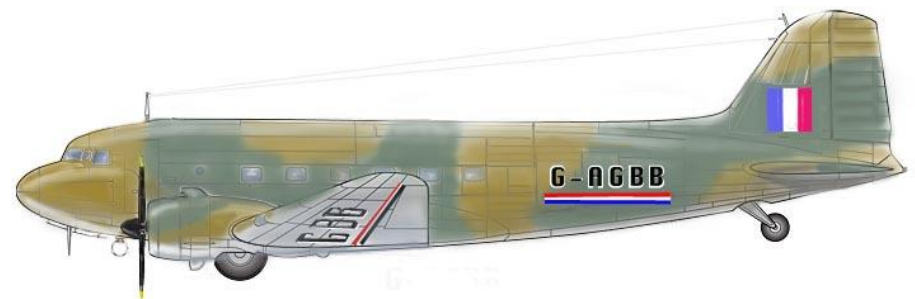


Our Grand Opening :
At the Hornets
TriCity 12 , 9 – 25 - 2016



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

COLORFUL REMINDERS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

17TH ANNUAL MODEL CONTEST
Theme:

AS SEEN ON TV

**LOCAL EVENTS
VENDOR TABLES
2 BIG RAFFLES**

Date: Saturday - September 10th, 2016
Location: Desert Heights Elementary School
13948 Mt. Bismark - Reno, Nevada
9:00AM - 4:00PM

Entry Fee: Free to All Non-Entrants
\$5.00 for First Model
\$1.00 for Each Additional Model

Vendor Tables: \$20.00 (register early)
Contact: Neil Hulse for reservations - knk41063@att.net
Chapter Contact:
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1045 Lasso Way - Fernley, Nevada 89408
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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

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| 1. Helicopters, All Scales & Types | 17. Armor: Artillery, All Scales & Types |
| 2. Aircraft: Biplanes, All Scales & Types | 18. Armor: Softskins |
| 3. Aircraft: 1/73 & Smaller | 19. Auto-Factory & Replica Stock |
| 4. Aircraft: 1/72 Prop | 20. Auto-Street Machine & Hot Rods |
| 5. Aircraft: 1/72 Jet | 21. Auto Cruisers, Customs, Low Riders |
| 6. Aircraft: 1/48 Allied Prop | 22. Auto-Competition Straight Track & Oval |
| 7. Aircraft: 1/48 Axis Prop | 23. Auto: Miscellaneous |
| 8. Aircraft: 1/48 Jet | 24. Figures: Historical |
| 9. Aircraft: 1/32 & Larger | 25. Figures: Fantasy / Sci-Fi Biologic Types |
| 10. Ships: All Scales & Types | 26. Dioramas: All Compositions |
| 11. Submarines: All Scales & Types | 27. GUNDAM / Mecha |
| 12. Armor: 1/72 nd & Smaller | 28. Sci-Fi / Real Space: Hardware |
| 13. Armor: 1/48 th | 29. Out of the Box: All Scales & Types (National OOB Rules) |
| 14. Tanks: Allied -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger) | 30. Miscellaneous |
| 15. Tanks: Axis -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger) | 31. Juniors: 17 & Under |
| 16. Armor: Tanks & AFV 1946 - Present | 32. Jurassic Plastic |

Schedule:

0900-1230 Registration
1:00-3:30 Judging
3:30-4:30 Awards Presentation

Fees:

Parking: \$0.50 charged by College (May be waived)
Adult: \$10.00 up to 3 entries.
\$2.00 ea. per additional entry.
Juniors: FREE
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 Israeli Armor
X-Plane Award

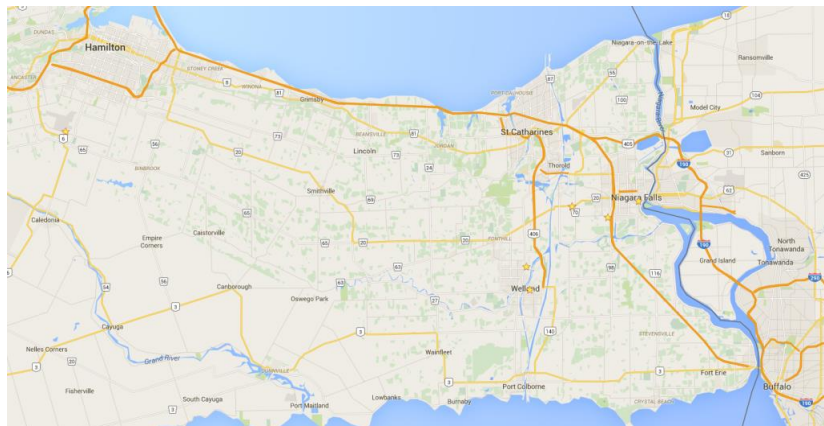
Vendor Contact or additional information

IPMS Chapter Contact: Curtis Stidham (661) 267-0089 cbstidham@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.avg-ipms.org>

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CWHM - Part 2: One of the last flying Lancasters (Take 2)

(Hope you enjoyed part 1 of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. I purposely split this into two parts as part 2 will cover the center piece of the museum; I shared photos of everything around the perimeter. BUT if you noticed... some pieces of her are in the background. She has a story to tell and hopefully I will be able to convey it to you)- RICH "RAP66" Pedro (writer and photog)



One thing I failed to mention is how busy this little museum is... This place is BUSY! And it's active... the B-25 was open for members only. They got to board, fly around the airport. Had I had the funds to become a supporting member plus pay for the ticket to go up in a warbird, I would have...



As I meandered through all the wonderful history, out of corner of my eye there was this behemoth, and a flurry of activity was going on. Props on storage stands, wheels on dollies, jack stands, engine nacelles open, guys on ladders, etc. It was incredible, all this for an old warbird. So the modeler in me started saying: Take pictures... DETAILS...MORE PICS, etc, etc. DAYUMMMM she a BIGG'n (a la Al Bundy).

While I was ogling this beast, I couldn't help but hear the work crew talking about "the flight". Hmmm okay... curiosity is a brewin. After a while, I finally spoke to one of them. Found out that the flurry of activity is to prep "VERA" one of the last flying Lancasters, for flight to England to partake in the RAF Battle of Britain memorial (50 year anniversary).

The Avro Lancaster "Dambuster" is a very well-known bomber from WWII. There currently are 17 known "mostly complete" Lancasters extant. Of those 17, only 2 are airworthy – One in the UK: PA474 "Thumper", and one in Canada: KB726 VR-A (referred to as VERA) It's been reported that there is an effort to restore a 3rd flyable Lancaster.

The CHWM's Lancaster Mk. X was built in 1945, then converted to a RCAF 10MR configuration. Damaged in 1952, she received donor wing parts from a WWII era Lancaster. She served as a maritime patrol aircraft, eventually retired in 1963. Where she spent time on outside display, until 1977.

Vera was eventually restored and took flight again on Sept 24 1988. "The Lancaster is dedicated to the memory of P/O Andrew Mynarski and is referred to as the "Mynarski Memorial Lancaster". It is painted in the colours of his aircraft KB726 – VR-A, which flew with RCAF No. 419 (Moose) Squadron. Andrew Mynarski won the Victoria Cross, the Commonwealth's highest award for gallantry, on June 13, 1944, when his Lancaster was shot down in flames, by a German night fighter. As the bomber fell, he attempted to free the tail gunner trapped in the rear turret of the blazing and out of control aircraft. The tail gunner miraculously survived the crash and lived to tell the story, but sadly Andrew Mynarski died from his severe burns." – CWHM website (<http://www.warplane.com/vintage-aircraft-collection/aircraft-history.aspx?aircraftId=4>)

All of the work was completed on time. On Aug 6 2014 Vera flew from CHWM to the UK for a 6 week tour. This would be the first time in 50 years ("...and probably the only time...") that two Lancasters will fly in formation. She flew to the UK by making hops through Newfoundland, Iceland, and arrived in the UK two days later. Unfortunately, IF I read correctly, the Battle of Britain memorial flight did not happen due to weather. The two Lancasters did continue their tour of the UK, and VERA returned home safely Sept 28th 2014.

Another interesting note, there are only 10 qualified Lancaster pilots in the world. OK, on to the pics.





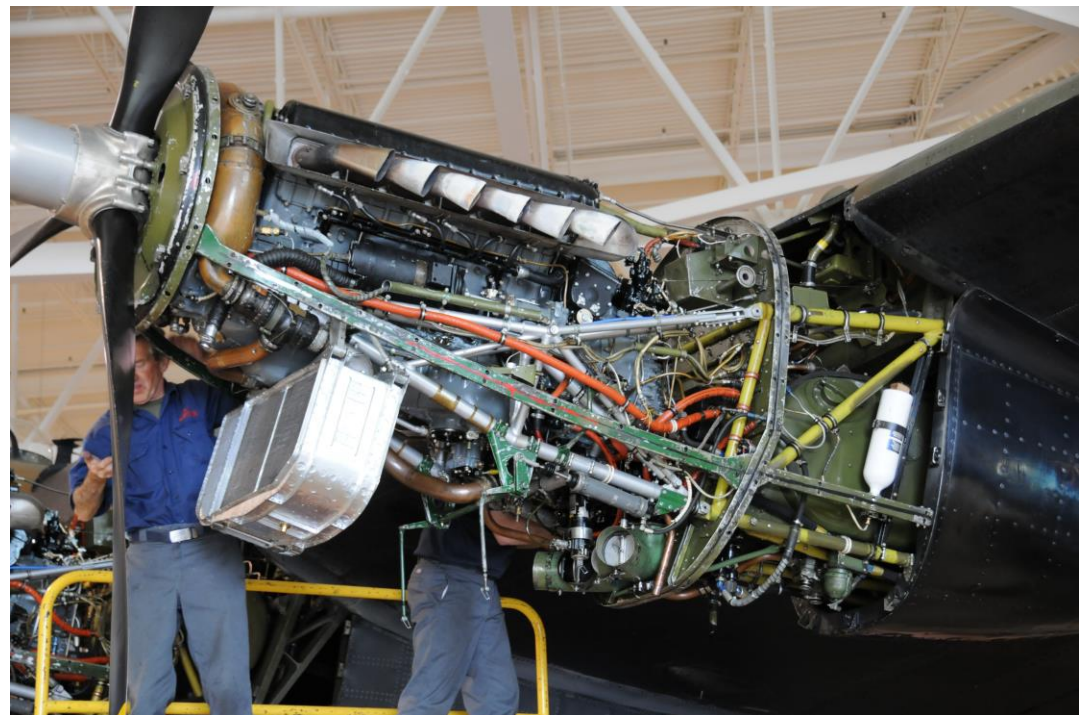










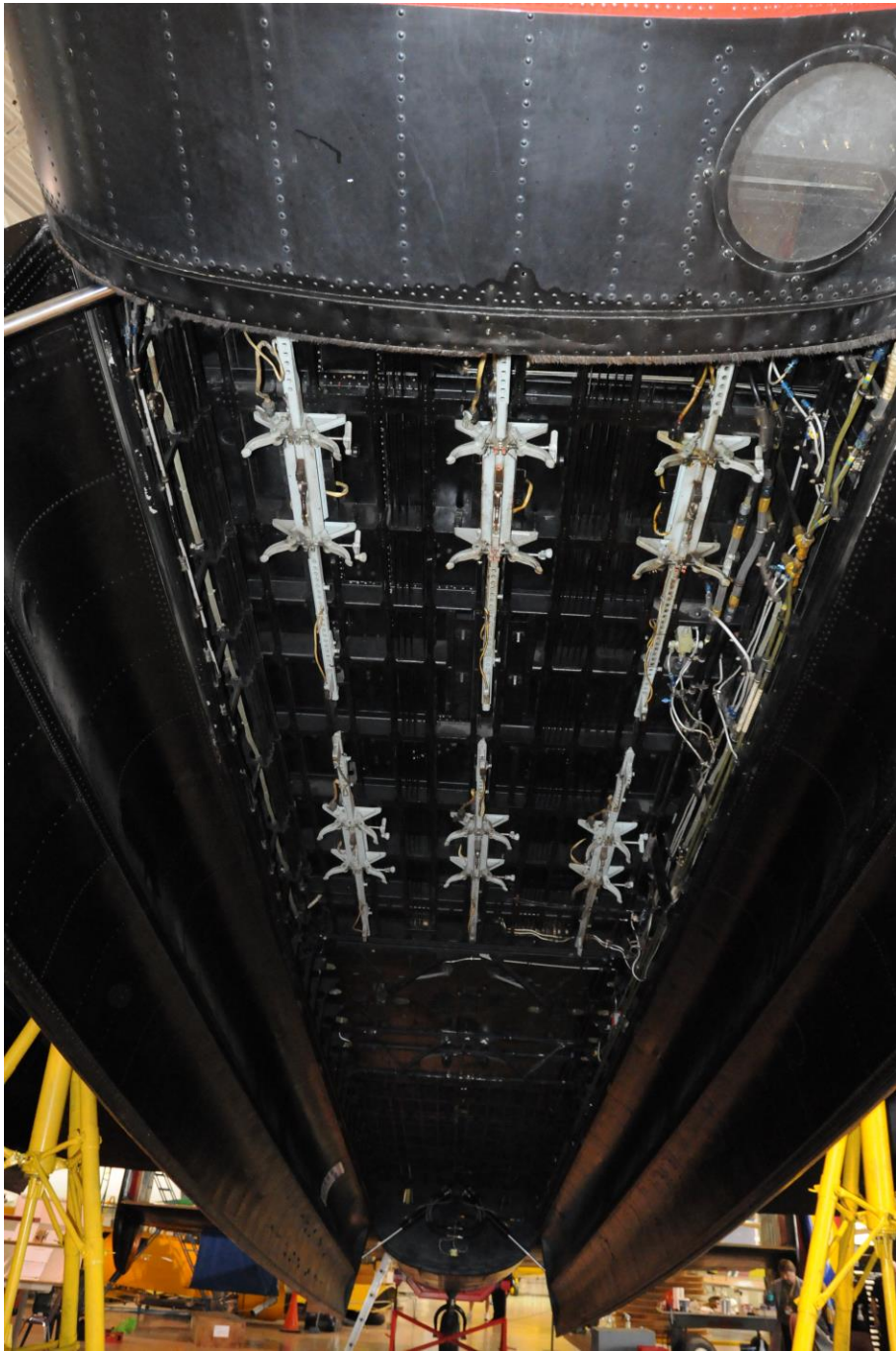


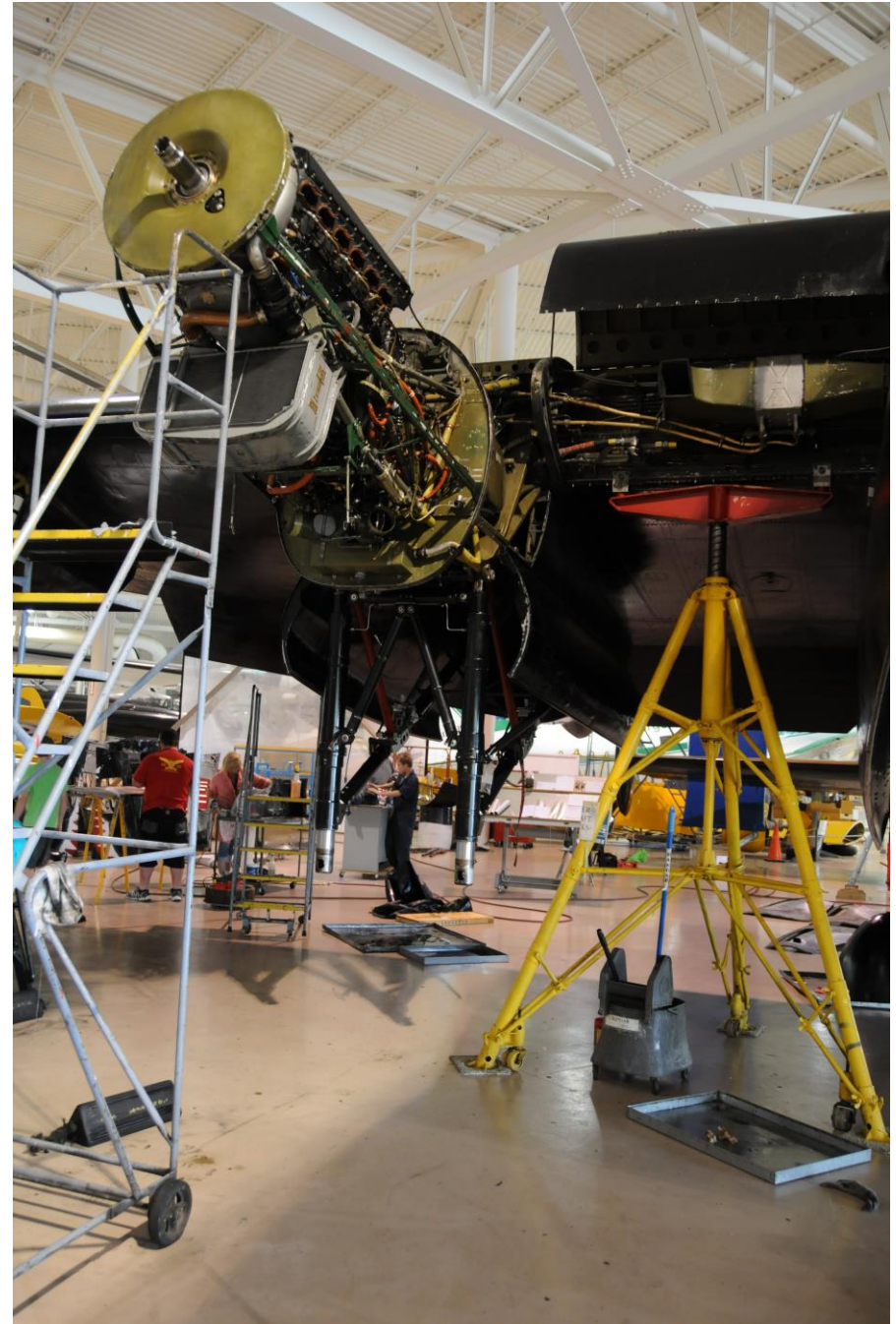
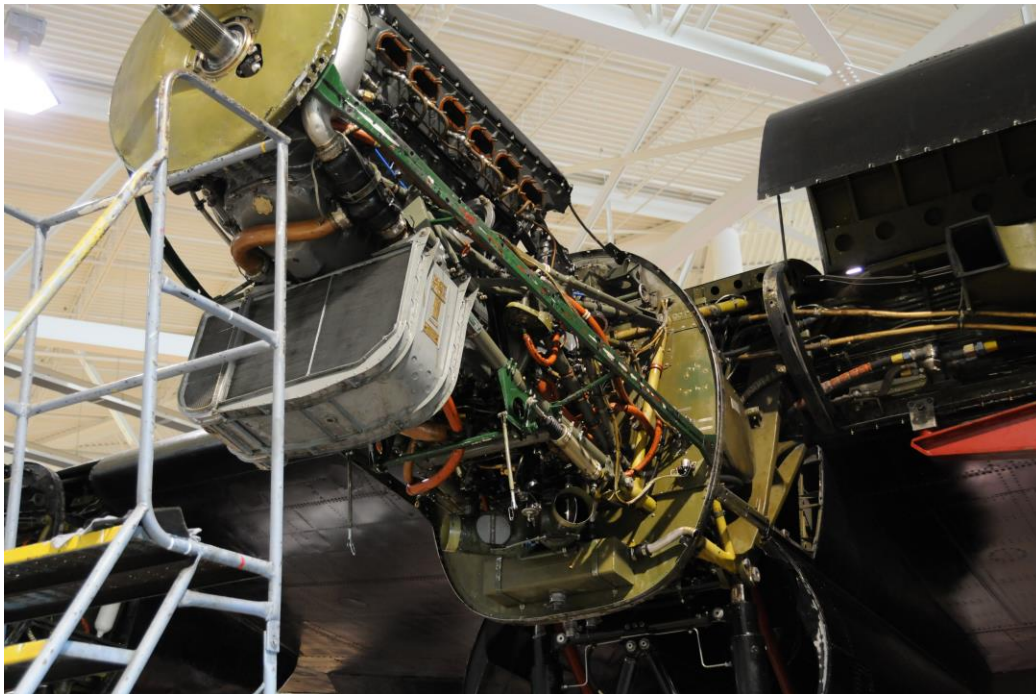
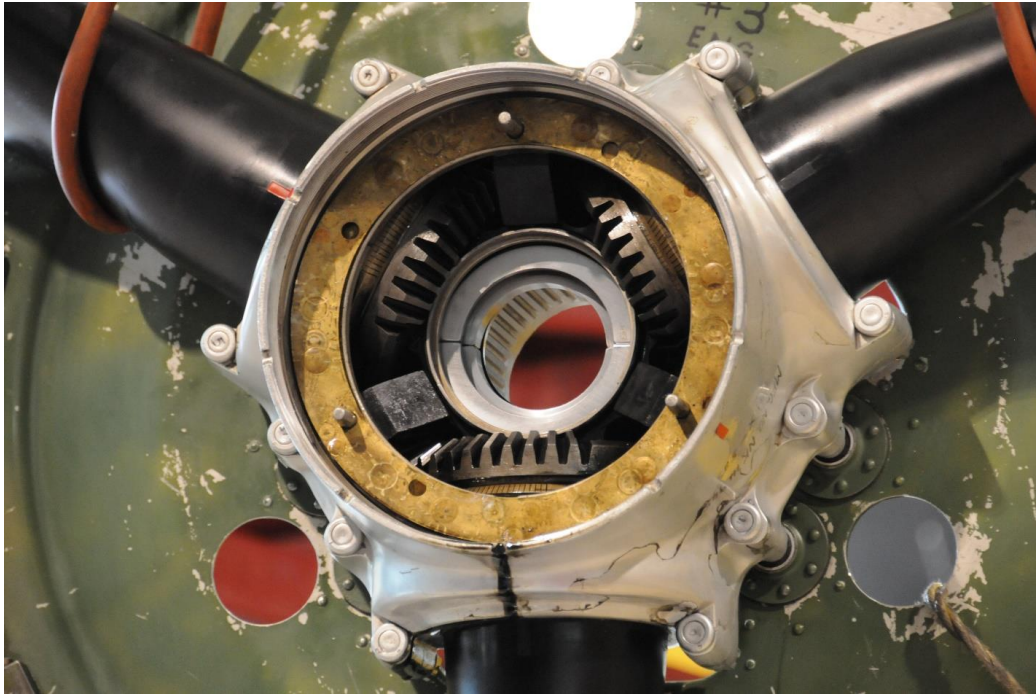
















Richard's note to (Editor) Mike – the remaining pics are from the web various websites and news reports:





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*Oh just look, imagine the strange photos found on the 'Net (above)
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