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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 49



October 31 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 Hornet Nest – President's Plug of GB 2016, October R-8 Contest, Northerners Travel South for Seaside Fun



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 web page 3,
ALWAYS

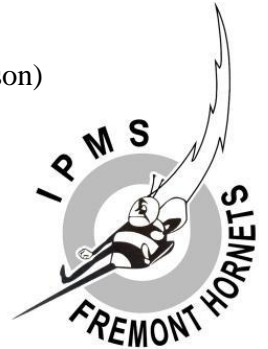
And if you'd like to get “back issues of The Buzz”, go here: <http://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/> (**Left Field Page**)

THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of October 31 2016 morning)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor (& Hornets Treasurer a Deux, Current Contest Director for 2016/17 season)

YES! Now #50 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!

“ We Free Hornets Managed Again To Carry The Day and Have Our Say, Did It Our Way “



The Battle of Britain
SA-19 **Steven A Travis Award**
For
Service to Fremont Hornets or Region 9

*Not Gone
JUST GONE ON
AHEAD -
R.I.P. June 8 2015*



TRICITY CLASSIC XII 09/25/2016

September 25 2016 :
TriCity Classic 12 Scale Model Competition & Show.

Truly where " so much is owed by so many, to so few ".

I REPEAT YES, THIS WAS A GREAT EFFORT BY ALL

THANK YOU Kent, Lou, Mike, Mike, Dave, Kris, Frank, Brian, Gabriel, Jim, Laramie, Chris, Lily, Bill, Rich

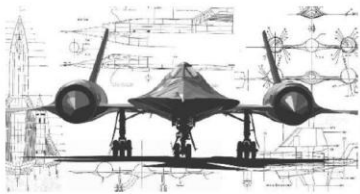


AND ALL
WHO
JUDGED
(represented
here by
Greg, Sean,
Ramon,
Chris and
Mark)
THANK
YOU

Bee seeing you. – mick

The Hornets Nest Night Friday **November 04 @ Irvington Locale**
PLANNED TO BE
BUILDFEST, MODEL TALK & a minimum of Business

COLORFUL REMINDERS OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Annual Model Show
November 5th, 2016

Held at:
Adventure Church of Yuba City
1100 Garden Highway
Yuba City, CA 95991

0800-0900 Vendor Set-up
0900-1200 Registration
1230-1300 1st Raffle
1300-1430 Judge Mtg & Judging
1500-1530 2nd Raffle
1530-1600 Awards Recognition

Food Available
Snacks + Lunch



Admission to enter: FREE
Model Entry Fee:
• Adult \$6 First, \$1 Each Additional
• Junior \$1 Each
• Kids (under 10) FREE

Raffle Tickets
\$1 – 1 Ticket
\$5 – 6 Tickets
\$20 – 30 Tickets

Vendors Tables
(first come first serve)
*space will be limited
\$40 – First Table
\$30 – Each Additional Table

For Additional Information Please Contact
Brent Shires, IPMS Dragon Lady President 530-777-9417
<https://www.facebook.com/IPMSDragonLady/>

For Additional information on getting to the church, please visit
<http://www.adventurechurchyc.org/>

DON'T FORGET

**ANTELOPE
VALLEY
GROUP**

20th Annual

Will include

This SPECIAL

Of Prehistoric Plastic

New Special Award for the 2016 AVG Desert Classic Contest



JURASSIC PLASTIC

- Model Must Be A Single Kit from a Pre-1970 Mold (No Dioramas)
- Contestant Must Provide Proof Of Original Copyright Date.
(Instruction Sheet or Box Showing Copyright Date Must Accompany Model)
- Any Subject, Any Scale
- Model Must Be Built "Out of Box" Per IPMS Rules
 - No Aftermarket Parts or Kit-Bashing (Modern Decals Allowed)
 - Build Must Be Per Instructions Using Kit Parts

-mick fini

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

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

“ AIRLINERS ”

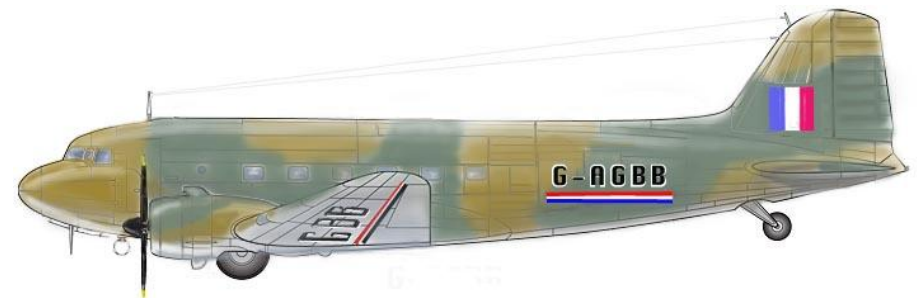


Our Next Appearance :
At the Yuba City Show
11 - 05 - 2016



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 **11-5-16**. 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.

Mark Your Calendar: The President ‘Fesses Up

RARE DAY IN HELL As Egregious Error Owned Up to Editor, By The Maker

TWO HORNETS innocently ensnared, later are witnessed forgiving “this one time” act of identity thieving !

Others, of a more suspicious bend, weren't so ready to let President of Free Hornets off the hook so easily, wanted to call for an investigation and be digging deeper into the sordid life sure to be found, which would explain how this terrible wrong was brought about, seek reparations or something

What's all this contretemps (say that three times why don't ya?) about , you ask? And at what time will the President be hung so I don't miss it...

Why, it's this lovely modern softskin armor piece, wrongly attributed by President thus reported by Editor so, as work of Dave Parks, in Buzz #49 .

WRONG !! As pointed out at a lunch a weekend later, this is ***Milt Poulos'*** excellent latest four wheeled model, and they kindly informed Editor so.

Thanks to Dave Parks, Editor now can ID this as the “ **French VBL Light Armored Vehicle, Tiger Model # 4603 in 1/35th** ”



THUSLY YOU READERS ARE NOW TREATED TO PICTURES OF IT AGAIN & CORRECTED ATTRIBUTION – *apologies to all from Prez*



NICE WORK, MILTON
. -mick fini



OCTOBER Free Hornets Nest News (View from The Front)



*“I see a ... door ... **Paint It Black**”*

With apologies to Mick Jagger and the Stones, I had to open with that line.

As President, you get some unique fun, with some interesting turns to make you pay: On October 14 as I was walking up blocks on Blacow, about to cross at Grimmer, I caught fact of intersection lights were out ! Which made me suspect why I was getting a call on my cell from Jim Priete about 30 seconds later...

“ President Burton, we’re standing out here and the meeting room’s closed due to power outage, what shall we do next? “



While telling him I was another block yet to go walking, please keep everyone from going anywhere until I got there if possible, as first thing, the meeting time was still 30 minutes out, so taking off to a restaurant too early would foul up some later arrivers... mind raced,



determining a possible next course to take. Like I said, being an Officer is fun & games ☺

Well, thanks to power coming back on and ever persuasive Free Hornets membership, we regained clubhouse for that October night, with full agenda

Ray Lloyd had already added to my mental gymnastics while we were negotiating admittance to the power returned Com Center, and a loose crowd of about ten folks already present, outside in parking lot, with news that our scheduled November 11 meeting had to be reconsidered now, too!

More on that subject, soon, for now let's explore just who these two folks are and how Louis O's trio of raffle prizes relate to them.



If you don't know already, this is husband and wife team who'd just returned to our fold after as it turned out, only a short time away, Kelly & Patrick Hsieh.

Kelly's seriously drawn into a contemplation upon finding her Patrick holding a new M10 here

Louis chose this among others, as "non aircraft" selection. Nice, as K & P bought lots of tickets to seek win of this, due Kelly's

family member having served as a crew member on an M10 in the WW2 ! She said she has gotten at least one example of all kits of



this machine, and this was to be her next acquisition, hopefully.

Here's Louis now, cheerfully in a display proudly showing some fine support of our Bay Area Dragons, basking in unexpected reward of getting that smile on Kelly's face.

More just kudos for Louis as he also got ECBMS member Kevin Gonzales smiling, here on right.

Told him to come on down, join in fun of our buildfest meeting, says " now you look like one of us, been doing this all along..." High praise .

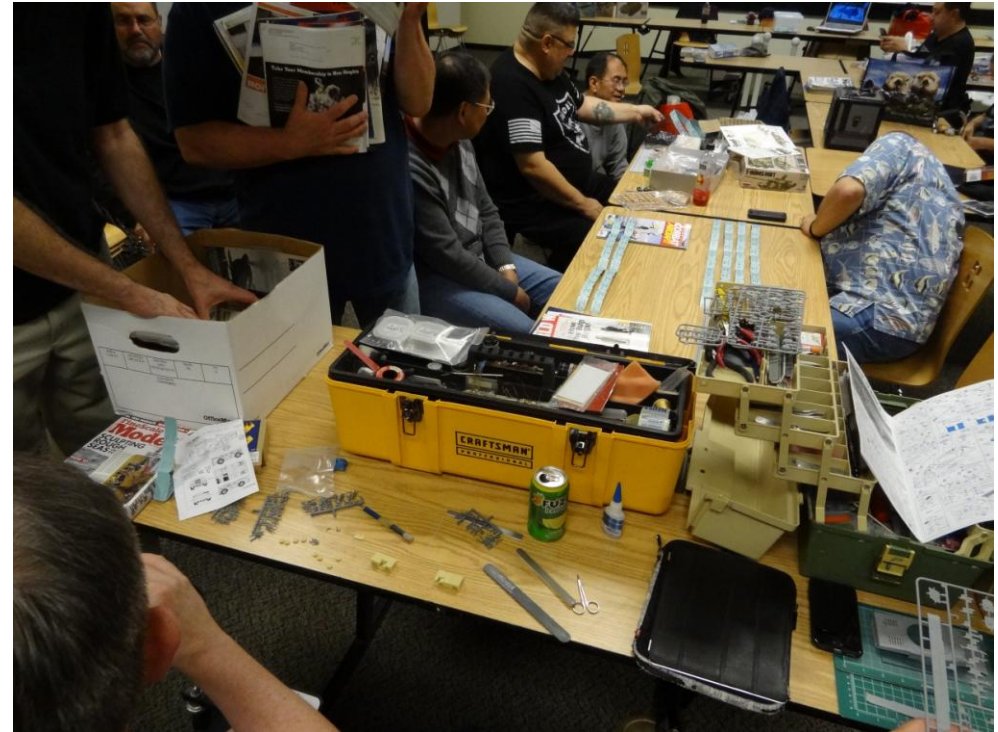




We also had a long time as contestant for both Hornets and SVSM 's shows, Ronald Tom , here as our new guest.

Ron's here at Gabriel Lee's table, while Kelly/Patrick team makes Jim work for a living.

Dave Parks at right seems to be ducking , is



actually looking for the last winning ticket in his big collection on table .



A pair of shots of the model table with Cliff K in front, G Lee in rear as the big wheels for evening in terms of the turnout





Gabriel took a 2nd in Category 9 at the recent TriCity 12, with his airbrushed F-16 in hmmm, Fuerza Aerea Venezolana scheme ? Congratulations again, nice work, G !

Gabriel brought more of his latest cool decals for Latin America air, intriguing Editor and others much.

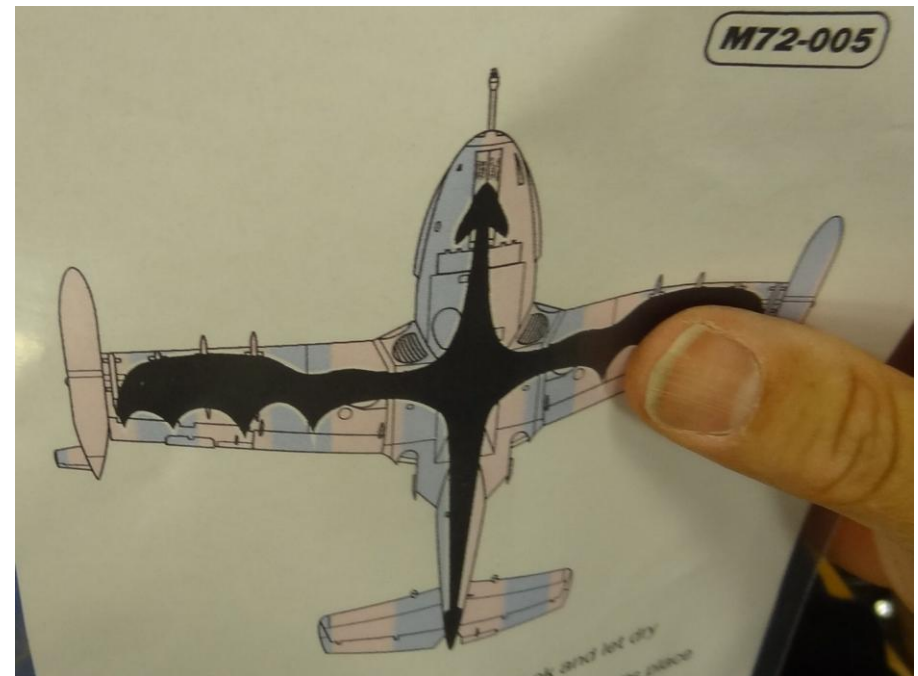
That P-38L in overall black with the tail stripes, grabs attention, as clearly does Cessna twin jet with a “bat plane” motif underside !

Didn't get the details I am sorry, on what decal sheet, colors were on this A-37, which appears to be a pale blue/pinkish white camo.

Maybe next time, just so cool tho.



Gabriel brought back this USMC “far in future” fighter, for a reason which did not get recorded, with all the hubbub of the “power interruptus” October Nest.





On the left, an overhead look at Gabriel's fighter, accompaniment to his Work In Process "Top Gun Tomcat" and TriColor Sukhoi, seen in first two table pictures.

Dave Parks has gotten back to an upright pose, Randy Ray seems to be signaling an assent for Prez to have Cliff Kranz begin his Model Talk as he looks right a camera, Peter Long apparently is reconsidering buying a few more raffle tickets.

I mean, just look, Dave has three rows and Pete, only two. Come On...!

So Cliff began with his sharing notes about the



Academy kitting of USMC M50 "Ontos" multiple recoilless rifle light armored fighting vehicle. The two shades of olive are a deliberate act, based on a vehicle Cliff knew. "The Thing" was a very potent weapon in its employment, yet probably more known today to modelers than AFV folks...



Cliff's next "thing" was his "Rutanized" (in a manner of speaking), Delta Airlines DC-9-who knows?, created by combining two Airfix 1/144 DC-9 kits with his always fervent imagination. Finding the decal striping to be utterly painful to adapt, Cliff hand painted the entire run along fuselage.



He of course, also hand brushed the white and natural metal finishes.

I note in case you don't know, for Mr Kranz's neighborhood doesn't allow any airbrushes as residents.

The Cessna 172 Seaplane in 1/48th is also Cliff's. Done as he stated, as totally "out of the very box you're seeing" That's Ertl's first issue box, our Cliff K really likes this one





Cliff has a long history of the most intriguing “combines”, and his “Boosted Connie” is of course no exception.

His main complaint in all of this? Worked very hard to be making this pleasing to him, at first ending, found that the new Minicraft L-1049 was not at all “Connie”, especially for engine areas.

So Cliff swapped out that one for an older, “box scale” which was Monogram ‘50s issue kit. Seems pretty blended, even if not “strictly 1/144th” scale throughout, definitely every inch a Connie atop Shuttle Booster rockets



Another surprise on the table was this FR 5 Firefly, in 1/72nd.

It was actually DONE.

That’s right, fini.

Ready to enter or live a luxury life on a shelf as apple of builder’s eye.

Great news and views of her, Free Hornet Mr Chris Bucholtz.

Then on right, Frank Babbitt has gotten his teeth deep into a rare Handley Page C-10A by Airfix. Sweet, yes.





Alright, time to do a little room recon as article space grows short. Plan B now, to cover TriCity 12 in depth in next BUZZ, #51, rather than this one as forecast first

With the OrangeCon coverage provided by Peter Long and begin of month trip to Monterey Bay needing to be in this issue, Editor has laid out the photo essays such.

As the writing follows, no more room is found and so package per Plan B it is!

On the left, review how Chris Bucholtz's box of magazines has been completely hit with no one else getting near them, by the likes of Jim P and Frank B. On right, see the calm seated folks as Jim, arms full, is flipping thru his "booty" as Pete stares at his tickets, hoping Jim will be back to sell



Peter now looks, checks in with Chris now standing, to confirm Jim and Frank have left the box for sure

Kevin G checks his phone as Dave warily watches, in next moment Dave lunges at Kevin with Jagdpanther (or was it a JagdTiger ...?)

Okay, perhaps more than a little editorial license was taken there just now.

Give yourself a look at the model on a stick which is what Dave Parks was here sharing view with Kevin.

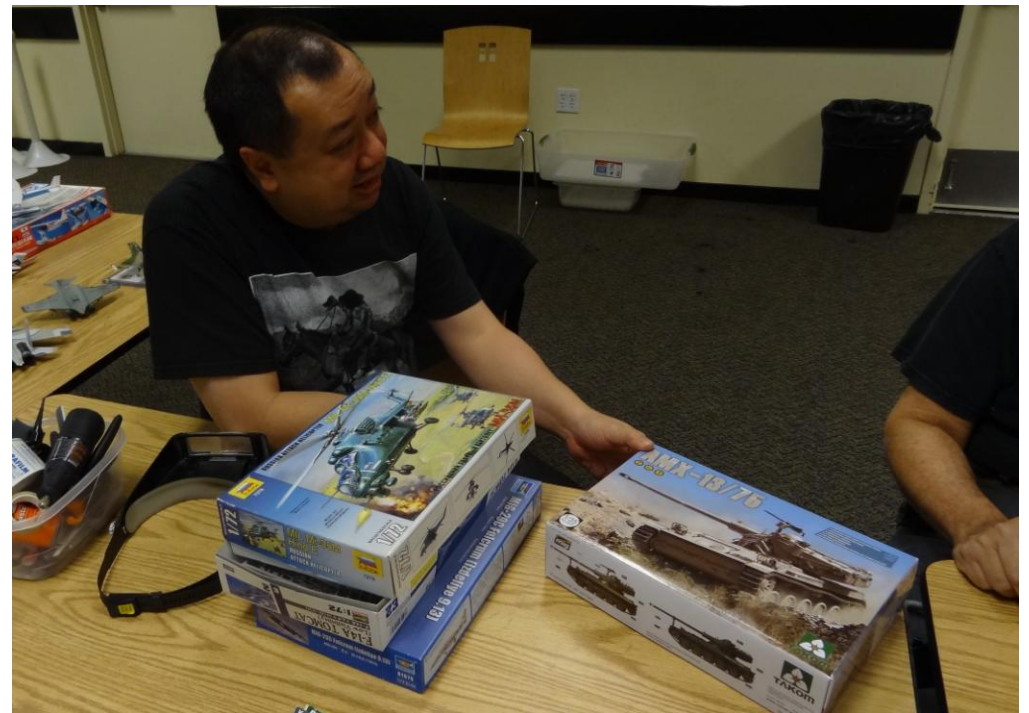




Being that no notes were taken, Editor will be unable at this point writing be quickly able to pin down what Wermacht 212 is. Oh, wait, there's INTERNET



Kelly and Patrick are deeply ensconced and don't notice here I have confirmed, JAGDPANTHER. Gabriel tries to tempt Kevin with AMX13 /76...





Skyraider underway, Ron Tom asked if we are always this awful to one another here at the Free Hornets. Sarcastic, rude and just plain mean (especially to the President when he's trying to hold the meeting for any important business discussions ...)

Once we had checked the coast was clear, no recording devices operable, we re-assured him yes, indeed, this is how commonly our meetings (aka Nests) go on to conclude. Not an unusual one, other than having our power outage, our November 11th meeting cancelled (due to it being a Holiday, which officials that run the office to rent our space managed to forget to tell us, meant they'd be NOT ALLOWING A RENTAL), plus general sense that we'd need to do any business like determining how best to deal with all of it before meeting night closed, by assent of quorum , was all ☺



Thankfully, he took us at our word and immediately committed to showing up as much as possible in our future calendars. Go Ronald ! *Welcome.*



So, to cover briefly in summary as we look above at the raffle prizes in order they were taken left to right, and lastly a Reminder of what Frank and Jim were doing for a good part of meeting, here was the decisive portions of business:

- 1) As Director outlined, the very solid success of TriCity 12 with a breakeven financial (no loss, no gain) made a Motion to consider having Free Hornets host TriCity 13 in 2017, with a unanimous assent to go forth and make it so.
- 2) After discussion, lively as it were, decided Free Hornets would hold regular Nest of November on First Friday The 4th, day before "Triple Threat Saturday" with Regions 8, 9, 10 all holding a Show/Contest. Space for a nonBuild Fest night would be kept for any SVSM folks who might want to join us, as there was some question still if they'd be having their meeting on same nite, not confirmed if their meeting room had been booked for sure, as 3rd Friday was out
- 3) With all that done, raffle was dealt, we all got away clean to go home or to Mission Blvd Denny's for more fun

(=;-0 Editor's postscript : the next Friday, it was confirmed SVSM would hold their meet Nov 4th, so back to buildfest plans for ours)

- 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* “

OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF OCTOBER !



Congratulations to OCTOBER Model of the Month Winner, Chris Bucholtz - Mickb-fini

MORE COLORFUL REMINDERS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

NNL West ⁷⁷

• Theme: “⁷” (Cars from ‘57, ‘67, etc...)
& TV & Movie Cars



Belfair

Jan. 28, Santa Clara Convention Center
www.nnlwest.org

9am–4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$15

EVEN DOWN IN ORANGE COUNTY – DO FREE HORNETS LAND

„WEEKEND AWAY YOU SAY“

Photos : Peter Long Text: Mick Burton



Thanks to having our guest member Sean Fallesen, for a good several months of 2016 at Hornets Nest and at SVSM, we were better informed than ever on progress, detail re: the 2016 OrangeCon hosted by IPMS Orange County.

Held in Pavilion at campus of Cal State Fullerton, school

which has been site in various manners for a number of OrangeCons (this Editor has made it to at least two since they moved to there), a very very pleasing return this year for them.

I am very sad I didn't make this one, for the pictures taken by Horner Pete Long really do bring home the "excitement and wonder" of how big this show turned out, AWESOME.

Confirmed with Peter, the basic numbers are pretty damned impressive for a one day show.

The tables look a bit full ? Should, there was **575 entries** put into contention by well over 300 (*perhaps closer to 400 in the final tally*) entrants. Very very excellent showing for any Region's contesting and great news for all.

Peter and Ben Pada were far from the only ones from "out of town", as Dave Hannant



of “ Hannants ” (yes, the ENGLAND BASED HOBBY SHOP) was one of the “away team folks”, and I know he’s been to these shows in past, too.



Some more views of the lovely turnouts, it looks like a day at the USA Nationals !



Peter wasn't just an entrant, as a view of this table on left here might tip you...

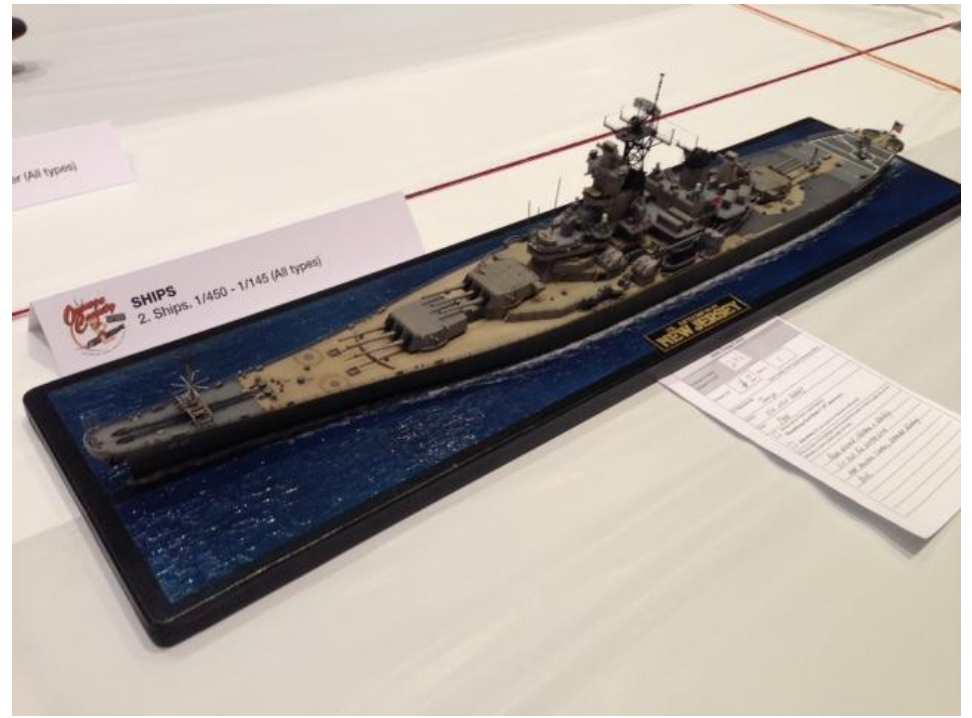
OrangeCon vendor rooms for me are often the stuff of legend, and this year Tamiya America made sure there was visual evidence of why. Pete briefed us at the October Nest about time he had to spend “working” here.



More looks at those rooms of models built & unbuilt, thanks to Peter Long and of course, the hosts at the Orange Con.

High Fives to All of you on the staff ☺









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.

Location:

Pavilion at the University
Conference Center
Cal State Fullerton
800 N. State College Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92834
(State College and W. Campus Dr.)

SPECTACULAR and inspiring to us all, a cheering bit of news on how a concerted effort by good team can see a response that is a Not To Be Missed event when done.

I am trying now to make sure I can be back for 2017 and I hope some of you will be there too
Thanks again, to Pete and to Sean !



Between NORTH and SOUTH, a PRETTY NICE WEEKEND SPENT MEETING & SHARING

Two Free Hornets Travel First Sunday October to Pay Visit, Return Vehicle To Monterey Bay

Photos : Mick Burton

Text: Mick Burton

Trip Made Possible By: Rich Pedro

Gracious Hosting: IPMS M-Bay



By the by, when I saw the sign at the entry, I was bit anxious, some of these behaviors are far from unknown at Fremont Hornets meeting nights or events... ☺



First Sunday of each month is normally the day on which the “Muddlers” of IPMS Monterey Bay club have their formal gathering. I also usually am on duty as a docent on this particular juncture, so mostly unable to easily plan to make a visit to our friends on the coast in the South. But this was a “business trip”, see ?

Previous Sunday, September 26, was the TriCity 12 “Battle of Britain” Classic, as fortune would have it, several Muddlers made the trip North to be part of the show

Besides leaving behind the 2016 John McLane award for Best 1/48 WW2 A/C , now in the care of Jack Riggat of Santa Rosa , winner for his Kittyhawk IV, they had one member in his haste to get car pool underway, leave behind a lovely F-1 model ! Fortunately, Rich Pedro came to the rescue, kept it safe for return swiftly.





While I knew who's car model it was at the show, having pleasure of knowing Mr Tom Leutzinger, meeting him at many local and even National IPMS events over the years, I had no easy way to get his model safely back from event. Richard was the hero here.

We worked on plan to transit to Monterey for meeting and lo here we go!

Why, here as we arrive just in time, is Tom in the window!



As you may see already, there's models on display in the well lit areas that are meeting locale boundaries, well named "Solarium Conference Room". We were very quickly made to feel very welcome and got into mixing here





I finally got to meet Mr David Conneau, who had this lovely “wartime Beech” at the TriCity 12 as a bonus to this trip. He has a true deep passion for a large section of history, culture and politics that’s nice to engage in conversation with. Dave ended up chairing the meeting , as Pres., Lester Tockerman was not able to attend. Dave is M-Bay Treasurer .

You might say Tom’s a big F-1 fan, eh?
Also happy that his JPS car model is home



Here you see 3 frequently seen friends from M-Bay: Ramon Lomeli (in hat on left), Lee Marcum (center) and brother Larry Marcum

Ramon, Larry and Lee are quite intrepid RoadWarrior folk, I have seen them at 3 or more shows this year !





Ramon Lomeli doesn't usually turn up at the shows by himself, his son Oliver is often along and even sometimes, like at Fresno Regional this year, sweeps in his categories. Good work , Dad, getting son so passionately producing models like that. I want a "paraphrased" version of Ramon's shirt here, just one "title change" is all. His "I'm A Crew Chief. I Can't Fix Stupid, But I CAN FIX What Stupid Does" has a number of flexible re-deployments ☺



When we were in Model Talk, as it turned out, we started with Oliver's Work in Process here, an M2A2 in 1/35th.

Oliver patiently posed for me to shoot while he shared his experiences so far with this Academy IFV. Still fun, yes!



Now for those who don't already know, the Muddlers do their own newsletter and with photos , it gets pretty large as an email PDF.

Ramon is a major part of its production, as is Lester, and I look forward to seeing "their side" of this meeting soon, just in case you think I am skipping along on details or anything.

Just know, they have pretty organic feel of why or why not stuff gets put into print and in how much detail. Their "Muddler" letter is about to celebrate Year Three of publish.





Remember earlier, I said we were returning a vehicle to M-Bay?

Here she is, John Player Special Lotus Formula One racer, 1978 in 1/12th scale. Taking third in Category 27, Open Wheel Competition Auto at TC-12. Tom does other models besides racing automotive, I know in fact he did a pretty competitive modern USN Carrier not too many years back. He also places in Unfinished category from time to time, glad he braves where others seem to fear to tread.

Tom's pretty fearless in other ways, too. During another portion of the meeting, I had a chance to extol and promote Orange Con to the MBay Muddlers, whom I learned, had not ever experienced this fine show much further South, in the fall. As I lamented that this year I'd be unable to fit it into my schedule, in part not having a car to even be meeting up with others to road trip, Tom asked me right off if I'd go still, had I a traveling partner to share expenses and vehicle. He'd been invigorated by my description of past OrangeCons I'd been to, plus noted my enjoyment of how several of their members, like the Muddlers I know, were often over the years to be found at shows like OR McMinnville, Reno, Fresno, SVC, TriCity (they even did both Oregon and Fremont this year!). Although we took a shot at going, my other half torpedoed any chance of my bugging out on already scheduled plans for that following Saturday, so Tom and I didn't end up trying this trip out.



Perhaps on prior page, you noticed in photo how David Conneau seemed to be casting a spell in front of Tom Leutzinger. Below, is what came out



David had this beautiful layed out display for his recently done 1/48th P-38 USAAF Lightning. Those vintage advertising repro from the same period, really set it off, I think. Richard talked to David at much more length on this model than did I, so you'll have to ask him for detail.

I enjoyed utterly, Eric H's story of this Millenium Falcon in 1/144th by Bandai here, as there is a poetic punch line to all the effort that went into his model.

Having a woman friend who's a huge Star Wars fan, he'd had idea to make her this vehicle as a gift. This is a rear angle view, you'll see much more ahead, as I was just enchanted with this.





As you look upper left, just imagine David as he points out, “can’t you just see the B-29 in there?”, while Eric was giving us the excellent full story of how this model of a model came to pass and what fun he actually had, despite all the agony of detail.

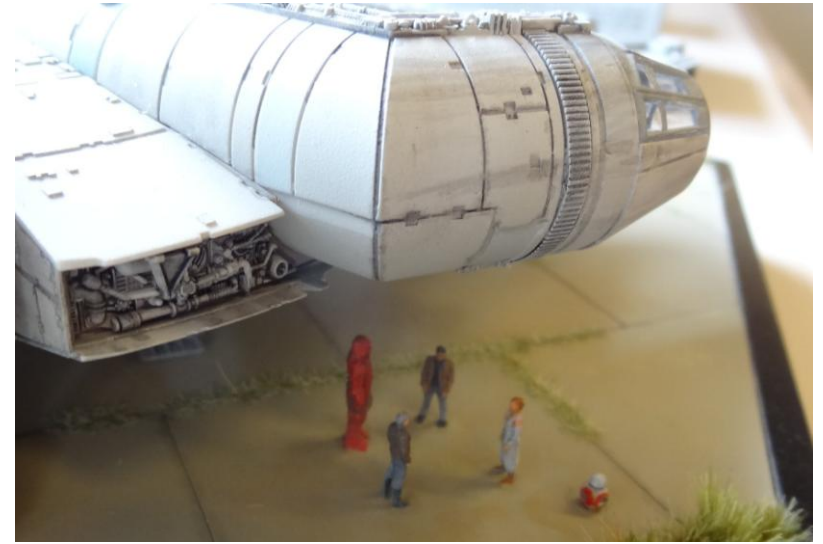
There is so much going on with this beast and as a further delight, his base work is quite a model in itself.

The figures, even as small as they are, really have a life of their own. Serious, Eric, this is great stuff

This is truly a labor of love, friendship triumphs over all else, for he finished with the fact here’s a model that very soon would be leaving, never to be seen at a contest or by its builder likely much again, as he was to deliver it very soon after.



Sorry, but since I or any of you either, aren't bloody likely to see this Falcon again, you'll just have to put up with two more shots of mine taken while had chance...



Next we'll discover that Eric has a MiG-21 underway from the Italeri release in 1/48th. As plan, he's going for a late mod in a very small air force scheme

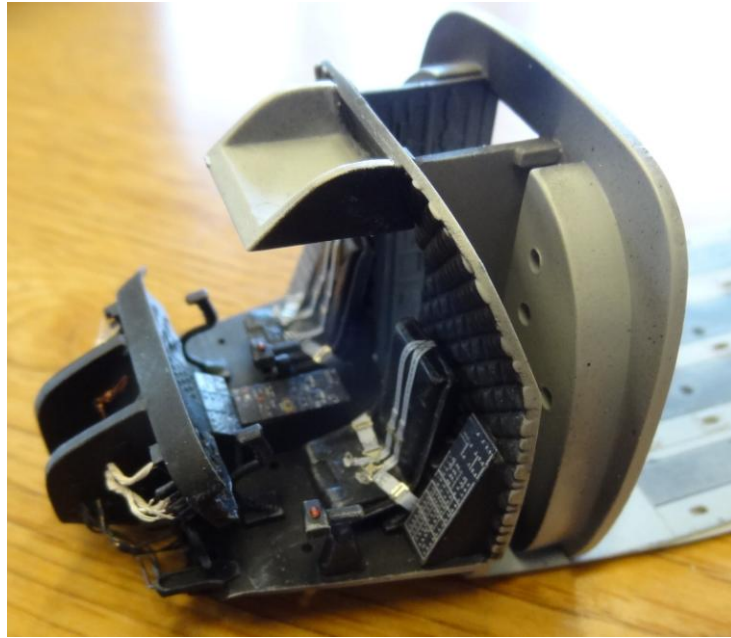
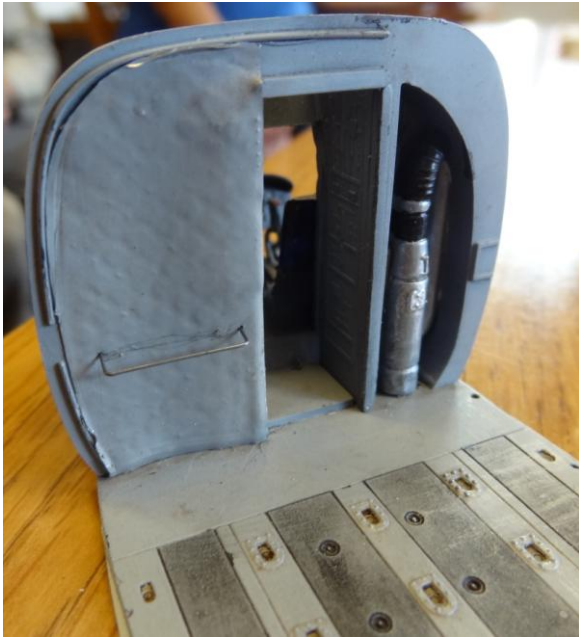
Right next door was another MiG, also in 1/48th scale, but a very large difference in model.

After Ramon Lomeli was done explaining to us all that was his motivation for choosing this new wave model kit, I was ready myself to place an order !

This is a superbly engineered, modern high tech injected mold designed and made kit, the fits out of the box are screaming to show up to a meeting to be seen, so damned hot The molding of the complex missiles, ONE PIECE, and just obscenely fine in details.

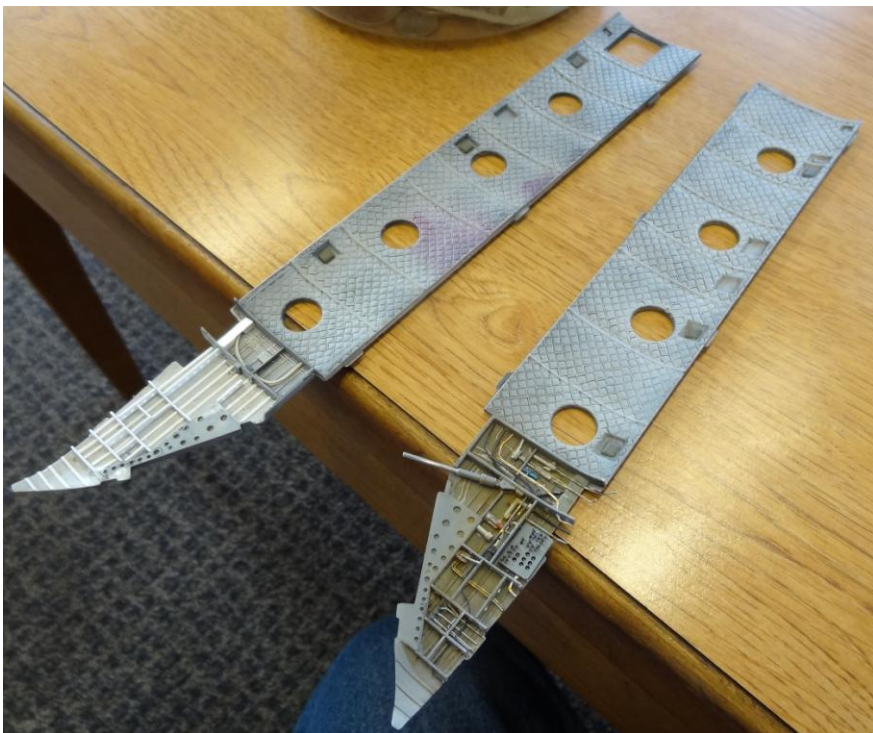
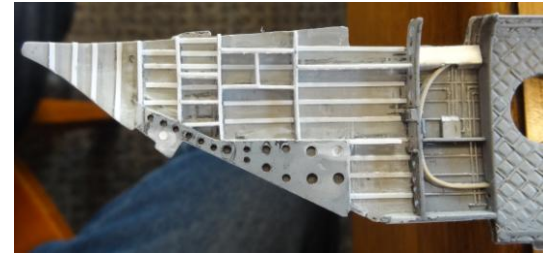
Ramon was also very very good in his presentation of his 1/48th scale CH-47 here, too



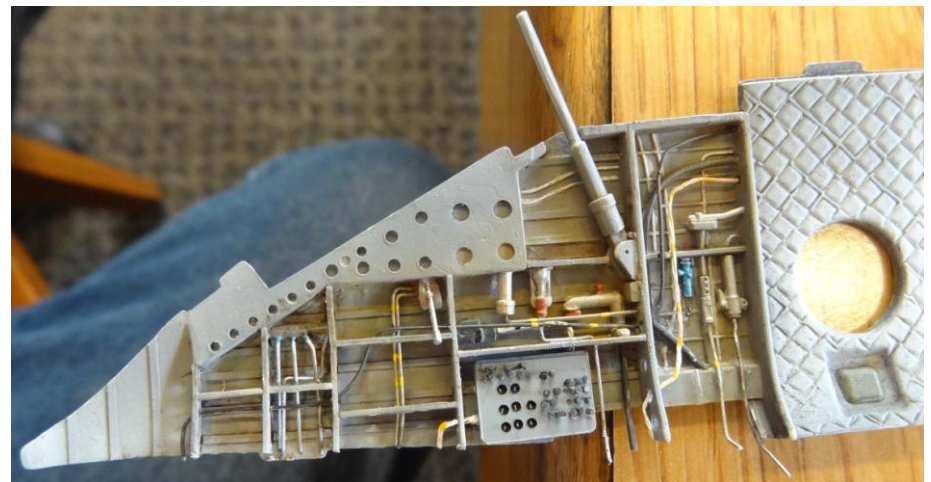


Forced here to admit to being of an age where it was recalled how Aurora Plastics Corp of Hempstead, New York, was once **ONLY** one ever to produce a 1/48th CH-47 © What one got in it for two bucks, vs this new kit before Ramon improved, not even!

Wish I still had one to show Ramon what once was, so he'd truly know even more, a Golden Age of Scale Modelling is NOW.



For an idea, Ramon: just imagine instead of improving greatly in all the ways you have already here, base interior throughout, that you'd additionally be having to fabricate the base pieces, first ! Then, kit cockpit glass, rounded side window glass? Well, let's just say you'd not worry about too much being seen... It was clear styrene, just coke bottle glass thick. Aurora's eventually insanely expensive "collector's kit" Chinook, could best be called "injected version of basic Airmodel Vacform" in actual modeler basic values today.





While I am unable to tell you the name of this skilled young man, I can share some pictures of his work here.

Our young friend here did this '77 Pontiac Firebird in black, had fun doing it, that I know

IPMS Monterey Bay, measured on a percentage of modelers by age, has a superb standing in our Region. Only Lily Liu's Bay Area Dragons club is more "youthful" in aggregate.



I'd be happy to hear of how wrong I am on this, by the way. For now, I have only evidence of my own eyes and news letter pubs from others, to support that premise.

Other clubs may have more kids in families who have a family member as a modeler. But M-Bay has more *active youth modelers* as part of their core in my measure, than any other club in R-9.

CONGRATS M-BAY



Nearing a point where I must wrap as “publishable maximum” is about to be exceeded, I’ll try to recall the relevant bits here.



Lee Marcum is one who braves this huge Gojirah (Godzilla to the unwashed...) as he related how much fun (not!) doing the finish blending was.

Larry Marcum is the Fearless crafter of an old Airfix Blenheim IV, on the left. Right, one of the Marcums is making a Typhoon





Tom Leutzinger had some other car kits underway, no slacker he, not resting on laurels knowing we had his JPS coming to meeting.

The orange body lovely, I didn't record what it was, though Richard knew and asked where the paint was from, turns out it's custom mix.

Tom's other black F-1 car, again I don't know what it was, think was Ebbro kit in 1/20th though.



One more look at Eric's Millenium Falcon

Then a salute to M-Bay whose membership did show a couple of Free Hornets a damned nice day as their guests

Take note on next page the endpiece signoff...





*The Monterey Bay IPMS Club I am pleased to note here, is a few weeks away from reaching their **GOLDEN (50th) ANNIVERSARY (1967-2017)***

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- S7. Multi-Engine Jet Aircraft, 1/48 scale
- S9. Single-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, Allied 1/48 scale
- S11. Multi-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, 1/48 scale
- S13. Jet and Rocket Aircraft, 1/32 and larger
- S15. Airliner Aircraft, all scales
- S17. Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, all scales

- S19. Military Vehicles, Softskin, 1/35 and larger
- S21. Armored Fighting Vehicles, 1/35 scale SHERMANs or SHERMAN BASED Only
- S23. Armored Fighting Vehicles, Closed-Top, post 1945, 1/35 and larger
- S25. Military Vehicles all types 1/48 scale
- S27. Military Vehicles, MODERN (post 1945) all types, 1/49 and smaller)

- S28. Ships, 1/400 and larger
- S30. Ships, 1/401 and smaller

- S31. Automobiles, Stock, all scales
- S33. Automobiles, Custom all scales Pre 1941 Body
- S35. Automobiles, Competition, Closed-Wheel, all scales Domestic Only
- S37. Motorcycles, All types/scales

- S39. Space Vehicles, Fictional (Science Fiction or Fantasy), all scales/types

- S41. Figures, Historical, to 19th Century, all scales
- S43. Figures, Fantasy and Fiction, all scales

- S45. Dioramas, all types and scales
- S47.. Collections, all types and scales

Junior (13-17 Years)

- J1. Aircraft
- J2. Military Vehicles & Ships
- J3. Automobiles
- J4. Dinosaurs and Figures
- J5. Miscellaneous



- S2. Multi-Engine Jet Aircraft, 1/72 scale
- S4 Single-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, 1/72 scale Axis
- S6. Single-Engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft, 1/48 scale
- S8. Single-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, Naval Only 1/48 scale
- S10. Single-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, Axis/Neutrals, 1/48 scale
- S12. Prop Aircraft, 1/32 and larger
- S14. Rotary Wing Aircraft, all scales
- S16. Civil, Sport, Racing Aircraft, all scales
- S18. Jet, Prop and Rocket Aircraft, 1/144 and smaller

- S20. Armored Fighting Vehicles, Closed-Top, to 1945, 1/35 and larger all types
- S22. Armored Fighting Vehicles, Open-Top, 1/35 and larger
- S24. Towed Artillery and Ancillary Vehicles, 1/35 and larger
- S26. Military Vehicles, All types to 1945, 1/49 and smaller

- S29. Submarines, all scales

- S32. Automobiles, Custom all scales Post 1941 Body
- S34. Automobiles, Competition, Open-Wheel, all scales
- S36. Automobiles, Competition, Closed-Wheel, all scales Foreign Only
- S38. Automotive, miscellaneous

- S40. Space Vehicles, Real, and Missiles, all scales/types

- S42. Figures, Historical, from 20th Century On, all scales
- S44. Hypothetical Vehicles, all types and scales

- S46. Miscellaneous (literally, anything that won't go in another category listed)
- S48. UNFINISHED Subjects, all types and scales

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- SJ1. Aircraft
- SJ2. Military Vehicles and Ships
- SJ3. Automobiles
- SJ4. Miscellaneous

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So here you go, a brief summary of our now TWELVE Tri City Classics, with some compiled numbers and theme notes for your amusement or amazement:

Year	Name	Locale	Entrants	Models	Theme	Notes
2004	TriCity One	Newark	73	290	"Best of Three"	TriCity Award for Superbee w/3 carbs!
2005	TriCity Two	Newark	73	237	"Three of A Kind"	TriCity Award for 3 entry/Same entrant
2006	TriCity Three	Newark	45	169	"Never A Shot In Anger"	Included "Woulda/Coulda/Shoulda"
2007	TriCity Four	Newark	45	170	"The Italian Job"	Italian/Italy Theme
2008	TriCity Five	Newark	49	188	"The French Connection"	French/France Theme
2009	TriCity Six	Newark	57	218	"From Russia With Love"	Russian/Soviet Theme
2011	TriCity Seven	Milpitas	74	300	"Black Rain"	Japanese Theme
2012	TriCity Eight	Milpitas	55	211	"Midway" & "Missiles of October"	USA Theme
2013	TriCity Nine	Milpitas	58	197	"Soldier of Orange"	Dutch/Netherlands Theme
2014	TriCity Ten	Milpitas	76	285	"Out of Africa"	Africa/African Theme
2015	TriCity Eleven	Milpitas	68	271	"The Good German"	Germany/German Theme
2016	TriCity Twelve	Milpitas	66	238	"The Battle of Britain"	Britain/British Theme