# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 59



**February 16 2017** 



Somehow managing to wing it for now over 40 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)

For some reason, The Free Hornets had a meeting in February. Look inside for a review of it

Prez/Editor Continues Reporting On More Prehistoric Hornets (Origin Myths) (can no one stop him?)

To get an idea of what, you'll simply have to read on

Another look at NNL WEST 2017 - First Big Scale Model Show of Year, Colorful, Wonderful, Weird and FUN!

ALSO FIND FIRST NEWS OF Reno High Rollers # 18 and AVG Desert Classic # 21, coming in the Fall

Reminder: <a href="http://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/">http://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/</a> Just three little pages. Not a lot to dig through, Events Calendar web page 3, ALWAYS

### THE Latest BUZZ (as of February 16 2017 evening)

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

**YES!** Now # 60 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!

" Oh Where We Have Been...Where We're Going ... Who With...Where Next Will We Be?"

Last time, this Editorial page was a simple text graphic illustrating and underlining the current REAL FACTS: where we are in IPMS Region Nine and where we're going, who with for this year as best we can know. With a careful blending with the "Time Machine" of that particular issue, one might begin to divine that really not a huge surprise. Actually, that in fact history almost foretold we'd end up 40 years later where we're at. In mere days from whence this is writ, IPMS Sacramento will be staging what has now become the de facto "Kickoff" month for Region Nine IPMS. Regardless of who is the club heading the hosting. Several now have had that honor. Silver Wings with its third time at this particular batting order now, really damned good example of being one of "The Few, owed so much by the Many". As in being one of the Few in Region Nine Clubs to have "gone the distance" and lasted as a continuous charter for number of decades.

We're actually rather flush with that honor in this Region, all things considered: **IPMS Monterey Bay** is at their  $50^{th}$  annum this year, **SVSM** is now 54, we **Free Hornets** enjoying 40, **Silver Wings** must be close to the same... Our American cousins, the **NNL West**, just held their  $32^{nd}$  yearly event, and it contained the same big clue. What all these "FEW" have in common in my estimate as well as others view, as to how come they are still here and others perhaps, aren't. In the end what's important, what makes the ship go, is being in the know that we're all in this together. Even if we're not (hold on for the shock) on the same wavelength, in fact, even have sometimes violent opposition in fact, in what we're passionately about other than a love of models and being in model community. Not letting that get in way of those two, a key "rising above the tide" factor.  $\odot$ 

- mick

# The Hornets Nest Night Friday March 10 @ Irvington Locale PLANNED TO BE

Buildfest if you like, MODEL TALK / DISPLAY & a minimum of Business

### COLORFUL REMINDERS OF UPCOMING EVENTS



# **SILVERCON 2017**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18 2017

TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH and SCHOOL
4049 MARCONI AVE
SACRAMENTO CA



### FEBRUARY, MARCH, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER for sure!



# SVSM SV Classic IV Saturday, March 04, 2017



Napredak Hall

"On The Hook"
All 770 Montague Expressway San Jo

San Jose CA 95131

9:00 AM Doors Open

12:00 PM Registration Closes

1:05 PM Judges Meeting

3:30 PM Awards Presentation





2017 SV Classic Theme

PALLE OF

Theme Examples: NAVAL AIRCRAFT, SHIPS, POLICE & FIRE, BOMB DISPOSAL, TESTING PROTOTYPE and ONE OFFS, SPACE FLIGHT IN YEAR 1967, USCG CREWS and RESCUE CRAFT, PARACHUTES & SKYDIVING, PARASITE AIRCRAFT, USN SEALS, BRITISH SAS, PEOPLE WHO SHOT OFF THEIR MOUTHS AND PRODUCE NOTHING

### NOW OFFERING 48 Categories of Senior (18 & up) Level Competition

SWEEPS ALLOWED! ALSO OFFER 11 shots to "Catch The Wire" for Special Awards

5 Categories for Junior (13-17 years) 4 Categories for SubJunior (12/under) Competition

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC NEED NOT BE AN IPMS MEMBER TO ENTER & COMPETE!

Contestant Admission Pricing: \$ 12 Senior, Unlimited number of models entry

- \$ 2 Junior, up to 5 models included, enter 6 or more = 5 dollars flat fee
- \$ 1 Subjunior, up to 5 models included, enter 6 or more = 5 dollars flat fee

Spectators admission free! RAFFLE! FREE MAKE AND TAKE For 17 and under! VENDORS!

AND COMING NOW
SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

Antelope Valley Group's 21st DESERT CLASSIC in LANCASTER

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS AS COME AVAILABLE

-mick fini



# 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.

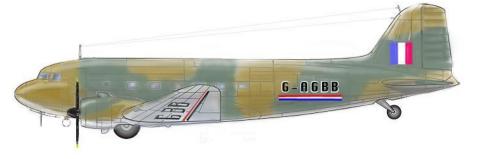
*Very easy rules to follow*: *ANY* Airliner aircraft, *ANY* Period, *ANY* Scale. Merely one has to be finished in time for entry on 2-18-17. So get those Curtiss Condors, HP.42s, He.70s, L-1011s, G.43s, Viscounts, TriMotors, Saro Princesses, "Clippers" et al...on











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.

# FEBRUARY LOOK BACK FROM THE FRONT – Build, Build, Build & ...BUILD



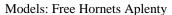
Text/Photos: Mick Burton

The second meeting of 2017 was a full bore build mania, joining tables of fine display

Just take a look at these pictures for an idea, knowing there is no way to capture the intense energy and wired

conversation, commingling that was most of the night's meeting

The President thankful to Dave Parks, other "early" arrivals who set up a great room layout, which surely helped set things moving.







Randy R. and Kevin G. on armor. Cliff K. keeping track, Chris B. talking Convair with Miguel B, Dave P, Ben P, and Peter L. are meeting central.







Frank B. shows no fear with his well underway tackling of the '70s vintage Revell 1/32<sup>nd</sup> MiG-21 PF, plus an OA-4M in 1/48<sup>th</sup> for relaxation ...



Jim P. making much of his 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Stirling up in front, while we look at Cliff K's track production.



Plus, as I stated up front, we had a very fine pair of tables with "Display / Model Talk" projects to enjoy!





Ben P, and Peter L. share notes on new Ki-61



Chris B. has Sword Gannet, Meng F-106 to do









Thanks to Hobbies Unlimited and Mr. Al Gerace, Peter Long, we had three enticing Raffle kits right off. Joined by a nice surprise of a shrink wrapped kit from our recently returned "Navy" Ray Williams, to boost our returns!







As ever, Ray W. is patient with the obsession of the Hornets Photog (& Prez, Treas, Editor) in his recording.



Still, the end of the evening saw one new kit with characteristics that were shared in some way with three of here (as 1/48<sup>th</sup>, German or from Tamiya), yet it was decidedly NOT a German WW2 item other than by alliance, did ...become the most sought after.

Ray's generous gift of this 1/48<sup>th</sup> kit of Me-410B, turned out to be in keep with the "Teutonic tone" of 2/3 items select, purchased by Peter from Al at Hobbies Unlimited, as you see here







You guessed it, a Tony award





Launching our Model Talk was Cliff Kranz and his "one off", done in an effort to complete one of his favorite aero families.

While a couple of folks spotted things that clued this was not "your usual Superfortress", no one knew on sight that it was a  $1/72^{\rm nd}$  replica of the one and only XB-44. Known as the engine testbed prototype for the B-29D. More of us know that one by its actual USAF service designator, namely the B-50.

Though this has those "Andy Gump" nacelle engines, dead giveaway of being "not a B-50" is a normal "small" vertical stabilizer. Production B-50s all had a much sturdier tall tail.

Meanwhile, nearby and also in 1/72 scale. Bob Meyers' Pzr III





Bob's work with this new Revell kit of the Panzer III shows off so well his expertise in this arena, plus how the details can rival an armor piece twice its scale by him



On left, Bob's 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Panzer III, pointing right at rear shot



of his DML kit Stug III, nearly twice size in scale  $(1/35^{th})$ 

The pugnacity of this vehicle really comes out with Bob's rendering of it, don't you think?





In person or in photographs, one can almost hear the Display table creak under the weight of this Armored Fighting Vehicle of the Wermacht...

So best we perhaps switch over to some earlier and lighter German material? Chris Bucholtz obliges us:

Chris had just picked up from Hobbies Unlimited a copy of this new charmer in  $1/72^{nd}$ , the Airfix E.II Fokker Eindecker, quite an improvement over the 1960s Revell E.III, which was best comparison for price/value in my estimate. Bonus for the Editor, Dave Parks shared an apparently well known to some, on YouTube time lapse "build video" of this very kit. By smartphone, when I was wandering about tables during the meet, expressing about this kit.

Chris also had a postwar Fleet Air Arm WIP project he's made some progress with, namely his Sword kitting of the turboprop Fairey Gannet AEW. He reports that with only 44 actual builds in 1/1, and not a one apparently the same in all details, it's no picnic working this one.







With all this serious effort going on, it was a good thing old hand Ray Lloyd brought out some aerial levity and wheeled whiffery to lighten things up











No, you're not imagining things or seeing a piece of '50s "dezinformatsiya" rendered in 3-D ( ala Aurora's "Yak-25 / MiG-19") here

A decade so far in the making, those four shots are of Ray Lloyd's original design of a "Curtiss, we hardly knew ya" P-40Z. He aptly named this jet, the "BlowHawk"

A combo of F-86 & P-40, with a smatter of F-16, we may have convinced him to finish. But his "Camaro LZ-1" is his passion now.









Part Camaro, part Corvette, ALL Chevrolet. Ray's smoothly blended, utterly no basis in reality otherwise machine, is superb automotive "whiffing" model "Whiff" is a "what if" modeler subculture term, and this wheeled fun fits it!



Now consider:

"what if" a pair of 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale ISU-152s were being directed...

Each by soldier paying no mind on to oncoming traffic...



Dave Parks did, that's likely why he built just one. Take three more looks at what may be made from what Dave said was a fine start of a kit ©









While on the topic of things Soviet, a Foursome by Ben Pada, above, includes this WIP in Ben's favorite aircraft scale, namely 1/48<sup>th</sup>. This is the AMK kitting of the MiG-31 "Foxhound", this model has gotten plenty of positive press and certainly seems to warrant it.

The twin tailed Tumansky powered turbo jet looks pretty lethal and purposeful even in unfinished state, doesn't it?

Over to MiG's left and joining rest of Ben fleet in going opposite direction ... aptly named as "Swallow" (Ki-61 Hien), IJAAF



inline engine "B-29 Killer". New Tamiya kit, aka "Tony Award" Look at the top box on right, hidden in "Tony's house" is a WIP P-40 by Airfix



One might get the idea Ben's pursuing another Pacific Theatre pairing, with those two new mold kits underway. Just have to wait and see.







Ben's best finished item this evening had to be his "decade in the making" Tamiya 1/35<sup>th</sup> T-55, which he cheerfully admits has sold him on armor!





Which he made us aware of by having another.

This time going on travel to WW2...



That's right. Here is "The Cuban's "recently completed Tamiya 1/35<sup>th</sup> Panther D in classic Wermacht "tricolor". Benjamin, you're killing us ©



When those who may have become too "accustomed" to taking home awards in Armor categories at events, get bumped by Ben, I'll offer this solace.

Ben sometimes prefers to be winning at 1/1 auto races, so not as if he'll for sure be at all the model contests...

Free Hornets, stepping out of their "known build zones", you gotta love it. Keep on trackin', Island Ben ©





 $\label{eq:mick-burton} \emph{Mick Burton, madman at large} - \underline{DAZE61283@mypacks.net}$  ( sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here ) "Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm"

# OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF FEBRUARY





Congratulations to FEBRUARY Model of the Month Winner, Cliff Kranz



Mickb-fini



# THE TIME MACHINE of The Free Hornets





# LOOKING BACK AT FORTY – Hornets Running Hot, Straight & Normal

Yes, 2017 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year for charter of IPMS/Fremont Chapter of Region Nine of the International Plastic Modeler's Society, USA aka "The Fremont Hornets" or as President/Editor likes to refer to us, "Free Hornets". While this Editor hasn't been a member for the entire span, he has been lucky enough to be friends with some who have, and known several of the Hornets who will be part of this continuing series on our history.



# FOR OUR FOURTH INSTALLMENT:

We pick up again where we left off; Vol 1 No. 10 (actually is TWELTH news published by IPMS/Fremont!)

APRIL '78 newsletter clipped here has notation of 3 day Hobby Show being put off, not an April Fool's gag, with cheery aside that means the IPMS clubs that are participating (Hornets being one) will have more time to prepare.

### THANKS TO OUR MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. James Rickman, an SB2C Helldiver pilot with the USN during World War II, came all the way down from Santa Rosa to be our March guest speaker. He brought many interesting and rare items from his collection of his own Navy personal issue items including insignia, pictures and maps. We were glad to have him as a guest. His plide presentation was most interesting. Our thanks to Bruce Russell for arranging this visit from his good friend.

Also reveals Guest Speaker in March was a great success, a generous sharing of time by a friend for a friend to friends!





IPMS/FREMONT NEWSLETTER Vol. 1 No. 10 April 1978

### HOBBY SHOW POSTPONED

The big Oakland Hobby Show at Oakland City Auditorium, which had originally been planned for next week-end (Apr. 7-8-9) has been rescheduled for June 2-3-4. Reason unknown. It's a good thing, however, as it gives us all more time to prepare for it. Looks like many Bay area chapters will be taking part and it should be a good show. We are working closely with IPMS/Diablo and the new chapter forming in San Francisco under the guidance of Lee Carroll. A booth space is being reserved for all the chapters participating, handouts will be printed up and signs made. Norm Engel, Pat Wells and Carl Rehnberg are taking part in behalf of the Fremont Chapter and I'm sure they can use your help. So, make a note on your calendar and be sure and attend (participate if you can...it's a lot of fun!) the Oakland Hobby Show, June 2-3-4....

### NEW BAY AREA CHAPTER FORMING

Meetings are 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm for the newest IPMS/USA chapter forming in the Bay area. It's on San Francisco State University campus in the J. Paul Leonard Library, second floor group study rooms, located on the south side of the campus just across Holloway Avenue from Parkmerced between Cardenas and Arellano streets. For information contact Lee Carroll 584-3919 (Franciscan Hobbies). 

### 1978 NATIONAL CONVENTION - ATLANTA:

If you happen to have vacation about that time that's July 12-16...the IPMS/USA National 1978 Convention at Marriott Hotel, Perimeter Center, in Atlanta, GA would be a good place to spend part of it. There's a Navy Model Contest planned for July 12-14 and Convention with usual well planned IPMS/USA International contest from July 13 through 16th. Many other events too. One of the featured guest speakers will be Eng. George Gay, recently retired TWA Captain, and only survivor of Torpedo Squadron 8 in the Battle of Midway.....

While on the subject of multi day Hobby Shows and Guest Speakers, APRIL '78 newsletter inside also had information about an upcoming SIX DAY Atlanta show that actually combined by overlap schedules, TWO 3 Day shows being hosted by IPMS Atlanta. One of the IPMS Nats '78 guest speakers it notes here, was to be Ensign George Gay. Who had the dubious fortune of being in ringmaster seating, as afloat after shootdown of his TBD Devastator in early part of Midway Battle!

If time permits, I'll post in the Free Hornets Annex a full digital archive of the 1977 IPMS Atlanta hosted "US NAVY MODEL CONTEST" Program, so you can see how really awesome the combination in 1978 really would have been.

Anyone who reads this publication who has a tale to share from going to this 1978 event, please, let Editor know so we can see if it fits into The Buzz V.1...

Now, pay some close attention to the fourth and final page of April newsletter 1978, as you May notice, there's a LOT of Air show, Model Club action Packed in there.

Then, don't miss the cleverly "up the spine" notice for an Upcoming May 1978 Monterey show...

On the left, you can read the splendidly concise notice from that very club, with all the details for their FOURTH show.

Which featured among other fun things, FIVE awards to place in categories and A TWO DAY EVENT schedule.

That flyer on the left is just half, by way

President Mal generated a very Hornets Mode map which was put inside this news

See it in the wrap up page, truly bit of fun

CALENDAR: Apr. 14 IPMS/Fremont 8pm (ARMOR DIORAMA) Apr. 15 NAG Air Race meeting EFS Fremont Apr. 21 IPMS/San Jose Kelley Park 7:30 pm Apr. 20 IPMS/ ? SFO State Library 7:30 pm Apr. 23 IPMS/Diablo Pleasant Hill Civic 12pm 05 Beale AFB THUNDERBIRDS (Tentative) May May 06 Travis AFB THUNDERBIRDS (Tentative) Oroville Air Show (Seaplanes, etc.) May 06-07 May 07 Visalia Air Show THUNDERBIRDS (Tentv) 12 IPMS/Fremont 8pm (BIG AUCTION!!) May 14 NAS Lemoore-Open House-Blue Angels SCHEDULE IS NOT FIRM! CHECK BEFORE YOU GO! ... 

### SOME OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

At our May meeting we wil have the BIG AUCTION and we will have nominations for 1978-79 Officers. At June meeting we will hold election and may have a guest speaker, a WW2 USN submarine crew member. July meeting guest planned is Marine A4 Skyhawk pilot, and a helicopter pilot of the Vietnam era may be our Spptember guest. Those are some of the things we are currently working on. \*\*\*\*\*++++\*\*\*\*\*++++\*\*\*\*\*++++

### APRIL MEETING:

Friday the 14th is IPMS/Fremont ARMOR DIORAMA night. So bring in those top secret dioramas you have been working on. We would like to hear about them. We have a couple of interesting films on the agenda. One is entitled "Seek and Strike" --Its a more modern armor film made in the '60s. The other is a Combat Bulletin made about the middle of World War 2. It covers Combat news events in all theatres and all services of the BIG war. We'll have refreshments and a BIG RAFFLE. This month our raffle prizes are from FRANCISCAN HOBBIES, 1935 Ocean Ave, San Francisco. They are right on the K-INGLESIDE Streetcar line. You can catch it from any BART station on Market. We got several good prizes from FRANCISCAN at 30% discount.

FRANCISCAN HOBBIES 1935 OCEAN AVE. SAN FRANCISCO

### International Plastic Modelers Society United States Branch

MONTEREY PENINSULA SCALE MODELERS - IPMS MONTEREY

A CHARTER CHAPTER OF IPMS USA

### PRESENTS

THE FOURTH ANNUAL CYPRESS SCALE MODEL SHOW

THE 4th ANNUAL CYPRESS SCALE MODEL SHOW WILL BE HELD AT STILLWELL HALL ON THE MILITARY RESERVATION AT FORT ORD CALIFORNIA ON THE MONTEREY BAY, THE WEEKEND OF SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MAY 20 and 21, 1978.

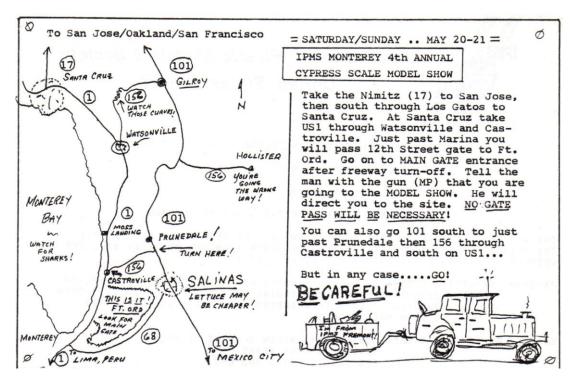
PROGRAM: SATURDAY: 1:00PM TO 5:00PM - EARLY REGISTRATION AND HANGARFLYING. SUNDAY: 9:00AM TO NOON - CONTINUING REGISTRATION. NOON TO 2:00PM JUDGING. 2:00PM TO WHENEVER - PRESENTATION OF AWARDS. 5:00PM HALL CLOSES.

CONTEST RULES: DIVISIONS: SUB-JUNIOR, BELOW 9 YEARS OF AGE. JUNIOR, 9 - 14 YEARS. SENIOR, 15 YEARS AND UP MASTER, FOR THOSE DESIRING THE KEENEST COMPETITION.

AWARDS: FIRST THRU FIFTH PLACE IN EACH CATEGORY. BEST IN SHOW FOR ALL DIVISIONS ALSO SPECIAL AWARDS.

ENTRY FEES: SUB-JUNIOR 25¢ PER MODEL. ALL OTHERS \$1.00 PER MODEL.

DOOR PRIZES: ONE FREE DOOR PRIZE TICKET WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH MODEL ENTERED. EXTRA TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FOR 25¢ EACH.



Discussion aplenty ahead on how the Oakland, Monterey, Fremont along with Region Nine as a whole, fared in the next two months of 1978 when we return, next issue

May yet surprise some of you

NOW WE HEAD ON OUT

TO CONTINUE LOOK AT SECOND QUARTER

OF FREE HORNETS, 1978 ...

Wha? The ALERT Horns sounding?

OH MY, appears my time here is up, must join with associates for a look to the future...

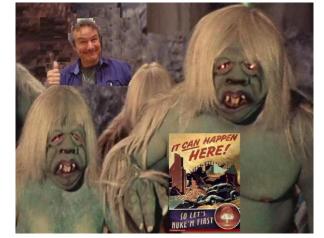
See you next issue - mickb



President & Editor (seems to be a Hornet standard now, hmm?) Mal Emhart supplied a sufficient dose of humor with his guide to those traveling from points afar, and perhaps not familiar with local hazards such as sharks or heading to Hollister...

Below, another example of how "we done in the OLD days"





# MORE LOOKS AT 2017 NNL WEST SHOW DAY





Photos/Text: Mick Burton, Free Hornet, NNL West Door Greeter Models: Everyone Else!





The NNL is more than "cars on display" which is why it's so successful, year after year. These are some damned fine builds you see here, reason though is all the awesome folks who show up every year. You may know some ©







Theme Majeure this year: "777", thusly any car in a year ending in 7 or basically the entire 1970s. Seems to have worked, see above!



There's A LOT to look at all day long at NNL West, and even when this Editor has tried to literally "shoot it all", the actual fact is you have to be doing nothing but shooting pictures and then watching for arrivals and departures to come even close to 100 percent. So now, I just shoot as much as I get time/energy to. More samplings of what I considered this year to be my favorites. Those Volkswagens showing off evolution of "California Style" were cool as were the "Working Trucks"



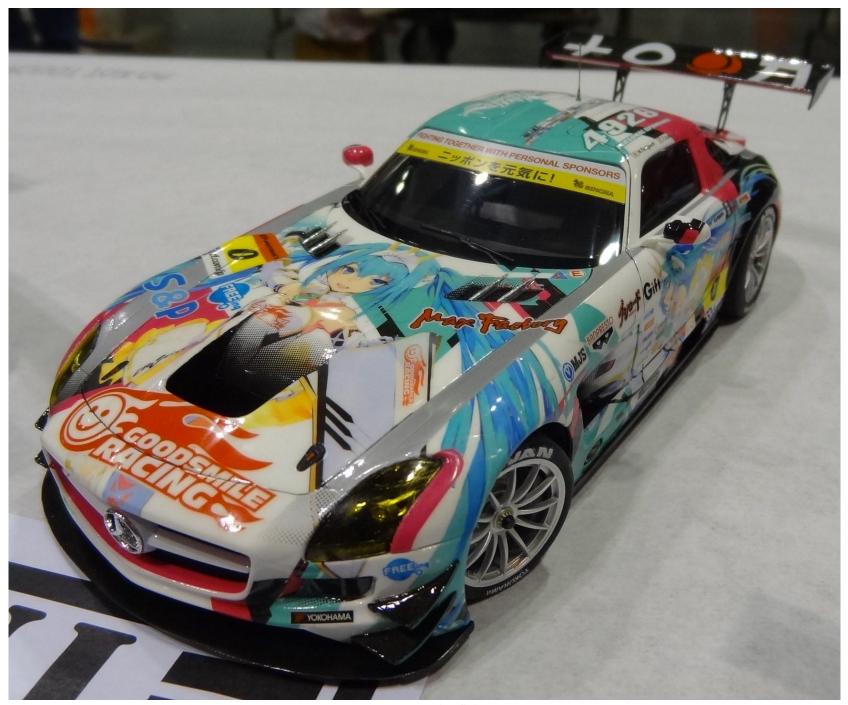


Those "GOODSMILE" girls on the cars in 1/1 or miniature are sweet finishes and not nearly as easy to do, even if decal in basis.

This combination of vehicles is not any small feat either, and deserves a good looking over, appreciation.

OKAY, next and likely last time I put out this feature in Buzz V.1 for the 2017 edition, will be cover of my favorites in Theme Minor, namely "Movie/TV Show" cars.

The TWO different collections of BatMan vehicles, by two builders will be the focus!



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# <u>COMING UP</u> <u>IN THE NEXT EDITION</u>

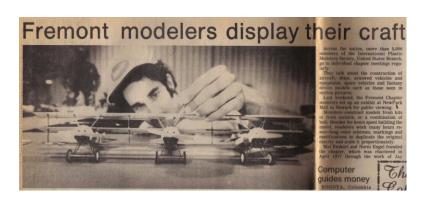
FREMONT HORNETS AT THE SHOW!
18 February R-9 Kickoff by Silver Wings

Yet MORE Editor's FAVES from 2017 NNL West

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CONTINUING A LOOK IN DETAIL AT
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- 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"

