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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 62



April 07 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)



**Like A Bat Outa Danville, Pictures & Prose aplenty as we find:
Free Hornets Meet in March oddly enough, so we take a look**

A Second but far from last look at SV CLASSIC # 4 – **ON THE HOOK !** Get an idea of Free Hornet Deep Connection

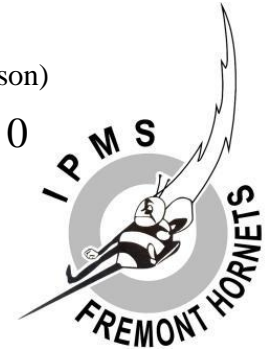
ALSO News of MONSTER MODEL SHOW (literally) coming soon to Pasadena, an INSANE Contest in June...

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

THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of April 07 2017 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 # 63 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!



**" SAY IT AIN'T SO, JOE ! Please, Joe, Say It Ain't So...
Alas, it is indeed, My Friends "**



***Hats Off for A Stop
At Willoughby for
Our Free Hornet***

JOSEPH C. CALLAHAN



Age 70, of East Fallowfield, passed away on Friday, March 24, 2017 at his home. He was the husband of Shelley L. (Evans) Callahan, with whom he shared 40 years of marriage. Born in Philadelphia. He attended Edison High School and graduated from North Catholic High School of Philadelphia. He served honorably in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1971, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. He was a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol as a young man, which led to his love of aviation and his career with Lufthansa from 1969 to 1999 as a Cargo Load Master and US Airways from 2001 to 2009 as a Customer Service Agent. He was a member of National Model Railroading Assoc., and International Plastic Modelers Society. He belonged to First Presbyterian of Jacksonville, NC. Joseph is survived, in addition to his wife, by his four children: Richard Callahan, husband of Jenn, of West Chester, Patrick Callahan of Toms River, N.J., Joseph Callahan of Fremont, CA and Shannon Callahan of East Fallowfield; 5 grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Ann Dubeck, wife of John, of Philadelphia. Online condolences can be posted at www.wildefuneralhome.com

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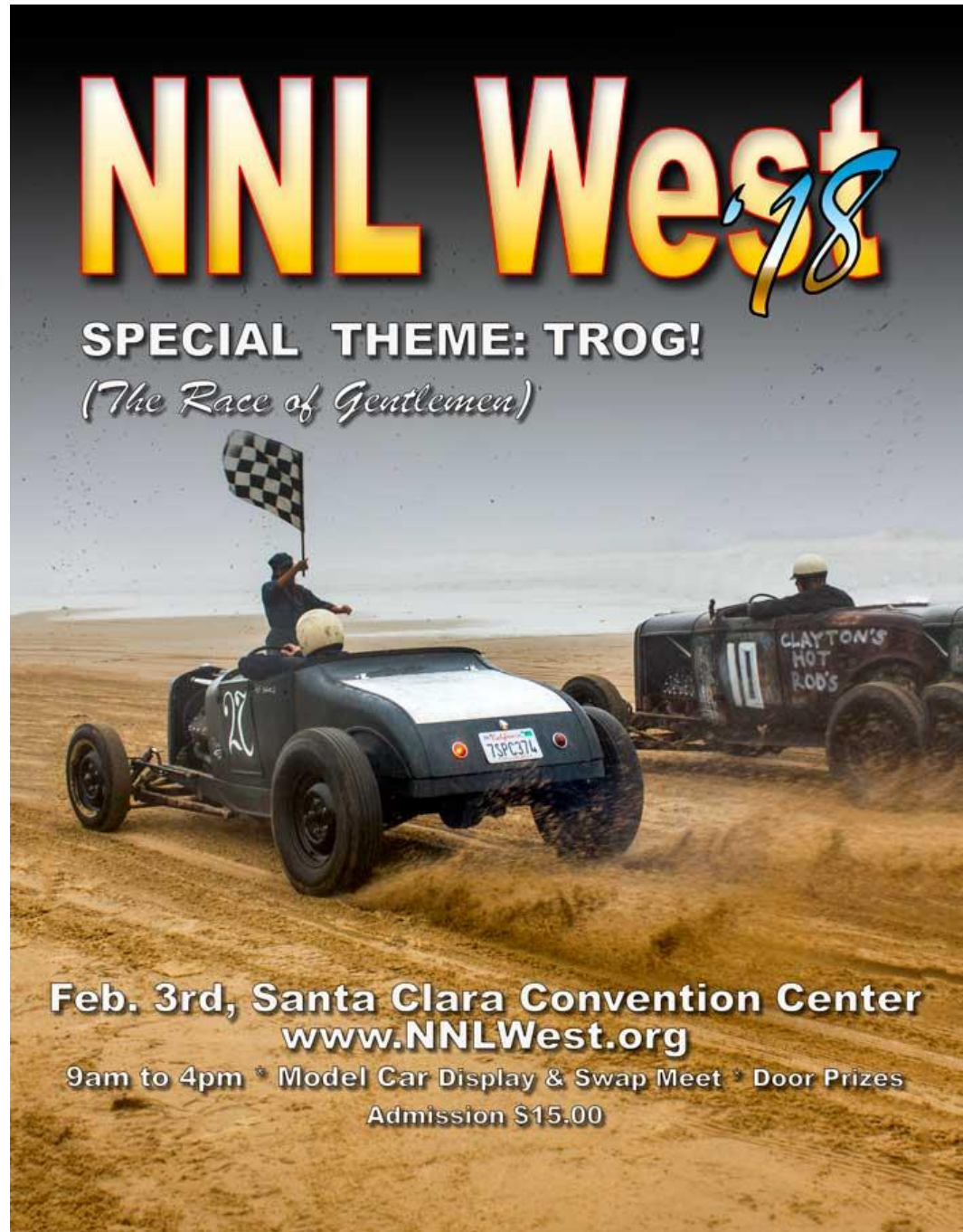
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NNL West '18

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Feb. 3rd, Santa Clara Convention Center
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9am to 4pm * Model Car Display & Swap Meet * Door Prizes
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The poster features a photograph of two vintage open-wheel race cars on a dirt track. The car in the foreground is dark blue with the number '28' on its side and a license plate that reads '7SPC374'. A driver in a blue shirt and a white helmet is visible. The car in the background is dark with the text 'CLAYTON'S HOT RODS' and the number '17' on its side. A checkered flag is being held by a person in the background. The background shows a sandy, open landscape under a clear sky.

The Free Hornets President **REMINDS OF THE AGREED UPON CHOICE HERE** FOR THOSE THAT MISSED THAT PART



2017 Gruppe Build Officially is “The Cat’s Meow”



(anything, anyway, feline or related, any scale, any subject as long as you can claw your way in...)



Besides Cougars of all kind, also coincidentally happens that our 2017 “Unofficial” (as expensive or of low interest or couldn’t be bothered with) Club Build choice of “Tamiya Tomcats”, using a new 1/48 F-14A only, *FITS IN!*

C’mon, think about it. You know you can find something in “your line of work”. Ships? USS Lionfish will fit in ! Union Navy’s USS Couer de Lion as well. How about USS Gato ? Stay tuned, Captain is going to have more “prompts” for yo

COMMISSION OPPORTUNITY

YOUR CAPTAIN BURTON is seeking a 2017 Gruppe Build XO (Exec Officer)

Duties include: Reminding others of the project, wrangling them into shape for entry at scheduled events for 2017/2018, being at TriCity 13 in time to make sure this entry is made in **COLLECTIONS CATEGORY AND ALL ITEMS GO INTO THAT !!**

Pro: No Pay, No Thanks, No Appreciation, Plenty of Harassment & Grief during year

Con: What the Captain is attempting here, under guise of “delegating important work”

Our President will be glad to review anyone who still hasn’t determined what’s what here, just email at daze61283@mypacks.net with your query...



MARCH AROUND THE ROOM – Build, Build, Build & ... *Beware The Ides !*

Text/Photos: Mick Burton

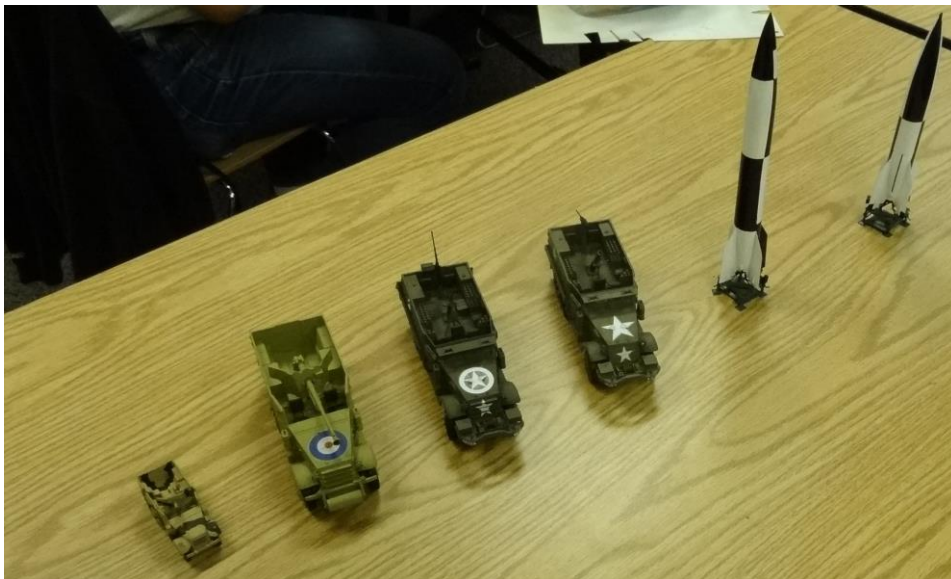
Models: Free Hornets Aplenty

The third meeting of 2017 was another example of full on build mania, talking over SVC 4, fine display tabling !



The President thankful to Peter Long for craftily inviting two new prospects to the March Free Hornets Nest, without tipping his hand. Burton spotted these two gents early on, but figuring they were “innocent walk ins”, persisted in gently encouraging them to stick around, left them alone.

Rendering a timeline, the shot above was a bit later in evening, after Ben Pada, Chris Bucholtz, Kelly and Patrick Hsieh had arrived, with Peter's "mystery guests" at front model talk table as Peter heads toward Jim Priete's Raffle-O-Rama ticket counter. Below, the pre-meet opening hour, as these two gents first sit in, getting accustomed to our odd corner of the Earth, as you see, Peter's not at all paying them any mind. Excellent intro! After all, if we started "coddling" our guests, we might be overrun with new members, expecting an utterly different club than one we know ☺



March's Nest for Model Talk table had a variety of items and soon more to come, as on next page we see WIP pair from Pada!



Pleasingly, as ever the March Nest had a compelling trio of Raffle items to vying for, thank you Peter Long and of course, Al Gerace of Hobbies Unlimited in San Leandro for these



With the basics of business covered now, may as well sketch out “Model Talk March”, start off of large selection from “Trucker” Cliff Kranz. Who supplied cookies for our 40th

Anniversary as he commemorated, was exactly 4 decades officially March 1977 to this 2017 month. Sorry if I managed to eat too many of them...



Cliff brought out this fearsome four some of HalfTracks, Three in 1/35th and the lead off here, in 1/72nd

The 1/72nd machine, an older Airfix kit, I am sorry but taking any notes wasn't on my agenda for this meeting, and what I can recall will end up here as text.



A closer study of these shots I believe will bear out my dim recollection, these two are nearly the same vehicle in two different scales, and both "in Royal Army Service". The gun shields differ and of course the camo is not same, but in general terms you can see the commonalities.



More views of the Desert camo'd Brit "tire and tracker", and do appreciate that Cliff does all his painting by brush, or worst case, spray can if need.



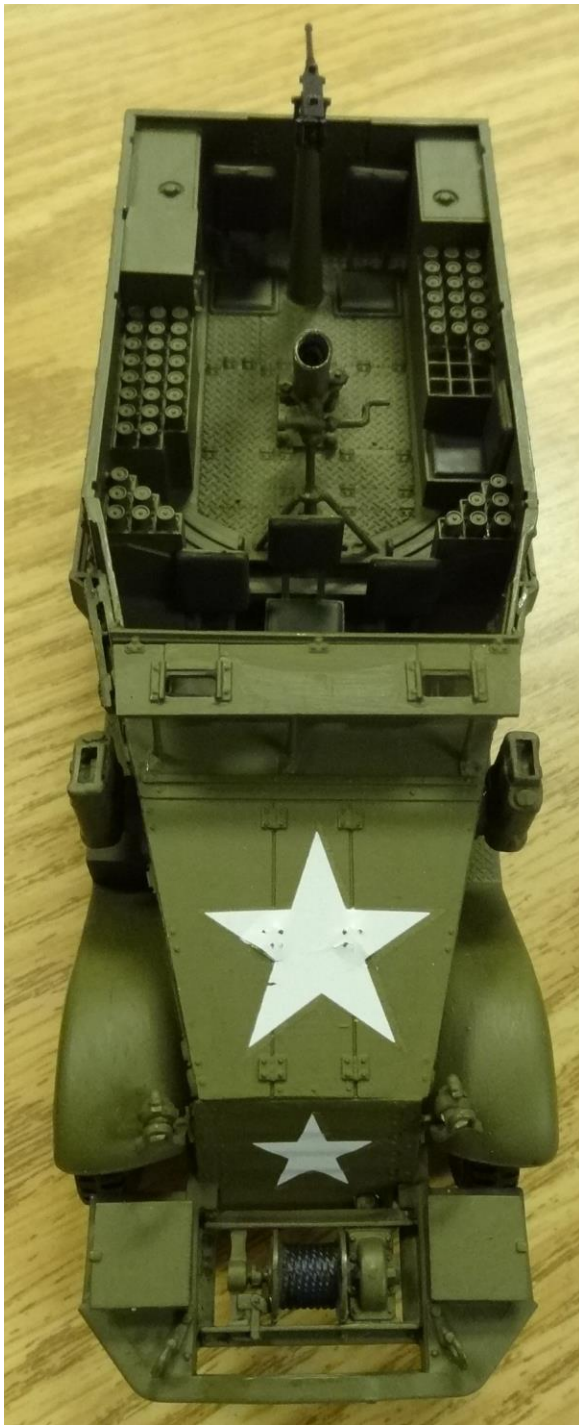
Trust those of us who have known Cliff a good amount of time, he has plenty of familiarity with airbrushes and



has had over years, few well meaning folks try to seriously get him using one, even far as practically thrusting one as a "take this or I will kill you" gift !

Please, remember we all enjoy this hobby in a fashion that suits us, and Cliff's been at it prolifically for much longer than many may realize. Don't disturb output of Mr. Kranz with distractions he is not interested in adopting.

Instead, try your hand at matching what he does, see how you do. I love my airbrushes, but I do admire those who do model well and abundantly , "sans air". *Joy of modelling, oui*



The next two Halftracks ala Kranz, are clearly in USA service, based on like chassis but again, a number of details differ, make interesting study.

Apologies to those who want to know more, as I didn't get the details.

However, you know now it was Cliff who did them, show up at our meet and ask him.





Now here are two I have some idea of, mostly because Cliff and I share a passion for these same.

On the left and right, the same two rockets in opposite priorities for a fairer comparison.

Here left in foreground, that which likely prompts response if any, of “it’s a Postwar V-2” or similar cry. Well, you’re partially correct. This is a 1/72nd scale Soviet post WW2 R-1, short range ballistic missile. I especially enjoy this one for NATO code name, SS-1 “Scunner”. Which turns out to be a Scottish word for an intense dislike or prejudice.

This is a “stock, out of box” build of the fine Condor Models V-2/A4 kit, as Cliff knows that’s a suitable match for an R-1. He chose the “test” scheme as clearly less visually dull as an overall “Soviet Missile Green” in service R-1

On the right, true crafts work as that’s the next stage literally in this story. An R-2 “Sibling” (SS-2), which was aptly code named, wouldn’t you say?

Again, 1/72nd scale, again test scheme. While the Condor V-2 kit, Cliff’s art & craft of modelling came into play here beautifully, as he had to be finding the way to “stretch” like the Soviets, a V-2 to allow “second stage (separable war head)” with greater range. A 1/25th kit of a Semi truck provided a fuel tank...



As Cliff noted, there was a limited run kit conversion using the Condor kit as basis, for this same missile, from Kora Models. I knew it too, as I got one at the Arizona IPMS Nats years ago with intent to complete my own “Post War V-2 collection”. Cliff’s finished model proves there’s a will and a way to manage to do this same project, without having to “seek out” all the kits first. I hang my head in shame as he reminds me, I’m too slow here.



Switching now to completely different plane (literally), “Navy” Ray Williams’ latest works, a completed A-4 Skyhawk and WIP F-8 Crusader.





Enjoying in the same 1/72nd vein, Gabriel Lee's FAC schemed Airfix Sabre jet, atop the 3rd place Silvercon award, show taking place in February. No such luck at SVC # 4 alas, two weeks later.



Below, Peter Long's M-51 Isherman, Tamiya kit in 1/35th.





Okay, bear with the Editor, he happens to be a great fan of NA Sabres, Gabriel's is a nice rendering and less often seen scheme, so...suffer !

Ben Pada's "was swiftly underway, until..." new Tamiya 1/48th Ki-61 Hien (Swallow) has advanced some since entry in Unfinished cat 48 at SVC



Ben's "American Spitfire" provided a fine example of modelling solutions, Ben found the underside blue first time out was "not it" so ... redone!



Mark Schynert's Lockheed Orion (the original Lockheed to bear that name) and Jim Priete's Tu-2 Bat, both took awards at SVC # 4 as well.





Jim's Tu-2 is a combined effort if you recall, with ICM and the Hobby Boss 1/72nd kits plus Jim's signature "improvement" put into a First Place winner in S5, Multi Eng Prop a/c at SVC #4

Mark's 9R Orion is the Special Hobby kit, with much effort here.



Anyone who has taken on number of “Special Hobby” kits, knows perhaps like myself, what true triumph to win over others with this “little lovely”



A few more appreciative looks at this challenging bird, Mark built this originally as part of our 2016 *Airliners* Gruppe Build.

Although we didn't get that "group" to enter as such, he again made the Free Hornets look proud with fine execution of a clearly not supreme starting point, and deserves some extra recognition for the effort in my book.

A Free Hornet you may know, in June 2000, wrote a glowing review out of the box look at this very kit.

Who? Chris Bucholtz. Where? Internet Modeler.

Again, my hat's off to Mark Schynert for doing the most challenging of the three versions that this kit has come out offering, as the Spanish Civil War scheme is far less difficult than the Northern Air Lines scheme here, and the "cheat" way to do this one is the one off USAAF UC-85 of 1943.



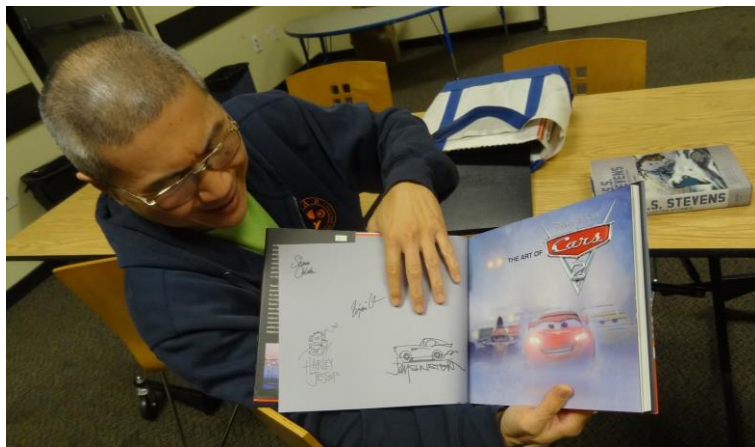
That's me kidding you all. The UC-85 was a Nat metal finish...oh fun.



OKAY – time now to segue back to the “building maniacs” tables and another glimpse of our “mystery guests” (I didn’t write their names down) They do plan to return to become full fledged Free Hornets, apparently we didn’t do enough sarcastic fun to scare them away. Oh well !



Not even Patrick and Kelly’s late arrival, prompting Steven Ang to bust out the latest cool art book to show them, spooked at all.





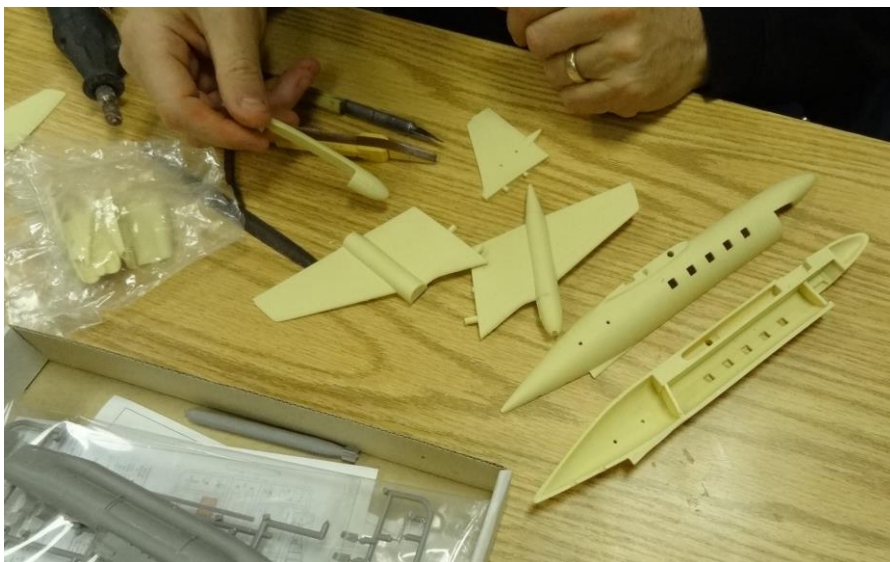
In this shot above, you can make out though it appears, they look to be reconsidering not bringing a model to work on 😊



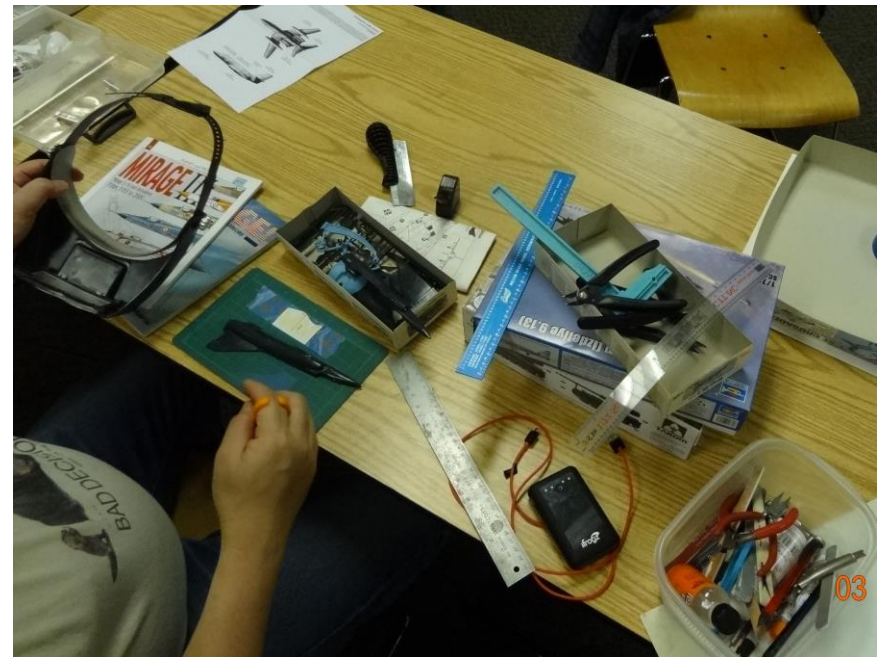
Cliff Kranz's project? Minenraumer in 1/35th. Bob Meyers' project is a new Su-76i. That's the above pictures, explained. Now for below, left most we espy Kent McClure's WW2 "Seehund", then in middle shot, Kent working on another project I didn't note here, and across from him, Mark Schynert with a Lockheed that completely captivates me. Perhaps one reason I missed taking some many notes. Maybe not.



Any case, this is the very appreciated by many of us (okay, the few who ever heard of this plane...) who wanted a DECENT kit of the Lockheed competitor to the McDonnell Model 220, for the 1959 UCX competition



OKAY OKAY, I'll cut it out and play more fair. This is the C-140 Jetstar in 1/72nd from Anigrand, in resin. The Jetstar started out as twin jet prototype, ended up a successful 4 engine (twin twin-jet pods) and considered a sweet if not particularly necessary "navaids check plane" and later VIP transport in the USAF. Many were used as VIP birds by foreign air forces and they were "deluxe" business jets in their day. The UCX was a short lived concept that the USAF offered in the late 1950s, with Lockheed adapting the C-140 to fit and McDonnell Aircraft actually produced a dedicated 4 engine "mini DC-8" as it was later referred to. When this Model 119/220 lost to the Jetstar there, the McDonnell company tried to break into the biz-jet market with this. Some now say this plane was so much a "corporate orphan" later on, merged firm acted as if "it never existed" in history of their combined design family. Well, it wasn't a bad looking plane, but unlike the Jetstar, not even a vacform done.



In March, from the desk of Gabriel Lee, you're getting a look at his 1/72nd Mirage III, underway. If that delta image isn't enough, let's add to it with Chris Bucholtz's MENG 1/72nd F-106A Delta Dart also underway

Well there you have it
March Madness.
Free Hornet style.



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OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF MARCH



*Congratulations to
MARCH
Model of the Month Winner,
Peter Long*

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A Second Look “ ON THE HOOK ” at R-9 NINE Event # 2 SV Classic FOUR 2017

Text/Photos: Mick Burton

Models: Modelers Aplenty



The SVSM chapter host us all again at the Napredak Hall in San Jose (on the border of Milpitas). Here is another visit by the Editor, to expand on overall experience and focus on some of his favorite subjects amongst all this.



Well there were plenty of Free Hornets to show the flag at SV Scale Modeler's 4th SV Classic on Saturday, March 4 2017.

Besides the clear presence of the Contest VP/Director Mike Woolson (not shown) as he was appropriately, constantly busy, he had "dual passporter compatriots" (those who, like Mike, are members in both the Free Hornets and SVSM clubs) all over.

On left, Jim Priete, taking time away to be shopping at a show, very uncommon. As same on the right, Mark Schynert turns to a vendor table in midst of viewing models.



Below left, far in the corner, Gabriel Lee is seated at Raffle Ticket sales table. As ever, he's working during play time to make sure we all have fun. Red jacketed Mike Meek is busy talking, while Phil Ludolph is inconspicuously leaned over behind him shooting a close up of a 1/72nd Shackleton. There on other side of that table is ball capped Cliff Kranz, showing two old friends of his what our shows are all about. As life goes sometimes odd but true, as it happens about three hours



before I took this picture, I saw Cliff & his two in crosswalk across town. Walking in front of Mike Meek and I, utterly unaware of our presence in car waiting there. Probably due they were on way in to the SJ Toy & Hobby show going on at fairgrounds two minutes from where Mike picked me up to make our journey to SV Classic, both on same day. Turned out I was right. Above, what it's all about: seeing friends, seeing models, shopping



Our “missing heads, man” formation shot above contains two big clues who the “missing Free Hornet” in picture is. The AVG jacket, 1/48 Spitfire...



You guessed right here, the Editor thoroughly enjoyed this 1/35th scale US Army combat ACV. The build and the finish: subtle, exquisite.





In a similar vein, Editor's delight in the creative and far from easy to execute, "Post Apocalyptic SUV" model art done here is not hard to fathom, is it?



This gentleman, C.J. Morales, has been at many an event in the Bay Area circuit over time. I know, as I keep data aplenty

This year at SVSM's show, he had this luscious Lexus LFA in 1/24 amongst his entries. C.J. took a First in S31: Autos, Stock with this vehicle, and also SA6 Best Auto Special Award as well.

Seems his travel up to here from **San Diego** was well worth the effort, no?



Free Hornet Eric McClure had his intriguing Anime based craft on the table. Car? Plane? Space Vehicle? No matter, cool

Decades have passed, literally, and the Editor has still a soft heart for the Douglas “Stiletto” X-3 research craft, never can pass looking at it

This is a lovely recent kit, and the picture above belies its true size.

On the right, gain an increased appreciation for builder’s skill as you learn it’s in the 1/144th and smaller scale category, S18.

This was a fearsomely competitive category, and in the final verdict it was Kamov and Lockheed who beat all others out. Very modern Ka-50N rendered by veteran competitor Stephan Pejic of San Rafael placed First, with Fresno’s Matt Robeson next at Second with U-2S Dragon Lady, and Fremont Hornet Alumnus, AVG Member David Newman’s OD/Grey P-38 rounding out at Third.

All were winners in their own right, my regret is only that I have so few pictures of them from that day! This was a shot of mine. Luckily for me another dual passport holder, Rich Pedro, was at the show and he took my camera, shot once virtually every model on the table for me.



Very considerate. Basically was the only way I could totally assess, analyze and also publish a comprehensive article for SVSM on this year’s show! Which of course meant that his largesse was a benefit for a much larger audience, as “dual passporters” are among those who get the three pubs I do.

Wrapping up this issue's coverage on that happy note, of "alums, dual passporters and other Free Hornet chums", here is a larger format closeup look at a long ago Free Hornet recently returned to our event tables. The aircraft may seem a mite familiar to those who read my TriCity Twelve articles.



This 1/32nd A-6E was sadly too late for entry to judge at that show, but was on the table for all to enjoy as display. Free Hornet alumnus Jim Sigman made trip from Tracy, CA in plenty of time months later to SV Classic # 4 "On The Hook" with his great Grumman. Well worth that travel, as James took home deservedly: 1st in category S13 Jet/Rocket 1/32 & larger, SA3-Best "On The Hook" Contest Theme, and SA1 *BEST OF SHOW SENIOR*.

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COMING UP
IN THE NEXT EDITION

LAST LOOKS AT THE SHOW
March 4 SV Classic by SVSM



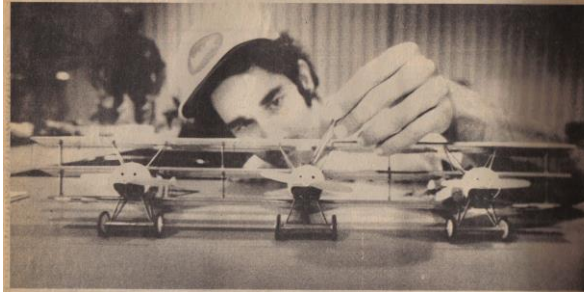
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DETAILED ACCOUNT FOR APRIL 2017 HORNET NEST

RETURN TO
CONTINUING A LOOK IN DETAIL AT
FREE HORNETS
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Fremont modelers display their craft



Across the nation, more than 5,000 members of the International Plastic Modelers Society, United States Branch, go to individual chapter meetings regularly.

They talk about the construction of aircraft, ships, armored vehicles and equipment, space vehicles and fantasy device models such as those seen in motion pictures.

Last weekend, the Fremont Chapter members set up an exhibit at NewPark Mall in Newark for public viewing.

Members construct models from kits or from scratch, or a combination of both. Besides the hours spent building the model, modelers work many hours researching color schemes, markings and modifications to duplicate the original exactly and scale it proportionately.

Mal Eshart and Norm Engel founded the chapter, which was chartered in April 1977 through the work of Jay

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| GRUMMAN P6F-5 | DOUGLAS A4-A & -B |
| GRUMMAN P8F-1 | GRUMMAN S2-D & -E |
| MCDONNELL F2H-2 & -4 | |

PLAN TO ATTEND AND BRING A MODEL FOR DISPLAY !