## The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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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 FIRST BIG LOOK AT TC-13 Contest and Show as The Contest Director (and President/Editor) takes us Down Under. There will be more, in next issue...crikey

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 October 08 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 # 77 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!

## "MORE WEEKENDS OF FUN AHEAD - SPOOKY!"

After a September Spectacular for having an event of interest for Modelers every weekend of the month, we are now days away from nearly the same in October, which is pretty damned spooky in a way, though fun.

I would suggest strongly to you all to consider making as many of these as you can, for honestly, soon will be another LONG YAWNING PERIOD of NO EVENTS AT ALL, then three close together then NONE.

Don't believe me, take a look for yourself: The 2018 local area events are NNL West in February, Silver Wings SilverCon 2018 in Mid February, then SV Classic # 5 at end of March. Followed by a YAWNING SUMMER AHEAD saved only by Arizona locale of the 2018 IPMS Nationals. Right now, it's likely the Reno High Rollers will follow up about a month past NATS with their 19<sup>th</sup> Classic. Fremont Hornets? We are just beginning to close in on plans for Fall 2018. If next weekend's USS Hornet Model Expo is enough success, perhaps SilverWings and the Museum will have an October Surprise in 2018. THERE IS NOTHING ELSE even remotely being floated about for 2018 in Region Nine that I am aware of ...

Look at Fremont Hornets Exile Site Calendar Page for what's coming in October, and choose wisely - mick fini

The Hornets Nest Night Friday October 13 @ Irvington Locale

PLANNED TO BE

BUILDFEST and a Minimum of Business PLUS CLUB CONTEST "Airless Airfix"



# 2017 Gruppe Build Officially

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## "The Cat's Meow"



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







C'mon, think about it. You didn't know that you can find something in "your line of work"? <u>Autos</u>? JAGUAR doesn't give you any rhythm? Fine, then scratchbuild a scale Fender "git", and yes, I've seen a collection of them in the past, so don't think it's just a "funny" here. The Aircraft folks can't miss, but ARMOR has some surprising choices too. French EBRC, yo?! Stay tuned, Captain will have more "prompts"

#### **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 October 14 USS HORNET EXPO in time to make sure this entry is made in COLLECTIONS CATEGORY, ALL ITEMS go into it!!

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 <a href="mailto:daze61283@mypacks.net">daze61283@mypacks.net</a> with your query...

#### COLORFUL REMINDERS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2017 USS Hornet / Silver Wings Model Expo Contest Categories:

Biplanes, All Scales, All Eras

Single Engine Prop 1/72 and Smaller

Single Engine Prop 1/48

Aircraft 1/32 and Larger, All Eras

Multi Engine Prop, All Eras, All Scales

Jets 1/72 and Smaller

Jets 1/48

Rotary Wing, All Eras, All Scales

Military Vehicles, Soft Skin, Wheeled and Track, All Eras, All Scales

Military Vehicles, Armored, Wheeled, and Semi-Tracked, All Eras, All Scales

Military Vehicles, Armored, Fully Tracked, All Eras, All Scales

Artillery, All Scales, All Eras

Diorama

Figures, All Scales, All Eras

Civilian Vehicles, Stock

Civilian Vehicles, Custom

Civilian Vehicles, Competition

Motorcycles

Ships, All Scales, All Eras

Railroad, All Scales, All Eras

Sci-Fi, Space Fact and Fantasy

Junior Models, All Scales, All Eras (11-16 yrs)

Sub Junior Models, All Scales, All Eras (up to 10 yrs)

Out of the Box, All Scales

Miscellaneous

Special Category (Theme)

Collections

Civilian Airliners, All Scales, All Eras







#### SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

Antelope Valley Group's 21<sup>st</sup> DESERT CLASSIC in LANCASTER
THEME WILL BE "The Psychedelic Sixties"

## ON THE BEACH with Free Hornet Editor: the "Australia "Event

"Contest Director Manages To Make Sure Our Show Has Some Public Address Ability Before The Sun Set"

Text & Photos by: Mick Burton (unless otherwise noted)





The basic raw stats for TriCity Thirteen 9-17-2017 Australia:

60 entrant modelers had 245 entries!

21 total Special Awards and only ONE went un-spoken for ~Fabulous!

56 Regular categories (10 for Youth/Junior, 46 for Senior) with NO splits this year, and only a few with "no entries". 1 each of those in Youth and Junior, and 3 in the Seniors.

Director's emphasis about the "PA system" provision was for those who recall "fun" of last year's TC-12 when it was



learned on Day of Event that <u>no</u> PA was to be provided by the Milpitas Comm'y Center, due to contract rules changes that weren't given to us. Like the change also to disallow use of the entry hallway found out same way on that day, after years of use. We now have learned to expect that, sadly.



Here's how first hour of day looked to those of us, on left. On right, Kent McClure has very serious thoughts of it being a great time for a day off ... before any one can stop him!

This article will focus on general aspects of the TC-13 show and a **more detail oriented** 



article will be in the next Buzz, with look at winners and Special Awards. In the meantime, you can find complete listing of Winners in all the categories, Special Awards on line at the Free Hornets Annex "TC-13 Memories" page: http://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tc-13.php

So here you go, a brief summary of our *now THIRTEEN* Tri City Classics, with some compiled numbers, theme notes for your enlightenment:

Year	Name	Locale	Entrants	Models	Theme (where recorded)	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
2017	TriCity Thirteen	Milpitas	60	245	"Australia"	Australia/New Zealand Oz/Kiwi Theme

This year, 6 less entrants with 7 MORE models overall compared to immediately prior TC-12. Averages are still trending in our favor over total time. Bottom line, we're holding our own pretty well. Plus with detailed database for all 13 events, I know again our "customer makeup" held healthy "20 plus percent new" in two vital stats. So,WE Free Hornets should be again proud of hosting "The Best Little Show in the East Bay" – *mickb fini* 









Upper left, the "pack load" the Contest Director managed to Trim down to for morning arrival (Special Awards, 1/2/3 Awards, forms, funds, table placards to fold up, plus water!)

Upper center, look from that table at the work day ahead. On Upper Right, the two SuperHeroes of Registration, Kent and Brian. On the left, a look now as tables begin to take entries and vendors get some early business.

Below, plenty of signs why it's fun to host a show and get good chance to see old friends, make new ones, the true reward here!



Mike Woolson, Peter Long and Frank Beltran confer on left here.

In the Light Blue, Mark Glidden, in Dark Blue, Mike Budzeika. Shirts are their famed "IMP" club "Flag Bearers". I have had pleasure being in several shows over the years throughout West at same time as them. IMP = Insane Modelling Posse







Sebastopol & Santa Rosa represented here with Greg Reynolds, Jack Riggar looking over Mark Glidden of Ladera Ranch's "Soviet Atomic Cannon" early in day. Thomas Le of San Jose, Leo Groba of Brentwood cheer up Director as he sees two veteran TriCity warriors are here again to compete! Jason McChristian of San

Jose, Jerry Takahashi from Discovery Bay are also two "old friendly faces", thanks. Now below, P.A. (SJ), Eddie (Alhambra) are offering wares to the Marcum Brothers of M-Bay!









Chip Harrison from Redwood City and his other half share here in an admire of Ramon Lomeli's lovely Chinook in 1/48<sup>th</sup>. Ramon's son Oliver joined him later in making the Monterey Bay club's "presence" felt at the awards close. Oliver dominated in two Youth categories with complete sweeps!

Ramon took 2<sup>nd</sup> in hard fought Rotary Wing class, the Huey of Jason McChristian taking 1<sup>st</sup>. Martinez's Joe Zablocki is the 3<sup>rd</sup> placer with his AH-1W here, from total of 4 entries.

Contest Director just loved this Boeing 307 in nearby Category 20, had to include now a larger look at it where space permits.

Shot taken early in day, Airliners/Civil Air ended up with 10 entries which made the 1st place win by Philip Gin of San Mateo with his Stratoliner all the more sweet compete.





Seen here admiring the fine work of others is another "end of the day family winner pair". Dad John Carr taking home some well deserved awards for his WW1 German Trench Raider and daughter Morgan taking a 1<sup>st</sup> for her "Kitty Carrier Deck" in Youth Category 2A. Nice work by you both!





Trying a little something different, Contest Director made green placards for the Youth and Junior, Yellow for Senior Categories.

Seen now later in the day, one might get a better idea just how well populated those 17 and under folks model tables became.

As mentioned at outset, the Youth and the Junior categories numbered 10 in all, with only one in each ending up "No Entries"

These were 1B, Youth Auto (12 and under) and 3B, Junior Auto (13-17). One might say the kids aren't into cars these days...

Nice variety and model work here, yes?

While you look over one more time the "junior division", take a look at Senior Category 39 "Hypothetical, All Types". Real easy to spot as it's the one yawning empty area surrounding yellow placard. Yes, NO entries, continuing a trend. Real Space, 38, had a nice "Vanguard" at least show up.



Like noted earlier, Oliver Lomeli of IPMS Monterey Bay SWEPT in Youth Aircraft, 1A. His F-86F in  $1/72^{nd}$  USAF Korean War scheme was  $1^{st}$ , the  $1/48^{th}$  Flying Tigers P-40B under tow took  $2^{nd}$ , and yellow nosed  $1/72^{nd}$  P-47 Thunderbolt got  $3^{rd}$ . Taking out the big modern jets and SBD!

Oliver's Bradley IFV, M48 Patton and Sdkfz Radio Car visible in background gave him another sweep in Youth Mil Vehicles, in a field of 6 total.

A nice surprise was in store and in view here for the Contest Director, in that speculative "pre split" S40B "Gundam Only" proved populous by far.



GUNDAM Only was a lark, brought on by the SoCal visitors to our Free Hornets meetings over the last year, when pointed out that a vigorous clan of GUNDAM modelers had a good size public invitational competitive meet with solid success. Since these do have a strong following, are seen for many a show in Region 9 and 10 as well as 8, felt worthwhile giving some respect in form of direct distinct category off the bat, see what came of it.

ELEVEN entries is what came of it, and that made this one of the higher end populations for this year's show categories by class. Class 40A which is where these would have gone otherwise, saw 7 entries more fairly competing against one another. Perseus, Ishtar and Femme Jason say thanks!



Category 31, AFV 1/35<sup>th</sup> Axis was again a pretty well filled area, with 9 entries there.

Glad to have some "different" species of Axis too, with a Rumanian WW2 and a Anglo-German WW1 vehicle for spice!

While those IMPs of SoCal enjoy looking over the tables of entries, Director enjoyed shock of encountering vet Hornets Contest Director visiting from Seattle. Hello to our Woody Yeung, TC-7's Legendary CD!





This year, a respectable 8 entries in Category 7, Single Engine Prop 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale Allied/Neutral. Slightly less than the year prior with "Battle of Britain" having 11 enter but a good solid showing for 1/72<sup>nd</sup> here nonetheless.

Category 6, Single Engine Prop 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale Axis on the other hand, saw a down shift from last year with 4 entries at TC-13 versus 6 at TC-12.

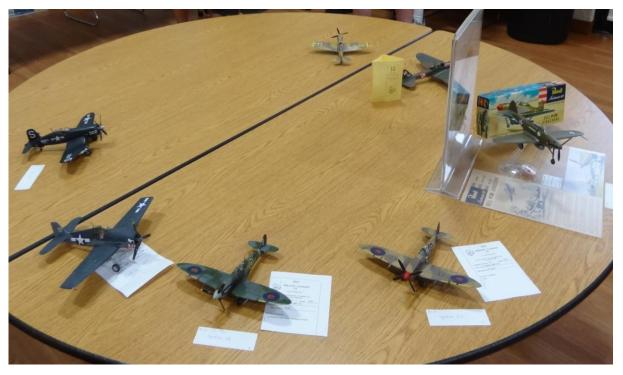
At least it was a nice variety, what with a "captured Swallow" (Ki-61 Hien in Chinese Air Force markings), FW-190 opened up and in a dark squiggle camo scheme, as opposed to those more often seen "day colors", a JAAF Ki-44 "Devil Queller" and to round it out (barely visible behind table placard) one sweet pale green Ki-27 "Nate" in Manchukuo AF markings.

The 1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Single Engine Prop Allied/Neutrals Category 12 had a bigger turnout this year than these Official Entry Records would indicate, as learned by Contest Director in doing this post event analysis.

Per entrant registry sheets, there were SIX in this. Not!

As it appears to be on the picture I took on the right, it was actually SEVEN in play that day. Right in front of the table placard is the "mystery guest", an II-2 # 44 of the Polish Air Force.

Investigation of entry sheet showed it was listed as in scale of 1/72<sup>nd</sup>, to be in category 7 which would have been correct if that Sturmovik was in fact that size. A look at pictures shows the label for entry had several crossouts for Category # and was last left as Cat 8. At least model ended up right place in time for Judging!





1/32 Jet Aircraft had a very exciting showing as you see above, and below a closer look at one of them along with Editor favorite from 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Prop!







Speaking of Editor/Contest Director favorites on tables, this splendid Bristol Britannia done up in RAF scheme in 1/144<sup>th</sup> definitely one eye catcher



This "Nippon Go" in 1/72, also a fancy of Editor in the Category 20 Airliners/Civil Air. Pleased with the "Aussie" F-1 response below, also.







Another view, more comprehensive, gives most of the NINE entries in Collections category a showing above. Included Amerindians, Genestealers, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, World War One Soldiers, Pirates among them, along with of course the aforementioned Formula One extravaganza



A respectable EIGHT entries showed for Category 32, AFVs 1/35<sup>th</sup> & larger fitting into 1955 AD and later timeline. Above, a nice variety of subject matter can be found in there, including a pair of Israeli IDF Shermans, an Egyptian IS-3, a T-55, a Challenger 2, and two multiple award winners in this class. Namely, Mark Glidden of Ladera Ranch with his M1A2 Assault Breacher, which took home 1<sup>st</sup> in category, SA8 Diamond in the Rough Silk Purse Special Award, SA14 Judge's Best Armor, and oh yeah, SA1 Best of Show, Senior! Not bad for one entry. ASLAV-25 by Bob Meyers of Castro Valley in same category, took SA3 "On The Beach" Contest Theme, SA4A "Best ANZAC" and SA5, "Mad Max for the Best Post '45 Oz"!



Across the table, the *BIGGEST ENTRY NUMBERS IN ANY CATEGORY* for this event. In Category 42, coming in with 13 entries was the Figures, Historical to 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Again, quite a range, from 800 to 1300 AD up to US Navy Midshipman climbing rigging in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Next to this was Category 43, Figures, Historical 19<sup>th</sup> Century and beyond with TWENTY THREE entries! Not so long ago, all 36 would have been in the same category if they had showed up like here. Then, either a Split would have had to been made during the event (pretty inconvenient for all involved) or more likely, we'd have seen less of one or the other types entered. Contest Director is genuinely pleased to see such a response to having "pre split" on what were lines more or less determined from past experiences and data gathered over many years with two local contests for raw material.

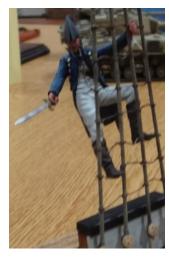




So, no more must Bartender and "Fallen Comrade" vy for Judge's eye against the likes of Conquistador and US Navy Sword bearing Midshipman.

Though I would have put the "Fallen Comrade" as more of a small diorama, but until we create more of a division there not really a better choice...







Not all 23 of Historical Figures in 19<sup>th</sup> Century /Beyond were in the mode of somber or too serious, as evidenced by this delightful and playful example here. While the nice lady with the big balloons didn't place, she certainly put a smile on my face during the day

I guess I should have introduced her to SVC 5 Director and TC-13 XO, Mike Woolson as he is giving me another seriously interrogatory gaze here. You're a helluva guy Mike ©



Hey, look at Miscellaneous, SEVEN entries including a "sneaky" Conversion project too.

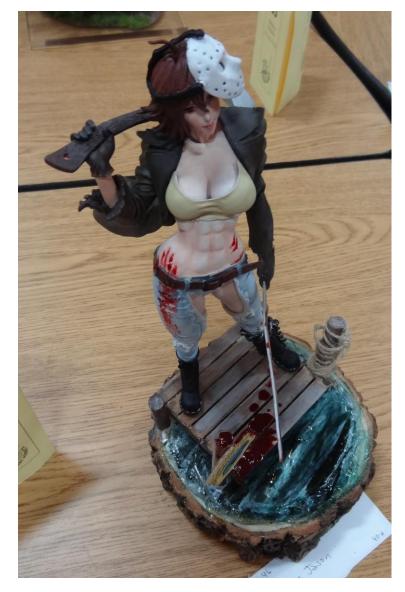




In Miscellaneous, YODA is a conversion from a "Petite Bearguy" model. Trust me it's quite a makeover and she had a supporting document book as you see on the table.

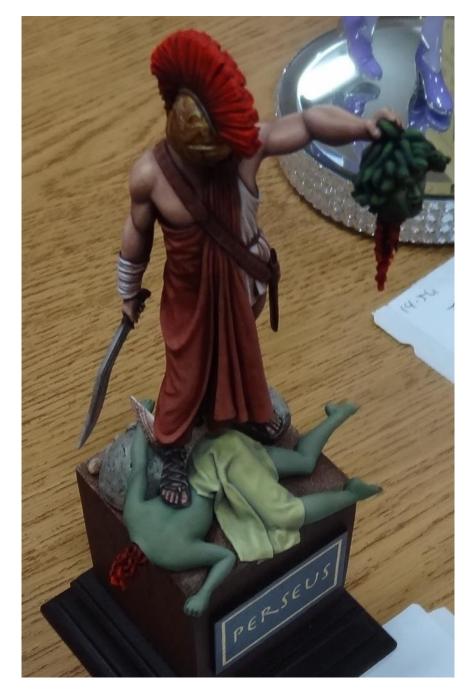
Yes, you read that correctly, SHE made the masterful model of the Jedi Master and is also the crafter of the "Female Jason" standing tall on scratchbuilt dock, seen below

Chandra Stewart of Oakley, took  $3^{rd}$  in Cat S40A with her bloody minded lass in a field of 7 entries. Her other half, Shawn, took  $2^{nd}$  with his Ishtar of Iscandar...





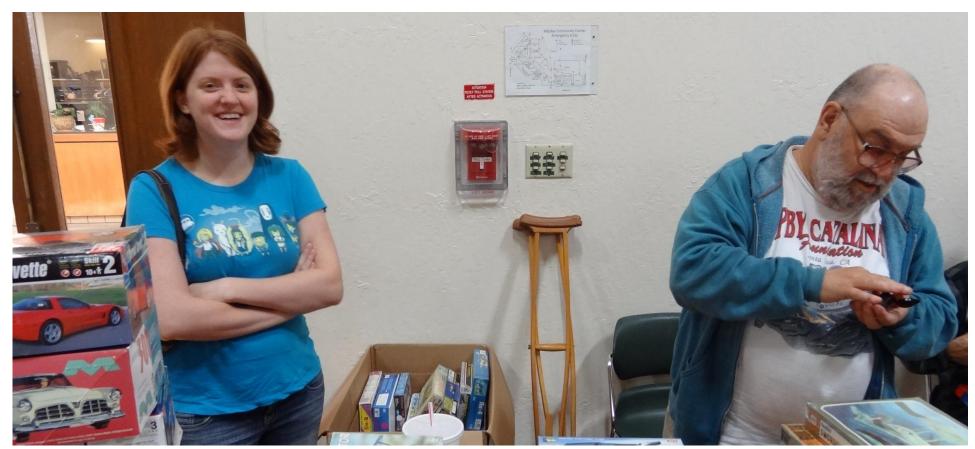
That's Ishtar on the left. Below, in keeping with a theme apparently this year for best shot placing in 40A, Figures Fantasy/SF/Horror/Robots, is Perseus, beheading Medusa. 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Ronald Tom of San Jose, and really a well done pair of figures from mythology here.





PAPER Models, yes, that's right, Category 48. Three total entries this year, but that's enough. By the way, Reno High Rollers show has for years offered competition in several categories of Paper Models successfully, and at least one IPMS Nationals did as well I know of, I shot pictures of it.

Although not a huge turnout, the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Mark Balderrama of San Jose, definitely went all out with this entry. "Experimental, Pre-Prod & Testbed aircraft" done in constant 1/300 scale (a feat in itself, considering some of the subjects) include Avro Vulcan B1, Convair YB-60 8-jet redo of the B-36, GD YF-16 in red/white/blue, Lockheed M-12 Blackbird with D-21 on its back, BAC TSR.2, Fairey Delta 2, Ryan X-13 Vertijet, then in rear the B-29 Mothership with Bell X-1A, X-1E flanking it, in front a Lockheed RQ-3 Darkstar, lastly Douglas X-3 and Nord "Griffon" *Whew!* 



Nothing better than a smiling crew to make a Contest Director's Day Of Event, and here is two key personnel doing just that.

Meet your TriCity Head Judge, Kelly Hsieh and veteran Vendor Chairman Louis Orselli.

While Louis checks to see how much I owe him for this year's effort, Kelly is putting up a brave face while I am here to pull her away to introduce her to mentoring Head Judge, as some of you know him better as Jim Priete.

On the right, as Gabriel Lee flees scene, Jim is trying out the recently arrived new PA that Burton bought thanks to ride from Kristine B.





Jim continues to call for Judges to meet as Gabriel, Brian find that Kelly has already recruited one, her husband Patrick. Keep smiling!



In the back of the stage, the pending lineup of Special Awards (some, not all) begins prep for a move out for better viewing when Judging gets underway. After all, there's a whole 'nother wave of Raffle items to be dealt with, plus Grand Prizes are on the table for Special Awards display





With great finesse, Kelly and Jim get everyone out and about with Judging in mind. So forward it proceeds, albeit with a little shopping and later on a bit of checking tickets as the last raffle of the event was being held. Chris Bucholtz takes time out to review process with Jack Clark, man in green.







While I still have no idea why Gabriel Lee had this splendid mimic of "Grumpy Cat" when I took this shot, I had to include it as it is PRICELESS. A look to right shows that perhaps even Raffle Captain Frank Beltran is a bit mystified, but that could be wholly unrelated. Above, Grand Prizes!





With continued good humor, the newly minted Head Judge proved out super asset to Contest Director in other ways that were hard to capture on film due she was so fast moving!

Kelly here is organizing the entirety of 56 sets of three for 1/2/3 placing in the Category awards.

While same time Raffle was underway, her Judging teams were returning results for checking and then Contest Director would begin filling in the data for later reading. Kelly, Jim, Greg Plummer and Mike Meek would also be appreciably employed on spot for "Special Awards" operations during this frantic period ©

## AUSTRALIA TRICITY CLASSIC XIII SEPT 17 2017



FIRST PLACE



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Surface Ships, 1/401 & Smaller

# AUSTRALIA

TRICITY CLASSIC XIII SEPT 17 2017

FIRST **PLACE** 



Surface Ships, 1/400 & Larger





PLACE

**FIRST** 

Submarines, all scales



Here is a look at the First Place Awards for four categories, selected by Contest Director to illustrate how much fun he had finding where possible an item that had direct connection to Contest Theme. Those ships are Royal Australian Navy warships on first row, one on left is sailing out of Sydney.

That is also true but not so easily found out, in case of the Submarine, but I left the caption to make sure you could know. Those missiles, Aussie! It took some researching, but there they are and I put two different ones just to emphasize and make the award look "fuller". All found homes, yes!





Here we will close out this edition of The Buzz with first Big News of TriCity Thirteen, as room is nearly gone for PDF

An example Special Award of "Generic" class (Best Ship) is here, sponsored by Kent McClure which

is nearly lost in the photo, sorry. Above, Joe Zablocki of Martinez's Type 21 U Boat which won this award!

Another look at the splendid 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Sabre Dog by James Sigman of Tracy (an alum Free Hornet!) Won this Special Award in Joe's Memory, yes. We'll look further at winners of all sorts in next Buzz coverage of TC-13 "Australia" Bee seeing you –





*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* "

### **COMING UP**

# The Hornets Nest Night Fridays In OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2017 Are PLANNED TO BE CLUB CONTEST Theme Events as outlined:

## October 13- "ANYTHING Airfix EXCEPT AIRCRAFT"

Our Free Hornets are deviously creative in devising schemes, as you may surmise by the above theme. Simply put, you are challenged here to find at least ONE non-aircraft kit of Airfix catalog to enter. Just so you know, someone has already asked, and NO: ROTODYNES or ANY Helos are in the **not** eligible list, as they ARE AIRcraft. ONE EXCEPTION in Airfix catalog does exist, it's not either of those aforementioned, but it is an air-craft.

Intention here is to stretch your imagination and craft, and when you actually take a look at the number of ships, autos, armor, figures and other type Vehicles/oddities that Airfix has offered, you may get into the spirit of this wholeheartedly we'll just bet. Oh and by the way, all the "Airfield and Air craft support" models ARE ELIGIBLE ... there's some potential old and new gold in them that kits. Just saying.

## November 10- "HOLY MOLEY MEN It's 1977 All Over Again"

For the last regular Free Hornets Nest of 2017, we're going to close the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year out with a contest theme thought up earlier in year by a long time Hornet, and it's another fiendish one. Models from the year 1977 catalog or of 1977 schemes of earlier or later moldings, any kind or scale.

One way to see where we've been and where we're going, you might say. ENJOY in any way.

#### **PLUS IN NEXT EDITION**

POSSIBLY RETURN TO CONTINUING MORE LOOK IN DETAIL AT FREE HORNETS

**WAAAAAAYYYYYYY** 

BACK WHEN

And FOR SURE some mention in more detail of an alleged TriCity Thirteen event occurrence...

