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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 83

March 09 2018



Somehow managing to wing it for now over **41** years...

## Welcome

IN THIS ISSUE – You will find: (basically in the listed order, tho a stream of consciousness device)

**LATEST BUZZ** ( *Issue's Editorial, and bearing no relation to the picture on the left* )

**A LOOK AT FEBRUARY 's NEST**

**A REMINDER OF EPIC FACE PROPORTIONS**

*ALL INSIDE THIS*

**CERTIFIABLY ANCIENT PRODUCTION**

*(well, maybe just the Editor)*

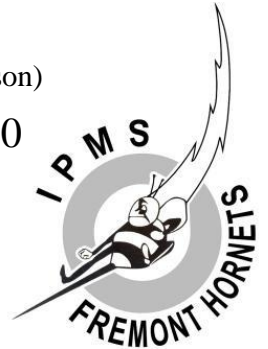


Reminder : <http://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/> Just three little pages. *Not a lot to dig through* , + **Events Calendar web page 3, ALWAYS**

## THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of March 09 2018 evening)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor (& Hornets Treasurer a Deux, Current Contest Director for 2017/18 season)

**YES!** Now # 84 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!



**“ MAKING EFFORT TO CATCH UP AS LIFE HAPPENS ”**

*Well as some of you know first hand, this issue of the Buzz was still a Work In Process at the Meeting it was to precede, and now as with preceding issue, follows some days after (but earlier!)*

*Right now the Editor is finishing this editorial page on his way into day job which has been offering a stellar example of finding oneself doing many things never imagined daily with yet more on horizon, all while not having any less to do elsewhere outside of that .*

*20 years back literally to the month, I was in a similar in some ways position in my existence and had a major role yet to finish playing in an event that to others outside of our community, always felt should not have any priority (which if you're part of a IPMS Nats team, is a hilarity in perspective looking back...)*

*Well, then as now, I am learning to juggle instead of struggle, muse instead of bemuse, and already see a glimmer of true sunshine on horizon that this overwhelm shall too, pass and be another bit of history.*

*In the interim, be patient or ignore entirely what I am or I am not doing that may be of interest to you and be aware that it only gets done if it's fun (this newsletter got started in a fit of pique over another of my web sites being hacked, years back) . I close this editorial with another deadline imminent for another fine family but knowing it is my new one which has my utmost first priority in all matters of my time and resource now.*

*As any of you who have been so lucky to have a group of loved ones of your own, there's no question there –mick*

# **COMING UP : A BIG CONTRIBUTION TO SPRING REGION NINE EVENTS CALENDAR**

SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC V MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2018



"FEEL THE FURY" – NAPREDAK HALL - 770 MONTAGUE EXPY. SAN JOSE CA. 95131

CONTEST THEME COVERING HAWKER FURY BASED AIRCRAFT, NAA FJ FURY AND F-86 JETS, PLYMOUTH FURY AUTO'S, COLD WAR, CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, ICBM, ATOMIC WEAPONS, MONSTER TV&MOVIES, GUNDAM, GUN TRUCKS ALL ERAS, F-8 CRUSADERS/ BEARCATS, NAUTICAL SUBJECTS IN BATTLE, PEOPLE WHO CAUSE BATTLES BY THEIR ACTIONS, BAJA & OFF-ROAD COMPETITION VEHICLES, OPERATION URGENT FURY (MILITARY HARDWARE USED) MORE SUBJECTS TO BE ADD.

9AM DOORS OPEN, 12 NOON REGISTRATION CLOSES, 1:05 JUDGES MEETING, 3:30 AWARDS 2 RAFFLES HELD AT 11AM & 2PM.

COMPETITION OPEN TO PUBLIC (IPMS MEMBERS OR NOT) IN 48 CATEGORIES OF SENIOR (18 & UP), 5 JUNIOR CATEGORIES (13-17), 4 SUB JUNIORS (12 & UNDER). SWEEP ALLOWED.

SENIOR \$12 UNLIMITED NUMBER OF MODELS, JUNIOR \$2 UP TO 5 MODELS 6 OR MORE \$5 FLAT FEE, SUB JUNIOR. \$1 UP TO 5 MODELS 6 OR MORE \$5 FLAT FEE.

VENDOR TABLES CONTACT MIKE WOOLSON [swingwingklvk@gmail.com](mailto:swingwingklvk@gmail.com)

TABLES ARE VERY LIMITED. A VALID STATE OF CALIFORNIA TAX FORM/PERMIT REQUIRED.

<https://www.boe.ca.gov/info/reg.htm>

[www.mickbmodeler.com](http://www.mickbmodeler.com) & [www.svsm.org](http://www.svsm.org) for more information

# MORE WELCOME REGION NINE EVENT NEWS FOR JUST AFTER ARIZONA NATS !!!

## HISTORICAL CALIFORNIA

**MODEL CONTEST AND SHOW  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH 2018**



FRESNO CITY COLLEGE  
(CAFETERIA/STUDENT LOUNGE)  
1101 E. UNIVERSITY AVE.  
FRESNO, CA 93704



**TIMES**  
9:00 AM Doors Open  
11:00 AM 1st Raffle  
12:30 PM Registration Closes  
and Judges Meeting  
1:00 PM Judging Begins  
2:00 PM 2nd Raffle  
3:30 PM Awards Ceremony



**FEES \$\$\$**  
**Adult: \$10 Registration Plus \$1 Per Additional Model Entered**  
**Juniors 12-17 and Sub-Juniors 12 or younger: \$5 Inclusive Registration (All Models Per Modeler)**  
**Spectators: Free**

**Points of Contact:**  
  
**Contest Director: Scott Gist**  
Email: [Scottgist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Scottgist@sbcglobal.net)  
  
**Contest/Vendor Coordinator: Domenic Ortiz**  
dom.ortiz@thediscoverycenter.net

Sponsors are a big part of putting on a show such as this. The IPMS/Fresno Scale Modelers welcomes any and all sponsors.

**GENERAL RULES**  
1. IPMS/USA rules and criteria will be used for this contest. However no model may be handled by the judges. Model placement will be handled by the builder only. IPMS/Fresno invites members of other chapters to participate by joining our judging teams.  
2. The contest director will make the final ruling on all disputes during the contest and may split or combine categories based on the number and nature of the entries.  
3. No model that has won an award at an IPMS National Convention is eligible, nor are any models that were entered in any Region IX Regional prior to Aug 2018. IPMS/Fresno appreciates the honor system, and hopes participants will as well.  
4. IPMS/Fresno asks that all contestants keep away from judging teams during the course of judging to ensure impartiality. Interference with judging teams by the contestants will be handled per IPMS/USA rules, and could render the offender's models ineligible for award consideration.  
5. All work done on model entries must be done by the entrant.  
6. All contestants must have fun, otherwise they aren't doing this right!



## HISTORICAL CALIFORNIA



**Model Contest and Show**  
Brought to you by IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers  
and Fresno City College Computer Aided  
Drafting and Design Department  
**Aug 25th, 2018**



- 001 Single Eng. Prop A/C 1/72  
\*radial engine vs jet engine
- 002 Multi Eng. Prop A/C 1/72
- 003 Single Eng. Prop A/C 1/48 Allied
- 004 Single Eng. Prop A/C 1/48 Axis
- 005 Multi Eng. Prop A/C 1/48
- 006 Single Eng. Jet A/C 1/72
- 007 Multi Eng. Jet A/C 1/72
- 008 Single Eng. Jet A/C 1/48
- 009 Multi Eng. Jet A/C 1/48
- 010 Jet & Rocket A/C 1/32 and Larger  
\*pre 1960 vs Post 1960
- 011 Prop A/C 1/32 and Larger: All types
- 012a Jet Single Eng. A/C 1/144 and Smaller
- 012b Jet Multi Eng. A/C 1/144 and Smaller
- 012c Prop A/C 1/144 and Smaller
- 013 Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging All Scales
- 014 Rotary Winged A/C All Scales
- 015 Airliners (Non-Military) All Scales
- 016 Racers, General Aviation, All Scales
- 017 Armor Vehicle 1/35 and Larger. Pre-1945 Allied
- 018 Armor Vehicle 1/35 and Larger Pre-1945 Axis
- 019 Armor Vehicle 1/35 and Larger Post 1945
- 020 Armor Vehicles and Soft Skin Military Vehicles 1/48 and Smaller
- 021 Soft Skin Military Vehicles 1/35 and Larger  
\*Armor Cars & Half Track vs Trucks
- 022 Towed Artillery All Scales
- 023 Watercraft/Ships All Scales, All Types
- 024 Submersibles All Scales
- 025 Auto, Stock All Scales
- 026 Auto Customs All (Non-Low Rider) All Scales
- 027 Auto Competition, Open Wheel All Scales
- 028 Auto Competition, Closed Wheel All Scales
- 029 Auto Custom Low Riders All Scales
- 030 Auto Tuners All Scales
- 031 Auto Street Rods All Scales
- 032 Motorcycles All Scales
- 033 Space Vehicles Fictional All Scales
- 034 Space Vehicles Real, and Missiles
- 035 Figures Historical All Scales
- 036 Figures Fantasy and Fiction All Scales
- 037 Railroad Vehicles and Railroad Guns All Scales
- 038 Dioramas All Types All Scales
- 039 Hypothetical Vehicles All Types All Scales
- 040a Collections All Types All Scales (5 or More Models)
- 040b Triathlon (Models from Three Different Categories)
- 040c 3d Printed Models All Types All Scales
- 041 Out of Box All Types All Scales
- 042 Unfinished/Works in Progress All Types All Scales
- 043 Paper Scale Models All Types All Scales
- 044 Miscellaneous (Other than Paper, i.e. Wood, Heart, etc)
- 045 Egg Nation (Egg Kits) All Types All Scales
- 046 GUNDAM All Types All Scales
- 047 Junior (13-17) Aircraft All Types All Scales
- 048 Junior (13-17) Automotive All Types All Scales
- 049 Junior (13-17) Watercraft All Types All Scales
- 050 Junior (13-17) Military Vehicles All Types All Scales
- 051 Junior (13-17) Miscellaneous All Types All Scales
- 052 Youth (12 and Younger) Aircraft All Types All Scales
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# THANK YOU FRESNO SCALE MODELERS !

## ***THANK YOU RICHARD PEDRO !***

***Now there's a FB Presence for the FH, and he's why/who's in charge***

### ***Come By and Meet The IPMS Fremont Hornets !***

We are a SF Bay Area model club dedicated to the promotion of the hobby of scale modeling. A proud chartered chapter of the IPMS/USA, since 1977. Our meetings are open to visitors (membership encouraged) and frequently feature a monthly theme. Our membership of builders is diverse making our meeting atmosphere range from the sublime to the raucous, so come prepared to have fun and ENGAGE!.

Our club motto is "*Come for the Models, Stay for the Sarcasm*"



IF YOU'RE FREE ON SECOND FRIDAY OF ANY MONTH  
DROP IN FOR A VISIT WITH US

MEETINGS START 7:30 PM, IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
41885 BLACOW ROAD, FREMONT CA (across from Irvington HS)

CHECK OUT OUR SITE @ <https://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/>



Note: Clicking on link(s) will open a new browser window



## *February Hornets Findings*

*At Second Nest Of Great New Year, Day Finds Us Getting A Visit from Doctor Evil !*



Text/Photos: Mick Burton

*Above, a look at 2018 February Assemblage of Free Hornets. The rest of the table will be some what more visible later in this article, as Babbitt did not remain blocking view.*



*Here again in now obligatory “ Don’t Be Taking Pictures of Me, Burton! ” shot, was our new MP (Meeting Presenter) Mr Jim Priete. In true Hornets fashion, he’s also still keeping at the helm of his long time post of Raffle Tix Chairman... after all, it’s lifetime appointment.*

*And as promised, now it can be revealed, what the “ rest of the table was ” as an opening for Burton to shoot picture opens up*

*February 2018 Nest was to prove a nice variety of surprises as you will soon see, starting with a startle of dear Louis Orselli ...*



*As seen here, with Louis giving me the “What the ...?” return gaze whilst unsuspecting Gabriel Lee looks over at next topics.*





NAMELY, Louis O's trio of Tigers and a bit of Thunder under way, with an updated edition of Daniel Ford's "Flying Tigers" bio of the AVG, which Lou is long time aficionado of. The book was from Dan Webb's famous book shop, we were informed.

Only the barest of notes were taken by the Photog, so bear with the paucity of information given here.

This is a 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale early mark of P-40, not noted by which kit producer, nor what finish plans were for it.

A good look at the fine WIP underway though as this cockpit peek shot hopefully demonstrates:



Louis had another WIP P-40 WarHawk in 1/32<sup>nd</sup> underway a bit further along, and it appears to have been an earlier vintage kit.

The scheme in best estimate is AVG colors, and thusly a Curtiss "B"



There was ONE FINISHED P-40 from Lou,  
too ...



This P-40B is in USAAF OD/Neutral Gray scheme, and is in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale.

Likely in view of the propeller assembly the kit was Monogram's early '60s molding, as stated earlier there were not a lot of detailed notes taken by Editor here at this meeting.



REALLY NICE WORK here, Mr. Orselli!

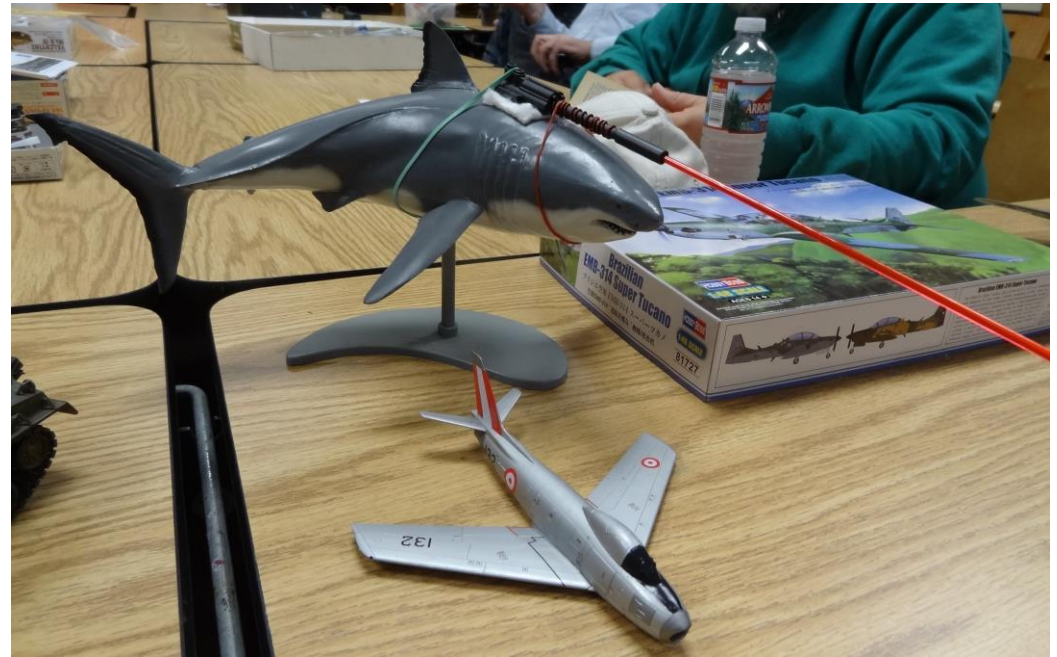
AND WAIT, *THERE'S MORE* (as stated, some Republic Thunder...)



WIP by Orselli, the classic 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale P-47D Thunderbolt, Editor damned sure this is none other than Monogram's own molding.



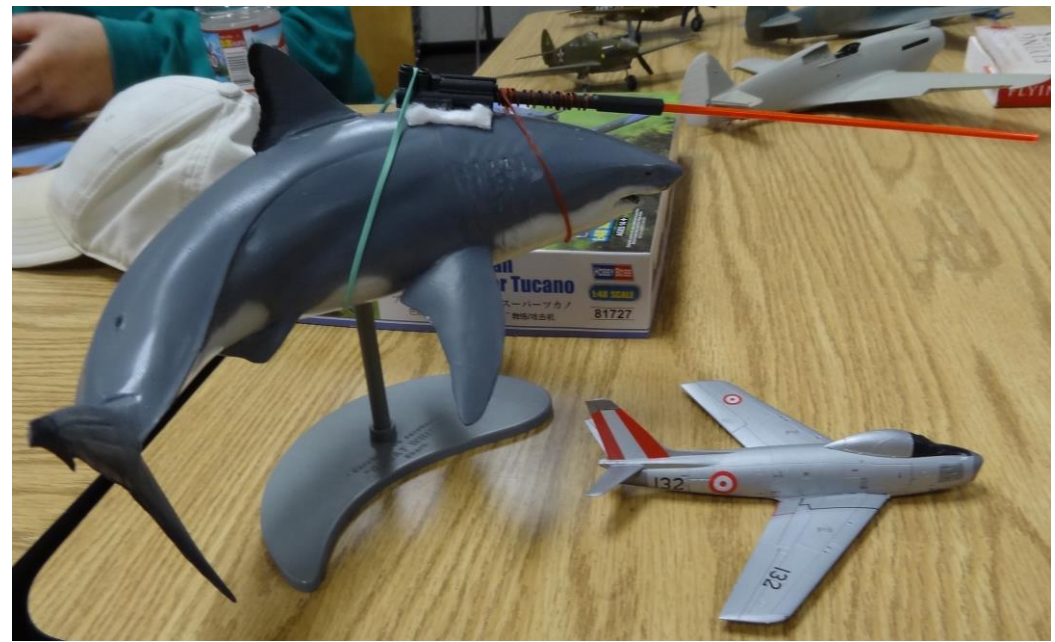
- If I'm in error, Louis can correct me for posterity here in coming month, as this news again being put out as published AFTER intended date ( just prior to March meeting )



Sharing same table space with Louis , even if not scale, were Gabriel Lee and Kent McClure, seen at left. We'll start with Gabriel's varied lot here.

Mr. Lee's latest F-86F WIP, Airfix 1/72<sup>nd</sup>, Peru AF





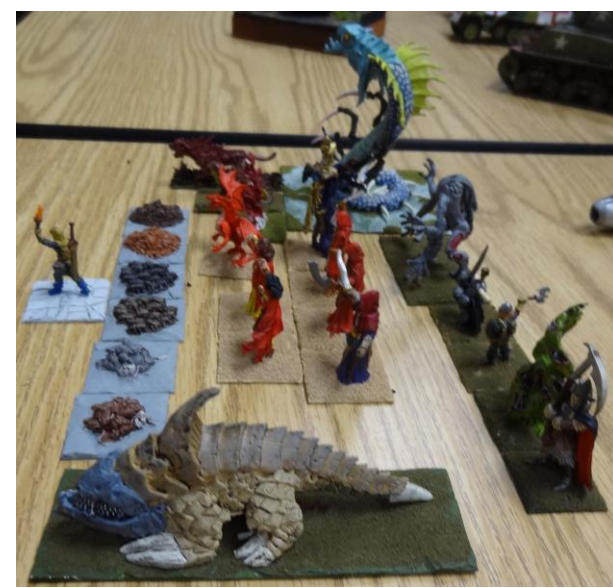
While circling ominously above, was Gabriel's creative go at rendering a postulate secret weapon of Austin Powers' nemesis, Dr Evil. **YES, SHARKS...with LAAAY-ZZURRS on their #%\$#@##ing HEADS!** . Mr Lee wisely began with Pegasus Models Great White Shark and went from there . Oh, YESSS !



Gabriel rounded this all out with an in the box to examine, kit of the Super Tucano.

As aforesaid, Louis O, Gabriel L, and Kent M all were sharing Model Talk display space on one table, here's one last look at entire set as we close in on Kent's Menagerie at the far left corner, and below





Being there is so much to look over and at, and that there were no notes taken to sort this all out, felt in all fairness be best for me to simply include the best shots I had from meeting. Then hope the illustrations speak for themselves !

Thanks again for all the stuff you do for us, Kent, including monthly models!



As promised earlier, an unobstructed look at the Model Talk Table on the left, earlier obstructed by a 1/1 scale Babbitt model ...

We will start with Bob Meyers' swift build of the new Tamiya 1/35<sup>th</sup> Sherman M4A3E8, giving opposing views on itself below:







I do recall Bob giving spirited extol of just how sweet and literally swift this build was for him, after having been in the worlds of Takom, Hobby Boss and ICM fairly recently, not to forget also the ancient Airfix 1/72 RAF Rescue Boat he did for a Hornets Club Contest not long ago. Bob is a clear proponent of having fun building your models, always the right thing to do, thank you

Also sharing Bob's passion for fun in model building and sharing such, along with more thanks from Editor for his unflinching club support in same category as Kent's, Gabriel's, Louis's and Bob's, is Mr Cliff Kranz. The builder of this big lineup below!



Cliff has this pair of 1/35<sup>th</sup> WW2 subjects to add to his huge finished collection, one is a “repurposed” Wermacht halftrack with USA (for United States Army, FYI) emblazoned along with the white/red crosses to designate this as ambulance/medevac  
Cliff noted this was from a period photograph, and a long planned project. The T-34/85, I did not get any details noted, sorry.





The Northrop P-61B Black Widow here by Cliff is postwar, a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> kit as is the North American F-82G Twin Mustang in front.

A look at the tail markings of both Night Fighters here will likely belie fact they were part of same squadron at some point ☺



As for which kits, the Twin Mustang is for sure the original Monogram 1/72<sup>nd</sup> issue which provided Day or Night version components and schemes.

Cliff has a fondness for the older kits and knows very well of the issues with the much more expensive Special Hobby F-82 kit which is less than 10 years old ! (Monogram's dates to the 1970s...)



This P-61B is likely the DML issue which is a very nice mold despite the unfounded opinion of “it’s unbuildable” held forth by a certain “Authority on all things of Scale Plastic/Resin” over the years.

Proof in this build and fact that the Editor built one each (A and B) out of the DML box, plus one “B” on his shelf as gift build for him by another who’s truly great Scale Modeler in many genres, also knows when not shoot his mouth off with “expert opinions”

Visible just off the wing of Cliff's "B" Widow is his pair of "Buzz Bombs" in 1/72<sup>nd</sup>. One is done as a WW2 German Fi-103, in green/hellblau. The colorful companion is the US Navy's first sub launched missile, an LTVN-2 "Loon" which was a Ford Motor Company built and "Americanised rethinking" of the Fieseler product for US Military postwar employment. The USAF tried out the JB-2 designated version for air launched surface impact missions (granddaddy of Rascal, Hound Dog, SRAM et al)





Last but far from the least, Cliff had finished his 3<sup>rd</sup> kit of this recent East European molded kit of the classic HUP (USN/USMC) or H-25 (USA) Retriever or as shown here, “MULE” for the US Army.

Cliff made clear if you wanted to do this helo right this was the kit to get, forget the Mach 2 or the A Model. So is indeed sad that the Editor didn't get the identity for it.

Another in the community of prolific skilled builders who “do it for the fun of it, and no prejudice for types” (in other words, someone who will and does make model of many different types and scales) showed up with this fine Marder III in a vignette.

None other than Dave Parks here, and his 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale piece here is I believe, a Tamiya based vehicle and the figure.







Every bit of detail everywhere, just has that sense of “belonging” which helps make this all work for those viewing the piece.



This is an art form indeed, and I wish we had an article from Dave for how he created the Doric column and other parts of his fun here, just to fill us in better and selfishly to also help the Editor make schedule with “unique content” for BUZZ



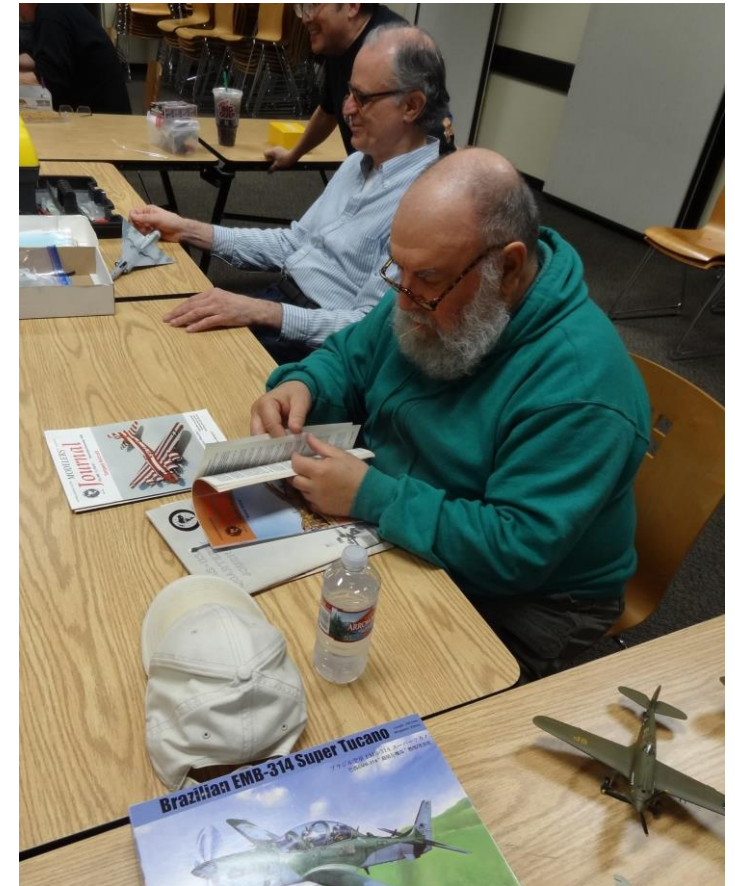
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Marder III  
Italy, 1944



In this wrap up, as I know several regular readers (especially the outside the area crew) have expressed happiness when candid shots of fellow Hornets are sprinkled into the issues, I now finish this again late edition with some more less studied looks at goings on for February. ENJOY

Gabriel Lee is crafting a new Airfix C-47 in amongst these Other projects of his.

Louis Orselli was catching up on his reading, thanks to MP Jim Priete's hauling in of donated issues of old IPMS Journals. Next to him, Mirage of Frank Babbitt...

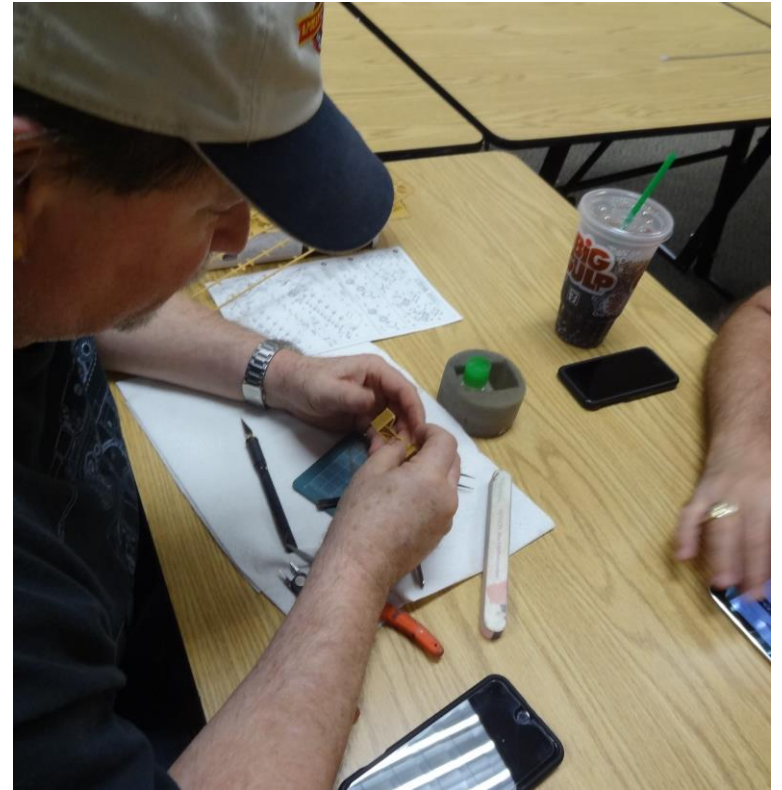


OH WAIT, that was supposed to say clearly Frank Babbitt is now working on a Mirage... or is this a photoshopped 1/48<sup>th</sup> kit in hand?



Brian Sakai was working on his modeler's tan, or his practiced look of mild disapproval at the Editor's continued antics

This is Bob Meyers' splendid example of studiously ignoring the annoying camera geek whilst Bob is at his latest Tamiya, the M-109 SP oh ya!



Then of course, the "screen poker club" are up to their usual antics to be disrupting the Editor's own shenanigans: "Tamiya Pete" Long is leading the "ignore him charge" on left with "Navy Ray" Williams on right at end of table, Dave Parks next in the white shirt with "Alumnus Prez" Ray "in red" Lloyd doing another fine job of acting as if he's not doing anything... just leaving his PDA device innocently alone on the table...

Yeah.



Ray kindly consented to hold this PDA for a picture, but has no idea where or who put this image up on his screen

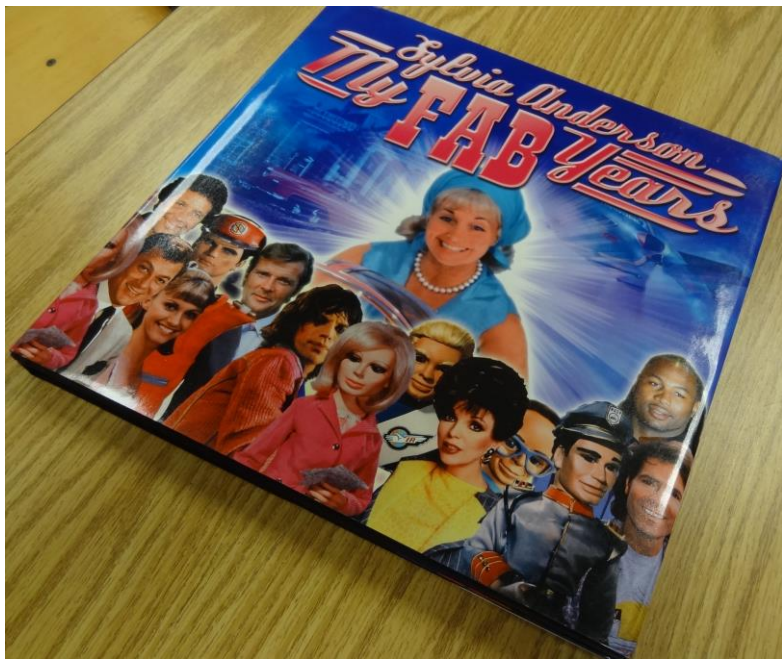
Bob Meyers is staying out of this one. A Wise Hornet, he



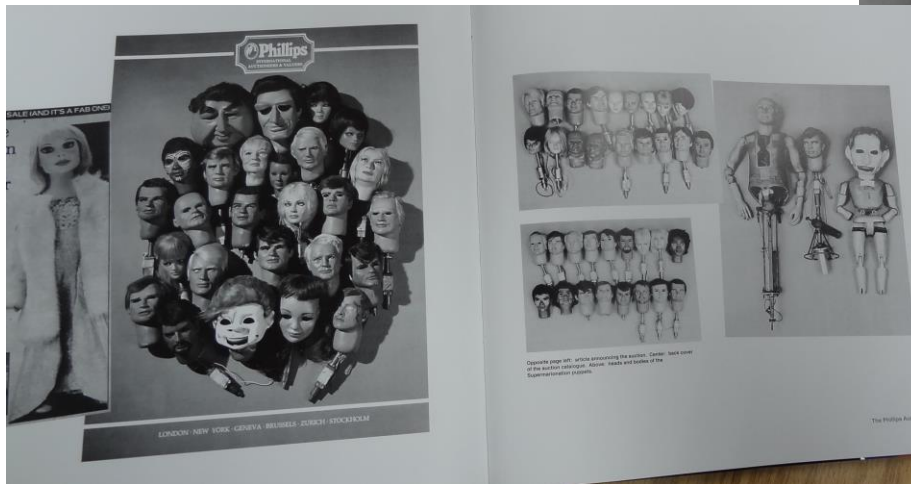
“Engineer” Cliff Kranz however, has had quite enough of having to wait for Editor to get around to printing out the Issues of BUZZ and SVSM pubs he owes Cliff, who not only still eschews Airbrushes, he also WON’T DO EMAIL so NO PDF copies for him.

Thus this picture taken just before Editor mysteriously found with gaping wound in chest from large caliber shell... Mr Kranz’s old USA issue side arm perhaps?



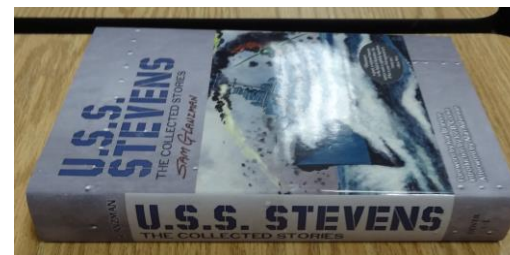


Steven Ng often is at meetings, doesn't get pictured much but some of his great finds in books do, as Editor is always sure to be intrigued. Here's one for any fans of *SuperCar*, *Thunderbirds*, *Stingray*, *Captain Scarlet*, or of course *UFO* and *Space : 1999*. Sylvia was other half of Gerry Anderson Productions who brought all those and more to life.



As you may notice, these “geeky puppets” had some less than likely expected fans to count in their midst, although one might speculate a Fan of Sylvia may have been Mr Anthony Curtis’s title here

Not a Gerry & Sylvia Anderson adherent? Okay, then Steven also had this tome on the USS Stevens in collected stories for perusal.



*OKAY bowing to time constraints, namely issue is now near a week later in publishing, last look at February Nest and done!*



*One  
More  
Item  
To  
Go...*

AND THAT'S A WRAP FOR THIS ISSUE –  
- Mick Burton, madman at large –  
[DAZE61283@mypacks.net](mailto:DAZE61283@mypacks.net) ( sole fool responsible for  
bad content or rude comment here )

# OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF FEBRUARY

*Congratulations to*

***FEBRUARY***  
***Model of the Month Winner,***  
***Gabriel Lee***

*Mickb-fini*

