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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over **44** years...

Welcome

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

TWO of LATEST BUZZ

(*Issue's Editorials, one bearing no relation to the picture on the right*)

A LOOK BACK & A LOOK AT UPCOMING YEAR EVENTS

You May Call This BUZZ A “SCANT TRY AT RETURN TO LIFE”

ALL INSIDE THIS



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(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 August 15 2021 10 PM)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor

YES! Now # 89 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!



“ SO NOW WHAT ? WHAT IS THIS AND WHY NOW ? ” (redux)



During last 22 months since I last felt motivated to create and publish this humble rant packaged as a service to the Free Hornets & their community, it has come home to me: Just how short falls the imagined world apocalypse (left), or the recent past reality horribilis it was based upon (right). As devastating as both in truth are, slow sure destruction we're now in midst of, seems actually far worse. Oh yes, a microscopic creature may have been genesis, but lack of leadership & accountability in the human system worldwide will be cause of end. “Credibility Gap” of late 1960's, meet now our “Incredibility Gap” mick

SO, AS PROMISED ON PAGE ONE, A BRIEF LOOK BACK , IN SUMMARY ...

October 24 2019 – Last publish date of the Fremont Hornets Buzz V.1, issue # 87 (Buzz_88)

November 2019 – Free Hornets meet regularly at usual locale, but no minutes taken, still a Model of the Month winner was recorded with then intent to publish one more Buzz in 2019

December 2019 – Free Hornets meet for their traditional Holiday Party and Burton manages to hornswoggle several into playing a modified for modeler purposes, competitive word game based on German “Stadt/Land/Fluss”. Ten members show it can be done and successfully. A record is made of who won but sadly, it’s lost now and no accountability may be established.

January, February 2020 – Free Hornets continue to meet at usual locale, but horizon already has ominous portent of no more meetings soon perhaps as this “COVID-19” issue seems to have a real constrictive potential, and already has taken down NNL West 2020 (January) and (February) Silver Wings Silvercon 2020 public events which had been in place for months.

March 2020 – Everything begins to come to an abrupt halt. The SVSM SV Classic #7 which was under the able leadership again of Free Hornet Mike Woolson was cancelled for the 1st of 3 times. The Free Hornets TriCity 14 which was trying to get underway for 2020 after hiatus in Fall 2019, became moot point to pursue for time undeterminate. Fresno Scale Modelers had to cancel their 50th Anniversary Show for time undeterminate. Reno High Rollers as well suffer same fate, as 2020 is crushed under weight of vacillating “anti viral mitigation efforts and measure” which at times seem to be much more destructive to society fabric than is bug.

July 2020 – IPMS USA 2020 Nationals **is cancelled as the site of show, San Marcos, TX becomes instead one of the latest “hot spots” for COVID 19 outbreaks.** Fortunately, IPMS USA leadership actually comes through with TX hosts, to recover for a 2023 return try. ☺

OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF NOVEMBER (...)

Congratulations to

*NOVEMBER 2019
Model of the Month Winner,
Ben Pada*

Mickb-fini



Yes, this is SECOND EDITORIAL not a test. Why surprised, it's been a long time coming...

Since last publishing, I have lost three friends in this community (Kristina Balderrama of Free Hornets/SVSM, Robin McFerran of Free Hornets & Steve Hinson of NNL West) to causes other than the infamous pandemic. Doesn't help one's mood or incentivize much.

I have gone from a day job which kept me well in hand to do all my other chosen pursuits such as this one for past 14.5 years, to three new ones that at points reminded me squarely why spending 3.5+ hours Monday thru Friday commuting behind wheel or onboard so called "convenient Bay Area public transit" is neither affordable nor sustainable. Again, no sale.

Having lived, worked here for multiple decades, am all too familiar with the "Gold Rush" and breathlessly unquestioning "intolerant progressivism" mentality which pervades the local environs of yours and mine, as well the entire State. Not letting it run me out of here.

With now a few recent months where I have for now a stable home, stable work place and a somewhat better forecast for more familiar social modelling community, my near term future outlook is far more bright than my opening Buzz Editorial would perhaps lead you to think.

Despite having some come to the conclusion I have been expired, near expiration, suffering from something other than same insanity we have all been in midst of since December 2019.

Mayhap, partly based on my lack of desire to volunteer to produce the up to 5 in a month publications such as this, with all that has been going on, some of which I outlined above. It is also starkly apparent to me if not to a percentage of others, that "social media" has proven to be an epic fail in many respects to "keep things going in unison". In fact, it is a great vehicle to exacerbate existing divisions to a hyperbolic but very real destructive degree.

Feel free to violently disagree with me or even disavow ("unfriend me") but evidence is clear.

NOW, FOR A LOOK AHEAD to catch you up in case you missed my point in 2nd Editorial...

NEWS you can USE

HORNET MEETINGS FOR NOW –

A real hot button lately with some, especially since another IPMS Chapter several of us are also members of, has recently had success in regaining access to hold “face to face” meetings.

We have not been slack in trying to get a foothold here. Our Treasurer has been at the game since we lost access to our Irvington Center locale, and most recently confirmed that again a delay due to staffing and COVID 19 issues precludes our getting a firm scheduling, still.

Our intrepid soul (Dave) has also been patient with my entreaties to explore the Fremont Game Kastle for meeting space (*only possible if we meet Saturday night, essentially, with the current limited hours due of course to pandemic restrictions*) and also the Newark/Fremont Pizza restaurants (*again, NOT ACCESSIBLE AT THIS TIME DUE TO COVID -19 was the regretted reply to us*). An expensive per hour meeting rental option is yet to be explored by this author (and Club Prez) after the IPMS USA Nationals are over and he recovers. I don't think it's a particularly viable option but I won't rule it out near term, yet.

TREASURER's REPORT –

Again, for those who made it to our last face to face meetings, The Hornets had a quandary underway at the time with our meeting room landlords in which it seemed we were owed a not insignificant refund of recent monies paid for hourly rental, but with the then immediate stress of closure due to pandemic taking hold, not clear what end resolutions would be. I can safely report that entire matter was resolved successfully some time ago by our dogged Treasurer David. We will discuss in any relevant form when we can meet in person and it is on table.

CONTEST DIRECTION –

As your still current sitting Contest Director, I have been posting on Fremont Hornets website page for TriCity Classic past & present news, occasional updates since first put on hiatus. As it is a potential for one of two new venues being actually viable within coming 12 months is still on. But some financing clouds plus question of actually trusting we're going to have no nasty "turn back now" last minute surprises from local or State governments due to of course, pandemic, keeps this interesting and unknowable for now. HOWEVER, I will publish in this vehicle, before end of this year, at least a small sampling for current planned "TC-14 From Earth to the Moon"

A forecast set of potential dates for late spring and mid fall 2022 have been in place with venue explorer for some time now behind scenes, but again, nothing can be firmed up with current sit.

IPMS USA NATS 2021 –

If you didn't already well know it, the IPMS USA Nationals are fully in operation to open on Wednesday August 17 2021 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Rio Hilton will be base hotel and the convention center site for what likely will be the largest IPMS Nationals ever held yet in "the West", which ought to be a blast for attendees (veterans & first timers alike) and one hell of a ride for first time hosting folks, so remember, volunteers are ALWAYS appreciated for this show. This author will be going from Thursday through end of the event and will try to capture some of it for an upcoming issue of the BUZZ afterwards. But then, after publishing this issue, mayhaps no one will care to hear from him again, we'll just have to see how it works out, or not.

In any case, up ahead will be some flyers and like material, since the author has found again the evidence that FACEBOOK is not always the best answer for reaching the community of modeler



(note this is an unofficial flyer, created by MIRANDCO)

Fresno Scale Modelers Contest for 2021

About the Event... (information publicly accessible from the IPMS USA Events page)

Our contest last year was cancelled due to COVID 19. Venue has relocated from EAA Hanger to Clovis Veteran Memorial District at their beautiful, spacious venue. Please like or follow our Facebook Group page for full details.

Event Date:

September 11, 2021 - 9:00am to 4:00pm PDT

Location Name:

Clovis Veterans Memorial District

Address:

808 4th St, Clovis, CA, 93612

Event Hosting IPMS/USA Chapter(s): [IPMS/Fresno Scale Modelers](#)

Website: [IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers Facebook Group](#) (link is external)

Contact Information Contest Chairperson's Name: John Ballman

Phone: 5593946858 E-mail: john_ballman@att.net (link sends e-mail)

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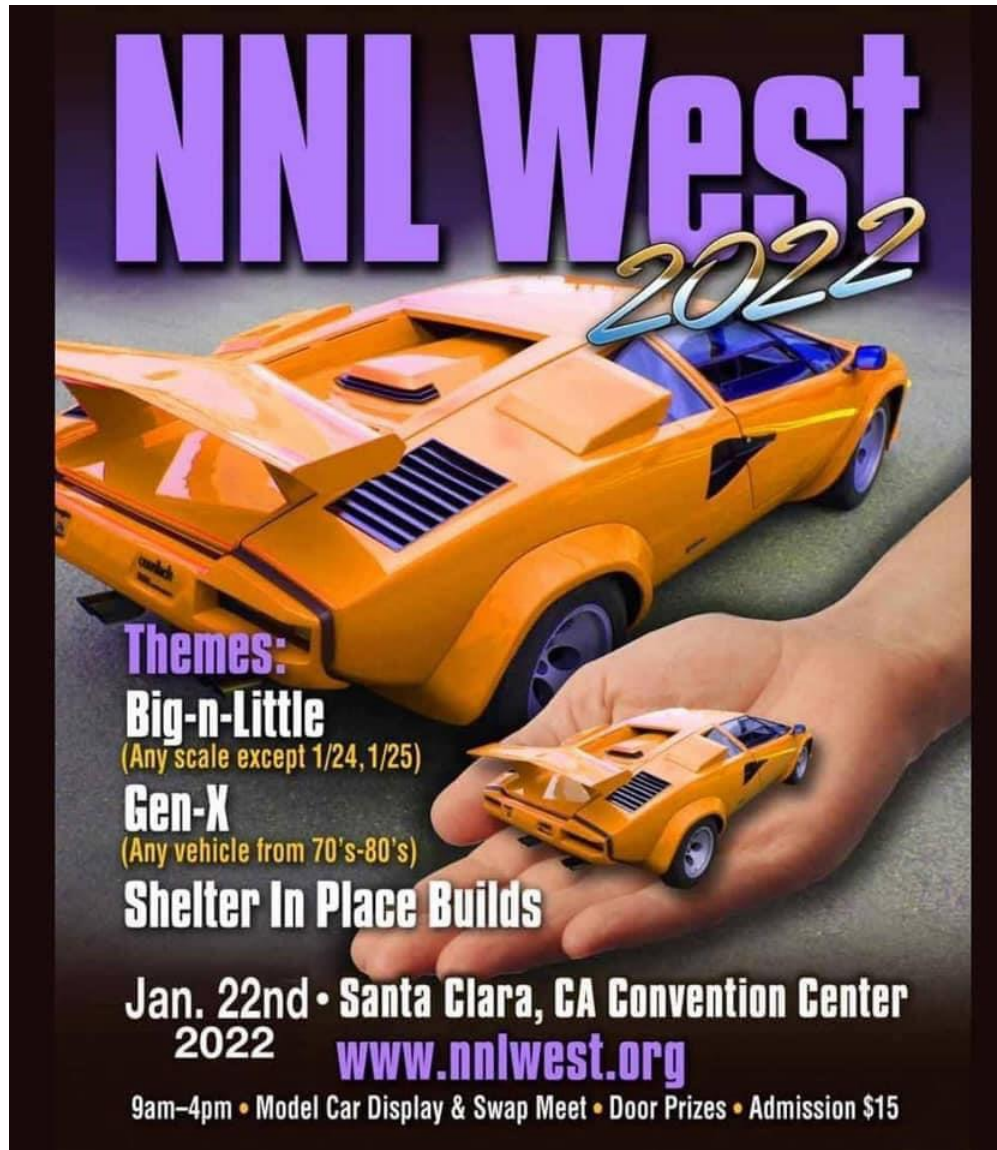
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- Mick Burton, madman at large – DAZE61283@mypacks.net
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