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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over **45** years...

Welcome

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

LATEST BUZZ

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

AS WARNED OF, EDITOR AGAIN LOOKS @ 2021 USS HORNET GIG
& (possibly bearing relation to pic) ***A LOOK AT OUR FIRST 2022 MEETING!***

You May Call This BUZZ PERHAPS “ ANOTHER WORLD ” (a land down under?)



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 April 26 2022 1030 AM)

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

YES! Now # 94 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!



“ UH THANKS , BUT I AM AFRAID WE ARE VERY MUCH ALIVE... ”

Sorry for the odd editorial headline here. Just I am again pressed for a proper answer to a comment made to someone in our community, about how our fabulous Free Hornets club “ is slowly dying ”. I, of course, invited the message recipient to enjoy our next meet to see for himself. Also reminded him that I maintain an archive of this publication freely available that to me at least, would support my premise we have been quite the contrary for quite awhile. I didn't of course have time or an internal calm to invite the same person to carefully examine the meeting coverages for the last several years. Where he might catch clue that in fact the “ seemingly knowing individual, once closely associated with this club, so must have some basis for this dour statement ” IN FACT NEVER SHOWS UP FOR ANY MEETINGS, DOES NOT GET THE NEWSLETTER ANY MORE, HAS NO IDEA MOST OF THE REAL TIME IN ANY YEAR WHAT THIS CLUB IS IN FACT DOING...

So while I wouldn't preclude right to express their opinion, would be very helpful to those hearing it to know that it is based on nothing particularly current nor concrete. Wholly unsupportable on facts, which the opinion maker/shaper often touts in the past and present social media arenas as something he utterly subscribes to. But it's okay. It's a free world still, and you can sell your wares be they resin, paper, or thought as you see fit. Just thankfully others can come back asking in just what world of 1980s fantasy do you reside in? With some support for their somewhat bemused take on “ your authoritative view ” So read on here, as again now can promote the club as an identifiable, “not just virtual entity” WE MODEL FREELY - mick

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FREMONT HORNETS NEST (Model Meeting & Business Discussion)

FRIDAY MAY 13 2022 from 730PM to 1030PM

NEWARK Round Table Pizza, Meeting Room, 5544 Thornton Ave, Newark

*NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BUILD FEST, however **yes MODELS for DISPLAY/DISCUSSION Okay**, There will be NO RAFFLE, NO INSIDE MODEL SALES, PLEASE. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK PLAN ON HAVING TO BUY SOME FOOD and/or DRINK as our price for reservation of the room ☺*

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See Reverse Side for Swap Meet Information & Table Application Updated January 11, 2022

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NNL West
CA 2022

BREAKING NEWS as of 01-23-2022 NEW DATE

RESCHEDULED for JUNE 11 2022 at this location

Themes:
Big-n-Little
 (Any scale except 1/24, 1/25)
Gen-X
 (Any vehicle from 70's-80's)
Shelter In Place Builds

NEW DATE • Santa Clara, CA Convention Center
JUNE 2022 www.nnlwest.org
 9am-4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$15

***YES, You're Right, Caught On Camera,
FREE HORNETS having a Face to Face
Meeting, even though one tried to flee, see?***



The Official Record

Not exactly minutes taken, but is going to be all “*On Your Permanent Record*”

📷 Photos & notes by Mick Burton

Okay, so here it is, nearly right from the start

Friday, April 8, 2022, The IPMS/Fremont Hornets, aka “Free Hornets” did in fact, convene an official Club Meeting (aka Hornet’s Nest), their first one of the year.

It also happened to be the first one they had chance to hold since the early part of 2020, when access was denied after our first meets at our long time locale in Irvington district.

Thanks very much in large part to the gent you seen in the far left upper corner here, as he goes to get his food, we again are having a place to meet, greet and plan to compete.

That’s David Parks, our Treasurer & 2nd VP, camera averse as ever, leaving his official log at his seat between “Baseball Cap” Ben Pada and “Taking Flight” Mariah (see pic above).



So there you have it, the opening minutes of our first meet in a while. Where we are celebrating that very night, our 45th year continuity as an official chartered chapter of the IPMS/USA, not a small feat by any measure. Congratulations to us, and humbly thanking those who started this journey back in 1977, several of whom are still with us in corporeal form, even if no longer making meetings. As you will also see in this haphazard article, we got an attendance by a long time Hornet in absentia, a more useful picture for ID will be forthcoming but he's here in shot below. As is a recent new guy!





Alright, here you go. Say hello to Mr. Richard Pedro, who is the generous soul who maintains Fremont Hornets Facebook presence to this day for us. He has been majorly held hostage for years by a demanding career which wipes out almost any chance to be at any clubs meet he is member of. Like several of you, Rich too, is a dual passporter, being a long time member of SVSM (and alum Prez of that club too). Thanks for shocking me with your showing up, RAP



Perhaps due to RAP's friendly hand signal magic, my rude occupancy of space with used food and drink was replaced shortly with **Gabriel Lee's** FAC Kfir, which does peacefully coexist with a glass of beer, pizza, you see above.

While I had to warn in the "emergency urgent" Newsletter (BUZZ 92E) that yes we were having a face to face meeting again, **NO WE WERE NOT GOING TO HAVE OUR BUILDFEST FORMAT** resuming at this time there. **I did stress MODELS to SHOW and TALK ABOUT WERE ENCOURAGED and WELCOMED THOUGH**

Happily, some such as Gabriel, made sure that we saw that protocol met with gusto.

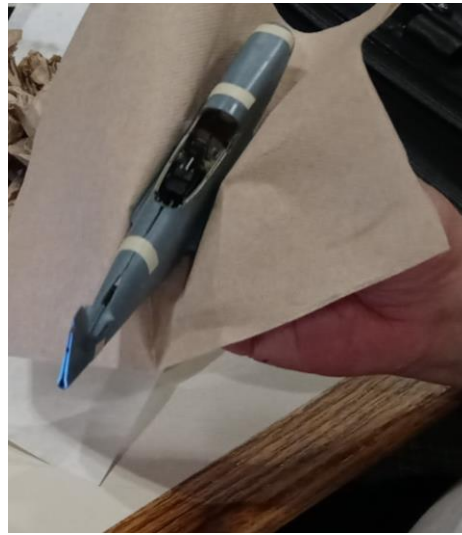
My apologies here to all, but I didn't take any detailed notes of discussions or asides at this meeting, getting food and my own responsibilities organized was all I could do.

I can say that this lovely Colombian Air Force Kfir model by Gabriel is a 1/72nd scale rendering, that he's been after some hard to find detail bits for it for some time, such as refuelling probe first deployed on USN Douglas A-4E Skyhawk, that this bird shared.

Eerie, even after all these years, how even in some small obscure way, difficulties with 1/72nd scale Douglas Skyhawks involving innocent members of the Fremont Hornets still somehow be wending their way into our lives...Oh, well, I digress.

NEXT UP, NEW WIP from Ben Pada, with assistance looking that over, by others !





YES, it's a P-51D Mustang, all right.
But whose? Scale is your first clue.



I did say that next up was a NEW Work In Process, from **Ben Pada**

So that is who is making this 1/48th scale model, but he isn't the only one known to favor the quarter scale.

Thanks though to Ben, I know of this kit and how sweet it is! That is the new Eduard P-51D, which definitely merited kudos and we know Ben is not shy of calling a dog out. This new item was not at all in that class, got a high 5!

Recommended. Good enough to get Mike Meek to show up, too.

Next, three items from Chris B















Bet you thought that I'd never show up to let you know what any of this is, huh? Well now you see there's more to that "Paleo" certification on cover of the BUZZ than mayhaps you considered. If you stick around club long enough, you may learn of how and who some past, present Free Hornet are also enthusiasts of the Prehistoric Periods, and aren't shy of showing it. Others turned out to be shy til some of us blatant radicals let it be known, so then did they pipe up "me too me too". That's alright, we will still admit to knowing you afterwards. Even if you aren't able to tell whether that 1/20 scale "ancient big cat" of **Chris Bucholtz'** showing is a *Machairodus*... (lahayishupup) or (aphanistus) or (horribilis). I still can't, myself. It's nice work in resin though, of this relative of the famous Smilodon saber toothed cat. Chris had to add some better detail to the mouth, he related and he's used a living relative for modelling the finish. (*HIS TABBY CAT* at home, okay?). This beast will eventually be accompanied by another animal, prey for pursuit, and apparently whether in North America, Europe or Asia, this animal easily took on large horses among other choice dining selections.

The Macchi in 1/72, Chris was hoping to have ready to travel to Seattle IPMS Spring Show April 23, as an entry. He finally finished it and used the "hobby death practice" of (gasp!) DECALS to make those exquisite WW2 Italian AF desert camouflage green squiggles. Most delightedly, I'd say.

Lastly, above, his 1/72 scale NIK1 George from a Japanese company whose name escapes me for now. Then, another look back at his trio, below.



Yes, for now, that's it.

If you missed the meet, I am sorry, was nice to be able to get chance again to meet, greet and eat, with all the likelihood to repeat it next month.

And a month after that.

Even month after that !

As they say, ad infinitum

As it came to pass, those of us brave souls of Free Hornet community did in fact hold a business meet in our event here. Voting to continue this locale as our home, until it comes to pass we wish to other wise do.

VP Dave is going to see about securing permit to have limited buildfest in our scheduled room area you see here for future, as it did come up some would like the option.

I will continue to try to illustrate that yes indeed you can, have models in any state, safely in room with pizza, salad, drinks of all sort. See you May!

-Mick fini

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An IPMS SILVERWINGS Event

SILVERCON

UPDATED 2022 EDITION

Originally scheduled 02-19-2022 SilverWings show has now been moved out to

SATURDAY

JUNE 25

At TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH
4049 MARCONI AVE
SACRAMENTO, CA 95821

CONTACT : RUSSELL NILES (r_niles1@juno.com)

SECOND PASS OF USS HORNET MUSEUM MODEL EXPO of 2021 in REVIEW for YOU



So many reasons to be aboard the storied ship now a long time maritime & aerospace museum, making the Third Model Expo aboard the USS Hornet another !



This article is my second on this particular event, as I began it in BUZZ #92 (but had to push it out into #93, due urgent news couldn't wait, about meeting) SO – here finally in the Spring I am able to wrap up as best I can, what my little slice of the experience which was the second of only 3 events we had in R-9 for 2021

This was the fourth time I have been to this ship for a model contest/show, long since after we used for meets

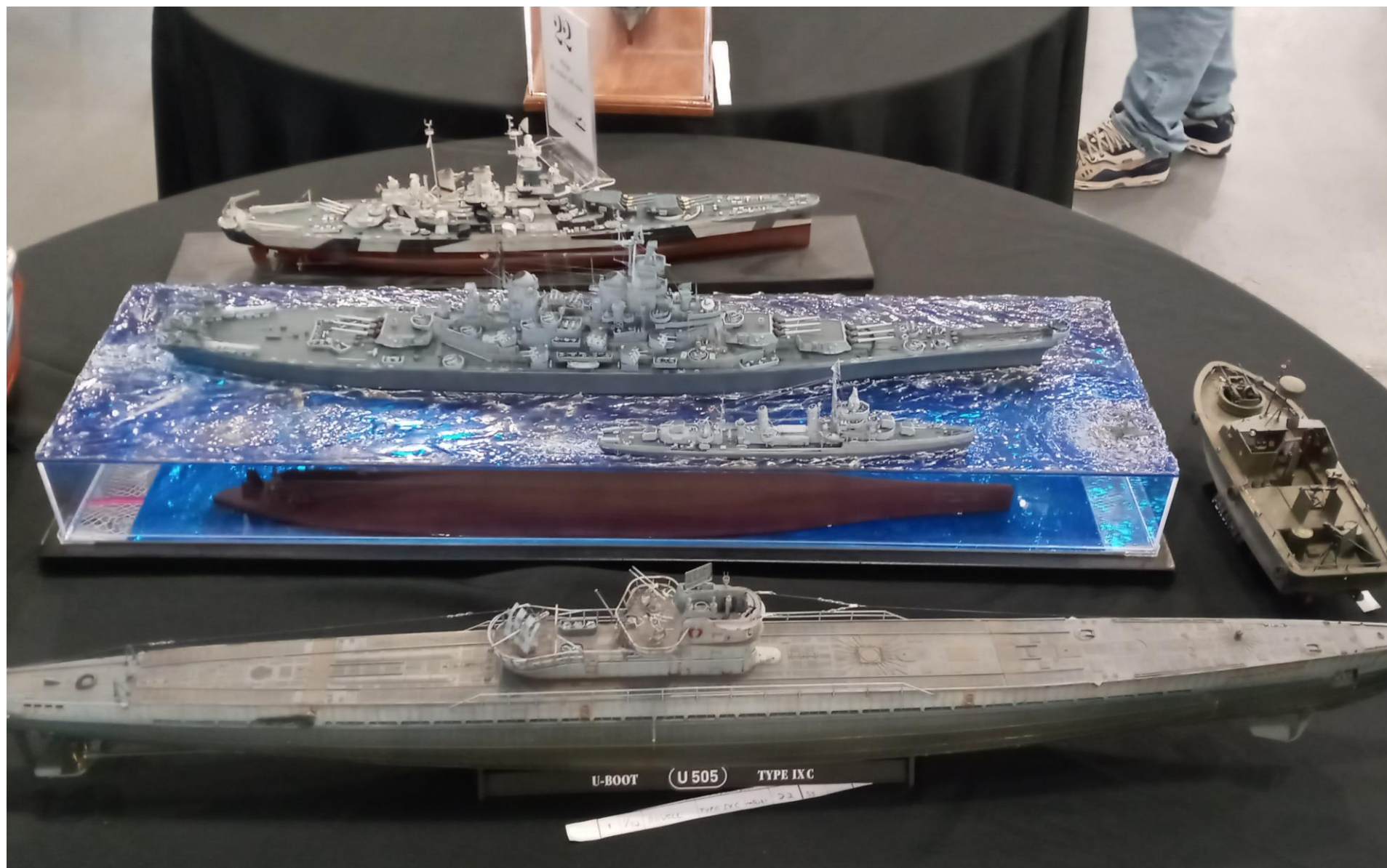


Yes, for those who didn't know, MANY years now ago, another IPMS Chapter whose members were in part also Free Hornets and/or SVSMers, used to meet aboard this very ship, monthly. In fact, Master Louis of our



Hornets was the last President of that fine outfit, IPMS-PTA (Planes, Trains, Automobiles) when we were on shore, no longer able to be aboard for meetings. They were the first of Region 9 ever to stage an event here!

At that time, it was the local ship modelling group in conjunction with IPMS-PTA, Fremont Hornets and the USS Hornet Museum, who were the impetus that caused that first show. Alas, we have lost Ken Durling of the PTA (to a tragic run in with cattle traffic), the PTA (due to ennui), and lost touch with Ship Modelers somewhat due to losing dear member Dwayne Fowler, who suffered grievous injury while on business trip. So like I said, plenty of reasons to make the shows on the boat for me, along with too many memories...





Alright, catching back up somewhat real time now, this show in October 2021 which I am finally putting press to finish up. Ending wrapup is changed from what originally in mind, as recent news has come to me about this. The 3rd Model Expo had Celebrating USN Air as one of the main themes, and it showed up nicely in entries...

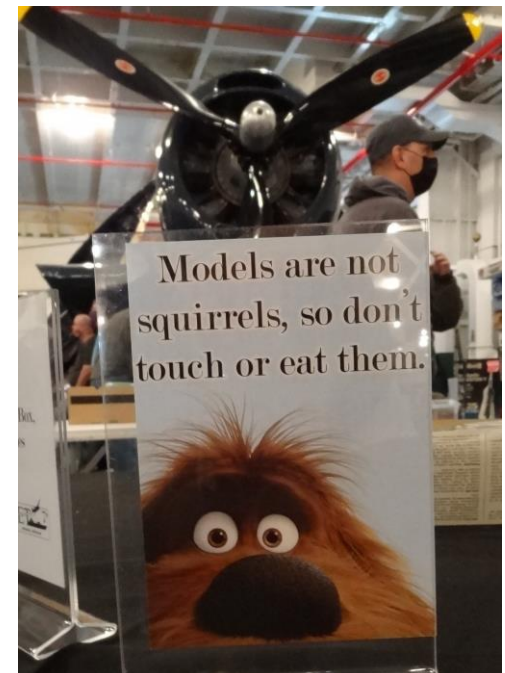






The Rotary Wings may not have had a USN component but they did a fine showing of their world nonetheless

That is a 1/144th scale H.C. 1 by one Jack Riggart, who some may know is a Free Hornet alum!





I didn't learn of who did these lovely motorcycles nor find which won what. But, really, it's appreciating the fact they were entered and in such abundance, really!

For if you were there, you could and did learn from the awards portion those answers. I just happy for the show folks that this category burgeoned, in the end.





I don't know, somehow I just am fascinated by the Buffalo vehicle, and have to shoot pics of it every time







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Infantry Fighting Vehicle

M2 Bradley



This Mustang has quite the finish, doesn't it? There was a fair turnout of cars in most categories this time.



This 1/72nd "T-Bird" T-33A Shooting Star again reminded me why I just love this classic straight wing bird.



This War Hammer 40K Valkyrie by Games Workshop, also like the Buffalo, just captures my eye every time



There is plenty of reason to be aboard the USS Hornet Museum anytime as I said more than once here. But one may be really lucky to be there when one Alan Weber is also present and in the mood to take you on a tour of a plane he knows extremely well. Namely, the Grumman twin you see here, the terrific “Stoof” (S2F).

Ben Pada is being blessed here not long after I was, as Alan gives him insights aplenty about this S-2



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1953

USS HORNET

If something seems awfully familiar about the S-2E Model you see below, there's a reason (or two...)



This is Alan Weber's entry at the event. It's an authentic rendering of an S-2E Tracker aircraft flown off the USS Hornet in her primetime, with AntiSubmarine Squadron 37, tail code NV. The work of Alan's here is a splendid example of his deep knowledge of this aircraft, inspired by his personal history with it. Alan's dad was a S-2 Pilot from back in the day, the deep sea blue S-2A days (when it was still its original USN designation that bestowed its nickname, nee S2F-1 aka "Stoof"). While I know some range of matters "Stoof" as a long time fan (remember still the rattly pop sounds of the Moffett Field Trackers and their cousins well from my West San Jose childhood days, in and out all day long in amongst the Orions, Hercules, occasional Neptunes and oh my it is a CANADIAN plane, the visiting TDY CP-107 Argus), I have nothing of the range of Mr Weber's handbook.

As Alan gently related to me what I likely (and indeed, had) missed about the “real” S-2 on the USS Hornet that was presented as an S-2E, in fact was a nicely mocked up former “U” Bird...a US-2A in all likelihood. Exhibit is a great piece of work, really. Isn’t detracted in its purpose by being a rough representation of the S-2E that the crew being memorialized for their sacrifice, flew. Suffice here to say, you really ought to go aboard and see this exhibit for yourself. If you like, know the S-2E actually has longer wings, tailplanes than the A or C, the U birds (Utility/Cargo duty) lacked ASW tail boom, MAD dome in belly, no ejector tubes in rear of engine nacelles for some of the key differences which challenged exhibitor’s work in display. But like Alan’s model, it’s all good!



Like I also said, many reasons to go aboard, another being that the Apollo Recovery Mission of the Hornet is way cool and recorded here in so many ways. I have met one lady docent who is so steeped in passionate lore about the USS Hornet and Apollo, it's frightening to realize she was not even around when it all happened. I was and yet I didn't even get the basics when it was happening or decade after.



This is the “ decontamination facility ” the astronauts had to inhabit after return from the Moon, in case of any Lunar bugs of any sort were present. This converted Airstream trailer looks like a movie prop now, huh?



You aren't allowed inside as far as I know, but you can appreciate the sense of the thing still when you're walking around it, standing to view inside, and just let yourself roll back into 1969... NOOO LET ME OUT!!



Well I just learned that until further notice, NO MORE shows of this kind will be held on the USS Hornet Museum ship.



I will let you all off the hook with wrap up this time for good. With passage of time from fall of 2021 when this event which had “Builder Bob” buried in paperwork (see above) occurred, there has been a change of plan. At end of show, it was announced that in future this Expo would become The Ira J Keeler Memorial Model Contest/Show.



So it goes. We salute all the good folks who put it on, showed up to be part of it and thanks for the good times !



COMING UP

The Hornets Are Invited to BuildFest Monday Night **MAY 23 2022**

With Silicon Valley Scale Modelers at their alternate meeting of the month

At **GAME KASTLE, 1350 Coleman Avenue in SANTA CLARA @ 730PM**

PLEASE BE AWARE MASKS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS, BRING WORK MATS, FOOD & DRINK ARE OKAY

PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION

**WE FINALLY AGAIN RETURN TO CONTINUING A LOOK IN DETAIL AT FREE
HORNETS**



WAAAAAAYYYYYYY

BACK WHEN

And possibly, some mention in more detail of FREE HORNETS TRICITY 14 event occurrence...

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

(sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here)

“ Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm “

P.S. : If you wish at any time to find back issues for reasons such as my recent invite to review Issues 57 (2017) thru 82 (2018) or #93 (2022) you can easily find them at this address, in PDF format and most browsers will open them right off site:

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