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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 94

May 13 2022



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* )

**SHOCKING NEW ARTICLE, EDITOR AGHAST WITH NEWS FROM SoCAL  
& (possibly bearing relation to pic) Begins Look At Yuba City show from Fall '21**

*You May Call This BUZZ PERHAPS “ ALL OVER WORLD ” (and a wonder?)*



**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 May 13 2022 1010 AM)

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

**YES!** Now # 95 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!



***“THERE’S A MEETING TONIGHT, I’LL RANT THERE THANK YOU”***

*Sorry again repeating the action of the odd editorial headline here. Just I am again pressed for time and started this “extra issue” 12 days ago when seemed I’d have ample time to have this properly out ahead of things. Life as you all know is getting quietly more stressed with issues that I had hoped never to see again in my lifetime, again no sign of leadership. I am beginning to believe in time travel as eerily feels as if Gerald Ford and James Earl Carter are back in Washington DC, But no, to tweet then still just meant something “real birds” did then, left and right, male/female simply clear definition, so...*

***ALRIGHT using remaining space here to BOOSTER OUR FRIENDS in SACTO with THEIR UPCOMING 1<sup>st</sup> R-9 SHOW***

***BE ADVISED WE NOW HAVE A THEME ANNOUNCED FOR THE SILVERCON 2022 from IPMS SILVER WINGS :***

Our contest theme this year is the "**45 Anniversary of STAR WARS**" and anything related to **Star Wars** will be eligible for the theme award this year (this info is straight from the IPMS USA events website)

*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 BUILDFEST, 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 ☺*

# SAN DIEGO MODEL EXPO CONTEST & SWAP MEET



Scan for updates and more information or visit [www.ipmssd.org](http://www.ipmssd.org)

Hosted by  
**IPMS San Diego & San Diego Model Car Club**

Supported by  
**The San Diego Air & Space Museum**  
**SATURDAY, June 4, 2022**

San Diego Air & Space Museum Annex  
Gillespie Field, 335 Kenney Street, El Cajon, CA 92020



### Special Awards

- Best Aircraft • Best Military Vehicle • Best Diorama • Best Ship • Best Space, Sci-Fi & Fantasy
- Best Figure • Best Automotive • Best Tamiya Model • Judges Grand Prize - Best of Show

### Special Themes

#### Arsenal of Democracy



#### Those 70s Cars



Please visit [www.ipmssd.org](http://www.ipmssd.org) for complete details, including schedule of events, entry fees, contest categories and awards.

### Category Sponsorship Application

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make check or money order payable to: Rich Durham, 1936 Hidden Crest Dr., El Cajon, CA 92019  
 CATEGORY NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 For category sponsorship, indicate the category number(s) you wish to sponsor and multiply by \$25.00  
 SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information and updates: [www.ipmssd.org](http://www.ipmssd.org) • Bob Ekstrom • SDIPMSExpo@gmail.com  
**See Reverse Side for Swap Meet Information & Table Application** Updated January 11, 2022

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**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](http://www.nnlwest.org)  
 9am-4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$15





# *YES, Free Hornets having fun down in SoCAL, Surprise Editor !*



## *The Brookhurst SURPRISE here*

Photos by Bob Meyers  
& notes by Mick Burton

Okay, I will admit I had forgotten completely that Bob Meyers had told me he was going down to So Cal (Anaheim) in near future with his wife. Asked for advice on good shops to visit while there and got plenty of folks recommending the Brookhurst Hobbies, which I concurred among them. This is a shop that has been legendary for as long as I have been in the hobby, reading their ads in magazines!

Lo and behold, last weekend it turns out that indeed, Bob Meyers did in fact make it to the mythical model shop. It also happened to be that our good friend and Free Hornet Peter Long was there, also as a bonus, Triple Alumnus (Free Hornets/SVSM/Stockton Tomcats) Randy Rothaar were there! That serendipitous Saturday that they all were there, happened to be “SPRUEFEST”, a contest held IN THE SHOP. Small then you say? NOT !!!

Bob reports:”Over 500 models on the tables. The model room was so crowded you could hardly walk around and see everything! No vendors, but most everything in the store was 20-25 percent off. Recognized a few faces from prior contests. Raffle prizes were all brand new kits”.*THANKS BOB*













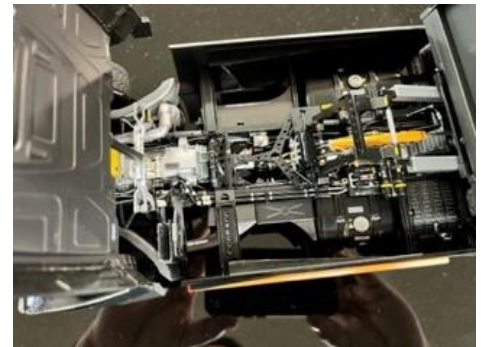






Thanks again, Bob for these fine shares of the SprueFest 2022.

I have a few shots left from what he sent, I'll decide whether to put them on Fremont Hornets Annex Photo Gallery by time of publish.







**NOW A LITTLE DIVERSION FOR A DIVISION OF ARTICLES, HERE'S " FIRE IN THE SKY "**





Well, what's this you ask, perhaps? What it is, is a look at a very underadvertised Fall 2021 event that came to pass September 5 (yes Labor Day weekend) at the Watsonville Airport. It was called "Fire In The Sky" and promised aircraft displays, rescue, fire, police vehicle exhibits, food, a complete feature movie on the tarmac ( PLANES, of course! ) music, and a fireworks display to end the night's festivities. Thanks to my better half Uschi, her daughter and I sped over to the coast to see this event while Mom was stuck at work. One nice surprise we found, this AMPHICAR !







This example is a local (somewhat) owner and he truly put a fine display together. I don't know what the licences he had here, but I can tell you that's car horn on hood out of water harm's way. Bet we don't see a model of this at NNL West

While I had known these cars existed, this was the first time I had gotten as close as this to one.

It was a pleasing find to add to my small set for the also very rare flying vehicle, the AeroCar.



# Amphicar

## “The Car That Swims”

1964 Amphicar owned by Ken Chambers, Los Gatos, CA

World's only production passenger amphibious vehicle, manufactured in Germany from 1961-67. Of the 3867 units built, just over 3100 were imported into the U.S. beginning in 1964. Only about 900 remain today with perhaps less than half of those in driveable condition and half of those water worthy. Many replacement parts are still available.

### Specifications:

Maximum speeds - land 75 MPH, water 10 MPH

Engine - 43 HP Triumph Herald 1147cc, 4 cylinder

Transmission - 4 forward plus reverse, water - 1 fwd, 1 rev

Fuel consumption - 32 MPG driving, 1.5 GPH cruising

Price when new - \$3200

International Amphicar Owners Club: [www.iamc.org](http://www.iamc.org)









How about that gathering of Amphicars? One more look left, then...





As I said, they promised aircraft displays, and these here are samples of them, my favorites. They are for the most part, civil/sport machines.











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Yes, that is an actual Warbird on ground display, an F8F Bearcat. Didn't take to the air, but there was a very good sport class formation air display.



And at sunset, the parachutist salute to the USA was well received. The movie on tarmac was something to see (the inflatable screen was huge!) the final fireworks display was very impressive, long lasting and had a very excellent music accompaniment. Recommend going if repeated !







***NOW FINALLY, First Long Look at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Final R-9 Event of 2021***

*Many thanks to The Crew at IPMS/Dragon Lady for putting an event on in those trying times – photos/text mick burton*

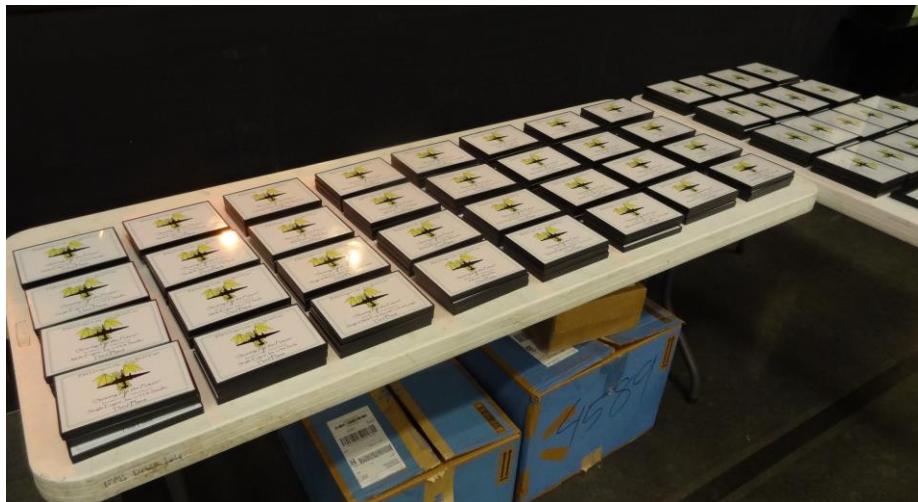




Major props to this crew as well for smoothly transitioning from one event locale to another “mid stream”. Some of you may not know, that after the IPMS Dragon Lady outfit had boldly decided to step up and return to hosting this sort of event after a 5 year hiatus, while we were still struggling all throughout the State with pandemic issues, their chosen event site announced in their media changed. Not even in the same town anymore! Happily, we got the word out and as you may see, for those who showed up, it was an extremely friendly, well hosted, finely administered show (*ALSO FUN*)

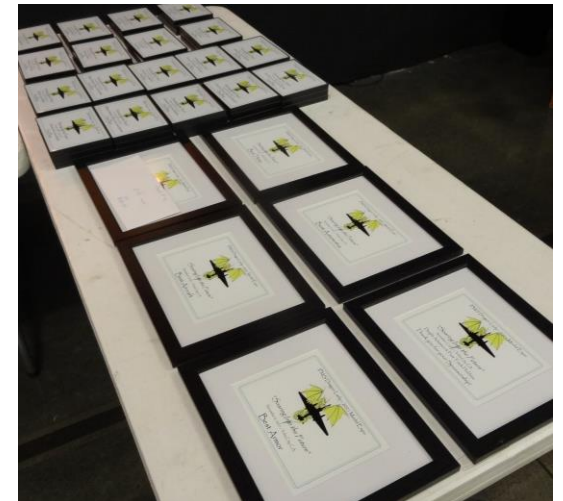






The hosts had a lot of very good staff volunteers on hand, when arriving it would be obvious to you. You would be offered help finding your way to any point you like, where registry was, where contest room was, the Food stand, the facilities, any one of the crew you might be seeking out...

Up front of contest room, there was the sets of awards, all ready to view.







Of course, being I have used this style of awards myself, I was pleased with them well enough. Their logo, very attractive and effective, still fairly simple in colors and execution. They are easy to read and the font is pleasing to the eye in my estimate.



They have a LOT of categories, which is very helpful to the contestant community. Above are examples of the Senior 1-2-3 place awards, to the right, two of the Best Of Category. These of course go into larger frames.

This was the third of only three Region Nine events to be held in 2021, and again, extremely appreciated in my view by the customer community. Especially in view of fact that this was the host club's return to the circuit after having staged several years of successful shows, then having to deal with issues many others have, and not been back.





Also a nice touch, a class move in my book, they had an award for sponsors which would seem to me be a very appreciated response which be received in kind.

Okay, right now I have plans to do a second article on this event to give it respect, similar to treatment I gave to the USS Hornet Model Expo of 2021. So here goes:



The three table shots here are my start of giving a look at the show in detail , this is the bulk of “Out of the Box ” Category for Senior I will selfishly pick out my favorites and assemble my essay as such





As you see, I really enjoyed seeing one of these DH Sea Hornets in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale, finished and on public display. This is a Special Hobby kit, and this is the most interesting variant of this postwar Brit to me. Not everyone's cup of tea yes, but the functional bizarre changes to the simple elegance of the original design make it more fun to look at, if not so easy to build (I have one of these in a 1/48<sup>th</sup> Dynavector mixed media vac, and one of this kit in my stash. That bubble rear cockpit is not easy to fit so clean and clear, for one, yet kills the entire build if you don't get it "right")



Again, this is an Out of the Box entry, and the instructions were included with model in contention. I haven't a clue if this won anything. The hosts made sure everyone got handed a nice flyer with contact data (emails, Facebook data, etc) so you could look this all up after the show. I lost mine 😞





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Special Hobby  
D. H. Sea Horn et

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Moving to Single Engine Jet, 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Category, where I was shocked at my first arrive, to be the FIRST entrant. My selfish glee was luckily for hosts, all dashed not an hour later. When a lovely set of Messerschmitt Komet family members and this very well done F-35B USMC machine showed up.





You can just make out some of the Komets in background here, with the F-35B in center stage. Above, my entry, NA F-107A, #1 prototype.







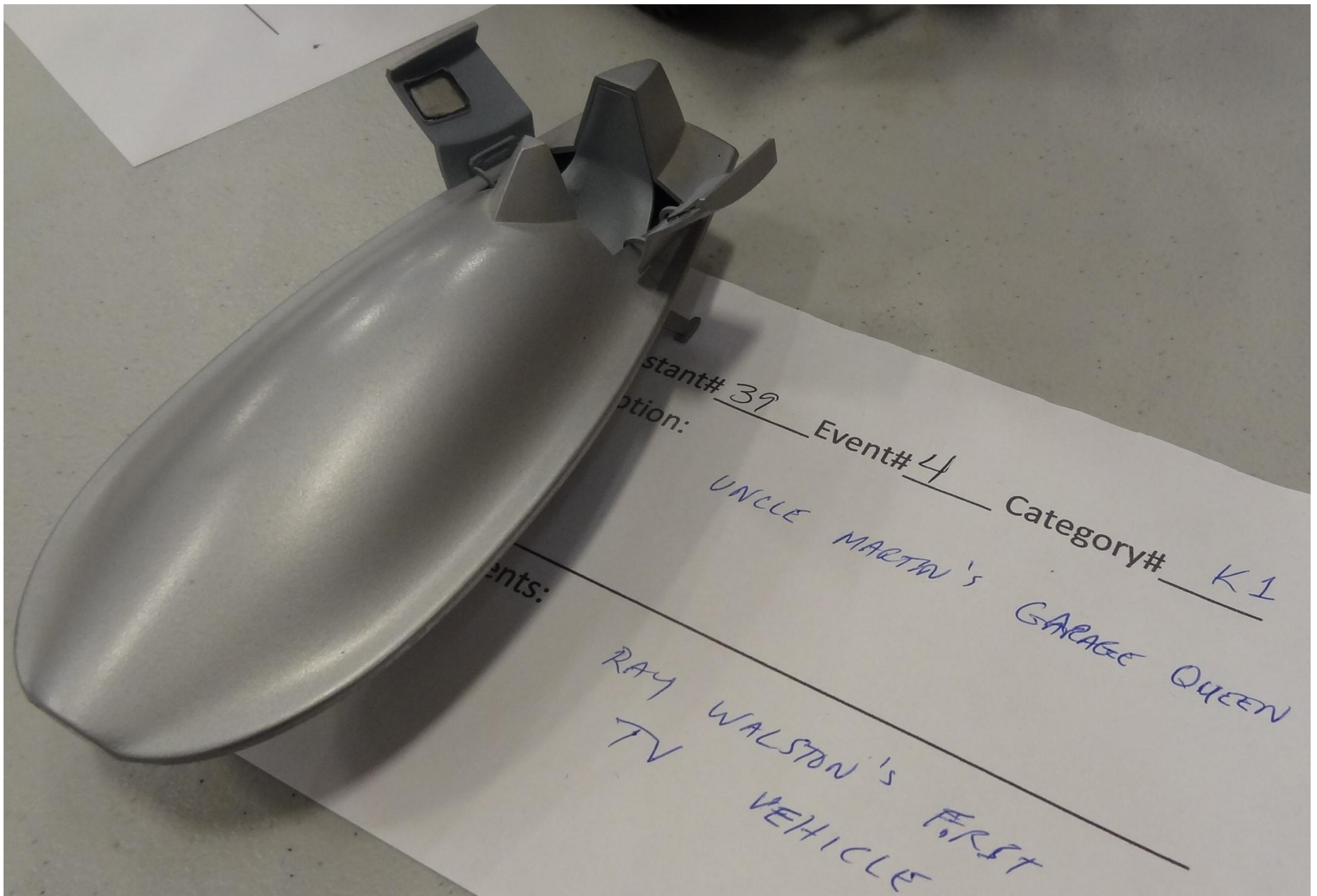
Above, what I think was the sole “Collections” Category entry. I really liked the look of it and the builds were finely done best I could tell.



On left, the majority of what I was competing against in Miscellaneous, with my “TV show entry”. Below, I am always enjoying a Logging Truck build or two...







Here I was, again competing with somewhat odd material. This is Pegasus Hobbies 1/24<sup>th</sup> scale “Uncle Martin’s Space Ship”, from the classic TV show “*My Favorite Martian*”. I took liberty of paraphrasing its true role in the show. If you don’t know the show, Uncle Martin the Martian was Ray Walston. Who would become better known as “Mr Hand”, nemesis teacher to Jeff Spicoli of Ridgemont High, or as the Judge of “Picket Fences”.





Here above, Category F-4 Competition Closed Wheel 1/24-1/25, as you can see, some number of entries. I really liked seeing this Hornet done up, have one to do and of course, being a Free Hornet representative at this show, it would be amiss of me not to get some pics of a namesake model no?







Event# 1 Category# \_\_\_\_\_

Event# 2 Category# \_\_\_\_\_  
Semi Logging Truck





Of course, you can't have a *Dragon Lady* show without some Dragon Ladies present, right? To above right a look at 1/48<sup>th</sup> Single Engine Jet...and this pair of Dragon Ladies, done in "desk model format". One is a U-2C in the late "non offensive not sinister greys camo" and other is a TR-1B, as you may surmise, a trainer for the wannabe pilots of the super size late U-2. As there is so much more to show, may be TWO more articles ahead...





All three Fall 2021 R-9 shows had less attendance than I would have expected for one. Be that as it may, I'll just be an Eagle and go with this: These fine gents are four from other clubs who made all those shows in support, I salute their generous effort to do just that. *Until next BUZZ – 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](mailto:r_niles1@juno.com))**



# 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](mailto: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:*

<http://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com>