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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*)

SHATTERED! AFTER EDITOR AGAIN SHOWS UP IN NEWARK & FINDS THE WARRIORS TOOK OUT OUR MEETING ROOM (bearing NO relation to pic): SO THUS CONTINUES Look At Yuba City show from Fall '21. PLUS OTHER STUFF

You May Call This BUZZ PERHAPS “The Shape Of Things To Come ” (or?)(forebode)



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 July 06 2022 345 PM)

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

YES! Now # 97 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!



A Fine Man and Fine Modeler, Lester Tockerman Takes His Leave of Us



06-06-22 R.I.P. Dear Friend

Yet Another Now

“ Who Has Gone On Ahead ”

Leave it to Lester to slip off into that Great Night on 78th anniversary of Normandy landings. Appreciating History and its lessons for us all was one of his many strengths, being an educator and a teacher was another that many of us got to know. I knew that he was a Vietnam veteran, but not for many years did I know he was a decorated one, and he wasn't the one who told any of us. I never knew until I was at his service that he was a pretty successful boxer in his time, but it made sense as he was a keen fighter with strong heart for that which he felt passionate connection, allegiance to. Lester was also not afraid to call out anyone or anything if he felt there was a wrong or an unfairness. He would hear you out if you challenged him but he wouldn't suffer fools, gladly or otherwise. He and I shared a passion for unending narrative, charged converses, controversial position, great stories silly or serious. He had me beat on living with heart, I thank him for reminding me.— mick

FREMONT HORNETS NEST (Model Meeting & Business Discussion)

FRIDAY JULY 08 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



IPMS LAS VEGAS



HOME MEETINGS & EVENTS GALLERY BEST OF THE WEST CONTACT JOIN IPMS FRIENDS



UNOFFICIAL FLYER - COURTESY of MIRANDCO - INFORMATION DEEMED RELIABLE but not complete as of 4/28/22

Best of the West 2022 is On ! August 27th 2022 at the Orleans

PLAN ON HAVING TO BUY SOME FOOD and/or DRINK as our price for reservation of the room ☺

THIS IS THE VERY NEXT UPCOMING MODEL CONTEST/ SHOW IN OUR WESTERN LOCALES FOLLOWING THE MID JULY IPMS NATIONALS in OMAHA. THEN NEXT REGION 9 SHOW is:

The Silicon Valley Classic VII "TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT"



IPMS Region 9

SEPTEMBER 10 2022 NAPREDAK HALL 770 MONTAGUE EXPY. SAN JOSE CA. 95131

YES, Free Hornets had THIRD Face to Face Meeting in a Row! ***The UnDocumented Brilliant Solution To Our Co-Opted Nest***



Photos & notes by Mick Burton

On the 10 of June, this Editor did in fact find that travel intra city is almost tolerable during commute hours on a weekday using Santa Clara County, BART and AC Transit. That journey from my workplace in the Heart of Sunnyvale to our recently chosen meeting place for new Hornets Nest at the Newark Round Table Pizza, in less than 90 minutes.

I luckily found intrepid Gabriel Lee to be another early arrive this time. We both found disturbing that in place of the normally nearly empty restaurant, there was nearly standing room only crowd. All tables occupied and then some. Parking lot was a humming mess of autos seeking nonexistent spaces. A quick recon inside by



us both confirmed that our “reserved” room was completely co-opted, and in fact there was little chance the two of us getting seated inside if we wanted to, much less being able to secure anything resembling added “saved seats” to have even our now smaller meeting attendances of late. Nearing the meeting time, amazing sight as one “Alaska Jim” Priete showed up same time as Treasurer and 2nd VP Dave Parks. With them temporarily parked in basically not or time limited spaces, we gathered that the problem here was with the SF Warriors big game being on and publicly broadcast, everyone of Planet Earth was taking this chance to eat, drink and be in our way, on petty excuse of rabid fandom...

Happily, we established that the nearby International House of Pancakes had no televisions, and thus likely no where near the crush of humanity to be preventing us having our gentle monthly model meeting indulgence. With Pete Long now also aboard and Ben Pada, we swiftly managed to show up, assemble, meet greet and eat. At what we had been given choice of as a meeting site already, in VP Dave’s excellent proposal essay only months before. Part of our meeting business being discussion of findings by Gabriel Lee about the possibility of moving to Bronco Billy’s Pizza as proposed at last month’s meet. Much of which was why we didn’t choose to go there this time (it’s a sports bar with TV, and bar closes at 8 pm, so no service) Our service at IHOP was tremendous, thanks to Pete we had some amusement phoning up member Mike Meek to harass him for not showing up and review our take on the immediate alternate site. Meeting adjourned 90 mins after start and we agreed to try again with Round Table in July, with this IHOP in the running to replace it in future. Sorry for the repeat photos of May meeting here, but again this was an undocumented meeting which we were lucky to have had as it were. So that’s the story and I am sticking to it. See you next meeting in July. Lots to discuss, no matter what. Don’t believe me? Read through the snapshot teaser article on the June Sacto contest and see what comes after that. Just saying...-mick fini

*Hello and Thank You Russ, Art and Crew
Here's a Quick Snap Shot of the First R-9 Show of 2022*



After a rocky start this year, IPMS/Silver Wings (Sacramento) gave us a splendid launch of the Region Nine Show Year with SILVERCON 2022. Originally scheduled for February, cancelled not long after the NNL West announcement for their January show for same, complication of COVID



Happily again in a pleasing echo of the NNL West experience, Russ Niles was able to get us word that RESCHEDULE in place for 6-25-22, very shortly after NNL West was able to confirm they too had a June 2022 Reschedule in place. Only two weeks after the NNL West, this Hornet was selfishly indulging in what came to feel a lot like “the normal, good old days fashion of Show/Contest experience”, courtesy of IPMS SilverWings. While I don’t have time to put together any sort of full article as yet, thought a quick snapshot of the day definitely warranted as I said, the hosts and those who showed up to participate, made it a show to remember. Take a look here and expect more articles in upcoming BUZZ.



This particular table of Automotive entries was definitely an eyecatcher and not your usual suspects. Thank you, entrants !



While the 45th Anniversary of Star Wars was the theme, this entry from a lesser known series's 3rd movie rang my favorites bell, loudly. Okay, now pay attention as I wrap this little teaser up with a page following that should whet your appetite for curiosity of what may yet lie ahead for year...



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TRI-CITY CLASSIC XIV

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition

POTENTIALLY IMMINENT
Saturday, IN the FALL of 2022

at the Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, California



56 Categories of Competition for Aircraft, Automobiles, Figures, Ships, Military Vehicles, Space & Fictional Subjects



This Year's Classic Movie Theme

TO BE ANNOUNCED



MEANWHILE WHY NOT TAKE A LOOK AT WHERE WE'VE BEEN BEFORE AND HOW WE DID !

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

Year	Name	Locale	Entrants	Models	Theme	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/NZ Theme

THAT'S RIGHT YOU READ CORRECTLY it has been now going FIVE YEARS since we Hornets had a chance at bat ... here's hoping. -mickb



A THIRD ROUND To Wrap Up Look at 3rd & Final R-9 Event of 2021

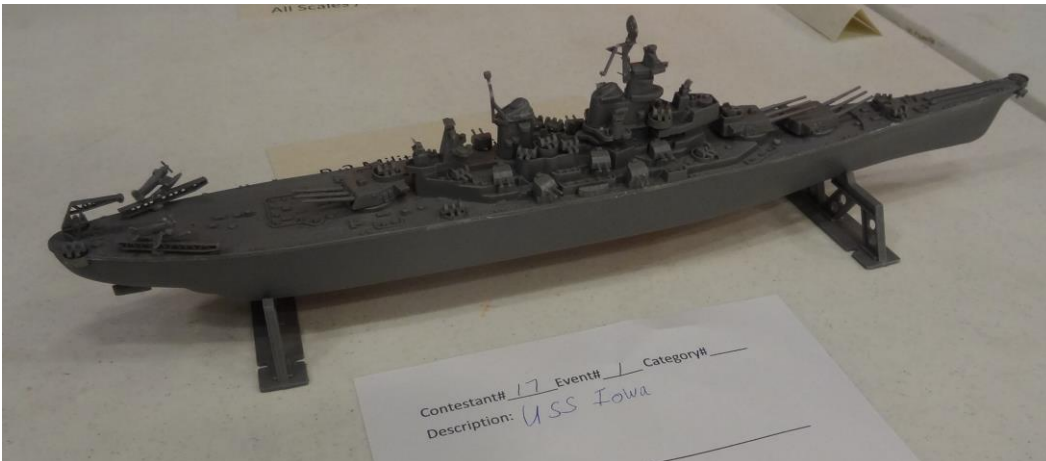
Truly Many thanks to The Crew at IPMS/Dragon Lady for putting an event on in those trying times – photos/text mick burton



The Models
org

Entry # 6-1
Description: JAG
Category: C

The IPMS Dragon Lady Contest & Show still pleasingly reverberates as an excellent experience memory within this Editor. A signal event in many ways, being the only third (and as it was, last in year) of 2021 Region Nine events like it. As well the triumphant return to this circuit from this club after near five year hiatus. This outfit knows how to hang on, go the distance though. **They are now the R-9 Chapter of Year for 2022**, deservedly



Contestant# 17 Event# 1 Category#
Description: USS Iowa



CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO YOU ALL, IPMS DRAGON LADY MEMBERS! VERY WELL DONE AND THANKS FOR THIS SHOW !



Okay, as there was so many pictures taken by me (among others there) it's simply impossible to convey all of it in this format, but I wanted to give as much as I could coverage wise.

So here is the last of my article series and again, this go around is mainly a gather of more favorites more than a comprehensive overview.

These vintage racers are also modern vintage model items, you may see the Aurora labelling for instance on this Gilmore Speedway Special.

The preceding page shows a portion of the entries in this category, and I only have featured a few, sorry.

Also on that page, a brave Junior entry in form of a warship, and a well done work truck. If you ever have taken on building even a portion of one of these, likely you appreciate why I enjoy putting them out for viewing when I see them at shows.





This BRG (color ref) Ford engine Lotus F-1, a true classic to me. No small feat getting that Indy car on table, and props for doing the “old auto”





There were a splendid number and variety of same scale Pickup Trucks at this show. I really do enjoy the 3 dimensional artistry in play here. Matters not if you like the subject at all, to me, one has to be appreciative of the effort and execution in something such as this.

It looks real, it looks like real life, it looks like it's seen its share of days gone by and will have some more yet. Details abundant, all cohesive, subtle and not, just a treat. Learn the means to do this and try your hand at it with so many model genres! I also enjoy the "cargo cult" (trucks with loads)...



Howard
F1

Description:

50 F1

Event#

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F-1 AUT





Things go better with Coke was the old advertising slogan, and this manages to model it nicely. Modelling miniatures of real life everyday items is not as easy as rolling out of bed, give it try and see. One consideration for why, because these items are part of our existence in a familiar and basic organic (as in part of your overall, as opposed to “made of living flesh”) manner, you will tend to notice even slight imperfections of the expected when presented with the final product, and missing or misshapen components will stand out hugely.

In any case, this particular Chevy PU with “cargo” along with neighbor in blue with the office desk in back, are well executed “familiar items” to me



“Atlantic Scheme” SBD from the very delicious Hasegawa kit

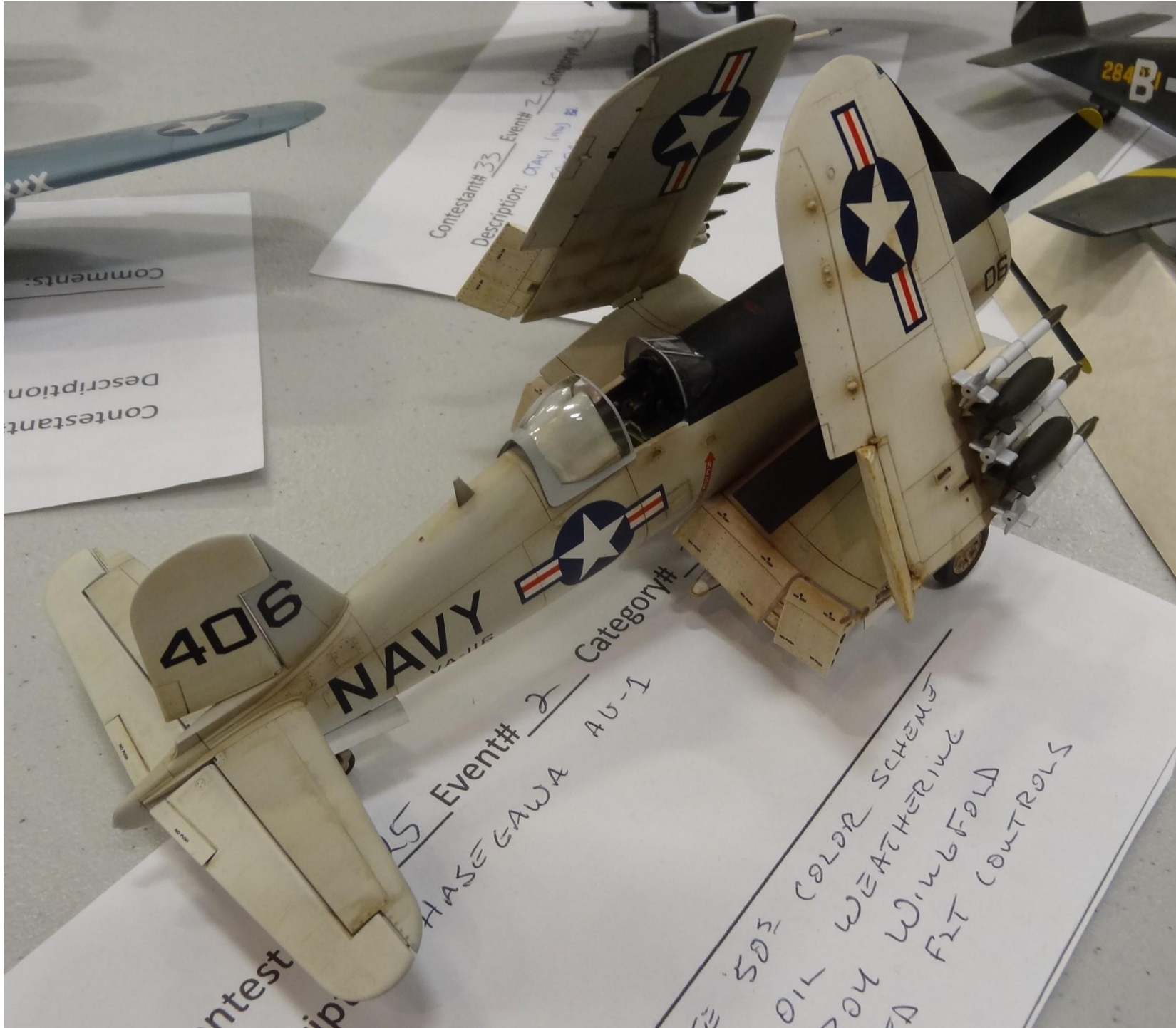
Lots of subtle work well done here

The F-14A below is only 1/144 scale, but has all the menace of the full size Tomcat.

I am a long time fan of “Felix the Cat” and so the USN squadron who has him as part of their storied history tends to get my picture taking instinct going.

Below, another study in USN greys and whites, as my fondness for the post war Vought Corsair is satisfied by this AU-1





Contestant#
Description
Comments:

Contestant# 33 Event# 2 Category# 1
Description: STAKI (no) 3

Contestant# 33 Event# 2 Category# 1
HASEGAWA AU-1

50% COLOR SCHEME
OIL WEATHERING
204 WING FOLD
FIT CONTROLS







Preceding page was a trifecta of one rare Bell in USN colors. The Airacomet P-59 saw lots of folks give her a whirl, the later model squared tip version is pretty enough in training colors. This would be outshined though in the early version (rounded tips) USN bird that was in the sweet “tri color” scheme (2 blues and white). This great 1/48th kitting offers both schemes in two different issues if you can find them.

Above is a fine VX-4 Tomcat in “Black Bunny” scheme that is a trademark of this squadron, and again in 1/48th, a great scale yes.

This MiG-31 Foxhound in same scale is gorgeous machine too/



Just like the P/F-82 Twin Mustang is all new material, only resembling the earlier family member, so it is with the MiG-31, not really an “upgrade” Foxbat MiG-25. It’s a lot more machine and far more deadly, taking in lessons learned and the technology gains in years between the two designs.

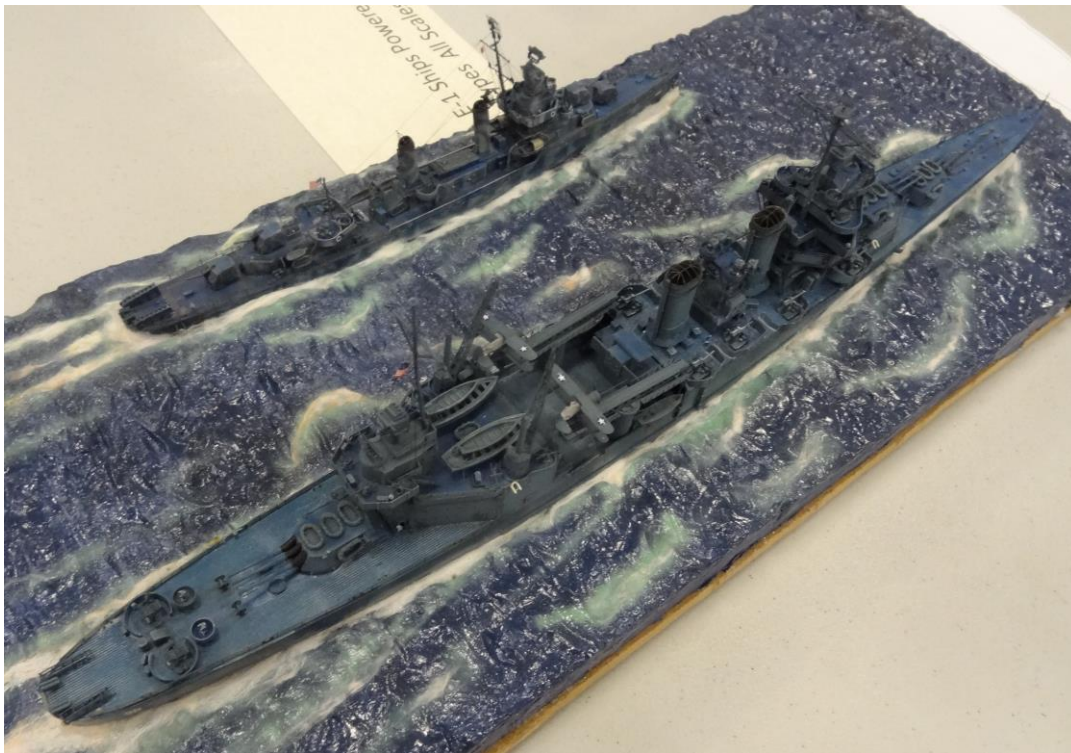


“The Last Gunfighter” is one nickname for the Vought Crusader, and she is a wicked lovely air warrior in my book, that earned all her stars





The DeHavilland of Canada company has made many craft that intrigue me, and Matchbox made one of their best kits in 1/72 using DHC Twin Otter as basis. Thus anytime I see one done, I tend to try to get shots. These are two of my best for this one. Kit allows for land, float or ski gear configure.



I just happened to like how this pair looked and the sense that the water was “alive”.

The next two shots following are because the Aurora “Skipjack” was my first submersible fascination, and this better rendition of the famous “secret USN attack sub” brings that all back for me.





The USN scored mightily with 3rd ship named Skipjack. *Radix Nova Tridentis* "Root of the New Sea Power" was a motto she lived fully, 1959-1990





The Riverine Patrol Boats of the USN, another far from well known or appreciated combat historical aspect. I don't know the origin of kit here or much about the machine. I just find them interesting when I run across them.

The group below is being featured in part as a favor to readers who have encouraged me to highlight biplanes, fabric and rigged aeronautica. So here There was not a lot this time out, but what was there was good, they gave a slice of history from different years and applications, they are a nice look



I will provide a bit of data or color commentary as best I can, otherwise, just pass through in review or skip ahead to the end...

This Albatros D.3 of "The Great War" in the German Air Service, is a color commentary all its own. Really liked the wood propeller achievement





C-3 WWI Bi
All Scales

Contestant

Comment

Category# C-3

Aeros D 3



For thirteen years of my life, I had the distinct pleasure of being a volunteer docent at an air museum, which has on site a licensed, working wooden propeller shop. One of my favorite tours to take visitors on was “making the prop shop come to life”, as most times I worked no one was actually at the task. It then was a 40 hour apprenticeship to even become someone who could in fact, but I was graced with on the job learning enough to make a good basic knowledge for imparting to those visiting, by those who knew, over those years. One propeller I saw in stages from start to finish was for a replica Fokker D-7. So, the Albatross here in some ways, brings all that back to me, it’s not just well crafted plastic modelling, it’s all sorts of thing.



Speaking of Fokkers, here we find one picture that turned out for me that's a cousin of the plane whose prop I bore witness to birth of.

I don't have any information on the particulars of the mural across the fuselage, only can say that's one big reason I took the shots of this plane.

Okay we'll jump now a few years later in time, where the Boeing Company provided the USN Air Service with a very capable carrier based fighter that likely would have shredded the likes of the Albatros and Fokker. The design was nicely thought out and served for USAAC needs as well...





And here we are, with my friend Felix the Cat running his iconic lit fuse bomb on the fuselage of the first USN aircraft & squadron to have him as a mascot, “ Fighting 6 ” and the Boeing F4B-4. Later, during WW2, Fighting 6 and “The Shooting Stars” Fighting 3 would end up swapping their VF designations, causing a 3 year controversy about who held the rights to claim Felix. It ended up with the Chief of Naval Ops ruling during 1946 that Shooting Stars now numbered VF-3A would be his home. In 1948 they became VF-31 “Tomcatters”, carrying Felix into many a battle as duty called. In 2006 they became VFA-31, and are still flying today with feisty Felix proudly adorning their Super Hornets. To wrap this somewhat all around, it is now possible to see a “Fighting 6” Felix the Cat F4B in a museum today, although it’s actually a USAAC version (the P-12) made over to look the part for Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. Not so unusual, the “Martin B-10” in USAF Museum is a converted export 139W from Argentina



Contestant# 28 Event# 5 Category# C3
Description: 5 Year Men PT-17

Another biplane, another Boeing success story. This time, it's superb Primary Trainer 17, which could take all the guff Student pilots could dish.



Of course, the aircraft is also known as the Stearman, for good reason. Lloyd Stearman designed this as a bet on a great need of the USAAC for a sturdy training aircraft upcoming. Boeing acquired his Stearman Aircraft Company in 1934, just in time to take full advantage of the success of the design. By the time the planes really started rolling out in early 1941, the “Stearman Division” label disappeared entirely it was an all Boeing plane...



Alright, we wrap back around again as we move fully into World War Two, with another German biplane, the Henschel Hs-123. This bird was so successful in doing its job as a dive bomber/ground attack vehicle, that in January 1943 a German commander asked if more could be produced! Alas, production had ceased in 1940, no jigs were saved. Hs-123s continued to serve until 1945, though. Well, one more shot and I wrap this up.

One more look at this 1/25th scale Logger, then a pleasing bit of news to follow. Yuba City had said they'd be back at end of show. It's confirmed 😊





PRESENTS

"FROM THE GROUND UP"

MODEL EXPO AND CONTEST
CELEBRATING THE ART OF SCRATCH BUILDING

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2022

9:00 am. To 4:00 pm.

Hope Point Nazarene Church

600 N. George Washington Blvd, Yuba City, CA. 95993

Vendor set up from 8:00 to 9:00

Vendor tables, Buy Sell or Trade

Awards include Best In Show, Aircraft, Automotive.

The Royal Rangers will be selling food and drinks

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Doors open at 9:00, Registration from 9:00 to 12:00

Entry Fees: Adults:	\$ 5.00 includes first entry \$ 2.00 for each additional
Juniors (10-17)	\$2.00 includes first entry \$ 1.00 for each additional
Juniors (9 and under)	\$1.00 includes first entry \$ 1.00 for each additional

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COMING UP

The Hornets Are Invited to BuildFest Monday Night **JULY 25 2022**

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

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

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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