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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*)

SUCCESS! Managed to get this issue finished just in time to publish before meeting (bearing NO relation to pic): **SO THUS** another look at Silvercon '22. **PLUS OTHER STUFF**

You May Call This BUZZ PERHAPS “The Things ”

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 August 12 2022 145 PM)

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

YES! Now # 98 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 Free Hornet is at the helm again, with finally in sight, SV Classic # 7

Many Thanks again to Mr Mike Woolson and Mr William Ferrante (also a Hornet)

For Never Giving Up, Getting This Mission on Road to Accomplishment this year !

Also thanks for getting this schedule settled as that also cleared obstacles for this Contest Director to get back in business
— mick

FREMONT HORNETS NEST (Model Meeting & Business Discussion)

FRIDAY AUGUST 12 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 ☺



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

***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

Free Hornets had “The Fourth Be With Us” Face to Face Meeting *The Round Tabling Proved Productive, If At Times, Contentious*

Photos & notes by Mick Burton



On the 8 of July this Editor repeated with some success his Tri-Transit trip method to make our Hornets Nest on time (in fact luckily again a little early) Within a short interval, VP/Treas of Free Hornets (Dave Parks) and Gabriel Lee joined him as we took our room under control. Gabriel and I had seen each other at the welcomed Silvercpn 2022 only two weeks before and had some news of it along with the NNL West show two weeks before that (just after our last Hornets Nest, as it happens) Having been again a part of the NNL West show staff, the Editor also had some extra good news to support pleasing outlook for early 2023, along with Sacto news for that same year.

There was one item for the business portion of our Nest that wasn't widely known as yet at this time, which was giving the Editor some stress, and VP as ever, was calmly prepared and only wanted to know if I or anyone knew who else was coming that night, He was being the responsible one, the Editor (and current President) wasn't worrying about getting a quorum.



Happily a few early surprises settled that question. In a welcome shock arrival, “Builder” Bob Meyers came in, followed quickly and just as shockingly, by Randy Ray, who just got back from his delayed honeymoon.

Randy and Eugenie (who stayed home) had been on a Big Tour of Western Europe including the World Model Expo and more than several museums, plus historic sites including Normandy. Also they spent a bit of time with,

an alumnus Free Hornet/SVSMer while in France whom some may recall, a gent by name of Robin Powell, and of course his wife Lynda. We now had a duly noted quorum along with a sudden shift in plans for the evening. As Randy let us know Chris Bucholtz would be arriving soon, and then he was going to be giving us a short summary of trip highlights plus catch up with us on some things. Peter Long got in just about same time and let us know Ben Pada be there shortly, as well as Mike Meek !





With the arrival of Chris. Randy Ray began a summary of his European tour, with highlights on World Model Expo and how alumnus Robin Powell is faring, now living in France.

Randy offered up that he would likely be ready by next Friday to be able to present a slide show, at the next SVSM meeting. Since several of us are “dual passporters” (members of both clubs) that was good to know ahead of time.

With the arrival of Ben Pada and Mike Meek, our dinner group was now complete and discussion ranged into more local topics

As seen here, behind Ben and Mike’s booth was the earlier arrivals for Model Talk, in their respective travel cases or atop them

Some review of the first show in Region Nine, the kickoff you might say, Silvercon 22 hosted by the IPMS SilverWings of Sacramento, encouraged the outlook for a better year than last. Although show was postponed from planned late February date, it was successfully carried off in late June with good attendance. Results aplenty in model competition,

Announced at end was that the show made \$2500 in charitable contributions after accounting. Best news, they know next June is on for them, date itself TBA.





Model Talk summary, best I can manage: Gabriel Lee's Peruvian AF F-16 is nearly done. Sorry but I didn't catch any details this time out.





Nice closed wheel racer here from Mike Meek. Again, Editor didn't keep up with the conversations underway to get any details here for this.





Nic

Ben Pada is showing well what can be made of Eduard's P-51D Mustang in Ben's scale, 1/48. So nice to have so many choices in D Mustangs !



INTRO

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EDWARD

Later problems of the early P-51D-5 series with the addition of a door...
replaced the early P-51 pilot was George Preddy Jr., recording 24 of his 27 aerial...
with 21 kills. Charles Yeager, famously the first man to break the sound barrier (1947), was the first P-51...
Starting with the 20th series, the



The

Editor shared the magnificent writeup that Monterey Bay team gave to honor Mr Tockerman, who was always a huge supporter of us Fremont Hornets over many years. As a friend and as TriCity Classic Contest Director, I will miss him dearly at show I know he would have wanted to make

After reviewing in short order where VP/Treasurer David Parks had brilliantly brought us, more up to date than last the Contest Director knew, all the furious behind the scenes effort of recent weeks since our last Nest: The President (and Con Director) Burton along with VP tried to get an agreement to formally adopt plan for 5 November 2022 to host our 5 years delayed TC-14. After some contentious discussion and review of known calendar and basically unknowable 2023 (besides those confirmed NNL in January, SilverCon 2023 in June) the officers agreed to a 24 hour hiatus for RC Chris to confirm that no clubs would be put out with our date this year. Alternative as presented clearly by Director, was instead we could just forgo 2022 due dates unavailable or practical with firm idea that likely our 2023 costs would go beyond likely affordability, again dates would be just as contentious. What came to pass can be ascertained below. The President is happy to be going ahead with what we worked hard to achieve. Just saying , - *mick fini*



TRI-CITY CLASSIC 14

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition

Saturday, November 05 2022



at the Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, California 9am - 5pm

60 Categories of Competition in Aircraft, Autos, Figures, Ships, Military Vehicles, Space & Fictional, and Paper Kits

This Year's Theme " **From The Earth to The Moon** " (anything Space Related)

NEW Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are:

" **Floating In A Tin Can** " Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

" **Goddard to Gagarin** " (three awards for: Best Early Years (X-1 to 17) , Cold War Rocketry, Yuri to Buzz (Man in Space)

" **Voyager or V'ger** " Award for Best Post 1975 Space Exploration subject (Real or Not)

ALSO "Ken Durling Memorial" for Most Creative or Quirky Entry & "Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting" for Best American Fighter Aircraft

Plus these: " **At Dawn's Early Light** ", " **Best Twin Engine Lightning** ", " **Best 1918** ", " **SPACE CAMP** "

Also: Vendors, a raffle and other fun items announced on day of event!

Free Admission to all spectators!

Contestant Entry: \$ 10 for modelers 18 & older w/FIVE model entries or less (\$1 each additional entry) Any modelers 17/under, FREE/unlimited entry

For Vendor Information, Currently TABLES & PRICING info is TBA. Be advised : **VALID CA SALES TAX PERMIT REQUIRED**

Email Contest Director Mick Burton directly at DAZE61283@mypacks.net with "Tri City 14 Contest" on subject line



SILVERCON '22 A Second & Longer Look At First R-9 Show of Year

June 25 2022 Reschedule proved to be no problem in getting a good turnout of modelers and vendors in place of original February show date. Only two weeks after the also rescheduled 2022 NNL West, this “45th Anniversary of Star Wars” themed event provided lots to do and see. Above a look at what ended up winning the Best of Show, deservedly so in my opinion as well as concretely decided by hard working Judges. More on this ahead



For now, the Editor will be focusing on particular interesting bits that intrigued him and he gave only a swift short look at in last issue's article.

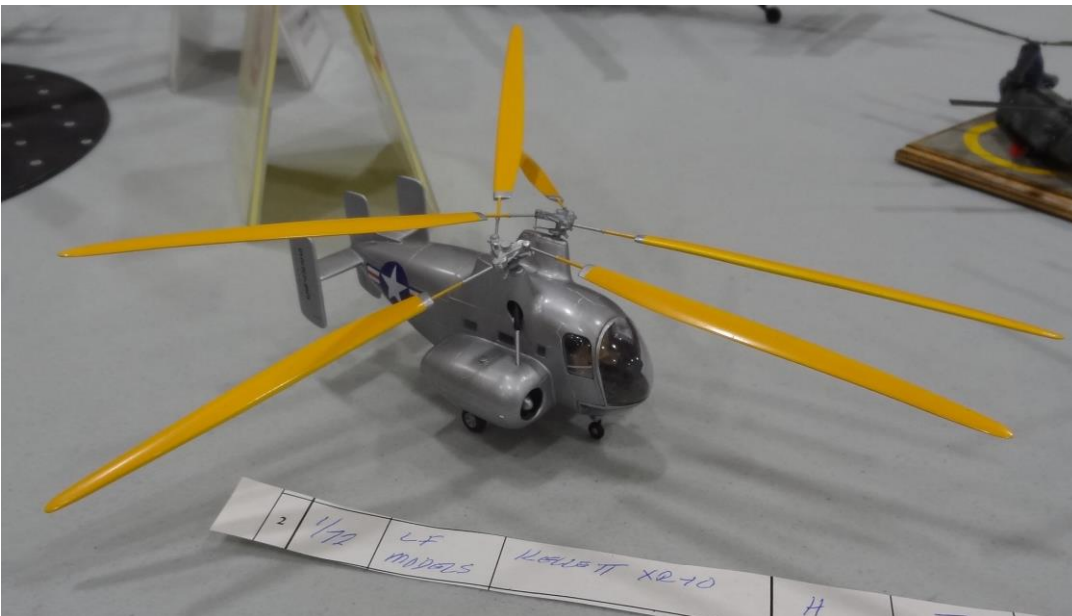
Such as this very obscure and very well executed model subject in Rotary Wing category. I had no idea this kit existed and barely knew of the bird's manufacturer, although I am sure plenty of helicopter folk aren't so ignorant. Kellett AutoGiro Company of USA produced the first successful Rotary Wing aircraft adopted for service by the US Army (USAAC/F). The YG-1B and follow-on XO-60 were 7 lots each, bought and employed in between years 1935 to 1942. Those were an Autogyro. By 1944, Kellett was developing the twin rotor, tail rotorless concept (trying to make a faster helo was the goal) which resulted in the XR-8. XR-10 seen here was a direct response for troop carrier/cargo capable machine that was all metal skinned, not fabric and sheet metal over steel tube as contemporaries or the XR-8 from which it was developed out of. At time, it was largest in the world of type!

While a very worthwhile endeavor, this machine capable of carrying 10 troops plus crew of 2, or same with 1100 lbs (500kg) cargo, was to suffer the same problem as predecessor. That of the non rigid rotors, enmeshed, striking one another in operation. With experience gained trying to do a two vs three non rigid rotor on the XR-8 proving unworkable, plus any rigid rotor system demanding extensive redesign, the XR-8 was basically accepted to service trials only to end up a museum item immediately instead. The XR-10 sadly, had a control failure in flight killing the chief test pilot for Kellett and I find no record of either of two built surviving to become museum pieces. Thus we have only this 1/72 LF scale model kit as a means to know it.



To further help put this machine's revolutionary place in aero history better, please note that this craft was flying in spring of 1947, it's predecessor taking to air in August 1944. So one might imagine the appearance of such craft to casual or accidental observer, as well as the engineering challenge

Also, be advised those aren't early turbojets powering the XR-10 here. Those shaft driven intermeshing 3 blade rotors run off the work of twin radial 9 cylinder conventional piston motors in those nacelles. Can't confirm construction for this machine, but realize also that predecessor XR-8 had rotors made of plywood ribs and skin on a steel tube, not something that would take lightly colliding with one another. Most likely same for XR-10.



So there you have it, something to compare with those sleek and oh so capable Sikorsky (Blackhawk), Bell (Hueycobra) tail rotor designs nearby, several generations past this pioneer.

Kaman in the USA and Kamov in the East are the only ones now that come to mind succeeding in using this intermeshed, tail rotorless helicopter concept in several production models.

The rigid rotor technology was also pursued to success with Lockheed being an early leader. Though its efforts starting with the 1959 Model CL-475, then the XH-51/51A leading into the underappreciated revolutionary AH-56A Cheyenne of 1967-72 only ended up taking them out of the helicopter business. But others like the MBB Bo-105 today are examples of success in this rigid rotor system concept. Kellett was on right track...



Speaking of tracks, here we have the Collections category at Silvercon 2022, and though only two entry there's one that wins Editor's heart for sure.

While the 1/72nd armored vehicles group has met and passed the minimum number/theme requirements for "Collections" entry set by the USA Nats, both these entries meet the happily relaxed at local level terms for this category at SilverCon. For the USA Nats, your entry must be no less than 5, and closely related by a stated theme. For this show, it's minimum three subjects and related by stated theme. The Editor was charmed by the grand quad of one of his favorite Soviet armored vehicles, the SU-100, which was the sole theme. 1/16th, 1/35th, 1/72nd and 1/144th scale examples of this.



This 1/16th SU-100 was nicely presented, being done in WW2 scheme with simple “Soviet Green” overall color, plain (no outline, no accents) Red star and white ID numerals, and placed in a base that shows it employed as they often enough were, as a lowered profile fixed position anti-tank gun with superior crew protection, albeit limited arc in X-Y-Z axes. While it is dubious at best that, in fact, all the hatches seen here would be open at the same time, especially with not a soul present anywhere, this is a model and I am sure the modeler wants to show off the work to best advantage.



As you may or may not surmise, this machine is based on durable and itself also long lived, T-34 design.

Preceded by the SU-85, which was good proving out the design idea, but pretty much obsolete by the T-34/85 which mounted the same 85mm gun on a moveable turret, so back at it designers went which got this 100mm gun triumph as result.

The SU-100 became a favorite as it was proven to be able to neutralize any German tank with this gun up to the introduction of the Tiger II.

Remaining in production in USSR until 1947 and in Czechoslovakia, in to the 1950s, made sure abundant supply of this machine existed.

Now nearly 80 years since coming to pass, this vehicle still being seen in active use as late as 2015 Yemen conflict, and 2016 there again with a Youtube video showing one being taken out by an anti-tank missile.

Pretty good testimony to mission success in design philosophy, eh?

Also would seem to offer larger potential if one was to do research, to enter as a collection at Nats with all sorts of post WW2 usages, and to wrap up, note the SU-100 is on active duty with Vietnam and North Korean government armed services

Yes, now abruptly switching over to another favorite of the Editor, this F-82 Twin Mustang. This is a 1/48th edition of the Night Fighter version "G"

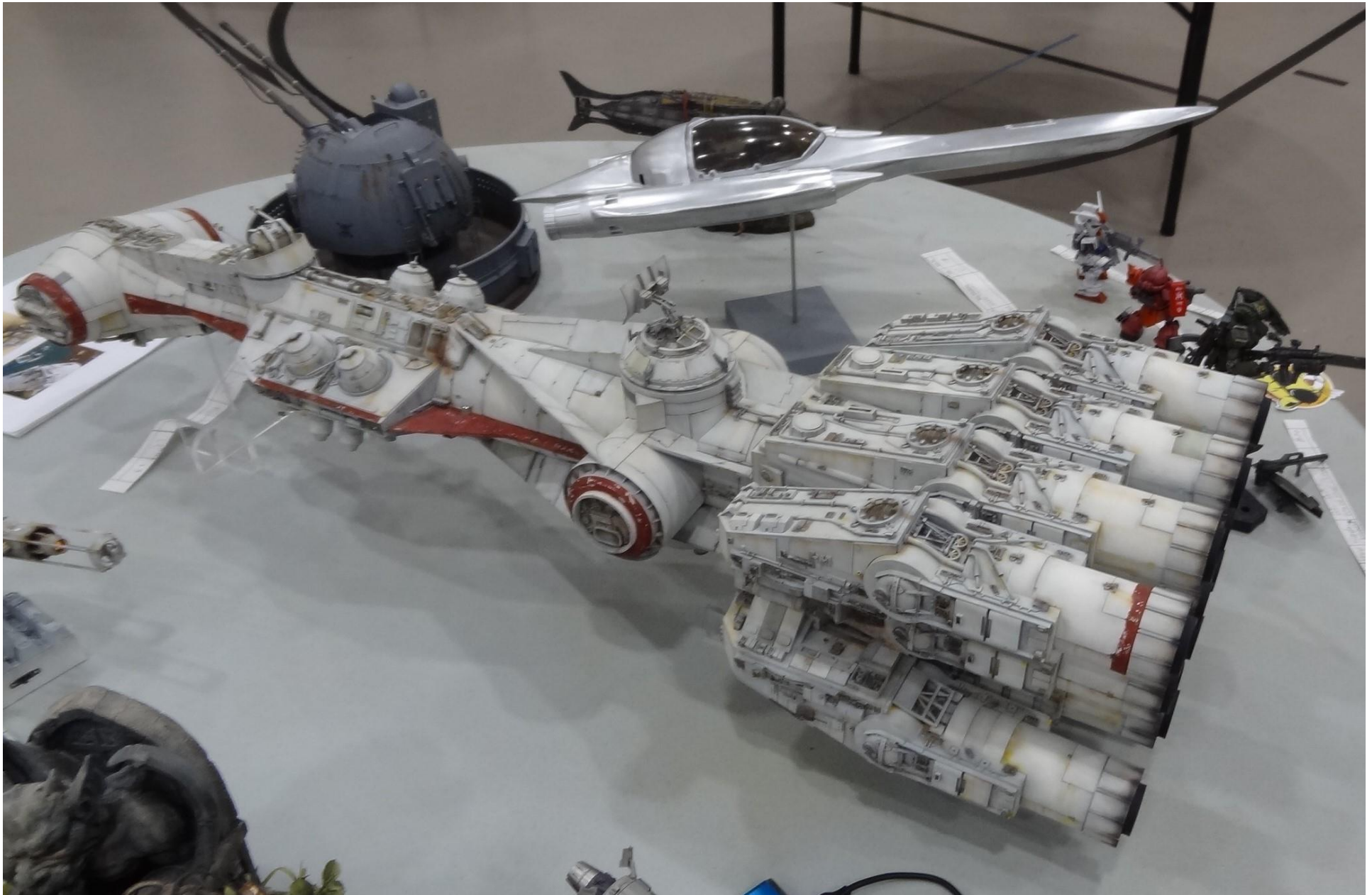


Multi Engine Prop
All eras, All scales

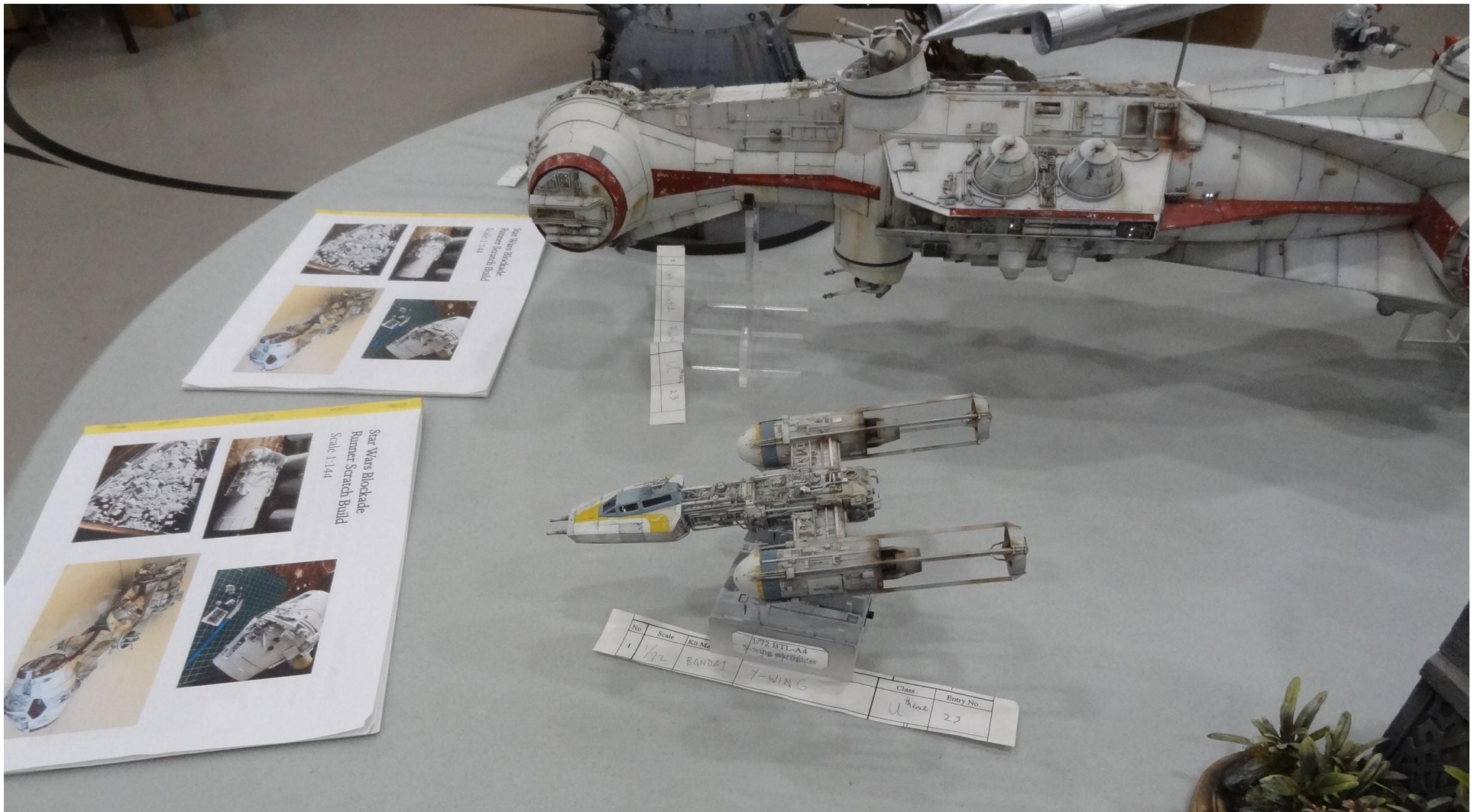


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And NOW we give some looks at Best of Show Winner at Silvercon 2022, reminding you the theme was “45th Anniversary of Star Wars” the movie
This is a scratchbuilt entry, identified as “Star Wars Blockade Runner” , scale 1/144 (which is handy, as lot of 1/144 models of all types for contrast)

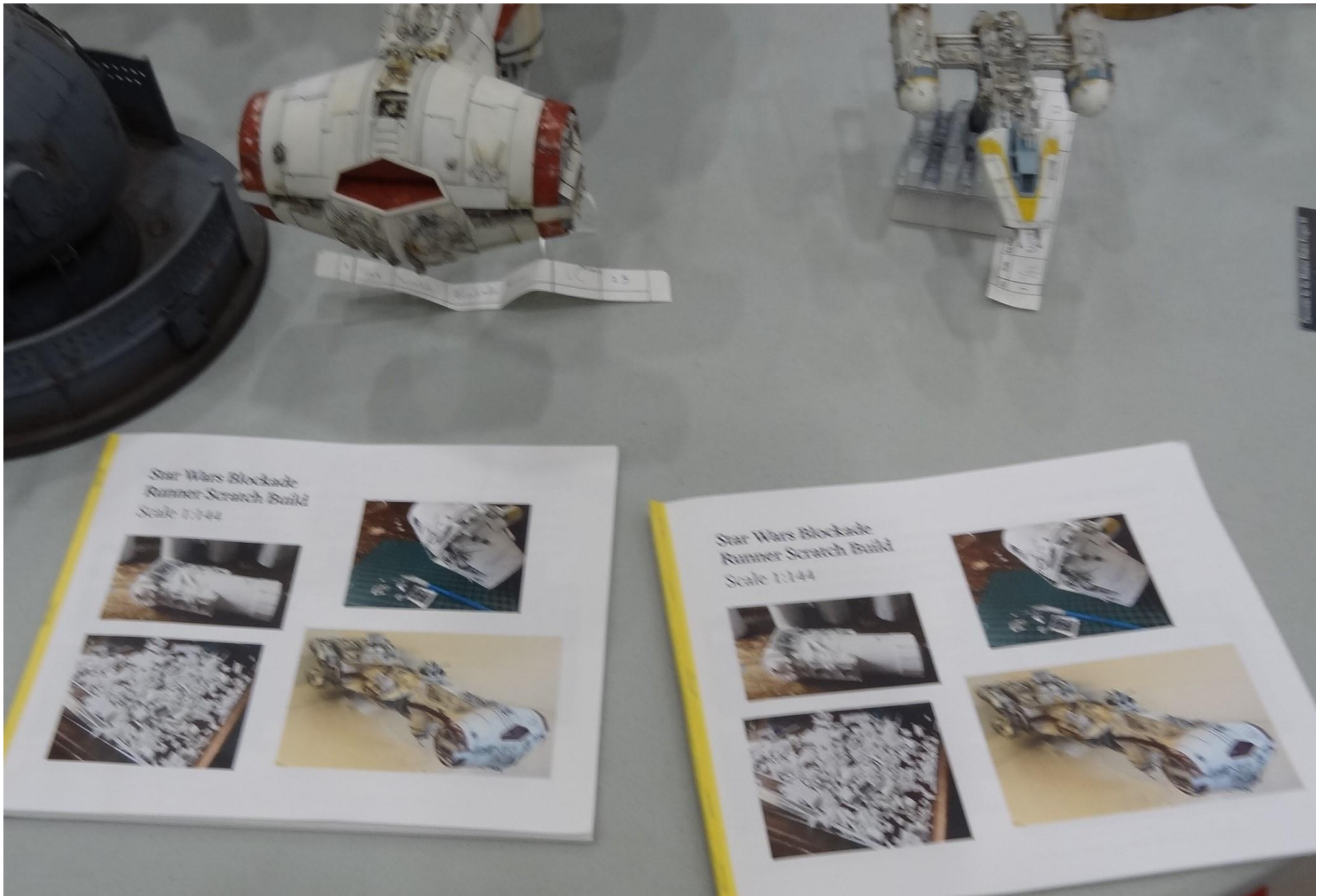


Otherwise, the sheer immensity of some of these vehicles if they existed, is sometimes difficult to gauge/appreciate. Below, the Blockade Runner is accompanied by a Y-wing fighter in 1/72nd scale. You can try to imagine that half its size to match the Blockade Runner, or double the apparent size of the Runner to make compare to the Y-wing. But many of you might better be able to gain feel of either if say, a P-51 or Fw-190 in match scale is



were nearby instead. The former are not hard to come across in 1/1 scale, the latter are knowable same in museum settings, and both in mode form in either scale are pretty well familiar to many modelers or spectators alike. So being able to imagine what either of these would be like in 1/1 more in reach with such a means. Or, if you like, a pretty good number of maritime vessels and military vehicles exist in 1/1, 1/72nd and 1/144th for a similar exercise. Just saying, as I think it's fun to have something to bring the "fantastic world" into the "real" in that way, sometimes. Anyways.

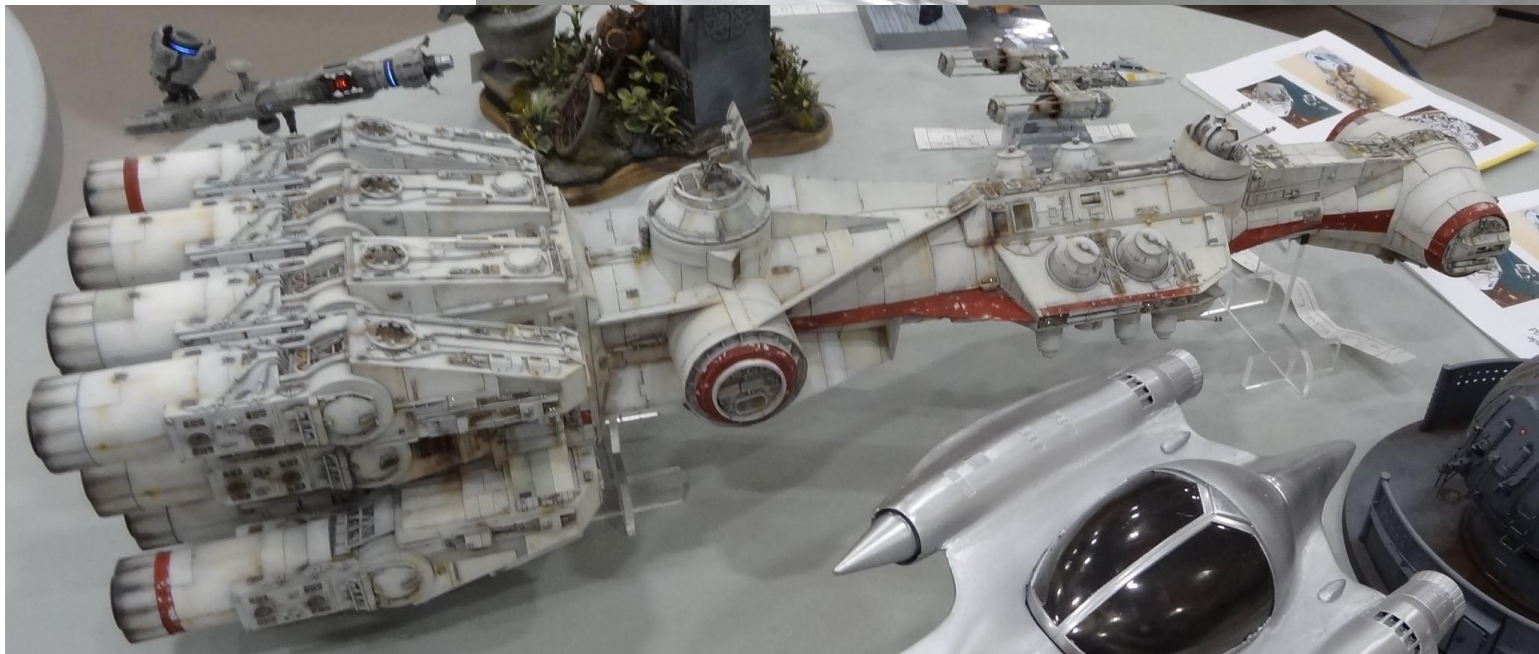
The builder of this Blockade Runner helpfully brought along a “brag book” to expand the information gained when looking at this finished work



While originally I had these two shots on single pages, it now makes more sense to be bowing to sense, shrink to a combo shot on one page

While you are taking these in, you may have a sense of that there's something of an awfully familiar shape near.

We'll explore that more in some future article perhaps. For now, leave it to fact that many know a lot of Star Wars movie vessels be owing lot of detail to kits of WW2 German Armor and various scale model plastic warships, among other sources.



So if Obi Wan Kenobi and others can continue on in “spiritual form” as The Force be with them, wouldn't in the least be a surprise if somehow C.L. Johnson were to channel his legendary design mojo in the far far far future...

But yes I digress, please pay attention to the 1/144 Blockade Runner on your viewing screen.



AS WE SWITCH DIRECTLY NOW to the very core of the show theme, namely the “THEME” category table, which has some on target entries While the majority of entries seemed to be X-Wings, there were others and I’ll let them explain themselves better than I might, as we go:



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No.	Scale	Kit Manufacturer	Entry Description	Class	
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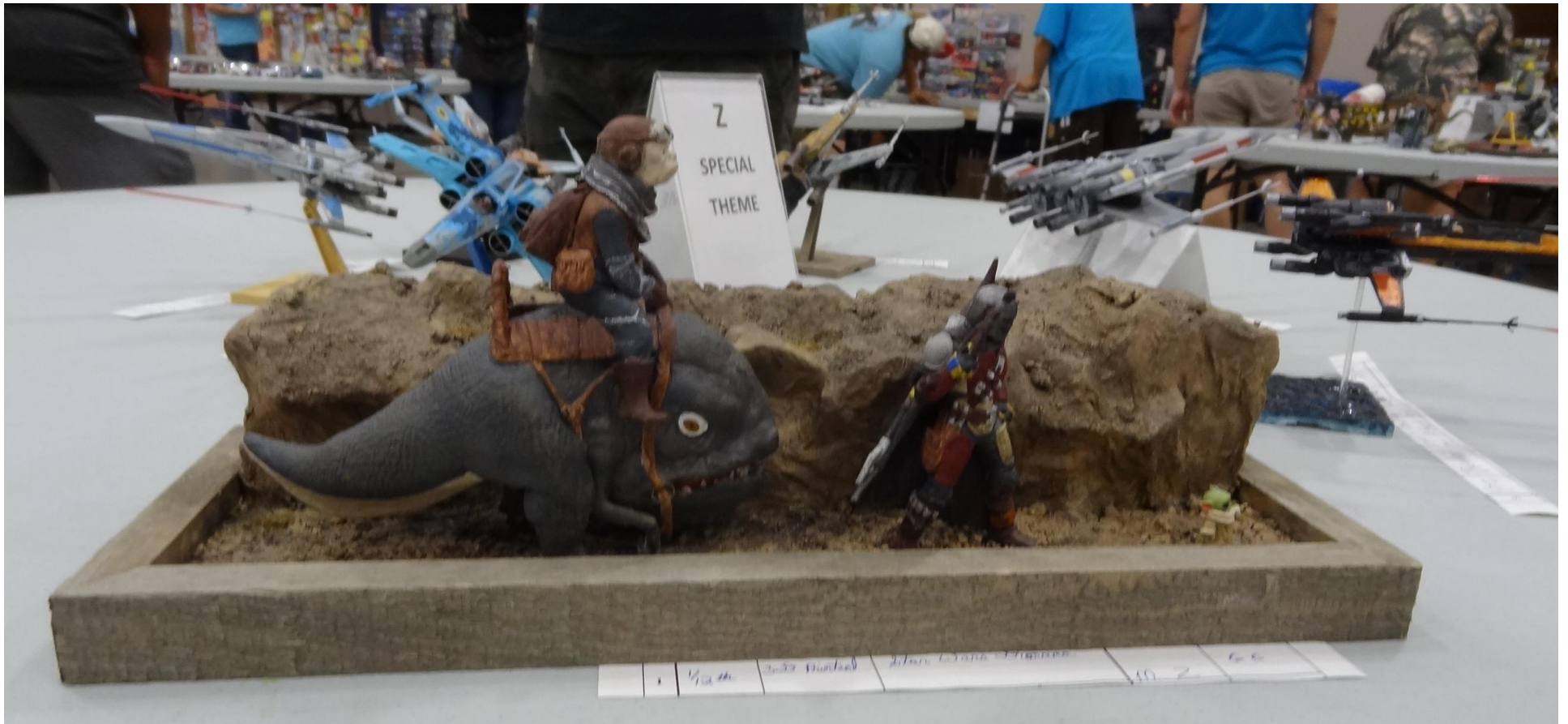


No.	Scale	Kit Manufacturer	Entry Description
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I would provide a bit of data or color commentary if I wasn't so abysmally ignorant of most of the coda and canon, as Star Wars for me was mostly the first 3 movies as they first came out, The 4th film made me smile as it felt more like "Pearl Harbor / 1941 (Belushi edition)" in space, with this apparently just as annoying many others as to me, "Binks" character in story for some reason I have forgotten.



I do appreciate having lived on since within the cultural frameworks of the real world,, how much this has all permeated and entwined so much of world I inhabit. Appreciate it most immensely and respect it. Which is why I try to stay on shores I know and not get too fancy or short snarky if possible, as I don't appreciate when it comes at my interests, passions and loves which may completely be unfathomable bores to rest of planet.

I truly enjoy having known so many tie-ins to this particular vein over the years to my community here as well as at large on personal levels, but now knowing thanks to a not long ago event that IPMS SilverWings had a hand in, just how the Star Wars franchise is woven into their worlds more than might be apparent.



These X Wings really made me smile, as it was quite a nice up ending of the usual canon based material and done in healthy fun spirit in my take.



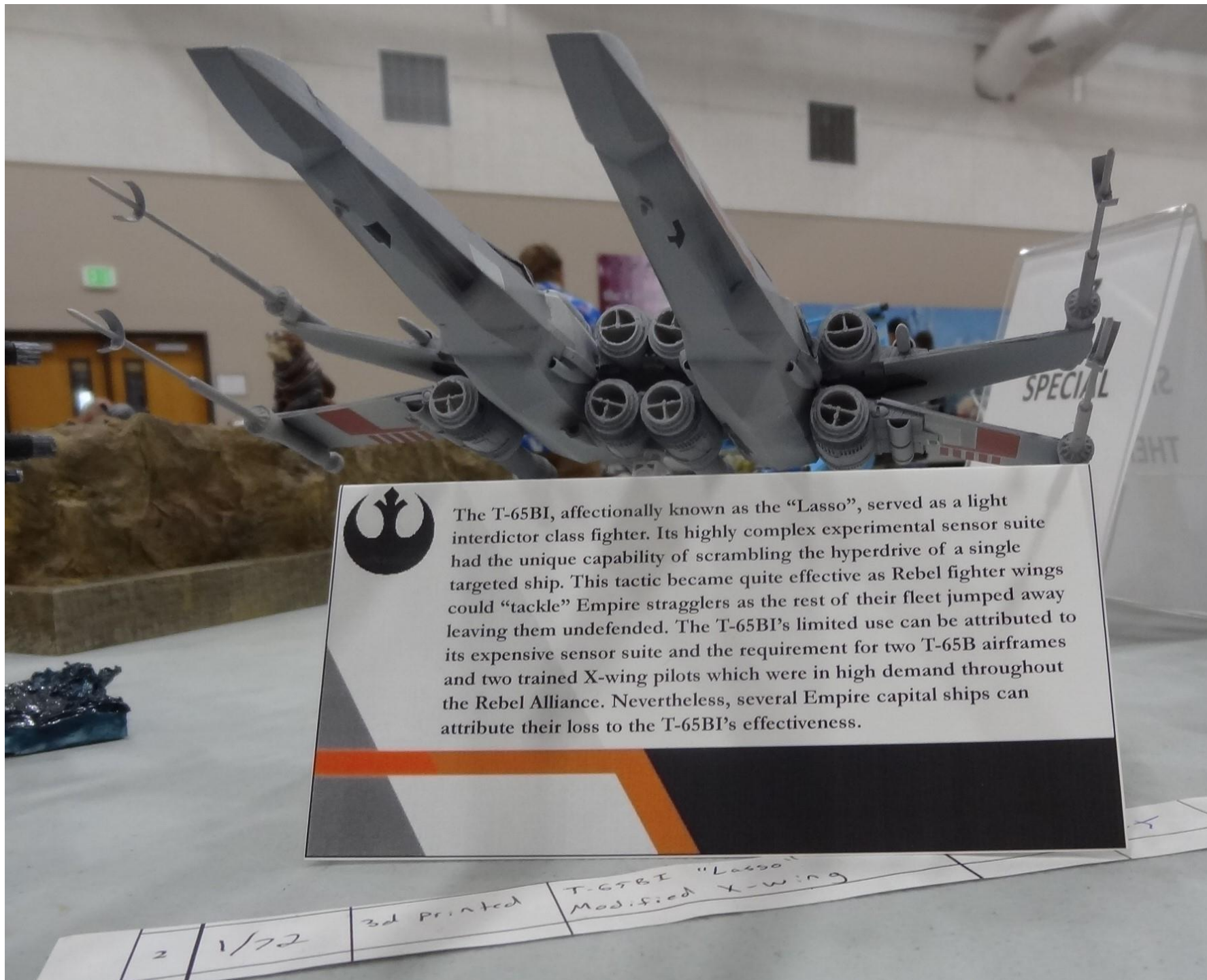




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Entry Description
Krainan Air Force
T-65 X-wing



THIS machine, again, I am ignorant of from "canon of Star Wars" so forgive me if it's in violation somehow. But taking it as it was presented I was quite pleased and admiring the modeler's execution and effort here. I have judged these categories over the years at several levels and many locales, and can appreciate why some who are very good at this modelling, don't always want to show up for "IPMS shows". I can't fault them entirely at all



The T-65BI, affectionally known as the "Lasso", served as a light interdicator class fighter. Its highly complex experimental sensor suite had the unique capability of scrambling the hyperdrive of a single targeted ship. This tactic became quite effective as Rebel fighter wings could "tackle" Empire stragglers as the rest of their fleet jumped away leaving them undefended. The T-65BI's limited use can be attributed to its expensive sensor suite and the requirement for two T-65B airframes and two trained X-wing pilots which were in high demand throughout the Rebel Alliance. Nevertheless, several Empire capital ships can attribute their loss to the T-65BI's effectiveness.

2	1/72	3d Printed	T-65BI "Lasso" Modified X-wing
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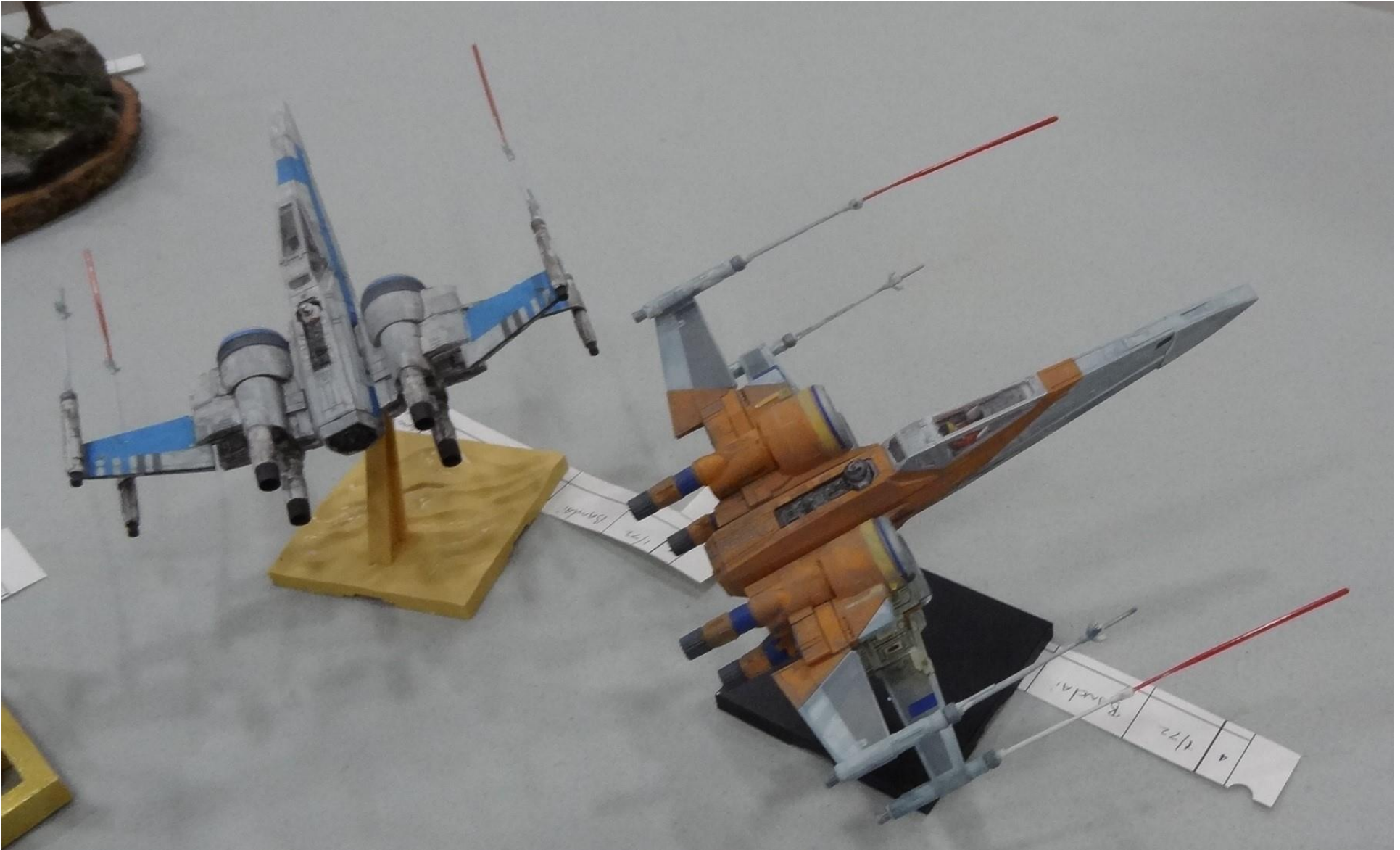


As I said, I haven't a clue as to the "reality or accuracy" of this particular model subject, I have left myself with only information on the particulars as I found and recorded them at this show, that day, to this point of publishing. On purpose, to maintain my pure joy at just running across it as part of this whole set of material that made me smile. I'll let myself find out from my community members over time what the "truth is out there" for it.



No	Scale	Kit Manufacturer	Event	Class
1	1/72	Bandai	German Came	T-658 X-wing

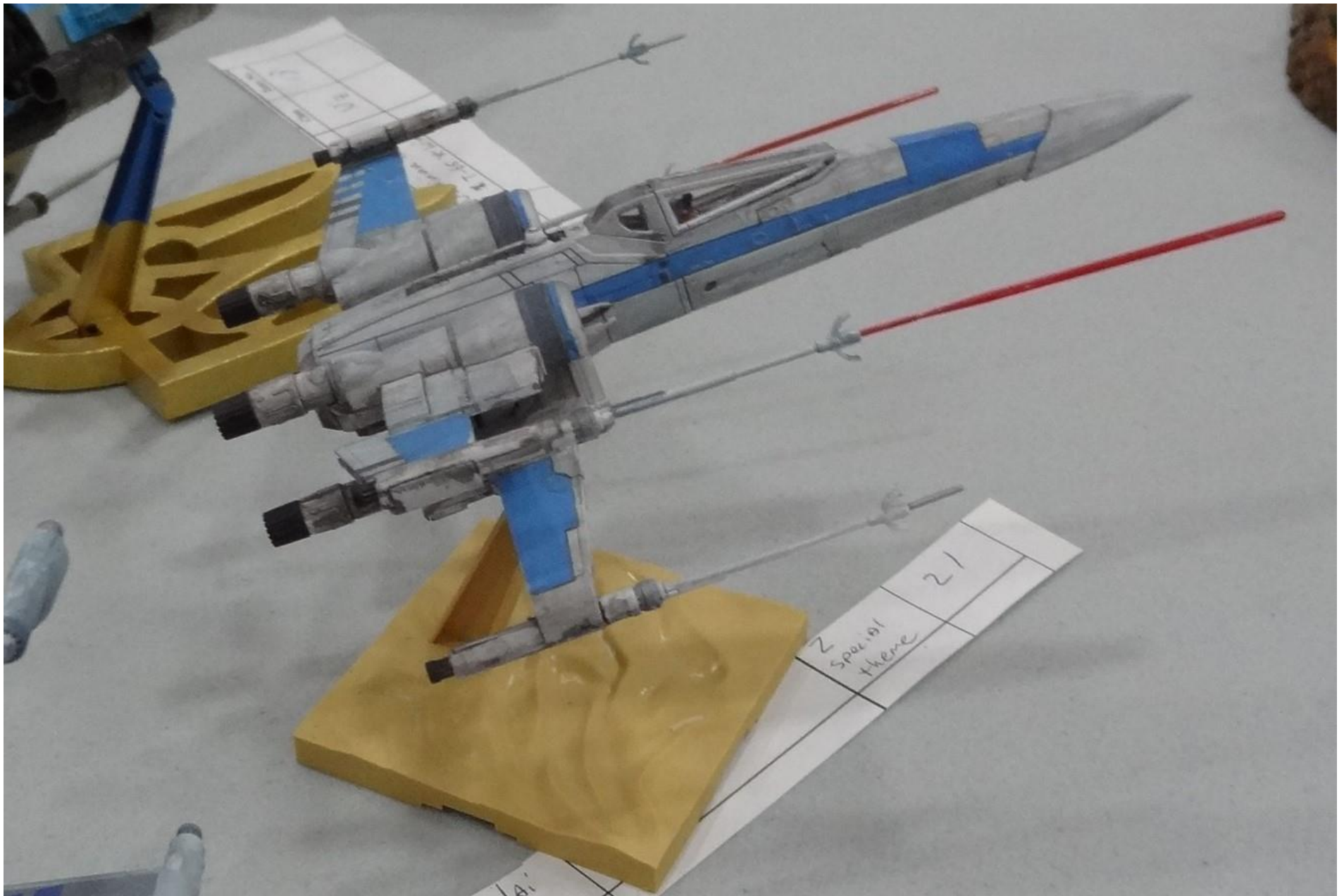




While there apparently won't be an "Ira J. Keeler Memorial Model Contest & Show" in any near future, this club if any, ought to determine a way to offer a special award in his name in years ahead.

It would seem appropriate and carry on the joy of modelling he managed to share with others I learned.

At this event especially it would have been so spot on. But again, just saying. Look up the name sometime on Google, you may see why.



With approaching the maximum size PDF for file purposes, I am wrapping up this second look at Silvercon 2022 here. With the next picture seems a perfect pointer to the last event coming to Region Nine for this year. Check their theme and see if you agree – mick fini





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 **AUGUST 22 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***



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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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