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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 140**Z**



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Somehow managing to wing it for now over **49** years...

## Welcome

IN THIS **SPECIAL EDITION COVERAGE** 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* )

**Also: What comprises other contents ... Can they be summarized ? YES**

**Room for REVEAL of most recent past Hornets Nest (December 2025 & finish up JULY)**

**ALSO somewhat scant look at calendar for 2026, Editorially speaking**

**You May Call This BUZZ The “Running Faster To Get More Behinder, See You Soon”**



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 JAN 09 2025 108 AM)

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

**YES! Now # 141** 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!



“ THANK YOU IPMS FED, For This ”



Needing an answer for this issue near done with this page blank, lo in my mail was the first Journal of 2026 with this surprise. A rather nicely done calendar ! So if you're not an IPMS USA Member, here's what you missed getting. *Join soon, still may -mb*

***JANUARY 09 2026 Free Hornets MOM & TOM theme:***

***First Time's A Charm***  
***(a two part contest)***

*WHAT? REAL SIMPLE :*

Up to FIVE total (ANY MODEL Primarily a SNAP TITE, **Part ONE**)

*This is a SKILLS CHALLENGE COMPETITION, in TWO PARTS.*

PART ONE is you make your entry SANS ADHESIVE ENTIRELY best you can

**PAINT IS ALLOWED even ENCOURAGED**  
**if NOT USED as a sneaky adhesive solution here.**

IF You have ever experienced Snap Tight as a modelling medium, you will know what kind of challenge you may be in for here. NEXT UP:

**THIS IS IMPORTANT RULE DON" T IGNORE IT**  
**ALL ENTRIES welcomed, even if considered as broken**  
**or unfinished by the entrant at the time.**

Why this is important will become VERY CLEAR in PART TWO of this next month

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-jan-2026.php>

*"FIRST TIME's A CHARM"*

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-feb-2026.php>

*"FREEDOM of CHOICE RE-ENTRY "*

## *What July Looked Like Other Than TOM/MOM to See –*



*Yes, if you recall, I left you hanging for coverage of July other than the “Kamjagia!” Club Contest, which is reminded of here with photo on the right, in BUZZ 134 WAY BACK IN AUGUST 06 2025!*

*So before going on to give you complete look at our last meeting of 2025 (December), allow me this catchup*



*Alan O'Neal had this very nice Russian T-55 / Ti-67, on his classic signature display mount, choice cigar box.*



*Mind you yes, I have a fair number of July photos in some cases like this one but I have very limited time to get these issues out before many new events will simply preclude these 2025 retrospects. So I have severely cut picture count for this article*

*David Balderrama was moving along swiftly with his 1/200<sup>th</sup> Boeing 737 being done as the legendary “Janet Airlines”*

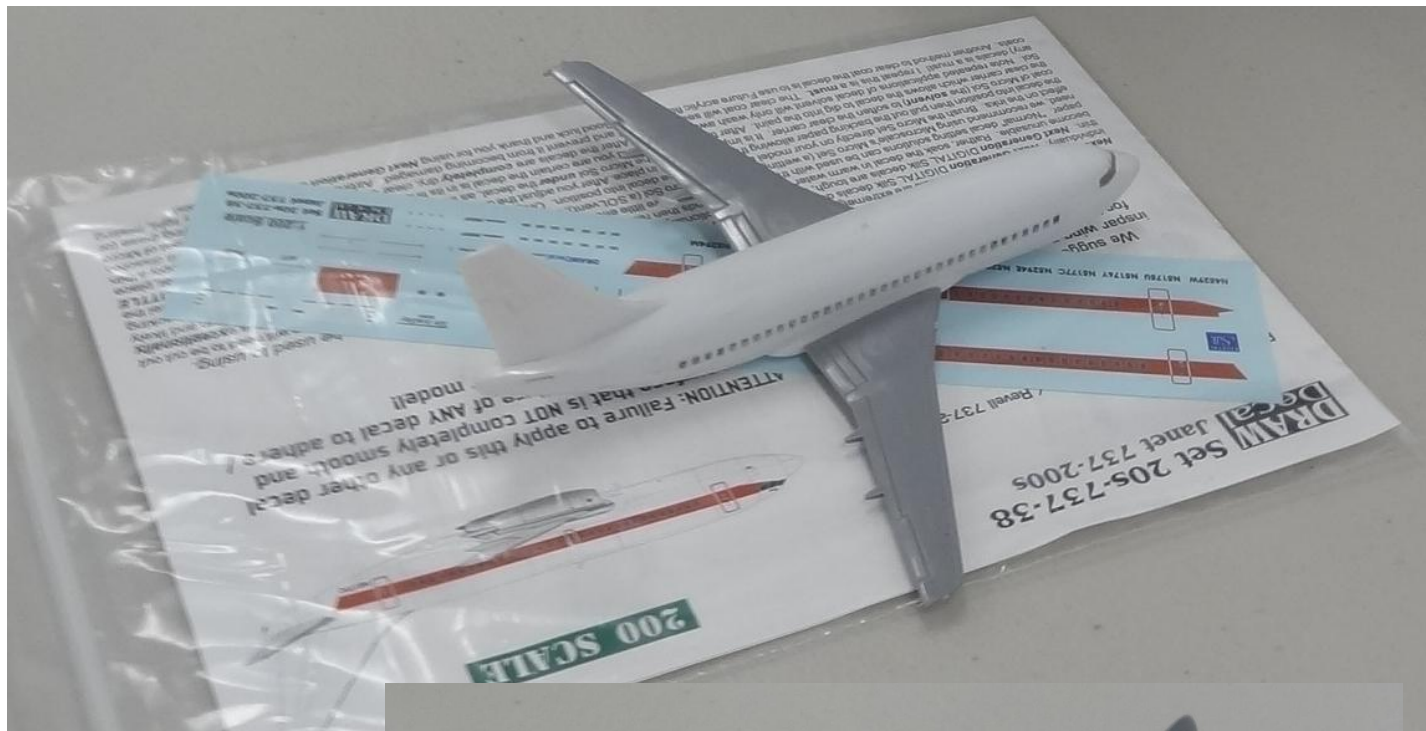
*These aircraft do exist, they don't have any “JANET” logo as in fact they are unmarked save for the cheatline and ID numbers. Since 1972 these are airliners flown out of a private terminal at Las Vegas Harry Reid International Airport, to sites such as Area 51 and like minded highly classified areas*

*JANET callsign is thought to be for “Just Another Non Existent Terminal” by some.*

*Chris Bucholtz did have two models beyond the five he entered in club contest for July. One was a Special Hobby Spitfire Mk 21 he has underway as seen on right splendidly mode*

*The other was this obscure Polish record setter, which he relayed has a surprising amount of aftermarket for it. The Poles are quite rightly proud of their technical accomplishment*

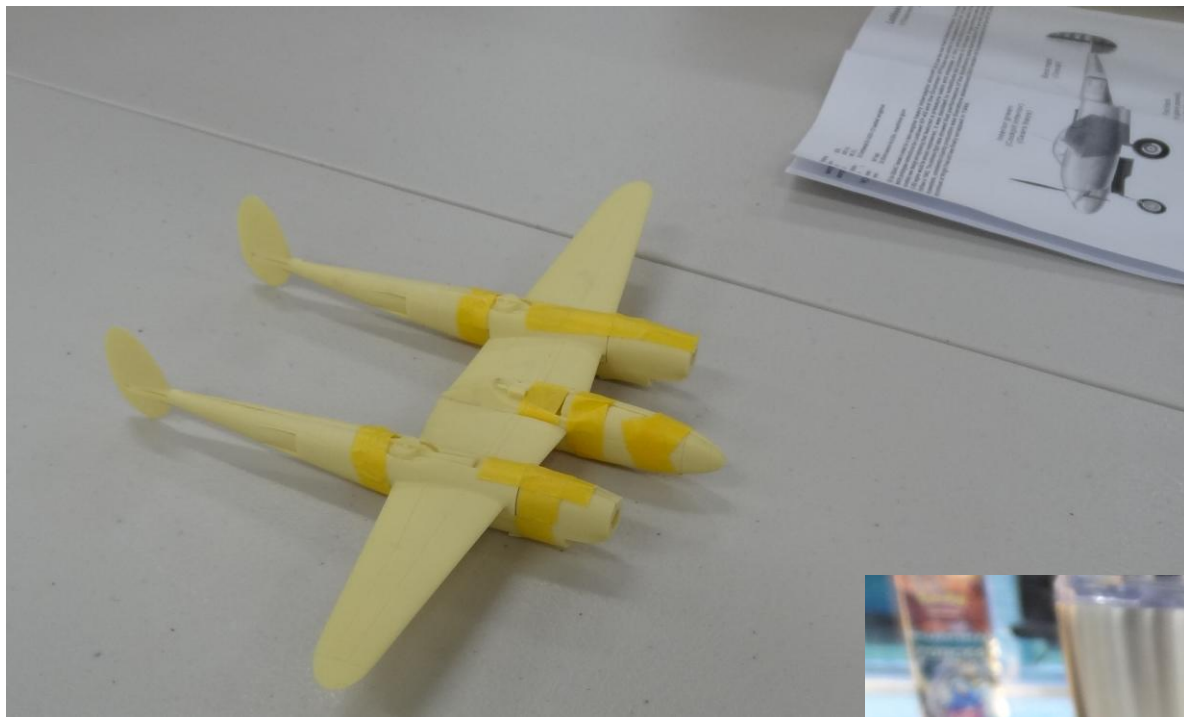
*RWD-8 is the machine here I believe, in process*



*Anthony Cheung had this pretty modern PLA warship done*



*Ben Pada had a boxed trio here, white tailed P-47D Razorback, F4F Wildcat with the early WW2 USN markings (meatball stars and striped tail) facing off against a J2M Raiden of the JAAF. All of course in “Ben Scale” (aka 1/48<sup>th</sup>)*



*Mark Schynert is intrepid, taking on the resin kitted Lockheed XP-49, which to me was a very nice looking try at upgrading the P-38 Lightning*

*Unfortunately looks were far from everything as the re-engined, resculpted bird was determined nowhere near enough "improved" to keep at it*

*Joel Weber magnificently replicated his model of his neighbor's 1950 Chevrolet 3100 Pickup.*

*Having seen his first go at this, when Joel first began being a member of Free Hornets, awed by what he gets done and how his cheery demeanor never flags.*

*Some of you may not know, you see Joel brought his original build that this one duplicates so brilliantly, to the NNL West to display, along with a companion done in the vibrant Coca Cola scheme.*

*He got distracted, left the show without the models. Alas, someone either took off with them or worse, a non modeler cleanup crew trashed them as no one on staff that year took them, just recalled seeing them*



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*Miguel Jiminez is a fan of the real old gold, and two examples he recently acquired demonstrate that pretty elegantly. That is second boxed release (and for longest time, ONLY injected one) Piasecki H-21 "Flying Banana" by Aurora Plastics, in 1/48<sup>th</sup> Molding dates to 1956 and the second boxing was from 1963.*

*The Glencoe SPAD 13C is actually a cleaned up molding of 1957 Aurora Plastics kit, not bad at all just older than first one may think looking the box over as these came out in early 1990s*



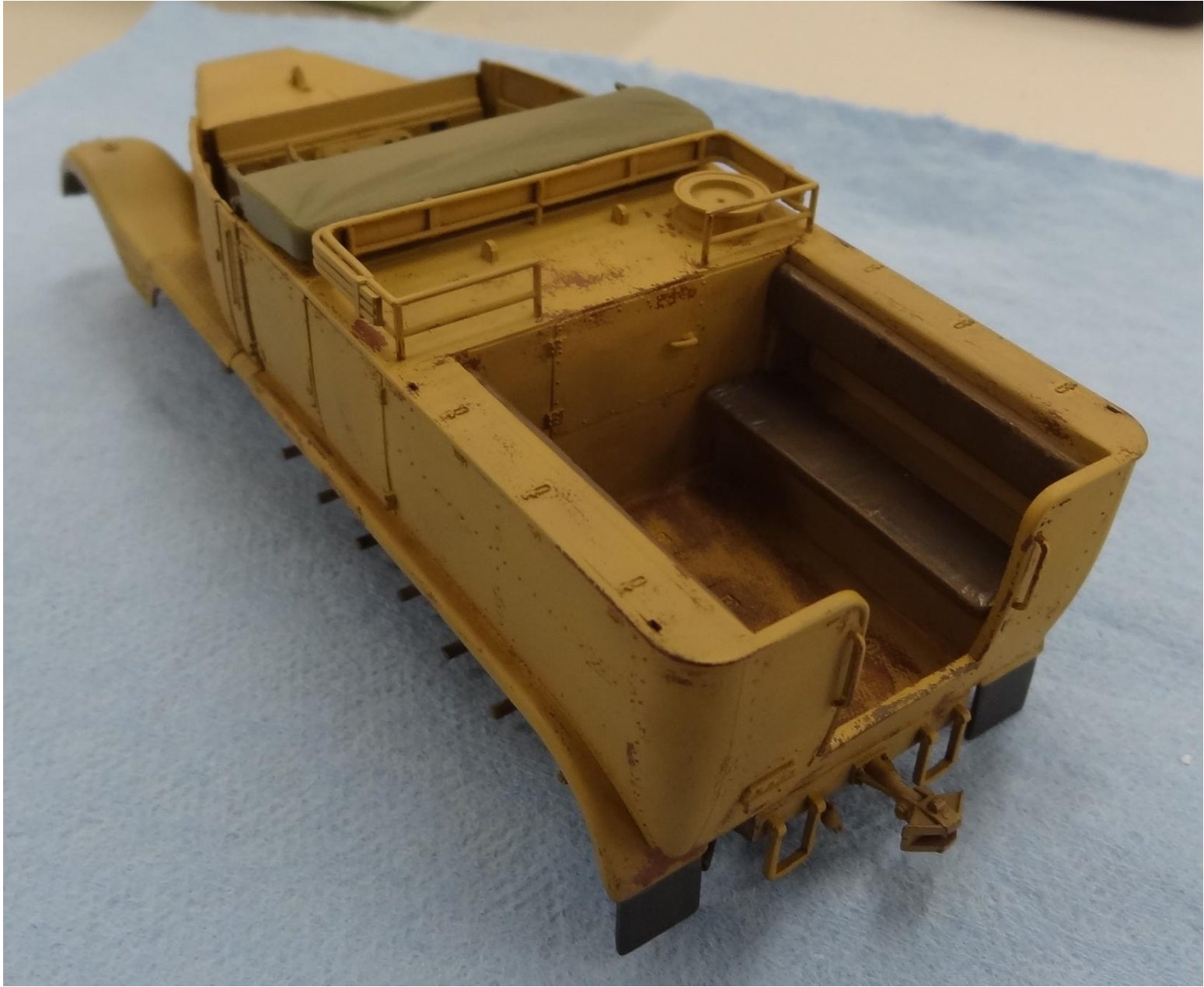
*Mark Balderrama was already hard at it, rebuilding the 1/18<sup>th</sup> scale A6M Zero he got from the Hobbies Unlimited collection as handled by John Larson in June*

*Jeff Mason was getting further with his Tamiya Spitfire, nice*



*Jeff was also making a pretty damned good model of a WW2 German vehicle I can't place identity of right now. Just enjoy pics*







*Sorry but I don't have from this meeting, any "out of the box" shots of **Frank Babbitt's** nearly completed Nord Noratlas twin engine cargo*

*I will bet though that after the 2025 USA IPMS Nationals I might get a chance to see this one again...*

***Basil Mederois** again reminds he builds other than armored vehicles, his figures I believe are "Space Marines" from gaming*





*Bob Meyers had quite the lineup, speaking of armored vehicles, that night*





*And furthermore on topic of armored vehicles, **Louis Orselli** had four of his own to share.*

*The two on the right are nearly done, I think they are both in Italian Army service circa WW2 schemes, and also both home grown (aka Italy) origin vehicles, I don't know for sure.*

*Interestingly, two on the left above and immediate right, are VAC FORM kitting of important WW2 vehicles. I know the larger one is a variety of Sahariana, a successful Italian Army reconnaissance armored car used in the North Africa theatre*





*Lastly but far from leastly, **Dave Parks** had a set of US Army soldiers from a form of kitting I had not seen before*

*Definitely an aggressive group, eh?*

*There you have it, our July 2025 Hornet's Nest best I could recount it. As noted earlier, the BUZZ 135Z has full account of July "Oh Kamjagia!" Theme club contest to couple with this*

*- mick fini*



# ***HO HO HO Look At Us Go Back to the Future***



***December 2025 Hornet's Nest Holiday Event was changed to be held at locale we had not been in for nearly a decade, whoa!***

***Excellent stewardship of our finances by our award winning VP coupled with the efforts of one of our few Fremont resident members enabled us to have our end of year in relative peace, quiet with plenty to eat and plenty business to chew on as well***

***Dave Parks and Peter Long spearheaded effort to get us berth at Wally Pond Irvington Community Center room as you see***



*We had a pretty solid attendance and most arrived by 7:45 pm despite traffic conundrums, unfamiliar locale for many, and possible some may have missed change*

*Happily the Pizza Delivery Personnel didn't miss the Berth so the pies were lined up for consumption fast!*

*This shot below is sheer luck only one I got where there isn't hungry Hornets sampling the contents*



*Yes, we had a Club Contest scheduled too, and Ben Pada's WIP P-38 looks like it's on strafing run on a contestant's model !*



*Chris Bucholz had an entry in the Club Contest, and two Works In Progress as well. The Fairey Firefly Mk V was his entry in "Curtain Call", eligible from the July "Kamjagia!" event. His olive drab snap tite early Martin B-26 Marauder is a long time project of his making steady progress. The Douglas TBD Devastator in white is a Midway subject, kit lineage I don't have ID*

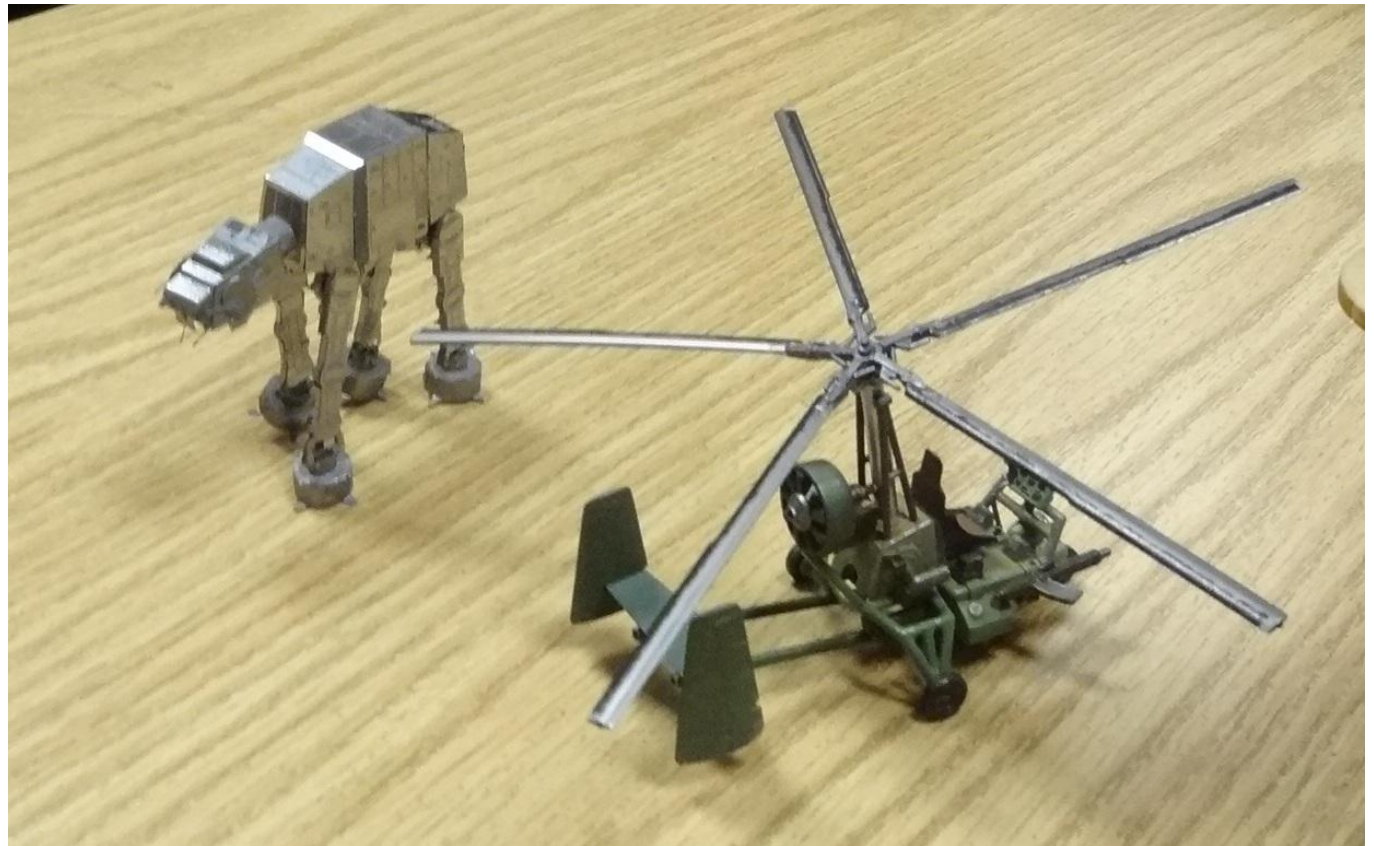




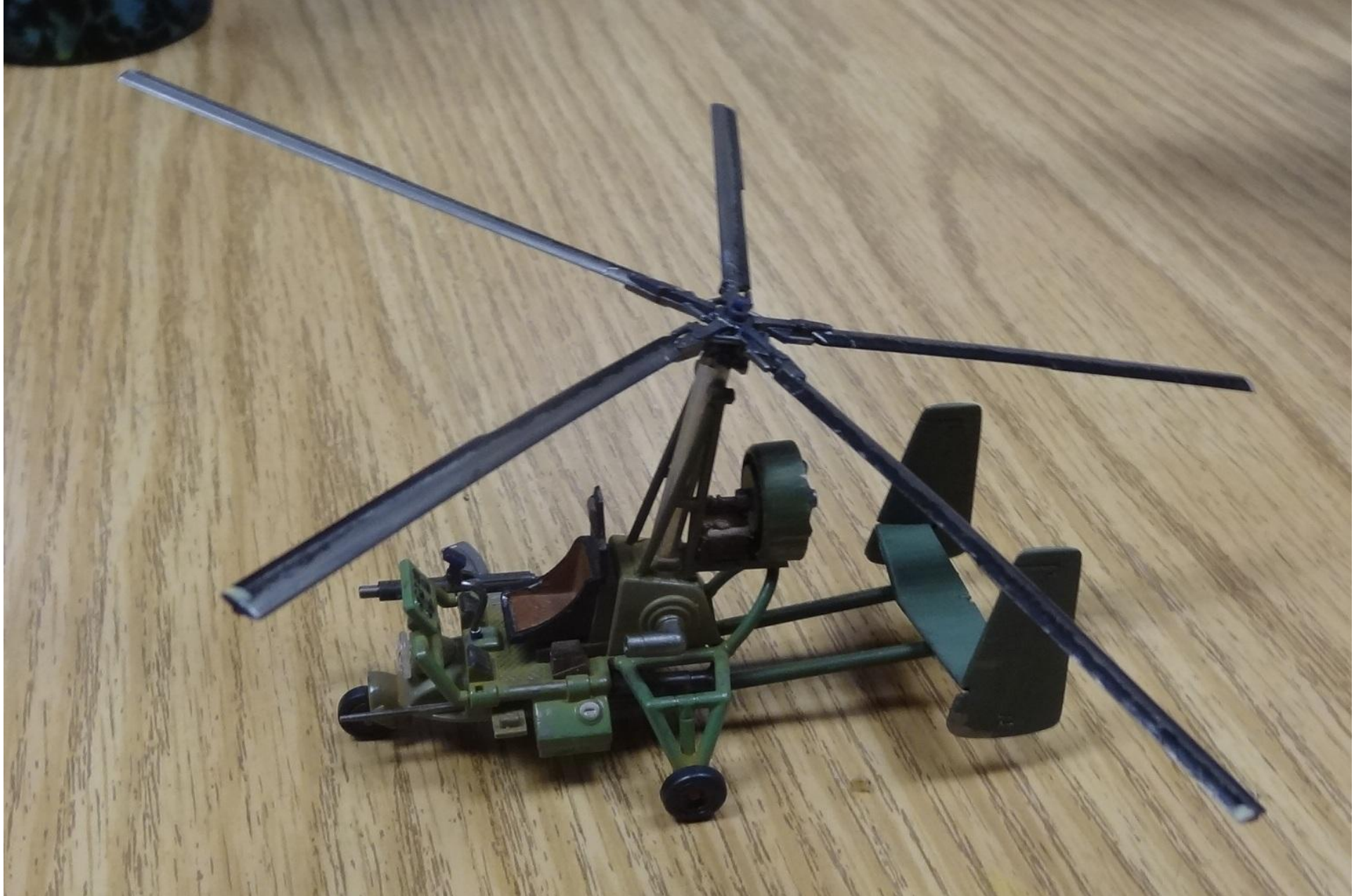
*Angela Falvey brought her “The Emperor Protects” diorama which she earned First Place MOM and TOM for the “May Day Mayhem” event, as her “Curtain Call” contestant.*

*Model was well executed, I lacked an abundance of shots so the blurry look here is due my using a cropped distance shot. You can see a sharper picture in the “strafing run shot” earlier in this article.*

*David Balderrama had his entry for “Curtain Call” and a recent winning kitbash model autogiro as well.*



*Dave's Autogyro was being built with intent to enter in the GTC "Mad Max" Contest, and ended up winning an award there but also won an award ahead of that in an SVSM Club Contest for Brush Painted Only models plus same night's Tech MOM !*



*Ben Pada's 1/48<sup>th</sup> Tamiya kit P-38 Lightning, in a less aggressive picture. Looking like a McGuire mount is the scheme*





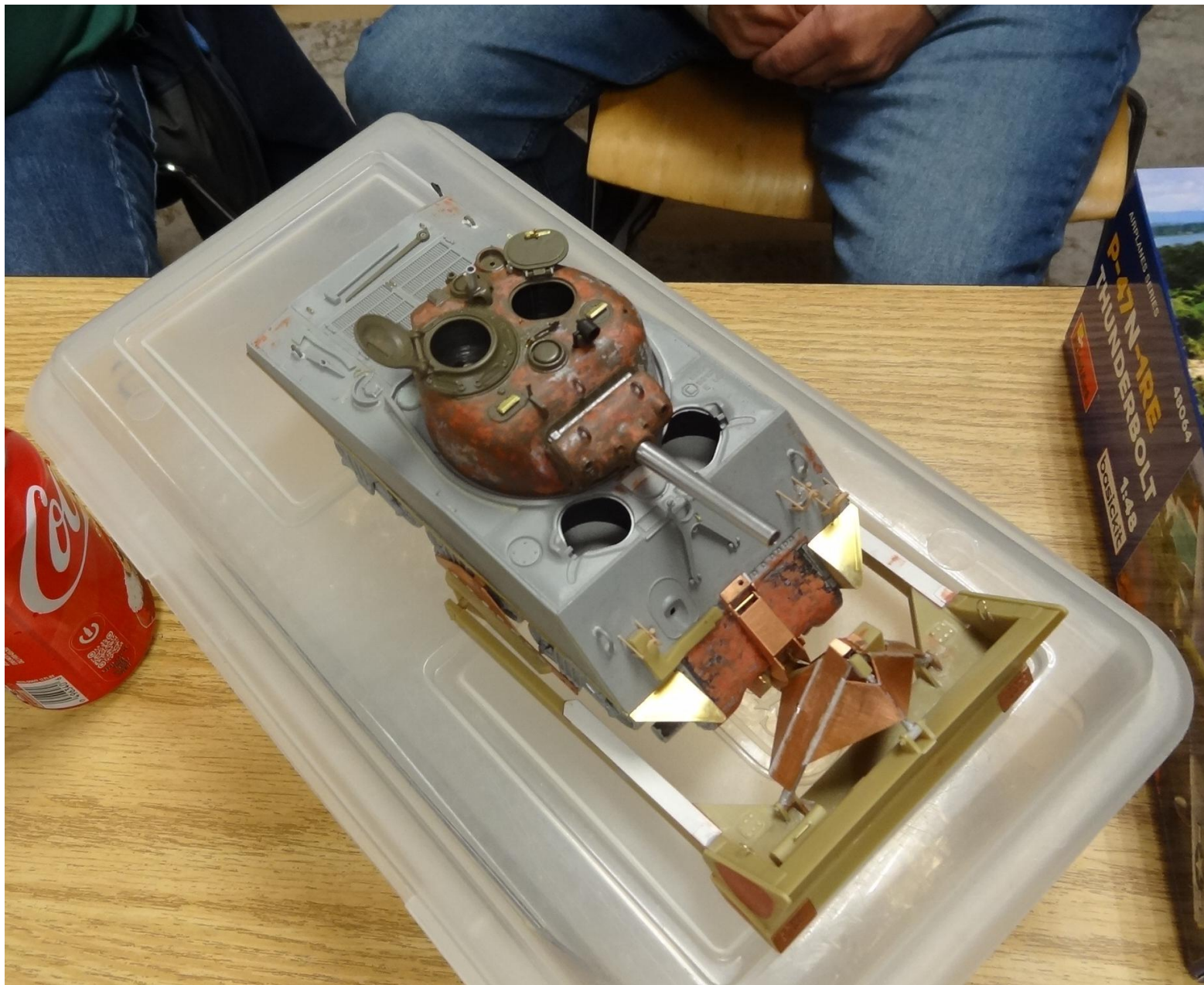
*Ethan Larson had a “Curtain Call” entry (in red) and an intriguing companion to the left.*

*Mark Balderrama had a Ukrainian SU-35 in blue along with a WIP Hawker Sea Fury atop a bottle of Tamiya liquid cement...*



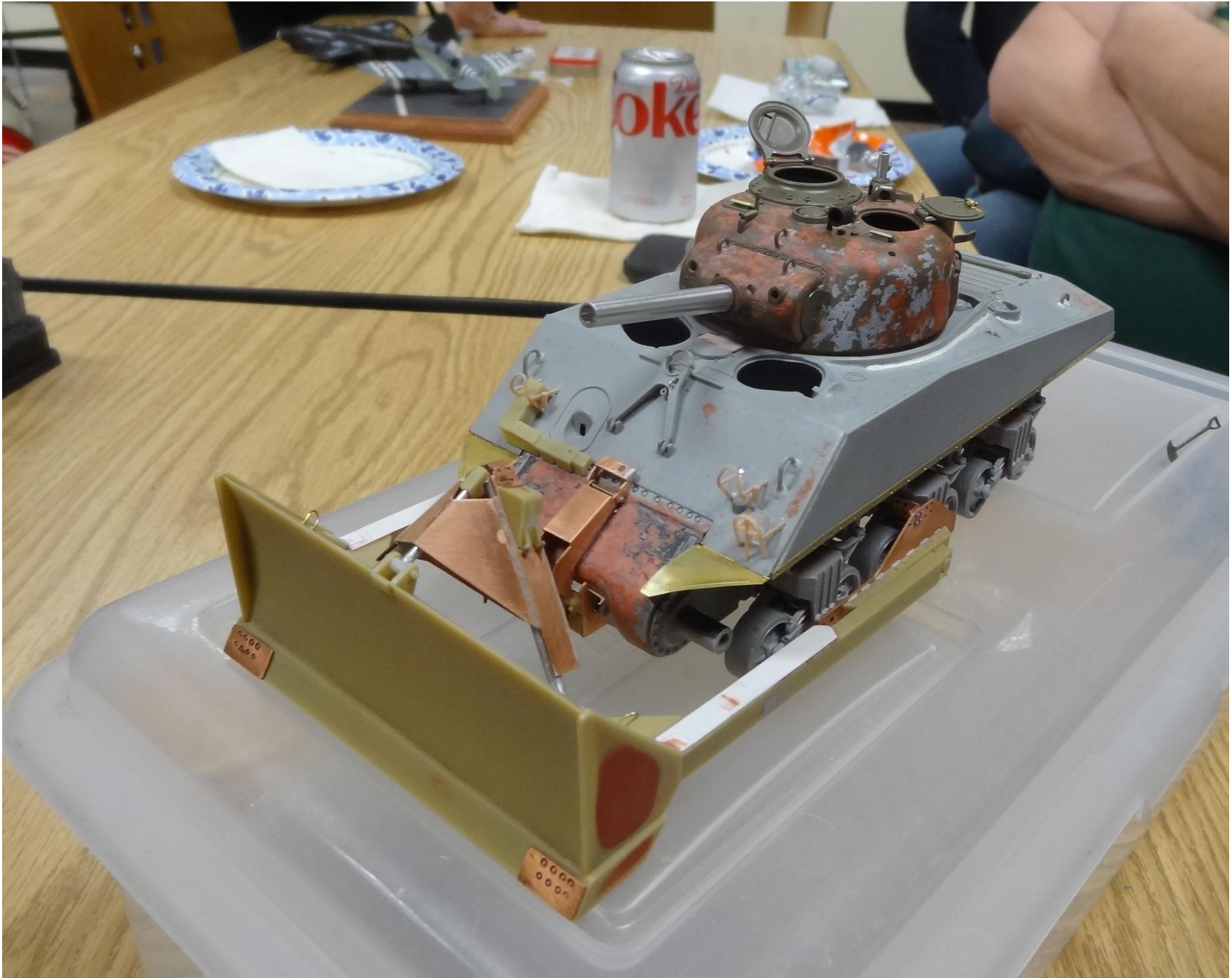
*My apologies if I mis-identify the modeler who had this splendid M4 Sherman with Dozer blade WIP here. Will correct the record ASAP if notified of my egregious error in the future, in form of written into a future BUZZ, so do let me know.*

*My working from memory and the few pictures I took left me to simply guess as I had no pictures other than these to guide*





*For the record of this December 2025 Hornets Nest, I am assigning this grand AFV underway to Basil Medeiros, so there*



*Likewise, despite the voluminous amount of nutritious pizza I consumed during event and after (or mayhaps due to ?...) I do not confidently recall that Anthony Cheung was bearer of these two models you are about to see. For now, I say they're his !*



*First, this 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale AV-8A Harrier in of course USMC service, aboard a flight deck with working crew including tractor*



*A lot of nice work here, hey? Then, overflying is a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> F-84F Thunderstreak in West German service, NATO camouflage along with the support of an amazing clear replica of an 1970s vintage Airfix Models display stand. They make great space vehicles back in those days too when not busy providing “flight support” as seen here.*



*Okay now back to things I still have a solid enough recollection ( perhaps as I put my money out to sponsor the awarding... )*

***“ CURTAIN CALL ” December 2025 Fremont Hornets Club Contest Runners UP***  
*Compensated for their effort to bring these in to compete one more time, with \$10 USG gift certificates from Editor*



*Chris Bucholtz for his Fairey Firefly Mk V, Korean War service  
(JULY, Kamjagia!)*

*David Balderrama for his  
(literally) steely AT-AT  
(SEPT, Steel & Sterling)*



*Ethan Larson, for his Commander Farsight  
(OCT, Red October)*

*THEME of The MONTH CURTAIN CALL WINNER*

*– ANGELA FALVEY for her “The Emperor Protects”*

*(MAY, May Day Mayhem)*



*This is the best of the shots I had of the winning entry at the December meeting. Below is a better look at it, from May.*



*And this concludes our coverage of 2025 Hornets Nest December. Thank you for a fine year -mb*

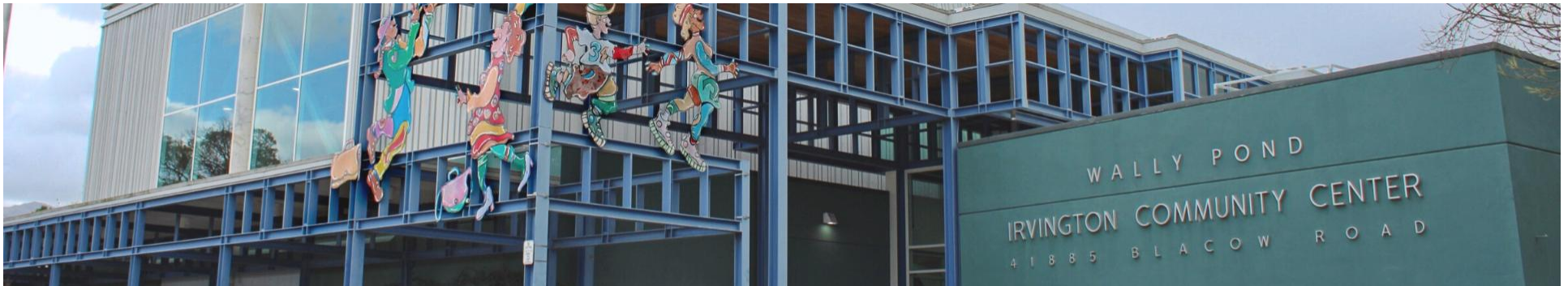
# Coming Up NEXT

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY JANUARY 09 2026**

**REMINDER – WE WILL BE AT OUR OLD MEET VENUE in FREMONT**

*Thanks to our Treasurer/VP Dave Parks' detailed report Club voted for this new plan We will begin meeting at 7:30 PM and end by 10 PM, that is a surety. In the next three months we are for sure using this site for Model Talk & Club business to discuss. Then we review plan*

**IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER, 41885 Blacow Road, Fremont CA**



*Located across street from Irvington High School Corner of GreenPark Dr & Blacow Rd*

**PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION**

**WE MAY SEE MORE NEW MATERIAL OF WHAT WENT ON AT THE LAST FEW 2025 HORNETS NESTS or other events *STAY TUNED***

**ALONG WITH COVERAGE OF *MORE NEWS OF OUR HOSTING A TRI CITY EIGHTEEN* LATER THIS YEAR**

Reminder : <http://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/> Just three little pages.

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( sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here ) “ Come for the models *Stay for the Sarcasm* “

