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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 141Z



February 12 2026



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

Welcome

IN THIS **REGULAR 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
JUST enough Room for REVEAL of most recent past Hornets Nest (JANUARY 2026)

ALSO somewhat scant look at calendar for 2026, Editorially speaking

You May Call This BUZZ The “Running Hotter Now That Event Year Is Shaping Up”



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 FEB 12 2026 1158 PM)

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

YES! Now # 142 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!



Model Show and Contest Fund Raiser for the Veterans Hall

Date: August 29, 2026 (Saturday)
Location: Stanislaus County Veterans Services
3500 Coffee Road, Suite 19
Modesto, CA

Contestant Admission Price:

Seniors: \$15.00 for unlimited number of models.
(18 and up)
Juniors: \$ 10.00 for unlimited number of models.
(14-17)
Sub-Junior: Free for any quantity of models.
(5-13)
Spectators: Free

Schedule:

7:00 AM: Doors open for vendor set up.
9:00 AM: Doors open for registration.
12:00 PM: Registration closes.
1:00 PM: Judges meeting.
1:15 PM: Judging begins.
3:30 PM: Awards

Amenities:

Free Parking: There is plenty of parking available.
Food: There may be in facility eating available but there is plenty of eating establishments within walking distance.

Raffles:

There will Be Two Raffles during the day which will include models and model related items. Times of raffles will be posted.

Raffle Tickets will be broken into two categories:

Regular: \$1.00 per ticket
\$20.00 per 25 tickets
Premium Tickets: \$5.00 per ticket

Vendors:

Each table will cost \$25.00

Contact: Tony Quartaro for tables & availability.
Phone: (209) 665-6599
Email: Thedeckguy53@gmail.com

San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers History

The Club was started in 1983 as the "Stockton Tomcats" a Chartered Club of IPMS-USA. Over the years, we have held meetings at numerous places with several goals in mind; share modeling ideas; help other modelers and gather in a very none structured setting. We started at the Seifert Community Center in Stockton, CA where we held several local and regional model contests. Next we met at Modesto Hobby and Crafts for many years until Brad closed the store. Then we started meeting at Alan Weber's hanger at the Stockton Airport. Tony Quartaro joined the club and we started meeting at his house/garage in Manteca, CA. Now we hold meetings at both Tony's or Alan's depending on the circumstances. Many of our club members have entered and won awards and judged at many Local, Regional and National contests. Now we are known as the San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers (SJVSM). Currently we are not a Chartered Chapter with IPMS-USA but many in our club are Members of IPMS-USA.



“ THANK YOU TOMCATS !! ”

Just as I was despairing of a suitable topic my prayers were answered by Gil Wesson and Tony Quartaro, who shared this great news for our end of summer calendar OH YESSS -mb

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...

2026 Model Contest
Hosted By:
San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers (SJVSM)
The Tomcats
Theme: **George Lucas Films**

The SJVSM Model Contest is a Non-IPMS (International Plastic Model Society)
Details visit: www.deltatomcats.com (scan below)

Date: August 29, 2026 (Saturday)
Location: Stanislaus County Veterans Services
3500 Coffee Road,
Suite 19
Modesto, CA

FEBRUARY 13 2026 Free Hornets MOM & TOM theme:

Freedom of Choice Re-Entry
(second of a two part contest)

WHAT? REAL SIMPLE :

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

This is a SKILLS CHALLENGE COMPETITION, in TWO PARTS.

PART ONE was you make your entry SANS ADHESIVE ENTIRELY best you can. **PAINT 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:

NOW you can bring back that entry from January that may be you didn't finish or had to enter as "broken" because with no adhesive repairs allowed...

NOW you can have it fixed up, however you like.

Didn't like the way your snaptite built up for January ? TEAR IT UP ! REBUILD IT !!
MODIFY IT !!! DO CRAZY THINGS WITH IT that's YOUR FREEDOM of CHOICE

GO WITH IT! **BE A SAVAGE COMPETITOR**

What January Looked Like Other Than Charming –



Yes, here we are, neatly fitted into the comfy confines of the Irvington Community room. This is actual space we rented although in past yes, we did get use of full room, as they say them days are long gone ! However here we do get relative peace and quiet to foment our own fun and still carry on conversation civil as we ever manage. First Time's A Charm was our theme and last part of this coverage will give the news!



We started off Model Talk welcoming back Temoc Navarro who brought in the “ Family Phantom ” to fully share this time



So since I haven't published the November 2025 news yet, this is Temoc's return visit from then to share this model now FYI

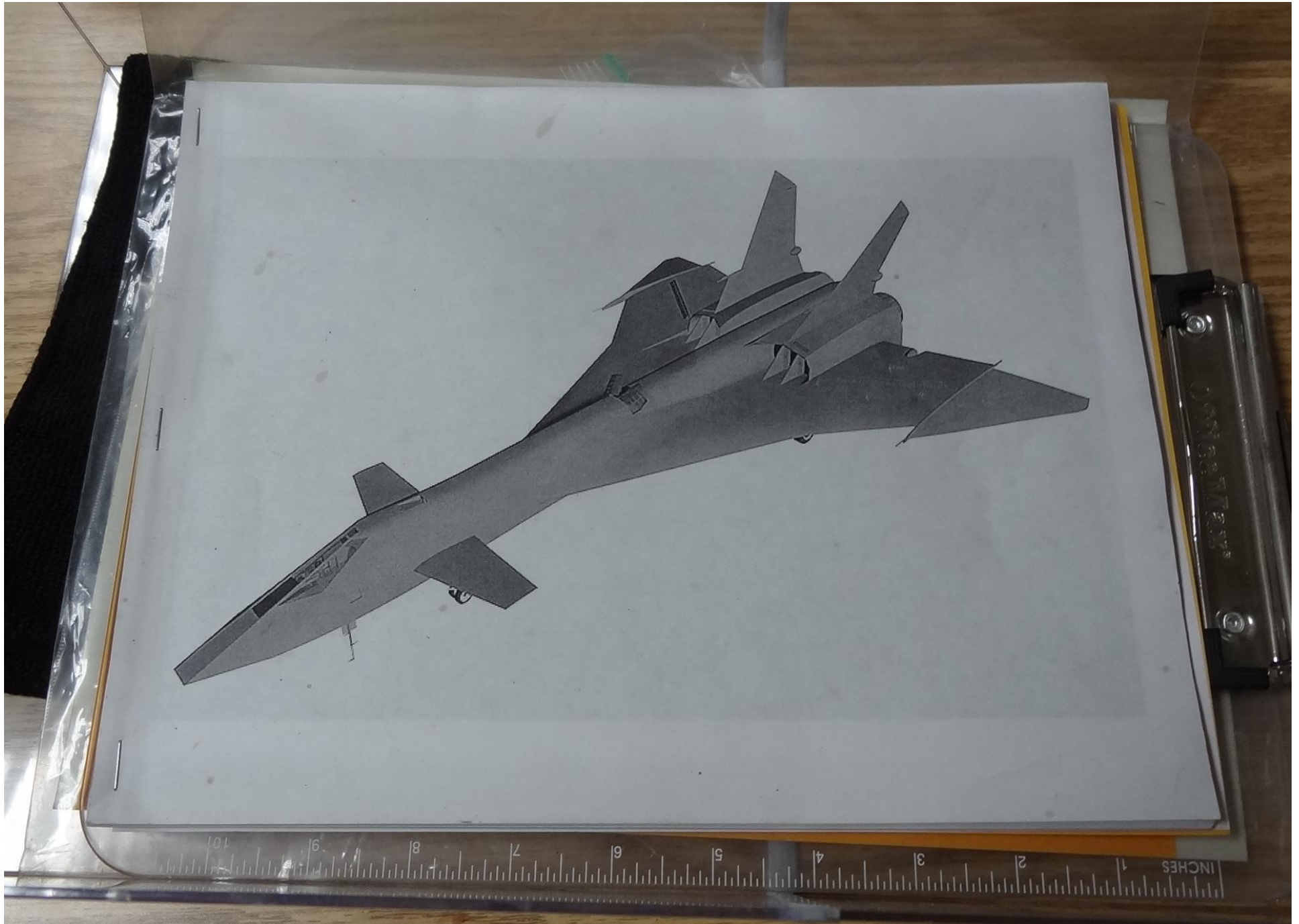
He had brought two recent models to share then with us and the April 2021 FineScale Modeler issue which featured this F-4





It's the famous "Showtime 100" which scored 3 MiG-17 kills in one mission and made Cunningham & Driscoll first Aces of the Vietnam War as result. Temoc built it for his brother who served in USN at NAS LeMoore working with F/A-18s, nice !

As you may have surmised from his shirt that night, he is also a definitive fan of another famous albeit fictional, big jet.





This is his WIP of Anigrand resin kit for the 1/48th scale version of “MiG-31 Firefox” as portrayed in the film based on the 1977 novel.

This model appears to be very spot on match to the full size model made for the movie (built on the frame of a radio station antenna, no less !) and of course the smaller ones for the SFX shots

The kit does offer alternative decals beyond the dark hued menace of the movie’s “thought controlled” fighter piloted by Clint Eastwood, but Temo is going to do the original proud

Even though it’s a humongous bit of resin, he said it assembles pretty well. Agrees with online reviewers the resin landing gear is up to task, weighty beast will stand on its own.

While I am for one pleased he got to wrest the F-4J from his bother for the night to show us the model, I am more pleased that this FireFox is perhaps going to show up done one day at our meeting or an event as Temo is making it for himself





Randy Ray had this intriguing 1/72nd scale Mk 38 5 inch twin gun mount kit, just chock full of fun





Mark Balderrama had a new assemblage of 1/144 scale aeronautic wonders

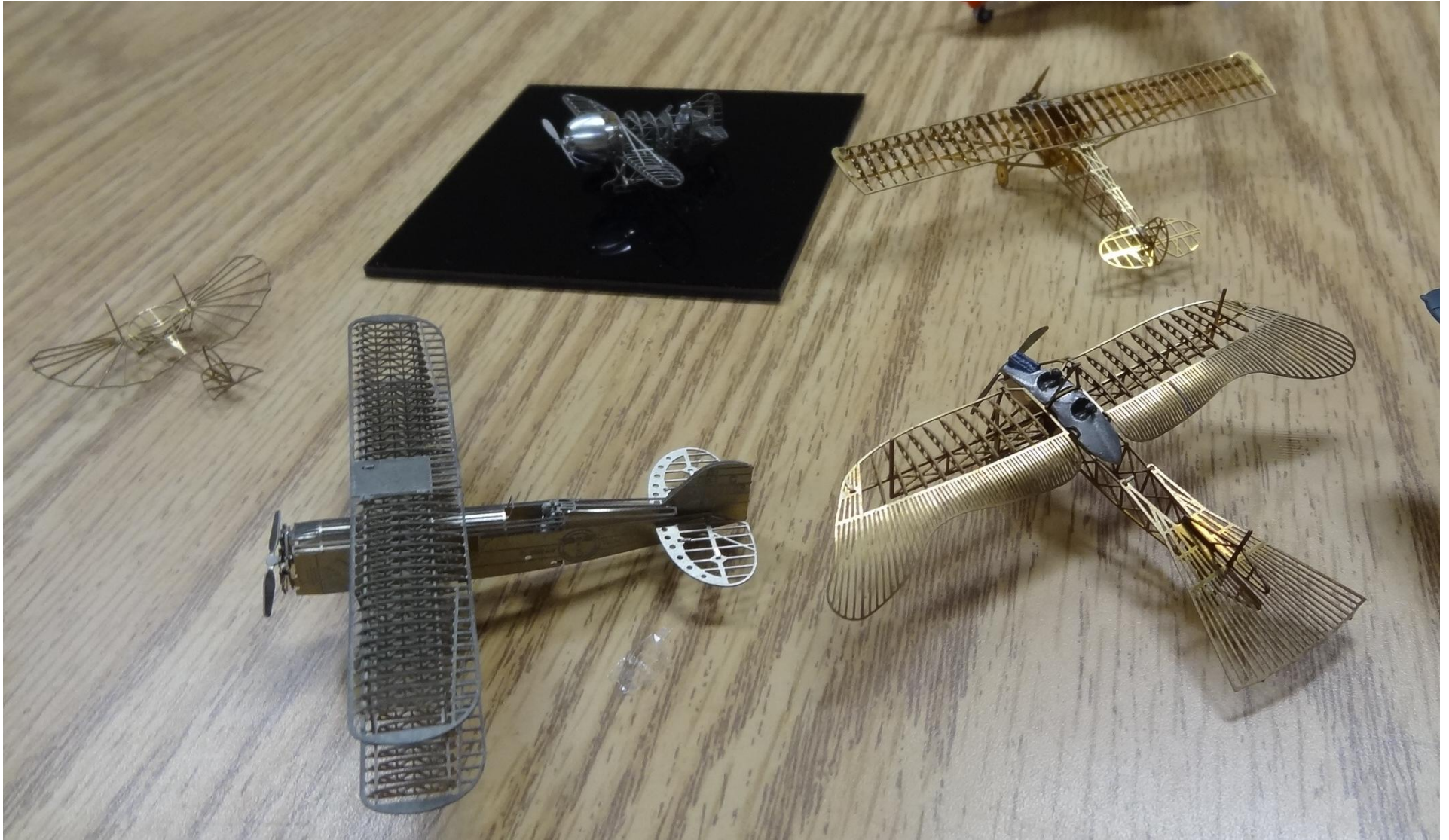
He had some Anigrand on hand too, the XFV-1, the C-140 and the F-94B to make Lockheed look good



Mark also had some German WW2 classics, the Dornier 17, the Heinkel 177 Greif which looks to be twin engined but actually was 4 engines and not necessarily safe to fly (tend to catch fire in flight, perhaps pairing engines in a single nacelle not the best approach...)

The Avro Lancaster kept an eye on his Osprey in white, the Eurofighter and Tornado.

Not to overlook the intricate literal “wire frame models” also in “one half 72nd scale” The bird winged elegance of the two seat Rumpler Taube is well displayed this way, the Bleriot also bird like but more interesting in how damn small it is. We’ll be looking again at one of these when we get to the FTAC contest coverage, later. Impressive metal work here, Mark.



Joel Weber had this sweet looking muscle car Ford Mustang MACH 1 to share, all in classic 1970s vibrant green. He had a good tale to share with it too, but alas I don’t have notes or any reliable recall to go with the pictures now





Peter Long continues to carry on modern US fighter design display in miniature with this lovely 1/72nd F-35 here





Anthony Cheung had two nice Harriers to share, one is in the winter camo scheme of grays, the other is in the traditional green/gray, but both are also done in wraparound style, not easiest thing to paint in 1/72



Larry (sorry again I lost my notes, so no last name here) had a Meng 1/35th scale FT-17 to start. These WW1 vintage tanks were French origin and quite successful in their own right. Enough so that the USA chose to continue with making them as well, as did the Italy and the Soviets, all with slight design changes/improvements to the original Renault concept.



Ethan Larson had these two new wargaming type models which I didn't get noted the details of, sorry







His dad, John Larson, had this lovely Lockheed underway. It's the C-130 Hercules in 1/200th



It's a very nice looking kit of which I had completely forgotten existed, and must say looks very Herculean



Here we have the venerable but still quite suitable 1/72nd Airfix kit of the TBD-1 Devastator which with Torpedo 8 lead the charge that formed the US narrative of Midway.



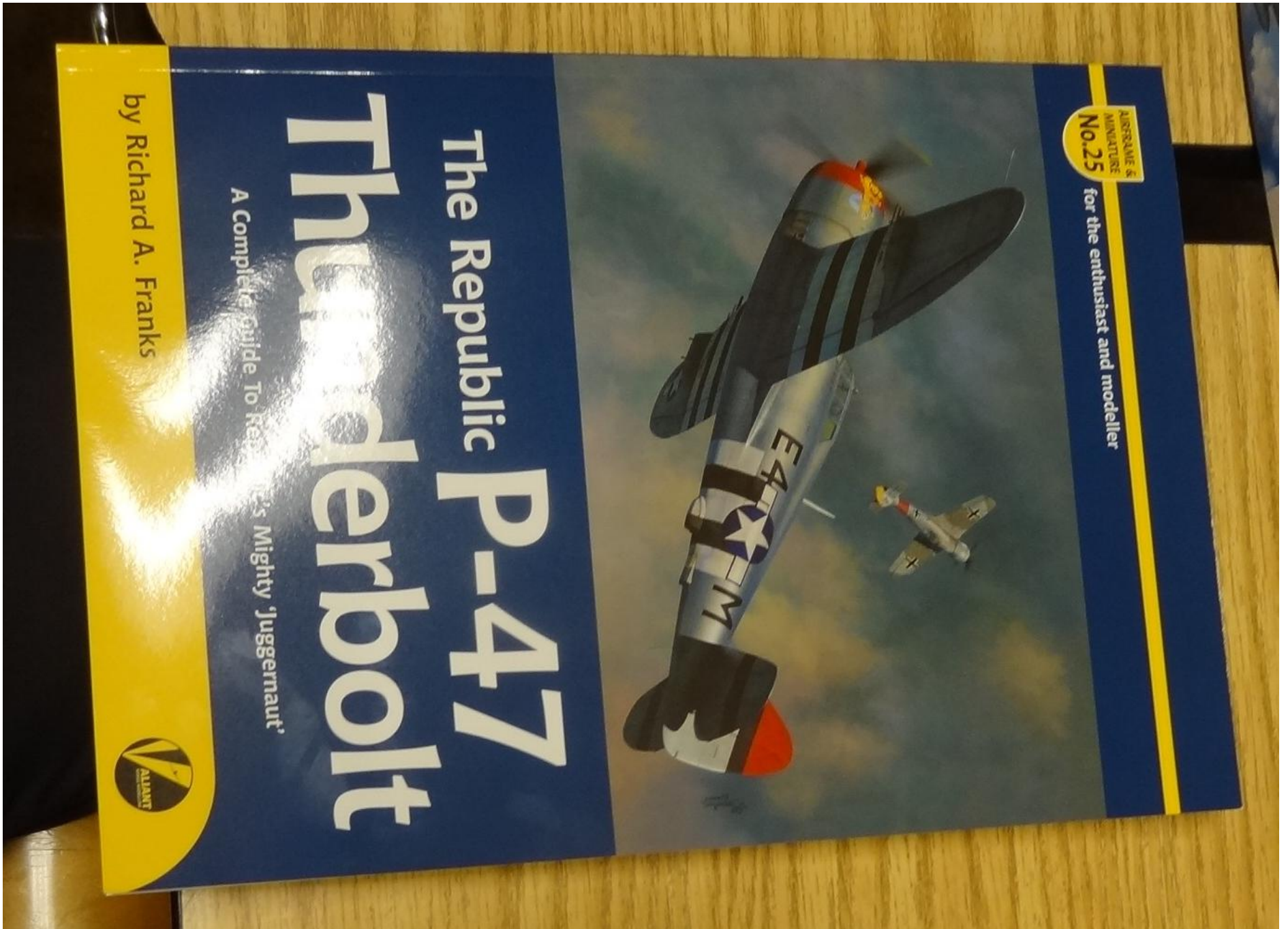
Chris Bucholtz is heading up an effort to get the USS Hornet Museum a proper Midway display in model form, which will inaugurate a plan to better educate the visiting public on matters of history using them

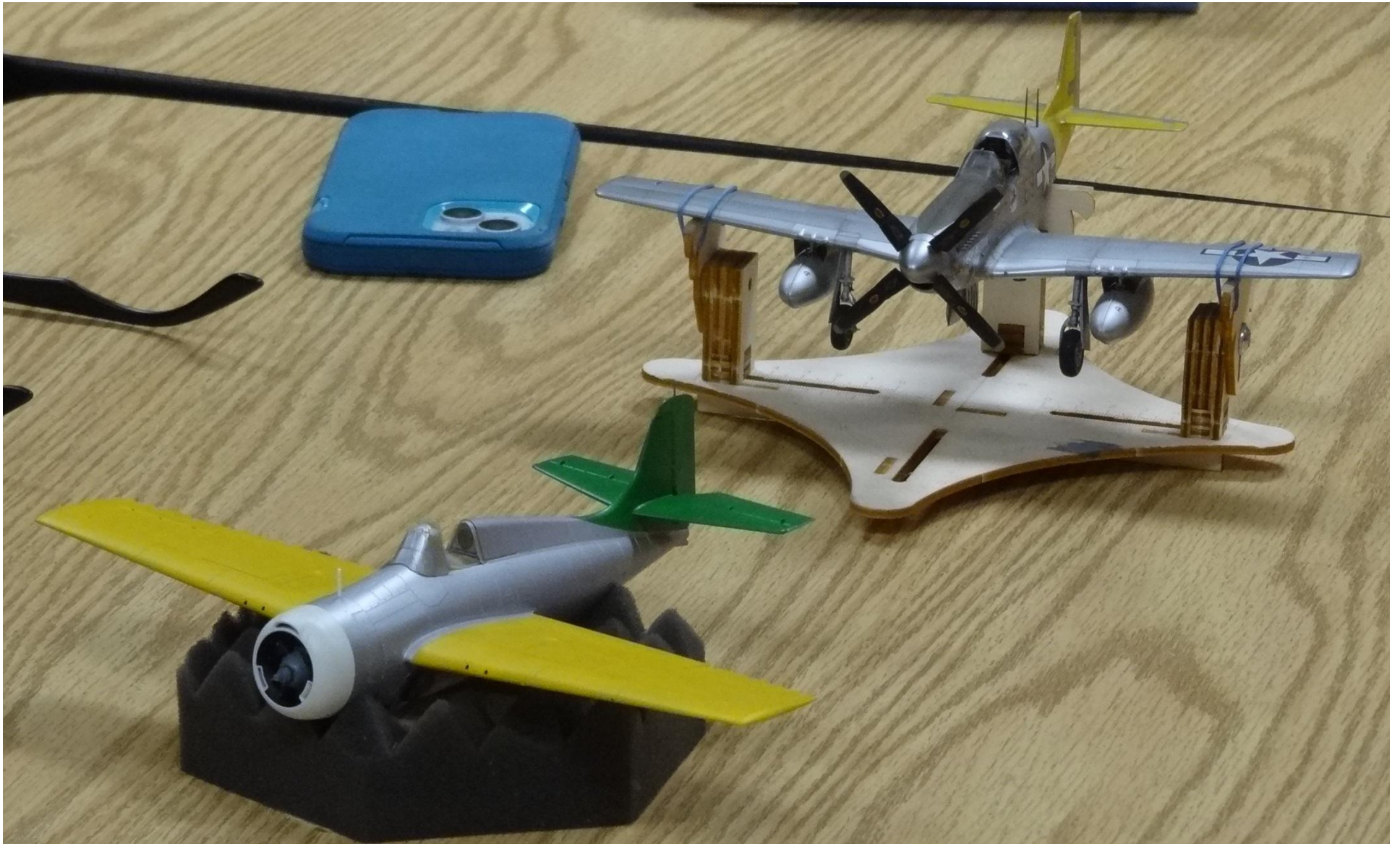
The plan is to have new projects of similar breadth to follow this one with same premise, which of course is one of the prime purposes of operating a museum !



Then Imperial Japanese Naval forces are being represented here with a Mitsubishi A6M Zero, kit of which I didn't note.

Chris also had on hand a tome on the P-47 Thunderbolt in the Airframe & Miniature series, by Richard A. Franks





Ben Pada showed up with two nice WIPs, in of course " Ben Scale " (1/48th) Say Hello to P-51D and F4F-3 Wildcat here



I didn't get the kit noted but it could be an Eduard edition.

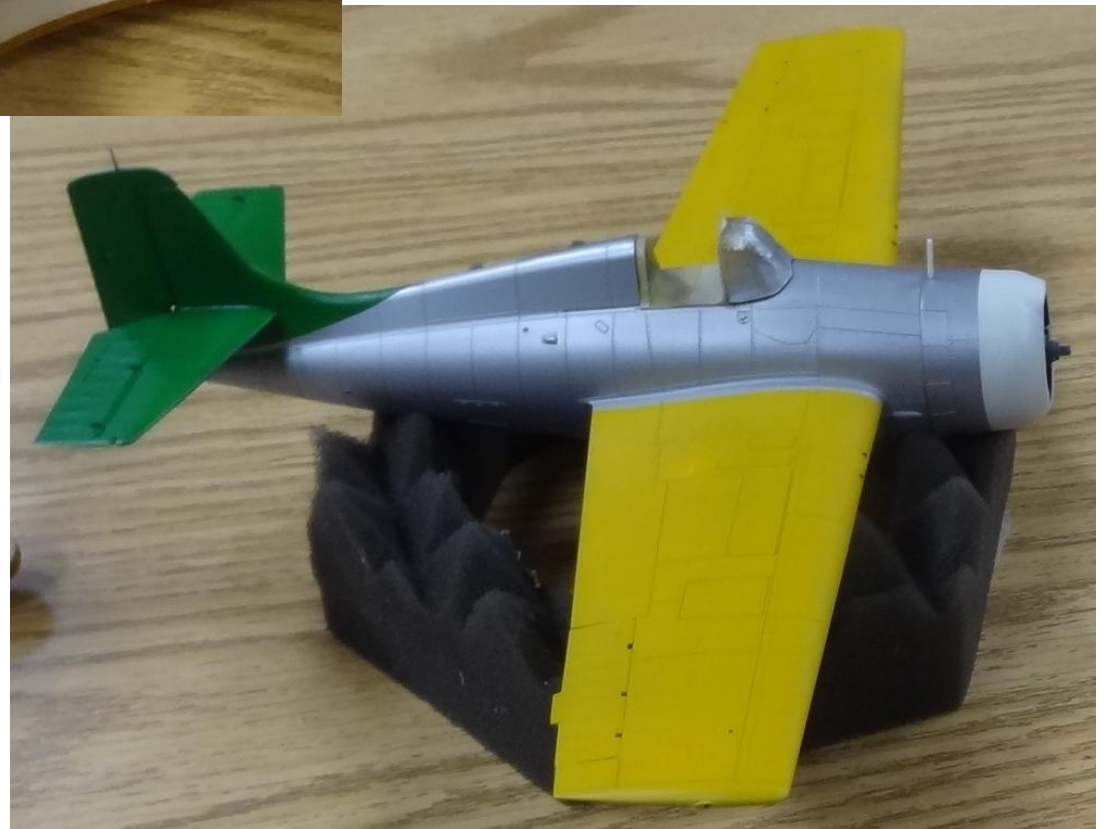
Note the dorsal double antennas and the tapered OD antiglare panel, very nice

The metal finish subtleties are also nice

Ben is making the colorful prewar "hard wing" -3 Wildcat, with the nice bright chrome yellow wings and willow green tail, white nose ring accent very striking even without markings.

The fuselage is also a painted finish not natural metal as the corrosion factor for naval service is not something to be ignored

The hard wing reference is for fact that until the -4 the Wildcat did not have any wing folding option





Bill Christman made it to his first ever Free Hornets meeting with this Tamiya Fw-190D-9 in colorful JV44 scheme, in order to trade for Editor Burton's Fw-190A

Burton stole the -190A from Bill at his first ever SVSM meeting which was of course the December one and his theft being third, made it "dead" in play

All is well, Bill really wanted that Fw-190A, Burton may yet get the D-9 done in time for the April "Wonders" contest as both were from the same "exchange" to qualify, so there

You can just make out the Fw-190A in question below right at Burton's corner.

As you can see, the room got pretty full





So as you take another look while we were here on break, the Editor regathers his forces to finish January coverage :

SO HOW CHARMING WE TURNED OUT ...



As Eugenie Ray's Triceratops charges its old box, I will remind you President Jim Koaster Came up with this fiendish good two part bit of Club Contest Fun starting this month

“First Time's A Charm” aka “FTAC”



This was an item Eugenie took as prize in the SVSM December gift exchange and plans to have ready for April contest sprung from it.

Nice new kit series from Bandai that covers a range of prehistoric creatures not just those of top ten popular ones like this lovely.

Plannosaurus is the name of the series and offers you choice of building skeleton only or skinning over it, in some cases even feathered or traditional scaled/reptile skin versions



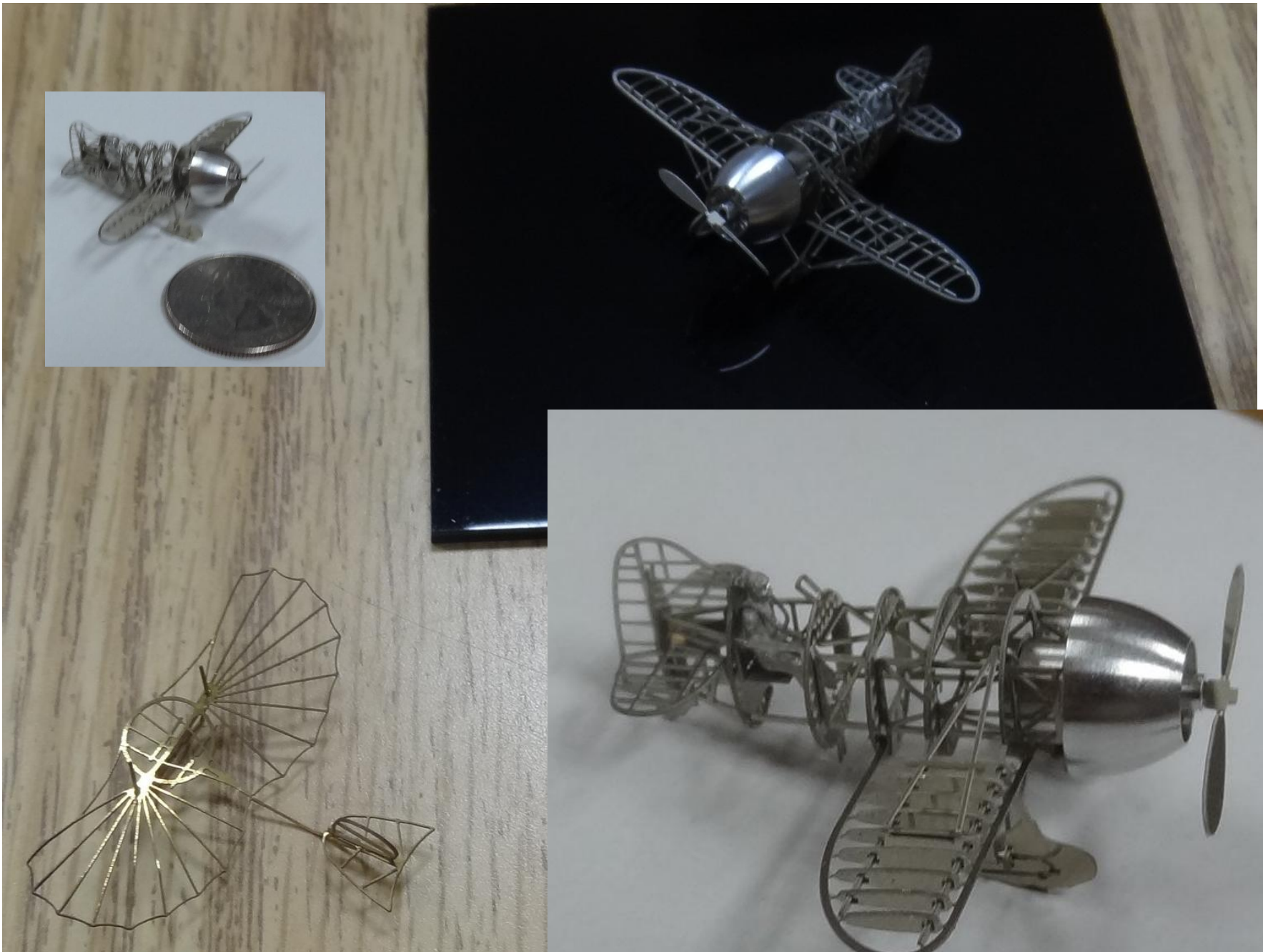
David Balderrama had a terror trio of fine Snap tite variety

The grey whale vehicle is a rare kit of a seagoing vessel from an obscure TV show of decades back and Editor didn't enter a record in his notes here, sorry

The Bulbasaur is a Pokemon creature of a series by Bandai that build quickly, nice

The twin nacelled grey/black bird of Dave Is an egg distortion of the He-177 which an accurate version by Mark is above on left to compare. Well done both of them.





Mark Balderrama presented a convincing case his R-2 Gee Bee met the parameters of the contest and thusly it is entered. Note the delicate and complex construction of this bird !

Now for something completely unexpected (again, forgot this ever existed plus fact it's a snap tight kit) from Norm Luebkers



Norm helpfully brought along the kit box and instructs so I could gleefully record them for posterity, thanks you Sir



AND CURSE YOU, RED BARON !

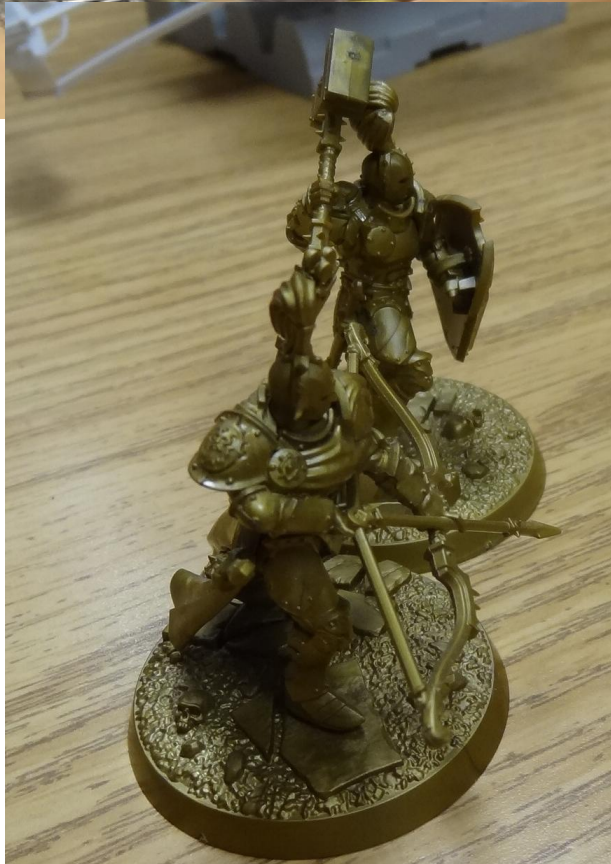
Extra points if anyone can fully recite the lyrics to AM song



Tamas Nemeth had this grand Bandai kit of the Star Wars Y-Wing fighter in 1/72nd

Tamas is a Star Wars fan, the kit is snap fit

Can't miss with that right?



Ethan Larson's "Gold Figures" are snap tights he assured me. I just wonder if they were arguing who of them should win here!



Of course after the Proxy Prez had thoroughly trashed the reputation of the 1/72 scale Monogram F-14 Tomcat snapkite as legendary for how awful it was when in use as a “teaching model building using Snap Kits” from bitter experiences, he is finding that John Larson has one for FTAC.

Although he had not finished it as yet that was an allowable condition, and John did confirm many of Prez’s propositions on how kit performed out of box he was not exactly taking the prior criticisms lying down. As he said Gauntlet thrown and Part Two of FTAC may yet cause Prox Prez to rue his fun with the F-14. Ok JL !!





Decidedly unfinished was the Proxy Prez's entry, it was part of same family of new releases that Eugenie's Triceratops from, namely new Bandai "Plannosaurus" prehistoric creatures

Dinosaur family Stegosaurus aka beast with two brains at one point due a theory about the odd enlarged knot in the large nerve running from the small brain case in head to a point near rear leg girdle being thought as a supplement brain to operate rear of animal. Since discarded as idea

On to known end results perhaps ...

“ FIRST TIME’s A CHARM January 2026 Fremont Hornets Club Contest Winners

To Be Compensated for their effort to bring these in to compete with \$10 USG gift certificates from Editor at February Meet



3rd

Eugenie Ray

Triceratops

3rd

David Balderrama

HE-177 Egg Greif





2nd

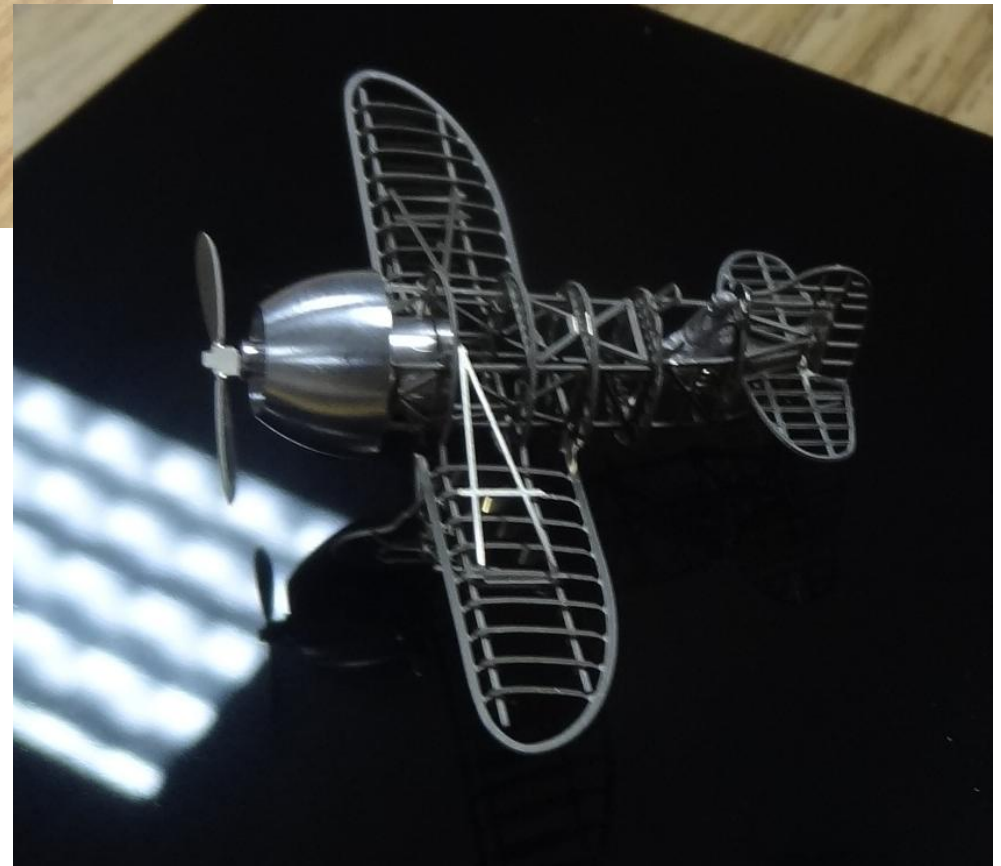
Tamas Nemeth

Y-Wing Starfighter

2nd

Mark Balderrama

R-2 Gee Bee racer





1st

Ethan Larson

“Gold Figures”

1st

Norm Luebkers

Snoopy and his Sopwith Camel



*THEME of The MONTH FIRST TIME's A CHARM WINNER (Model of the Month)
(Will now also get the \$20 USG award owed him in February for this)*

– ETHAN LARSON

(GOLD FIGURES)



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And this concludes our coverage of 2026 Hornets Nest January. Thank you for a fine open -mb

COMING UP IN APRIL TWO SHOWS two weeks apart OUGHTA BE GOOD ROAD TRIPS

UNOFFICIAL FLYER COURTESY of MIRANDCO



ABSOLUTELY AWESOME REGION 9 APRIL NEWS !!

**THIS is HUGE TURN of EVENT Check it out Please
HATS OFF to The CREW UP NORTH for This One**



April 11th, 2026

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Petaluma Community Center

320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma CA, 94954

<https://winecountrymodelexpo.com/>

THE DATE's OFFICIAL

This Flyer is not



Saturday April 25 2026

Calling All Model Car Enthusiasts!

As passionate builders and lifelong fans of the scale modeling hobby, we're excited to invite you to a brand-new gathering that picks up where NNL West left off—celebrating creativity, craftsmanship, and community. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, we invite you to join us for a gathering that celebrates detail, style, and shared passion. Bring your builds, share your stories, and connect with fellow artists who appreciate the beauty of the art. Let's showcase our work, inspire each other, and keep the model car scene thriving!

<https://www.leftcoastscaleclassic.com/>

Unofficial Flyer courtesy MIRANDCO

All information deemed reliable but not complete

Ventura County Fairgrounds

at Seaside Park



Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Boulevard
Ventura, CA 93001

NEARLY 21,000 Square Feet of exhibit hall all within walking distance of historic downtown Ventura.

OPENING FOR MAY – IT's OFFICIAL AND HERE IS THE REAL FLYER to prove it !!

BEST OF THE WEST



Saturday May 2nd, 2026

Orleans Hotel Casino Las Vegas, Nevada

Show Brought to you by IPMS Las Vegas, Las Vegas Model Car Club,

Vegas Armor Modelers Preservation Society, and Gunpla Builders United

Lots of Vendor Tables, 52 Contest Categories, IPMS Judging criteria

Special Judging rules: No Touching Models, No Flashlights, No optical devices and or Mirrors, No Sweeps.

Contest & Show Admission (CASH ONLY)

Doors open 9:00 am, Judging noon, awards 3:30 pm, close 5:00 pm

Adult Model Entry \$15 for first 2 models, \$2 for each additional model Juniors (under 17) FREE (unlimited entries)

Special Awards to be announced at a later date.

General Show Admission

(Non-contest attendees) \$5 each Adult & Family Children under 12, Active Military & First Responders are FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.ipmslv.org for contest forms. Or email ipmslv@aol.com

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IPMS SilverWings PRESENTS

SilverCon 2026

CONTEST THEME: HEAVY METAL

Best us of Natural Metal Finish

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Registration: 9am - 12pm

Judging begins: 12pm



VENDOR CONTACT: JERALD CLEMENT\$ 916-346-4419

or BIGJER009@GMAIL.COM

ADULT (18+) \$12 FIRST 2 ENTRIES, \$3 EA ADDITIONAL ENTRY

JUNIOR (7-17) \$4 FIRST 2 ENTRIES, \$1 EA ADDITIONAL ENTRY

KIDS (6 & UNDER) FREE

2 RAFFLES

50+ CATEGORIES

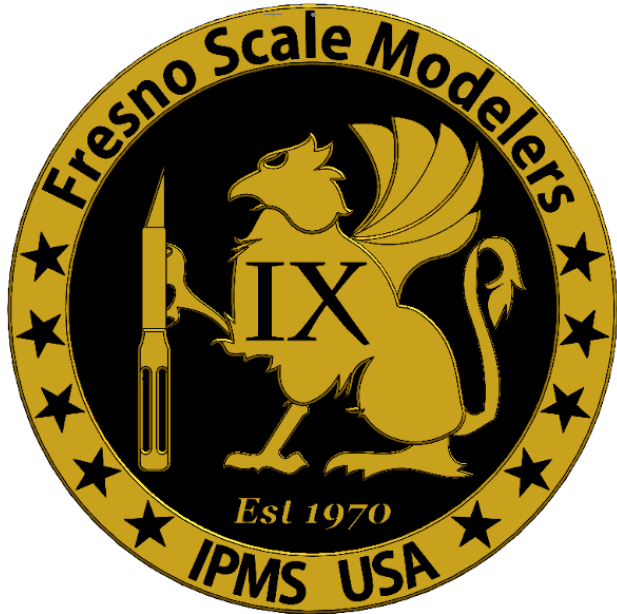
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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

MODEL CONTEST

@ THE ATWATER COMMUNITY CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

2026

THEMES: USA 250TH ANNIVERSARY
CASTLE AIR MUSEUM /AFB SUBJECT
BEST CRAPPY MODEL

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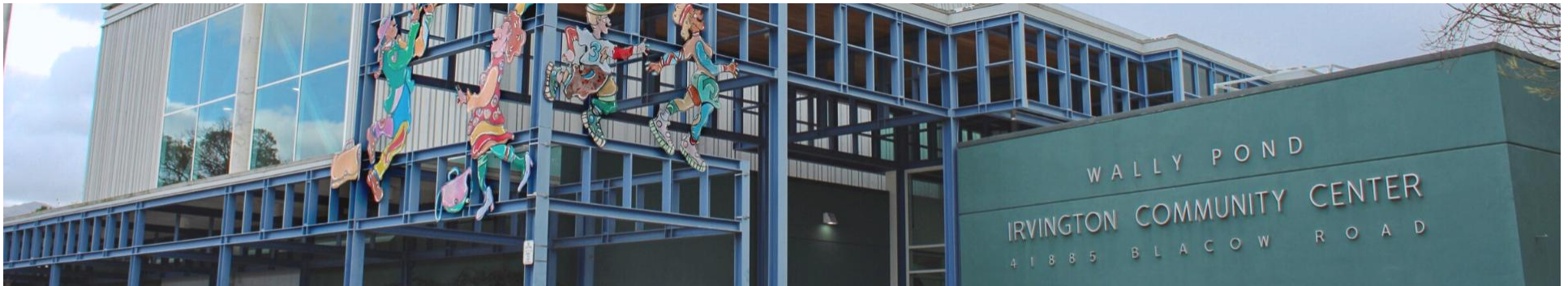
Coming Up NEXT

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13 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.

- 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* “

