

AN UNAUTHORIZED (mostly due to unnecessary, also because I said so being I'm the Author) PUBLICATION

The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 142Z



February 21 2026



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 past Hornets Nest (AUGUST 2025) AND UPDATES to TRICITY 18

ALSO another scant look at calendar for 2026, Editorially speaking

You May Call This BUZZ The “Closing In Faster To Get Ready To Fall More Behinder 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 FEB 21 2026 418 PM)

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

YES! Now # 143 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!



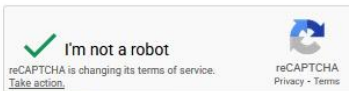
“ THANK YOU AGAIN, IPMS FED, For This ”

<https://ipmsusa.org/event/tricity-classic-18-top-gun>

Remarks

Okay trying again as directed by R-9 RC as my original submission I got confirm email on 12-28-25 didn't seem to get through but I learned there was turnover so I resubmit fingers crossed thank you

Enter any remarks - these will not be publicly displayed.



Now you can see fun it is to be a Contest Director !
The link shall lead you to what persistence pays out

[Check page 40, too -mb](#)



Please complete the following form - required fields are marked with a red asterisk.

Submitted events are subject to review and approval by the IPMS/USA Director of Local Chapters and will **not** appear in the calendar until approved.

Emails will be automatically generated and sent to the Event Chairperson's and Submitter's email addresses after the event is submitted and again after it is approved. Please ensure these email address are correct.

To have your event advertised in the IPMS/USA Journal, please **download the submission guidelines** (PDF file, 350KB).

NEW: To obtain insurance coverage for your event you **MUST** fill out the information in the appropriate fields. Please be sure that the insured party's official designation is provided. For example, if your host is a local school, it may be the school district, **not** the name of the school itself.

All insurance requests are now handled by the Director of Local Chapters. Please send any questions about event insurance to dlic@ipmsusa.org.

Name of Event *

TriCity Classic 18 " TOP GUN "

Event Host *

IPMS/Fremont Hornets

Enter the name of the primary event host - the IPMS Chapter or other club/group.

About the Event



Our 18th TriCity Classic sees Free Hornets enjoying hosting event for a **FIFTH** consecutive time at our newest venue. We found way our traditional "Movie/Geography pairing" Contest theme would mesh in with 250th Anniversary of USA and 40th Anniversary of our chosen movie, which just happens to be getting a brand new theater screening ahead of our show ! Entry Subjects "geographically on theme" will be from USA (any period) or from Vietnam Conflict years 1964 to 1975, as our movie is the 1986 classic " TOP GUN " This is not a "hard deck" of course, as ALL MODELS are encouraged and welcomed to enter. This is only again, our theme to give the event some uniqueness. We have already set 67 categories (10 Junior, 57 Senior) for standard 1-2-3 place competition, w/ well received "challenge coin" trophies for award. Several one time as Theme related Special Awards, plus perennial favorite Specials and "Best Of" standards

ALWAYS LOTS OF FUN, VENDORS, TWO RAFFLES, a good number of eating places within short distance of venue. Our last show "The Sum Of All Fears", set new records for us in attendance & entries. So truly please, COME ON DOWN, help us celebrate, and rejoin old friends, make new ones at our "small but mighty" club annual event

MARCH 13 2026 *Free Hornets* MOM & TOM *theme:*

MECHATRONIC Menagerie

WHAT? REAL SIMPLE :

Up to FIVE total (ANY MODEL associated with Gundam or Mecha genre)

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

JUST SO YOU KNOW (and can plan ahead, you savage, you) Here's what else on:

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-april-2026.php> “ACES HIGH”

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-may-2026.php> “ MAXIMUM OVERDRIVE ”

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-june-2026.php> “JUST IN TIME”

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-july-2026.php> “ JIG IS UP ”

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-august-2026.php> “AFTER THE RAIN STOPS ”

What ? An AUGUST MEETING ? Indeed and Awesome –



Yes, if you recall, I left off for coverage after finally catching up July's non contest portion in BUZZ 140Z (which happily got us back in synch otherwise) with December 2025 meet covered before January 2026 meet SO-only August, September, October and November to go bear with me August meet indeed. There's the President Jim Bob Koaster hard at take of minutes, on the right in the blue skirt. Alas, all her fine effort and I'd still found way to lose the paperwork before getting this article writ 🤔





Yet, enough data sorted/parsed beforehand so going on to give this catchup plus of course, to answer what I think I am up to here, all. Just keeping up with the theme of the month, in utmost Editorial fashion heh heh heh ...



*Since most are customarily ignoring me, I'll tell Dave.
Here in case by now you'd forgotten what that was :*

AUGUST 08 2025 Fremont Hornets MOM & TOM theme:

ANY DAY NOW...

WHAT? REAL SIMPLE :

(ANY MODEL PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN UNDERWAY for YEAR or more and is yet to be finished. EXTRA EFFORT POINTS if you offer a good story to go with ...)

***After that, depending on entry turnout,
splits may or may not be made,
but in any case CASH Prize\$ awarded for at
least 1-2-3 placements overall.***

Jim Priete (in part due to my pestering him to consider doing this, ahead of time) got this theme off to great start by bringing on the 5 model maximum per entrant limit, thanks !



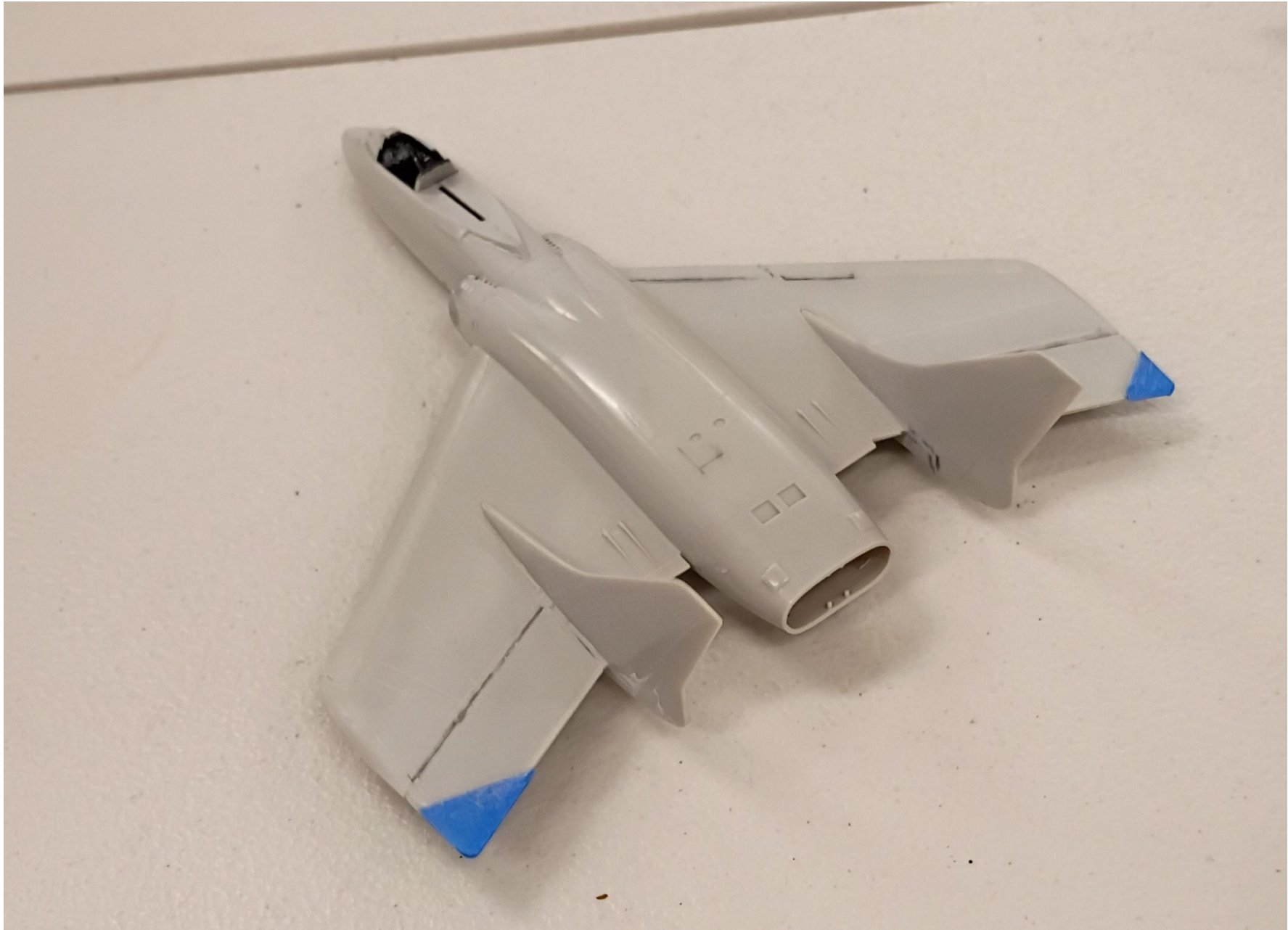


Jim's 1/72nd scale early glass nose Consolidated B-24 Liberator here shows well areas he's worked on with deadly intent

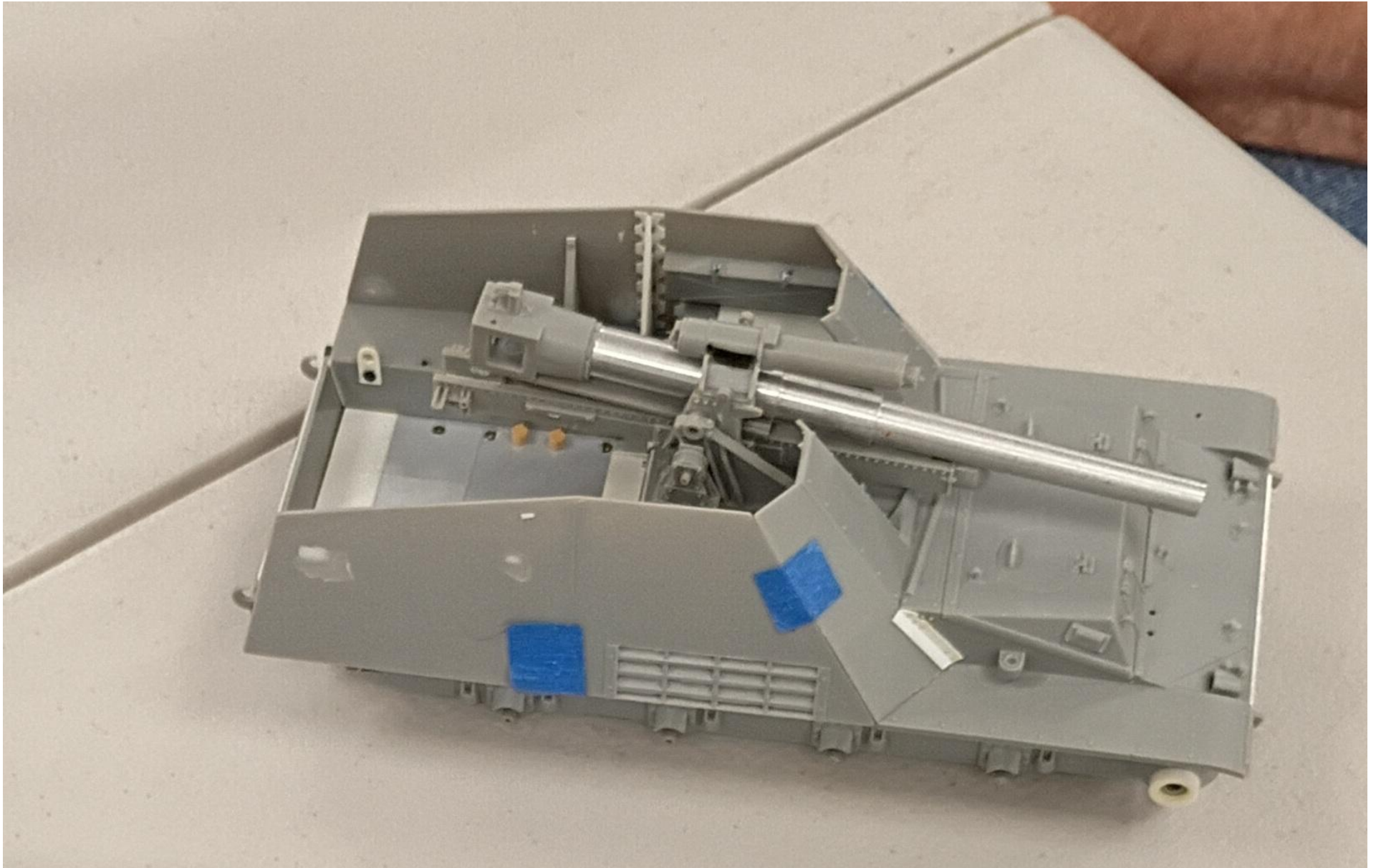
Even though a much newer molding than some in this scale (I forgot kit he used and having lost the valued notes...), clearly plenty places as in the older kits that still call for work

Definitely a WIP for over a year so meets the standard for contesting

Jim's F7U-3 Cutlass in 1/72 here has to be the Fujimi kitting, as only they had done (well) a small series of that family goodly time "back in the day" (yes, we thought that was the new Golden Age of plastic models, little did we know!) Love to see done!



A 1/35th Hummel underway by Jim, not clear if the metal barrel was part of the kit or an aftermarket now. Pretty sure the white styrene you see here and there are improvements made to the kit by Jim.



Just an aside so you know now, TOM/MOM competition results will be at end of article, I will just go through all the models



Jim's Lancia World Rally Car (WRC) in 1/24 is pretty far on its way and again looks very good

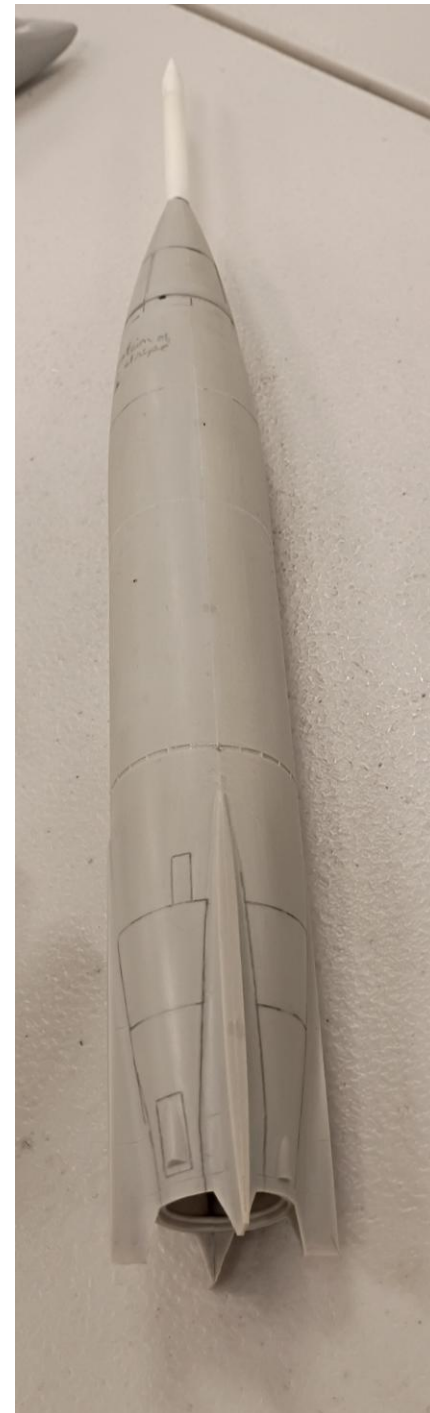
Again no details now to share, I am only sure much more than year old start point and perhaps kit not even available easily anymore

On the left, a definite rarity and one I have myself not yet started that dear departed Cliff Kranz did pester me for a couple years before he left us.

That's the early postwar US Army rocket research V-2 known as the "Project Bumper" in 1/72nd scale.

We, the Soviet Union and to a smaller degree, UK and France, took home many A-4 rockets at the end of World War Two (A-4 was the actual designation of what is popularly known as the "V-2", as that is initialism for the Fuhrer's "Vergeltungswaffe Zwei" callout, aka Vengeance Weapon 2)

Bumper combined US made WAC Corporal sounding rocket with the V-2, for developing 2 stage rockets



Next up, **David Parks** with non theme subjects that were a treat to see, check out these three:



“ Devastating Deb ” was just that to her opponents ! While being flown by other than the assigned pilot who named her, colorful P-47M Thunderbolt scored a kill on Me-262 twin jet and damaged another. Later the assigned pilot J C Fahringer got his 4th and final kill, it too a Me-262, in this plane. The “M” was designed to be a “jet and buzz bomb killer” and so it went !



My memory is not strong, but Revell did release 1/72nd P-47M and my bet this is the very kit David so grandly rendered here



David's Supermarine Spitfire also 1/72nd



Lastly, one of the few P-51D Mustangs the Germans managed to capture intact and test fly, bet they knew war was over then !





Mark Balderrama brought two entries, one is a car whose identity eludes me at this time, and the other a kit I was too familiar with why it was in his “ Any Day Now “ queue. The Meikraft D-558-1 Skystreak is legendary for “near unbuildability”. I did finish mine, took more work than most vacuforms 3x its size (it’s inject molded) and Mark wasn’t enjoying his much either.



Here a couple of better looks at Mark's mystery to me auto, really nice work here, right?





Due a last minute SVSM club contest “ A Touch of Grey” coming up then.

His Hannabu 2 Saucer in 1/144 is another entrant, a Pegasus Models gem. It’s based on a theoretical one from WW2 Germany...



David Balderrama had this intriguing re-release of the “ Grey “ Alien which he said was resurrected for this contest and to finish by next week



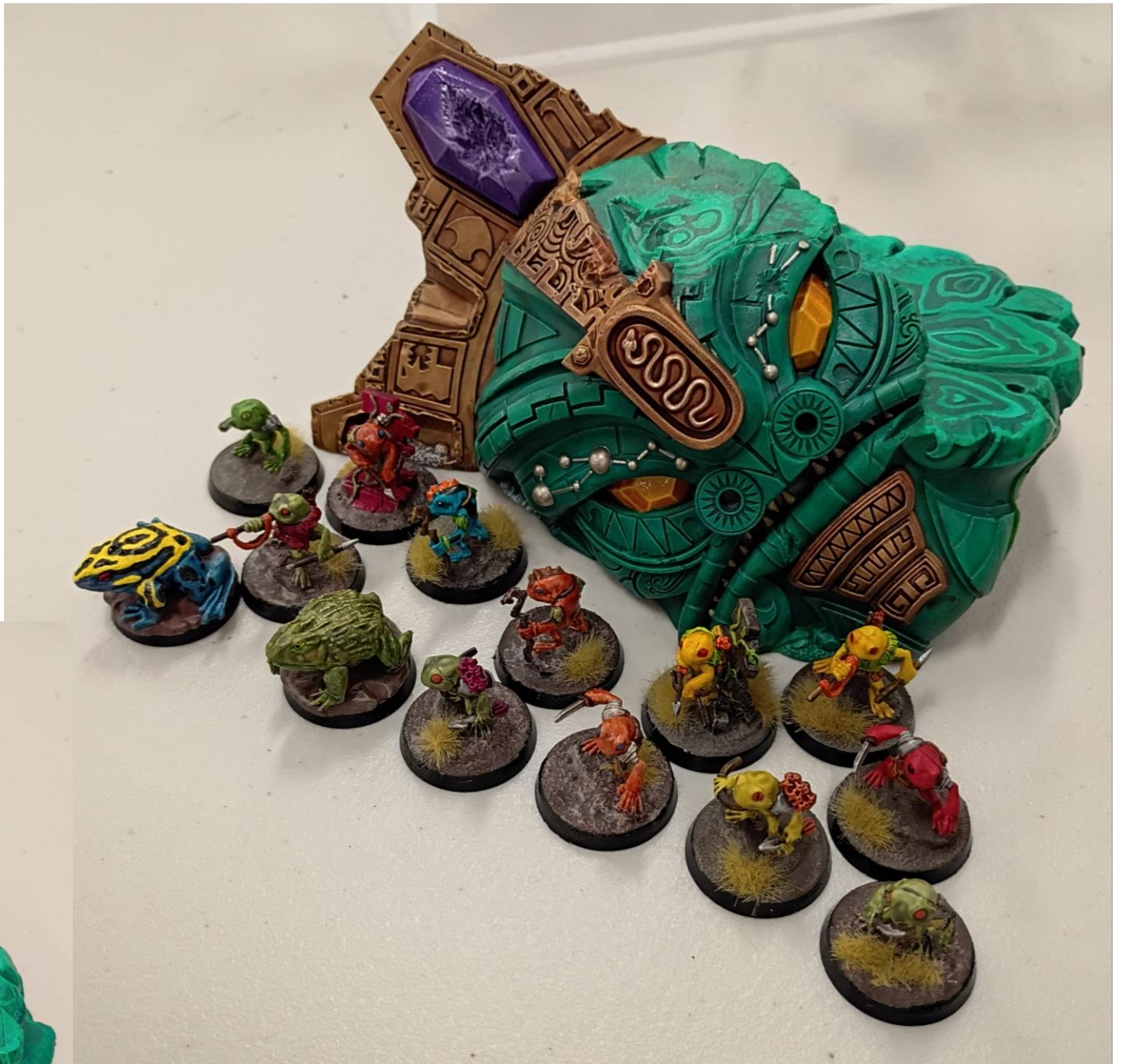
Anthony Cheung carries on the love and respect for oldie but goodie kits, this is Monogram's 1/48th DH Mosquito, underway



Anthony found the kit to his liking and at a reasonable price. He learned of its multiple variant origin (like their P-38 of old, you get 5 versions to choose from in the box) settled on this fighter bomber version as his path to take. Looking good and he said he is having fun, so there's no better way to say Tony hit the whole point dead on, no? Not in Any Day Now contest...

Angela Falvey had two subjects to share, neither also were in the theme for August, FYI. The incredibly green work and her then latest group of finished figures, again Editor rues moment he lost track of the detailed notes for times like this !







REALLLLLY nice work Angela, and I am jealous of that vivid green -ed

*While on ttopic of figures and wargaming, on right **Ethan Larson's** work*

Four figures and an aggressive armored piece fully crewed were there

For August Antics. Not part of the Any Day Now by far, needed done now



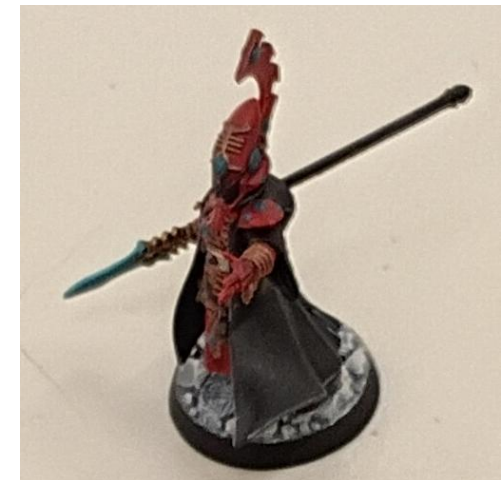
I believe this is a Warhammer 40K subject, in any case it exudes purpose and focused hard at the mission, doesn't it?







*The same could easily be said
of all these, three of which I
hazard a guess are in class of
Fighting Suits
I easily could be mistaken, too*



*In which case I will be sentenced to go to
Editor Re-Education Camp and all of my
Errors, Omissions and Commissions will
gleefully return to remind me...AGAIN*



Meanwhile...

HOW ABOUT

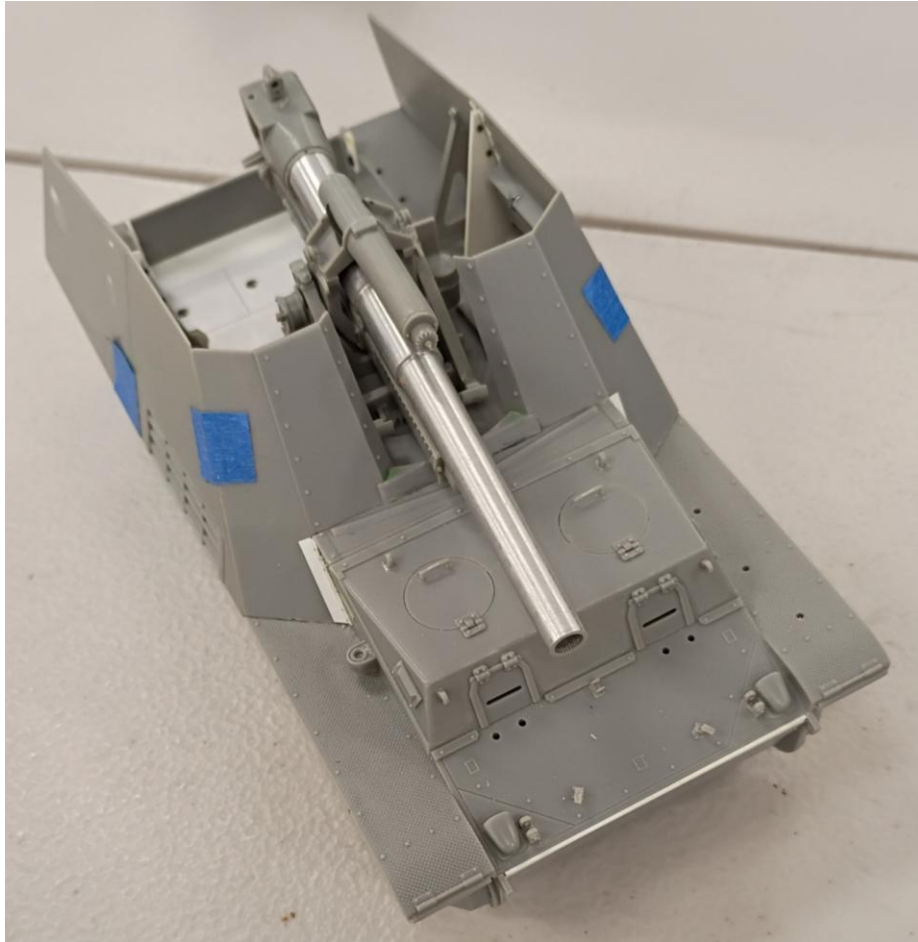
THIS GUNDAM

Of Aaron Rhetta's?



Then we segue to:

“ ANY DAY NOW ” AUGUST 2025 Fremont Hornets Club Contest Winners
(And YES there were TWO Second Place wins this month, sue me, my money and I couldn't judge it otherwise in my book)



3rd

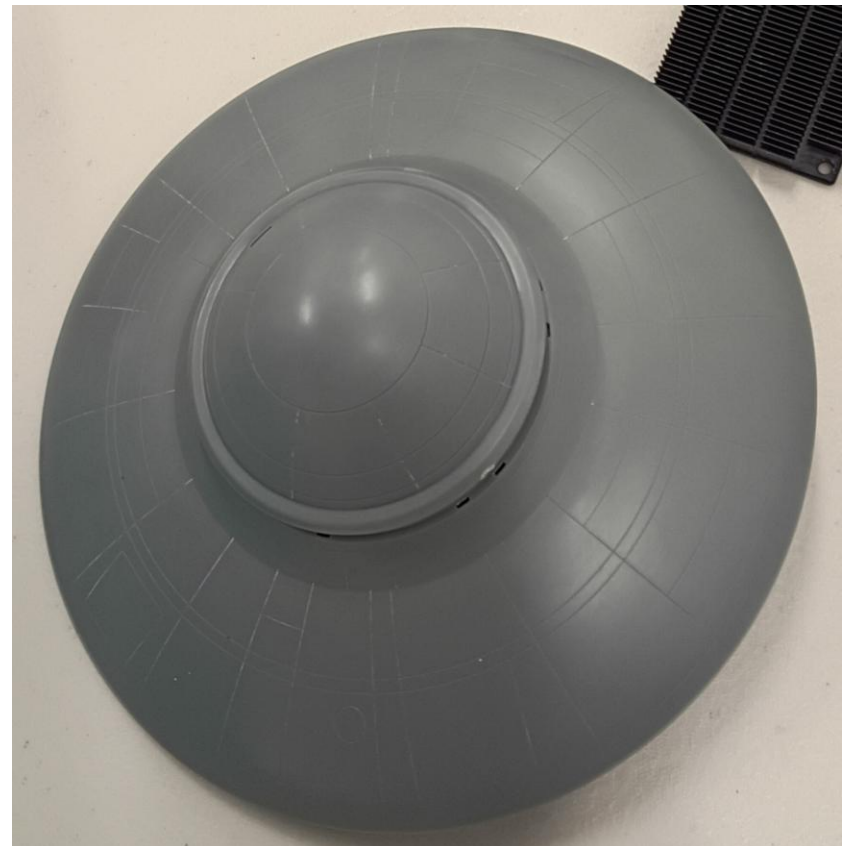
Jim Priete

1/35 Hummel

2nd

David Balderrama

1/144 Hannabu II Saucer





2nd

Jim Priete

1/24 Lancia WRC

1st

Mark Balderrama

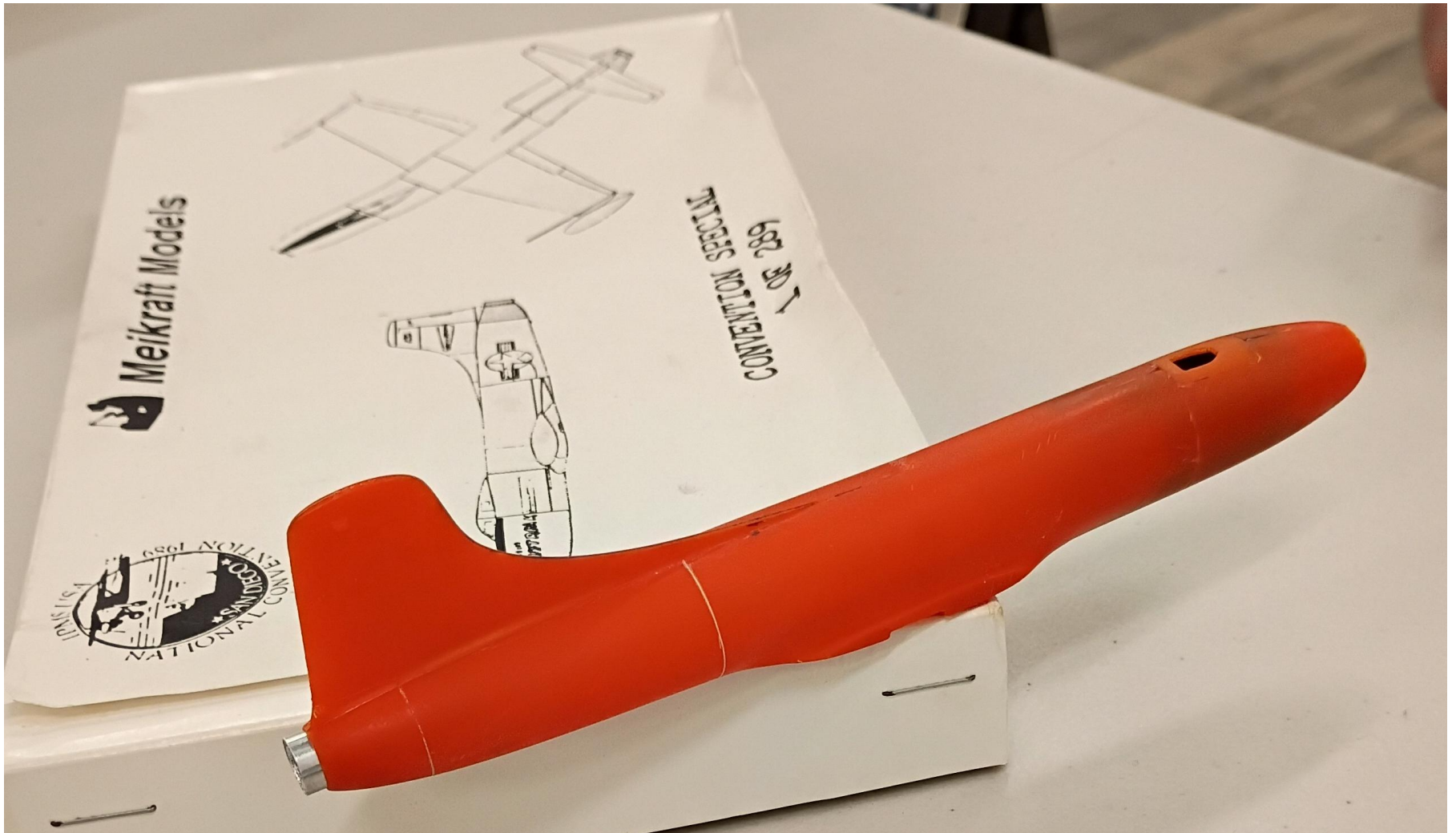
1/72 Meikraft D-558-1 Skystreak



THEME of The MONTH ANY DAY NOW's (Model of the Month)

Mark Balderrama

1/72 Meikraft D-558 Skystreak



And this concludes our coverage of 2025 Hornets Nest AUGUST, Thank you for a fine meet -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

Orleans # 702-365-7111 Room Code IPME26C Coordinator Jay Bergeon 702-861-9050 ipmslvraffle@yahoo.com

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

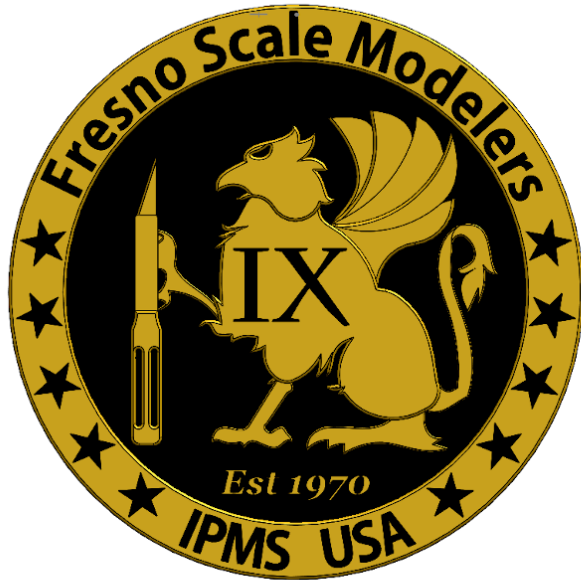
TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH

4049 Marconi Ave
Sacramento, CA 95821

<https://www.sacramento-model-club.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ipmssilverwings>





IPMS FRESNO

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

CASTLE 

AIR MUSEUM OPEN COCKPIT
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

PLEASE SCAN QR CODE FOR
FURTHER DETAILS

AND AT THE END OF SUMMER HERE WE GO A GREAT RETURN from SJVSM

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

2026 Model Contest

Hosted By:

San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers
(SJVSM)

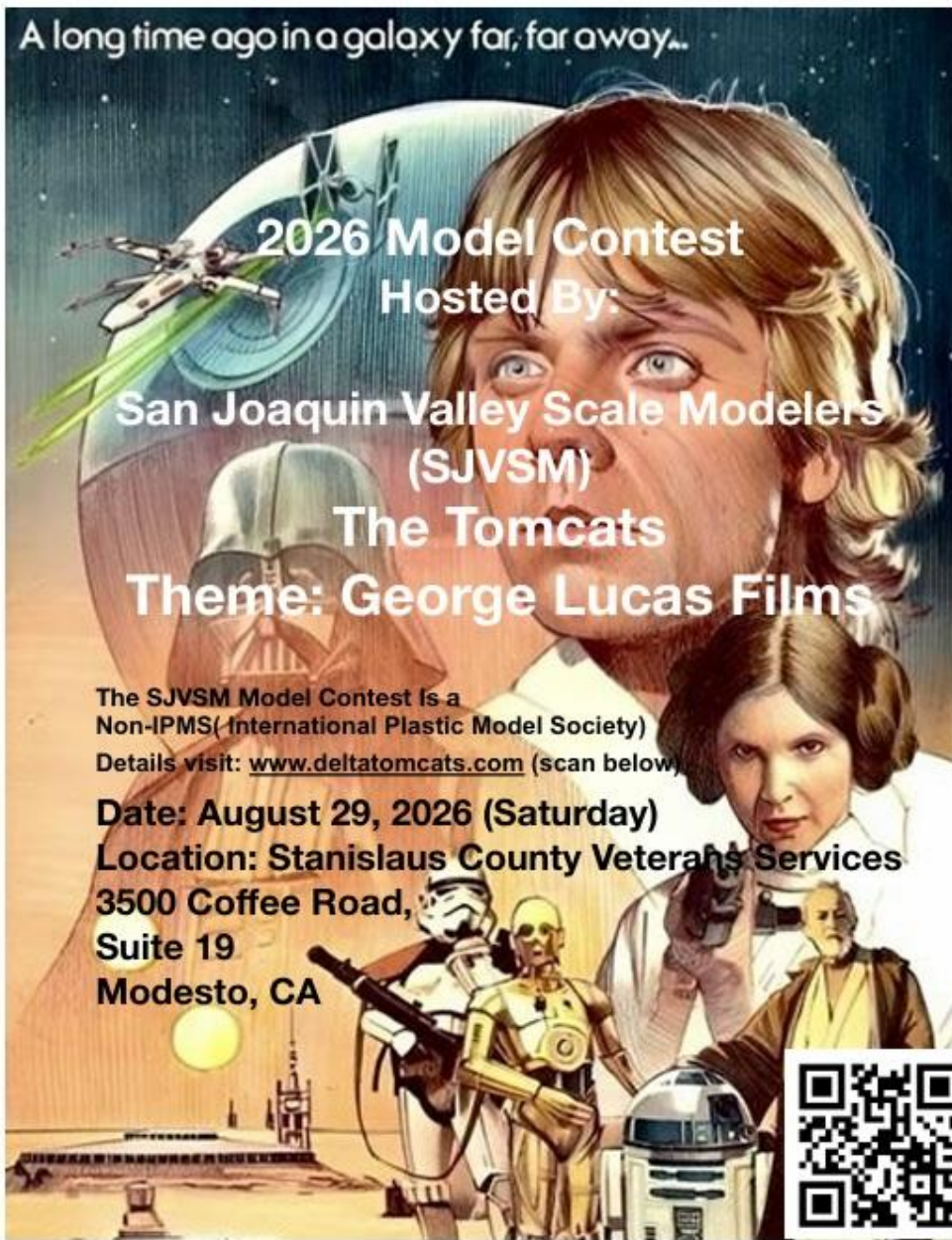
The Tomcats

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



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

Each table will cost \$25.00

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

Vendors:

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.



AND HERE THANK YOU VERY MUCH HIGH ROLLERS is SWEET SEPTEMBER

25TH ANNUAL MODEL CONTEST

THEME

Red, White & Blue



Contest Celebrating 250 years of American Independence

2 BIG RAFFLES SWAP MEET

2 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS WITH ADMISSION

Admission Includes Full Access to Museum Exhibits

Date: Saturday - September 26, 2026
9:00AM - 4:00PM
National Automobile Museum
1 Museum Drive - Reno, Nevada


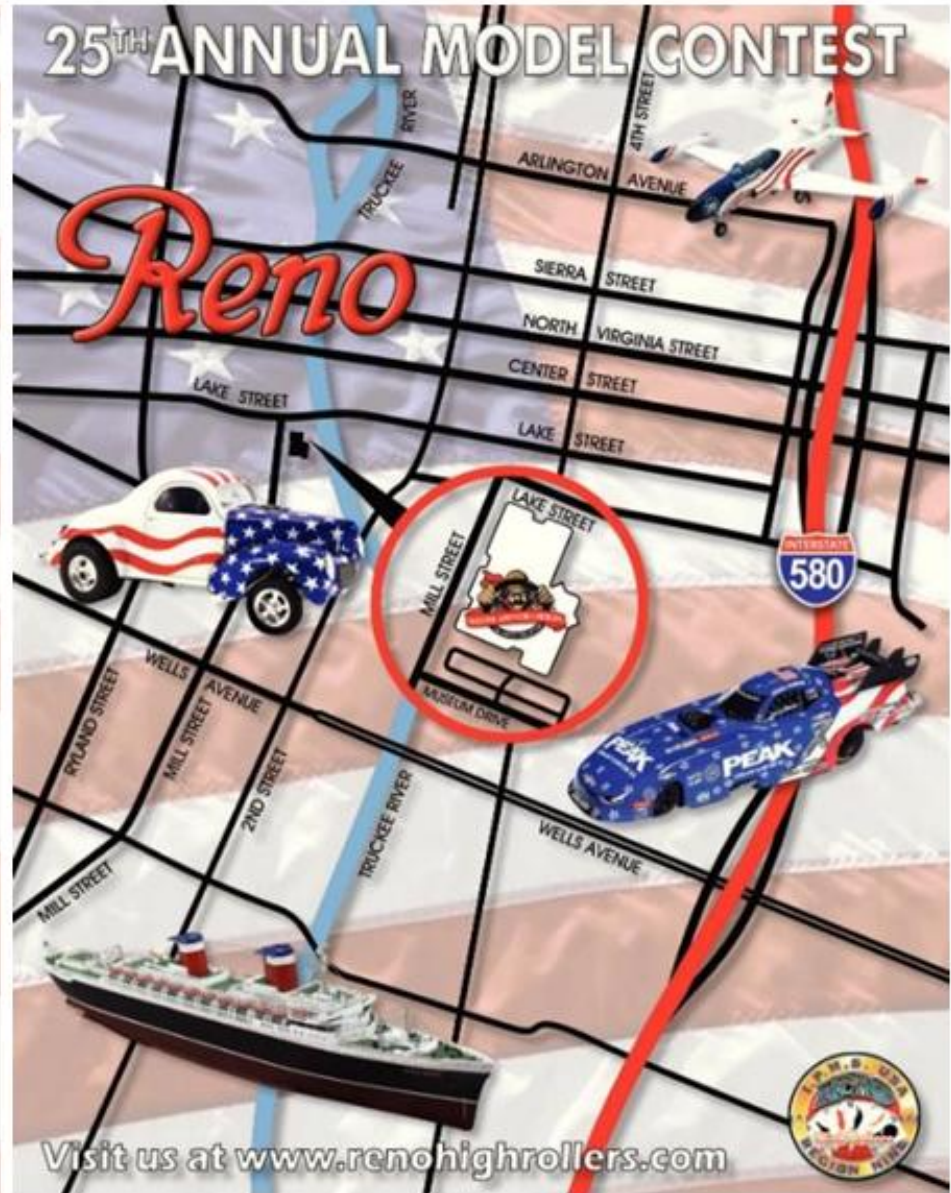
Admission Fee: \$10.00 Adults - Children 5 and Under - Free
Contest Entry \$6.00 for First Model - \$1.00 for Each Additional Model
Chapter Contact: - Douglas Summers (775) 867-8554 - ghp1td@att.net
Vendors Contact: - Andre Urruty for Reservations: urrutyam@gmail.com



Visit us at www.renohighrollers.com

25TH ANNUAL MODEL CONTEST

Reno



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AND THEN IN OCTOBER DOWN SO CAL WAY

Desert Classic XXVIII

Presented by

The Antelope Valley Group

IPMS Region 8

Saturday October 17th, 2026

Antelope Valley College Cafeteria
3041 W. Ave K, Lancaster CA 93536

This Year's Theme:
**"Feminine
Phenomenons"**



Categories

1. Rotary Wing, All Scales & Types
2. Aircraft; Biplanes, All Scales & Types
3. Aircraft 1/73 & Smaller
4. Aircraft 1/72 Prop
5. Aircraft 1/72 Multi Engine Prop
6. Aircraft 1/72 Jet
7. Aircraft 1/48 Prop
8. Aircraft 1/48 Multi Engine Prop
9. Aircraft 1/48 Jet
10. Aircraft 1/32 & Larger
11. Ships 1/500 & Larger
12. Ships 1/501 & Smaller
13. Submarines: All Scales & Types
14. Military Vehicles Small Scale 1/36 & Smaller All Types
15. Tanks/Assault Guns Closed Top -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger)
16. Tanks/Assault Guns Closed Top 1946 & Later (1/35 & Larger)
17. Artillery & Open Top Self-Propelled Guns (1/35 & larger)
18. Military Vehicles Tracked (1/35 & Larger)
19. Military Vehicles Wheeled (1/35 & Larger)
20. Auto Factory & Replica Stock
21. Auto Street Machine & Hot Rods
22. Auto Cruisers, Customs, Low Riders
23. Auto Competition Straight & Oval Track
24. Auto: Motorcycles & Miscellaneous
25. Commercial & Construction Vehicles
26. Figures: Historical
27. Figures: Fantasy/Sci-fi/Wargame 53mm & smaller
28. Figures: Fantasy / Sci-fi Biologic Types
29. Dioramas: All Compositions
30. Vignettes
31. Gundam / Mechs / Robots
32. Sci-Fi & Real Spacecraft
33. Miscellaneous
34. Jurassic Plastic (OOB Rules) Instructions Required
35. Tom Daniel Creations
36. Juniors: 17 & Under

Special Awards

Best of Show

Theme Award: "Feminine Phenomenons"

Presidents Award

David Newman X-Plane Award

Best Auto Finish

Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy Subject

Best A-10

Best Lockheed P-38

Best Boeing B-17

Best NASA Subject

Best Reconnaissance Subject

Spirit of '76

Trophy Hound Award

Schedule:

Registration 9:00 AM to Noon

Judging 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Awards Presentation 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Fees:

- Adult: \$15.00 up to 3 entries.
\$1.00 ea. per additional entry.
- Juniors: FREE
- Spectators: FREE
- Vendors: \$45.00 Per table (reserved)
\$50.00 at the door.

Vendor Contact: Curtis Stidham

cbstidham@sbcglobal.net <http://www.avg-imps.org>

Special Awards & Category Criteria

Best of Show

Theme Award "Feminine Phenomenons"

Presidents Award

Any subject depicting famous women around the world in history, film or literature. Fact or fiction.

Dave Newman X-Plane Award

Includes any "X" Designated Experimental Plane tested at Edwards AFB or Mojave area.

Best Auto Finish

Best Sci-Fi / Fantasy Subject

Best A-10 any example of a Republic Aviation A-10

Best Lockheed P-38 any example of a Lockheed P-38 flown by any nation

Best Boeing B-17

Best model of any variant of the Boeing B-17.

Best NASA Subject any entry depicting a person, spacecraft, or equipment used by NASA

Best Reconnaissance Subject Any entry depicting the art/science of reconnaissance

Spirit of '76 A subject honoring The American Revolution or the years 1876 or 1976.

Trophy Hound

Presented to the contestant having the most models across the most categories. Ties will be resolved using Rock, Paper, Scissors. This one is for fun.

Directions to Antelope Valley College

Take 14 North or South to Avenue K Exit, turn west. The college is located
At 3041 West Ave. K. on the Corner of Avenue K and 30th Street West.



For contest news and updates see our website at <http://www.avg-imps.org>

IPMS National Rules will be the primary judging criteria. A "limited" No Sweeps rule will be in effect for this contest. No one contestant shall hold all three placements (1st, 2nd, & 3rd) of any given category, unless that contestant is the "sole participant" in that category. There is no minimum entry requirement per category; thus no category merging.

NOTE: Any winning entry from previous AVG contests and any award winner from IPMS Nationals are not eligible; with the exception of current IPMS National award winners.

IPMS / AVG reserves the right to change/alter any category structure(s) and entry classification as they pertain to IPMS Rules and AVG contest criteria. All judges' decisions are final. Antelope Valley College and IPMS AVG cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to entrants, vendors, or spectators and their respective entries, merchandise or effects.



TRI-CITY CLASSIC XVIII

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition



Saturday, November 14 2026

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

68 Categories of Competition in Aircraft, Autos, Figures, Ships, Military Vehicles, Space & Fictional, and Paper Kits plus MASTERS!

“ TOP GUN ”

(On Theme Entry Subject anything from USA or from Vietnam Conflict 1964-75)

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

“ Tomcat ” Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

“ Best of the Best ” (three awards: Best: Grumman “Cat” Subject, Armored “Cat” Subject, “Bird” subject)

“ Great Balls of Fire ” Award for Best Post 1976 U.S.A. subject (or qualifying “Fire” subject)

ALSO “Mulieres Volante” for Women In Aerospace Subject & “Know A Hornet’s Mighty Sting” for Best American Fighter Aircraft

Plus these: “ Lightning Strikes Twice ”, “ IT FIGURES ” (Up to 3 Awards for Junior/Youth with prolific entry)

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

Free Admission to all spectators!

Contestant Entry: \$ 10 for modelers 18yrs & older w/FIVE model entries/less (\$15 for SIX or more) Modelers 17/under, FREE with unlimited entry

For Vendor Information, Contact VP David Parks, DAVIDPARKS81@comcast.net. Be advised : VALID CA SALES TAX PERMIT REQUIRED

For All Other Queries : Email **Contest Director** Mick Burton directly at DAZE61283@mypacks.net with “Tri City 18 Contest” on subject line

The following are planned for 2026 TriCity Classic XVIII. Entrants should not plan for nor expect splits. **SWEEPS ALLOWED** in REGULAR CATEGORIES. (Not for Specials)

Cat #	Category Description	Youth = (12 & Under)	Junior = (13-17)	Senior (18 and up)	AS = All Scales AS/AT = All Scales / All Types	
1A	Youth Aircraft AS/AT	1B Youth Automotive	1C Youth Mil Vehicles	2A Youth SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures	2B Youth All Other	
3A	Junior Mil Vehicles	3B Junior Automotive	3C Junior SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures	3D Junior Ships/All Other	4 Junior Aircraft AS/AT	
5	Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/32 & larger		11	Multi Engine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/72		
6	Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/48 & smaller		12	Single Engine Prop or Turbo Axis 1/48		
7	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Axis		13	Single Engine Prop or Turboprop 1/48 Allied/Neutral		
8	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Allied/Neutral		14	Multi Engine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/48		
9	Multi Engine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/72		15	Single Engine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/48		
10	Single Engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft 1/72		16	Multi Engine Jet/Rocket 1/48		
17	Aircraft 1/87 scale and smaller		22	Rotary Wing Aircraft, AS/AT		
18	Aircraft Prop or Turboprop 1/40 and larger		23	Artillery and related ancillary vehicles, Cannons, unmounted Small Arms, AS		
19	Aircraft Jet 1/40 and larger		24	Surface Ships 1/401 & Smaller		
20	Air Racers/Civilian Air, AS		25	Surface Ships 1/400 & Larger		
21	Air Liners AT/AS		26	Submarines, AS		
27	Autos Custom & Low Rider, AS		34	Military Softskin 1/35		
28	Automobiles Competition, Open Wheel, AS		35	AFVs & Military Softskin 1/48 only		
29	Automobiles Competition, Closed Wheel, AS		36	AFVs & Military Softskins 1/25 & Larger		
30	Motorcycle/Autos, Other, (Stock, Utility, Pickups) AS		37	AFVs Military Softskin 1/50 & Smaller		
31	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Allied		38	Military Multi Vehicles & Towed Trailers, AS		
32	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Axis		39	Real Space, Capsules, Orbiters & Deep Space Vehicles,AS		
33	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 1955 & later		40	Real Space, Surface Exp/Land Craft,& Earth BOUND test subjects, AS		
41	Missiles & Rockets, Real Space Launch Vehicles AT/AS		47	Sci Fic Vehicles/Spacecraft, AS	52	PAPER Models, AS/AT
42A	8" or less tall Figure Fant & Sci fi, Horror, Robot (No Gundam)		48	Figures, Historical, to 18 th Century	53A	(Less) UNFINISHED Subjects
43B	9" & taller Figure Fant & Sci fi, Horror, Robot (No Gundam)		49	Figures, Historical, 19 th Century & beyond	54B	(More) UNFINISHED Subjects
44C	GUNDAM Models, ONLY, 1/144 scale & smaller		50A	Dioramas, 8"/smaller base	55	Collections (5 or More subject), AS/AT
45D	GUNDAM Models, ONLY, 1/143 scale & larger		51B	Dioramas, 9" & up larger	56	Miscellaneous, AS/AT
46E	SciFi Wargaming Subjects ONLY (Warhammer, et al)		57	GUNDAM Beginners ONLY, All Scales (<u>if you've never competed in Gundam</u> , this is for you!)		
			58	MASTERS (Max. THREE Entries per Entrant, Nationals Winners encouraged, OPEN to ALL)		

Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are: (Please Note: **NO SWEEPS** in Special Awards)

1. " TOMCAT" Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme
2. " Best of the Best " Award (3) Best "Grumman 'Cat", "Armored " Cat " ", " Bird " Subject
3. " Great Balls of Fire " Award Best Post 1976 U.S.A. Subject (Real or Not) **OR Qualifying "Fire" Subject (Fire Breath Dragons, Crocodile Tank, etc)**
4. " Mulieres Volante" Award for Women In Aerospace Subject Entry
5. " Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting " for Best American Fighter Aircraft, in honor of Sir Bob 1759 OBE
6. " Lightning Strikes Twice " : Best English Electric or Lockheed Lightning, Arado Blitz (all are Twin Engine Lightning) **OR Qualified Pair of SE A/C**
7. " Kenneth Jung Memorial Award " Contest Director's Choice
8. " Steve Travis Service Award" Recognition for Service to Fremont Hornets or Region Nine
9. Awards Best in Category for: Fig or Robot; Auto; Ship or SpaceShip; Aircraft; Armor; Diorama, Show Senior, Show Junior or Youth
10. " **IT FIGURES Lester Tockerman Memorial Award**" 3 set Junior/Youth Awards, **Given by MIRANDCO** in honor of a great man and contributor
11. "TOP SECRET" Award for Best Spy Subject (Vehicle or Person(s))
12. "TOWARD THE UNKNOWN" Award for Best Pioneering or Exploratory or Experimental Subject (Vehicle or Person)
- 13. "HARD DECK" Award for Best Aircraft Carrier (includes "helo only types")** any period, any nation



SIMPLIFIED LIST OF SPECIAL AWARDS TRICITY EIGHTEEN *(As of 02-17-26)*

- 1 Best Of Show Senior
- 2 Best Of Show Junior /Youth
- 3 " TOMCAT "
- Award for Best Entry befitting Contest Theme
- 4 " Best Of The Best " (up to three awards, in any combine)
Best " Grumman 'Cat ", Armored " Cat " " Bird " (A Nod to "Goose")
 - 4A Grumman ' Cat (F4F to F-14)
 - 4B Armored " Cat "
 - 4C " Bird " (e.g. Lockheed Blackbird family, A-8 Shrike)
- 5 " Great Balls of Fire "
 - Best Post 1976 U.S.A. subject (Real Or Not) **or qualifying "Fire" subject**
- 6 " Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting " Best American Fighter Aircraft
- 7 " Lightning Strikes Twice "
 - Best EE/BAC or Lockheed Lightning or Arado Blitz **or Qualified Pair SE a/c**
- 8 Best in Category for **Aircraft**
- 9 Best in Category for **Armor**
- 10 Best in Category for **Automotive**
- 11 Best in Category for **Figure or Robot**
- 12 Best in Category for **Ship or SpaceShip**
- 13 "Space, Time and 42" Best in Category for **Diorama**
- 14 "It Figures" Lester Tockerman Memorial Award for Junior / Youth Only
 - 14A "It Figures-First"
 - 14B " It Figures-Again"
 - 14C " It Figures-Again & Again It all adds up"
- 15 Kenneth Jung Memorial Award - Contest Director's choice
- 16 SAT Service Award Recognition for Service to The FH or to R-9 Community
- 17 "Mulieres Volante" Best Women In Aerospace Subject
- 18 "Top Secret:From Real Genius to Top Gun" Nod to Val Kilmer (SpyVeh/Per)
- 19 "TOWARD THE UNKNOWN" Award for Best Pioneering, Exploratory or Experimental Subject (Vehicle or Person) Nod to 1956 Film and premise
- 20 "HARD DECK" Award for Best Aircraft Carrier (includes "helo only")

HIGHLIGHTS of what has changed since the original TC-18 launch back in December '25

02-17-26 - OKAY Now that everything is more or less settled into place, this event is now on IPMS USA too we can safely broadcast **ADDITIONS to TriCity 18**

1- SA-5 award added to now include "Fire" subjects that qualify. Reference material will be published. For now, Human Torches, Crocodile Tanks, Fire Breath Dragons are also eligible.

2- SA-7 award again allows for "qualified pair of Single Engine A/C as Lightnings" to be eligible Again, reference material is forthcoming

3-SA-20 Award "HARD DECK" now ADDED

4- Category 68 "MASTERS" now ADDED, and is OPEN to ALL (Seniors, Juniors, Youth) limited to MAX of 3 subjects per entrant. NO SWEEP if more than ONE ENTRANT in category. Nationals award winners or entries are encouraged, anyone bring your best bet entry regardless if you want to try to "beat out the masters". Three awards given, a SINGLE UNIQUE TROPHY for First from sponsor nice ones for 2nd & 3rd in style with our Specials Don't be shy, come give a try we'd enjoy seeing it

ADDENDUM made to Special Award SA 7 for TriCity 18 !!

“ Lightning Strikes Twice ”

TRADITIONALLY, an Award for the Best *Twin Engine Lightning*

Thusly what is eligible is this: *ANY SCALE* and *ANY VERSION* of these listed AIRCRAFT:

English Electric Lightning, Lockheed Aircraft Lightning, Arado AR-234 “Blitz” (Lightning in German)

Take careful note, these are all “Twin Engined” designs at their outset, and all officially “Lightning” by name

As long as your subject entry(ies) fit inside that outline, you’re good to go. **IF YOU GO WITH TRADITION**

AGAIN BUCKING TRADITION for THIS YEAR’S SA7 AWARD

POTENTIALLY YOU MAY

ALSO ENTER

ANY COMBINATION

As PAIR of SINGLE ENGINE LIGHTNINGS

AS OUTLINED:

Examples: J7W1 Shiden (Magnificent Lightning), *Macchi MC 200 Saetta* (Lightning), *Lockheed F-35* (Lightning II), *N1K1 Shiden* and *N1K2J Shiden Kai* (Violet Lightning and Violet Lightning Improved).

ANY of THESE in ANY SCALE as long as PAIRED by ONE ENTRANT

REAL SIMPLE: Mary Modeller signs up on SA7 Special Award Sheet noting she has a 1/144th scale F-35 Lightning in Cat 17 and a 1/32 scale MC 200 in Cat 18. Andy Assembler is right behind her with a 1/72 J7W1 in Cat 7 and a 1/48 N1K2J Shiden Kai in Cat 12. Mick Maniac has a 1/32 F-35 in Cat 19 and 1/72 N1K1 Shiden in CAT 7, also a 1/48 MC200 and J7W1 in Cst 12, as well as a 1/32 scratchbuilt XP-49 in Cat 18 and a 1/72 resin XP-58 in Cat 9 but he forgets about sign up on the sheets so Judges safely ignore his entries entirely. So Mary or Andy may win, if no one else has signed up any entries either way. Got it?

Coming Up NEXT

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **MARCH 13 2026**

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

Thanks to our Treasurer/VP Dave Parks and a long time Club member this great news:

We will begin meeting at 7:30 PM and end by 1030 PM, that is a surety. In rest of these months of 2026 we are using this site for Model Talk & Club business to discuss, thanks to two Saints.

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@mvpacks.net

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

