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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 143**Z**



February 25 **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 (SEPTEMBER 2025)**

**ALSO another full look at current event calendar for 2026**

**You May Call This BUZZ The “Try To Remember Our Sweet September”**



**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 25 2026 738 PM)

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

**YES! Now # 144** 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 A LOT, RAMON and FELLOW MUDDLERS, For this ”**

*IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 10 No. 6, July 2025*



## The Monterey Bay Muddler



**The face you make when that tiny but important piece pops out of your tweezers and enters the nether-realm**

Now you should know, that again Editor had completed this BUZZ issue and even proofed it best he could, 24+ hours back from this production you see here now.

Again, he was frustrated not having any right sort of Editorial answer here and so wrapped himself into more Gordian knots

There are yet two more back issues to do and now thanks to another Editor and damn good man, I have been inspired to make as good as it gets effort to close in on backlog PLUS launch something new. In part that is to commemorate the few and the many as a chapter again turns, Ramon won't be doing anymore of these fun informative issues. He took over after legendary Lester Tockerman got this ship launched anew. Thanks to him I have a possible means to improve future BUZZ meeting news content. Ramon, you are blessed. BUZZ Show & Tell card, yes!

*Stay tuned readers, next issue is on way soon -mb*

**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 ”

# *Steel Yourself for An Absolutely Sterling SEPTEMBER '25*



*Yes, here we are taking a good bit of the available space at Games/Fremont in September. Keeping at **theme of the month too**, soon you will see how.*



*For now, TOM/MOM competition theme here was “STEEL and STERLING”. There was also a priorly scheduled Club Contest “FELONIOUS FELINES” for this month’s meeting and all these results be at end as I go through all the models*



**Ben Pada** carries his WIP lovelies in what appears to be as casual manner as does Editor, minus the old clothes as bed



Not true, he loads them safely in his car for the trip up North, then totes them in this light duty carrier means .

Meeting already underway when he seated but I took as good as could pics of his two 1/48 wonders as I ran meet.

Ben had another fine P-47D Razorback Thunderbolt, this time it’s “Spirit of Lodi”. Aggressiively posed in box at a 2 seater trainer A6M Zero just trying to get by

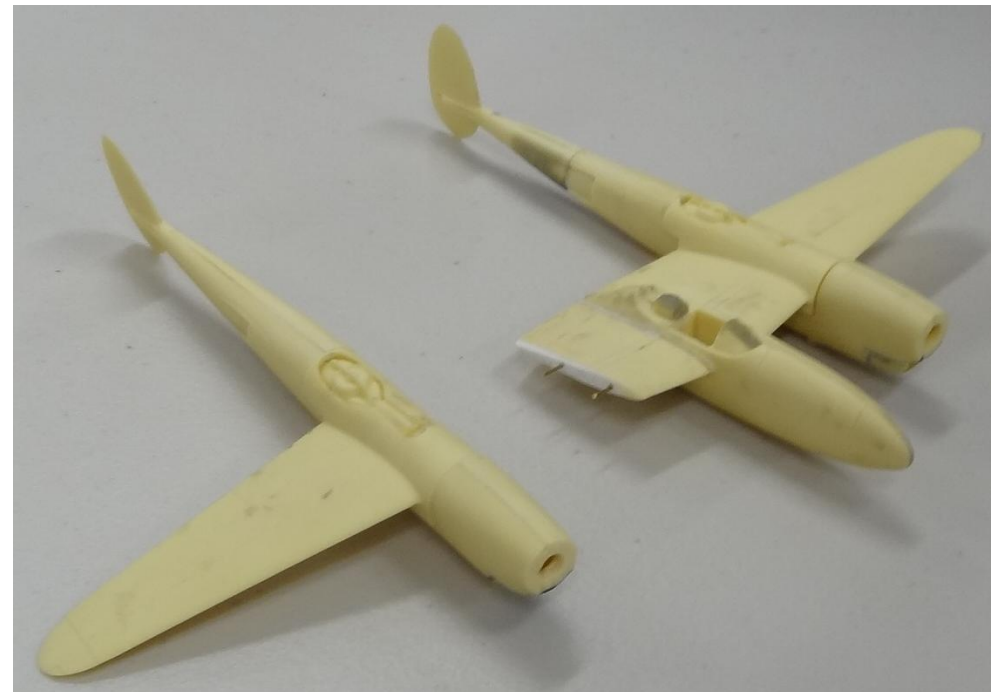




**Mark Schynert** was intently examining models soon to be seen, for now we'll take a look at the WIP pair Mark had for us that night. Like Ben's, these aren't in the TOM/MOM or Felonious Felines competition, so there you have it. .



In gray paint, DH Mosquito. In resin, twin boom XP-49 Lightning





**Here is what Mark was espying, a goodly group quad done in 1/72 by Chris Bucholtz**

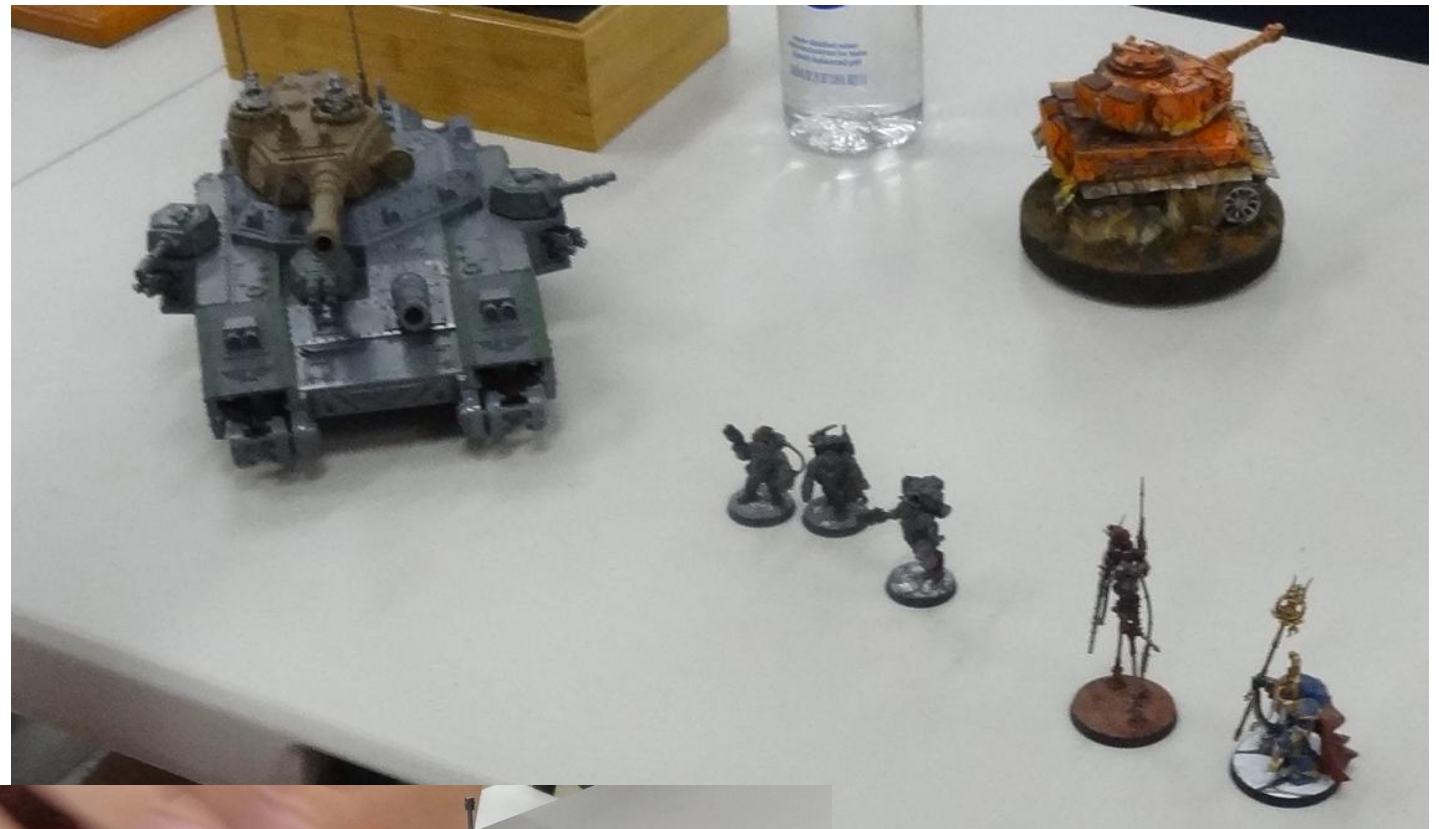
The Canadian Chevrolet WW2 cargo truck above, and his nice vignetted Hawker Hurricane on left, on their own. The FM-2 Wildcat "Mah Baby" and the vignetted F6F Hellcat, they were "Felonious Felines" for night.



**Ethan Larson** may forgive me for not having any details here for sharing. If I don't insist on renaming him ERIC which has been an occurrence in BUZZ at times, inexplicable and odd yes

Any how, the grey and brown multi turret armor I think is a Warhammer 40K AFV and in process of being finished.

The five figures, while again I am not recalling much, betting gaming sources here.



Really good production values every time I see his works at meetings and again I wish I would get better notes and my ability to later recall memory.

Appreciate muchly how he, Aaron, Angela and his dad John helped move me into the breaking out of a Sci Fi Wargaming figures/vehicles category for TriCity. Better for all and helps also give better visibility to genres.

My apologies if in error here, but not record that any were contestants for either Felines or Steel competitions



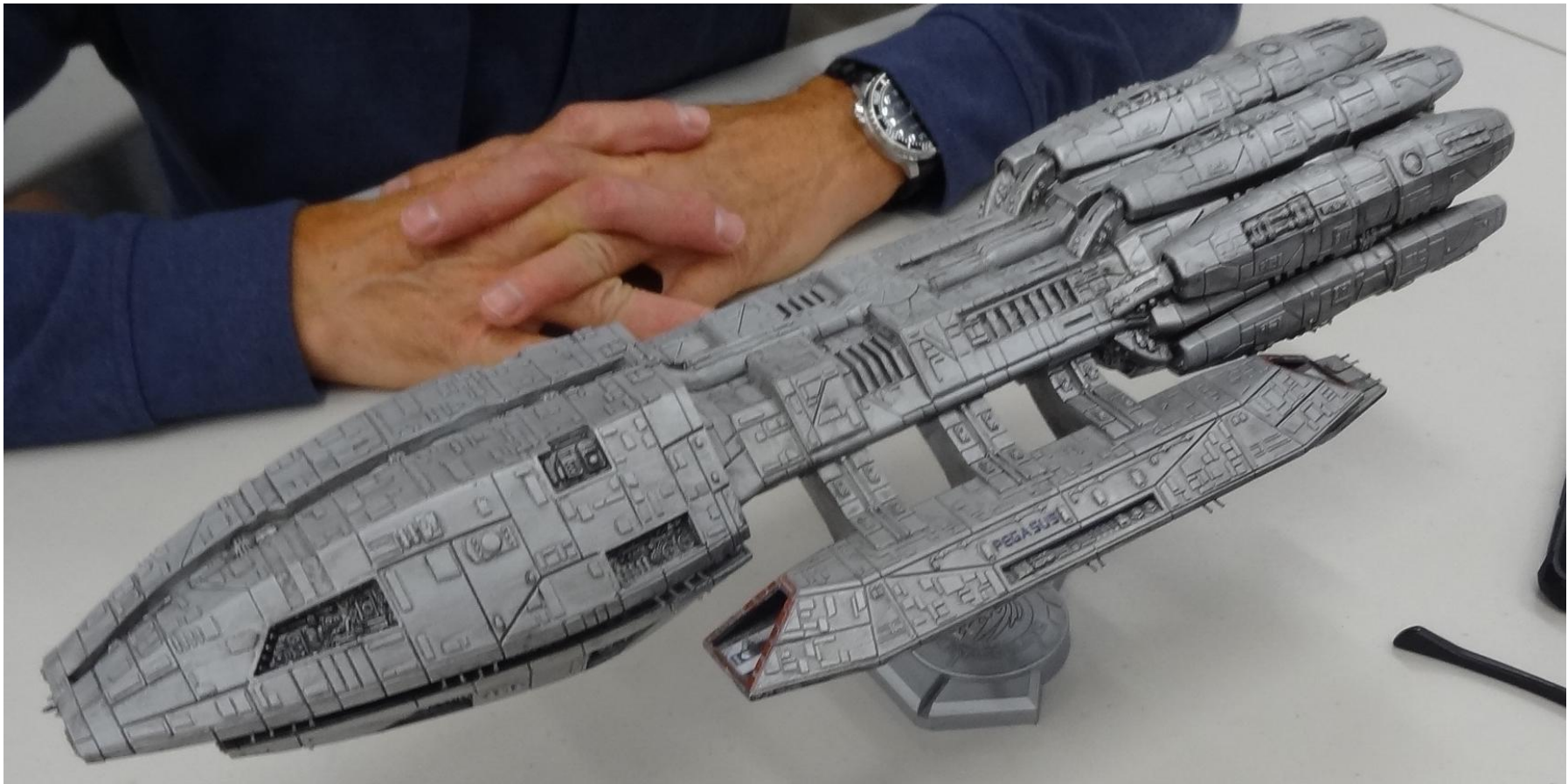
Looking now at the tall character on right, might be case made that's a lotta metal going on, for "Steel..." Nice work h

**Bob Meyers** was the folk responsible for the brightly colored mystery piece in the picture of Ethan's table sharing two pages up, now seen on corner left below. That's his "cat camouflaged", "deformed" WW2 German Heavy Tank (a Tiger !). It being a contestant for "Felonious Felines" club contest as set forth by previous President and current hapless Editor. Here in his hand, a 2<sup>nd</sup> contestant in 1/35, mighty SturmTiger assault gun. Check out those shells. 380mm rocket there, 150mm steel frontal armor

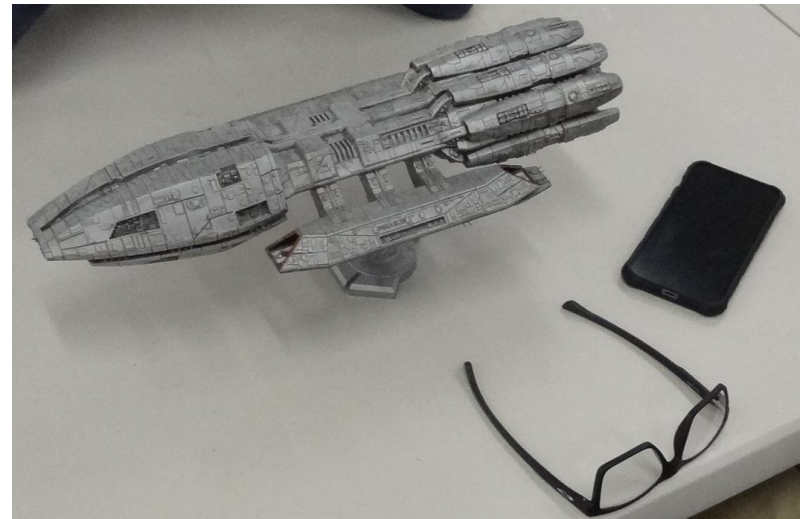


Okay, for the record here, SturmTiger was dual eligible so in “Felines” and “Steel & Sterling” as one has to credit that 150mm frontal armor some, no? Here is closer look at his “ Heavy” cat.





**John Larson** may have intended to enter this as a dual eligible, however I was too harried keeping meet going to know. The Star Wars franchise may be where this fits in. All I recalled in my notes is that it was specifically for the Steel and Sterling !





**Basil Medeiros** had this very well done WIP Which he spoke about just as well. Alas, now the Editor only can plead ignorance, have a greater appreciation for how stuff gets so mangled “in popular usage”.

In looking up on the ‘net, for help getting some respectable writing to support this fine AFV model of his; I learned that “ a Super Sherman ” nomenclature is not really any broad applique. But specifically pertains to a subset of M1 76mm gun equipped w/HVSS

Still, it got me to know that this in family -



**Louis Orselli** really had me digging into the 'net for support. Since it dawned on me that other than recognizing this machine as North Africa Theatre WW2 Italian desert war vehicle called the Sahariana, I was without clue all these years of anything more about it.

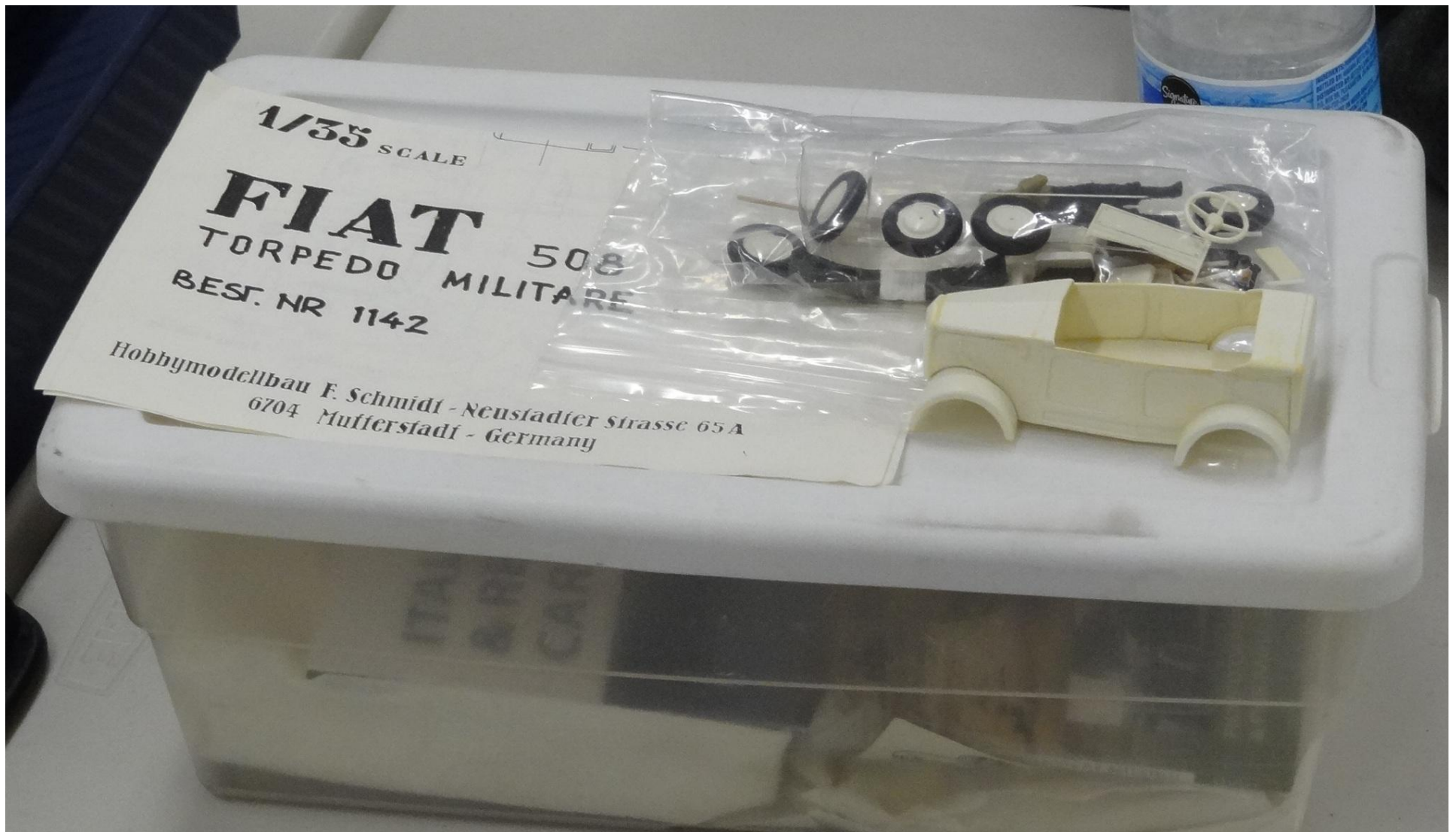
Truly an adventure worth having, this editing business. Vacuform armor and wheeled military vehicles are extremely rare beasts so I tip my hat to Louis for having these two underway here.





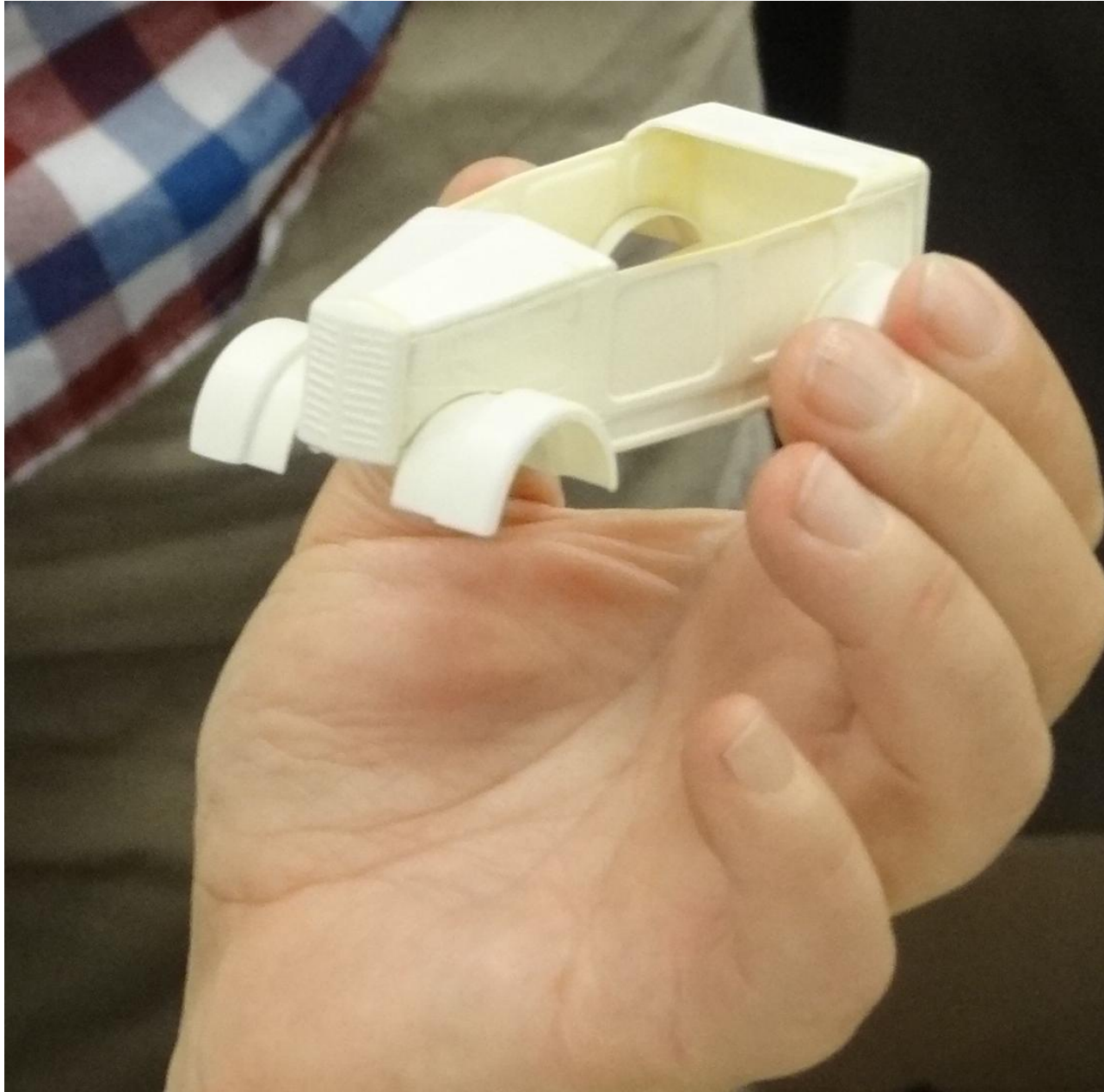
This sturdy looking vehicle was produced (100 units btwn 1942/43) by S.P.A. (Societa Piemontese Automobili) Viberti which ended up acquired by FIAT (Fabricca Italiano Automobili.Torino). Which seems to be pretty much the rule for any Italian auto firms in Turin I found out. The Sahariana was the Royal Italian Army's answer to the British LRDG vehicles, and did so serve well as it worked out, yet more of them ended up in police duties in cityscapes for much of their history. In fact apparently a specific type was built post war for use by State Police, and painted amaranth red which must have been quite strikig to see, this big machine, tooling about streets of Rome and other locales

So, in addition, Louis had this Fiat 508CM Italian WW2 Staff car, which also had some pretty cool schemes in its heyday. That Torpedo Militare sounds pretty aggressive, right? However, it's a reference to this being a special military spec issued body of original "torpedo bodied" popular civilian Fiat 508 "Ballila". That Ballila reference can lead you down wrong rabbit hole , too.



SO while I still can't tell you much about this kit, thanks to Louis I now have a greater appreciation than ever for the complexity of Italian politics and automotive history. I look forward to seeing how both these vacuform wonders turn out when finished.

A true first hand look at this FIAT CM 508, which has definite relationship lines to its civilian version especially in front end  
*And yes you're correct if you have determined these two weren't put in as entries for TOM/MOM or the Felonious Felines*





**Mark Balderrama** wasn't just a prolific entrant in the Steel and Sterling TOM/MOM competition, he also was bearing models to share looks at.

As you can see, Peter was making sure I saw the Roden XC-99 in 1/144 which until that meeting, I had no clue existed. Now I will seek it out as another Holy Grail, thanks you two. As well, the WB-57D that Mark is looking over. As having both the vac conversion and excruciating Mach 2 injection RB-57D in 1/72, know too well that 1/144 scale is truly way to do these "pterosaur winged" Canberras, otherwise go rent a hangar !

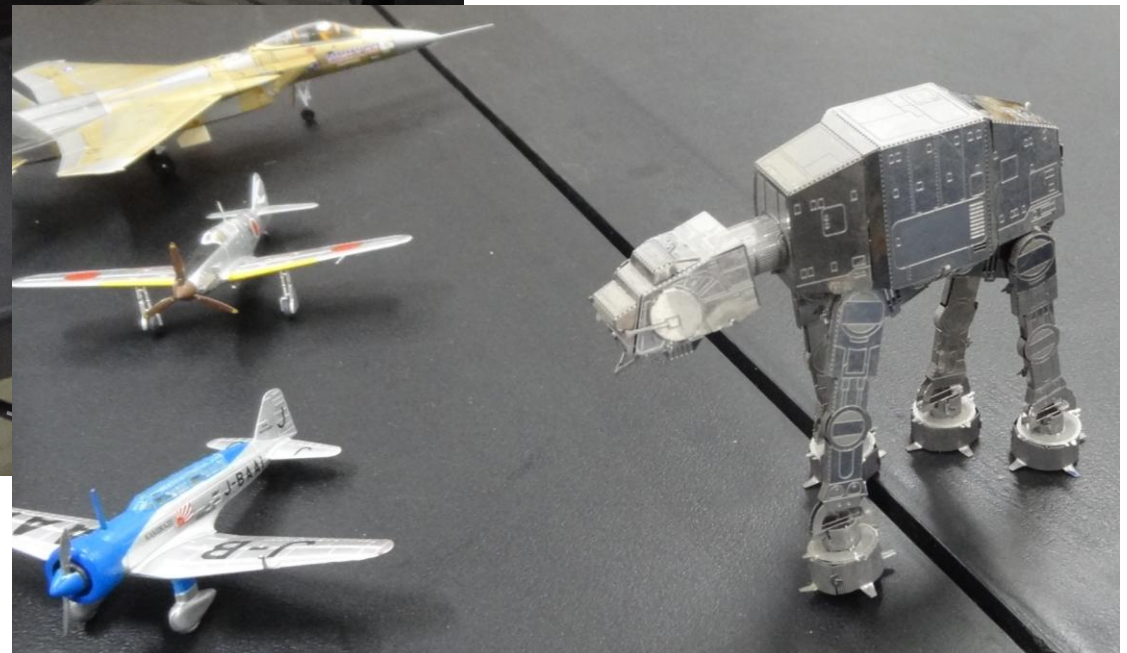
Yes, Mark's T-33, Ki-45, T-34, Ki-61, F-15 Streak Eagle here are 1/44



**Dave Balderrama** had a huge surprise m store for the Editor as well, with this 1/35 scale resin cast PACV. Again fun in the research, as I had only smatter of knowledge of these intriguing vessels.

While the entire history of these unique machines is too much to relay here, the British really paved the way here and a set of 6 US military PACVs served long duty during the Vietnam conflict, really!

David's rare and amazingly less than in "unobtainium class" priced kit here has look of the US Navy version that was a lot closer to the British antecedent. The PACV reference by the way, breaks to mean a Patrol, Air Cushion Vehicle



David had an entry too for Steel and Sterling. That's his Metal Earth all steel kit of the Star Wars AT-AT !



**Angela Falvey** made it to the meeting fairly early, yet ended up being squished into a corner with her models in short order here



I know this in part, because I had to shoot around people's heads and use a zoom while conducting meet, to get even the shots you see here

Angela carefully explained all the basics of her WIP figures and the two vehicles, sadly though none of my scant recollections come back to give you more than these pics.







As you could see in the meeting shots and as I relayed here, the space available for September's meeting did not lend me much leeway for getting pictures "on the fly" while being MC. Such as it was, no other shot to share with you here, of **Anthony Cheung's** 1/72 scale Supermarine Spitfires from a pair of Hasegawa kits, seen below.

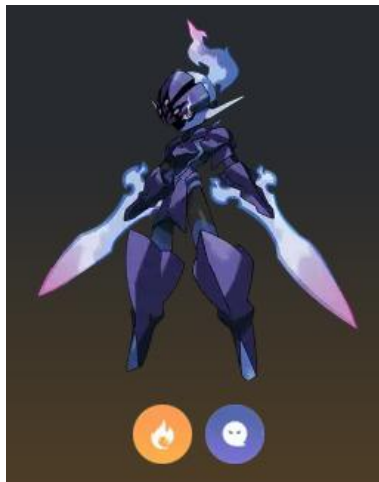
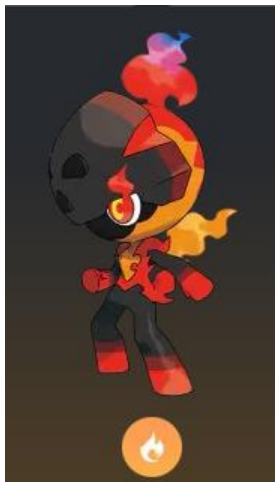
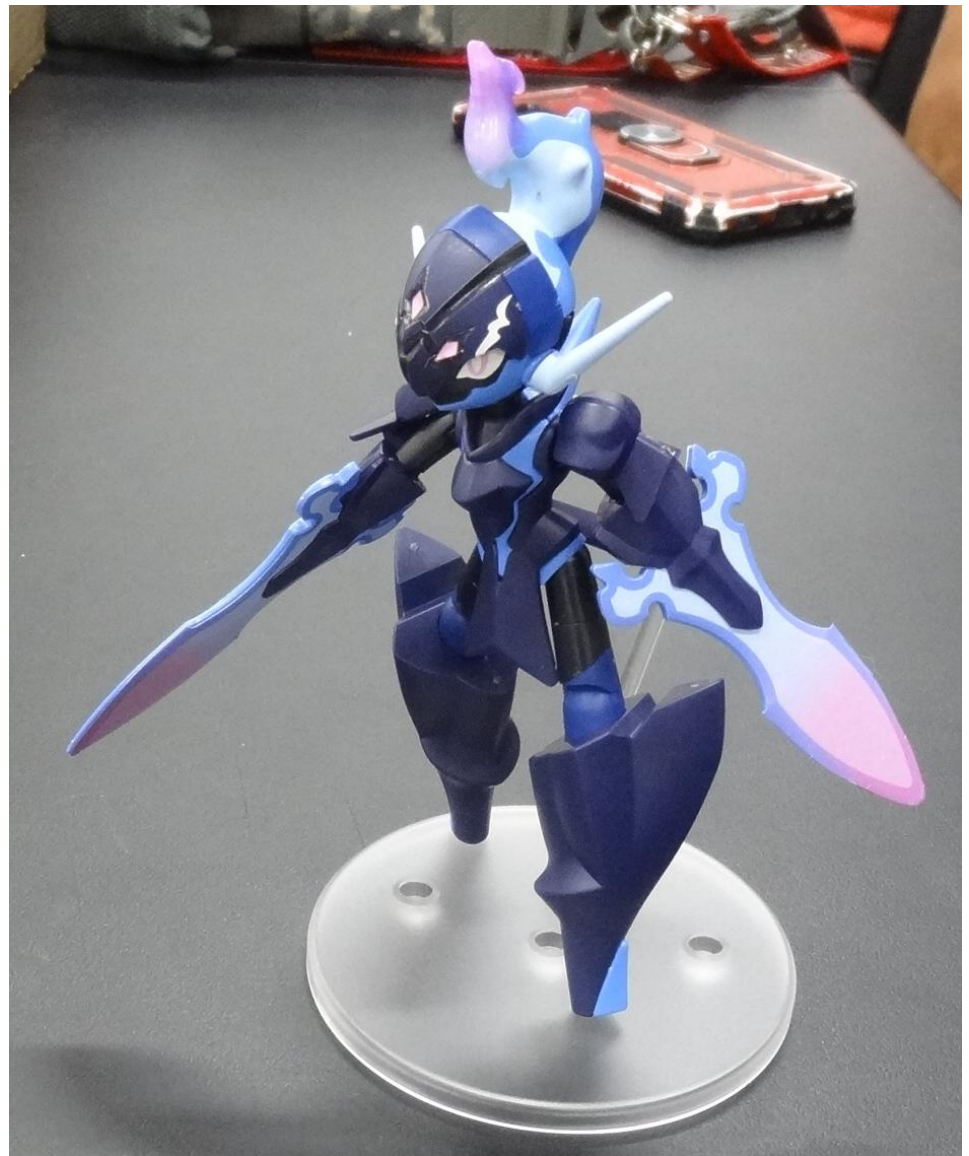
*In my estimate, Anthony did a hell of a good job on camos, as to me the models blend into the box art too, too, well here*



It appears **Tamas Nemeth** was gaining a rueful appreciation of my plight as his model Triplane WIP was next up as seen on the left. Happily, his Dr.I was a little larger subject

*A much better look is below. Fine Dreidecker, Sir.*





*Alrighty then, President Jim Bob Koaster made it to the last part of the September meeting, which helped the Proxy Prez (Editor) with final judging plus she had the latest Pokemon model she'd finished in spite of work and school. Say hello to the evolved fire **Charcadet** (the red Pokemon, far left) into **Ceruledege**, dark/fire form*

*Then we segue to:*

*“ Felonious Felines ” SEPTEMBER 2025 Fremont Hornets Club Contest Winners*

*Third place  
1/72 FM-2 Wildcat*



*Chris Bucholtz*

*Second place  
1/72 F6F Hellcat*



*Chris Bucholtz*

*First place – Bob Meyers  
Super Deformed WW2 German Heavy Tank in Cat Camouflage*



*“Steel and Sterling” SEPTEMBER 2025 Fremont Hornets TOM & MOM Winners*



*3rd*

*Mark Balderrama*

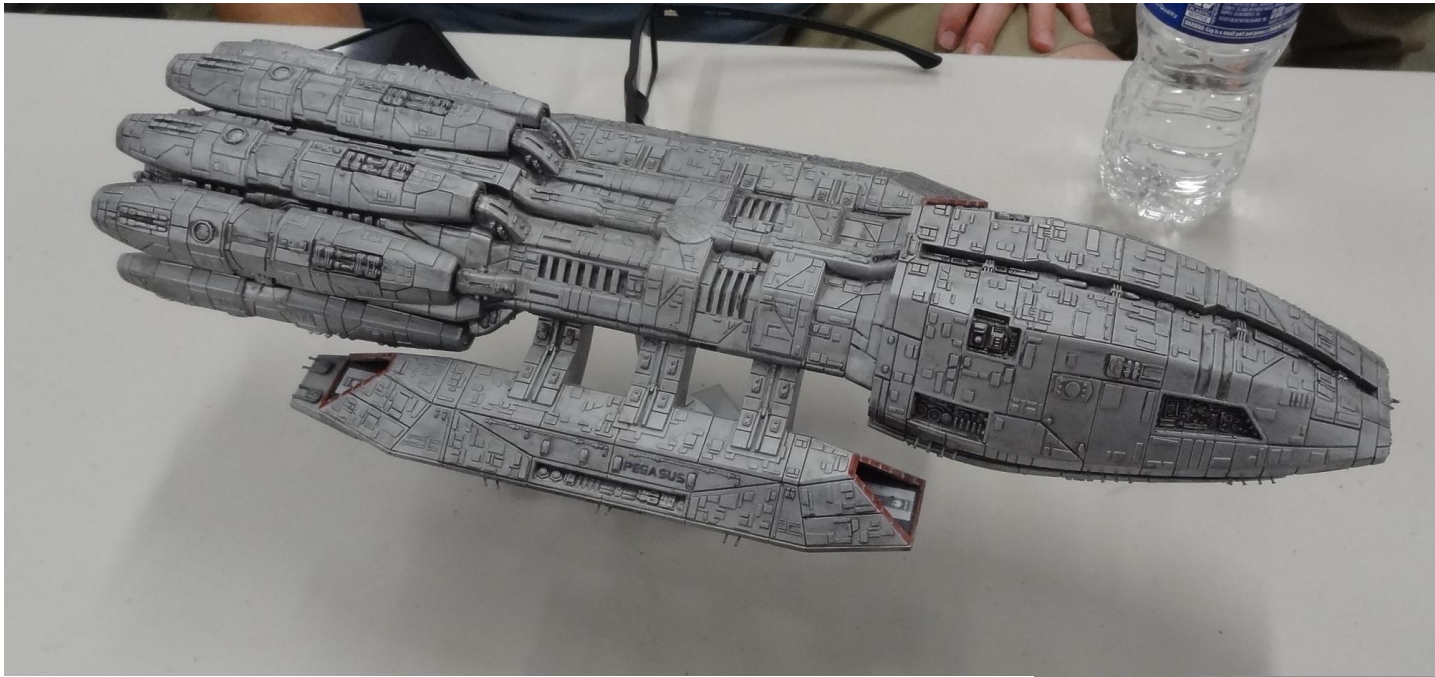
*1/144 Collection of Metal Finishes*

*2nd*

*John Larson*

*1/? Star Wars craft*





*2nd*

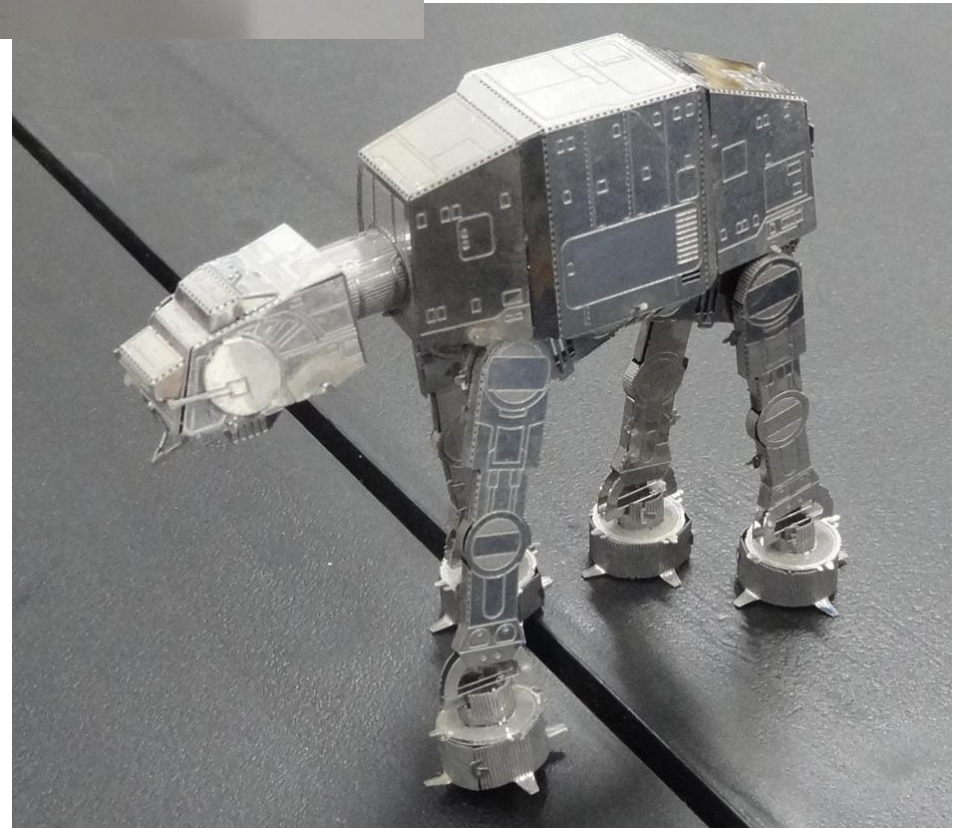
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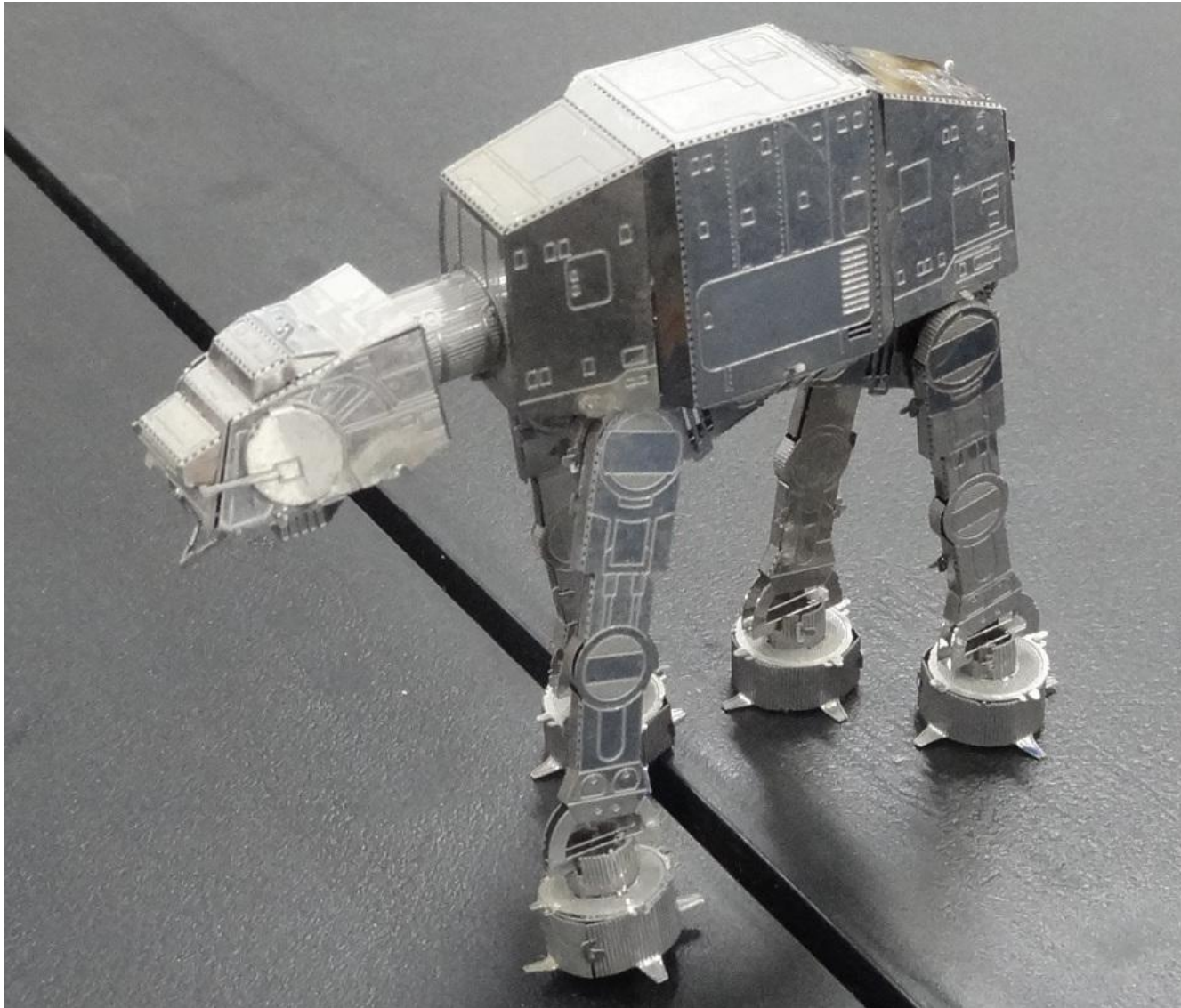
*All Steel Star Wars AT-AT*



*THEME of The MONTH - STEEL and STERLING (Model of the Month)*

*David Balderrama*

*All Steel Star Wars AT-AT*



*And thus we conclude the September 2025 Hornets Nest, thank you all for another good gig-mb*

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

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**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**

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**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.

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# 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**

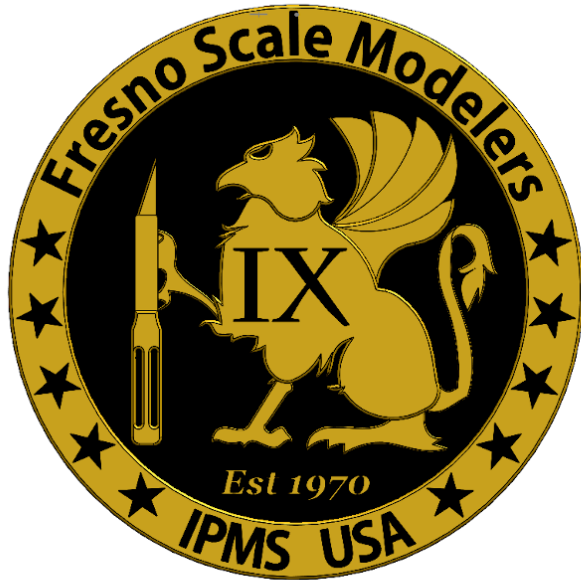
**TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sacramento, CA 95821

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

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# IPMS FRESNO

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**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)

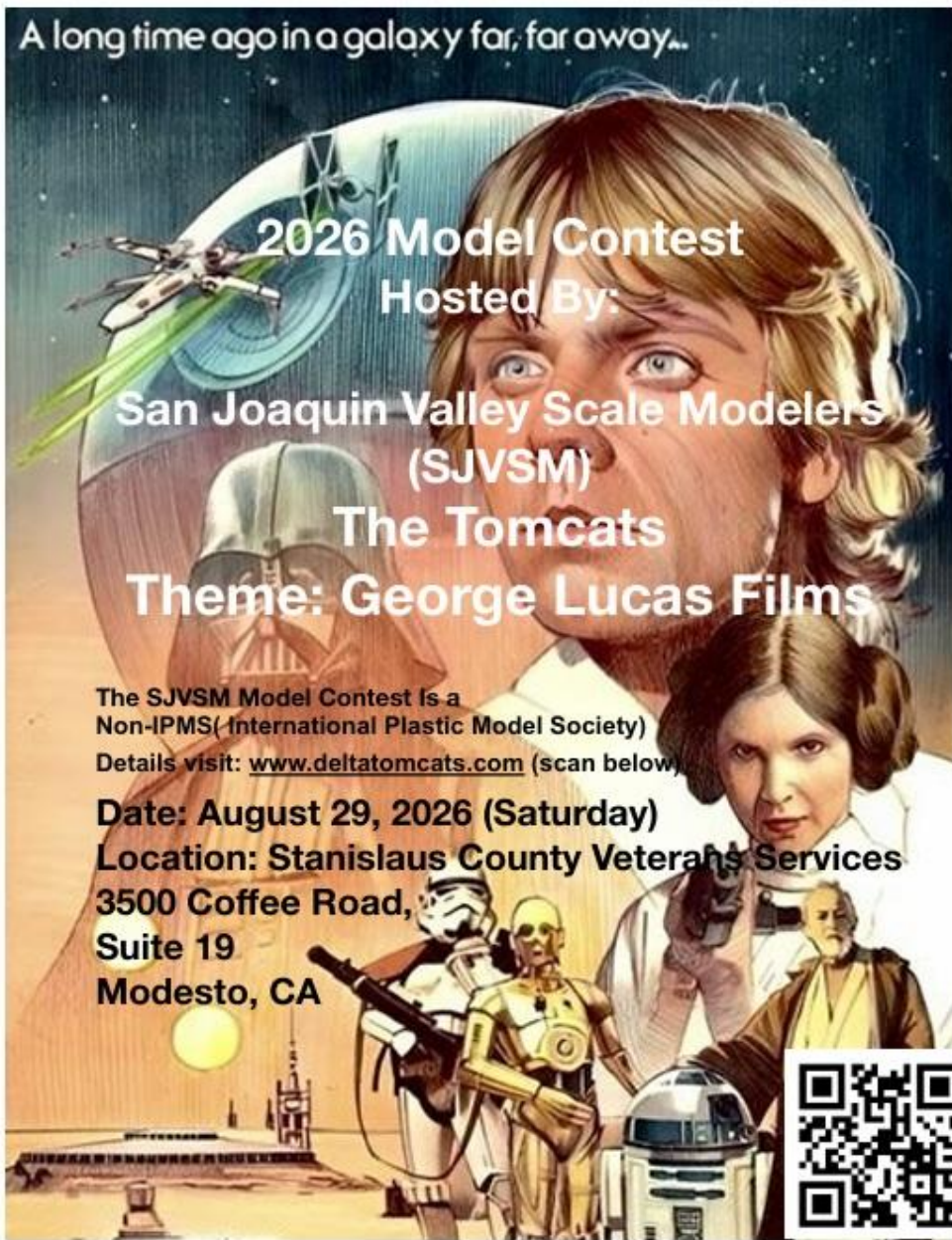
The Tomcats

Theme: George Lucas Films

The SJVSM Model Contest is a  
Non-IPMS (International Plastic Model Society)  
Details visit: [www.deltatomcats.com](http://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](mailto: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

# 25<sup>TH</sup> 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


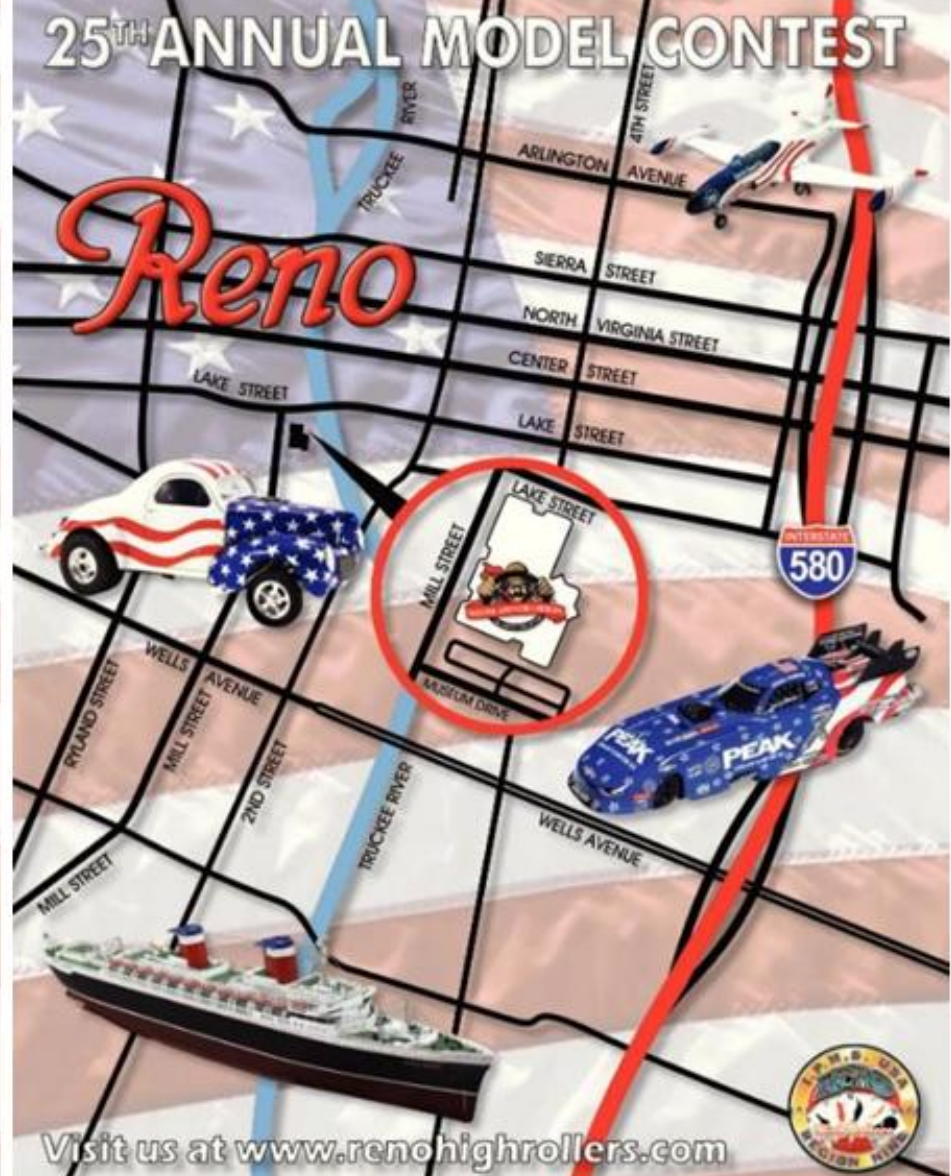
Admission Fee: \$10.00 Adults - Children 5 and Under - Free  
Contest Entry \$6.00 for First Model - \$1.00 for Each Additional Model  
Chapter Contact: - Douglas Summers (775) 867-8554 - ghp1td@att.net  
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# 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MODEL CONTEST

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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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>) 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		<b>38</b>	<b>Military Multi Vehicles &amp; Towed Trailers, AS</b>		
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		
<b>41</b>	<b>Missiles &amp; Rockets, Real Space Launch Vehicles</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> Century	53A	(Less) UNFINISHED Subjects
43B	9" & taller Figure Fant & Sci fi, Horror, Robot (No Gundam)		49	Figures, Historical, 19 <sup>th</sup> Century & beyond	54B	<b>(More)</b> 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)		<b>57</b>	<b>GUNDAM Beginners ONLY, All Scales</b> ( <u>if you've never competed in Gundam</u> , this is for you!)		
			<b>58</b>	<b>MASTERS</b> (Max. <b>THREE</b> Entries per Entrant, Nationals Winners encouraged, <b>OPEN to ALL</b> )		

*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](mailto:DAZE61283@mvpacks.net)

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

