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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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

## Welcome

IN THIS **SPECIAL EDITION COVERAGE** ISSUE – You will find:  
(basically in the listed order, tho a stream of consciousness device)

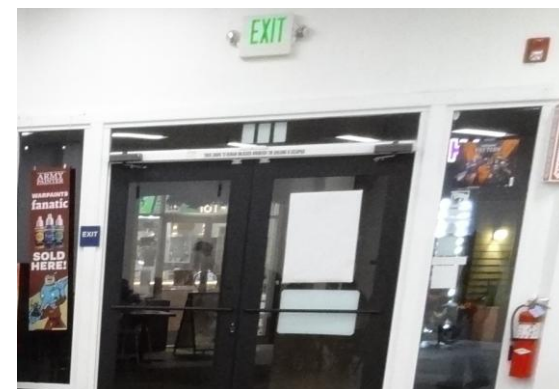
LATEST BUZZ ( Issue's Editorial, bearing no relation to the picture on the right )

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

**Just Enough Room for REVEAL of past Hornets Nest (NOVEMBER '25) & MBAY News**

**ALSO another scant look at calendar for 2026, Editorially speaking (updated flyers!)**

**You May Call This BUZZ The “ALMOST Totally Caught Up At Moment issue ”**



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 MAR 12 2026 858 PM)

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

**YES! Now # 146** 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!



**“ SURPRISE MYSTERY GUEST of BUZZ Editor SEEN HERE Oh YES ”**

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 3 No. 12 December 2017



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



**Monterey Bay Muddler's elusive layout artist at work**

The International Plastic Modelers Society, Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting in the Monterey Public Library's Solarium, Sunday, December 3, 2017. Present were President Lester Tockerman, Vice-President Larry Marcum, Secretary Lee Marcum, Treasurer David Conneau. Members present were Ron Vandergrift, Tom Leutzinger, Ron Cline, Ramon Lomeli, Oliver Lomeli, Tom Hewitt, and Eric Hasselfeldt.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Adrian Garza Memorial **MODELER OF THE YEAR** trophy was discussed. David Conneau was detailed to contact SIGN ONE in Seaside and begin the process of designing an appropriate trophy/plaque and ascertaining its cost. Hopefully, we should have some initial prospects at our January 2018 meeting.

*Possibly clearer explanation, guaranteed more blather, will be found beginning on **Page 25** of this issue.*

*I will seek forgiveness later from all*

***RIGHT NOW I AM GLAD ISSUE DONE***

***NEXT HORNETS Meet in less than 23 hrs***

***Life is good. Life is VERY GOOD..***

***- cheers to all from mickb***

**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 ”

## ***ALL QUIET INDEED for November '25***

*Yes, here we are, neatly gathered at the generous free space allocated to us at The Games of Fremont in the Hub. As it worked out, while the shop assured us meeting room would remain available for much of foreseeable future, we were also going to have*



*more of the likelihood of sharing space. Like the group on left, who had vigorous tournament game diagonally nearby*

*I am sure that we didn't help their environs much either. It's a Game Shop and free, I can't be choosy or whine. However, this time again brought home how difficult keeping track of things, building any recall later can be. As you now know my publishing is only now nearly back in synch. As you now also know, we are back at Irvington for all of 2026 and perhaps the relative quiet will continue, helping us all to better enjoy our not cheap accommodation*

*November had an interesting theme of the month, President had “All Quiet On The November Front” picked out long ahead of how things locale wise went, a generous ANYTHING 1914 to 1918 (did not have to be War related) eligibility framing. As you will see, the response wasn’t nearly as broad but it was well worth the Editor’s prize money and the builder’s sharing TOM/MOM competition results be at end, after all the models. More so than October article this is at best pictures w/essay.*



**Temo Navarro** had emailed me only a few days before our November Nest to confirm where we were to be and I sent him the last Buzz to get him up to speed with us agenda wise. He was coming from San Francisco and was sharing his fine Motorcycle alongside a Monogram F-20 Tigershark in 1/48 scale.

The FSM from April 2021 was only way he then could share the F-4 Phantom he had built as his brother wouldn't let him borrow it...

Temo would come back for our January 2026 meet complete this time with “ShowTime 100’ in tow, see BUZZ 141 to know





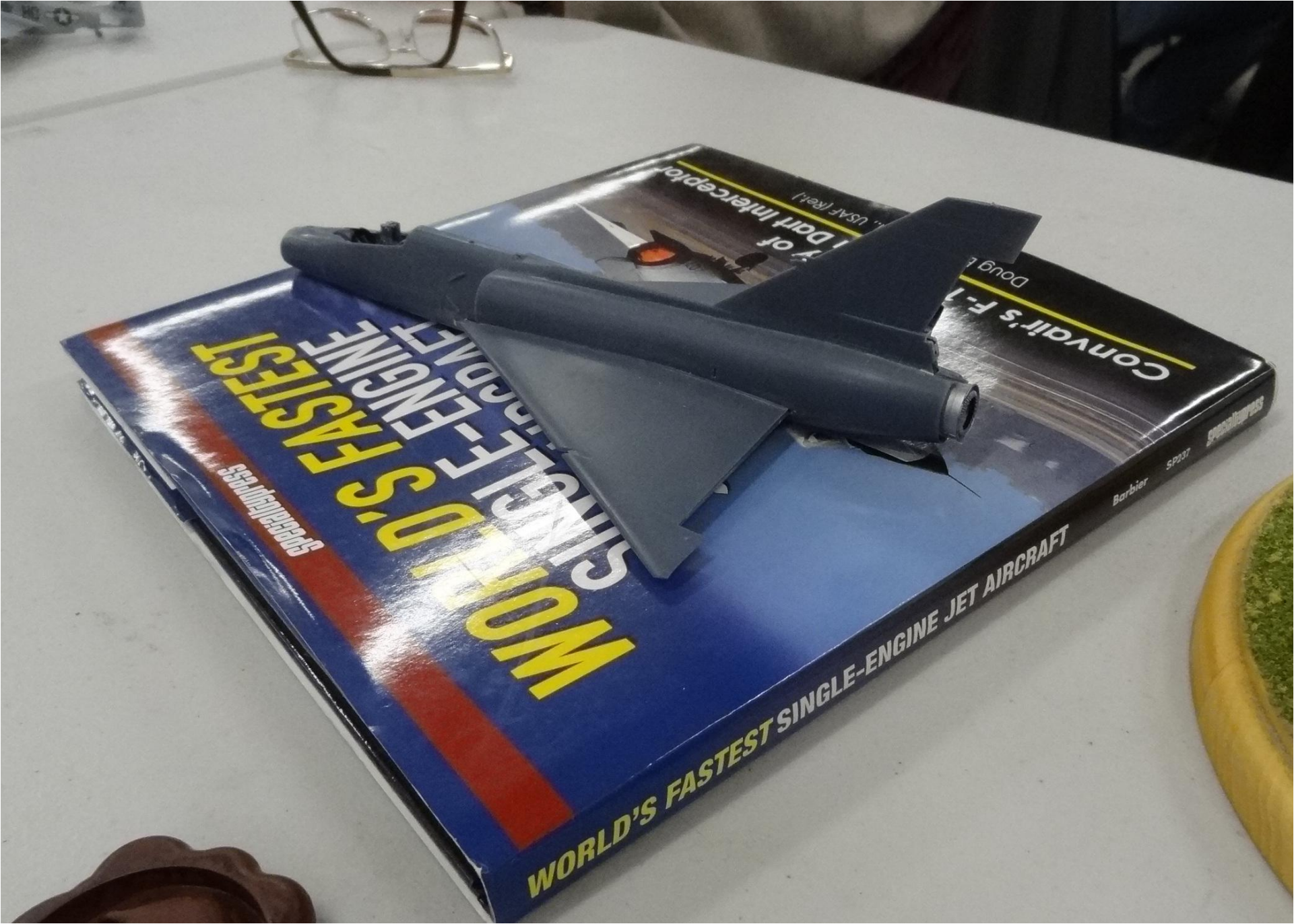
**Frank Babbitt** garnered a fine 2nd place award coin at TC-17 earlier in month with his Ju-86

First part of the business meet was Contest Director trying to convey how successful and why so, "The Sum Of All Fears" gig was, even though room was not conducive to loud speaking to a group. But sufficient for the time to emphasize it was the great team who put all the parts of show together ahead and ran it smoothly, and joined by record number of entrants with entries like Frank's

Chris Bucholtz put his Supermarine Spitfire F.21 to the decidedly now done column, as seen below parked on airfield grass.



His MENG 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale F-106A Delta Dart model, not so much. But he had some sweet new reference material to share

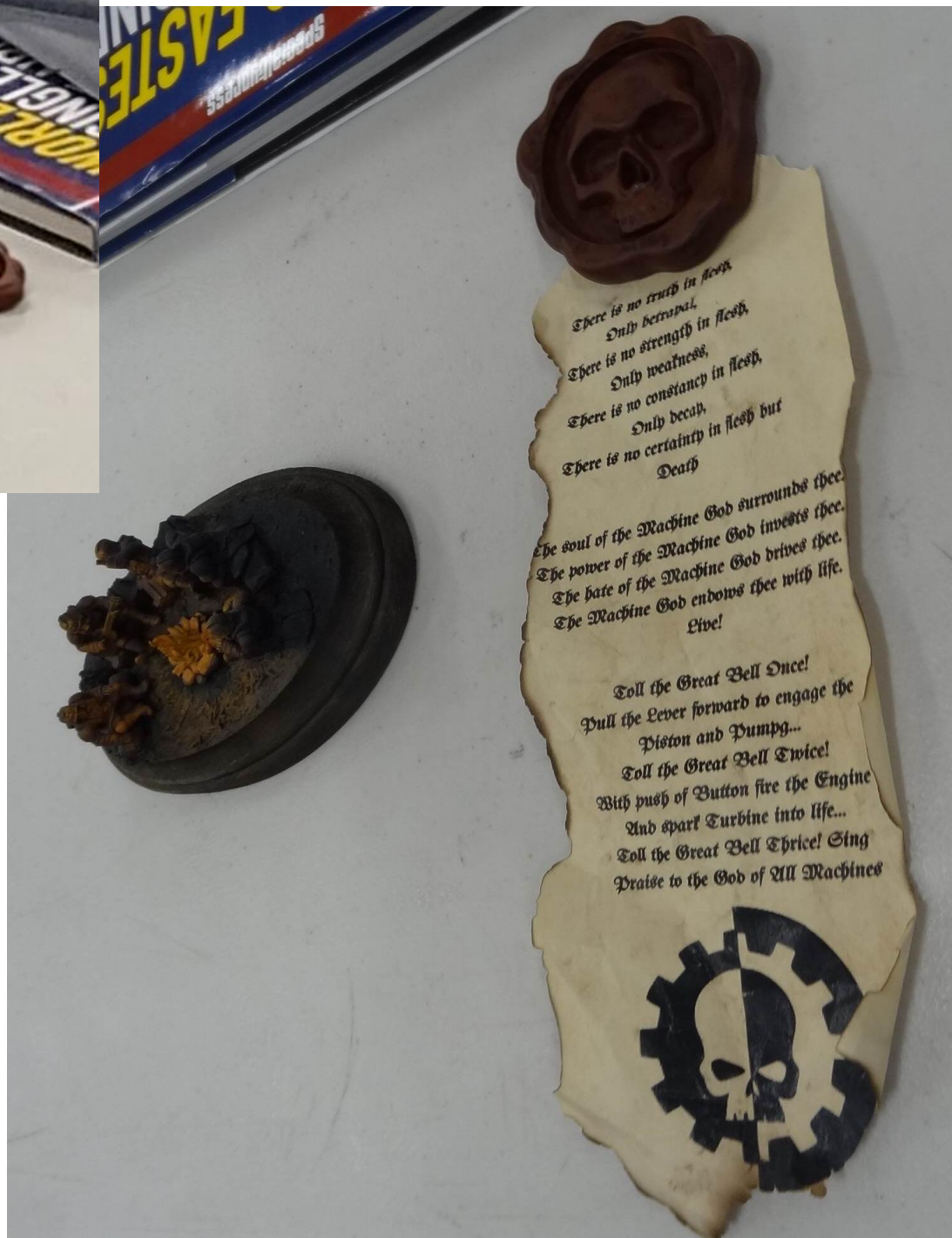




Ethan Larson had a great tale to relate as to what both of these table shares of his were.

I also recall distinctly that his dad pointed out to me the amazing results he had creating an “aged” look to the “parchment” that accompanied Skull faced medallion, with a decidedly mechanistic ode

There you have all I can recall to relay now, enjoy





**Anthony Cheung** wielded two more finished 1/72 Hasegawa WW2 birds, again my photo records are coming up sadly short of giving you best look back

Between cell phone and old camera, this is the final answer picture wise of his gray A6M Zero and blue nose P-51D. Thanks!





**John Larson** had this neat combat vehicle, had to look it up to identify it here later

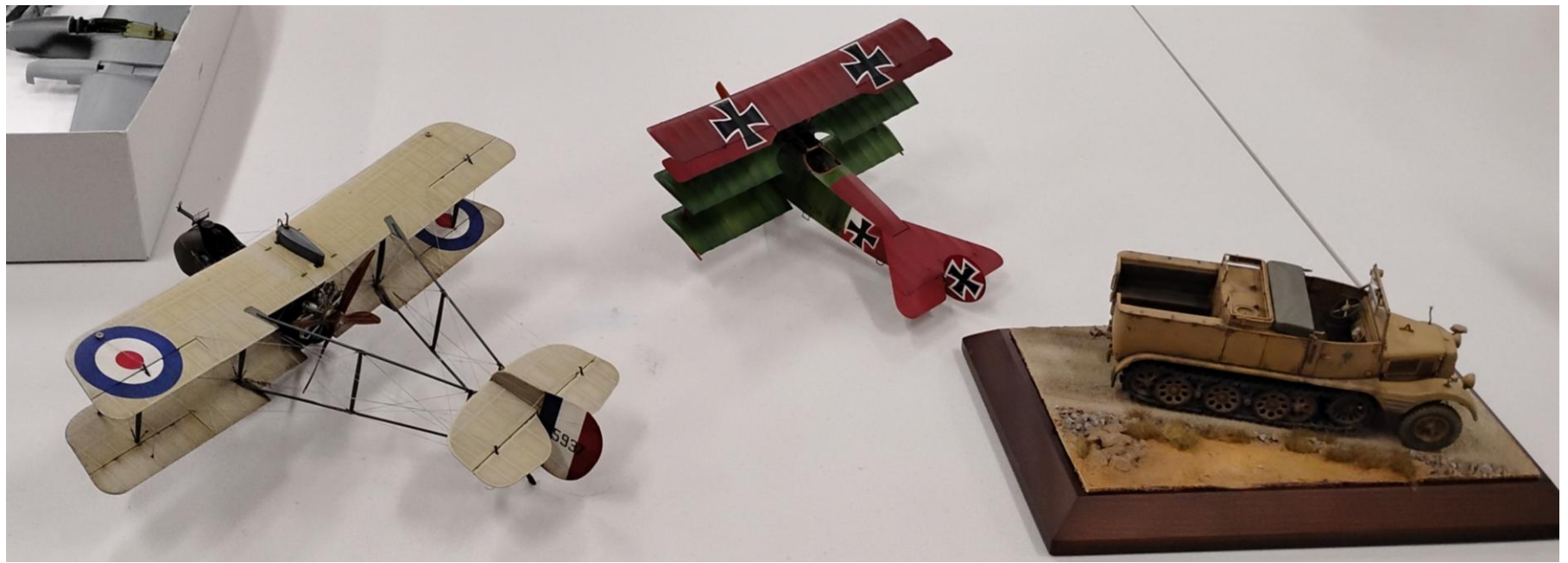
This is the Type 16 MCV of the JGSDF (a Maneuver Combat Vehicle of the Japanese Ground Self Defence Force, okay?), which began to enter service in 2017

Pretty capable machine here, designed to do “fire on the move” with its low recoil 105 mm rifled main gun, accurately ! Top speed of over 100 kph, able to take 20mm to 30mm gun fire and continue fighting.

Okay now I will admit I have no clue if this is the 1/48<sup>th</sup> or 1/35<sup>th</sup> Tamiya kit of this MCV while there is no denying either case, John turned out a lovely finished model here

**Tamas Nemeth accepts his fate calmly, recognizing he is now indeed, next to talk**





Tamas had two entries for the Club Theme competition, and this well done half track that I am assigning German WW2 lineage to, since no idea otherwise anymore.

I am quite challenged to this day to come up with any bases that could even be said to come close at three feet judge sightline, as many that I see you all do every year.

Props to the bold and accomplished, I am inspired to try again one day

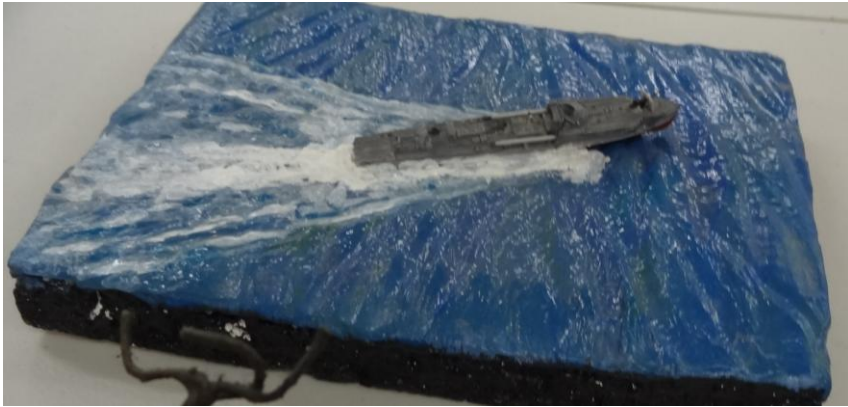
Speaking of props, Tamas's Fokker Dr.1 is a fine 1/32 contestant. Airco DH-2 had quite a tale, the wing paint was insignia inside on lower for real.



*Jeff Mason had made quite a bit of detailed progress on his Tamiya P-38 Lightning in 1/48*

Larry Heisler had two wildly divergent theme projects, as you see below. Not headed for the theme contest table however,





**Not completely certain but this looks to be a WW2 German Navy “Schnellboote”, known for their heavy armament and fast speeds underway. Nice water effects too, Larry**

**This is spooky, he has a model likeness of my shelf of doom**

**Not really, his is too well landscaped, no cardboard stacks**



**Mark Schynert** again neatly takes down the styrene demons and finishes his Tamiya DH Mosquito splendidly, so there !





**Angela Falvey is another undaunted modeler in our membership**

**She created this 3-D printed weapon prop and again Angela took time to explain all that went with this, yet Editor has no records...**

**Yes, I hear that old television commercial again, “ a mind is a terrible thing to waste ...” Now if I only had one, be dangerous**

***Alright enough of my whinging***

***Three more pages to wrap up coming at you***



*Hey look at that oddly familiar Supermarine sitting by that young lad. Must take look*

*Why, yes it is, it is exactly like the one I handed off to a soul who came for the first time to a scale model show at the TriCity 17. Ran into him and his girlfriend parked next to me as it turned out, on my break, and they gladly took one of these and two posters, with invitation to come to one of our meetings in future.*



*That I had this splendid quick build prepainted accurate little model to hand out as a friendly introduction to modelling was ALL DUE to the GENEROSITY of the AVG model club folks down in Lancaster, who donated a few to me when I was there in October for the Desert Classic 25. This one here is part of that set, and VP David Parks got it from me for his grandson, who is the young lad you see here with it now*



*And thank you Ron Darcy, two of the prints of your paintings were passed along with the Spitfire from AVG, by me to that couple I opened this tale with, and yes she built it.*

*Then we segue to:*

*“ All Quiet On The November Front ” NOV 2025 Fremont Hornets TOM/MOM Wins*

*1<sup>st</sup> Tamas Nemeth Fokker Dr.I Triplane in 1/32*



*THEME of The MONTH “ All Quiet On The November Front ” ’s (Model of the Month)*

*Tamas Nemeth*

*Airco DH.2 Fighter in 1/32*



# TELLING a TRUE TALE of TEN YEARS of TEAMWORK

“ 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

*A Nod to Friends, Here, and Now Gone Ahead*

*On the left is an Editorial Page for BUZZ 143Z.*

*In which this amusing snip clipping of another Newsletter I had included*

*Many reasons for that, including it's just so perfectly our common thread as Model Nerds.*

*I was thanking a fellow Editor who some of you may know or would recognize if I shared picture*

*That's him with his son, at "The Sum of All Fears" aka TriCity 17, back in November 2025, same time frame as this issue's main news article.*

*Say hello again to "Layout Artist" Ramon Lomeli*



*Have a look of two more of his recent works, that I have enjoyed as have others*

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 10 No. 2, February 2025



## The Monterey Bay Muddler



February's meeting had us all discussing the minutiae of the hobby!

*Ramon is a hell of a modeler and Dad, he also excels in his model journalism efforts*

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 10 No. 4, May 2025



## The Monterey Bay Muddler



This month's meeting was out of this world!

It was a period of review and consultation. A month had passed since this group of plastic nerds met and shared their scale exploits. Nothing really had changed since the last meeting, except for a request for coordination for display space at the host facility, the Veteran's Transition Center in Marina. There was also discussion about and agreement to participate once again at the Monterey County Fair. Preparations will be made for that and Ramon Lomeli volunteered to take everyone's entries and make cohesive display cards to represent the club.

Once the formalities were over, it was time for...



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



Anthony shows the group his finished Stealth Bomber model!

*Oh and yes, there are some common threads that I ran into while working on this, that do again, give me humbled pause to thus reflect. Indeed, doing newsletter is a worthy, model club sustaining practice to do even in today's online everything world. Pays benefit in way. Like this shot from June, yes that's our Ben Pada up on Award stage with Oliver Lomeli*

*I am for now only featuring recent issue covers which make me laugh still, as this missive began as a small thank you and lark, after a busy week it has finally gained its true character*

*In part, it's about a group of fine characters and particularly two whom I have been, thanks to scale models, been honored to know as real friends.*



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



Oliver wins 1st Place with his Monogram Avenger in Las Vegas



*Turns out that I too have a shot of our Ben on Award stage in the very November following this coincident.*

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Volume 01, June 2015

Tabled For One Month the Naming of This Newsletter!

All you grownups...look and see how many of the younger generation we have modeling with us...let's keep this ball rolling!



(left to right) Ari, Oliver, Evan and Noah enjoying the snacks and the sunshine!

***OKAY I shan't digress, here now I shall show you that the Muddler didn't just burst forth fully formed ten years ago, in fact this on right was exactly FIRST one and done by the other main character I mean to properly honor here, posthumously***

The meeting kicked off at the beautiful home of Ramon and Victoria Lomeli. The weather was perfect and the outdoor garden was the ideal setting for our meeting. For those of you that couldn't make it, you missed some of the best baked goods I've

*And it's only appropriate I introduce you to him in the truly fun with your true friends fashion that Ramon honestly left me in amused awe how he did this all through years Say Hello to original Father of the Muddler and sorely missed friend, Lester Tockerman !*

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 5 No. 5 June 2019



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



**Have you seen this man?**

The International Plastic Modelers Society Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Mon-

*Yes, Editor in 2019, Ramon was fearless/funny as always. I'd forgot that cover til now*

**OKAY Back to 2015 and Issue # 2 being helmed by Lester and it gets its first Masthead**

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 1 No. 2 July 2015

## The Monterey Bay Muddler

**You came, you spoke, you voted! The newsletter has been officially named!**



### Monthly News Bulletins

- The Muddler will now incorporate a news and announcements section to let everyone know about exciting news and announcements, even if they could not attend the club meeting!
- Club dues will now be \$3.00 a head. This will allow the club some financial room to develop and maintain a website - hello 21st century!

### Show and Tell



Tom was our first presenter, showing us his newly finished 1/20th scale Lotus 78 by Tamiya. The beautiful reds sparkled, and one could imagine it at Le Mans or Monaco.



David brought in a 1961 model by Aurora, in the original box, of a 1/48th scale SBC-3 Helldiver, and then gave us lots of info on the history of the plane, and of Aurora's place in the history of plastic models...both very informative.



Lee brought in a large scale Godzilla by Polar Lights, that just may be the "worst kit ever made"... my paraphrasing! I think he should buy stock in a company that makes putty, 'cause he's going to need a ton (2,000 lbs.) of it!

### But wait, there's more!

Mark your calendars folks, *The Hornets* "Tri-City Classic" will be held in Milpitas on Sunday, Sept. 27th. The theme will be "The Good German".

Special Awards will be:

1. The Desert Fox...this is the Theme Award;
2. Vengence is Mine...3 awards, Best Marine, Best V-Weapon, Bestg Bulge subject,
3. At Dawn's Early Light,
4. Best Straight Wsing,
5. Mightiest Mercedes,
6. Best 1/48th A/C

Times and address to follow!

## Member's Mugshots



Larry (L) and Lee (R) Marcum



Tony (L), Ramon (C) and Oliver (R)



Randy (L) and David (R)



Lester

## Roll Credits, and a Guest Contributor



Now, get a real sense of pride, Monterey, for this here is a news account from 1976.

Which is an excellent confirmation of the cooperative venture between Monterey & South Bay IPMS model clubs along with local chamber of commerce that May, for this TWO DAY show which followed the first annual Cypress. Very rare air, indeed.

Those on the South Bay side of this co-op I don't have officially recorded, but since I did know later these folks, I'd bet on three as being our portion of the reasons for this great sharing. SBC founders Jay Sherlock, William Magnie, Tim Curtis. All three are among the winners recorded for this club's 24 member entrants, who had 83 models in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cypress, taking 36 awards

Those three gents I know to be fearsome competitors, awesome modelers and if they called you friend, fiercely loyal men. They definitely kept the competition between the coast and inland clubs friendly fun activity.

## Roll Credits, and a Guest Contributor

The following pages are articles generously contributed by Mick Burton from the Fremont Hornets. They include a trip down memory lane, so don't miss out - thanks Mick!

Best from your editor-in-chief,  
-Lester

**President:** Lester Tockerman  
**Treasurer:** David Conneau  
**Secretary:** Lee Marcum  
**Layout Artist:** Ramon Lomeli

**JUST SO YOU KNOW – Below is page 1 & 1½ of SIX, as only sample**

## Long Ago, In A Bay Not So Far, Far Away...

*Bringing Forth Memorable Moments in R-9 Modelling History Thanks to IPMS - Monterey Bay*

Some of you reading this may know that as Editor for The AfterMarket Sheet of SVSM, some year 2014 issues had "The WayBack Machine" feature, whereupon archives of the club were plumbed for material (with suitable sanitizing, to protect folks or more likely, hide Editor's ignorance of some matters...) to recount "Olden Days"

Thanks to the tremendous good news of this renewed publication of IPMS-Monterey Bay here, some items that had not yet been "rendered" now will have two chances to "live again". This article will be lead ship of the fleet

It is intended to celebrate the rarified joy of shared history between two long storied model clubs, still building.

The first four pictures are from the VERY FIRST Annual Cypress Model Show, held in May 1975, hosted by IPMS Monterey of course, and attended by R-9 clubs including South Bay Chapter IPMS (aka San Jose). Our records of the seminal event show that 11 SBC modelers entered 29 models that took home 15 awards.

Junior Best of Show went to young Mark Watson, for diorama "Crossing the Rhine", highest trophy SBC took!



A very youthful looking "Senior", Jeff Kilinski here, took a 1<sup>st</sup> for his 1/32 F-86F Sabre. Yes, that would be the Hasegawa kit at that point, itself in its youth.



Fess Fessenden got 3<sup>rd</sup> in Post WW2 1/48 AC with this F4D-1 Skyray.

Keep in mind, this is the LINDBERGH kit he was working with then. Fess also took that day a 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1/32 Post WW2 AC for Bell JetRanger Helicopter and a 1<sup>st</sup> in 1/72 Post WW2 AC for his WV-2 Constellation. Sadly, I have no pictures of either.

Last picture I have for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cypress Annual, one that may begin to truly illustrate history shared between South Bay & Monterey Bay. Remember, this is May, 1975, just past now a 4<sup>th</sup> decade in passage, with my records showing only our two clubs putting shows on in R-9 at the time. Monterey's launch here, coming only 4 years past the first annual SBC show.

Mr Tim Curtis, with his white ID badge there on his blue shirt, took a 3<sup>rd</sup> with his Ki-49.

Name seem familiar, even if you don't remember him? Perhaps due the Service to SVSM Award is given in his name, an honored memorial to one of the club founders. I was lucky enough to have known Tim, been "drill instructed" by him when I first served as officer of the San Jose Scale Modelers in any capacity, and know he was one of the reasons I got into my head "going to Monterey show to compete" was an important thing to begin doing.



*Lester also early on reminded us that we were part of a larger model community and Ramon as Layout Artist already put subtle but important touches to the publication like the mourning masthead, that later years shook me up remembering...*

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 1 No. 3 August 2015

# The Monterey Bay Muddler

## RIP SHEPERD PAINE 1946 - 2015



Some of Shep Payne's knowledge in print...

A sad note...Shepard Payne died today, 2AUG2015. For those of you who don't know who he was, he was one of the best modelers and dioramists of the 20th/21st century. He taught in seminars and through his books, which are still available on line or in better book stores. His motto was, "Simulate, don't replicate". He is now in the great Hobby Shop in the sky...R. I. P.

### Monthly News Bulletins

- The first order of business was Old Business...this consisted of reminders the The Monterey Fair starts on the 2nd of Sept, and we have 2 cases. So please let us know what you are bringing. You can do that by calling me at 394-4940, or e-mailing me at Masada2@aol.com. We will be able to bring our models the week of 22 Aug., but I'll firm this up in a later e-mail. Our other old business was as reminder that the Fremont Hornets show in on 27 Sept., in Milpitas. More info will follow in another e-mail.
- NOTICE FOR OUR YOUNGER MUDDLERS...Next month we will have a "Make-and-Take", session for you, so be sure to be there, and bring a friend if you want to. The model will be a Ford Raptor F-150 pickup truck.

### Show and Tell



Present at today's meeting were Lester, Ramon, Randy, Lee and Larry Marcum, David and his grandson Evan, and Tony. You'll see lots of them in our "Rogues Gallery"! We also had a visitor, Mr. Gary James, who is building a 1/30th scale C-17 Globemaster 2. He's been working on it for not quite a year, and it's made from resin and metal. The wingspan is almost 51/2' long, and the fuselage is almost 41/2' long. If anyone would like to contact him, his number is (831) 402-0057.

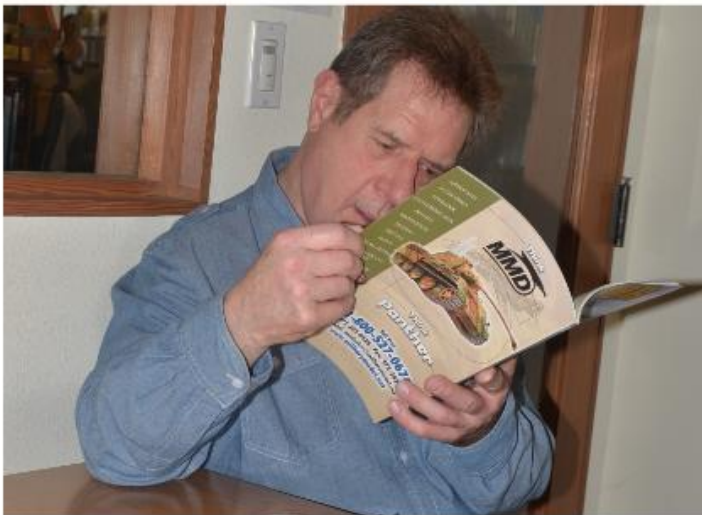
*Lester as you likely already can tell here if you didn't know him, very strong on the truth that what we do is art, worthy of respect and most importantly something to share knowledge in, of and about, always. Especially to those younger than us*

*Ramon is no less so, and as "Layout Artist" at start of Muddler, also branded his own Life is Serious yes but don't You be So Serious and miss all the fun in it ! as a shared equally truth. That's Ramon on right in one of his early excellent "candid"*

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 1 No. 5 November 2015

## The Monterey Bay Muddler

November's update,  
for your modeling amusement!



Eric checking out the latest centerfold from Squadron...

Saludos, Muddlers! This month I will be guest editing the newsletter. I will keep my editorial short and sweet... In attendance we had Lester. Lee. Larry. David. Eric. Ra-

*And now early on you also can see Ramon's Layout is Art*



IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 3 No. 1 March 2016

## The Monterey Bay Muddler



Lester performs a puppet show for the entertainment of the Muddlers

*Lester always did such a grand promotion back at us, these are pages from 2016 that give you an idea, but really you have to read the 2015 review as it is classic Lester serious and amusing, you will also see the common humorous thread with Ramon*

# Tri-City Classic

Monterey Bay Mudders go to the Fremont Hornet's 2016 TriCity Classic and bring home some awards! Congratulations go to Lester, Tom, David, Ramon and Oliver for representing the Central Coast! And now, in categorical order, the winning models!



Oliver Lomeli takes a 1st Place in the youth aircraft category with his Revell F-15E, and places 3rd in the youth military vehicles category with his M-42 Duster AAA vehicle.



*Oliver and his dad have been quite worthy competitors long time*

## Tri-City Classic

Automobiles Competition, Open Wheel, All Scales



2nd place - Wolf WR1 Theodore  
Tom Leutzinger



3rd place - JPS Lotus 78  
Tom Leutzinger

Figures, Historical, To 18th Century, all scales



## Tri-City Classic

Collections, All Types & Scales



1st place - Mesoamerican Amerinds  
Lester Tockerman



2nd place - Formula Cars  
Tom Leutzinger



3rd place - Vikings  
Lester Tockerman

Here is the cover of that issue, so you know, and the last page on right is TriCity coverage from same. Yes, that's me in pic.

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 2 No. 10 October 2016

# The Monterey Bay Muddler



## Muddlers take 2nd place at Monterey County Fair!

Our Fearless Leader Lester was unable to attend the last meeting, so VP Larry Marcum took charge of the meeting, and I will be guest editing. Club business included us agreeing to donate a small sum to the Salvation Army. Treasurer says we are still in the black with \$324.87. Our friends from Fremont, Mick Burton and Richard Pedro paid us a visit, and safely returned Tom's McLaren back from temporary loan / M.I.A. status. Lastly, we had an After Action Review regarding the Monterey County Fair. The club came in 2nd, and the feedback we got for next year was to include more club history, and history of the subject models.

Enough banter from me though, now for the main event...

## Tri-City Classic Unfinished, All types and scales



2nd place - Lotus 100T  
Tom Leutzinger



Our next meeting will be at the Monterey Library, on Sunday, November 6th, at 1:30. Hope to see all of you there!

Cheers, Muddlers!  
-Ramon

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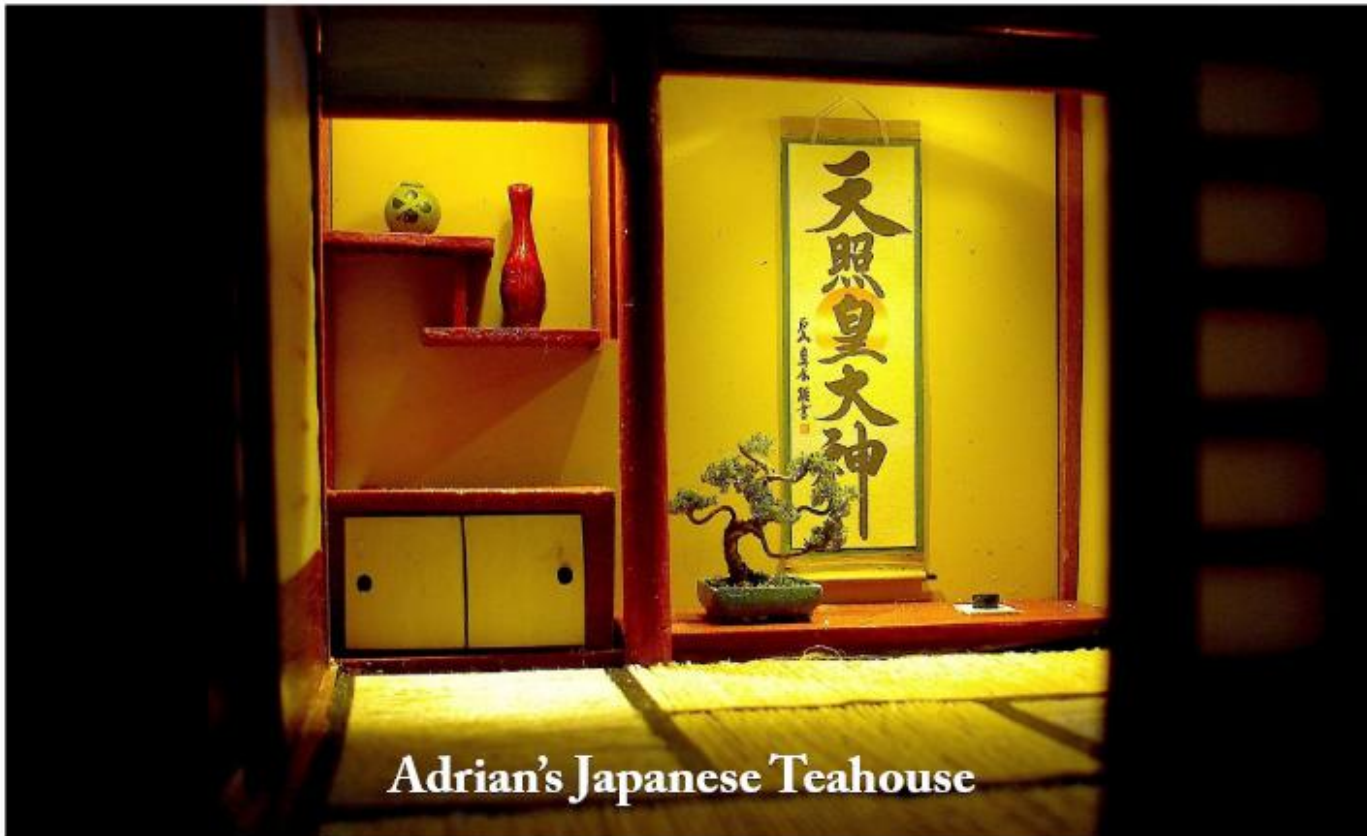
**Richard Pedro, bless him, had taken charge of keeping MBAY entrant Tom Leutzinger's MIA model and arranged to take it and me to meeting to return it. We had great time. There is also a look at how seriously we take MBAY County Fair display**

*One of my all time favorite issues, Muddler layouts by artist Ramon. None knew that sadly very next month Adrian ... RIP*

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 3 No. 7 July 2017



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



**Adrian's Japanese Teahouse**

The International Plastic Modelers Society, Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at President Lester Tockerman's home in Seaside on Sunday, July 2, 2017, a beautiful, sunny day.



# The Monterey Bay Muddler

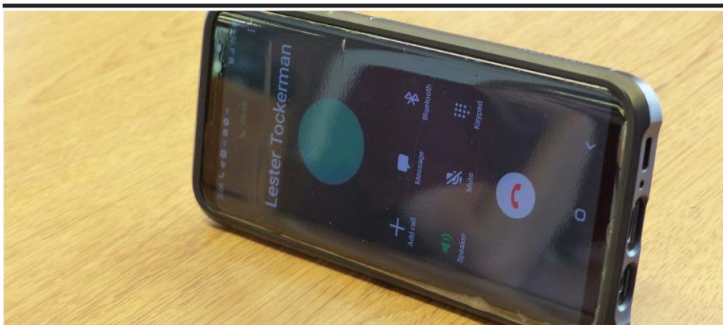


Service dog Bravo makes a guest appearance, but is sadly disappointed that Lester chose movies over models...

*Now Ramon is Editor in office, and Lester does not get off the hook easily as you can read here. In fun but soon enough you'll read behind scenes tale why*



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



Lester phones it in ...

*OKAY we're in year 2019 now, as you may or not have noticed, the Muddler masthead has a distinct newer look. This logo was a collaborative effort in part, yes (I even got invited by Lester during final development and have some of that correspond, it helped me reconstruct our threads, and how I got to know Ramon better)*

*Yet if you read the January 2017 issue business as recorded by Lester, you know it's a great delivery of a model by Ramon primarily here, and this logo for the Monterey Bay model club took office then with unanimous agreement.*



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



Muddlers feel sadness at Lester's preference of fooseball over our company...

 **The Monterey Bay  
Muddler**

**RIP LESTER TOCKERMON  
1947 - 2022**



Lester passed away peacefully in his sleep on 6JUN2022, just 9 days shy of his 75th birthday.

***The clip on the next page is honest heartfelt Lester to a fault***

***Ramon did an excellent edition with contributions from true friends and members of this long lived great model club***



One of the highlights of the contest was my presenting the John McLane Memorial award to Marc Glidden, from the Silicon Valley Club, for his WW II 1/48th scale BF109 G-6. It truly was the very best in that category. The other highlight was seeing soon many awards being presented to such a small club...we really have a great deal of talent on the Peninsula...thanx to all of you.

***( October 2015)***

***I have clipped three pieces of our Editor/President/Friend Lester's work that I think he'd choose to be remembered by***

***Especially this snip of April 2016 page on Oliver's 5 latest***



Next came Oliver, with 2 WIPs and 3 completed models. The first two are the Airfix 1/72nd scale Harrier and A-4 Skyhawk, from the Falklands War Box Set. Next, an Eduard 1/48th scale P-400. Oliver cut open the gun bay on the nose and scratch built the guns and ammo. Very fearless and resourceful! Next, a Revell 1/48 scale F-106 Delta Dart and last, another Revell 1/48 scale Black Widow. Readers, when I first met Oliver some 3-4 years ago, he couldn't put a sentence together loud enough for anyone to hear. Now he presents his work as well as the adults in the club. And if you want to talk about skills and talent growth...he's off the chart!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

*(July 2017)*



Before closing this months' letter, I have some thoughts I'd like to share with you. As you all know, I look forward to going to contests around the state and have seen several chapters, especially those in Central and Northern CA. Some of these chapters have upwards of 100 members or more. As I look back at their presentations, and compare them to ours, I'd put our work up against the very best in the state. I firmly believe that we will outperform them, hands down and eyes closed. I guess that's a very long winded way of telling all of you how very proud I am to be part of our chapter, and how proud I am of your work. PLEASE...keep it up.

*Thankfully Lester was still with us summer 2021 when we had no newsletters publishing at all to give him shot in print form at taking deserved bow for his encouraging prescience*

*Here is Oliver Lomeli's F4F Wildcat model which Won JUNIOR BEST of SHOW at the Las Vegas hosted USA IPMS Nationals 2021*



Well as it turns out I have a bit more room in the finished PDF so here goes a bonus expansion to better tell the whole tale. You may have noticed at open of most of these covers, Lester or Ramon editing, there's a tag line "and now it's time for..." For this example, Lester editing and he notes that apparently in last meeting he didn't say anything...? Yes sure. Uh huh. But quickly enough we are given rest of business and we go to-

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## The Monterey Bay Muddler



Junior Muddlers inspecting their new acquisitions

WOW...so many modelers showed up today, I thought I was a sardine packed into a too small can! There were 11 of us stuffed into the small room...talk about a crowd! Present today were David and grandson Evan, Ramon and son Oliver, the brothers Marcum, Lee and Larry, Anthony M., Tom L., Robert K., Sean B., and ME.

There was NO President's message, so I didn't say anything????

We did have a Treasurer's report. David told us that we have \$127.92 in our coffers. We did make two donations in memory of Anthony M.'s mother's passing. One was to go to the Blind Guild, and the other to Meals on Wheels. He also told us that next month the club will have to send in our IPMS dues as a club. Several of us will also have to renew our personal memberships. The club is in a position to do this for you, if you need help. If not, please pay your own way and save the club some money to use for other necessities.

Under "Comments or Concerns", Ramon reminded us that there will be a Show on Sat., 17 Nov., on the USS Hornet in Alameda. More information about this will be forth-coming. If I don't feel well, it will be fifth-coming! There was also some discussion about an article in the Nat'l Journal concerning a donation made by a member. David said he would send a copy of the article about our donation of Dren's planes to the Naval Post-graduate School.

There being no further items of note, we went right into...

## SHOW AND TELL!!!

First to show was Ramon. For those of you that missed today's meeting, you missed a real treat. Ramon finished his Fairy Swordfish, by Tamiya in 1/48th scale. The workmanship, painting, rigging, etc., etc., etc. were all superb...error free...MUSEUM QUALITY. Ramon didn't have enough superlatives in his vocabulary to adequately praise the kit, and neither do I! Perfectly understandable. He also brought a box...not an empty box, but a box filled with a 1/48th scale Kitty Hawk Su-35. That will be his next build!.....can't wait!!!



*Now here Lester is being his serious, encouraging and generous self, giving true props to Ramon here. Other times, well... He didn't just do this to Ramon either, everyone on the deck when Lester had a mind to have some fun with you. Example:*



Lee presented again for the 157th time, his GODZILLA. This time the darned reptile was finished. HOWEVER, the base was not so we can plan on seeing this for at least another 57 times! For those of us who saw it 4 years ago, he realllllllly has done a great job on it. I purposely bought stock in a putty company because I knew that the monster would take tons of the stuff and wanted quick returns on my investments! Lee shared with us that many of the finer painted details were done with a Sharpie pen. These included the eyes, claw, nails, etc.



*By the way, the tale of Lee's Godzilla is a steady run in the issues. And I applaud Lee for being another hidden gem in this*

*Here's a shot of Lee (Marcum) from Lester and Ramon's coverage of 2015 TriCity Classic. Lester didn't highlight (probably for space reasons) that Lee's 1/35<sup>th</sup> Russian SPG that he took Contest Director's award was an ALL PAPER construction !*



Lee Markum did exceptionally well, garnishing the following awards; Christian Eagle - 2nd, Suzuki RGB 500 - 1st, SZD-6-x - 2nd, FW-190A - 1st, Subject of Honor Kenneth Jung Award,- 257 Self Propelled Russian Gun , a 3rd for his Ford Fuel truck, a 2nd for his 7TP tank.

*I am able with the additional space able to correct this incomplete accuracy tale now: You see, while Lester and Ramon get to have most of the upfront fun with the Muddler, Lee was the Secretary in charge of getting the paperwork recorded !!*

*I have known Lee to be a fearsome and fearless competitive modeler over the years but I should not let some of his other great contributions be unheralded so outside of the club confines, so here, at least one high five to another fine member*

**ALRIGHT NOT QUITE THE END** of the story **BUT FOR NOW** it is the closing page of this article

**YOU ARE INVITED BY ME** to read **ALL** or **ANY** issues fully at your leisure, as I recently completed a long planned never got around to it project, that resulted in part from needing to do proper justice in an originally smaller way, in this manner:

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/monterey-bay.php>

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<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/mbay-2024-25.php>

Home Photo Gallery TriCity Memories left-field Monthly Themes  
Monterey Bay

**M O N T E R E Y**  
**B A Y**  
**M E M O R I E S**  
**K E P T B Y**  
**M I C K**

02-26-2026 HELLO and welcome to my model memories archive for my long time being amongst the marvelous folks who have kept the IPMS Monterey Bay club alive for over 6 decades now

**IF YOU MISSED LAST BUZZ YOU MISSED THIS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DON'T MISS THIS SHOW AND HERE'S HOW NOT TO !**

**“ MODEL Expo EVOLUTION REVOLUTION Opens REGISTRY Oh YES ”**

*Again I am excited to see how this works out as this is a common chokepoint for all clubs staging events and even the USA Nationals have found it still can be administrative snarl, and they get a few days to run we get a few hours.*

**PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE and HELP PROMOTE EVERYONE trying out this offered improvement for R-9 opener show**

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***Wine Country Model Expo – April 11, 2026 (Petaluma, CA)***  
***Pre-registration is now open for the upcoming April 11 Wine Country Model Expo***  
***hosted by the Wine Country Model Club.***

***Preregistered modellers may check in at the Preregistration Packet Pickup line for fast, no-wait pickup of registration packets, table display placards and name badges — then head straight to the display tables***

***Your materials will be ready when you arrive. No filling out forms at the door.***

***Here's the link for pre-registration:***

***<https://www.zeffy.com/.../ticke.../wine-country-model-expo-2>***

***More information:***

***[www.winecountrymodelexpo.com](http://www.winecountrymodelexpo.com)***

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***Many thanks to the Exec of this show for sharing with me this newsletter ready to publish handy tool , see you there! – mb***

***See also NEXT page for their OFFICIAL FLYER***

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

*This is the OFFICIAL flyer, too !*



**WINE COUNTRY  
MODEL EXPO**

Petaluma Community Center  
3250 N. McDowell Blvd.  
Petaluma, CA 94954

▪ **Exhibition-Style Display**

All of each modeller's works displayed together

▪ **\$20 Entry - Unlimited Models**

One entry fee - bring as many models as you'd like

▪ **"Juried Evaluation"**

Using open system based on a standard of excellence

▪ **Free Seminars & Presentations**

Featuring nationally recognized modellers and historians

**Preregister for Fast Packet Pickup**

Preregistration closes midnight April 6

**REGISTER NOW:**

**[www.winecountrymodelexpo.com](http://www.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.

***FIRST OPENER for MAY and here's Official 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**

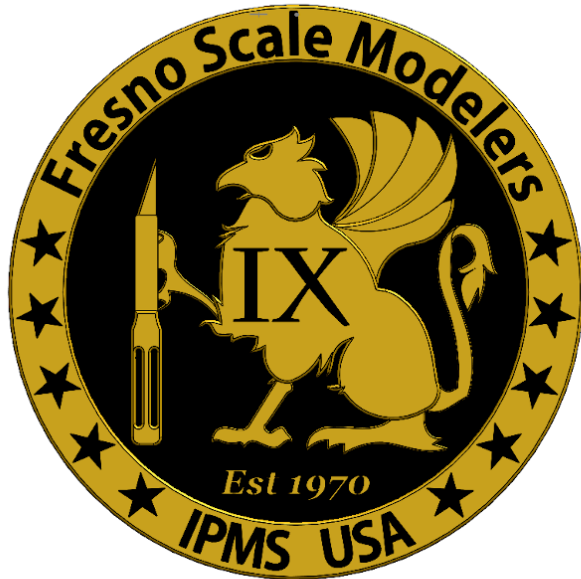
**50+ CATEGORIES**

**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)

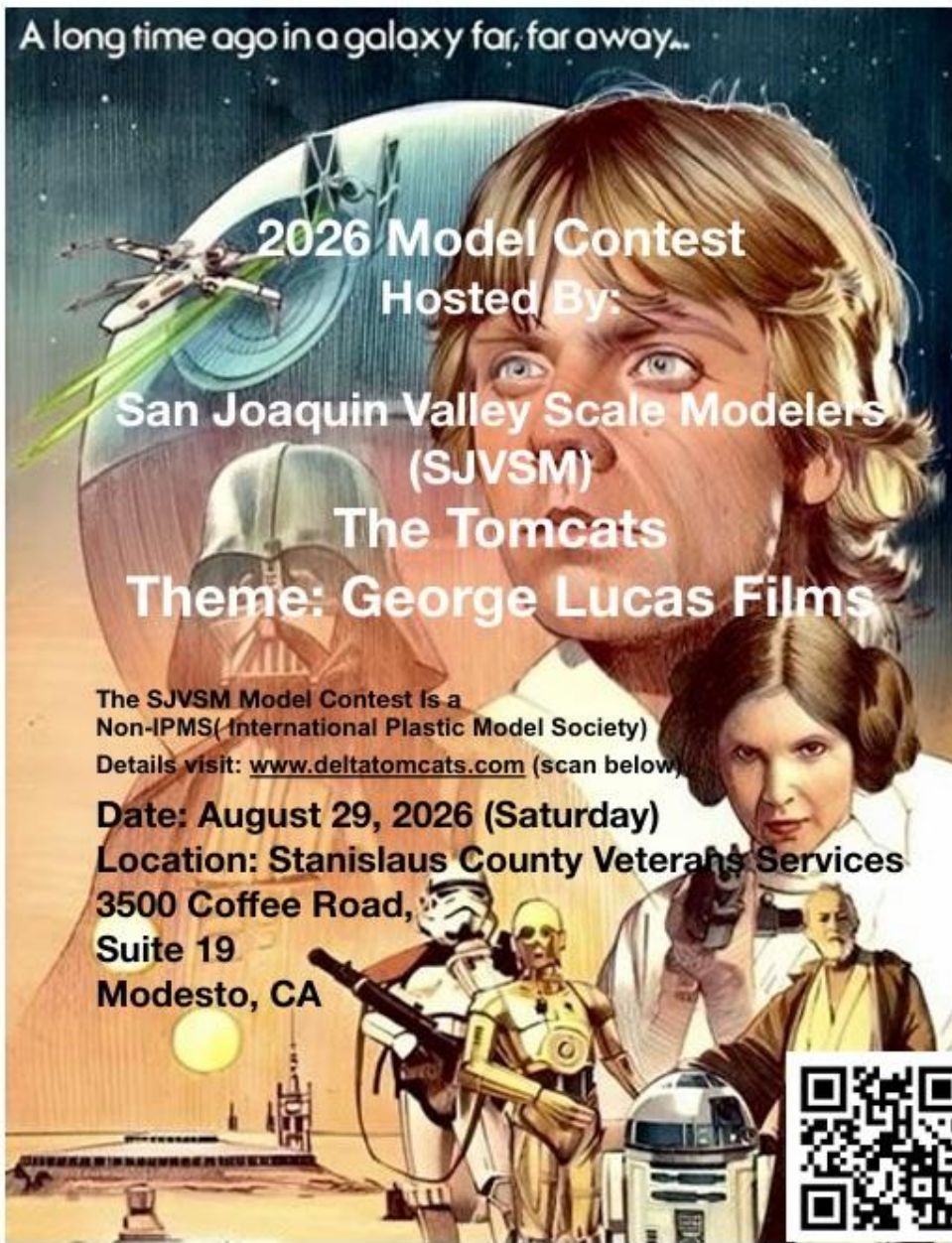
The Tomcats

Theme: George Lucas Films

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

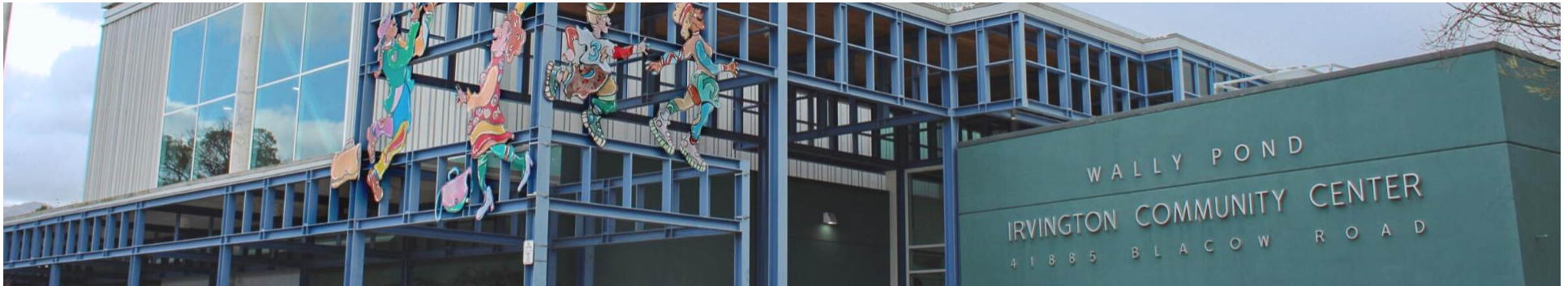
The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **MARCH 13 2026**

**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 FEBRUARY 2026 HORNETS NEST 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.

1. Mick Burton, madman at large – [DAZE61283@mypacks.net](mailto:DAZE61283@mypacks.net)
2. ( sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here ) “ Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm “

