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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 146Z



March 18 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

Just Enough Room for REVEAL of RECENT Hornets Nest (FEBRUARY '26) + CFMC

ALSO an APRIL ONLY look at calendar for 2026, Editorially speaking (updated flyers!)

You May Call This BUZZ The “A 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 18 2026 608 PM)

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

YES! Now # 147 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!



“ GO MECHA, YOUNG FOLK ! Oh YES ”



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Join our build meetings the
last Saturday each month
at GTC Store 18 S 8th St San
Jose CA 95112 1pm-4pm!!



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If the faces in the flyer here at all seem familiar, should because several of them are also members of our outfit

Master Aaron in the blue shirt is now President of the CFMC, Mark Balderrama on the far right also active with CFMC. You may remember Sydney there, tall gent just behind Adam Rhetta next to his brother Aaron. Sydney was our “supervisor” at the Games of Fremont meets.

Adam by the way, is now the VP of CFMC. The smiling dude behind Aaron is Emilio who owns GTC and supports

all of our local clubs with promos, vending at our shows, and housing the CFMC meets and events. GREAT FOLKS all !

While scantily aware of Mecha, Gundam, Anime since the way old days thanks to members Kent McClure, Brian Sakai, Cliff Kranz, Greg Plummer and R-9 community like Chris Zanella, nowadays thanks to actives such as here, I am getting there- mb

APRIL 10 2026 Free Hornets MOM & TOM theme:

ACES HIGH

WHAT? REAL SIMPLE :

Up to FIVE total (ANY CRAFT considered a true SPY plane (strategic vs tactical recce))

This excludes some vehicles like Beech F-2, Lockheed F-4/5, NA Mustang F6, Boeing F-13 and the like unless you have documented evidence your entry was thusly employed.

However, there were some craft that never made it into the air which will qualify, and a surprising number of "ferrets" –

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-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 FEBRUARY ALL CAUGHT UP for '26

Will you just look at that, here we are, gathered productively at the Wally Pond Community Center with room to spare even

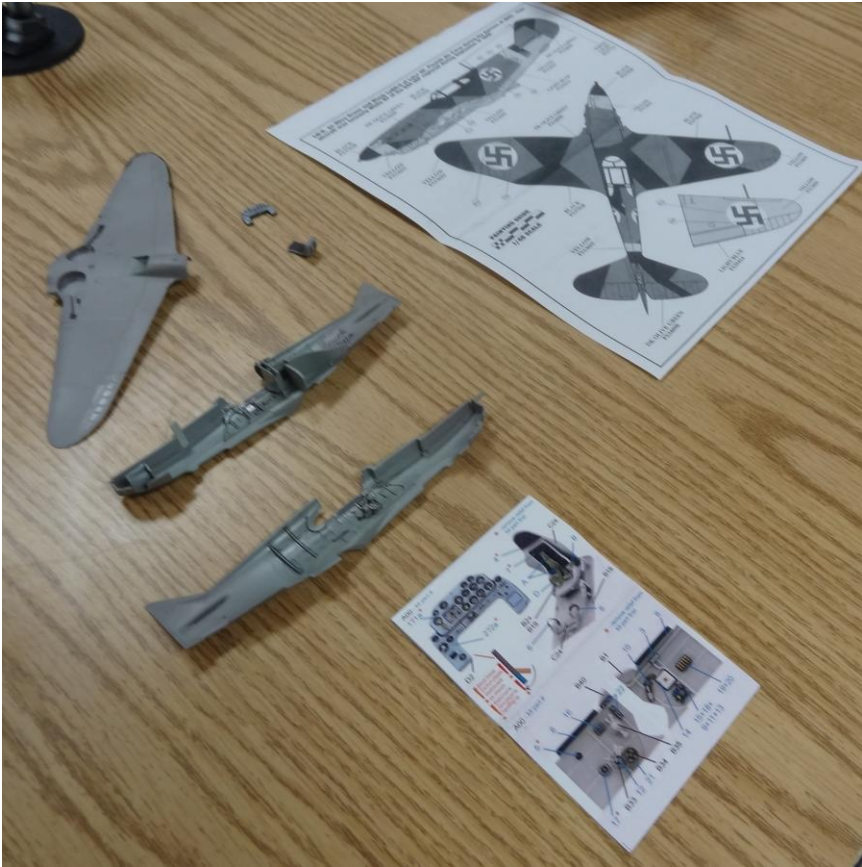


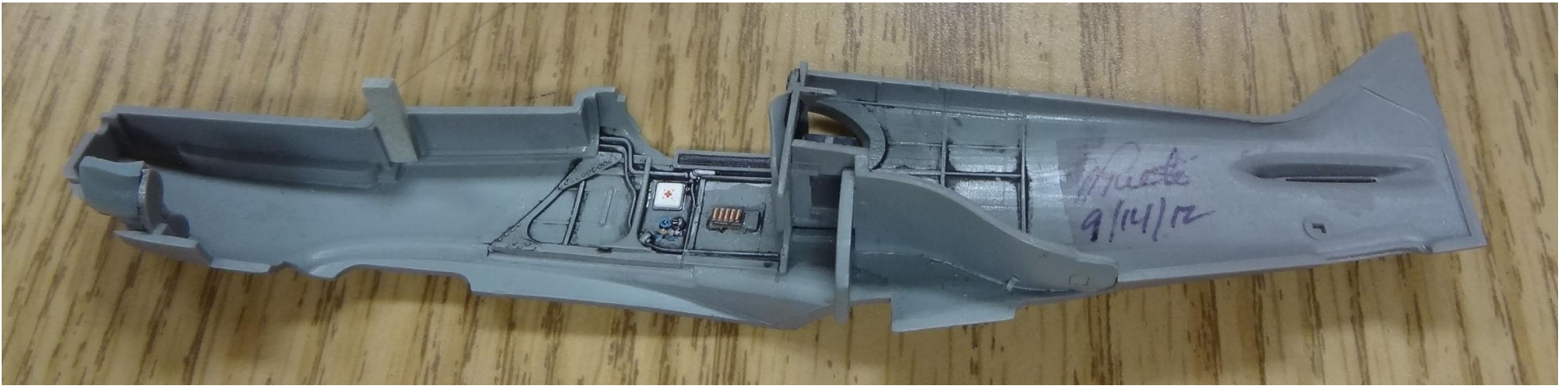
Only one moment when the Editor/MC had some cause to pause, seen on right as usually quiet Jeff Mason suddenly had a strafng run moment with his P-38 WIP, then resumed his appreciated countenance until his turn to Model Talk. Anyhow...

February had closing bit of two part theme of the month, President's no holds barred competition I short hand as "FOCRE" aka "Freedom Of Choice Re-Entry" . Which was where contestants who entered in January "FTAC" First Time's A Charm Competition with "Snap Fit Only, NO ADHESIVE allowed no matter what, paint ok as long as not used as adhesive trick" models. Now, they could return with those entries (regardless of winning or not in January) REBUILT however they chose including complete teardown makeovers, add parts subtract parts, paint/glue/modify your reentry to your heart's content. The response was really pretty interesting and you will see as we review meeting. Again, well worth Editor's money for gig TOM/MOM competition results be at end, after all the models, as always Editor will do best to recall details for the photos



Jim Priete had a LaGG-3 for our February Nest leadoff Model Talk.





Ben Pada finished this splendid pre war yellow wings F4F Wildcat with the Willow Green tail. 1/48th (Ben scale) of course.





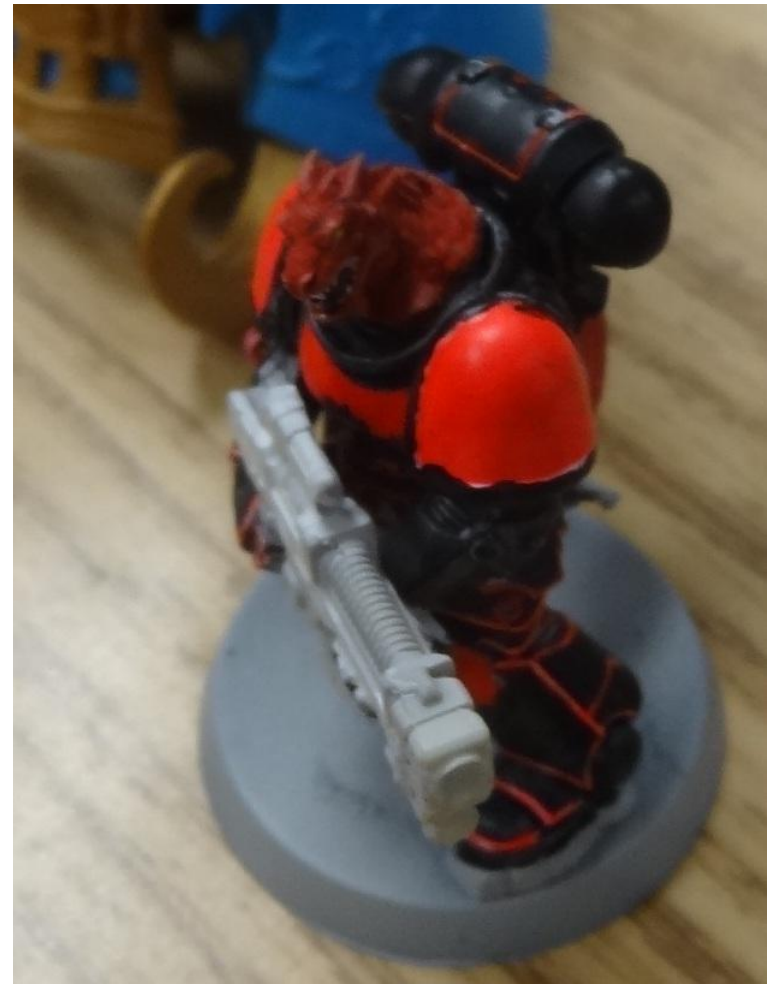


Aaron Rhetta shared a grand collection of varied Gundam subjects along with 2 Warhammer 40K gaming items. Some of you may not know this, but Aaron was shown a great deal of respect by his compatriots. Recently formally electing him President of GTC group known as CFMC or “Char’s Fantasy Model Club”. So he has now more to do besides his fine club newsletter, these exploratory bits And of course, that includes finding time to answer my pestering emails when I figure I won’t be able to research fast enough that which I don’t know for here Now I can state with assurance green vehicle is a **Magellan Attack Tank** from Gundam. Thank you, Aaron for the swift reply, exactly to spec too.

This little wonder next to the Green Attack Tank is again I wouldn't have gotten to the bottom of researching on my own in my lifetime.

Now, say hello to a **Warhammer Space Marine, mutated with Dragon Head and Tail**

Definitely not a dude I ever want to encounter outside some dive bar...



Especially if accompanied by the one above, a **Warhammer Black Templar Space Marine**, boo rah



Above, just to make sure you recall what we're reviewing

On the right, a decent picture of what is an entry for one of CFMC's upcoming contests, they do some fun stuff there

This is Aaron's Gundam RX-78-2 High Grade 1/144 scale, painted for Char's Fantasy Model Club's 50 Shades of Gunpla "one color" contest.

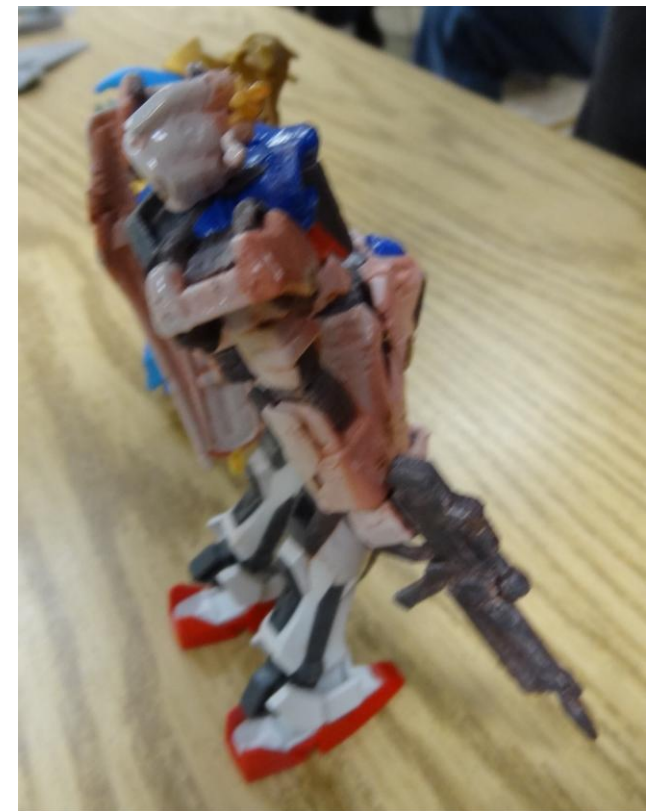


Now I wish more than ever I could have captured how Aaron explained this one to us at February meet.

Not only was he splendidly deadpan innocent just relaying the process by which this model of his came to be, captured the joy of modelling and making the best of it when life hands you a hard turn while at your journey. The next page has his description and more



Take a look below also to the right as you say hello to “ **Melted Strike Gundam** ”
Yes, you would be correct to surmise that no, the fighting suit isn't originally meant to have that distinct bent back slouchiness... Aaron achieved this on way to drying the finish on this 1/144 EG (entry grade) Gundam. He found the result intriguing and happily decided to go ahead with it for entry and redemption instead of trashing it.



Lastly another favorite of mine here, the **Gold and Blue SD Cleopatra Gundam**

There's a fine looking 1/48th scale Tamiya P-38 Lightning in **Jeff Mason's** future I can see



All Quiet On The Strafing Front ...

Peter Long along more way with finishing his latest Tamiya F-14 Tomcat



Larry Heisler had this interesting American Tank WIP I don't have ID



I tried to look for it but wasn't having luck so for now, this picture and that meagre labeling



Angela Falvey had a group of four in distinct sets of figures, or that's how I recall it. Sadly none of which Editor has any more notes for here sorry



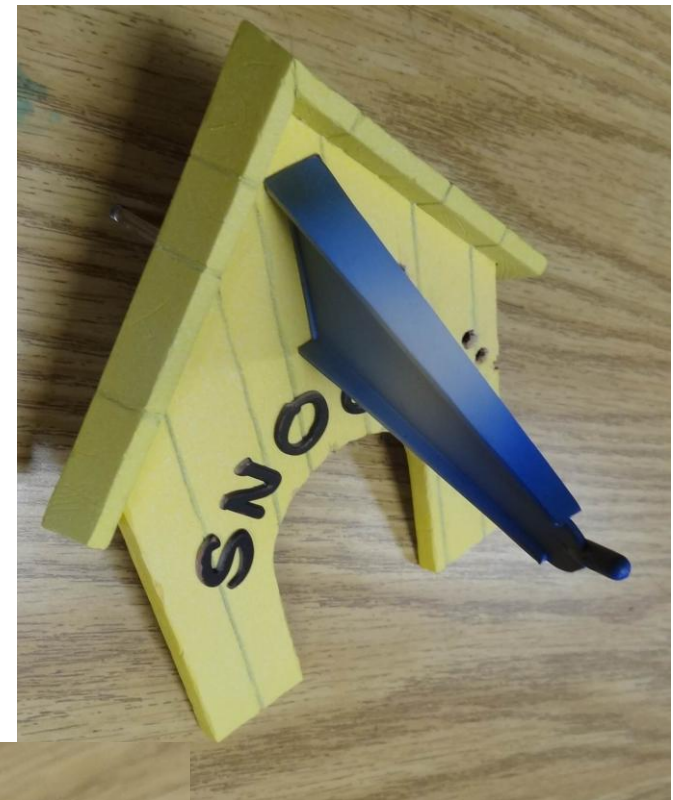


Norm Luebker definitely went battle mode which was very fun

He noted that the Snoopy Snap scale so why not he thought, go what he can kt bash, right ?

Fearless competitive modeler a clue how intricate this ended is eerie cool.

Snoopy himself wasn't left out plastic scarf gave him properly

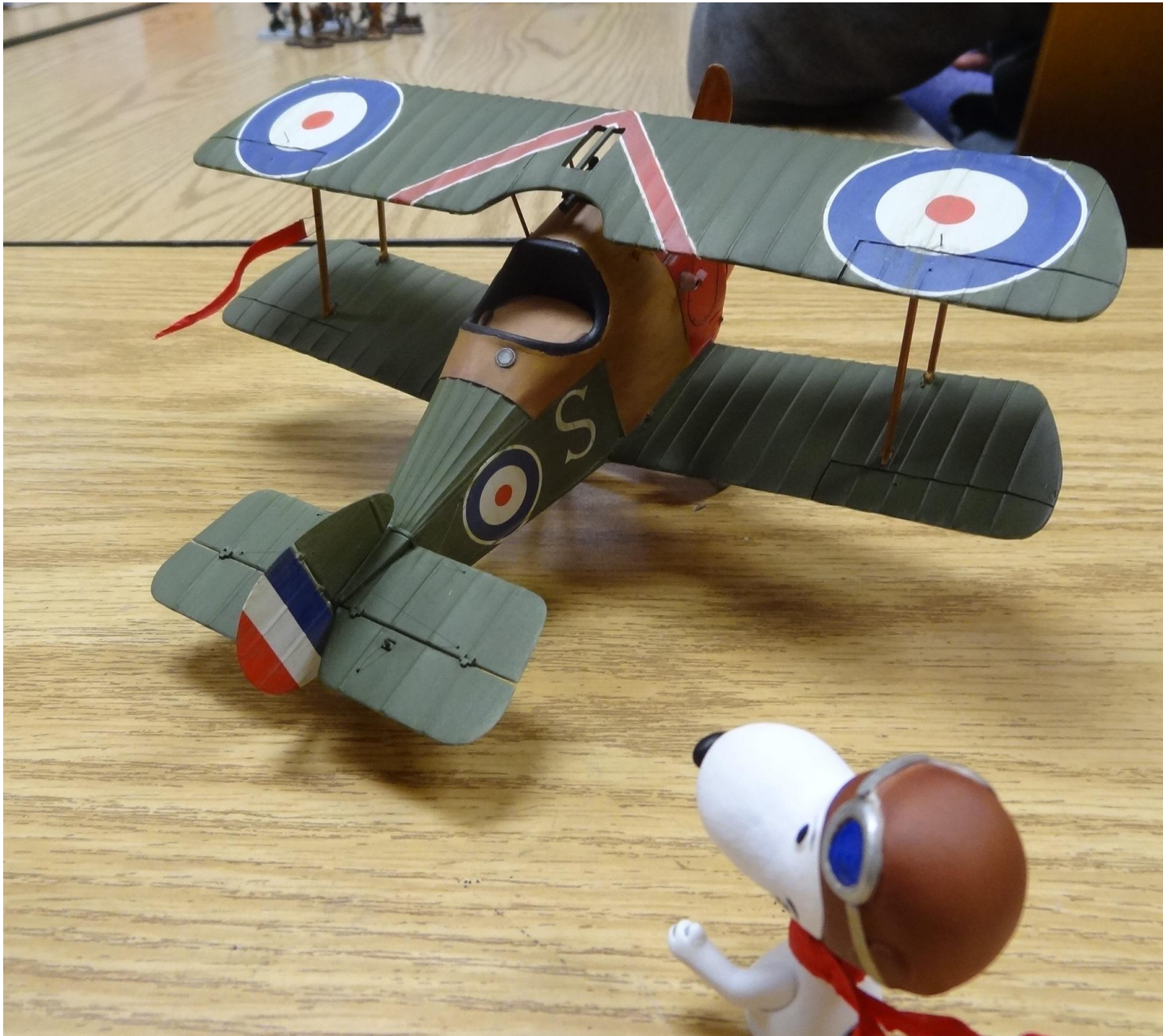


at the FOCRE competition in full

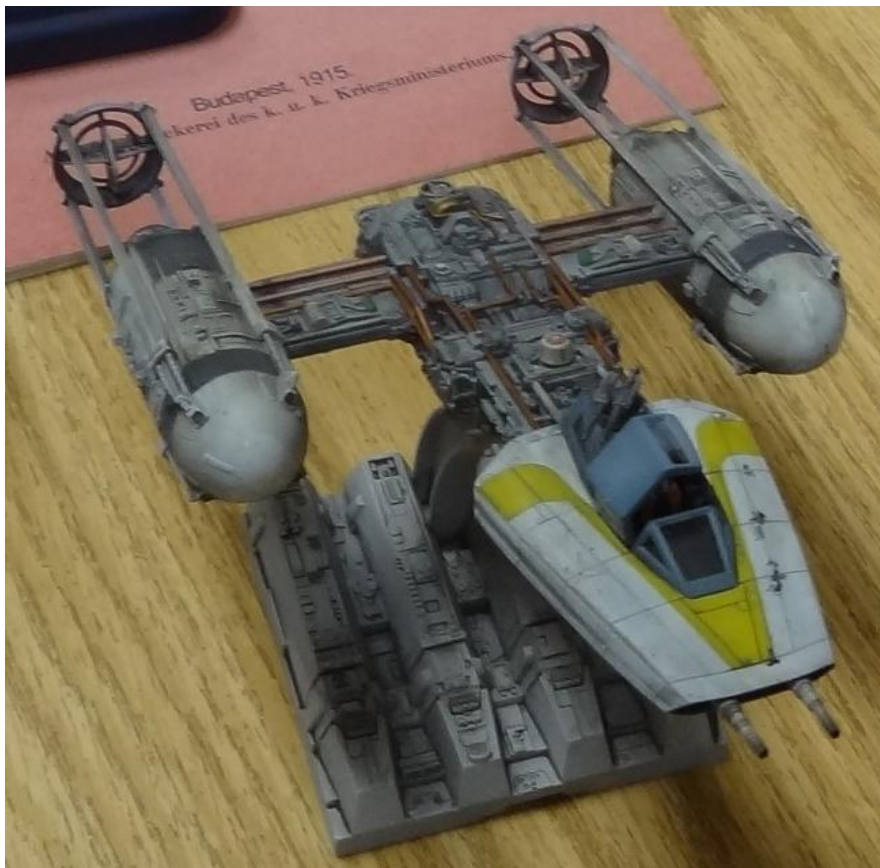
tite Sopwith was about 1/32 in get a 1/32 "accurate" one and see

he be in my estimate as he gave us up being, blended pieces so well it

at all either, Norm carved off the in the wind flying cloth one !



CURSE YOU RED BARON ! I've a proper Camel now with which to smite you, you Teutonic Tri -threat you



Tamas Nemeth had his Y Wing redone and at the ready to battle for FOCRE honors too

Along with a new He-111 in the process alongside an interesting armored vehicle I believe was of the late Great War (WW1) or just after, vintage, best I can recall





**Mike Meek has
"Miss Merced"
Nearly ready to
race for the gold**





John Larson had promised the Editor that he felt the gauntlet had been thrown, perhaps due to my being unintentionally too harsh on the relative quality of choosing the Monogram F-14A snap tight kit for modelling purposes, during last month's gig.

I was lamenting from my own past having multiple experiences using the kit at public event "make and takes" more than once having to explain to kids here's a perfect example of :1) Instructions are not always complete, accurate or helpful. 2) Yes it is a snap tight in theory but yes, snap off is often more the case when trying to fit parts "as advertised" 3) No your "adults" may not be any smarter at this than you and maybe even more unlikely to finish than yourself. 4) That's where SuperGlue is called for !

Although John had found building the kit a second time years later no picnic, he did a fine job with it for FTAC in January and he had a pretty competitive result as you see here, for FOCRE repeat try. We will see at the end how it worked out for him hey



Ethan Larson had this intriguing warrior piece that as ever the Editor didn't get the particulars captured for.



STILL I did get some decent pictures of the model, no?



As promised earlier, **Anthony Cheung** did indeed put out a fine effort to create a “Winter Games” (ok War Games) small scale diorama with two of his recent completions

SO here you go, a winter camouflaged RAF HS Gr.1 Harrier being tended to “in the field” along side an USAF OV-10D Bronco twin prop with similar camo



All made possible in part due to **Anthony** choosing 1/72nd scale which offers pretty big range of lower cost accessory items, plus giving one much less space required result to tackle it.

Mark Balderrama had this cool group,. I am in awe how the pilot in 1/144 scale F-20 TigerShark below looks so well done and fitted





David Balderrama returned to compete in FOCRE with his MENG Deformed He-177

This time I got some pictures to better porray the “Fritz X “ German WW2 guided bombs underwing

Yes, the USA also had some wicked underwing bits in the Pacific, look up ASM “BAT” if you’re curious

It’s the WW2 German missiles that get all the press...



Speaking of USA World War 2 Pacific theatre here is **Chris Bucholtz** with his USS Hornet Museum's project for MIDWAY, a TBD Devastator of VT-8

It's an Airfix of 1973 with years of added new bits, in the manner of his aftermarket and kit bashing...



Eugenie Ray was definitely taking no prisoners in her return model from the January FTAC. Her Triceratops rocks!

She gave the Greyhound bus sized tri horned prehistoric reptile a fabulous color shift multiple colored new skin

.My camera simply wasn't up to task of capturing the full glory but here you get an idea/ Just imagine that, T-Rex





Frank Babbitt had this 1/48th A-7 Corsair II in a nifty TAC camo scheme while in USN service

I remember when this bird first came into development and service. Didn't realize the true genius back then of the Vought group, life taught me.

Taking the successful 1950s F-8U Crusader supersonic fighter design and redoing it into this subsonic attack bird in the mid 1960s, made plane for the ages in some ways.



I ended up working with someone who was a crew chief onboard USN carriers during the 1970s war in Southeast Asia, he was nothing but praise-filled for the SLUF (and yes he used the correct profane verse)

Seeing it adopted by the USAF and Hellenic Air Force then finally lasting into 1990s thanks to the Portuguese Air Force, 49 years for the little slow that could.

Great work on a great airplane here Frank.



Dave Parks specializes of late in the levitation of 1/56th scale armor you see

The Editor specializes of late in ways to dance past his not having a clue of the details of some of the table items

Either way, we're now at the closing part of the February 2026 meeting.

Enjoy looking over Dave's Panther and ...



Then we segue to:

**“FOCRE” FEBRUARY 2026 Fremont Hornets TOM/MOM Wins
5th**

Eugenie Ray

Super Triceratops in Snazzy Skin



4th

David Balderrama

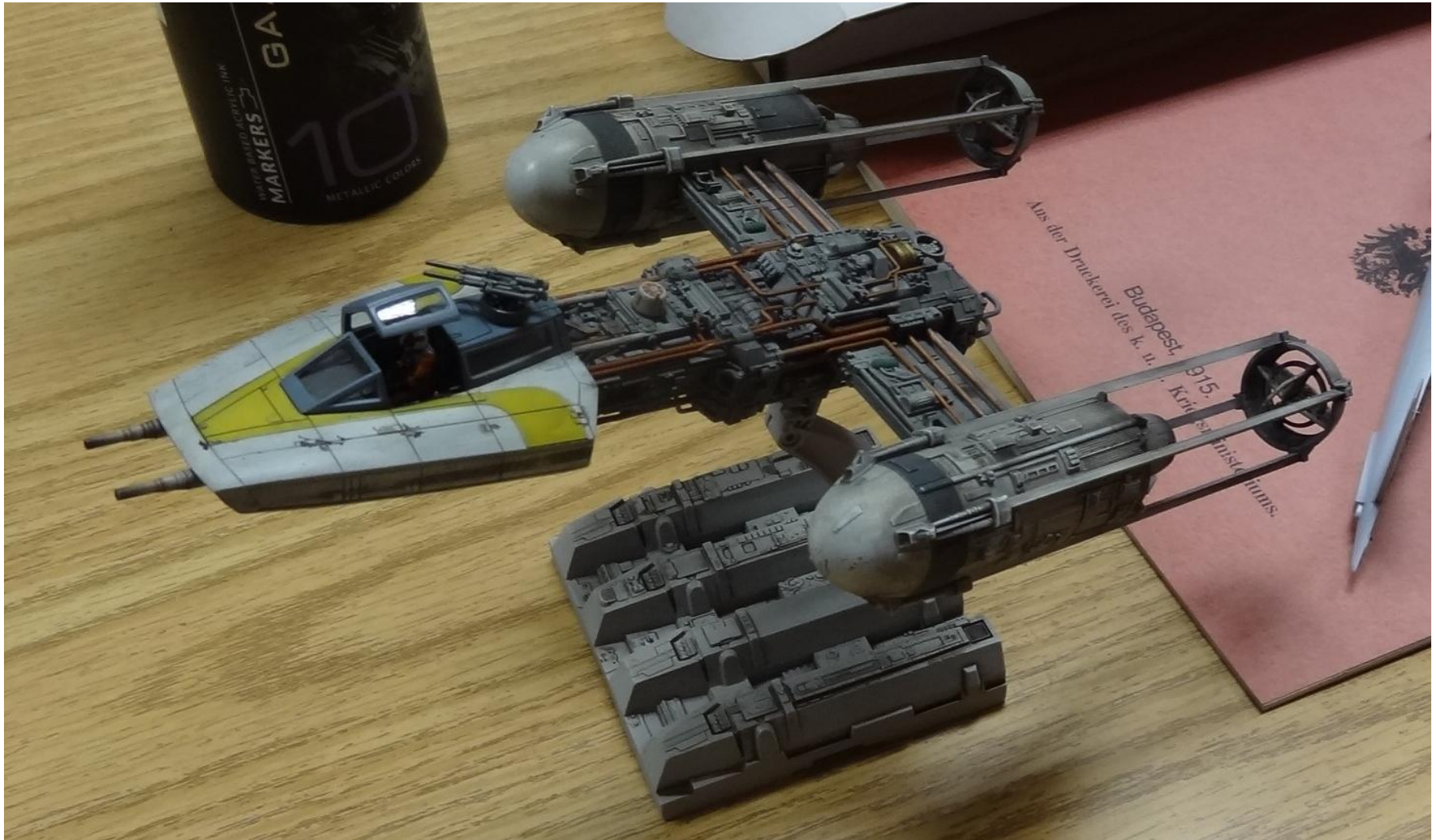
Deformed He-177 Greif



3rd

Tamas Nemeth

Star Wars Y Wing Fighter 1/72



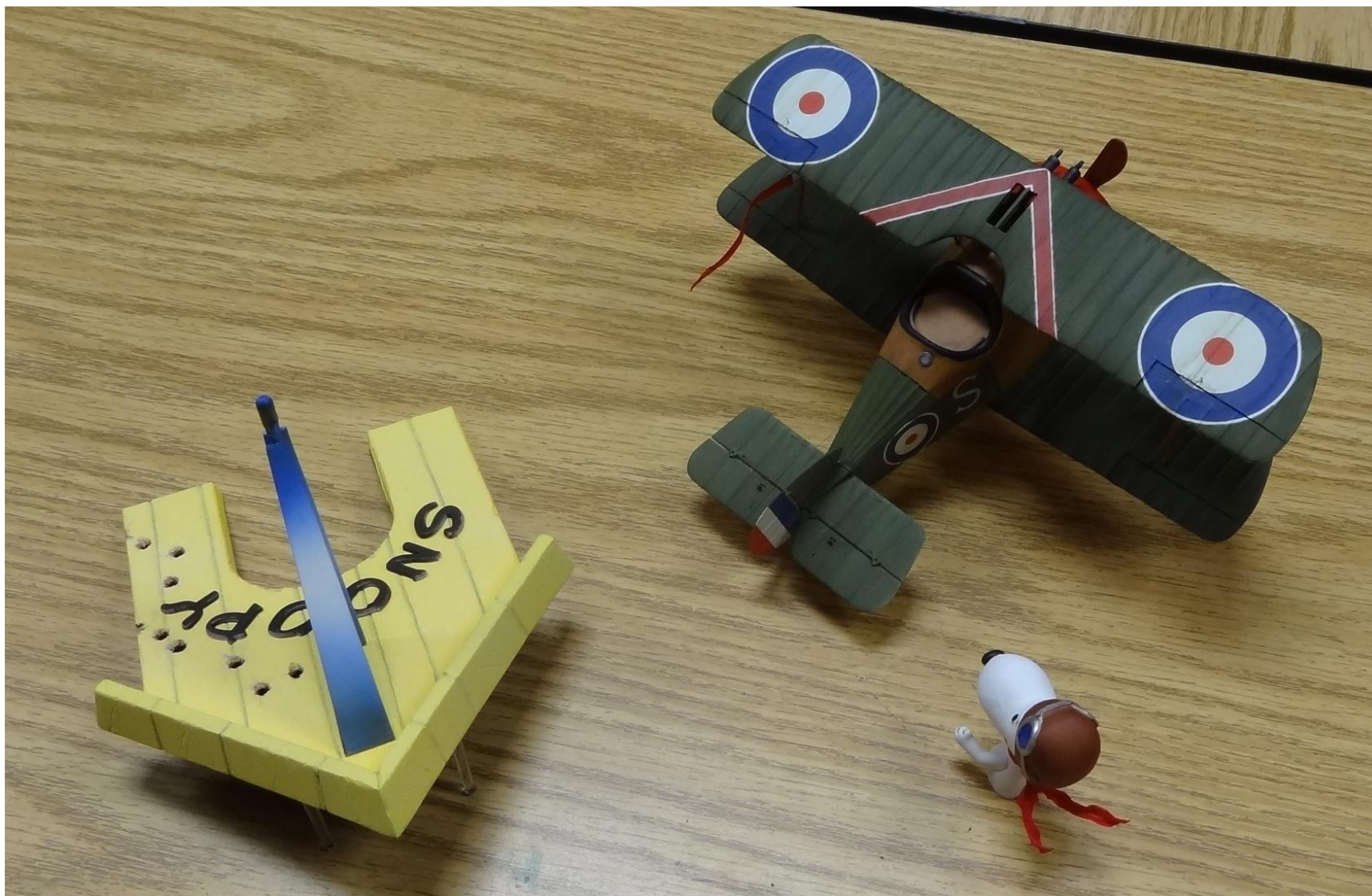
2nd

John Larson

Snappy 1/72 F-14A Tomcat



1st
Norm Luebker
Snoopy and Sopwith 1/32



2026 FEBRUARY THEME of The MONTH “Freedom Of Choice Re-Entry” (FOCRE)’s (Model of the Month)

Norm Luebker

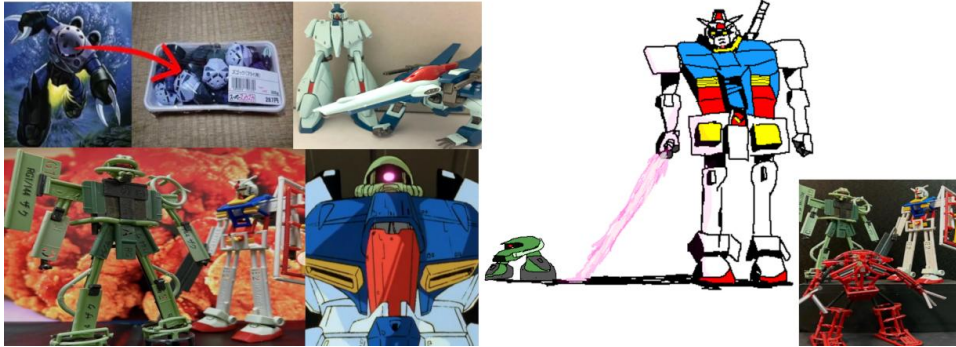
Snoopy and Sopwith 1/32



Gundam and mecha memes and shitpost model competition

saturday february 14
at gift toys collectables (GTC)
18 south 8th st san jose ca 95112

starting 12pm
then
judging begins at 2:30pm through group vote



GUNDAM IT, THEY DONE IT AGAIN

Had Fun Day After Our February Meet !

Well, now you can read about it at least

Thanks Aaron, y'all here's his newsletter:

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/resources/2016TEMP/Gundam%20Meme%20Contest%202026%20News%20Letter.pdf>



Gundam Meme Contest 2-14-2026

Hosted by Matt at GTC Store

*This is the cover just so
you know when you go
with the link you got it*



Props to you, CFMC ! -mb

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

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

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
- **“Juried Evaluation”**
Using open system based on a standard of excellence
- **Free Seminars & Presentations**
Featuring nationally recognized modellers and historians
- **\$20 Entry - Unlimited Models**
One entry fee - bring as many models as you'd like

Preregister for Fast Packet Pickup

Preregistration closes midnight April 6

REGISTER NOW:

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.

Coming Up NEXT

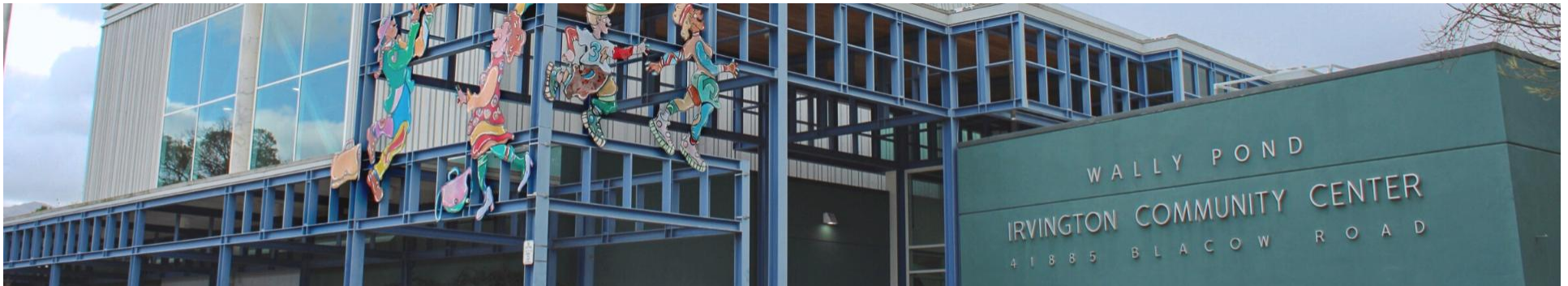
The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **APRIL 10 2026**

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 NEW MATERIAL OF WHAT WENT ON AT THE MARCH 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.

Mick Burton, madman at large – DAZE61283@mypacks.net

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

