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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 149



April 25 2026



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## Welcome

IN THIS **REGULAR EDITION COVERAGE** ISSUE – You will find:  
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**LATEST BUZZ** ( *Issue's Editorial, bearing no relation to the picture on the right* )

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

**APRIL Meeting and declaration of finally completed 2025 TriCity 17 full coverage**

**ALSO a MAY ONLY look at calendar for 2026, Editorially speaking**

***You May Call This BUZZ The “ Caught Up And THEN SOME Moment issue ”***



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# THE Latest BUZZ (as of APR 25 2026 428 PM)

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



**YES! Now # 150** 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 muddled, let's get to some actual important business!

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**So, now, having recently found success trying this "three head monster of publication" process to work for me elsewhere, here are PARTS TWO and THREE, Part One being this BUZZ to be giving you visual clue that Tri City 17 completed coverage takes two issues. Buzz 150A will be missed promos, a bit of history to lead for themology, and snapshot articles on how things went.**

**Buzz 151 will be the entire winners by category and of Special Awards, with photos, thanks again to Vladimir and Ernie Gee.**

**May we again have so much fun in coming November -mb**

## “ Try to Remember What Kind of November ... here: 2025 Event Specials ”

*If nothing else, this gives the Editor/Contest Director pause to reflect and finally relax, although he found he was "on time"*

*I found when going forward to produce what was at time to be again only a single issue, that the prior event TC-16 issue of same was done by me in April of the following year. That was lost as memory to me along with quite a bit of 2025 about that time until end of year, with all that transpired in my life and in the world.*

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***MAY 08 2026 Free Hornets MOM & TOM theme:***

## ***MAXIMUM OVERDRIVE***

*WHAT? REAL SIMPLE :*

Up to FIVE total ANY MODEL of an ACTUAL Racing Car  
(must have a racing history, not just be a proposal or representative)

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-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 ”

**<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-september-2026.php>** “ LIGHTNING BUGS ”

**<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-october-2026.php>** “ ONLY IN FILM ”

**<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-november-2026.php>** (An all 1970s Special for sure )

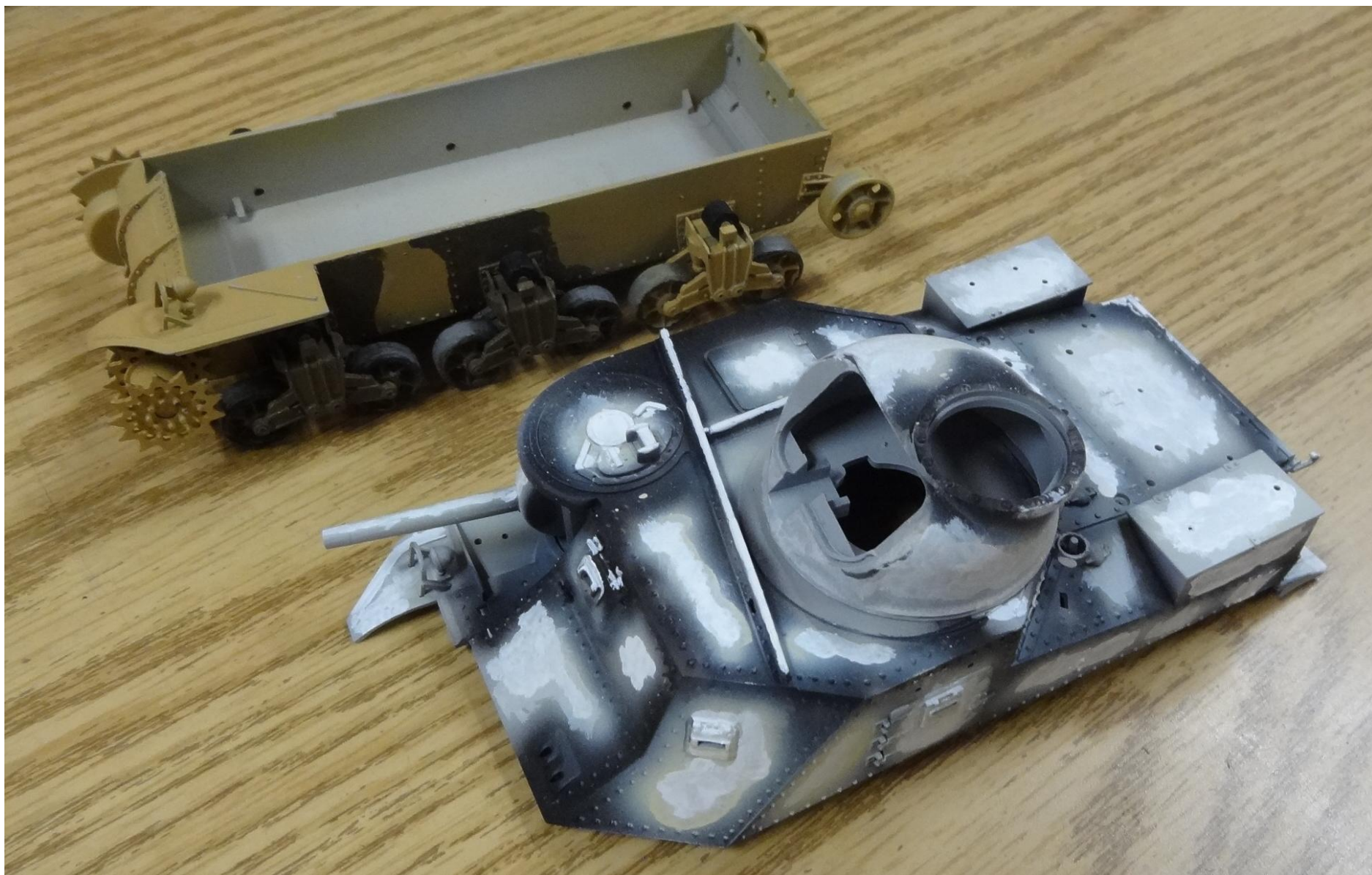
“ NO WHERE MAN's NOWHERE LANDS ”



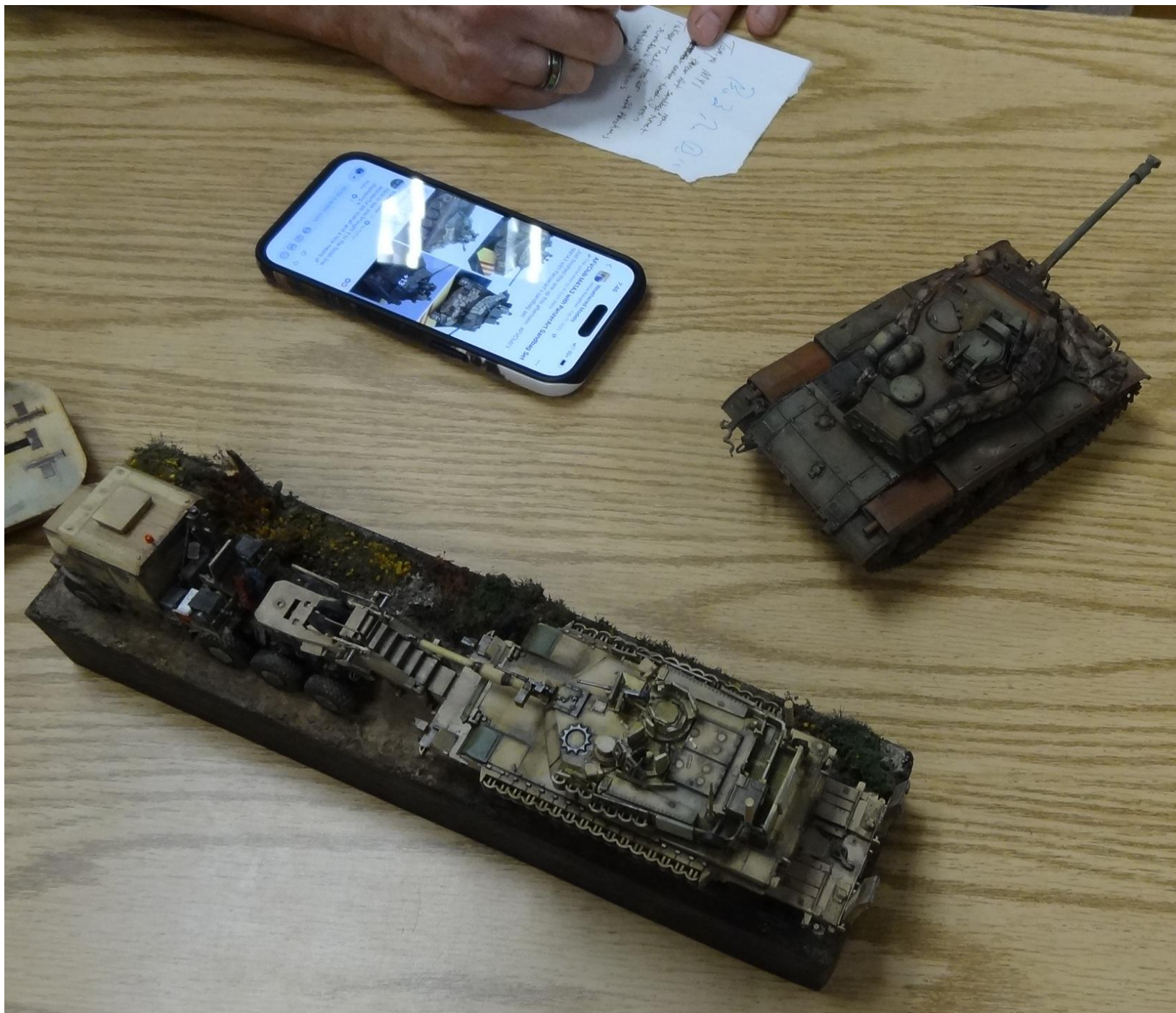
*Truly, no fooling, our regularly scheduled Nest date was on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Wine Country Model Expo in Petaluma Community Center opened the Region Nine 2026 event year at 9AM on April 11<sup>th</sup>*

*For preface, Editor/MC reminded all that President's Theme Of Month was " Aces High ". Sadly, there were no entrants. .*

Larry Heisler lead off the Model Talk with his progress made building Tamiya 1/35 scale M3 tank circa 1941. I am able with authority report this here in part because Larry filled out the paperwork I handed out during the meet, to assist later publication



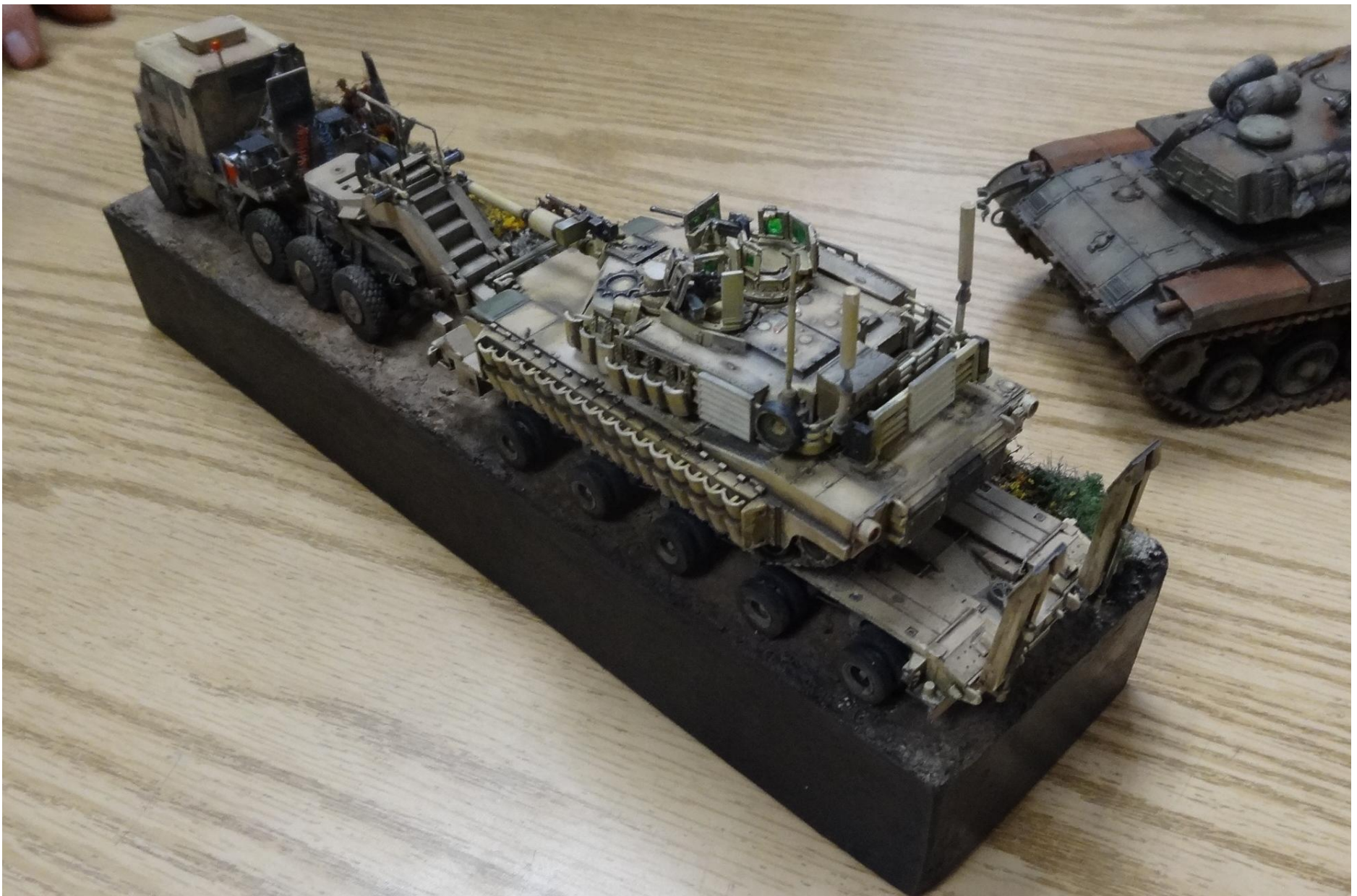
Speaking of which, why here we see I got a picture of **Bob Meyers** in midsentence doing this very same helpful process



Thank you both ! **Bob's** M41 Walker Bulldog is the old Tamiya 1/35 "motorized" edition molding, which he had gotten as part of the 2025 SVSM Gift Theft Exchange. Originally thinking of donating this to the TC-18 Raffle inventory, Bob verified that it was not a strict rule on just how one could use such a kit for entry in the "120 Day Wonders" Club Contest that would come in April. If he wanted to go to town modifying or updating or even transform utterly any kit he or others took from that event, the option was his to exercise. Rule said it has to be a kit from that event, not out of the box or otherwise limited for competition.

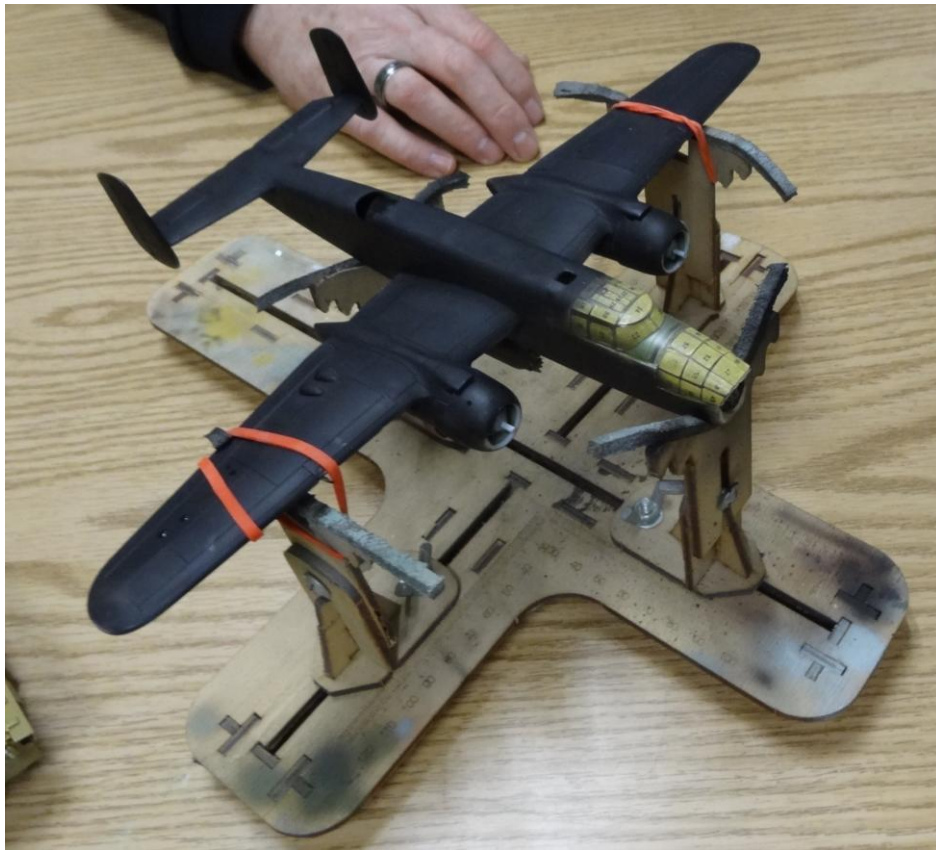
So, fearless Bob went ahead with repeat build of this venerable old tank kit, but this time he used a complete replacement of turret with resin aftermarket, Panzer Art resin sand bags, among other cool tricks to make this lovely model in Vietnam scheme





Takom's 1/72 M1070 Prime Mover with M1000 70T Tank Transporter Trailer that he outfitted with the M1A1 Abrams tank appropriately enough (the specific vehicle for which this combo was designed to support in combat) was Bob's other beauty.

Bob wasn't completely happy with the contents of the new kit, he said that some of the details of area behind the M1070 cab were lacking. So he has here scratchbuilt brake lines, rebuilt properly the crane area behind cab, T Model ice cooler and water bottles. Noted his new blue and red air lines are repurposed items from ball point pen !



Mr Meyers is also noting that of late, he's taken up challenge of going from his comfort zone of armor and automotive model rendering

This is his Airfix 1/72 scale B-25 underway, which he wants to complete as a RAF Mitchell Mk II.

While it looked pretty good to me as it were, apparently was a 'ghost seam' present that was pointed out to him, and will be rectified post meeting. Great work efforts all around, though

Jeff Mason brought along a very nice work in process, it's the 1/35 scale Asuka kit of a M4A1 Sherman

I didn't take any notes beyond what he gave me so just enjoy the pics of his work then we'll go to next subject.







**Ben Pada** is moving along well with his 1/48 scale Tamiya J2M3 Raiden seen below left, a project he plans to enter at the next IPMS USA Nationals in the “vintage model kit” competition. This is a 1973 molding so qualifies for the parameters of this.

In the USN tri-color scheme to right, Ben’s got a Hasegawa F6F-3 Hellcat in 1/48 almost completed. Bet money we will see it at the November TriCity 18, vying for Best Grumman Cat SA4A and SA7 Know A Hornet’s Mighty Sting (Best USA Fighter)



First a refresher picture so you can keep track of where we are on the tables for Model Talk, then our next guest ...



Who will be **Peter Long** with his 1/48 scale pairing of Tomcat and Tank, both of course from the stable of Tamiya.



First up close will be the very nice F-14D Tomcat



Next is Pete's "desertized" Challenger II work in process



Next up is **Ethan Larson**, with two that he helpfully noted for me on his info sheet by size (big and small) plus their names



These would be models in the Wargaming classes for competition, so that you know, and like Gundam really do rate separate categories from traditional “Sci Fi/Fantasy vehicles” as they have an extensive lore and variety in all fairness shame not to.

Mr. Big here is actually a Thousand Sons Saturnine Dreadnought, which Ethan indicated. It's apparently quite the machine to have, the left arm has an inversion beamer, the right arm equipped with a graviton pulveriser. Add psychic pilot, you are gold.



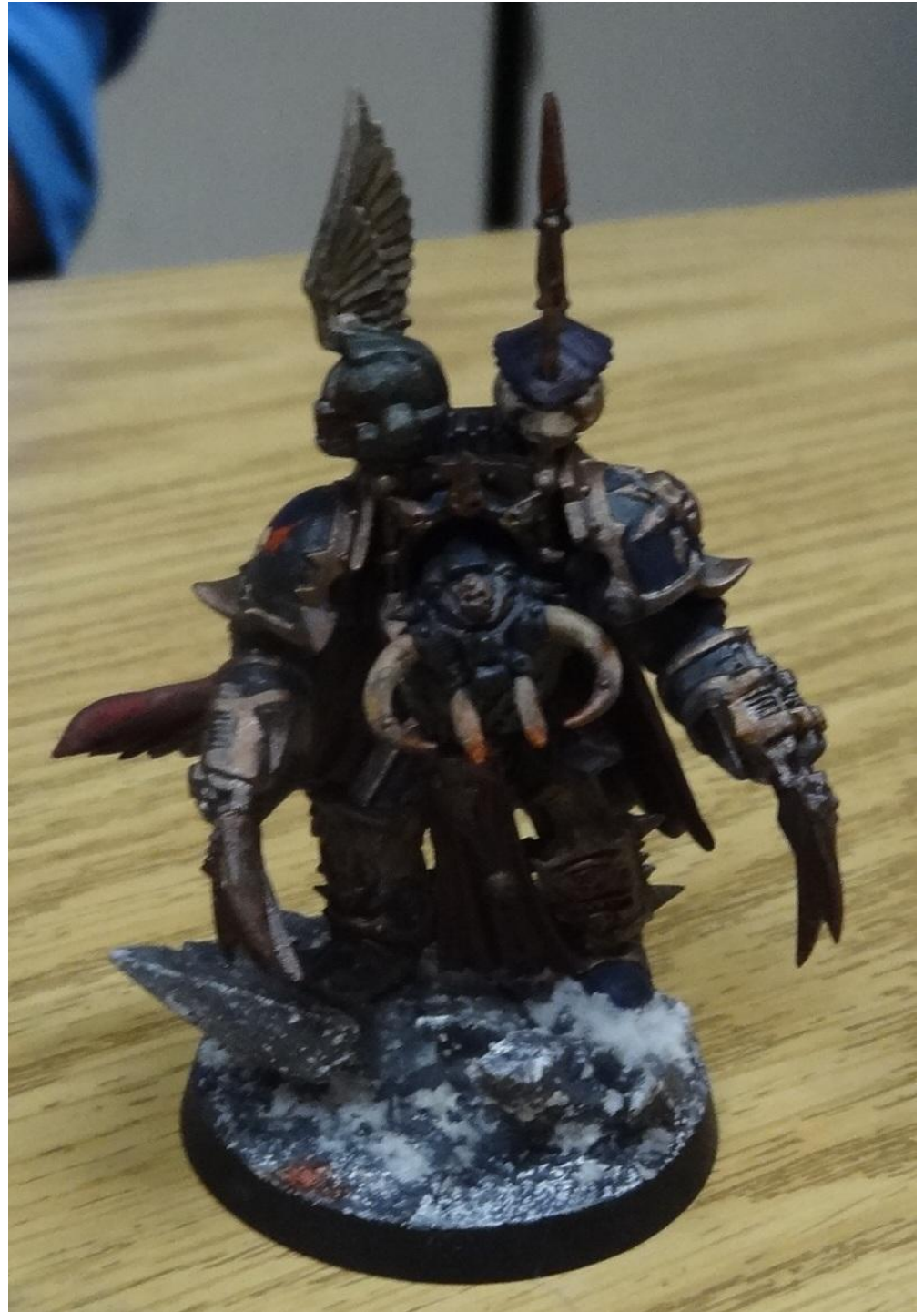
And now for Mr. Small.

Say hello to a Night Lords Chaos Lord, definitely not someone you'd ever want to meet.

Thankfully there are plenty of humankind left in the Imperium of Man so that for now the future such as it is forecast, will continue to resist the dying of the light. Artificial Intelligence & self deceiving worshippers of chaos, et al, be damned!

After doing some quick research, I am utterly amazed at just how timely the themes within these wargames are.

Nice model work here Ethan, thanks.



Chris Bucholtz has finished his marathon build of the Academy Minicraft Lockheed PV-1 Ventura (well, that's what it began as but like his Monogram Tigercat, slightly well beyond the base kit when done!)

Resplendent in the USN WW2 tri-color scheme and exactly representing an Aleutians theatre workhorse warbird specifically.



Chris had met the pilot of this plane at a Spirit of '45 event where an IPMS-SVSM display table was attending thanks to him, and subsequently got fired up to complete this project. Mind you yes, the gent is over 100 years old and still going strong !



Chris had two Eduard 1/72 scale P-51D Mustangs underway from the Royal Class kitting, and he relayed that it was a good thing he had two since critical build path divergences made having a second Mustang to take up the plan for first an option !





**Aaron Rhetta** brought along more good news on events his CFMC group (Char's Fantasy Model Club) has going.

Plus the last two hats for sale for their latest fundraising.

Happily also for me, as I didn't get but one picture for this exercise, Aaron gave me some details in paperwork to use.

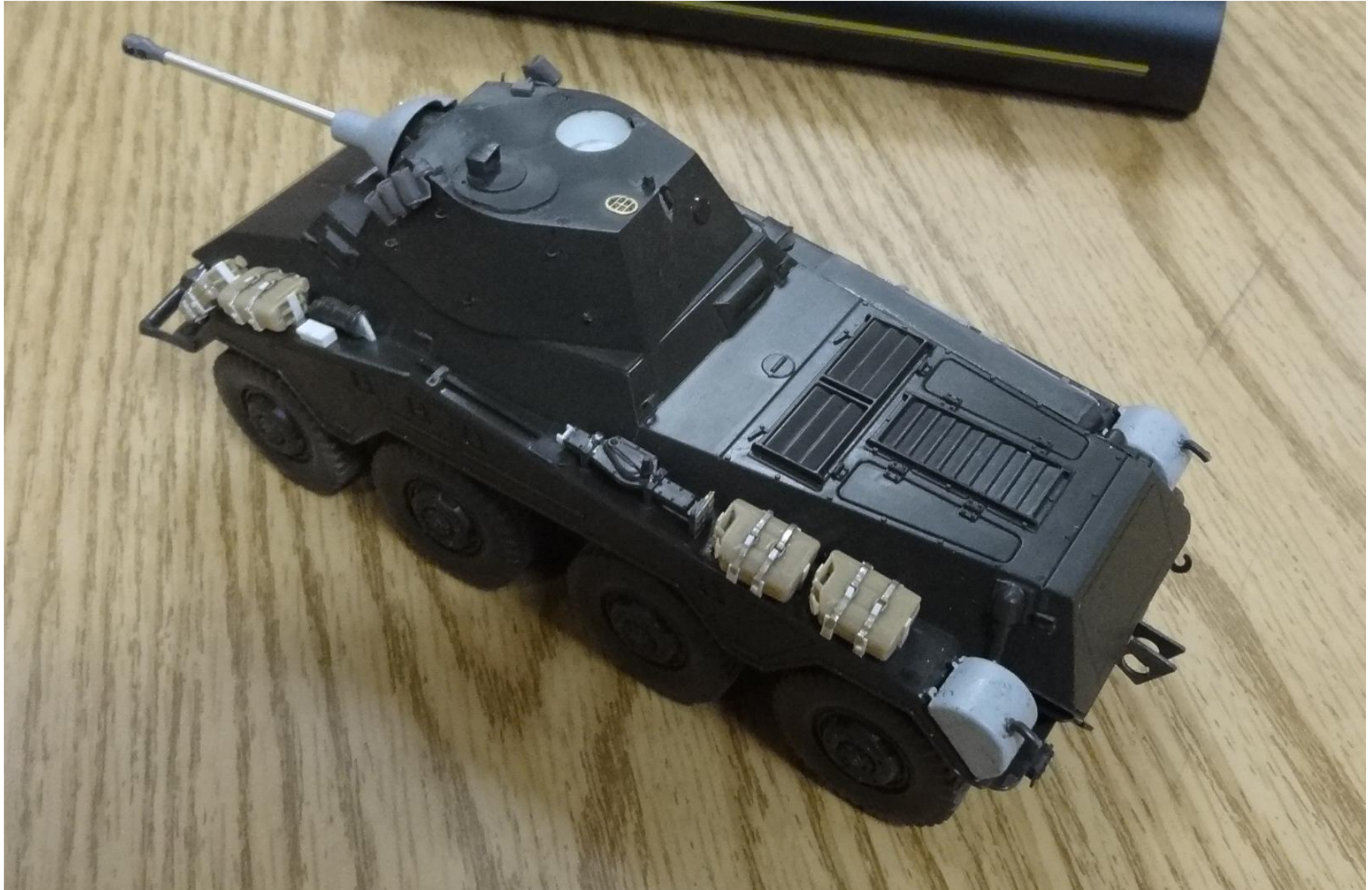
So I will take a stab here at identifying which is which here

Below on the left, next to the green, is a Warhammer 40K Black Templar Space Marine, in the middle is a Star Wars miniature of Darth Nihilus (Sith Lord of Hunger) and lastly is a kitbash Star Wars miniature of Darth Vader (Samurai)

Any errors here are purely mine, and thanks Aaron for this



**Dave Parks** had an “ armored Cat ” work in process to share. This is the Italeri 1/35 scale German Wermacht Sdkfz 234/2 8 wheeled armored reconnaissance car with closed turret armed with 50mm cannon, known as the Puma.



Dave is definitely improving on the supplied kit, those jerry cans are not box stock for example. Myself having both the Italeri and Dragon versions of all Sdkfz 234 series, I can appreciate the relative simplicity of this edition Puma kit, as does Dave

I didn't get what the aftermarket he used for the gun was either, but that is definitely an upgrade as well.





Dave's grandson, **Jackson Brand**, didn't shy away in toto this time with having a subject to share.

I will let his own writeup speak for himself, I think perfectly phrased and deserves applause for spirit.

*“Lego Scratchbuild.”*

*“No instructions, it's from my mind ”*



**Anthony Cheung** (perhaps we should nickname him Anthony the Unstoppable, he's fearless in keeping steady stream here) had two more 1/72 Hasegawa projects completed. He added to his recent Harrier collection with these two, an original dark blue grey and white scheme paired with the later overall grey with "tactical lightened markings" acheme.

Thanks to this meeting display and Anthony not making any notes for me, I looked up quickly to get some background on the Falklands war as he had mentioned the grey scheme was partly a result of that event. Thusly now learned just how much I had missed when it all happened! Also of a very clever FRS 1 Sea Harrier pilot lost at sea, radioless, managed emergency land on a cargo ship, saved plane and himself. Plane and he went on to finish out their careers in spite of this mishap, quite a tale in itself.

Amazing that in April 1982 it was only 20 FRS.1 Sea Harriers and 3 GR.3 Harriers to face off against the 100 plus fighting aircraft of the Argentine forces.

Yet they certainly did splendid job of it, taking down 20 plus to lose only two of their own



And on that note, this is the wrap up for April 2026 Hornets Nest coverage. Bee seeing you ! - mb

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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

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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**AND THIS ONE IS NOW ON THE OFFICIAL IPMS USA CALENDAR so there! GO ERNIE GEE and FSM !!!**



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## MODEL CONTEST

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**2026**

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# 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

## 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

## 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.

## Vendors:

Each table will cost \$25.00

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

## San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers History

The Club was started in 1983 as the "Stockton Tomcats" a Chartered Club of IPMS-USA. Over the years, we have held meetings at numerous places with several goals in mind; share modeling ideas; help other modelers and gather in a very none structured setting. We started at the Seifert Community Center in Stockton, CA were 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.



# Coming Up NEXT

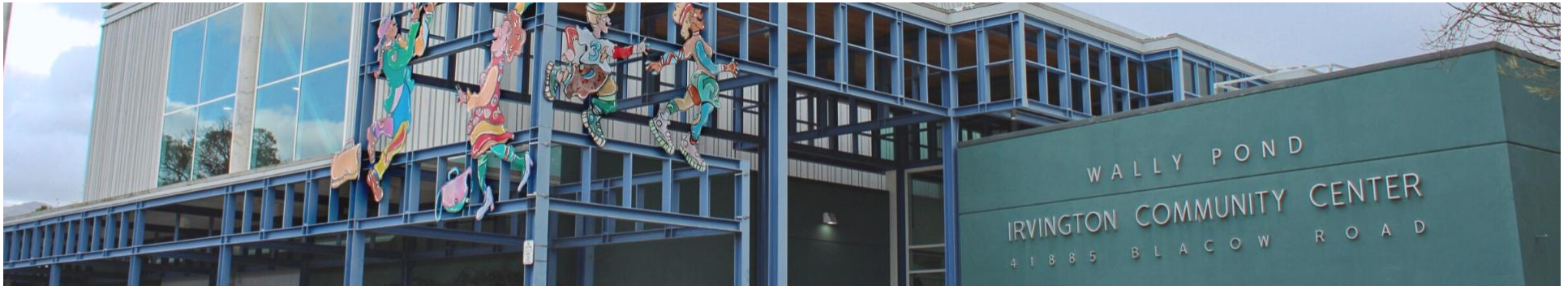
The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **MAY 08 2026**

**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 APRIL MODEL EXPO or MAY 2026 HORNETS NEST *STAY TUNED***

**ALONG WITH COVERAGE OF *MORE NEWS OF OUR HOSTING A TRI CITY EIGHTEEN* LATER THIS YEAR**

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Mick Burton, madman at large – [DAZE61283@mypacks.net](mailto:DAZE61283@mypacks.net)

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

