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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 **REGULAR 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 So Far To Give MOST of JUNE Hornets Nest A Look and ???

ALSO for 2026, Editorially speaking

You May Call This BUZZ The “still Up At The 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 JULY 10 2026 628 PM)

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

YES! Now # 154 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!

“ A SOLDIER'S LAST LETTER , INDEED (was the working title) ”

BUT NOW NO TIME TO WRITE THIS JUST HAVE TO WRAP AND EXPLAIN BRIEFLY THE PICS



THESE ARE FOUR ITEMS THAT DID NOT GET PROPER COVERAGE HERE They will be opening feature of next BUZZ

See you at the meeting -mb

JULY 10 2026 Free Hornets MOM & TOM theme:

JIG IS UP

WHAT? REAL SIMPLE :

Up to FIVE total (**ANY SUBJECT** that fits within this parameter:

(ANY UNFINISHED Model, EXPLAIN WHY NOT DONE
or WHY NOW ON SHELF of DOOM)

REMEMBER NOW, CAN'T USE AGAIN for A LATER TOM/MOM...so choose wise

GO WITH IT!

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

<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*** ”

THE EDITOR NOW FEELS THE NEED. YES, THE NEED... FOR SPEED



Most likely due to fact he took his sweet time getting back to the keyboard after this



The Brief Answer Here of Just What Were We Up To At June 2026 Hornet's Nest

First, being somewhat on topic, a quick reminder of June's Theme Of Month, as it worked out nicely with some entries :

“JUST IN TIME”

Up to FIVE total (ANY SUBJECT that fits within this parameter: Anything related to time and your model, e.g. LSR Cars or boats, Real Life “Wonders” like the U-2, P-80, Liberty Ships, entries from model contest for “wonders”, Speed Record holders, Clocks, Race Horses, Cheetahs, Gazelles, Greyhounds, Dragsters, Time Machines... –

While we didn't get anyone to show up with some of the more “out there subjects” (the President was tied up so none of her DaVinci clocks or fastest Pokemon alive could show up), you will soon see in pages ahead what the field of competition was.

A review of upcoming events was given, including news that it is confirmed IPMS SilverWings has already secured a date and time for SILVERCON 2027, with theme of course TBD. Nice change of pace though having them not even a month after 2026 event announcing their plans, even being up on the IPMS National Events board, my hearty congratulations to them. Noted as well was an advisory that October events include one in Utah that will see absence of Editor and Messr Jim Priete at our meet.

Chris Bucholtz got June's Model Talk underway for us with his finished P-51D-10 (first series with the filleted vertical)



From the Eduard kit, this 1/72nd beauty was done in the markings for Robert Buchholz (no relation), as his entry for May's SVSM Club Contest "Build Your Name". As explained, original spelling of his name in German was per this pilot, who flew "Suzy" quite successfully until April 9, 1945 when both were lost during strafing run of an airfield. Chris says kit is "tricky"





Chris also brought his long time WIP project Martin B-26B Marauder, which features the trick early type tail gun post seen here





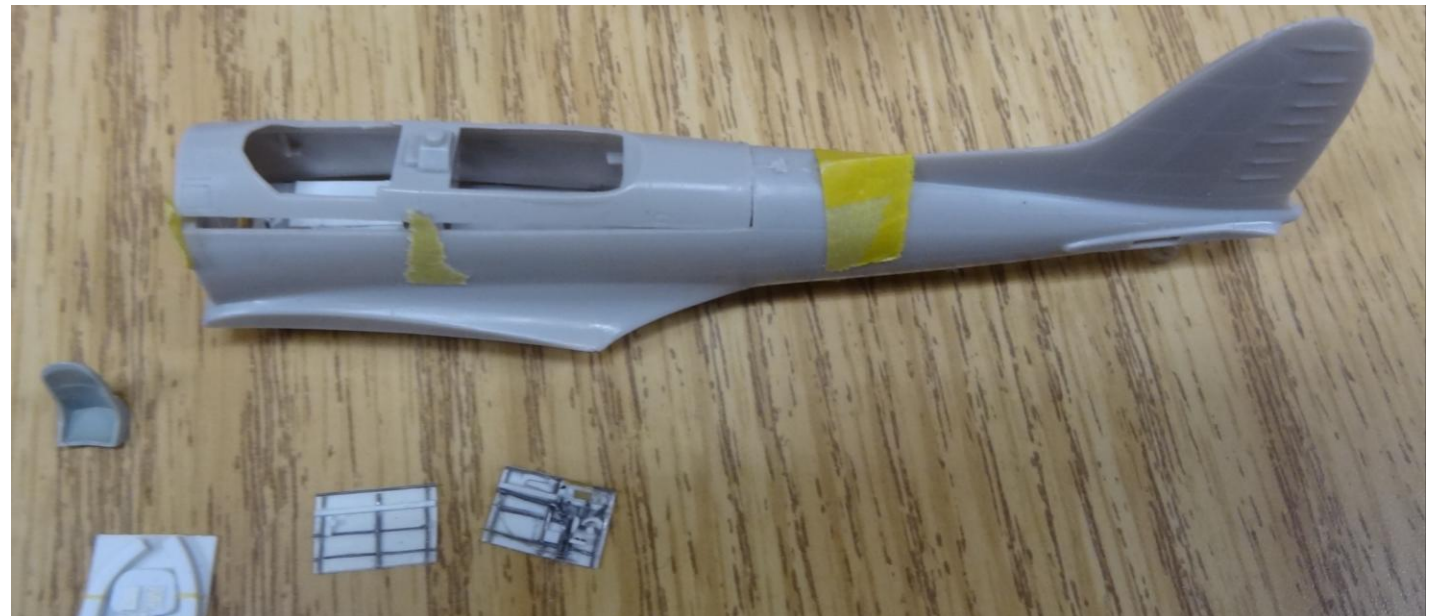
As noted by Chris, this old (ca 1978) Snap Tite kit is still basically the only accurate short wing early B-26 model in 1/72. The Valom editions of 30 years later, a distinct “fatness” in fuselage and nacelle contours just destroy “the look”, and many have traced it back to a group of inaccurate drawings. Valom should have had a “Hobbycraft moment”, just pantographed this one !

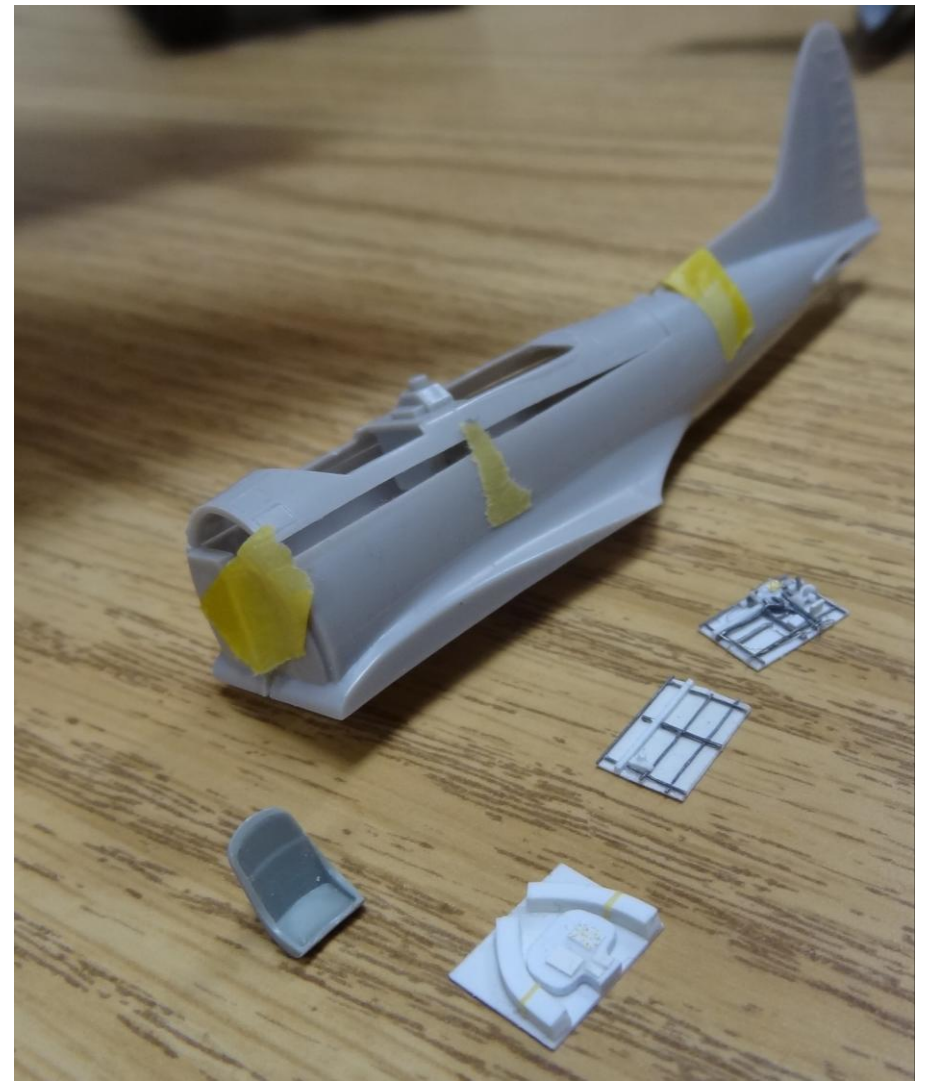
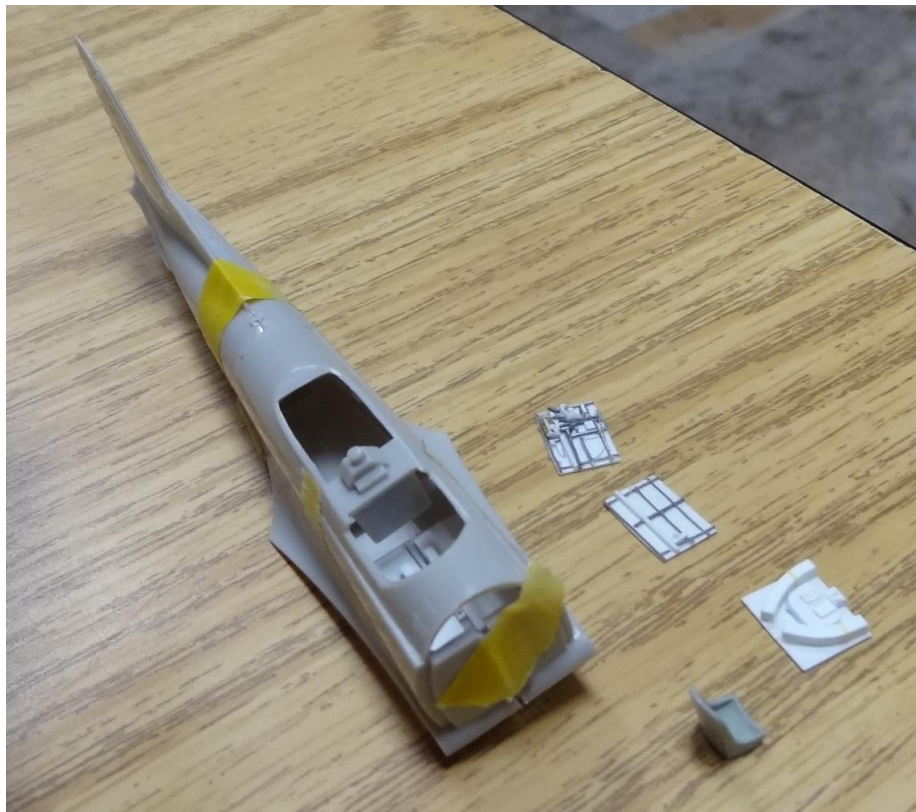
As you can see, Chris has gone with a lot of effort to improve existing detail or add wonderful detail parts, that tail for instance, the kit canopy glass is known as a thick cloudy mess out of box for tail gunner post.

Better engines, upgraded cockpit also brighten this. The aircraft is intended now to join the USS Hornet Museum “History of Battle of Midway ‘42” which Chris is an integral part of project.

Also being worked up as quickly as possible for the same end purpose is this Aichi D3A “Val” in 1/72.

A Fujimi base kit with yes, more added details.





Mark Schynert had underway an Airfix Spitfire II, from the late release kit in 1/72nd which offers you options he said.

Namely, chance to do Spitfire I, IA, or Mk II.

Seems it has a rather well rendered cockpit right out of the box and also nice surface detail, “Spitty” looking lines overall to it.





We had a first timer show up who found us online and happily was not deterred, but instead inspired to show up with a model !

Check out the nice work of **Robert Wei**, this is his Tiger I in 1/35

Robert stayed for the entirety of meeting, so he had a good dose of what to expect in return visits as June really was a great “ archetype” of a current Fremont Hornets Nest overall.

He said we would be seeing him next month barring something that was not expected to change that plan. Welcome to Fremont Hornets !

Robert got a surprise set of recent Newsletters that night as the Editor MC now had his email, chance to send on break. Gave a thumbs up !





Mike O'Leary had this marvelous render of a nearly mythic Cold War beast, in well done utterly realistic looking although wholly fictional NASA scheme. This is the Airfix 1/48 scale kit of the BAC TSR.2, twin engined supersonic "strike/reconnaissance" aircraft that became like the Canadian CF-105 Arrow that was nearly contemporary, a technological "bridge too far".



To give you an idea of some of the fun TSR 2 designers faced, their “supersonic Canberra” was expected (and did eventually prove quite capable) to fly low level tactical nuclear strike mission profile. However, at one point the designated tac nuke for it, if carried externally in the max loadout (2 inside, 2 underwing) would exceed max temperature limit after 15 minutes at M1.15 low level flight. Essentially rendering weapon useless and greatly diminishing entire aircraft’s lofty design spec being met !

Possibly saddest part to me, only one ever got to fly, it ended up being a testbed ground attack target when the program was cancelled. Two other flight ready ones ended up as museum exhibits. Sir Sydney Camm explained it best; “ All modern aircraft have four dimensions: span, length, height and politics. TSR-2 simply got the first three right.” Below, “the Table Swallower”:





Mark Balderrama showed a little late but fortunately still “**Just In Time**” as it worked out. Found space for his 6 items to share, two of them were for the June TOM. Editor chose this “group shot” as the better of the two he had for illustrating the lot. It gives you look at 5 of the 6 along with another good lookover of the “Table Swallower 2” NASA what might have been ...



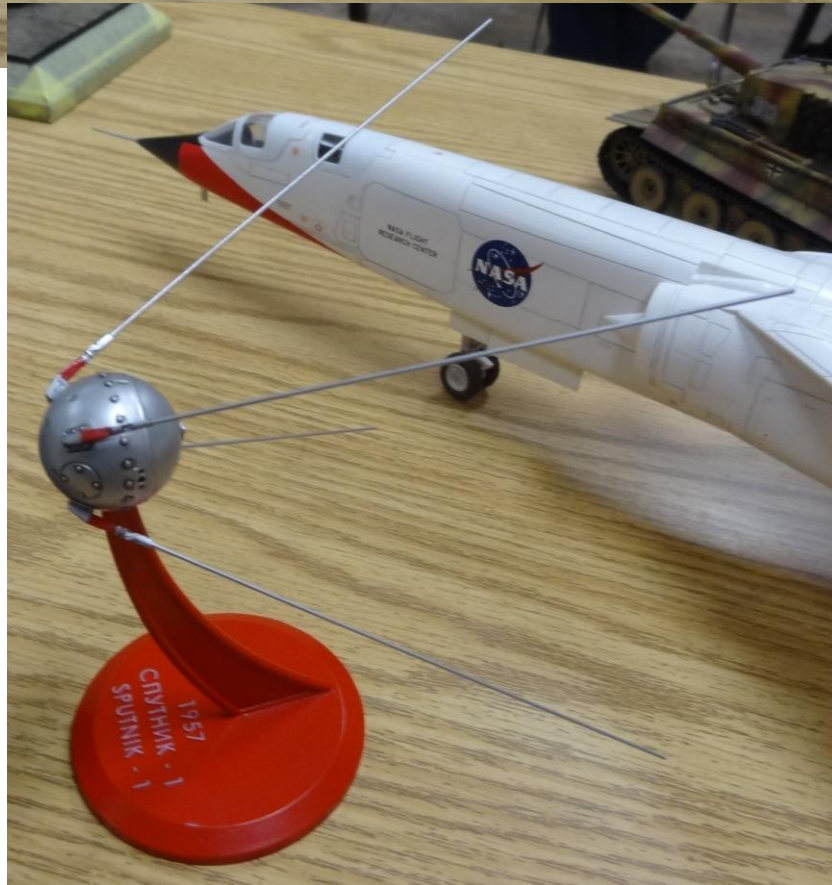
Mark's first entry in "Just In Time" Theme competition was a 1/144th model of the F-15 "Streak Eagle", seen above.

This pre-production F-15A was majorly modified to lighten it by over a 1000 lbs, so that it could set EIGHT new official records in span of two weeks time in Time To Climb categories.

Then, in a shot that could be employed in the ever popular genre of nefarious conspiracy theories of alternate history, you see his 1/24th scale model of the Sputnik I. This entry qualified handily although Mark didn't at first really think it would. As he agreed, logically this was in fact the first man made object that achieved orbital speed in a controlled manner, when I asked him was he entering it on that basis

Being it was hard to take picture of, this one turned out splendidly in a reminiscent homage pose looking like as if from a classic Bond film

Yes, here we see the actual reason the TSR 2 never served. All of its secrets were compromised by a probe disguised to look like a Sputnik display model. That SPECTRE fiend , Blofeld, has he no shame ?





Mark's managed to be busy indeed. In his WIP, a 4 engined Convair 880M and a MQ-1 Predator UAV, both I believe are 1/144 3-D prints of his in his preferred dimension. Likely the Convair will be a NASA bird, we'll see

The F-104G will be a NASA chase bird

Lastly, he has a black F-14A which is to be "VANDY 1" from the famous composite squadron of USN in So Cal

No small fan of this, Mark's also now named his newest cat Vandy, for same.



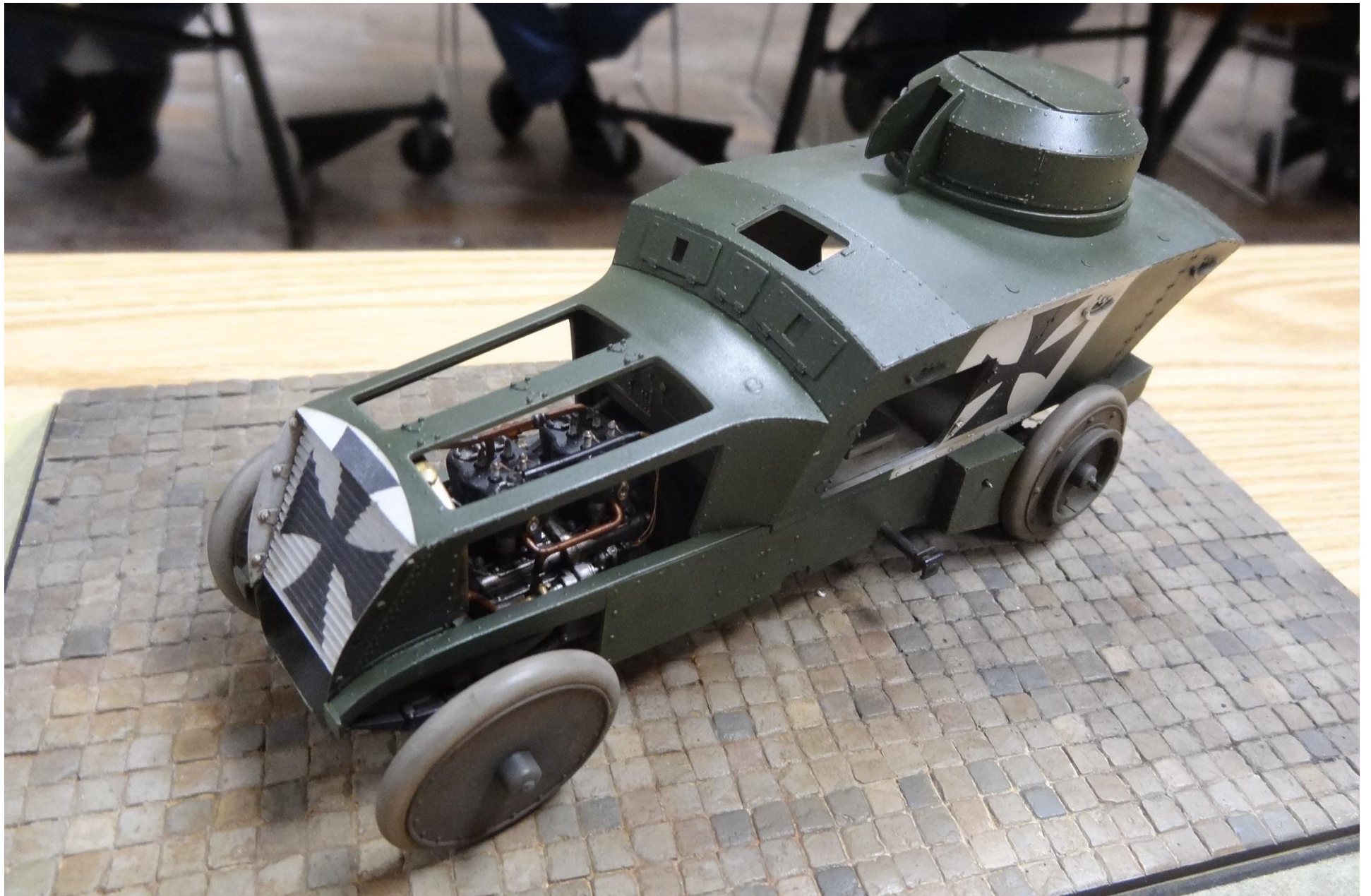


Jim Priete decided he needed to cause an arrhythmia for the Editor/MC, so he quietly showed up to sneak onto the table 2 new kits that would do that job nicely.

We both share an affection for the first jet bomber to see service in the USAF (and it first flew in 1947! as did the Boeing B-47 !!) and have bemoaned the incredible lack of kits for this aircraft.

Okay, the near total non existence of injected plastic ones. The B-45 Tornado has suffered greatly in that department, with the box scale FROG kit of ancient times being only one. Oh sure a number of vacs, resin, even wood kits have been done, but only the MACH 2 company came out with a barely credible injected kit, until it seems NOW, with VALOM. I will now seek some.

The other shared near mythic obscurity he now has and I don't is the splendidly bizarre P-61E bubbletop Black Widow. Yes, a fighter variant of the F-15 Reporter recon Widow. Two existed.



Tamas Nemeth had this interesting 1/35th armored car from Copper State Models. The base he has it on equally intrigued me !



Tamas also had this 1/35 Whippet from the Takom kit, quite a beastie, no?

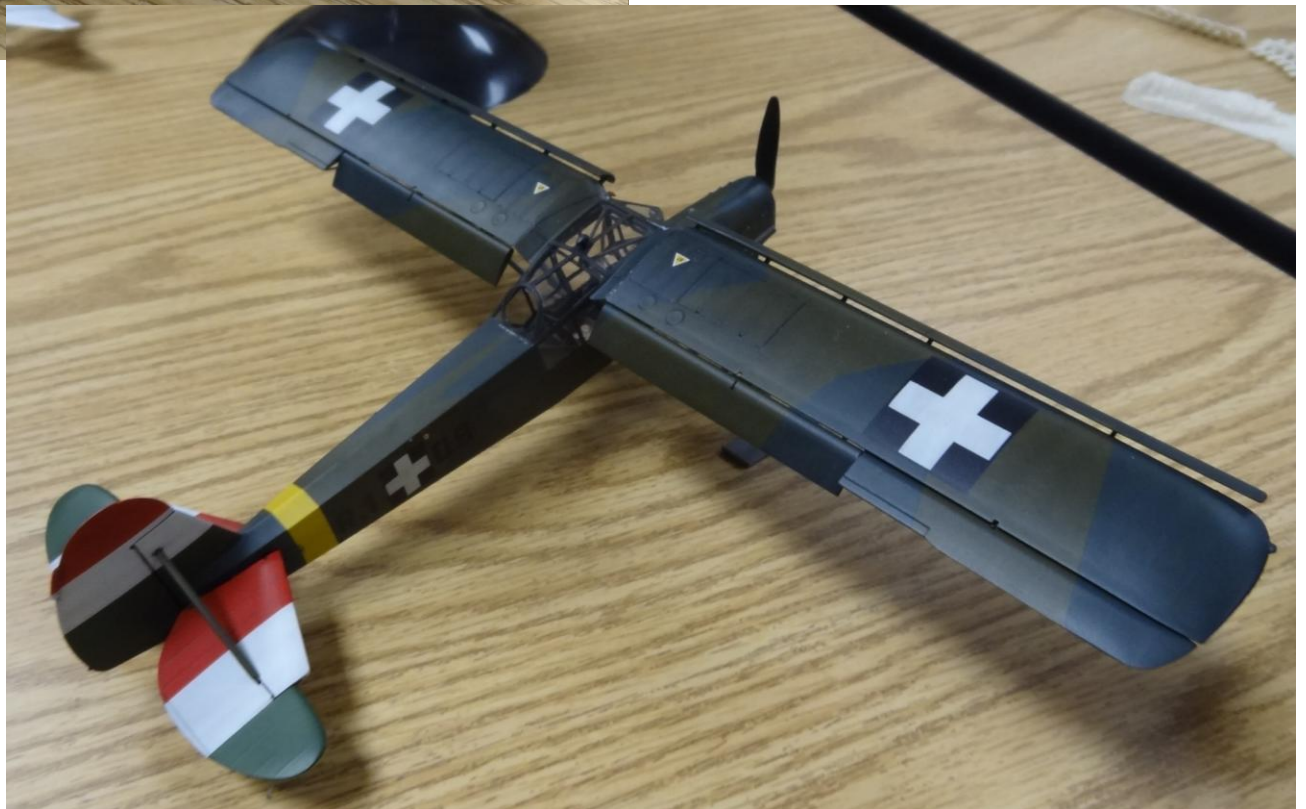
While I did take many more pictures of this and several others at the meeting, sadly I don't have enough finished PDF space to show them. So these few will have to do and in the case of these three for me, nearly criminal I can't get the room to show some more views.

Especially in a case like this, as Tamas brought this one in to show he too, is a member of "the exploded model club"

It's a Tamiya Fi-156 Storch which he'd done in a lovely Hungarian AF scheme.

It wasn't til he explained in Model Talk that I realized he had rebuilt this one !

While I had to concede yes it wouldn't do to enter it as a "Best Bird" for TC-18 contender after I went back to reexamine at his reply to my suggesting it, my pics still showed what I saw. A fine looking Stork that is shelf worthy after a rebuild catastrophic accident. Hats off to you T!

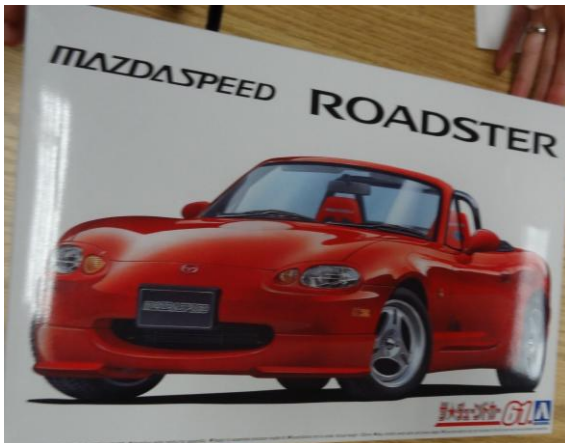




Angela Falvey finished her Star Wars T.I.E. Interceptor with again, excellence and a way to resolve issues she had with it.

Angela indicated she was not happy with how dark the finish turned out , however she recognized repainting this was pretty problematic to say the least. Brilliant way to settle the matter... this TIE is now to be seen as being finished as if within the shadow of the Imperial Battle Cruiser

Angela has the Mazda on deck for her next project...



On the right, one of the three entries **Mike Meek** came with for the JUST IN TIME theme. It's the 1/48th Hi Planes kit of Formula One Air Racer "Nemesis"

Next, a look of all three air racers of his together on table.





This is the fabulous legendary RB-51 Air Racer “Red Baron” in 1/48th

This was what you get when combining a Griffon engine contraprop with a race modified P-51 airframe. Sheer power, dominance in the air course, magic all.

In 1979 Steve Hinton set a new speed record in this aircraft in same class that Conquest I had taken for USA in 1969.

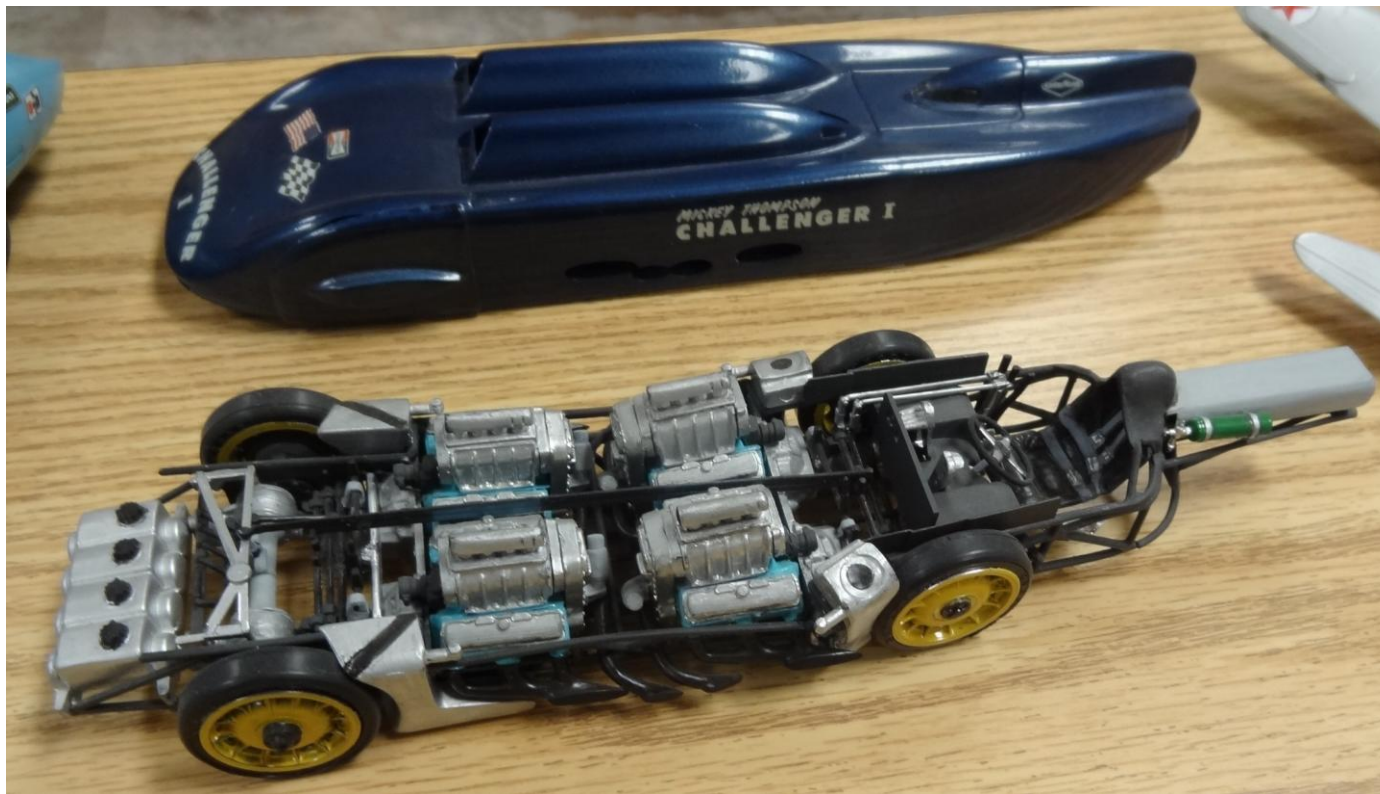
A month later he survived the horrific crash of the RB-51 at Reno Air Races.

Then, shifting from North American and Avro competition combinations to another legend, Darryl Greenamyer and the mighty Grumman Bearcat, below.



He set a new record for the class in piston engine craft in 1969 which surpassed record held by Germany since 1936 with a Messerschmitt 209.

The Conquest I in its final race configuration in yellow finish and American Jet logo survived to be traded to the NASM. It is now in Udvar Hazy display center. Nice!



Mick Burton didn't want to take chance that Theme would be low to no entries, so he brashly came with the five maximum entries.

This is the old Revell kit of the record setting Challenger I LSR car. This 4 Pontiac race engine tube framed wonder with formed aerodynamic shell held records for piston engine driven wheeled vehicles at Bonneville Salt Flats.

Mickey Thompson's son built a newer version Challenger II that now superseded his father's !

Burton found the kit basically doesn't let one build the frame and shell surround in a fashion that suited him, Namely, the frame is too scale faithful to sustain any normal handling. The shell is basically 6 pieces to snap together around all this, which looks pretty poor no matter how well you do it in my estimate. Thus, what you see, lovely shell and exposed frame to permit display.

Then, here on right is a Jo-Han kit of the 1970 Plymouth Superbird NASCAR that at the time, was the only option for this.

Richard Petty set many new speed records with this winged wonder,



Burton had this Italeri 1/35th Soviet BT-7 infantry tank which he did having had long fascination with Soviet armor.

He built it with the tracks mounted for “roadable” mode, which was not an emergency or “ferry only” practice. This tank was known for having good bit of speed when run this manner on paved roads and the “Christie” suspension was actually an American invention. The Soviets adopted it happily while the USA basically disdained its use.

Nice kit and recommended if subject appeals to you



In roughly same time frame (both in real life subjects and time these were both built) was this 1/72 Northrop Gamma in the Texaco sponsored air racer configuration

Called “Sky Chief” and flown by Frank Hawks to set a transcontinental speed record nonstop flying from L.A. to N.Y.C.

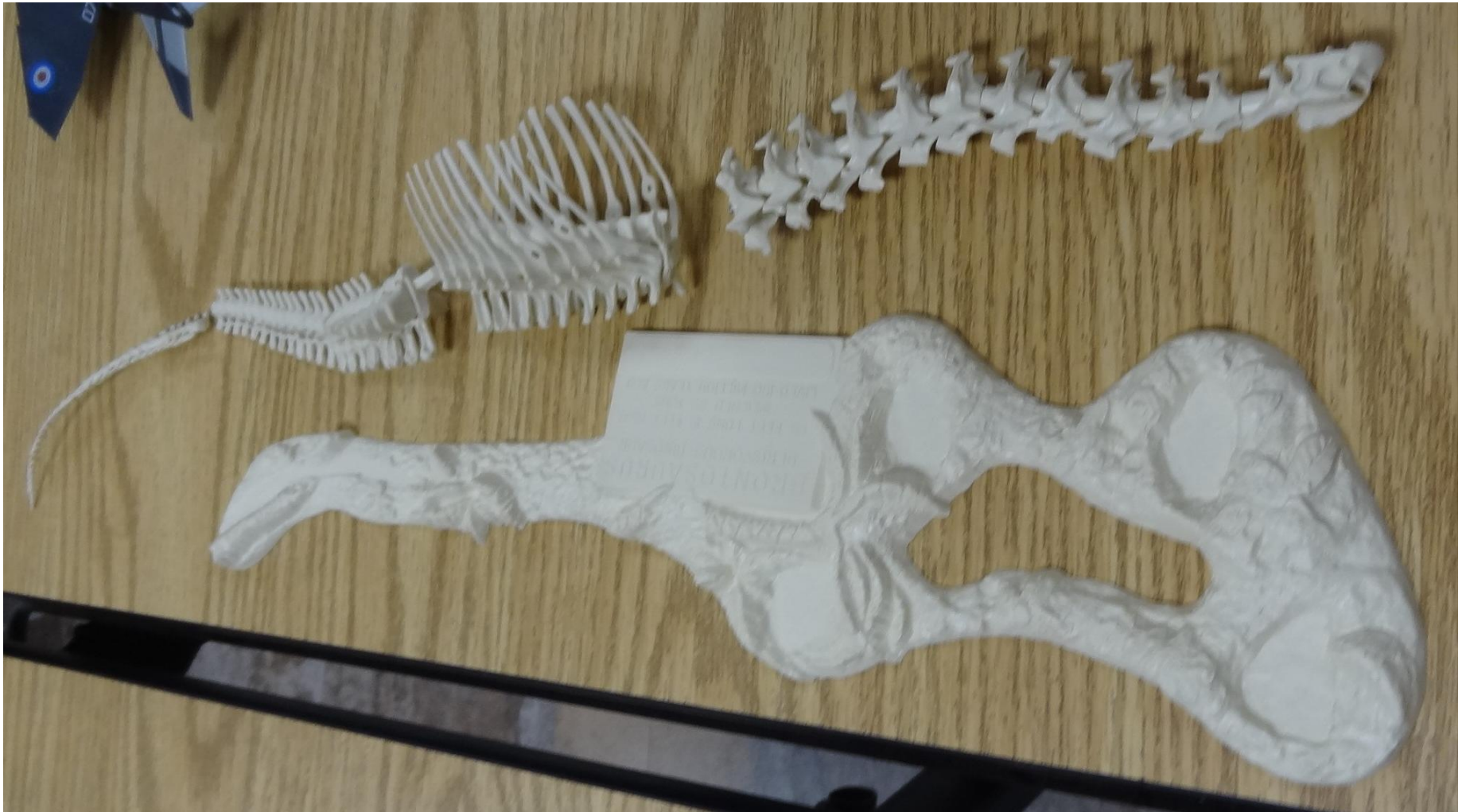
The Williams Brothers kit allows one to build one of five versions, two types of Sky Chief or Polar Star are among them.

Burton has only completed the Sky Chief pair and took the better one to share.



This is the YF-12A #06935, from the 1/72nd Italeri/Testors kit, in the early “black mask scheme”. This was the planned Mach 3+ interceptor version of what is better known today as the SR-71 Blackbird. It happens to be one of Burton’s all time favorite aircraft since the mid 1960s when he first knew it in Revell form. This machine set several speed records and still holds one for performing a Mach 3 intercept from 80,000 feet launching an AIM-47A (Phoenix missie’s dad) which took out the QB-47 off the coast of Cuba flying under 1000 feet altitude. Not bad timing eh? That’s all of the allowed Just In Time entries from Burton

Last but not least, and by a small stretch could be said to be eligible on a record length of time on Earth as a species, was the Brontosaurus (as a skeleton) dinosaur, from a rerelease by Glencoe Models of the very old Ideal Toy Company molding



This is a 1/35th scale adult sauropod dinosaur, whose length nearly matches the wingspan of Tamas Nemeth's 1/32 AEG IV World War I bomber. It was seeing his bomber that prompted Burton to find this old monster WIP to bring out to compare.

ALRIGHT I HAVE RUN OUT OF SPACE and TIME to FINISH THIS MEETING IN THIS BUZZ ISSUE, SORRY

FULL GALLERY OF THE THEME CONTEST WINNERS FOLLOWS HERE

See the Editorial Page for what the plan is as I wrap up and head to tonight's Nest July 10 -mb

*JUST IN TIME ” June 2026 Fremont Hornets TOM/MOM Wins
5th*

Mark Balderrama

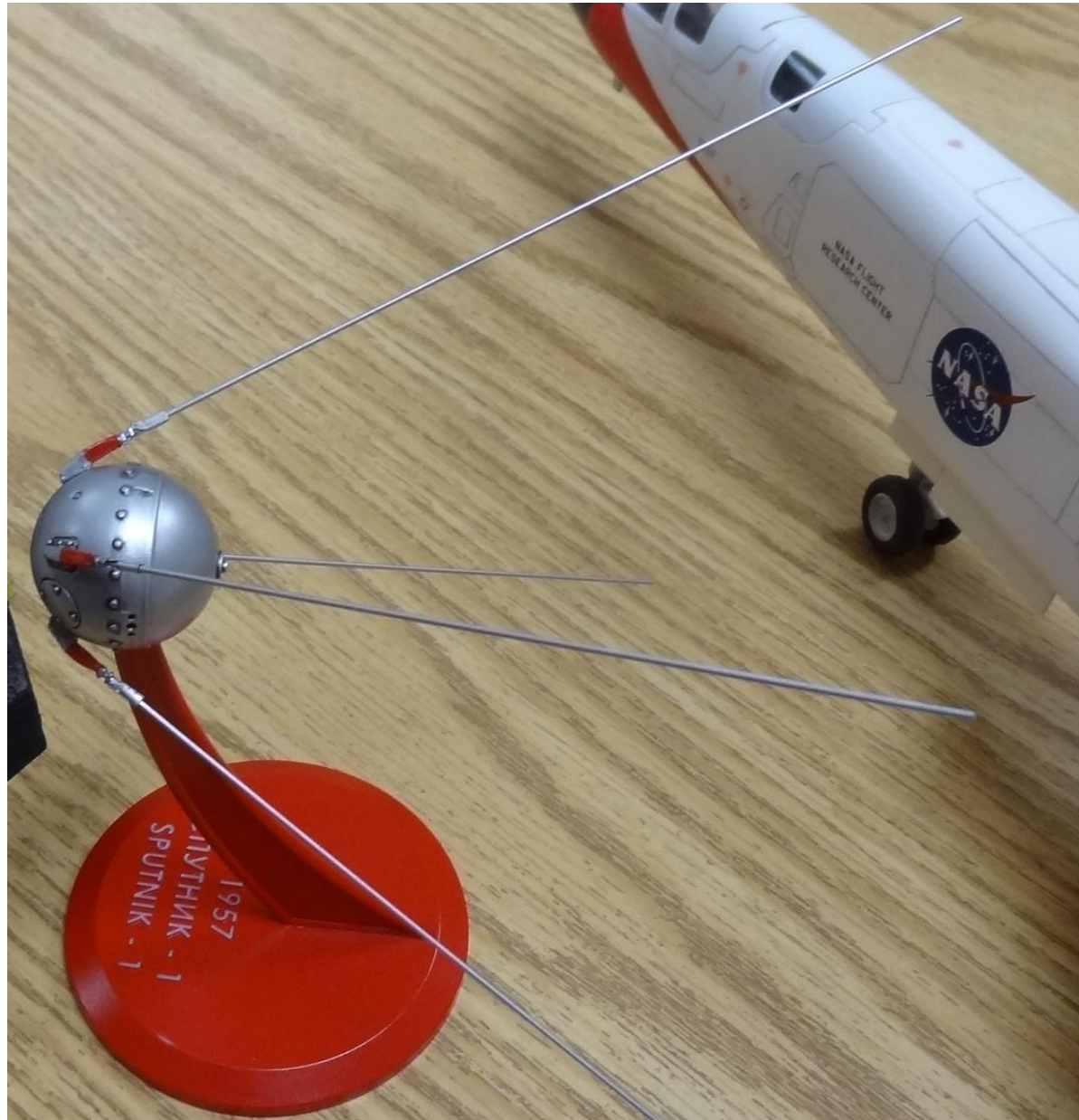
Record Setter Time to Climb F-15 Streak Eagle in 1/144th



“JUST IN TIME ” June 2026 Fremont Hornets TOM/MOM Wins

4th

Mark Balderrama



***Record Speed
to
First Achieve Orbit***

***Sputnik Satellite
in 1/24th***

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3rd

Mike Meek

Reno Air Racer Formula I Nemesis in 1/48th



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2nd

Mike Meek

Reno Air Racer Conquest I Darryl Greenamyre Bearcat in 1/48th



“JUST IN TIME ” June 2026 Fremont Hornets TOM/MOM Wins

1st

Mike Meek

Reno Air Racer RED BARON in 1/48th



2026 JUNE THEME of The MONTH “Just In Time “ ’s (Model of the Month)

Mike Meek

Reno Air Racer RED BARON in 1/48th



Coming Up NEXT

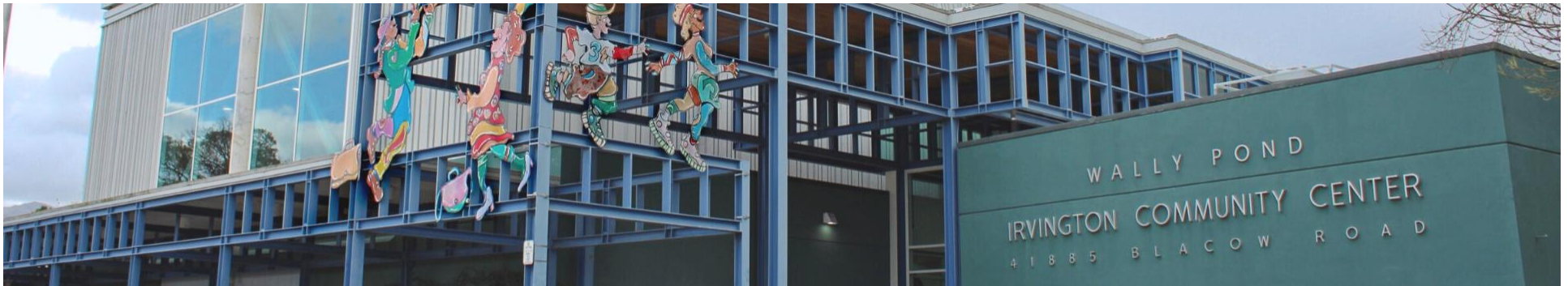
The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **JULY 10 2026**

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.

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PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION

WE MAY SEE NEW MATERIAL OF WHAT WENT ON AT THE JUNE MEETING of 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 “

