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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

UPDATED IMPORTANT INFORMATION for TOMCATS SJVSM Show on 8-29-26 !!

ALSO for 2026, Editorially speaking really different last minute notice

You May Call This BUZZ The “ MORE GREAT NEWS On Show w/ TOMCATS issue ”



ALL INSIDE THIS
CERTIFIABLY ANCIENT PRODUCTION
(well, maybe just the Editor)

HOSTING CLAWSOME GOOD SHOW

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 AUGUST 06 2026 815AM)

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

YES! Now # 157 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!



“ IPMS USA Nats Offer You A Personal Touch To Help Fun & Funds ”

Below are two of this year's NATS categories being sponsored by two of our Free Hornets, they were smart enough to get their sponsorship order in early, thusly got categories they asked for in first choice ranking. The Editor didn't manage so.



By sponsoring award categories, you greatly help defray awards costs and event overhead, which nowadays translates to a greater potential for a “profit share” result when a NATS is over. Thus IPMS USA can not just recover financing outlay, it will be able to return a portion of “profit” to hosting parties. A major incentive to host and to increase chance for next gigs. The process has become fairly easy these past years and again as always, timing is everything. Editor got two sponsored of the remaining 35 in begin of July, just had to settle on what was left as missed on his 1/2/3 choice rankings. No problem, as wanted to help funding goal and get my “words on table” most of all. Promoting this corner of the event as reminder that if a local chapter say like Wine Country or Fresno Scale Modelers put out offers to sponsor: It really makes a difference if some respond, to their show's success then and in future. They may not offer you as creative chance as these two or the Editor's in wording, still it's nice to see a “Sponsored by Free Hornets” or other short phrasing on an award. OK, bee seeing you - mb

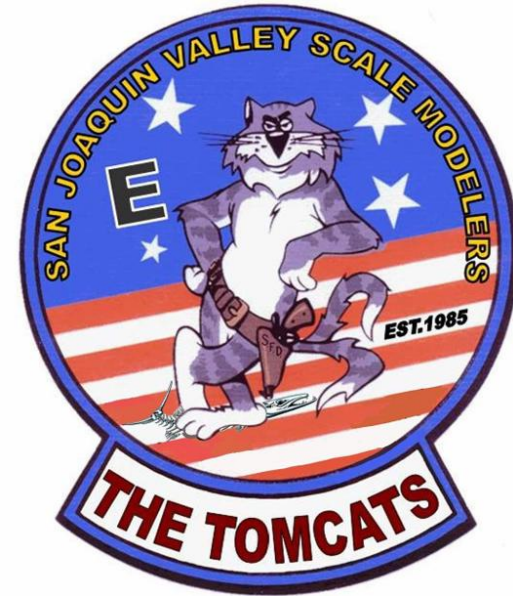
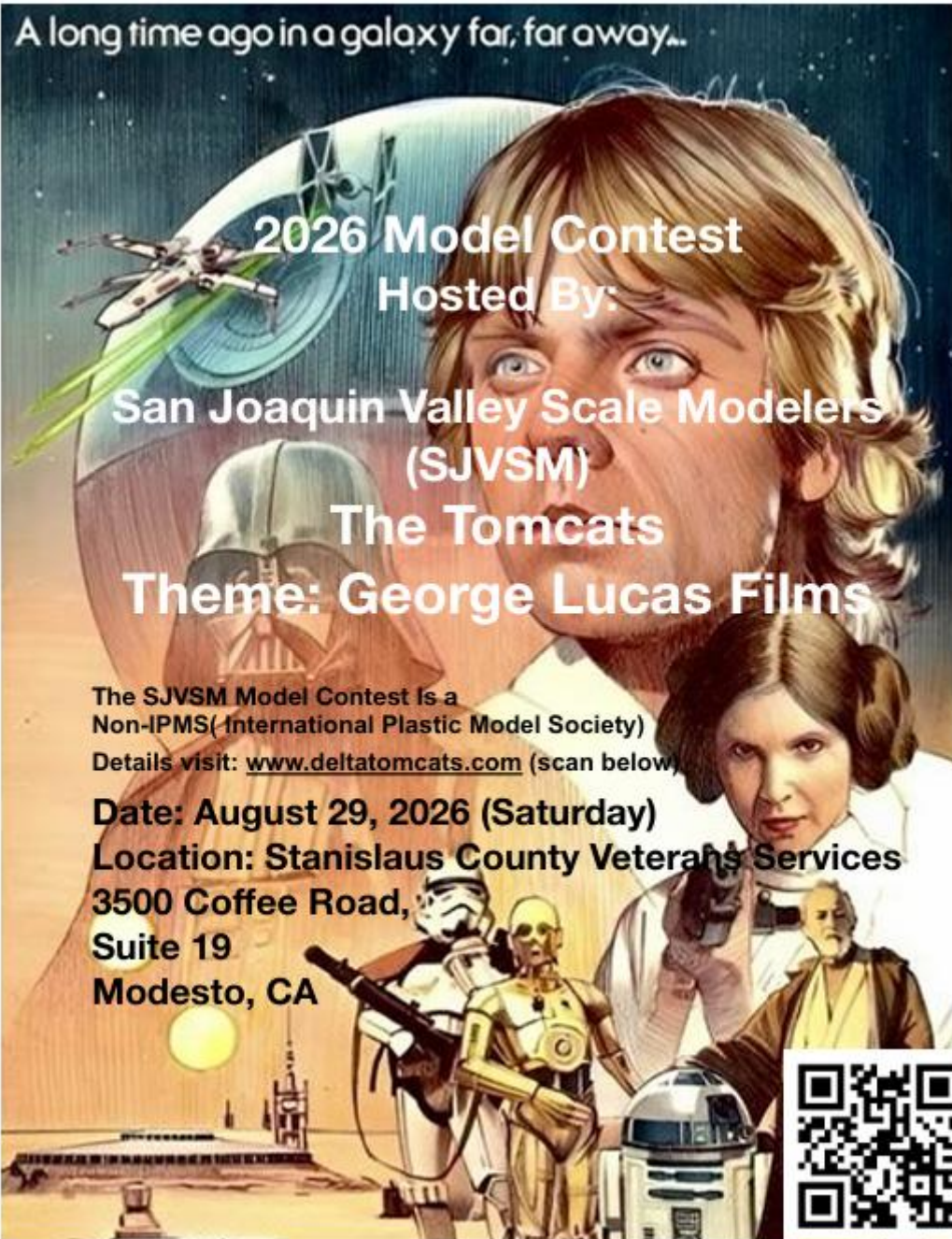
EDITOR UPDATES IMPORTANT DETAILS For FELLOW TOMCATS
Staging Major League Fun

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 (scan below)

Date: August 29, 2026 (Saturday)
Location: Stanislaus County Veterans Services
3500 Coffee Road,
Suite 19
Modesto, CA



Managing a big event is never an easy or “we’re done now, can await guests” situation, EVER. When you go to host an event you haven’t been at helm of for a few years, it’s even more remind Our TOMCATS have got one hell of a fine event planned that has even more great features only now able to get time to share before all come to enjoy
CHECK AHEAD NOW

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.
Juniors: \$ 3.00 if 5 or less models.
(12-17) \$10.00 if 6 or more models.
Sub-Junior: \$ 2.00 if 5 or less models.
(5-11) \$ 5.00 if 6 or more models.
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
Grand Prize Drawing after awards ceremony.
We will be draw from all unclaimed tickets.
You must be present to win.

Silent Auction:

There will be Two drawings during the day which will include models and model related items. Times of drawings will be posted. All proceeds from tickets purchased go to the Veterans Hall as part of our fund raiser. Your donation is appreciated and you will be able to place your tickets into the boxes of the kits you would like most like to have.

Auction Tickets:

1 to 19 tickets	\$ 1.00 each
25 tickets	\$ 20.00
150 tickets	\$100.00

Amenities:

Free Parking: There is plenty of parking available.

Food: 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: thadeckguy53@gmail.com

Make and Take:

Premium Snap Together Star Wars kits provided to anyone, young and old, who would like to participate. Kits: Two different types of X-Wings. Tie-Fighter, Imperial shuttle or Millennium Falcon.

Limited to supply on hand. First come first served.

Note: You must build it at the show to take it home.

FIRST OFF – SILENT AUCTION (no longer called Raffle) ALSO – MAKE and TAKE is ON for sure, more details page X

For downloadable Registration , Entry Forms visit this site, buttons to get them easily found as well as Categories List

<https://deltatomcats.com/>

Senior Categories (18 and up in age)

- S1 - Prop, Turboprop & Jet Aircraft - 1/144
- S2 - Single Engine Prop or Turboprop Aircraft-Allied and Axis - 1/72
- S3 - Multi Engine Prop and/or Turboprop Aircraft - 1/72
- S4 - Single Engine Jet and/or Rocket Aircraft - 1/72
- S5 - Single Engine Prop and/or Turboprop Aircraft Allied - 1/48
- S6 - Single Engine Prop and/or Turboprop Aircraft Axis - 1/48
- S7 - Multi Engine Prop and/or Turboprop Aircraft - 1/48
- S8 - Single Engine Jet and/or Rocket Aircraft - 1/48
- S9 - Multi Engine Jet Aircraft - 1/48
- S10 - Prop and/or Turboprop Aircraft - 1/32 and Larger
- S11 - Jet Aircraft - 1/32 and Larger
- S12 - Biplane Fabric and Rigged - All Scales
- S13 - Rotary Winged Aircraft - All Scale
- S14 - Civil, Sport, Racing and Airliner Aircraft - All Scales
- S15 - Soft Skin, Half Tracks, Support Vehicles, Artillery and Ancillary - 1/35
- S16 - Armored Fighting Vehicles Wheeled - 1/35 Scale
- S17 - Armored Fighting Vehicles Tracked WW2 and Earlier - 1/35 Scale
- S18 - Armored Vehicles Tracked Post WW2 - 1/35 Scale
- S19 - Self Propelled Artillery and Assault Guns - 1/35 Scale
- S20 - Soft Skin and Artillery - 1/48

- S21 - Armored Fighting Vehicles - 1/48
- S22 - Military Vehicles All Types - 1/72
- S23 - Military Fighting Vehicles All Types - Larger Than 1/35 Scale
- S24 - Automobiles Competition Open and Closed Wheel - All Scales
- S25 - Automobiles Stock - All Scales
- S26 - Automobiles Custom and Low Riders - All Scales
- S27 - Automobiles Commercial Vehicles - All Scales
- S28 - Motorcycles All Types - All Scales
- S29 - Ships - 1/351 and Smaller
- S30 - Ships - 1/350 and Larger
- S31 - Submarines - All Scales
- S32 - Dioramas All Types - All Scales and Sizes
- S33 - Real Space and Missiles - All Scales
- S34 - Sci-Fi and Fantasy Space Vehicles - All Scales
- S35 - Gundams - All Scales and Sizes
- S36 - Figures Military and Historic - All Scales
- S37 - Figure Fantasy and Sci-Fi - All Scales
- S38 - Trains - All Scales
- S39 - Miscellanies (Any Model that doesn't fit in any listed category) - All Scales & Types

Junior Category (14-17 years old)

- J1 - Junior Model Any Type - All Scales and Types

Sub-Junior Category (5-13 years old)

- SJ1 - Sub-Junior Model Any Type - All Scales and Types

Special Awards

- SA1 - Best Aircraft - Chosen from all first place in aircraft categories
- SA2 - Best Military Vehicle - Chosen from all first place in military vehicle categories
- SA3 - Best Automotive - Chosen from all first place car categories
- SA4 - Best Ship - Chosen from all first place ship/submarine categories
- SA5 - Best Figure - Chosen from all first place figure categories
- SA6 - Best Sci-Fi or Fantasy - Chosen from all first place Sci-Fi categories
- SA7 - Best Grumman Aircraft - Best Grumman subject entered in the contest
- SA8 - Top Gun - Best fighter with Kill markings
- SA9 - Best Egg Model - Best Egg subject either plane, tank or ship
- SA10 - Best 1/35 Navy/Marine Helicopter - Award is a deck built by Tony Quartaro
- SA11 - Best Opel GT Car Award - Best Opel GT awarded by Gil Wesson
- SA12 - Theme Award - Best George Lucas movie subject
- SA13 - Jim Lewis Award - Best Soft Skin Military Vehicle
- SA14 - Best of Show Senior
- SA15 - Best of show Junior and Sub-Junior
- SA16 - Best Out-of-Box - Best Model built from the box only. Must be displayed with instructions adding: areal wires antennas and after market decals. OK

Note: To enter in the special award categories SA7, SA8, SA9, SA10, SA11, SA12, SA13 & SA16 you must add your Entrant #, Entry # & Model description to the appropriate entry sheet in the registration area. You will be given a colored dot to place on your entry form next to your model. If your name is not on the entry sheet your model will not be judged.



All Categories, also note Special Awards Entry details in red on left !

By the Way Here is a Special Award that didn't get shown in Buzz 155 !



Thank you

Tony Quartaro!

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD – MAKE and TAKE BONANZA

Many Thanks to Gil Wesson and SJVSM for this !

Slight detour – at the 2026 R-9 Kickoff (Wine Country Model Expo) the Editor was asked if he would be interested in being part of the SJVSM show as a Make ‘n Take lead. Not wanting to turn down a great offer from a great contributor of many years to my own as well many others gigs for something I’ve been part of in pas, feel is very valuable feature in events like it, said yes.

I, later in day, had to caution that unfortunately I had likely no chance to properly get some of the key resources (kits) in time enough to guarantee good start point, and asked if Gil could help.

I was incredibly humbled by how superbly he outdid me in coming up with solution there in very short order and of course, ABSOLUTELY IN THEME on top of the great choice of items !

As this is being written, Gil is at the IPMS USA Nationals in Indiana along with several other great members of our local R-9 model community, and I final got time to let him know I got the generous help box of sample test kits for preparation to head up Make n’ Take he sent me, it’s big help as my daughter already showed me how these kits are more than I knew, to take on !

By Saturday August 29 event day I too shall have a set of models like the ones you are about to see here built up, and better command of issues facing those who come to be part of that day !

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

Thanks to the SJVSM Tomcats we are going to have a fantastic close of summer show and it will include a topical themed chance to share the joy of modelling in first hand build at show form !

HERE WE GO A LOOK AT Make ‘n Take Menu Models:













*OKAY so thanks to Gil you see what can be
JUST REMEMBER – YOU GOTTA BUILD IT THERE TO TAKE IT
First Come First Serve and M&T Lead (me) may ask experienced
modelers who join in to be BIG HELP to the NEW Modelers there !*

OKAY as it turns out Editor has enough room & time left to add this review picture gallery of SJVSM Special Awards from BUZZ # 155

SA16 Best Out of The Box

Out of the box could be ANY model category.

The people entering for this special award need to apply the sticker supplied at the event and provide the instructions to qualify.

That's why we want people to be prepared up front to have a shot at this very cool, one of a kind, 3D printed and hand painted award!

Made by:

Gil Wesson, Tony Quartaro and Bryan Finch



SA9 Best Egg Plane



Made by: Gil Wesson

SA12

THEME AWARD

Best

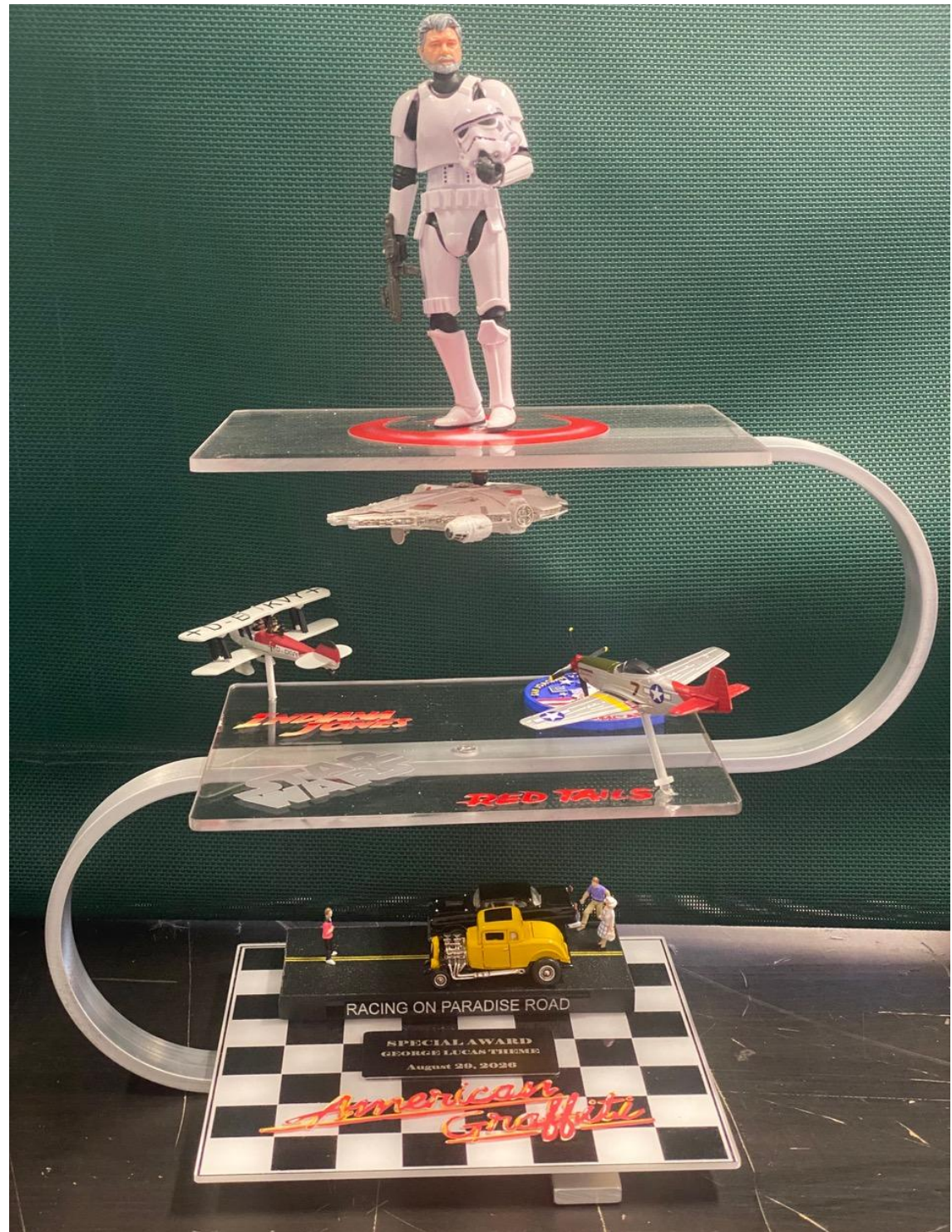
George Lucas Movie Subject

Sticker needs to be applied to the George Lucas theme model.

Since George Lucas films include so many different categories, this is a must.

Made by:

Gil Wesson, Tony Quartaro and Bryan Finch



SA11 Best Opel GT Model



Anyone entering an Opel GT model has a chance to win the “**Best Opel GT Model**” sponsored by Gil Wesson of Opel GT Source

SA10 Best 1/35 scale Helicopter, Navy/Marine

will be awarded the custom base made by Tony Quartaro.



SA8 *TOP GUN Award*

For The Best Fighter With Kill Markings

Made by:

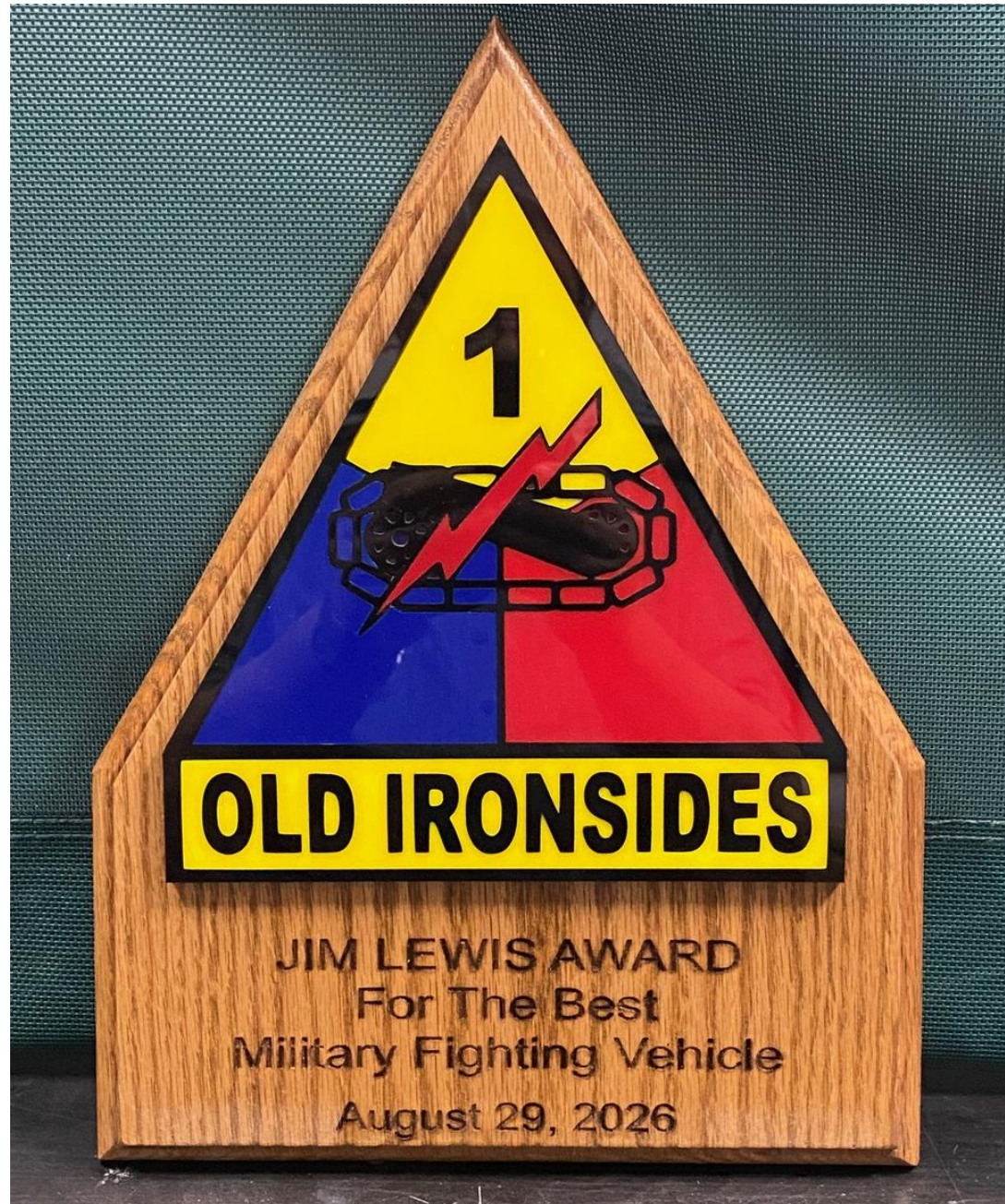
Bryan Finch and Tony Quartaro.



SA13 Jim Lewis Award For The Best Military Fighting Vehicle

Made by:

Bryan Finch and Tony Quartaro.



SA14 Best of Show Senior

The “**Best of Show**” is a solid bronze Eagle head, very large and heavy.

Made by:

Bob Phillips



Coming Up NEXT

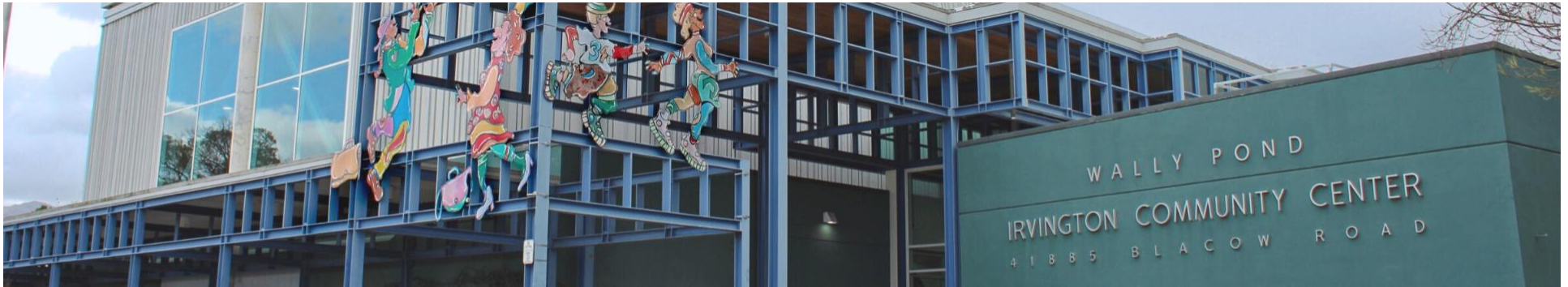
The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **AUGUST 14 2026**

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 IF THE EDITOR MANAGED TO GO ANYWHERE TO SHOOT PICTURES

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 “

