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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 33



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Somehow managing to wing it for now over 38 years...

Welcome

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

A Short Take on Present BUZZ (Issue's Editorial, in case you need clarification) Reminder of upcoming Nest 09-11-15

Short schedule of upcoming near meets and events of possible interest to Hornets and their friends

Somewhere inside, the Editor explains this picture (*New E-Board talking shop over remains of last Board, perhaps ?*)



11th of SEPTEMBER 2015 FREE HORNETS CLUB CONTEST SPECIAL REMINDER

LOOKING IT OVER – “*Hornets Nest on V-J Day*” August 2015 Club meeting

“*Operation Silverplate*” FREE HORNETS CLUB CONTEST August Review/Results

“GRUPPE BUILD 2015: Any BFs by AF” reminder to keep everyone aware deadline

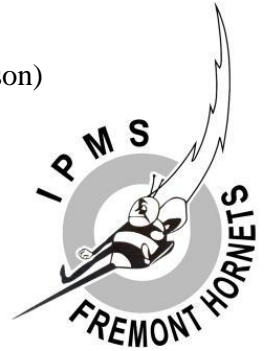
THE EDITOR PRESENTS : Season Two, **Part One** of “*IPMS NATS Drama Theatre*”

THE EDITOR PRESENTS : Season Two, **Part TWO** of “*IPMS NATS Drama Theatre*”

THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of September 02 2015 morning)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor (& Hornets Treasurer a Deux, Current Contest Director for 2014/15 season)

YES! Now #34 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!



“ *Oh YES, We CAN Have A West Coast NATS. WILL WE ? Is Entirely Another Matter !”*

Having enjoyed watching the “cooling off” period as life resumes “normal shape” now that Columbus OHIO IPMS 2015 Nationals success came to a close (okay, Journal will finalize it, still)

Felt was time (plus with real life interference “reset my priorities” deeply since last I was here Editoranting...) For another and now much fuller look back at CURRENT knowledge and CURRENT passionate pulse on the under-discussed, hardly interesting to many in the Region 9-10-8 community, subject of (yawn) whither we'll see again an IPMS Nats staged ACTUALLY OUT WEST (of the Rockies). Perhaps I am again far off the mark, and should stick to punishingly hard prose on more fervent subjects. Like the utter lack of detail parts for Martin XB-51 in ANY scale (*go figure !*), or shocking oversight of no one yet has produced quality “customizing and super detail sets” for my AMC Pacer (MPC). Nor for recently re-released (thank god!) AMC Gremlin. Yeah , I must be out of my mind, spent too much time perusing “Plane Talking” forums again on “HyperScale”. *Oh, my excuse me*, I should say, “*spent too much time, LURKING...*” there. My bad. Likely due time years ago spent in an “actual live chat” room. Where term of “*lurking*” really meant something, versus how I have it applied to me and others by haughty souls of blogdom. Who seem to not conceive, someone might have no wish to get drawn into a pointless “post fight”, in a place that is dearly grand for “taking a pulse on the Street” however, in public. See the last pages of this BUZZ for “**President's Season Two of IPMS NATS DRAMA THEATRE...**” Yes?
- mick

The Hornets Nest Night Friday September 11 @ Irvington Locale
PLANNED TO BE
Minimal Business, BUILDFEST, CLUB CONTEST “All Swept Up”

Saturday, September 12 2015 – IPMS Reno High Rollers 16th Annual, Mt Bismarck Elementary, Stead, NV

Sunday, September 27 2015 – Fremont Hornets “ The Good German ” at Milpitas Community Center, 457 E Calaveras, Milpitas CA

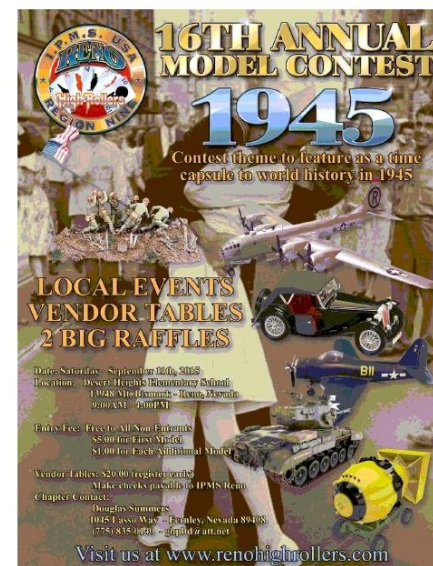
DON'T MISS OUT ! THE MORNING AFTER OUR SEPTEMBER NEST, HERE'S WHAT'S COMING

Reno High Rollers Present their # 16 Classic !

Stead, Nevada **Saturday September 12**

Theme is very topical, it's " Home in 1945 "

At the end of that same month, some outfit called Free Hornets are hosting their own contest and show :



which will include this NEW Special Award !



TRI-CITY CLASSIC 11

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition



Sunday, September 27 2015

Milpitas Community Center 457 E Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas, California 9am - 5pm

50 Categories of Competition in Aircraft, Autos, Figures, Ships, Military Vehicles, Space & Fictional, and Paper Kits !



"THE GOOD GERMAN"

(anything German or directly related)



NEW Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are:

"The Desert Fox" Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

"Vengeance Is Mine" (three awards for: Best "Marine", Best V-Weapon, Best "Bulge" (not limited to German either)

"A New Germany" Award for Best Post 1945 German subject

Plus these: "At Dawn's Early Light", "Best Straight Wing Jet", "Mightiest Mercedes", "Best 1/48 WW2 A/C"

Also: Vendors, a raffle and other fun items announced on day of event!

Free Admission to all spectators!

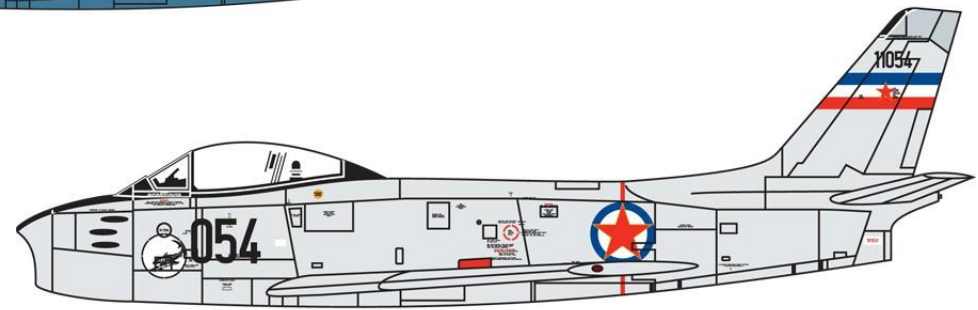
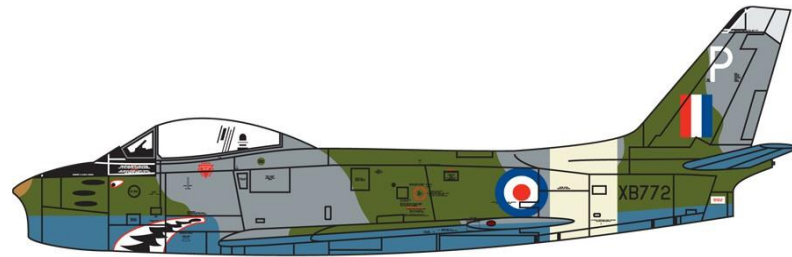
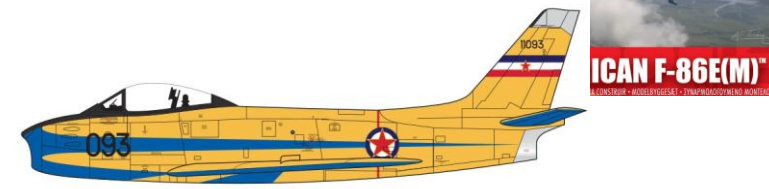
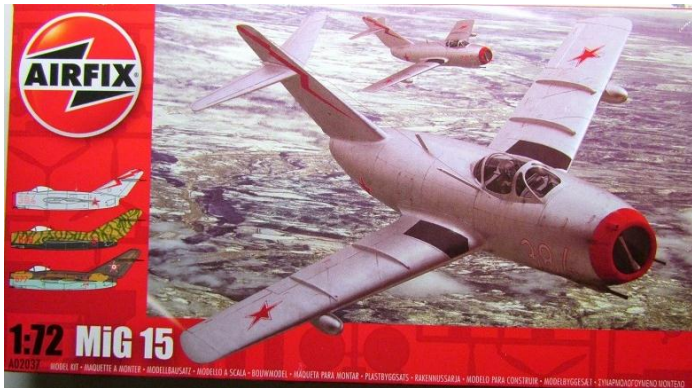
Contestant Entry: \$ 10 for modelers 18 & older w/ TEN model entries or less (\$1 each additional entry) All modelers 17/under, FREE/unlimited entries

For Vendor Information, contact **Lou Orselli** by phone at (510) 481-7335 VALID CA SALES TAX PERMIT REQUIRED

Email Contest Director Mick Burton directly at DAZE61283@mypacks.net with "Tri City 11 Contest" on subject line



2015 SEPTEMBER NEST CLUB CONTEST to GO FOR !



SO very easy to participate: These **NEW** **MOLDS** in 1/72 by **AIRFIX** offer extremely good values in terms of time and money to be spent. So **ONLY THOSE kits eligible !**

Choose one or more of either MiG-15 or a NA Sabre, and have kit done by meeting night above noted.

No, NO Out Of Box restriction, just go for it with these, a fine number of options. We're celebrating two Swept Wing Jets that directly tied back to German WW2 Tech, as recorded by historians ! **PRIZES AWARDED**, too.

Free Hornets **AUGUST MOMENT** Nest (Home from The Front)



“ When SoCal Drops In We Welcome ”

Even though one website is down, the President / Editor manages to take on a message, reply with invite to New Mike.

No, he’s not praying he can slip out quietly, the Man in Blue clearly in view on left, center at the Rear table is taking in our friendly ambiance.

President Burton tried to be polite and not too awkward, introducing Mike Armstrong, whose home chapter hails from La Crescenta, CA. He will be trying to make sure to be around for our next few Nests as he’s been detailed by his work to our end of world in Mountain View for some

time ahead. Armor and Figures are his current main model interest, so we had some “home” share.



We’ll have more on some of this display, later on ahead



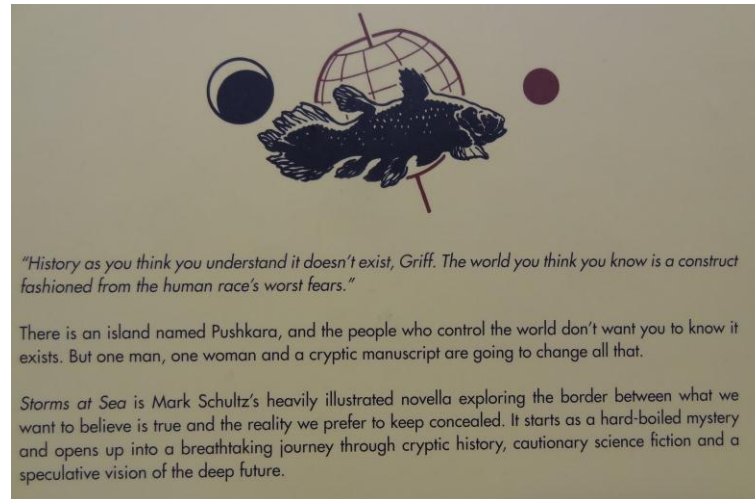
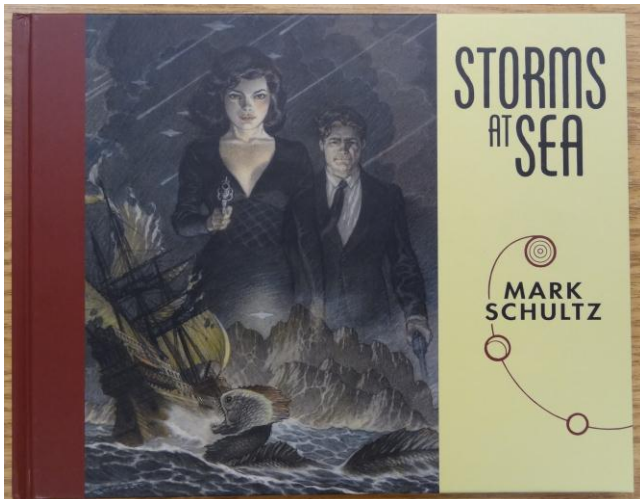
In the shot below, we have just gained another member Hornet for the evening, as Randy Ray arrives and Mike Armstrong keeps an eye on him here.



Randy gave us in depth review of the Columbus, Ohio located 2015 IPMS USA National Show & Contest. Which he and a small number of R-9ers attended.

This review followed rants from this President, in reference to the awarding news: 2017 IPMS US Nationals. Also on other related matters, which will be expanded upon later within this issue, *but not in this particular article.*

Thanks to Mike Armstrong, got a confirmation on big change in Region 8 that Prez Burton had recently learned of, more details rendered. Say farewell did we, to IPMS/Chino Planes of Fame chapter, R.I.P. So, read on ...



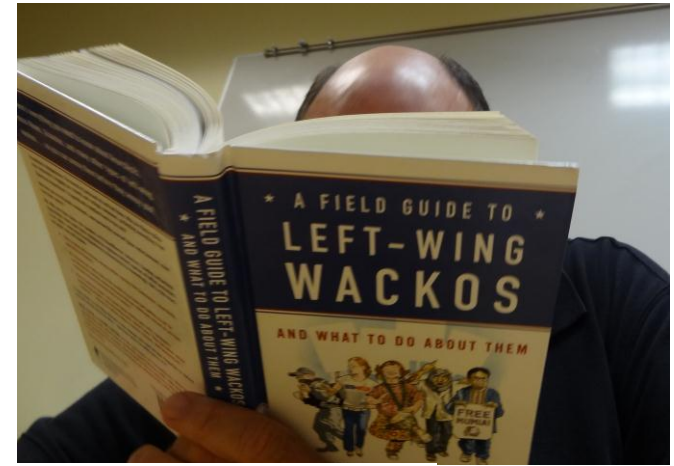
Just to get explanations out of the way, the “mysterious or odd” cover shot of this edition, is a cropped illustration from this fine new volume Steven Ng brought to share with us at August meet. Storms At Sea is explained on the



rear cover as middle picture gives up, but I think if you read it, eerily a parallel to our “model universe” may seem to echo rather swiftly. Or not. A Perspective premise...

While on the subject of non sequitur segues, Alaska Jim here is seen utterly ensconced in a book that Mick (Prez/Editor) Burton picked up in a Hobby Shop (not Kidding!) The shop is no longer in business, but there is no correlation to the politics of this volume and that demise. Riverside Hobbies had these delightful Off of The Wall tomes for years at discount, just happened I relocated this and brought it out for a reading.

An expansion on Ray Lloyd’s pair of NMF birds here



will be forthcoming in a separate article following this review of the August meeting.

For now, we will have look at Cliff Kranz’s tripooley of post ’45 AFVs.

Upraised barrel on his USA M47 here is deliberate, as this old molding dates back to time when



an “operating” kit feature was a common occurrence. In this instance:

Depress barrel, “Willy & Joe” heads will pop up in the tank crew hatches !

His M48, Monogram kit in its basic Vietnam ‘60s outfitting. Note how he’s used different Army Olive shades between the M47 and M48.



Last in Cliff’s trio, another postwar USA MBT, this time in Israeli Defence Forces scheme. Academy M60A kit with Trumpeter kit mine rollers set.



Giving this armor beastie a lot of add on attention. For he had to make mods, to allow “delicate” mine roller setup a bit more sturdiness in handling, or not be seeing it leave his house unbroken

Sorry, I didn’t get noted the details of what “armor sand”



Cliff chose to use on this IDF/AF vehicle, and that is often a topic of conversation for what is the best choices. Oh well, you can always ask Cliff !

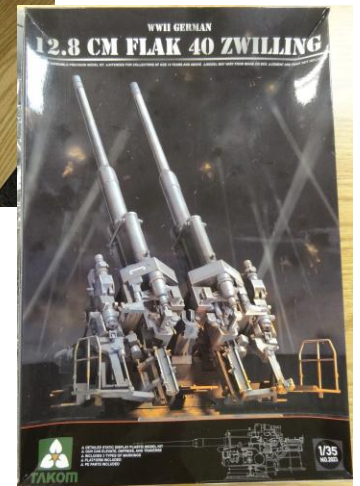
Mike Woolson here seen well prepared for California Drought, is focused on an automotive project. Meanwhile, Mike Armstrong next to him, looks with interest at Randy Ray on opposite corner, hard at work on a new Tamiya Somua S35, also a DML Panzer IV



Perhaps the S35 is “a meal” for the German Cat

Up in the front of the class, Randy shared a look at his recent acquire, the Takom 1/35 scale 12.8 cm Flakvierling 40 Zwilling.

Another very nice and extremely parts intense AA gun for Randy to deliver his signature finishing touch to, while I imagine how long I’d “be away” for a therapeutic spell if I tackled this subject...



The Free Hornets Gruppe Build of 2016 definitely is unlikely to be WW2 German AA artillery, although that could be a notable GOLD Milestone in the Free Hornets club history. Or it could join a certain popular Ed Heinemann USN Attack Jet, in the notoriety of dark periods of FH GB history...

We espy Frank Babbitt taking an “eye in the sky “ break here from his latest triple threat attack. Here’s a progressive Airfix 1/72 P-80 Shooting Star, next is the Fujimi 1/72 British Navy F-4 Phantom (All Spey, All the Way) with lastly a “normal for Frank scale” 1/48 Kinetic Mirage III E . Go F.B. !

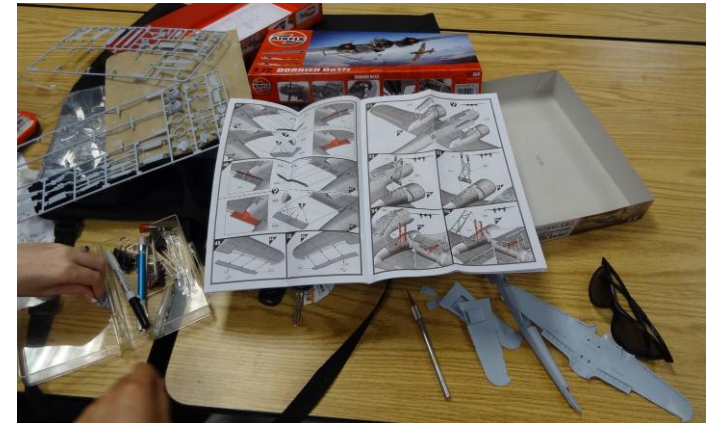


Hmmm. Taking a Dassault approach for our next FH Gruppe Build, maybe... 😊



Then, while Tim White reads the last Hornets Buzz which I’d had for him, we see our Newlyweds are keeping life as “a model pair”, Contentedly real.

That’s right, we got the news at our August Nest, this is now Mr Patrick Hsieh and his Mrs Kelly Hsieh. CONGRATULATIONS !



Here’s what Kelly’s ripping into now, the Tamiya 1/35 7.5cm Antitank Gun Pak40/L46



Above left and right, her husband Patrick is well exploring the new mold Airfix 1/72 Dornier 17z.

I for one, can’t even begin to see what possessed him to go and work on a German WW2 aircraft for a modelling subject.

Where could such a pursuit lead him? Madness !

Clearly, he must be now demonized. Oh someone, quickly, get that razor sharp precision cutting tool out of his hands. NO! Patrick, no! AAAAAAAAAAAAAA !





See, clearly this insanity is spreading. Here's Kent McClure, calmly proceeding with making a scale model amplifier for his Hypothetical Rocker of the what, 1300s, while his 1//72 scale ISU-152 and Soviet Tank Riders look on as if this is all harmlessly normal. I am in fear now.

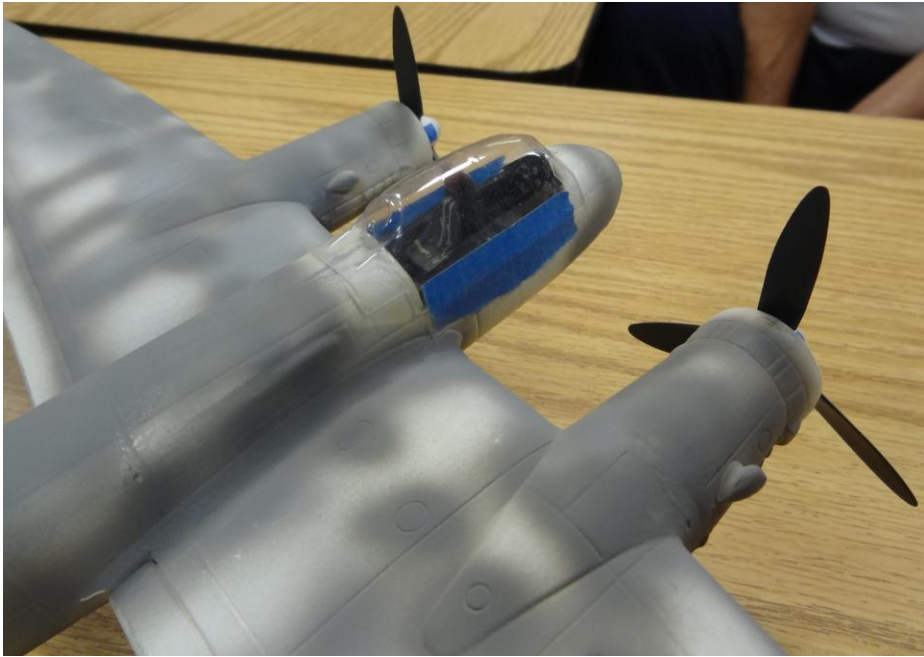


In the FINAL analysis, I'll just have to close this review of August Hornets with a close in look at Louis Orselli's working bench, a fine 1/48 scale Me-109 there and an Airmodel Resin kit of type I can't make out here.

Just for posterity, I'll note here for the record, we didn't have a Raffle for the Nest this time, but Louis wasn't being given hard time over it, did not deserve any grief. It's all good. Thanks YO!

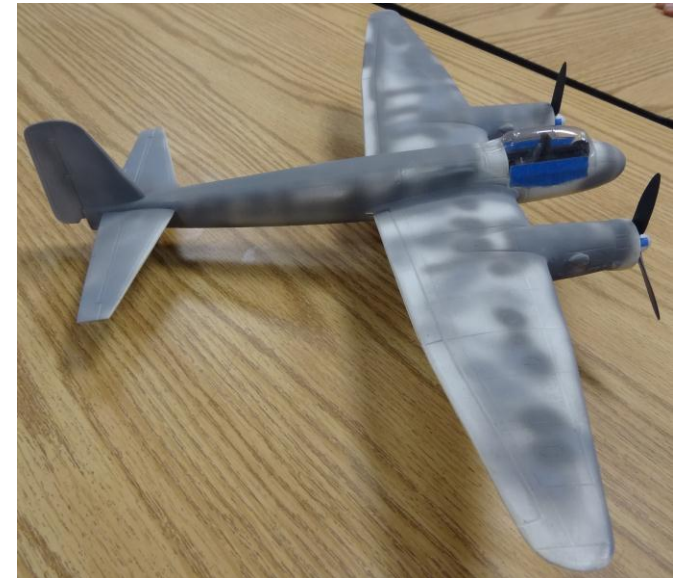


But wait, there's more !



OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF AUGUST !

*Congratulations to
Model of the Month winner,
Louis Orselli*



Louis's 1/48 Koster VacForm JU-88 is coming along nicely. Who knows, he might even yet complete in time for TriCity 11's category 22 ! *Mickb-fini*

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*

Free Hornet Editor Reviews " Operation Silverplate " Contest Fun

" Thought By One As Means To Commemorate 70th Anniversary V-J Day, Instead Another Found Way to Play "

Text & Photos by: Mick Burton

August 14 1945, was officially declared in the USA by President Harry Truman, to be "Victory Over Japan Day". Our meeting was on the 70th repetition of that specific day, a club contest that somehow meshed with that theme seemed apropos to this Editor. Thanks to Ray Lloyd, a generalized range potential theme was to be found , that still gave a specific tie to history as sought by Editor



"Operation Silverplate" vehicles and equipment all eligible, directly. Also, ANY Natural Metal Finish vehicle, any period. (Not limited to aircraft, not limited to late WW2. Jets are very okay, Autos welcome ! i.e; DeLoreans, stripped paint autos, polished or brushed finish body racers or street cars, chromed custom) Or Figures "(I'll be your) *Knight in shining armor* " Plus Any & all "silver/aluminum" *painted* finish subjects also eligible. So here's how it turned out:



While no one modeled up any Atomic Bomber aircraft which were the main point of “Operation Silverplate” in reality, the original progenitor of the idea for “natural metal/silver finish “ contest theme came through nicely.

Here is the Second Place winner of the August 2015 Hornets Club Con.

Ray Lloyd’s Republic F-84G in 1/48 by Tamiya, the “plated” edition. Out of box, the 1953 season Thunderbirds scheme, rendered quite wondrously .

Ray carefully blended seams and did a fine job of adding some shades too.



Taking First Place, was Ray Lloyd again, with this so lovely 1/48 scale MiG-21F-13 “Fishbed C” Sov AF.

This is no easy work here, it’s a resin conversion kit blend. The base kit Ray used escaped my notation, but I have recorded it as “Work In Progress” a number of years back in Fremont Nest photos I have taken. That assisted my Judging this as the greater execution of work accomplished. Although I freely admitted during meet that I have a prejudice for this version Mikoyan’s ubiquitous Fighter. Severely under-kitted, is the “C”.



Many thanks for the entries, Ray Lloyd, and for the inspiration for the club contest in first place. Awards are forthcoming soon.

– *mickb fini*

THE FREE HORNETS PRESIDENT PROMOTES HORNET “ HUN SENSE “ WITH GB 2015 !

The Gruppe Build for 2015 is “ Any BF (109) as long as it’s by AF (Airfix) “



VERY SIMPLE RULES TO FOLLOW !

1. ANY Edition of an AIRFIX Messerschmitt 109 may be used to start with. Some examples of old & new shown here
2. You do NOT NEED TO FINISH IT OUT OF THE BOX, YOU JUST NEED TO FINISH IT (by 9-27-2015, 9AM)
3. Exercise as much or as little “creative, artistic, or of course, SARCASTIC” license in your entry(s) as you feel like
4. You must be a Free Hornet to play (participate)
5. No one is compelled to participate, it’s merely another chance for FREE HORNETS to LET OUR FREE FLAG FLY

FREE HORNETS PRESIDENT & EDITOR PRESENTS “ IPMS NATS DRAMA THEATRE “

SEASON TWO – FORDING the TRUTH ABOUT “ IPMS USA WEST COAST NATIONALS & HOSTING BIASES “

If you haven't read any of my editorials or heard me rant in the past years, you're lucky. What you're about to see and read is a VERY WELCOME SIGN of HEALTHY AIR being PUT FORTH on HYPERSCALE for the BENEFIT of ALL in/of IPMS USA.

This was a very “lively” thread which later included responses from the current IPMS USA VP in answer to this directly

Appreciated how here, on “the street”(not “safely” tucked away in forums, or “selectively accessible, with no “history links” if on FaceBook postings) finally is direct, unvarnished, very useful Discussion about What Really Went On RE: a Nats Bid

NO RUMORS, MIS/DIS INFORMATION, THIS IS A DISSECTION.ANALYSIS as THINGS UNFOLDED. GO ON, LOOK IT UP FOR YOURSELF

Here's how the thread I'm referring to opened. I kept tracking it over several days... for which you will see all responses on to the end as “titles” for Part 1.

2017 IPMS Nats will be in Omaha

July 25 2015 at 7:48 PM

Steve N (Login [Newsdude1964](#))
HyperScale Forums
from IP address 168.215.110.103

Just announced at the awards banquet

SN

This message has been edited by Newsdude1964 from IP address 168.215.110.103 on Jul 25, 2015 7:50 PM

[Respond to this message](#)

Responses

- [We're there any other venues in the running?](#) - Chris on Jul 25, 2015, 7:51 PM
 - [Phoenix](#) - Bruce Briggs on Jul 25, 2015, 7:58 PM
 - [Omaha in 2011 was a blast for me. I won](#) - Fred Amos on Jul 25, 2015, 10:11 PM
- [The very best facilities I've seen. Hope to attend. n/t](#) - Bo Roberts on Jul 25, 2015, 8:30 PM
- [IPMS National bias to West Coast shows](#) - Terry Huber on Jul 25, 2015, 10:15 PM
 - [Re: IPMS National bias to West Coast shows](#) - Anonymous on Jul 25, 2015, 11:33 PM
 - [Since you are only 3 hours away. I can see why you like it :\) nt](#) - Another Mouse on Jul 26, 2015, 11:29 AM
 - [Bias?](#) - Mark Schynert on Jul 26, 2015, 2:05 AM
 - [There's also the very significant hurdle of facility costs...](#) - Lynn, putting on the BT-DT hat on Jul 26, 2015, 7:41 AM
 - [I loved Omaha.... It was nice and clean and the hotel was cheaper than I expected](#) - John Bollig on Jul 26, 2015, 8:40 AM

26, 2015, 8:40 AM

- [Well said Lynn](#) - Gary Vikar on Jul 26, 2015, 9:24 AM
- [Not while Im around](#) - Jared Nuss on Jul 26, 2015, 9:30 AM
- [Well](#) - John on Jul 26, 2015, 9:39 AM
- [Lynn's comment is on point & worth reading](#) - K.Ingraham on Jul 26, 2015, 12:30 PM
- [Don't step on that rattlesnake, son](#) - Mark Schynert on Jul 26, 2015, 12:57 PM
 - [Mark, I frequently agree with and respect your commentary, but...](#) - Lynn on Jul 26, 2015, 6:49 PM
 - [Re: Mark, I frequently agree with and respect your commentary, but...](#) - John on Jul 26, 2015, 7:10 PM
 - [We are obviously using different breadths to define bias](#) - Mark Schynert on Jul 26, 2015, 9:17 PM
- [The only Bias is \\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$](#) - Jim Clark on Jul 26, 2015, 8:15 PM

*Please take note where we're at, as by now you may have noticed that a Free Hornet has already commented (**Bias?**) for West Coast and also so has IPMS Tidewater's Exec (Lynn Ritger), after "**IPMS National Bias to West Coast shows**" comment by one Terry Huber. Our break taken at the clearly stated "**The only Bias is \$\$\$\$\$\$**" post by one Jim Clark, whom you will learn, has DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE of CURRENCY...*

I am not trying to be "punny" here. I am referring to fact that Jim Clark is posting from having just come out of the LATEST West Coast IPMS Nationals Bid here. Happy me! No longer is there any time for "palliatives to be applied, dismissals as sour grapes or "vague rumors", from any who don't like to consider: There's a possibility that past discussions of "Hard to Win with a West Coast Bid" have some harder truths within.

There are those who know quite well to what I am referring to . So it doesn't require pointless and distracting repetition here, the facts of the discussion here will easily frame and illuminate as well as bring "hmmm, reflective thought" to those who don't believe their friends ...

- [The only Bias is \\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$](#) - Jim Clark on Jul 26, 2015, 8:15 PM
 - [I wasn't gonna put that out there but I'm glad you did, Jim...](#) - Lynn, grabbing the popcorn on Jul 26, 2015, 10:17 PM
 - [Omaha show](#) - Darren Roberts on Jul 27, 2015, 8:00 AM
 - [Thanks for that info, Darren](#) - Lynn on Jul 27, 2015, 11:16 AM
 - [What's dirty pool?](#) - Mike Moore on Jul 27, 2015, 11:50 AM
 - [Because Mike](#) - Jim Clark on Jul 27, 2015, 2:54 PM
 - [Well, if they didn't submit their bid by the "deadline"...](#) - Mike Moore on Jul 27, 2015, 4:28 PM
 - [I know you're upset](#) - Darren Roberts on Jul 27, 2015, 8:31 AM
 - [The plot thickens... so Omaha DID let the E-Board know they were preparing a bid?](#) - Lynn on Jul 27, 2015, 11:21 AM
 - [Well who do you believe???](#) - Jim Clark on Jul 27, 2015, 11:28 AM
 - [I'm not upset that Omaha won](#) - Jim Clark on Jul 27, 2015, 11:23 AM
 - [There really seems to be something smelly here...](#) - Mike Moore on Jul 27, 2015, 12:01 PM

We'll break here for the next page, as HS poster Mike Moore hit perfectly with his titling here. Best, as it's just after Arizona's top spokesman has directly answered there's no "sour grapes or upset over being the "runner up". Do take note though, in the string here; How a distinct touch of some having doubts, about the possibility that anything "unseemly, untidy or just plain bad form" could have taken place, and yet ... reality.

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 - [There really seems to be something smelly here...](#) - Mike Moore on Jul 27, 2015, 12:01 PM
 - [Complete transparency](#) - Darren Roberts on Jul 27, 2015, 12:27 PM
 - [Email inbound nt](#) - Jim Clark on Jul 27, 2015, 2:46 PM

*Okay, I felt that to be fair, beginning should repeat with Darren Roberts somewhat “palliative and yet objective” posting (***I know you're upset***) because later I'm going to include entire post that he titles so. To demonstrate just why Jim Clark of West Coast and Lynn Ritger of East Coast do both respond as they do, especially as they have as I pointed out, Direct IPMS Nats Knowledge Currency at the Exec Level. So that you as a intrigued reader or interested party with perhaps less backgrounding, may get a better idea what is making this more than meets the eye or ear...*

BECAUSE RIGHT AFTER THAT LAST POST SET about “complete transparency”; an IPMS-USA VP Posts a HS Reply (thank god, I said!)

- [No Bias- please read](#) - Dave Morrissette on Jul 26, 2015, 11:35 AM
 - [And how much more are we willing to pay](#) - Mark Schynert on Jul 26, 2015, 1:03 PM
 - [Well..](#) - John on Jul 26, 2015, 3:16 PM
 - [Apparently we're willing to pay alot](#) - Jim Clark on Jul 26, 2015, 8:00 PM
 - [Interesting](#) - John on Jul 26, 2015, 8:16 PM
 - [That is a great Idea . Jim](#) - John Bollig on Jul 26, 2015, 8:25 PM
 - [Re: No Bias- please read](#) - Anonymous on Jul 27, 2015, 7:09 AM

IN PAST THREE YEARS that I've been following IPMS USA Nats “pre. Event. postmort” HyperScale (HS) posts for two weeks.week.two weeks so to build a foundation of “currency”: This is the first time I can recall seeing ANY kind of healthy, timely and full responses from IPMS USA to address ANY OF THIS KIND OF ISSUE . The amount of GOOD that has done this year is pretty clear to me, and the lack of it in the past has notably and measurably, negatively impacted ALL the local USA chapters as well the National Org, even if many won't believe it or deal with it.

Hats off to VP Dave Morrissette for wading into this fray TWICE in timely, cogent, truthful manner. Though not always in a result that I among others, could say was in our favor or liking. That is not my point or others who feel similar about the larger issue. Namely: although many would, do express/enforce to “keep things in the family” or “we don't talk about these things here, they should be discussed on IPMS Forums” that's BS The fact is, HyperScale has been, will continue for a longer time than some conceive, “The Street”, where anyone can and does share in opinion without a doubt, without hesitating to SHOUT, not caring one whit what others opinion of their opinion is about. Whole other thread (few pages) got started at the same time as this, about FaceBook or other “social media” basically “obsoleting HS or the IPMS USA Nats being needed ”. An educational, if laughable in the end, discussion. For, if you want someone (or several) to join or participate or understand your organization, you “achieve transparency” by enjoying “hubbub and hurly-burly of the street”. Where we all meet, by being part of it and not being late or absent or requiring everyone to “have a badge, be part of the system or have some degree” before their opinions be heard. Unless, you're really an elitist ☺

Here is how NATS thread finally ended on HS, I have not seen any new posts to it and if you want to research it, this is complete start ...

- [Yessssssss I will be in Omaha yes yes yes](#) - John Bollig on Jul 26, 2015, 8:26 AM
- [West coast contacts](#) - Steven Brown on Jul 26, 2015, 8:58 PM
 - [Ya well](#) - John on Jul 26, 2015, 9:02 PM

PART TWO – FORGING the TRUTH ABOUT “ IPMS USA WEST COAST NATIONALS & HOSTING BIASES “

Alright, I go with premise if you're reading this far, you're ready to take on “The Devil Is In The Details” for “meat & ‘taters” Part One of Season Two was “FORDING the Truth ...” in the best manner meant, making the passage across the great divide. Part Two of Season Two is “FORGING the Truth...” again in the best manner, no malice. Forging with selected cuts to provide Heat and Pressure to provide a Tool for Perhaps Understanding Why or Why Not, Any Time Soon Again, a West Coast Nats...

*First off, the “launch vehicle for the 2015 edition of “**As The IPMS Western Nats Bid Churns**” “, the post by Mr Terry Huber*

IPMS National bias to West Coast shows

July 25 2015 at 10:15 PM

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Response to [2017 IPMS Nats will be in Omaha](#)

I cannot help but wonder with all things being equal why Phoenix would not be awarded the 2017 show. I really believe the IPMS powers at large have a definite bias against coming out West for the Nationals. Too bad as Phoenix had wonderful shows in 2004 and 2010.

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Which was quickly first responded to by someone clearly not part of “ the West or Left Coast ”, and I know has no malice aforethought in his reply, even clearly made an effort to open with a succinct balanced topical statement, before speaking directly next to the supposition of bias.

Re: IPMS National bias to West Coast shows

July 25 2015 at 11:33 PM

Anonymous (Login [spruebrothers](#))
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Response to [IPMS National bias to West Coast shows](#)

I had attended both the prior shows in PHX and Omaha and had a good time at both.

FYI - if you had attended the bid presentation this morning, you would know why it was Omaha over Phoenix. Nothing to do with any bias.

[Respond to this message](#)

I too, have been to both aforementioned Phoenix shows, but missed first known to me Omaha NATS. Only heard of, from friends whom I joined in staging the 1998 West Coast NATS. Which in some ways now like the 2004 Arizona NATS, is “Old Testament”. Because so much actually has changed in how IPMS USA Nats are bid & done since 2008. Much of that huge change is still poorly understood and a lot of that is known to me firsthand. Some by watching years of “bad/old/misinformation” being posted on yes, HyperScale until VERY recently. Plus, two West Coast bids.

Perhaps it would also be helpful to frame this discussion fully by disclosing (for some) and reminding (for the old timers beyond me...) that the Phoenix locale has had another successful IPMS Nationals under its wing, that in fact Free Hornets AND SVSM members attended, won at and enjoyed being part of, WAY BACK in 1983. That's right. Back in 1983, and only six years before, a now legendary West Coast Nats had been held in SAN FRANCISCO and hosted by IPMS-GOLDEN GATE. So, please know that some of us "Westies" know that Arizona has LONG a history of "beating the heat" and getting IPMS Modelers on their street for a National Event. 1983, 2004, 2010. Why, in fact, my first IPMS Nats was only three years after Phoenix 1, as the 1986 IPMS Sacramento Chapter hosted in the Capitol City of California a fine event. San Diego would also be hosting a West Coast Nats, one where two of my dear long time friends whom I endured the 1998 Nats as hosts with, would meet in a local legendary manner. (One I already knew, meets the other at a bar, become good fast friends, only to have One (OG) after they both had a mild buzz going, ask Two (Young Lad) ask this fateful question: Are You A Member of IPMS ? Then One, after receiving an unexpected, "uh, no, I'm not", delivering a thunderous and ear pinned back response to Two of : " You're NOT ?!!! WELLLL ... F(expl del) YOU THEN !! " Too funny in the retelling. and I heard it from both of them directly over the years as well as relayed it best I could myself. So poignant now, as Two left us too soon a couple years ago. Both know as do I, best part of a Nationals is seeing old friends, making new ones First. Awards second.

So, getting to "New Testament" times (eerily, a West Coast Nats would be last one operated in "old time Nats process", the 2007 Orange Cty) we find our own Free Hornet (and a consistent fine HS poster), Mark Schynert, speaking directly to the post of Terry Huber and perception of a bias

Bias?

July 26 2015 at 2:05 AM



Mark Schynert (Login [mass22](#))
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Response to [IPMS National bias to West Coast shows](#)

I don't think so. But it doesn't make much difference if the end result is the same. As it stands now, a slice of West Coast modelers make an effort to go to the Nationals every year, and good on them. Those who would like a little more proximity (or heaven forbid, someplace where the family might want to go in the middle of the summer) find it to be economically daunting, or too hard a sell with limited vacation and finances. This is a systemic condition, due to the way the Nationals are set up. I wouldn't even call it a problem, because problems bespeak solutions, and there is no solution. That's where the bias lies, if anywhere--a lack of interest by most of the IPMS membership in finding a way to get the convention into the westernmost tier of states on a regular basis. Which Nebraska ain't. Cool. I can live with that.

"Don't take your life too seriously, son. At the end of it, you won't be alive anyway."

Red Skelton's mother

Mark's post is very straightforward, succinct and points out the important detail missed so many times in past and current "discussions" when it comes to anything of this "controversial" nature. Namely, that PERCEPTION trumps REALITY. It couldn't matter less whether or not there's a "proven or significant weight of proof towards" a bias here, if there's a perception thereof because the results come out the same. Any who do (and there is a significant amount of Opinion Shaper Simpletons who consistently repeat this error) dismiss this or think there's nothing to be done to counter it, so why bother, are as much the problem as those they "blame or ascribe at fault "for purveying this unfair rumor" or "hurt the IPMS with these opinions". Plus as Lynn Ritger, Jim Clark and others closer to home will demonstrate, the momentum is being slowly lost.

There's also the very significant hurdle of facility costs...

July 26 2015 at 7:41 AM



Lynn, putting on the BT-DT hat
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Response to [Bias?](#)

I stand to be corrected on this, but my understanding is the majority of convention facilities on the west coast have rather steep fees... add to that the fact that 90% of the convention grunt work falls on the host club, so the process has to be re-learned over and over and over and over and over and over again, and most clubs cannot or do not want to get involved in that amount of legal and financial rigamarole.

So, for those complaining of an "anti-West coast bias", here's how you fix that: step up. Put your own *** on the line for two years, deal with all the crap from every conceivable direction, keep your membership engaged and actively working to stick to a business plan for the entire time, work with the facilities and the legal folks and IPMS National and the vendors and the manufacturers and find a place to host a show that won't bankrupt you or your club. See how that works out for you.

Step up or shut up. This is supposed to be... SUPPOSED to be... a Society run "by modelers, for modelers". But there's far too many people in this organization who think they're entitled to the moon and stars on a silver platter for that 25.00/year membership fee. They expect someone else to put in all the work and then feel entitled to bitch about it if it doesn't meet their selfish standards. If you're not willing to step up and actively work to make the Society better, then you have absolutely NO right to complain about the people who have been out there busting their asses year after year, swimming against a rising tide of entitlement and indifference to try and improve this Society and host memorable shows.

Step up or shut up. If you don't like something, work to change it. Otherwise, you're just pissing in the wind.

Lynn (who's been there and done that with IPMS Tidewater three times now, and we're not doing it again. Not for a very, very long time, at least.)
Webmaster, [The 50th Anniversary IPMS-USA National Convention](#) in Hampton, Virginia

August 6-9, 2014

THANK YOU LYNN RITGER – If you were paying attention, he's been well part of SEVERAL NATIONALS at EXEC Level (Host) and also NOTE what else I thank him for. He states for the IPMS TideWater crew FIRST, that this is basically it for a goodly while now. THREE TIMES They hosted so that others may play, and they held honor of doing the IPMS USA Golden Anniversary as their last one. Knowing damned well what they go through first hand from ONE, I utterly for one, salute that they'd do it like Phoenix and Columbus crews, REPEATEDLY ! Lynn gave an extremely cohesive discussion as "still an outsider in one sense (not a Westie) but insider (well versed in whole gig start to finish)"

Directly addressing several aspects that have always been hard rows to hoe for EVERYONE who has ever bid or staged a West Coast Nats. One of course being the built in higher overhead, I think only (metro) New York and a few other areas could be said to be carrying this handicap. The much larger issue that several out here well know, he also addresses well: MANPOWER AND COMMITMENT OF A LONG TERM. Not any less a need for “DOE” (Day of Event) folks of course, but to really carry off a serious Nationals Bid and deliver a Convention, TAKES A LOT MORE and LOTS LONGER than even the rabidly interested may be willing or able to commit to. Those who have done it, oddly enough, seem to be shy about repeating the experience, which sometimes earns them “dismissive or snotty remark” like they are a bunch of “old burnouts” or “why can’t THEY get PAST what ever it was that happened and JOIN IN??” from some that couldn’t know better until like Lynn, BT/DT (been there, done that). Just ask perhaps the last two sets of local folks who put together the bids for West Coast Nats, for a better idea than my offering

Or read on, the immediate supporting posts to Lynn Ritger’s, and note that the second one is “another generation” and apparently he’s already learnt too well what I was addressing for my own end of the world, for his side, in Lynn’s chapter, IPMS TideWater !

Well said Lynn.

July 26 2015 at 9:24 AM

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Response to [There's also the very significant hurdle of facility costs...](#)

I spent 30 years in another organized. We had to national two nationals a year. Anywhere from 4,000 to 6,000 people showed up for 5 day shooting events. The people who complained never showed to work a national. Oh the staff worked long hours. One could look at hosting every five years. Lucky for all the event was always held in the same place.

The 2014 National and Columbus where very well done. Hats off too the people who made it work.

Not while Im around

July 26 2015 at 9:30 AM

Jared Nuss (Login [Santini35](#))
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Response to [There's also the very significant hurdle of facility costs...](#)

I've only been involved with the last one but as probably the youngest active Tidewater, I won't be voting yes the next time someone suggests hosting again, or the next time or the one after that. It had its fun moments, but it was a lot of time, energy and stress to put into something
Get info for the 2014 Convention in Hampton VA by following [@IMPSUSA2014](#) on twitter

I know that there was a strong enough sentiment running up NorthWest of California and significantly enough in the Central part of CA to easily explain the “not bloody likely” when the end of this whole thread had a post “Get the Region RC’s together and it will happen again”.

Then, we get another Direct from California poster on HS, whom I know from past, has given much press for this issue and makes his own case.

Well.

July 26 2015 at 9:39 AM



John (Login
[sharkinman44](#))

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Response to [There's also the very significant hurdle of facility costs...](#)

I live in California and unfortunately for me the nearest IPMS Chapter is three hours away so getting off my a** to put on a show is out of the question. The thing is when talking to fellow modelers out here is that people who are in positions to put on shows actually believe there is a bias so they have no desire to put in a bid because they believe it is all for nothing. I mean Phoenix put in a bid this year and even then though I understand Omaha did a wonderful job I also understand that there once was the spirit of lets try spread the love around when it comes to locations which doesnt seem to be the case. Even though there were a couple years without competing bids it would seem, whether intentional or not that a bias has developed since by the next time a west coast venue could be chosen, it will have been eight years since the last. It is what it is though...

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AND then we also get another excellent short recap of how on topic and useful Lynn's write up was and recent past successes West & Midwest

Lynn's comment is on point & worth reading.

July 26 2015 at 12:30 PM

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Response to [There's also the very significant hurdle of facility costs...](#)

The voice of experience & having been at Tidewater's most excellent events in '02 & '08, I can attest to the work they put in. Of course, they are blessed by an excellent family-friendly location with plenty to do for everyone. Not t mention a local chamber of commerce and tourism industry conducive to supporting such events.

As others have pointed out, and Orange County demonstrated a few years go, WC costs can be prohibitive.

Thanks, Lynn.

(off topic comment--IMHO, Columbus OH just held a truly outstanding event-- Well done guys & gals!)

AND YES, YOU'RE FOLLOWING MY SNAKE CHARM CORRECTLY...THEN THERE'S THIS RETURN TO OUR MAIN FOCUS !

I have much respect for Mr Mark (our own Free Hornet) for he posted without hesitation or heated hype, and used “other than IPMS” as well.

Don't step on that rattlesnake, son

July 26 2015 at 12:57 PM



Mark Schynert (Login [mass22](#))
HyperScale Forums
from IP address 66.167.204.37

Response to [There's also the very significant hurdle of facility costs...](#)

I have been through that, granted peripherally, most recently about three years ago, but given I work on conventions on a regular basis, I have a clue. More to the point, you see a West coast effort that slogs those two years, puts out a lot of effort and renders a competitive bid that is not the *best* bid, and we don't get it, because Disney World. Yes, the facilities costs can be an issue. So is predatory pricing by a host sight that can make money on the theme park side. realistically, our volunteers would have to run bids several years in a row to have a real shot, which includes overlapping those years of volunteering for two or more bids simultaneously. That's a a lot of FW 190s that don't get built. So we can lose a bid, and then get lectured for not doing enough? Brilliant, Lynn, just brilliant.

And you might try reading carefully. I know, it gets in the way of your screed, and that's no fun, but as I said, I'm cool with this. Things have come to the point that the Nationals is not *designed* to be on the West Coast (or apparently, even Arizona), and, unlike the US Constitution, IPMS has no obligation to get into 'rights' and 'equal opportunity' and all that other stuff. Bias is a broad term, that doesn't necessarily have moral connotations--it can also simply mean that a structure favors one result over another. And the existing structure does not favor a West Coast bid being accepted. "Don't take your life too seriously, son. At the end of it, you won't be alive anyway."

Red Skelton's mother

Mark, I frequently agree with and respect your commentary, but...

July 26 2015 at 6:49 PM



Lynn (Login [lmriteer](#))
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Response to [Don't step on that rattlesnake, son](#)

...clearly, my screed (I might have chosen another word, but we'll go with it for now) obviously is *not* directed at those who actually do invest the effort to host shows. The fact that you feel personally slighted by my commentary says more about your own mindset than mine, I think- although I cannot claim to even assume what that might be, other than the fact that you must agree that there is some sort of inherent anti-West Coast bias.

LYNN's initial reply to Mark's reply to him, seems at first to take a too personal and misunderstanding Mark tone, but I think you'll get the gist of his realizing that himself in the portion that follows, and this as edit is broken EXACTLY where Lynn did in his HS post, FYI (there are those who I am very confident, aren't ecstatic at my even putting this article together nor how I chose to, so I note "trivia" like breaks "mathematics")

Detractors or "Dissers" can be extremely useful, actually. Ever hear "keep your friends close, your enemies, closer"... ? (not Red Skelton's mom)

Having just done this last year and experienced firsthand the irrationally entitled attitudes of so many of the National Convention attendees, just as we did in the other shows we hosted in 2008 and 2002 (I was still in Florida for the 1996 show), I'm not simply making crap up as I go here. I have seen it and experienced it with my own eyes. At least this last time, we didn't deal with months of complaints about the steak at the banquet. There is a fundamental and dare I say, almost intentional misunderstanding on the part of the average IPMS member regarding just how much blood, sweat, tears, time, and money gets sunk into the process of planning a convention, and just how much of that falls entirely on the shoulders of the host club. When you work that hard for that long to provide the best possible experience and you hear people b!tching about the most ridiculous stuff, eventually it wears you down. Maybe you've experienced that as well, I don't know- honestly, I hope not, because I wouldn't want to wish that sort of frustration on you or your club.

As regards any inherent bias in the E-board, I can't speak to that- I can only say that even if you somehow assume there is a heavy east coast bias in their decision making, the continuous and often enormous difficulties we experienced in dealing with them last year would tend to make me discount that.

Anyways, to wrap up, my anger is in no way directed at anyone who has actually done the work, or tried to host a show.

Regards,

Lynn

Webmaster, [The 50th Anniversary IPMS-USA National Convention](#) in Hampton, Virginia

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Lynn addresses Mark and the general currency of NATS performance issue pretty damned tightly here, and again gives me another chance to point out WHY HyperScale has been and will continue to me, serve BETTER THAN IPMS FORUMS ever WILL or could, on "IPMS Stuff"

Lynn, like Mark and others here on HS and Facebook, myself and others "in dinner conversation or rants in Newsletters or meetings", addresses the extremely common and utterly ruinous phenomenon as he puts it (too politely to me) "almost intentional misunderstanding" of the "average IPMS Member" regarding the Convention Process and the roles of the Host Club. THAT I COMPLETELY AGREE AND SAY IT'S WORSE than "almost" intentional. It's DELIBERATE and FOSTERED by the inaction in many ways of past and until this year, current "HQ's" of IPMS USA. For many years it is repeated by "Low Number Thumpers" and others who should KNOW BETTER than most, the no longer true "facts" of "what it takes to stage an IPMS National" on HyperScale forums and many many many other "streets" (clubs throughout the country and other mediums, "dinner clubs" and non-IPMS affiliates. Especially harmful in my book are things like "you have to go raise a bunch of dough first and it falls on your chapter only" " It's a year of hell and fury (leaving idea you're only up for a 14 month or so commitment) " "There is a rotation system...West, MidWest, East and back..." "Only the BIG CITIES and BIG CLUBS can even put one of these on"

For much of this, there's only ever been "grains" of truth to the premises, and a LOT of these have been completely upended or made right after YEARS of NEEDING FIXING, that only RECENTLY have been getting serious addressing in PUTTING THE INFORMATION OUT THERE Thanks to Lynn, Mark, Randy Ray (in another thread, but totally on target addressing the misinformation on how Nationals results are put together as Photo Galleries and provided to the "masses" these past few years...answering soundly the imbecilic din that had erupted like here) Jim Clark and IPMS VP Dave Morrisette here on HyperScale, ACTUAL REAL TIME HARD IPMS News You Can Use is posted well to read !

Before I go specifically into some of the issues I am happy to say, are now being occasionally addressed “properly and effectively” on this issue, Let me have this Californian you’ve already met, re-emphasize for me, his own innocent support of my pointed premise that IPMS HQ is more the root cause of much of this specific “bias complaint” and by virtue as I said, inaction, insensitivity or inability to perceive it as “a problem”

Something indeed, that Mark (from CA) and Jim (from AZ) do a fine job of framing as “not really a problem as much as persistent allowance for the structural framing perform in a manner predisposed to end up with this result, ergo, not really ever get favorable to the West Coast bidding”

What makes John’s most useful and telling to me is though, while Lynn, Mark, Jim and myself have a direct insider interest and perhaps bias to how the system does or doesn’t work here for Westerners, John is a fine sample of “the average IPMS Member who’s NOT DISINTERESTED, NOT one of the “intentionally misunderstanding” crowd or “entitled ingrates”, and IS NOT BEING SERVED WELL by the Organization that purports itself “For Modelers, By Modelers” yet definitely has a “cast” that comes out “more if you’re East of the Rockies” these days. Just sayin

Re: Mark, I frequently agree with and respect your commentary, but...

July 26 2015 at 7:10 PM



John (Login [sharkinman44](#))
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Response to [Mark, I frequently agree with and respect your commentary, but...](#)

Lynn, what I think you may be missing here though is that no one who feels there is any sort of bias here is leveling such claims at any of the hosting clubs as much as at the selecting committee itself. It would appear that a large majority of the brass on the IPMS committee live from the middle of the United States, eastward and vote for hosting chapters with a hint of their own best financial interests at hand. I know every selected host chapter is deserving and I am sure I could not even fathom the amount of work that you all have done, but for the committee to say one spot is more financially viable than another just doesn't hold water. Entry fees may be more cheap for a show back east as hotels may be but if it costs me a grand to fly there and I have to make two stops with lay overs just to get that fare (and arrive with my kits in pieces), is it as financially viable for someone from California? The fact is is not only the committee but a majority of the IPMS members are back that way and no one really would give a hoot if there was ever another show out west or not....just sayin'

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We will wrap up soon, but the whole issue is larger than “Anti West Coast Bias”. That is just a perfect single item focus thread was all. With the precious usefulness aspect that even if you’re not a HyperScaler, not a member of IPMS USA, not a member of any local IPMS chapter, still you may in fact be someone who’d like to see such a “4 day Show with World’s Largest Floating Hobby Shop” come out West again some day. Some one who may in fact be curious why it seems that “regular rotation aspect” seems to have “gone off the rails”. Some one who may have had life experience in another arena (at work or at play, or in studies for school or another hobby (hey, I “study” Nuclear Weapons as Pop Culture...)) that would have you learning enough “behind the scenes or insider “forum only material”” to grasp what’s really going on and lend hand here.

Like our Free Hornet Mark here, who's answering Lynn but also addressing the bigger picture, We Met the Enemy, It is US...

We are obviously using different breadths to define bias

July 26 2015 at 9:17 PM



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Response to [Mark. I frequently agree with and respect your commentary, but...](#)

I'd actually be a lot more vociferous (yes, more) if I thought any of this was because of some sort of cabal to reduce the West Coast to irrelevance within the hobby. Uh-uh. I'm saying, and it has been confirmed elsewhere in this thread, that there is an organic tilt to the field that drastically reduces the likelihood that a west-edge bid can succeed. I don't blame the e-board for anything here. Nope, this is on everyone in IPMS or no one. Like I noted already, this is not so much a problem as a condition, and I do not expect anything to change, precisely because there is in no sense a will to change anything.

What does tick me off is that ol' "Well, do the work" screed (yes, screed). You aren't the first to run that one out, and you won't be the last, but, my apologies, you are the one who happened to be standing in front of my truck when you did it. I can certainly think of plenty of people I'd have gotten a lot more satisfaction confronting than you, but there we are. That argument is unhelpful. First of all, because anyone inclined to run even a local contest or organize a club knows it's work, uncompensated and often not fun, and the gratification is slow to appear, sometimes doesn't appear at all, and is an obligation eventually shed with relief. And yet, some small fraction of us do these things, and learn how to do them better. But it doesn't translate very well to a Nationals bid—because it is a bid. Unless you are willing to whack your head against this rock multiple times, you cannot get the nuance to compete when you're already on the wrong end of the gravity well with regard to bids from further east. The opportunity cost is simply too high.

Second, because this is a hobby, and we cannot and should not expect more than a small fraction of our fellows to spend their valuable (and often scant) discretionary time doing things that don't let them escape the everyday nonsense of work, family, and so on. More deadlines, more arguments, more negotiation, more pleading, and not a lot of glue being applied to plastic. That is not the hobby a lot of folks signed up for. Oh, you can get plenty of folks to give a hand during the convention, but when it comes to the eight or ten or twelve core functions that have to be attended to for the whole preceding year, it's simply not that easy, especially across club lines.

Third, it's all about the price. Every time, unless a bid is put together badly and raises confidence issues.

Enough. The playing field is not level and won't be. I don't need a lecture about how hard we should work, and more to the point, neither does anyone else out here.

"Don't take your life too seriously, son. At the end of it, you won't be alive anyway."

Red Skelton's mother

With this post, we will now close in on the ending phase of this thread, whereupon we directly will learn that YES, regardless of HOW it came to pass, long rumored past practices were caught “red handed” where one club makes an excellent “short work in no time at all” effort only to be basically shown the door afterwards, and somehow, others try to explain it away, wish it to be away from “public eye” or deny the truth tellers ! We will let Jim Clark from the Arizona contingent open with his direct and undeniable post with exacting focus and he does show he knows ...

Which will lead us to the blessed IPMS USA response I cheered to read, simply because FINALLY we heard from that end, TIMELY not Limply

The only Bias is SSSSSS

July 26 2015 at 8:15 PM



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Response to [Bias?](#)

With a projected 40K profit for 2017 off the membership they (E-Board) voted their/IPMS's wallets. I say Omaha should do us all a favor and host every year since they can 1) get that kind of cash 2) are centrally located and 3) do it better than anyone else, Just ask them.

Jim

REINFORCED RIGHT OFF BY THE OTHER CURRENT KNOWLEDGE FOUNT, THANKS AGAIN, IPMS TIDEWATER LYNN !

I wasn't gonna put that out there but I'm glad you did,

Jim...

July 26 2015 at 10:17 PM



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Response to [The only Bias is SSSSSS](#)

If memory serves, our 2014 show- according to all, one of the best shows ever- pulled somewhere in the neighborhood of 20K profit (maybe a little north of it... not sure, I don't have the numbers directly in front of me). That we made any decent profit at all was due to being extraordinarily careful with our investments, negotiating favorable terms with our site and hotel partners, etc. We also stipulated keeping costs as low as possible for our guests as the top priority for our guests, which I am happy to say we managed to do- we kept entry fees and banquet fees around what we had in 2008, bucking the inflationary trend.

From where I sit, for Omaha to pull off 40K in profit would require a MASSIVE turnout as well as near-record low negotiated facility and banquet fees, coupled with high trophy pack, registration, and banquet ticket costs. That math just does not add up for me either, Jim, but hey- that's why you and I aren't on the E-board, and others are, right?

\$40,000 profit from an IPMS convention... this I gotta see. If they make it, great- more power to them. But if they don't... there better be some accountability on the E-Board.

Lynn

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SOON AFTER OF COURSE, COMES THE PALLIATIVE AND FAINTLY DISMISSIVE IN TONE BIG REPLY FROM "Mister Roberts"

I know you're upset

July 27 2015 at 8:31 AM

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Response to [The only Bias is \\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$](#)

Hey Jim,

I know you're not very happy with the way the bid ended up. To be upfront, I'm pleased it went to Omaha because I'm only three hours away. But I believe I do have the ability to step back and look at things objectively. The first thing I see is that there is a lot of misunderstanding/misinformation out there. It was stated that Omaha was a last minute bid and that Phoenix had been asked to bid because nobody else had. I know for a fact that Omaha had put their bid in. They were perplexed as to why Phoenix put a bid in so late when they already had. That began to drive a fear, real or perceived, that Phoenix was being given the 2017 Nats. Some clarification needs to be put forth by the E Board. Was Phoenix indeed asked to submit a bid? If so, by whom and why were they asked to submit a bid when a bid had already been put forth?

I understand why you think the E Board voted with their wallets, but when you objectively look at both bids, Omaha had the better of the bids. It is lower cost for just about everything. Phoenix would have \$19/day parking. Omaha is free. Omaha also has a cheaper room rate, as well as free breakfast in the mornings. I was paying \$5 just for cold cereal in Columbus. That adds up over the course of the convention. The facility in Omaha is easy to get to, and travel to Omaha and even KC is much more reasonable than Phoenix. There is also a bigger population base that can reach Omaha by car, so attendance will have the possibility of being larger than Phoenix.

Vendors were not prepared for the fees that were incurred for moving their things at the last Phoenix convention. While this is anecdotal, many of the vendors I chatted with at Columbus were not going to attend the convention if it was in Phoenix for that very reason.

Lastly, the presentations were markedly different. The Phoenix presenter seemed unprepared and was difficult to hear. The Omaha presentation was crisp and informative.

If the Omaha guys are coming across as a bit proud of their convention, they really should. It was one of the best conventions in recent years. The line between pride and hubris is very thin and the perception of such depends greatly upon the person's perception who is listening. Because you were pulling for Phoenix, you see hubris. Because I know many of the guys who put on the show and know how hard they worked to make it a good convention, I see pride.

When there are two bids, someone is always going to be disappointed they didn't get it. I really think the E Board needs to clear up the confusion about when the bids were submitted. I don't see why Phoenix shouldn't keep all the work they've done and submit for 2018. For you personally, the challenge will be to come to Omaha without a negative view towards the convention. I didn't get to hang out with you much at Columbus because I was vending for the first time, but I sure do want to hang out and chat at Omaha. I don't get to many conventions, so it's not very often I get to meet up with internet friends.

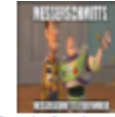
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THIS IS PART OF A BIGGER PICTURE THAT DETAILS THE "BEHIND THE SCENES" that LYNN SUMMARIZES FOR US ALL NEXT

Because no matter what “Mr Roberts” and others wanted to “assuage, muddy up with speculation maybe it’s not all what you say, etc” the fact is In that portion I am not bothering to reproduce here (you have the titled posts and the evidence string in Part One of this, go do research I did...)

The plot thickens... so Omaha DID let the E-Board know they were preparing a bid?

July 27 2015 at 11:21 AM



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Response to [I know you're upset](#)

If that's the case, this makes the rush to get Phoenix to prepare a bid not only unnecessary, but if they were told they should do so because there were no other bidders, that's a MASSIVE screwup by the E-board.

Jim, you guys might want to talk to Rusty and the guys at Omaha and get names and dates for who they told about their bid, and when.

Lynn

Webmaster, [The 50th Anniversary IPMS-USA National Convention](#) in Hampton, Virginia

August 6-9, 2014

Well who do you believe???

July 27 2015 at 11:28 AM



Jim Clark (Login [hornet78](#))
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Response to [The plot thickens... so Omaha DID let the E-Board know they were preparing a bid?](#)

That's what it comes down to. Think about it though. Why would they ask us to bid if Indeed Omaha submitted in time and had a projected 40K profit in that bid? only to give it to them in the end. It makes no sense for them to even approach us if Omaha had submitted in time.

Jim

THE BOTTOM LINE NOW IS, PLENTY OF FOLKS ARE PLENTY MAD, FEEL USED AND ABUSED, PLENTY OF REAL TIME STUFF IS PROVIDED TO MAKE SURE IT'S NOT “OLD WOUNDS IN NEW DRESSINGS” OR OTHER “REPRISED GRIEVANCES”

NO. THIS TIME THE ORGANIZATION IS IN A SPOT WHERE INACTION OF THE PAST WON'T SERVE TO SETTLE THINGS IT WILL LIKELY BLOW UP IN WORSE THAN SHOULD HAVE TERMS IF SOMEONE “OFFICIAL” DOESN'T CHOOSE TO SPEAK UP HERE

YES HERE... ON HYPERSCALE, AKA “THE STREET” WHERE EVERYBODY SPEAKS WHETHER OR NOT THEY KNOW YOUR NAME OR CARE IF YOU ARE TO SOME, SOME BIG DEAL SOMEWHERE.

LO AND BEHOLD...A MIRACLE OF FRESH AND CRITICAL TIMING IS IN FACT ANSWERED IN MY FORM OF MODELER PRAYER

If you REALLY WANT TO GET THE FULL FLAVOR of WHAT DAVE's ANSWERING TO HERE, Go check out Jim Clark's extremely well writ and damned explosive if you're not one who "can handle the truth" as Jack Nicholson's character at Gitmo Bay dramatis personae calls out.

Relevant title post to look up is this one... he definitely answers directly the snide and snippy points of "Mr Roberts" critique of the Phoenix Bid .

I'm not upset that Omaha won

July 27 2015 at 11:23 AM

Response to [I know you're upset](#)



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THEN COME BACK AND PLEASE READ THIS UNIQUE and SCARY GOOD SIGN SOMEONE IN IPMS HQ "Gets it" about Media Today!

No Bias- please read

July 26 2015 at 11:35 AM

Dave Morrissette (Login [DaveMorrissette](#))
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Response to [IPMS National bias to West Coast shows](#)

Hi:

I posted above but as part of the E-board group who chooses this, we look at a lot of things. Both Seattle and Las Vegas were looking into it and backed out. Seattle mentioned at the meetings that the best they could do for a hotel is \$180/night (fees not included) and they backed out. Las Vegas showed us contracts for the floor space needed that would be almost \$80,000 just for the floor space (while most are essentially free based on room nights) and both backed out for financial reasons.

Our job is to pick the best location based on costs, travel, facilities and try to give the most cost effective excellent venue for our members.

Both bids this year were great and both are seasoned, have done great conventions and have almost the same crews returning. in the end, Omaha was a little bit better and we asked Phoenix to please consider the future again.

The west coast would be great and Seattle and the like would be super but the question people have to ask is "how much more are we, as modelers willing to play.

Dave Morrissette
VP, IPMS/USA

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THANK YOU IF YOU READ THIS THEATRE PIECE THIS FAR, and I'd like to let Mark and John speak the last of behalf of the Westies...

And how much more are we willing to pay

July 26 2015 at 1:03 PM



Mark Schynert (Login [mass22](#))
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Response to [No Bias- please read](#)

As West Coast modelers, year in and year out? I understand that we don't represent more than 20% of the IPMS membership, and that the bid process looks at the base costs as well as the integrity of the bid and the suitability of the site, but the effect has been to isolate a larger proportion of us out here from the National convention, simply because of disproportionate costs. It is what it is. I neither expect change nor acknowledgment.

"Don't take your life too seriously, son. At the end of it, you won't be alive anyway."

Red Skelton's mother

Well..

July 26 2015 at 3:16 PM



John (Login [sharkinman44](#))
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Response to [No Bias- please read](#)

...I can't go at all unless one comes out west so your "how much are we willing to pay" question seems out of touch for those of us who live here who can't attend AT ALL until one comes back this way. So how would any club out west think they can win a bid when comments like that come from the vice president of the IPMS?

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Thanks, that is it for this edition of "IPMS NATS Drama Theatre" - Director mickb fini