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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over **40** 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)



For some reason this looks like a poor, vulnerable, prostrate bug. Look inside for a review of it
Prez/Editor Continues Reporting On Prehistoric Hornets (Origin Myths) (*can no one stop him?*)



To get an idea of what, you'll simply have to read on

The TriCity 12 of 2016 had one more bit of unfinished business, and “now it can be told” (*better late than never award*)
Why not also wrap up last twelve months with a GALLERY of 2016 Model Of The Month, always fun to review winners
NNL WEST 2017 – First Big Scale Model Show of Year is as ever, Colorful, Wonderful, Weird and FUN ! Pictures here!

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 February 06 2017 afternoon)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor (& Hornets Treasurer a Deux, Current Contest Director for 2016/17 season)

YES! Now # 59 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!



PLEASE READ & PASS ON This TIME SENSITIVE MESSAGE



POSTED HERE

ON BEHALF OF A GOOD FRIEND

TO US ALL

AND

TO HOBBY COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS

"Mr Model Aire International" himself, Mr. Tom Young - mick

From: Lynne Young

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017

Subject: Tom Young's model collection

Tom has been a member of IPMS since the 1960's. He is now quite ill and we are selling off his collection. He has easy access to WWI tanks, figures, etc. He also has many, many, many military airplanes. All are in 1/72nd scale (there may be very few exceptions.)

I am asking you to please forward this to any modeler that you are in contact with, so we can get these sold. I do not have a database of what he owns, and he is too ill to climb around dozens of cases of models to complete a database. If someone is interested in specific models, contact him as he probably has them. If you like a specific modeling company, he has them sorted by companies and may be able to access those boxes if you want to know what he has.

Please contact him at our phone number, if you know it, or at maiesm72@att.net. Thank you again.

Lynne Young –

The Hornets Nest Night Friday February 10 @ Irvington Locale
PLANNED TO BE

Buildfest if you like, MODEL TALK / DISPLAY & a minimum of Business

COLORFUL REMINDERS OF UPCOMING EVENTS



SILVERCON 2017

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18 2017

TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH and SCHOOL

4049 MARCONI AVE

SACRAMENTO CA

VENDOR TABLES \$ 45 each

CONTACT RUSS NILES

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-mick fini



FLY WITH WE
As the Free Hornets Set Up a West Coast Hub for Gruppe Build
2016

“ **AIRLINERS** ”

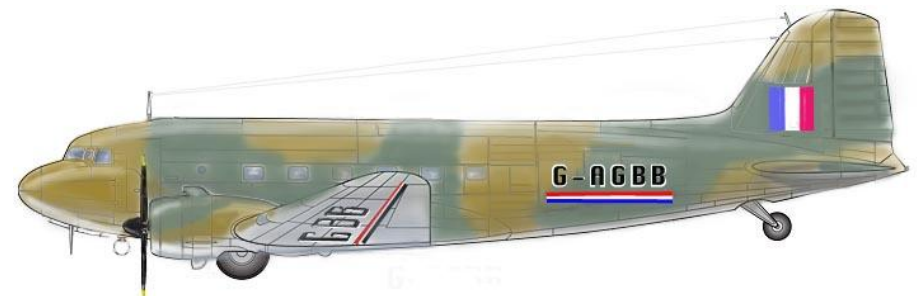


Our Next Appearance :
At the SilverCon Show
02 - 18 - 2017



Don't let these images limit your excitement, they're merely "color" for launching.

Very easy rules to follow: ANY Airliner aircraft, ANY Period, ANY Scale. Merely one has to be finished in time for entry on **2-18-17**. So get those Curtiss Condors, HP.42s, He.70s, L-1011s, G.43s, Viscounts, TriMotors, Saro Princesses, "Clippers" et al...on



NO HASSLES, you don't even have to be a Free Hornet to get on board here, we'll book you on our manifest at designated embarkation.

Post January Joy, A New Free Hornet (Dual Passport) Jordan Li Writes More !

FUJIMI's 1/72nd Scale F-35B LIGHTNING II

Text: Jordan Li

Photos: Jordan Li

The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program set us back \$400 billion dollars for the past decade or so.

Just to put that into perspective, we've spent enough money on this jet to provide higher education for every student in the United States until 2039.

Luckily, at \$31.00, this 1/72 scale model only set me back about 120 Chicken McNuggets.

Okay, maybe the McNuggets would've been more worth it.

“Fujimi makes planes? Huh i know them for their car kits. Hope their planes are better” are words from my friend Asaad Ali who's certainly seen his fair share of Fujimi kits as a car modeler. This isn't the first time I've gotten grimaces about Fujimi either. My cousin also spoke very lowly of their car kits, citing bad fitment issues and poor molds.

What's the deal with Fujimi anyway?

Luckily for airplane modelers, their airplane kits are pretty damn good. Fujimi's 1/72 A-7 Corsair II and F-86 Sabre were instant hits when they came out, and some of their other kits (like the 1/72 Ju-87D-5 that I built last year) still hold up well.

So uh, about their F-35B...

Well, unlike their gorgeous F-22A, Fujimi's F-35B is a “snap-fit” model. The assemblies are molded in color, similar to one of Bandai's Gunpla kits. However, to airplane or military modelers, the “snap-fit” nature of this kit is disappointing- in topics like airplanes where contours and lines need to match up perfectly, dry-fitting is necessary



With goodies from Hasegawa's 1/72 US Aerospace/Ground Equipment Set



I'd be able to afford a DSLR if I stopped buying model kits and gun things



The cockpit is another point where this kit falls flat. I showed the part that Fujimi calls an “ejector seat” to my roommate who concluded that an engineer probably took one of their 1/24 Toyota Corollas and scaled down a driver/passenger seat for this jet.

I’m inclined to agree. The part looks nothing like the real [Martin Baker](#) in a full-size F-35, and the most twisted thing about this is how nicely molded and clear the included kit canopy is.

Fujimi actually gives you two canopies- one clear, and one tinted, and they do a fantastic job at showing off the [sparse and wholly inadequate] cockpit.

I took this as an opportunity to add more detail in the cockpit in an attempt to “fix” Fujimi’s mistakes.

Left to Right:

Airfix Viggen(1971), Fujimi F-35B (2010), Hasegawa Draken (1994), Aires Draken (2000?)

After a laughing fit comparing Fujimi’s excuse for an ejection seat with seats from other models, I got my act together : using sheet styrene and masking tape, made new headrest, some seat belts. I also went ahead, added an ejection seat handle from heated styrene to dress up the pilot’s office.



My attempt at making the cockpit a little more respectable

In addition to the Corolla ejection seat, the kit’s auxiliary air intake doors are molded shut, making it impossible to pose the model in the V/TOL mode which makes an F-35B, an F-35B.

This is a real turn-off to modelers, since the Fujimi kit is the only real 1/72 F-35B on the market today ([Italeri](#), [Academy](#), and [Hasegawa](#) all make F-35As, [Orange Hobby](#) makes an F-35C).

Due to the kit’s “snap-fit” nature, I got through the actual assembly process pretty quickly. Some seams did need attention, requiring putty and sanding like in any other model kit. The most frustrating thing about this process was how large the gaps between parts were.

Even for it being “snap-fit” the F-35B had gaping holes that were unacceptable for any model, much less one that wasn’t supposed to require glue. I couldn’t help but wonder if these gaps could be avoided had Fujimi made this a conventional model like their F-22.

I'm also *pretty sure* the real F-35 isn't riddled in rivets like this model is





Fujimi also didn't specify whether or not weight should be added to the nose of the model to prevent it from sitting on its tail.

But I did so just in case- better safe than sorry.

The weapons included in this kit are two bombs and two AIM-120s.

The AMRAAMs are acceptable, but the bombs... not so much. They look nothing like JDAMs, in fact more reminiscent of an "iron bomb" of sorts dropped over Germany, Korea, or Vietnam.

Needless to say I scavenged a pair of JDAMs from my spares box to replace them.

The JDAMS and AMRAAMs are donated from a 1/72 Italeri F-22A courtesy of my friend [Isaac](#)

The markings provided are for the F-35B STOVL demonstrator with pretty colorful vertical tails in an attractive but simple grey and black scheme.

I went ahead and mixed the grey from Tamiya XF-1 Flat Back and XF-77 IJN Grey (Sasebo Arsenal). The resulting color is darker than it should be, but I really wanted the stencils and other markings to contrast so this "artistic departure" was intentional.

Fujimi's kit decals are alright, if not a bit thick. A good third of the decal sheet consists of little 1/72 scale "Remove Before Flight" tags to stick on your jet.

I also want to mention that the canopy doesn't depict the single horizontal frame of the real thing. I masked off the interior of mine and painted mine to replicate the effect.

I'd be able to afford a decent camera if I stopped buying models and guns tbh



Although I'm happy-ish with how mine turned out (augh, silvering decals are the bane of my existence!), I can't bring myself to recommend this kit to anyone, unfortunately.

Unless they're looking for a B model in particular, the other F-35 kits on the market are better engineered and definitely less of a headache.

The market price on Fujimi's F-35B has lowered since I got mine at a local IPMS auction (from about \$31 to [\\$23.97](#)) so that definitely helps its case if anybody is looking for a Joint Strike Fighter that unlike the real counterpart, doesn't bring crippling debt.

Anyway, my final verdict on this kit is that it's definitely not as terrible as the real thing- but not by much.

-Jordan



Final Bit Of Lore for Free Hornets TriCity 12 , Re: SA-19 “*The Rest Of The Story*”

Text/Photos: Mike Woolson

TRAVIS SERVICE AWARD - " Aug.18 2016. I thought everything was going good from here on out but ... ".

I first dropped off the 14" square piece of aircraft sheet metal at a certain Livermore based award store SVSM had done business with for the past few years, and then after making small talk I realized it had changed hands. I first thought sure, no big problem engraving said piece within a 35 day time span! Well... September 20th approached and passed. While checking my Gmail account I noticed in one of the sections marked promotions, I had received an email. Said store was having problems with utilities being changed over past to present owners. It was now September 22nd and I'm starting to be concerned. I went over there and a " closed due to utility difficulties " sign hung in the door. OK NOW IT'S TIME TO FREAK OUT !

After some ideas thrown around as for what to do, Mick Burton stepped up and assembled a temporary award to be given to the worthy recipient.



The Battle of Britain
SA-19 **Steven A Travis Award**
For
Service to Fremont Hornets or Region 9

Not Gone
JUST GONE ON
AHEAD -
R.I.P. June 8 2015



TRICITY CLASSIC XII 09/ 25/ 2016

After the work commitments I had were fulfilled in my post contest timeline, it was back on track for the award. I had also given them two different pieces. They misplaced the first and never did nothing with the other. *Time to cut my losses.*

As some may know, I choose to build the Travis awards instead of buying something out of a catalog with not much meaning, then having it engraved. Well, that's not my style and the Steve Travis legacy deserves something better with his name on it.

Now that I covered the reason, let's get to more details. After cutting my losses with Store #1, I quickly assembled plan B. I am to meet with Dublin Trophy House to discuss my project and was happy with their services and quick turnaround window. A week after Thanksgiving with the engraved material back in house, I was at zero ideas as for the design per contest theme, and nothing seemed to look right when drawn out.

I left for a work related trip with the hopes of a million dollar idea and got one. I knew who the recipient was to be long before Tri Cities XII and with a lightning bolt, my design was found.

When I think of Kent McClure's modeling taste, what pops into my head is the vintage Revell/Monogram flying saucer he built back around late 2007-08.



Now I'm cooking with fire and I now have 7 days until the yearly SVSM gift exchange to present a finished product to Kent.

As with the STEVE TRAVIS SUBJECT OF HONOR AWARD from this year's Silicon Valley Classic, I had the idea of adding a piece of 1/8" thick plastic sheet attached from behind as silhouette plus extends about 3/8" outside of the engraved shape. A secondary design change I made, came from one of my hardware store visits outside the Bay Area. Where I found some threaded 8-32 spacers 1/4" long, to standoff the plastic from the aluminum sheet. Tap Plastics sells sheets of green edged sheet that's matte textured on the back side/clear on face side, giving a different look of more depth.



The aluminum sheet was the traditional sunburst pattern scotchbrite in a different direction from the first direction of left to right. But since it resembles the stereotypical UFO shape I added three more smaller rays to resemble propulsion of some kind.

The base is a slab of walnut planking 3/4" thick X 5 1/2" wide X 13" long, with its corners notched to resemble a raffle ticket to honor the support as Steve & Anita donated models as raffle prizes to many contests throughout Region 9 as long as I can remember.



I wanted to keep the design under wraps and only chose to show my right hand man the night of the gift exchange and he was impressed by the photo.

At the end of the exchange I wanted to present the award officially and Kent was blown away from what I could tell.

Congratulation Kent, you earned it!



BONUS GALLERY REVIEW OUR FREE HORNET Model Of The Months [for 2016 !](#)



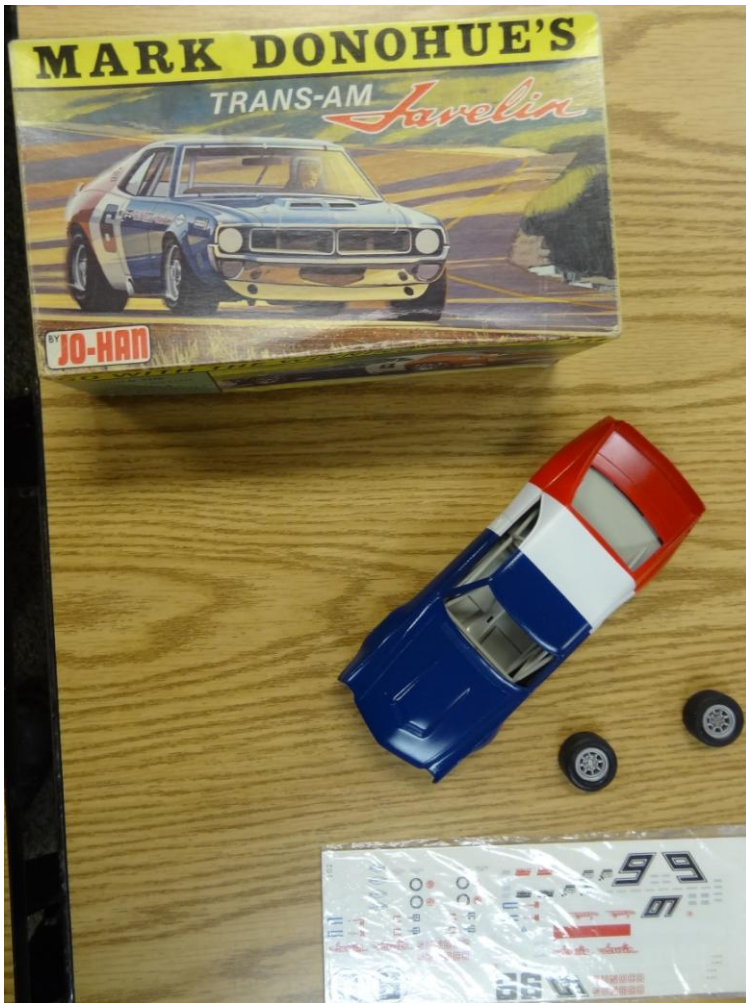
January

“Turbo Guppy” by Ken Miller

February

“An American Spit” by Ben Pada





MARCH

“Donohue’s Javelin” by Jim Priete



APRIL

“AVENSA Caravelle” by Gabriel Lee



MAY

“Working Greyhound” by Dave Parks

JUNE

“Tree Spun” by Dave Parks





AUGUST

“Jagdpanther” by Bob Meyers

SEPTEMBER

“Fearsome 4–some” by Lou Orselli





OCTOBER

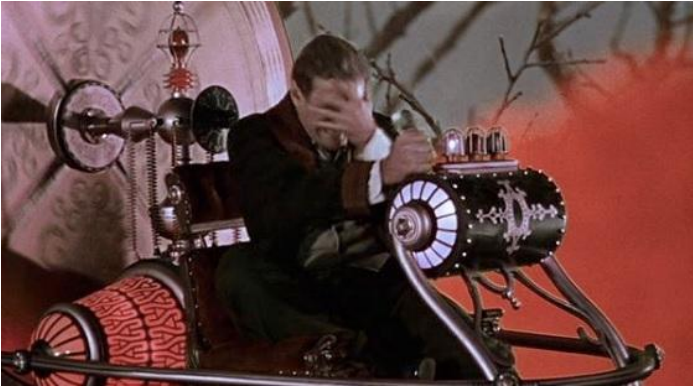
“Korean Firefly” by Chris Bucholtz

NOVEMBER

“1962 Space Needle” by Jim Priete



*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 “*



THE TIME MACHINE of The Free Hornets



LOOKING BACK AT FORTY – *Hornets Running On All Eight for '78*



Yes, 2017 marks the 40th year for charter of IPMS/Fremont Chapter of Region Nine of the International Plastic Modeler's Society, USA aka "The Fremont Hornets" or as President/Editor likes to refer to us, "Free Hornets". While this Editor hasn't been a member for the entire span, he has been lucky enough to be friends with some who have, and known several of the Hornets who will be part of this upcoming series on our history.

Another Thanks to Mr Cliff "Trucker" Kranz here (in June '77 b&w shot) who came with his offer to loan his personal archives to me, at Christmas 2015 Hornets. Cliff made sure I knew he had me "backup plus" club(s) history material ready when I was.

FOR OUR THIRD INSTALLMENT: We pick up again where we left off ; Vol 1 No. 7 (yet now actually the NINTH published by IPMS/Fremont !)



with one more reminder : At this time, not practical for Editor to construct and post a "consistent/readable" Digital Archive of these newsletters, so you'll just have to bear with my narrative style accompanied by selected clips as we proceed. Sometimes will summarize portion or highlight particular segment, in supplement or instead of show all of a specific Newsletter in this series. I'm currently set for a pretty comprehensive history from origins 1977 on until early 90's. Basically after '95, no documentation of Hornets 'til TriCity-1 effort which produced flyers & decent set of photography .

JANUARY '78 newsletter has a grand recounting of "our first year that was" along with our first two "signature logo" courtesy of Pat Wells and Jack Riggarr, seen here

Speaking of, care to guess where, why one name shows up in only one of two lists ...

IPMS/FREMONT NEWSLETTER Vol. 1 No. 7 January 1978

GOOD SHOW! (and Tell)

December 1977 meeting was the best we've had yet! Great way to close out the calendar year... There were 29 present, the biggest crowd we've had yet...and we were happy to see every one of you...plus we had the biggest raffle, and what has to be one of the most interesting Show-AND-Tell programs yet. Thanks to all of you who took part in it.....

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LOOKING BACK...

OFFICERS :

President: Mal Emhart
Vice-Pres: Norm Engel
Secretary: Pat Wells
Treasurer: Dan Morua
Director : Jay Sherlock
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Mal's cheery notation of Norm's famous Airbrush How-To above and below, along with then current congrats to one Mr. Norm Engel which are in the page two February '78 Newsletter feature clip below, refer to gentleman in picture here on left. This shot was from 1977 SF located IPMS Nationals, as I have no other pictures of Norm. He was someone I was friends with in both SJ & Fremont chapters, as we were both "dual passporters". I never met his mom though, didn't know she was a modeler, until reading these early newsletters. Norm was a fearless modeler!

MORE HARDWARE FOR NORM:

Norm Engel has been successful once more in his endeavors to capture the big hardware at local area model contests. This time his efforts (and he puts an awful lot into it, folks...it's not at all easy as it looks you know), have paid off with a real good win at a Santa Clara County Car Show model contest. Norm, and his mom (who by the way has attended our meetings and was the first person to draw the first ticket in our first raffle...Norm didn't win!!!) both claimed big trophies at the show. Our CONGRATS! to both, and perhaps Norm can rattle the hardware to our February meeting, hopefully along with Mom and the winning models, and tell us about it. Norm has agreed to do his airbrush How-To at the Feb. 10 meeting (a once a year event) so don't miss it....
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THE BOARD MEETING:

The January 27th Board Meeting went off as was planned and was most successful (Hal you forgot!).. A total of 8 persons attended...Bruce Russell, Pat Wells, Tim White, Norm Engel, Carl Rehnberg, Pat O'Connor (all the way from downtown San Francisco!) Cliff Kranz (from Redwood City) and myself..... It was a most productive meeting. Much better than I had anticipated, and I wish to thank these fine gentlemen for their enthusiastic participation..... That's what will keep the Chapter alive!

There were so many subjects discussed at the meeting that there just isn't room to properly explain them all here, but roughly there are one or two things which you will find disappointing and one or two you may like.... First the bad news.... We are operating very deeply in the red. The Chapter can no longer function in it's current financial status. This is a problem I'm sure which is faced by every Chapter in the country, and it has to be corrected very rapidly if the Chapter is to survive.

Norman was one of the founders of the Fremont Hornets, you may or may not recall. As VP then for several months running, he was very much the model of "active Officer", his "how to presentation on selecting model tools for the modeler" was a feature of May '77

Mal's summary of the Board Meeting seems oddly prescient or present day, doesn't it?

- So, very briefly, what has been decided is to
- (a) increase cost of raffle tickets to 25¢ each to all, whether Junior or Senior. 5 for \$1.
- (b) Place donation box at the refreshment bar.
- (c) Hold a semi-annual Auction, the first one to be in May. All proceeds go to Chapter.
- (d) A Sell-A-Thon. Details later.
- (e) Sell IPMS/USA Patches and Decals.

With your wholehearted support of these projects we may be able to continue our dues free structure. It only costs about \$15 a month to operate our Chapter at it's current level. Whatever you can do to help out will be appreciated. More Info Later...

***The more things change,
The more they seem same.***

*Let's see how March was
shaping up way back then*



IPMS/FREMONT NEWSLETTER Vol. 1 No. 9 March 1978

OAKLAND HOBBY SHOW

April 7-8-9 are the dates for this year's big hobby show at Oakland Auditorium on 10th Street in Oakland (about 3 blocks southeast of the Lake Merritt BART station). It looks like it's going to be a good one.... Area IPMS Chapters will be well represented at the show with Diablo, Fremont and a new chapter in San Francisco taking part as of this printing. Others may join in prior to the show. Norm Engel and Carl Rehnberg have indicated an interest in participating in behalf of IPMS/Fremont. I'm sure they would welcome some help. We will have printed hand-outs available to tell those members of the public attending the show about the various IPMS Chapters in the Bay area and where they meet. Hopefully a few new members for IPMS may be gained from our participation. More about this at the meeting.....

*****#####*****\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$***** WANNA BE A JUDGE?

For those of you who may be interested in Air Racing, there is a group in Fremont called the Northwestern Area Group (formerly United States Air Racing Association Chapter 1). The group of about 50 air racing enthusiasts meets monthly in Fremont. They are the people who do the timing... judging...and administrative staffing at regional air races such as Reno and Mojave. They are now holding monthly training sessions. Meetings are now 3rd Saturday (probably temporary) and are held at Eureka Federal Savings 39390 Fremont Blvd. 8pm. See Don Felton for more information.

MARCH '78 newsletter reveals today "more secret history of Region Nine" in a way. The headlining news of *The 1978 Oakland Hobby Show* includes mention of IPMS Chapters Diablo, Fremont and "a new chapter in San Francisco" planning to be participants at the time of publication, with it imminent on horizon, April '78

"Secret History" is my chosen term as it seems best to fit here, as I have now firm facts to establish that my earlier supposition in a prior "Time Machine" on coming due "40th" for another chapter, was in fact mistaken due to not being in on "secret"

So, now to straighten this all out, here's the deal: By 1978 in IPMS Region Nine, a San Francisco Chapter known as IPMS Golden Gate had been around long enough to carry on start to finish, a IPMS USA Nationals, in the City by the Bay. Fremont Hornets had officially formed in the year of that event (1977) and in same year, the "IPMS Diablo" Chapter had also chartered. A second SF Chapter was now being formed for charter, based out of SF State University and apparently with assist or direct linkage to Franciscan Hobbies, an established hobby outlet for many years.

In further researching, this became known when chartered, as IPMS-Yerba Buena Chapter which I have some faint recollection of having heard of. Years later, I had chance to be part of some of the last meetings held by the Golden Gate Chapter, so pretty confident I can state they were the LAST SFO Chapter standing when closed. It wasn't until doing research for this series though, that I finally established that IPMS/Diablo chapter noted in these newsletters is not the IPMS/Mt Diablo, which has been so successfully teaming with IPMS-Sonoma County (nee Santa Rosa) for many years now. My error, since our "history" isn't exactly well preserved in R-9.

Yet this in fact is a potently substantial reason behind this Editor's packaging the "Time Machine" here and its "WayBack Machine" cousin in recent SVSM pubs.

To make to a Ten or Twenty year continuity anniversary as an entity, quite often it seems to me for one, especially for an IPMS chapter in Region Nine, isn't a small feat. There are a goodly number who have come and went in just the 34 years I've been in the "official community", not an insignificant number of them formed and then dissolved for various reasons in less than ten, some didn't even see five years!

IPMS Golden Gate lasted over twenty for sure, there is in our own records evidence SFO had TWO chapters chartered for a while at least, and yet, now has had NONE.

Several others in North, South and Central Region Nine come to mind who are now only known to those who "were around" or those who read of them in pubs like this. Their vital effort at existence shouldn't be lost to history nor their achievements, and neither should be lost the lessons learned in how they came to be "no longer active"

LOOKING GOOD!!

Thanks to your enthusiastic response our shaky financial situation now gives indication that it is turning toward better conditions. We were able to pay all expenses for the February meeting and come out a few bucks ahead as a result of the Raffle and donations at the February meeting. A full detailing of the figures will be available at the March meeting. Thank you!

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IPMS CHAPTER ELECTIONS:

We will hold election for new officers at our June meeting. Those elected will take office at the July meeting. Nominations will be made at the May meeting. Be thinking about who you would like to have as 1978-79 Chapter Officers. Talk to them about it. Current President cannot be re-elected. All others can..... There is a lot of TALENT in this Chapter.

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GET YOUR GOODIES TOGETHER (Make that JUNK!)

FOR THE **BIG AUCTION** (at) MAY meeting..

NOW

WE HEAD ON OUT

TO

BEGIN A LOOK AT SECOND QUARTER

OF FREE HORNETS, 1978 ...

Wha? The ALERT Horns sounding?

OH MY, appears my time here is up, must join with associates for a look to the future...

See you next issue - mickb

MARCH MEETING:

This month we have a Guest Speaker! Bruce Russell has asked a former Navy SB2C Helldiver pilot to come to the meeting, show us some pictures, and talk to us about his experiences. We are most certainly looking forward to this one!!!

We don't have a film as yet. Perhaps we can come up with one prior to the meeting, or with some slides. Bring a model for show and tell.....

AND!!! RAFFLE.....
This month our prizes are: (1) Another Dodge Ambulance donated by D&J Hobby in Campbell, (2) Another Monza car kit donated at 50% discount from Ed's Hobbies at BayFair Shopping Center plus a couple of other goodies. Our thanks for these dealer's support of our raffle program. When you do business with them let them know you are from IPMS/Fremont and that you appreciate their support.

BRING A NAVY MODEL AND A FRIEND!

ED's
HOBBIES AND CRAFTS
288 Bay Fair Terrace
SAN LEANDRO

D & J
Hobby & Crafts
LOCATED IN KIRKWOOD SHOPPING CENTER
1632 W. CAMPBELL AVE.
CAMPBELL, CAL. 95008
HOURS
MON.-THUR. 10:30-9
TUE., WED., FRI. 10:30-6
SAT. 10:00-8:30
SUN. 12:00-5:30
PH. 379-1696

See You at the meeting - mal

ONE last look at highlights of the March 1978 "Free-Bee" newsletter

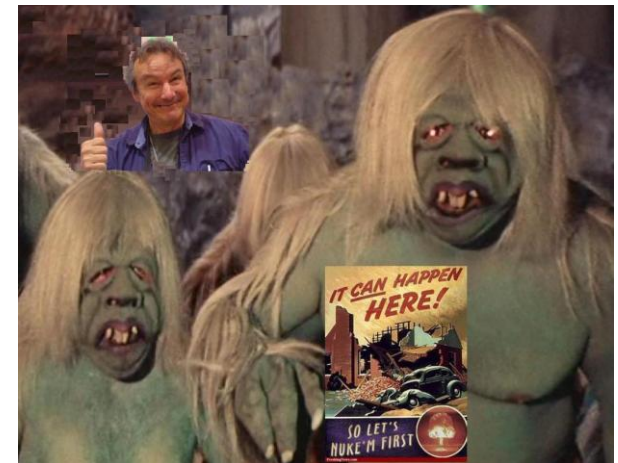
Editor/President Mal Emhart has excited reply to report in response to his February notations of i\$\$ue\$

Fair warning given that the seeking of new Officers was on horizon in a short timeline, with a pleasing note of the TALENT resident in chapter.

(some things never change ©)

More excellent items for meeting Agenda thanks to members and fine raffle prizes thanks to LHS.

Alas, these two also now "dustbin of History", memories now only.



JANUARY 28 MEANS 2017 NNL WEST SHOW DAY



Photos/Text: Mick Burton, Free Hornet, NNL West Door Greeter Models: Everyone Else !





One of the minor tragedies that this Editor must bear with, is the loss a few years back, of Free Hornets Web Gallery for posting his pictures from several years of this NNL Event. Thanks to repeated infections by malware moron ass hats , pleasing statistics showing indeed : lot of folks like to look a lot at a lot of model car pictures; are no longer his selfish pleasure to compile & “prove it’s true” . C’est la vie.



Perhaps, in time, another practical for him method will present itself and widespread free sharing of shots taken at NNL West past and present be possible to purvey. Meanwhile, not going to let that stop him from making more of them than he missed in it’s now 32 year run.

Here is a small sampling of 2017’s turnout, the theme being “777” and “Movie/TV Show” cars. The nice surprise for Burton ? TWO different collections of Batman vehicles, by two builders!

The DeathRace 2000 vehicles were merely a tidy side bonus, along with plenty of cinema cars





Not at all of course , does the theme at NNL West prove to be deterrent to a large variety of scale “wheeled vehicles & associate equipment” that delights the Editor among others, to see and shoot. Here are some ideas of what can be in store for you, if you’ve never experienced this fine gig.

Oh, and by the way, that stamped admonishment on table cover visible just below that partially scratchbuilt tractor/trailer ? “Do Not Touch” was carefully applied in 90 percent of cases this year, by yours truly. I’d happened to express to “the Boss” what a smart idea it was. So he handed me the stamp pad , went off to do more vital tasks prior to NNL opening!



These two wheelers are fairly rare to me in terms of display or competition, so I always try to capture some images of any that even mildly catch my eye.

These two are perhaps simple to some, yet I would bet a good number of those who would venture such an opinion in any manner I’d discern as “haughty” , far from able to achieve these results.

There were well near 900 registered display items by time I had ceased my nosing into the desk statistics, and it’s fairly well established 10 to 20 percent can be on tables for day, unregistered.

Here's a look at another fine feature often seen at NNL West : A Select History of NASCAR along with some other great racing and "stock" vehicles, by Andy K !





While 1/24th, 1/25th, 1/20th, 1/16th and 1/12th are probably more often seen and chosen as scales by automotive modelers, NNL West has some pretty dedicated customers in 1/43rd scale.

It's probably closest to what 1/72nd scale offers aircraft model adherents, in that plenty of detail and visually pleasing scale fidelity can be packaged at a constant size that offers much in a limited space.

This superb collection of the Chaparral racing car design family is in that 1/43rd scale. Were they all built instead in 1/25, basically end up each on their own display tile. Got it?

These aren't really large cars in real life, either. I was lucky enough to see and photograph most of them at Historic Race Events, after having seen them in 1/24 or 1/25th models over the years as well as in photo histories of auto racing.

Really lovely to see the whole group so tidily posed and well done in a scale still large enough to appreciate yet neatly fit in convenient small area.

Another treat for this Editor, and having tried to do this kit justice twice in my life, appreciating well why builder chose to pose "open", was this Ford "J" Car. It's a 1/25th scale IMC molding, "Industro-Motive Corporation" or in my experience, Insanely Masochistic Choice modeling. Strangely compelling member of GT40 family



While having no idea what this actually is, I know I liked the look and the build, so I shot it. Perhaps it will please your eye, too.

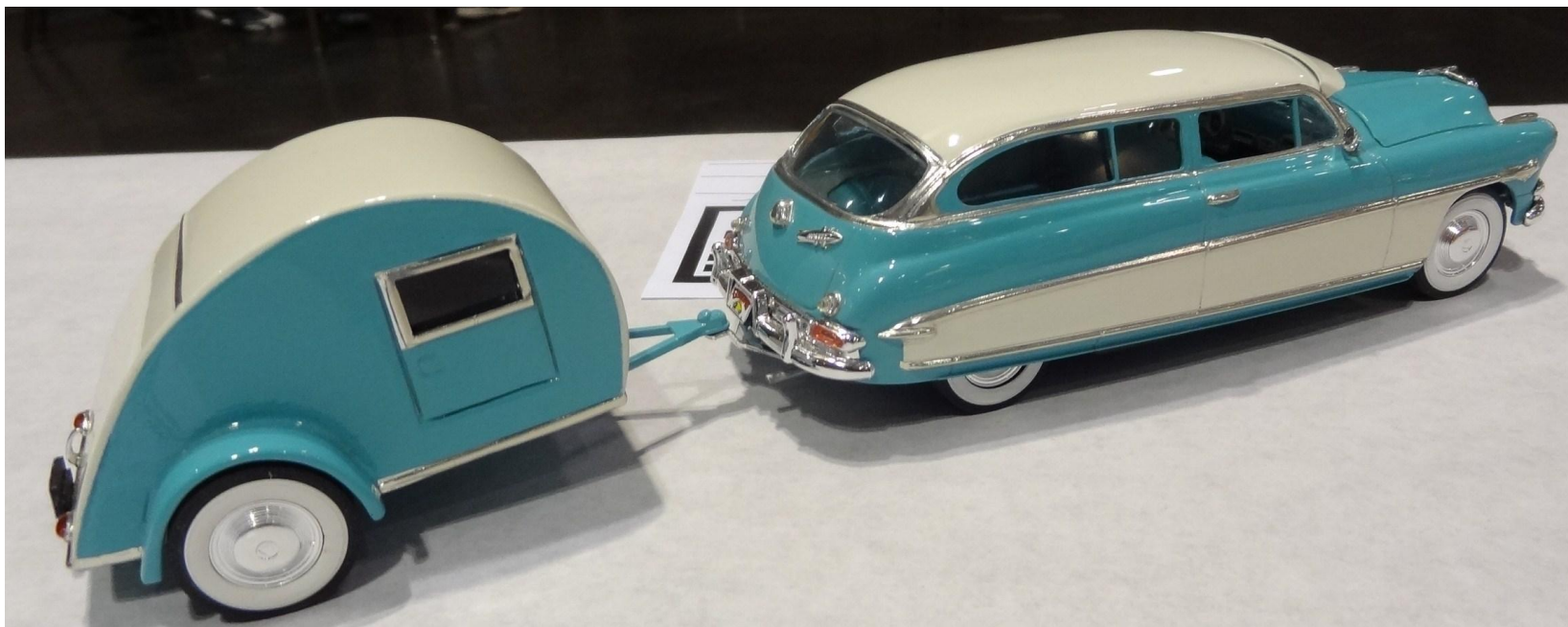




Pleasing lines often drive my choice of subjects and combine with not common (I do far too much military subjects one may say) color schemes, this sort of model will easily lure me in

The miniature “display model” didn’t hurt either.

Pleasing lines and color combines not the only reason I chose this one to shoot, include here. Care to guess what else? Trailer, oh yes, that too, but not the full story.



OKAY, OKAY

Not any ordinary station wagon and car camper in tow

It’s a Hudson.

Yeah.

So, what? you say.

A Hudson

HORNET



The charm of Austin-Healy's Mk I Sprite, aka "Bug-Eye", is timeless.

My first car was a Mk II, which had distinctly better performance for the Sprite enthusiast, while you put up with "isn't this just a Midget?" from the less enthused.

Still, either Sprite delights my eye in 1/1 or "miniature" scale, even now.

Best part of "miniature" versions of these classic British automobiles?

You never have to deal with "Lucas, Prince of Darkness..."

Or being passed on an incline by a rapidly moving snail.



And to wrap up in classic Free Hornet fashion, here's another British auto which appeared in miniature at this year's NNL, courtesy of a "dual passport" :



AT JANUARY MEET YOU SAY I SAY WHAT ?

The Free Hornets President *REVIEWS* “SPECIAL PROJECTS WORKSHOP AGENDA” FOR THOSE THAT MISSED THAT PART



2017 Gruppe Build Officially
is
“The Cat’s Meow”

(anything, anyway, feline or related, any scale, any subject as long as you can claw your way in...)



2017 “Unofficial” (expensive or low interest or couldn’t be bothered with it) Club Build
is
“Tamiya Tomcats”
(new 1/48 F-14A only)

2016 “Unofficial” (as with 2017) Club Build
is still “1954 Hudson Hornet Club Coupe”
(any way you want to interpret it, as long as you use *that* kit!)



Our President will be glad to review anyone who still hasn’t determined what’s what here, just email at daze61283@mypacks.net with your query...



SVSM SV Classic IV

Saturday, March 04, 2017

“ On The Hook ”



Napredak Hall 770 Montague Expressway San Jose CA 95131

9:00 AM Doors Open

12:00 PM Registration Closes

1:05 PM Judges Meeting

3:30 PM Awards Presentation



2017 SV Classic
Theme
“ **ON THE HOOK** ”



Theme Examples: NAVAL AIRCRAFT, SHIPS, POLICE & FIRE, BOMB DISPOSAL, TESTING PROTOTYPE and ONE OFFs, SPACE FLIGHT IN YEAR 1967, USCG CREWS and RESCUE CRAFT, PARACHUTES & SKYDIVING, PARASITE AIRCRAFT, USN SEALS, BRITISH SAS, PEOPLE WHO SHOT OFF THEIR MOUTHS AND PRODUCE NOTHING

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SWEEPS ALLOWED ! ALSO OFFER 11 shots to “ Catch The Wire ” for Special Awards

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NEED NOT BE AN IPMS MEMBER TO ENTER & COMPETE !

Contestant Admission Pricing: \$ 12 Senior, Unlimited number of models entry

\$ 2 Junior, up to 5 models included, enter 6 or more = 5 dollars flat fee

\$ 1 Subjunior, up to 5 models included, enter 6 or more = 5 dollars flat fee

Spectators admission free ! RAFFLE ! FREE MAKE AND TAKE For 17 and under ! VENDORS !

The Silicon Valley Scale Modelers (SVSM) are a chartered chapter of the USA branch of International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS)

Senior (18+ Years) Following planned for the SVC 2017 contest. Entrants should neither plan for nor expect splits. **COMPLETE SWEEPS ALLOWED**

- S1. Single Engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft, 1/72 scale
- S3. Single-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, 1/72 scale Allied
- S5. Multi-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, 1/72 scale
- S7. Multi-Engine Jet Aircraft, 1/48 scale
- S9. Single-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, Allied 1/48 scale
- S11. Multi-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, 1/48 scale
- S13. Jet and Rocket Aircraft, 1/32 and larger
- S15. Airliner Aircraft, all scales
- S17. Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, all scales

- S19. Military Vehicles, Softskin, 1/35 and larger
- S21. Armored Fighting Vehicles, 1/35 scale SHERMANs or SHERMAN BASED Only
- S23. Armored Fighting Vehicles, Closed-Top, post 1945, 1/35 and larger
- S25. Military Vehicles all types 1/48 scale
- S27. Military Vehicles, MODERN (post 1945) all types, 1/49 and smaller)

- S28. Ships, 1/400 and larger
- S30. Ships, 1/401 and smaller

- S31. Automobiles, Stock, all scales
- S33. Automobiles, Custom all scales Pre 1941 Body
- S35. Automobiles, Competition, Closed-Wheel, all scales Domestic Only
- S37. Motorcycles, All types/scales

- S39. Space Vehicles, Fictional (Science Fiction or Fantasy), all scales/types

- S41. Figures, Historical, to 19th Century, all scales
- S43. Figures, Fantasy and Fiction, all scales

- S45. Dioramas, all types and scales
- S47.. Collections, all types and scales



Junior (13-17 Years)

- J1. Aircraft
- J2. Military Vehicles & Ships
- J3. Automobiles
- J4. Dinosaurs and Figures
- J5. Miscellaneous

- S2. Multi-Engine Jet Aircraft, 1/72 scale
- S4 Single-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, 1/72 scale Axis
- S6. Single-Engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft, 1/48 scale
- S8. Single-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, Naval Only 1/48 scale
- S10. Single-Engine Prop or Turbo-Prop Aircraft, Axis/Neutrals, 1/48 scale
- S12. Prop Aircraft, 1/32 and larger
- S14. Rotary Wing Aircraft, all scales
- S16. Civil, Sport, Racing Aircraft, all scales
- S18. Jet, Prop and Rocket Aircraft, 1/144 and smaller

- S20. Armored Fighting Vehicles, Closed-Top, to 1945, 1/35 and larger all types
- S22. Armored Fighting Vehicles, Open-Top, 1/35 and larger
- S24. Towed Artillery and Ancillary Vehicles, 1/35 and larger
- S26. Military Vehicles, All types to 1945, 1/49 and smaller

- S29. Submarines, all scales

- S32. Automobiles, Custom all scales Post 1941 Body
- S34. Automobiles, Competition, Open-Wheel, all scales
- S36. Automobiles, Competition, Closed-Wheel, all scales Foreign Only
- S38. Automotive, miscellaneous

- S40. Space Vehicles, Real, and Missiles, all scales/types

- S42. Figures, Historical, from 20th Century On, all scales
- S44. Hypothetical Vehicles, all types and scales

- S46. Miscellaneous (literally, anything that won't go in another category listed)
- S48. UNFINISHED Subjects, all types and scales

Youth (12 Years and Under)

- SJ1. Aircraft
- SJ2. Military Vehicles and Ships
- SJ3. Automobiles
- SJ4. Miscellaneous

SPECIAL AWARDS (abbreviated titles given , as some are Memorial or otherwise lengthy) **MODIFIED SWEEPS ALLOWED IN SPECIALS**

- SA1. Judges' Best of Show(Senior)
- SA2 Judges' Best of Show(Junior/Youth)
- SA3. Best Theme "On The Hook " subject
- SA4. Best SciFiction, Fant or Real Space Subject
- SA5. Best Maritime Subject
- SA6. Best Auto Subject
- SA7. Best Armor Subject
- SA8. Best Aircraft Subject
- SA9, Best Figure or Diorama Subject
- SA10. Silk Purse Award Best Model from Worst Kit
- SA11, Best Competition Auto Subject
- SA12. Kenneth Jung Subject of Honor
- SA13 Steven Travis Subject of Honor

Vendor Contact: Contest Director VP Mr Woolson, email swingwingklvk@gmail.com for message/for pricing. **Valid CA Sales Tax Permit req'd.**

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IN THE NEXT EDITION

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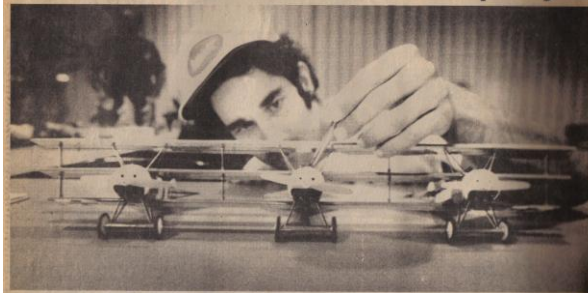
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***CONTINUING A LOOK IN DETAIL AT
FREE HORNETS
WAAAAAYYYYYY
BACK
WHEN***



Fremont modelers display their craft



Across the nation, more than 5,000 members of the International Plastic Modelers Society, United States Branch, go to individual chapter meetings regularly.

They talk about the construction of aircraft, ships, armored vehicles and equipment, space vehicles and fantasy device models such as those seen in motion pictures.

Last weekend, the Fremont Chapter modelers set up an exhibit at New Park Mall in Newark for public viewing.

Members construct models from kits or from scratch, or a combination of both. Besides the hours spent building the model, modelers work many hours researching color schemes, markings and modifications to duplicate the original exactly and scale it proportionately.

Mal Knudert and Norm Engel founded the chapter, which was chartered in April 1977 through the work of Jay

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COMMANDER HASLIM HAS FLOWN THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT TYPES DURING HIS CAREER IN NAVAL AVIATION:

NORTH AMERICAN SNJ-5	GRUMMAN F7W-2
LOCKHEED T2V (T-33)	GRUMMAN F7W-6
GRUMMAN F6F-5	DOUGLAS A4-A & -B
GRUMMAN F8F-1	GRUMMAN S2-D & -E
MCDONNELL F2H-2 & -4	

REFRESHMENTS!
RAFFLE!

PLAN TO ATTEND AND BRING A MODEL FOR DISPLAY!

- 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* “



TRI-CITY CLASSIC 13

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition



Sunday, September 17 2017

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

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

This Year's Theme " **Australia** " (anything Australia/NZ or directly related)



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



“ **On The Beach** ” Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

“ **Blast The Bush** ” (three awards for: Best ANZAC, RAAF, or UK Nuclear Weapon Subject)

“ **Mad Max, Road Warrior** “ Award for Best Post 1945 Australian/NZ subject

Plus these: “ **At Dawn's Early Light** ”, “ **Best Twin Engine Lightning** “, “ **Best 1917** ”, “ **Tasmanian Titan** ”

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 13 Contest” on subject line

The following are planned for 2017 TriCity Classic XIII. Entrants should not plan for nor expect splits. **SWEEPS ALLOWED** in **REGULAR CATEGORIES**. (*Not for Specials*)

Cat #	Category Description	Youth = (12 & Under)	Junior = (13-17)	Senior (18 and up)	AS = All Scales	AS/AT = All Scales / All Types
1A	Youth Aircraft AS/AT	1B Youth Automotive	1C Youth Mil Vehicles	3A Junior Mil Vehicles	3B Junior Automotive	
2A	Youth SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures	2B Youth All Other	3C Junior SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures	3D Junior Ships/All Other	4 Junior Aircraft AS/AT	
5A	Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/32 & larger		10 MultiEngine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/72			
5B	Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/48 & smaller		11 Single Eng Prop or Turbo Axis 1/48			
6	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Axis		12 Single Eng Prop or Turboprop 1/48 Allied/Neutral			
7	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Allied/Neutral		13 MultiEngine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/48			
8	MultiEngine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/72		14 Single Engine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/48			
9	Single Engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft 1/72		15 MultiEngine Jet/Rocket 1/48			
16	Aircraft 1/87 scale and smaller		21 Rotary Wing Aircraft, AS/AT			
17	Aircraft Prop or Turboprop 1/40 and larger		22 VACUFORM/Mixed Media Aircraft, (Full kits, not conversions) AS/AT			
18	Aircraft Jet 1/40 and larger		23 Surface Ships 1/401 & Smaller			
19	Air Racers, AS		24 Surface Ships 1/400 & Larger			
20	AirLiners/Civilian Air, AS		25 Submarines, AS			
26	Autos Custom & LowRider, AS		33 Military Softskin 1/35			
27	Automobiles Competition, Open Wheel, AS		34 AFVs & Military Softskin 1/48			
28	Automobiles Competition, Closed Wheel, AS		35 Missiles, AT/AS			
29	Motorcycle/Autos, Other, (Stock, Comm'l, Pickups) AS		36 AFVs Military Softskin 1/50 & Smaller			
30	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Allied		37 Artillery, AS			
31	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Axis		38 Real Space, AS			
32	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 1955 & later					
39	Hypothetical, AS/AT		42 Figures, Historical, to 18 th Century AS	46 Collections, AS/AT		
40A	Figures Fantasy & SciFi, Horror, Robots, AS		43 Figures, Historical, 19 th Century & beyond	47 UNFINISHED Subjects		
40B	GUNDAM Models, ONLY		44 Miscellaneous, AS/AT	48 PAPER All Types & Scales		
41	Sci Fic Vehicles/Spacecraft, AS		45 Dioramas, AS/AT			

Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are: (Please Note: **NO SWEEPS** in Special Awards)

1. "On The Beach" Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme
2. "Blast The Bush" Award (3) Best ANZAC, "RAAF", "UK Nuclear Weapon" Subject
3. "Mad Max, Road Warrior" Award Best Post 1945 Australian/NZ subject
4. "Ken Durling Memorial" Award for Most Creative or Quirky Entry
5. "Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting" for Best American Fighter Aircraft, in honor of Sir Bob 1759 OBE
6. "Diamond In The Rough" Best Finished Model from a Worst Start
7. "At Dawn's Early Light" Best Prehistoric Creature or Early Man
8. "1917" Best of Any Subject from the year 1917 (Centennial)
9. "Lightning Strikes Twice": Best English Electric or Lockheed Lightning, Arado Blitz (all are Twin Engine Lightning)
10. "Tasmanian Titan" Best F1/Tasman Formula Subject (Car or Driver)
11. Awards for Best in Category for: Figure or Robot; Automotive; Ship or SpaceShip; Aircraft; Armor; Show Senior, Show Junior or Youth
12. "John McLane Memorial Award" Best 1/48 WW2 Aircraft Subject, Given by IPMS-Monterey Bay in honor of a great man and contributing member

