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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over **46** years...

Welcome

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

LATEST BUZZ (*Issue's Editorial, bearing no relation to the picture on the right*)
SPECIAL EDITION : CATCHING UP on NOVEMBER's HORNET's NEST
BLATHERING ON some more details of 2023 FALL TriCity Classic # 15...
NEW EVENTS FOR 2024 NOW INSIDE *take a look, see*

You May Call This BUZZ The "Making Good Best I Can End of Year edit"

ALL INSIDE THIS

CERTIFIABLY ANCIENT PRODUCTION

(well, maybe just the Editor)

Reminder : <http://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/> Just three little pages.

*Not a lot to dig through , + **Events Calendar web page 3, ALWAYS***



THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of December 27 2023 500 PM)

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

YES! Now # 115 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!



“ MIGHTY FINE WAY TO SPEND PART OF A HOLIDAY THANKS Y'ALL ! ”



Superb sequel was this, TriCity Fifteen, only our second show in a row after an agonizing five year hiatus. This Editor & Contest Director can't stop getting jazzed up over how that day went to this day. THANKS to ALL who showed , stood up when asked to help make it, the mighty few who kept the faith and worked tirelessly at it when we set out only few months beforehand, to try out hand at having a damned good time here again, without wearing ourselves out or our welcome. So, Third time a charm? After a respite and start of New Year (our 47th !) we'll just see

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So here you go, a brief summary of our **now FIFTEEN** Tri City Classics, with some compiled numbers, theme notes for your enlightenment :

Year	Name	Locale	Entrants	Models	Theme (where recorded)	Notes
2004	TriCity One	Newark	73	290	“Best of Three”	TriCity Award for Superbee w/3 carbs!
2005	TriCity Two	Newark	73	237	“Three of A Kind”	TriCity Award for 3 entry/Same entrant
2006	TriCity Three	Newark	45	169	“Never A Shot In Anger”	Included “Woulda/Coulda/Shoulda”
2007	TriCity Four	Newark	45	170	“The Italian Job”	Italian/Italy Theme
2008	TriCity Five	Newark	49	188	“The French Connection”	French/France Theme
2009	TriCity Six	Newark	57	218	“From Russia With Love”	Russian/Soviet Theme
2011	TriCity Seven	Milpitas	74	300	“Black Rain”	Japanese Theme
2012	TriCity Eight	Milpitas	55	211	“Midway” & “Missiles of October”	USA Theme
2013	TriCity Nine	Milpitas	58	197	“Soldier of Orange”	Dutch/Netherlands Theme
2014	TriCity Ten	Milpitas	76	285	“Out of Africa”	Africa/African Theme
2015	TriCity Eleven	Milpitas	68	271	“The Good German”	Germany/German Theme
2016	TriCity Twelve	Milpitas	66	238	“The Battle of Britain”	Britain/British Theme
2017	TriCity Thirteen	Milpitas	60	245	“Australia”	Australia/New Zealand Oz/Kiwi Theme
2022	TriCity Fourteen	Fremont	52	243	“From The Earth To The Moon”	Earth/Moon/Space Theme
2023	TriCity Fifteen	Fremont	80	298	“ Dr. Strangelove”	USA/UK/USSR Cold War 1948-1991 Theme

This year, there were **28 more entrants** with **55 MORE model entries** overall compared to immediately prior TC-14. Additionally, we had more Youth and Junior entries, which helped with making sure the second year of the “ It Figures - Lester Tockerman Memorial Award for Juniors” had all three potential awards realized. Far fewer “empty categories”, smaller number of “two out of three” categories (no third place entrants) in our spread of 60 categories on offer. Superb turnout of vendors, spectacular response to the raffles both in item donations and event day ticket sales, the late breaking addition of Category 49 for Large Scale Armor saw a very healthy inaugural turnout, the Gundam category saw record turnout, **ALL THE SPECIAL AWARDS** managed to be awarded ! We also had a good number of sponsors for awards, this year the First Place award was a lovely wall plaque style, Raffle Chairman Bob Meyers and wife Chris Meyers lead a spectacular series of raffles and well placed announcements Vendor Chairman Dave Parks produced an unending string of miracles keeping things running from beginning of event plans on through day of the show, Gabriel Lee kept registration running swift as we could, Head Judge Chris Bucholtz conjured a mighty team of overworked fine Judges then segued into Awards Emcee without missing a beat. So many good models by great modelers showed up, and now the Contest Director can confirm we set have a new **RECORD HIGH** for Entrants with TC-15, and **SECOND HIGHEST MODEL ENTRIES** count as well

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to **FRESNO SCALE MODELERS** Club of Region 9, Ernie Gee, Rick Cooper, Domenic Ortiz & their membership who won the SA-16 Special Award, 2024 Steven A. Travis Award for Recognizing Service to the Fremont Hornets and/or Region Nine Community.

So, WE Free Hornets should be again proud of hosting “ The Best Little Show in the East Bay ” – *mickb fini*

In the meantime, you can find complete listing of Winners in all the Senior & Junior categories, plus all the Special Awards in PDF format which is easily readable on line at the Free Hornets Annex “TC-15 Memories” page: <http://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tc-15.php>

LOOK BACK at NOVEMBER 2023 NEST, at Al's Shop

ANOTHER record attendance, an excellent turnout for a winter meeting just before our TriCity Fifteen then two weeks ahead...







Alan O'Neal showed up with a grand 1/48th Tamiya armor experience for him, a Stug III in desert yellow.

He said this was a very enjoyable build and also that the model is amazingly weighty for its size, mostly as several of us surmised, because some of the earliest Tamiya “quarter scaler armor” kits have lower hulls in metal, not styrene.

Really nice work on the overall finish and weather effects here

As Alan points out, vehicle commander is taking no chances, the hatch is open but dude is lying low here.





Frank Babbitt had this “personalized” Great Wall Hobby F-15I (for Israeli) to share with us. The “Frank” labelling is courtesy of AI at Hobbies Unlimited, as kit was set aside for Mr. Frank when the order for this came in. Sorry, no I didn’t



record what Frank was pointing out here on the box art nor what he was looking up on his phone. You’ll have to ask him



Below, first peek at Eugenie Ray’s “fiddliest model kit ever”





This being the Bronco Models kit of RQ/MQ-1 Predator UAV .

While she did elaborate some on why this build struck her that way, the President/Editor wasn't able to take notes for the Buzz here.

Sadly as well, the full good story of this fine set of Apollo project patches that she was gifted, by virtue of her modelling community and Real Space fandom, also escaped recording.

I am glad she brought these along to share, also going on record as officially envious/jealous of her having them !



Next up in Model Talk November was **Bob Meyers**, who reported he was pleased to discover that we have a "Collections" category for entry in our TriCity Classic Fifteen. That fact inspired him to get working on a SIXTH! model in the time he had left, to join the following five 1/35 scale German Panzer III's he had here to share with us, for a formidable collection entry.

Bob is showing his Afrika Korps 1942 Libya Panzer III Ausf H to Norm...



(from the left, looking overhead or just below) Takom kit Pzr III Ausf N, “stubby 75”; Academy/Airfix kit Pzr III Ausf J (will get snow camo on the Panzer Grey), Airfix kit Pzr III Ausf H, Tamiya kit Pzr III Ausf L (long gun), Takom kit Pzr III Ausf M



Bob let us know he'd only just finished the “M” two weeks ago!

He planned to have an early Panzer III Ausf D finished in time left, from the MiniArt kitting, for his collection entry.

Looked forward to it, as a Contest Director.

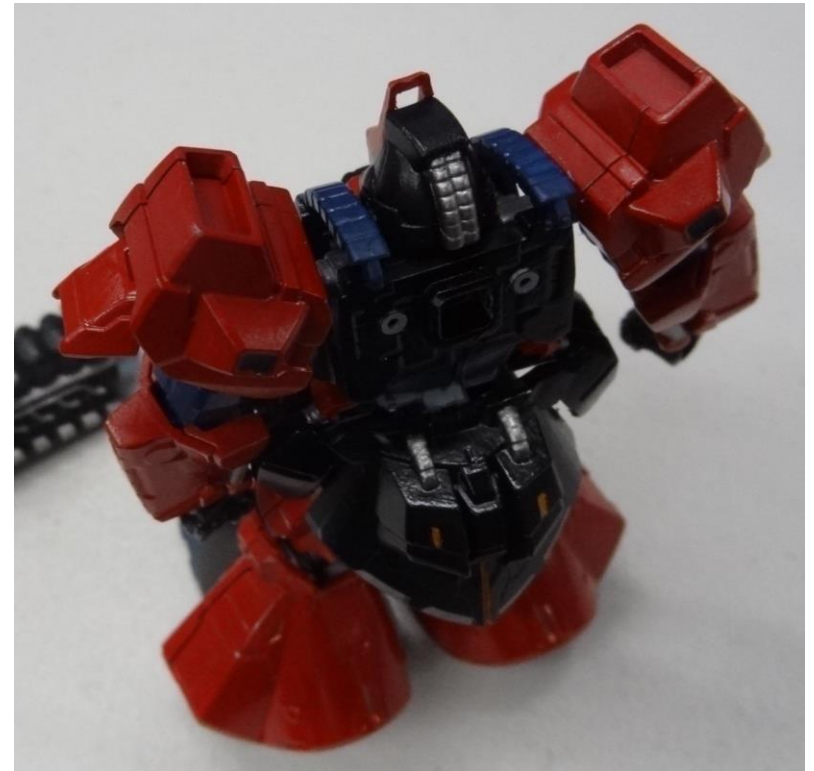




Gabriel Lee made it to our Nest, thankfully still in the running to be a local Free Hornet and SVSM member as he faithfully has been for a good number of years now.

In spite of rude treatment of him by now former landlord and also by now former employer, Gabe's completed his Spanish AF F-18A in grey, 1/72 scale and his 1/350 scale "Operation Petticoat" movie submarine. The brilliant color is per the plot, the result of mixing the red and white lead primer to ensure enough to paint the boat!





Chris Kaminaga had both his latest Gundam and his son's start of a 1/32nd scale Ju-87 from the venerable Revell kit

Chris planned to have his big red Gundam in Shape to enter at the GTC Shop in San Jose first ever open contest, coming up in 8 days.

So likely he'll have it at the TriCity 15, too !





Young Kaminaga's Stuka engine, underway.

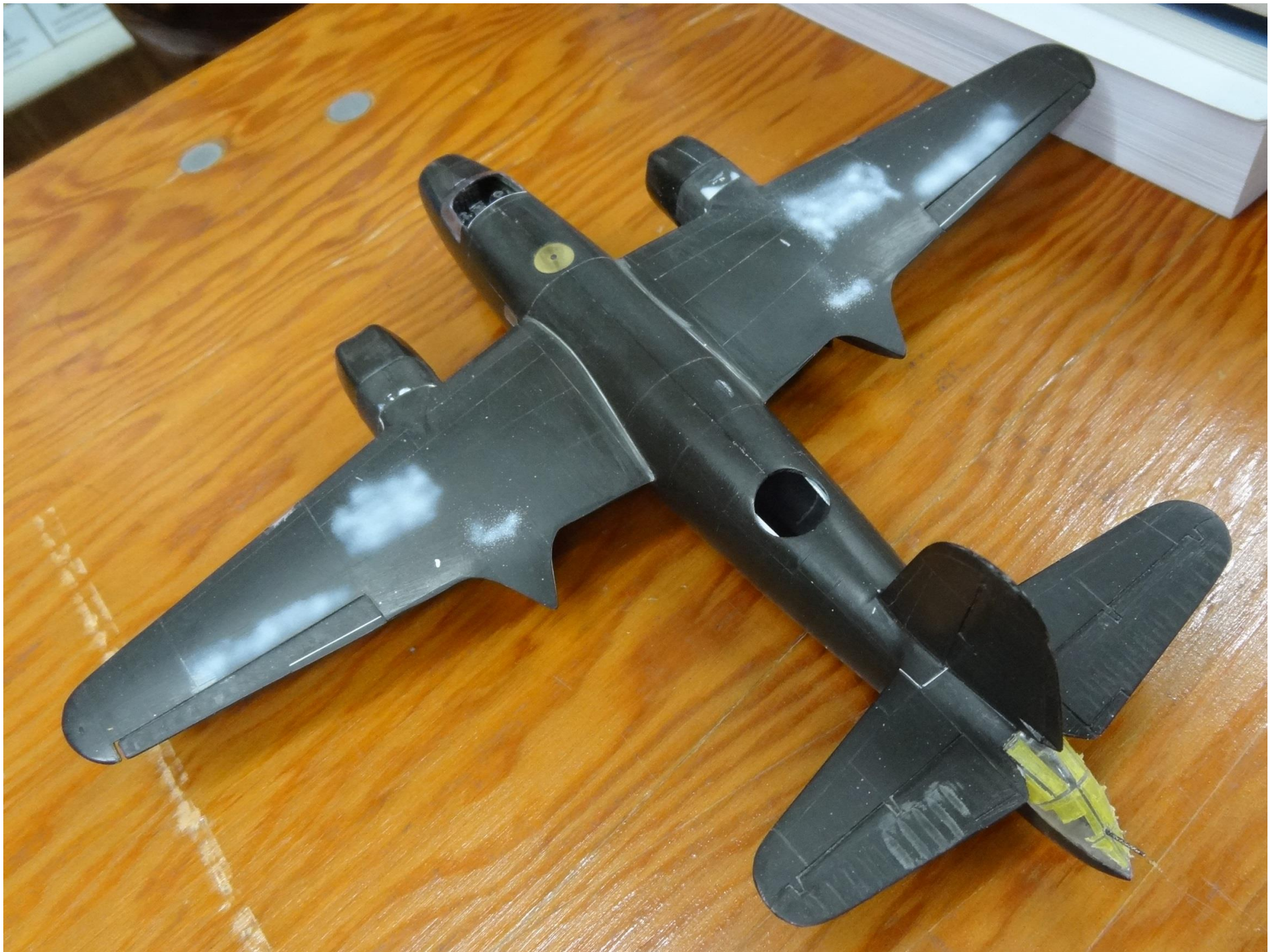


Just to give an idea of true scales here, the engine if it were consistent scaling to Dad Kaminaga's fighting suit model, would be closer to the size of the fists

Speaking of true scales, here's **Chris Bucholtz** championing 1/72nd as the Air Modeler's "true scale". Well, okay, he was actually just offering someone a closer look at his WIP B-26, but I couldn't resist an "old school scalism" here



Chris has had this Monogram snap tite gem underway since back in the day when it was the only choice one had for an early B-26 Marauder in 1/72 scale. He and I, along with a host of others, still hold that if you're after this part of the Martin family there aren't really any better starting points, just more expensive ones. He has made a lot of progress of late on this bird and has plans to see it through to finish by the next SV Classic, of which he is Contest Director this time out. See you in June '24 !



Chris also brought along this gem, which the Editor wasn't aware existed and now has aching pain to obtain two if possible, one to do the box version (again, new to he), other to do a "Guard Rail". Chris relayed he recalled long ago how overly enthused Editor Burton was over a then recent encounter he shared with the then pretty "Black Bird" real machines. Burton had learned of these "Black Beechcraft" shortly before, being flown out of NAS Moffett by US Army unit. He'd seen them darting in and out during his workdays at a small company nearby, knew them to be part of a "signals intelligence gathering" mission and all purposely kept low key. One day while working in middle of runways on equipment at SJC, he had gotten an excellent close up look at two along with what seemed to be dirty looks from pilot crew, which oddly enough were flying out of SJC. Sadly only a vac form solution seemed to be ever the way to see this obscure bird in scale form. Wait long enough, another chance shows !





Mike Jiminez brought this 1/48th Tamiya M4 Sherman built by his son, again a very nice production like the J7W1 Shinden and Ta-183 which Mike has shared with us from his son's shelf.

Mike's own latest share was another example of his grand variety, this time in the form of an original edition Tamiya 1/35 scale Tyrannosaurus Rex. I know the kit well myself, it's loosely based on a famous 1906 painting by American paleoartist Charles R. Knight done for the American Museum of Natural History



Tamiya did another T. Rex, as a diorama set, in the early 1990s, this one dates to 1981 and both have been re-released in the 2000s.

Mike did a splendid job rendering this beefy, toothy menace which you will see in pictures here, I am sure.

The red eyes are an especially effective touch







Mike's Green Monster (sorry, Art Arfons!) had more than just Mike's son's Sherman to menace, as you can see on the right.

You recently viewed Chris's Marauder WIP, well get ready to meet a new member, **Joel Weber**, who showed up first time November 10 2023 Nest and decided to hang with us.

That's Joel's 1950 Chevy 3100 Pick Up in the pictures at 1/1 and in 3-D on model table

I for one found his model spooky good work and joined others in encouraging him to be showing up for the NNL West and TC-15 !









Another new member of the Free Hornets, **Tom Cheung**, showed his first go around at “floating his boat” so to speak.

This is Tom’s USS Ramsey, a modern USN frigate, which he has successfully put out to sea complete with quite convincing white water wake action .

My apologies for not getting notes on techniques Tom used, maybe we’ll get him to write up a little something to publish here in the Buzz sometime in future ?

Okay well better a little late than never, this wraps up a look at 2023 November’s Nest and quite soon after will be another bit of Buzz for December to close out this year.

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NNI West 2024



Themes:

Trucks, Trikes & Bikes (anything without 4 wheels) • Mustang 60th Anniv.

January 20 • Santa Clara, CA Convention Center

www.nniwest.org

9am-4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$20

COMING FEBRUARY '24, NEW LOCALE & DATE



Brought to you by IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 2024

Far West Region
IPMS/USA Region 9

At This Locale

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FRESNO CA*

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO OUR

Post-SUPER BOWL BASH

IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers are hosting a Post-Super Bowl contest on the weekend following the big game !

Special Award category for any NFL themed entry; i.e. German (Carolina) Panther, Sepecat (Jacksonville) Jaguar to celebrate

(Entries do not have to carry any special NFL themed livery, the name is enough.)

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BEST OF THE WEST



Saturday May 18th, 2024

Orleans Hotel Casino Las Vegas, Nevada

Show Brought to you by IPMS Las Vegas, Red Flag Scale Modelers, Las Vegas Model Car Club,

Vegas Armor Modelers Preservation Society, and Gunpla Builders United

Lots of Vendor Tables, Over 40 Contest Categories, IPMS Judging Criteria

Special Judging rules: No Touching Models, No Flashlights, No optical devices and or Mirrors, No Sweeps.

Contest & Show Admission (CASH ONLY)

Doors open 9:00 am, Judging noon, awards 3:30 pm, close 5:00 pm

Adult Model Entry \$25 for first 3 models, \$3 for each additional model Juniors (under 17) FREE (unlimited entries)

Special Awards to be announced at a later date.

General Show Admission

(Non-contest attendees) \$5 each Adult & Family Children under 12, Active Military & First Responders are FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Www.ipmslv.org for contest forms. Or email ipmslv@aol.com Orleans # 702-365-7111

Room Reservations go to <https://book.passkey.com/e/50725340>

Vendors Contact and Show Coordinator Jay Bergeon 702-861-9050 ipmslvraffle@yahoo.com

BEST OF THE WEST 2024

CATAGORIES

JUNIOR

- 1 JUNIOR MILITARY
- 2 JUNIOR CIVILIAN
- 3 JUNIOR SCI-FI
17 YEARS AND UNDER

ARMOR

- 4 ARMOR SMALL SCALE 1/36 AND SMALLER ALL NATIONS
- 5 ARMOR WWII AND PRIOR ALL NATIONS 1/35 AND LARGER (ALLIED)
- 6 ARMOR WWII AND PRIOR ALL NATIONS 1/35 AND LARGER (AXIS)
- 7 ARMOR POST WWII ALL NATIONS 1/35 AND LARGER ALL NATIONS
- 8 ARTILLERY AND AUXILIARY VEHICLES 1/36 AND SMALLER
- 9 ARTILLERY AND AUXILIARY VEHICLES 1/35 AND LARGER ALL NATIONS

AIRCRAFT

- 10 AIRCRAFT WWII AND PRIOR ALL SCALES NATIONS AND SCALES
- 11 AIRCRAFT 1/48 SCALE POST WWII, PROP ALL NATIONS AND TYPES
- 12 AIRCRAFT 1/48 SCALE POST WWII, JET ALL NATIONS AND TYPES
- 13 AIRCRAFT 1/72 AND SMALLER, ALL NATIONS AND TYPES
- 14 ROTARY WING ALL SCALES TYPES NATIONS & ERAS
- 15 AIRCRAFT 1/32 AND LARGER, PROP ALL NATIONS AND TYPES
- 16 AIRCRAFT 1/32 AND LARGER, JET ALL NATIONS AND TYPES
- 17 REAL SPACE ALL TYPES NATIONS AND SCALES

AUTO

- 18 STRAIGHT LINE DRAG
- 19 RACE CARS OPEN WHEEL
- 20 RACE CARS CLOSED WHEEL
- 21 AUTOS 1999 AND PRIOR HOT RODS, CUSTOMS, STREET RODS AND CLASSICS
- 22 AUTOS 2000 AND LATER HOT RODS, CUSTOMS, STREET RODS
- 23 AUTOS TUNERS, DRIFTERS, LOW RIDERS AND IMPORTS
- 24 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES TRUCKS, MUNICIPAL AND SEMIS
- 25 FACTORY STOCK
- 26 DOCUMENTED REPLICAS
- 27 LARGE SCALE KITS. 1/20 AND LARGER
- 28 MOTORCYCLES AND TRIKES ALL SCALES

SCI-FI

- 29 SCI-FI HOLLYWOOD ALL SCALES
- 30 SCI-FI FANTASY ALL SCALES
- 31 SCI-FI GUNDAM ALL SCALES
- 32 SCI-FI AND FANTASY FIGURES SMALL SCALE 54MM AND SMALLER
- 33 SCI-FI AND FANTASY FIGURES LARGE SCALE 55MM AND LARGER
- 34 SCI-FI AND FANTASY DIORAMAS ALL SCALES AND TYPES

HISTORICAL FIGURES

- 35 HISTORICAL FIGURES 54MM AND SMALLER
- 36 HISTORICAL FIGURES 55MM AND LARGER

DIORAMAS

- 37 DIORAMAS ALL TYPES SCALES AND ERAS

SHIPS

- 38 ALL SHIPS MILITARY AND CIVILIAN SCALE AND ERAS

OUT OF THE BOX

- 39 ARMOR
- 40 AIRCRAFT
- 41 AUTOS
KIT INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE INCLUDED

MISCELLANEOUS

- 42 GROUP AND COLLECTIONS, MORE THAN 5 MODELS
- 43 ALL OTHERS. DOES NOT FIT IN ANY OTHER CATEGORY

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGE

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BREAKING NEWS it's Official from Contest Director

SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC # 8

Theme: Hit the Beach !

Being held

Saturday June 15 2024



At Main Dining Room of Fremont Elks Lodge, 38891 Farwell Drive, Fremont CA

10 Junior/ Youth, 46 Senior competition categories currently planned for and several Special Awards which will include besides the Best of Show & Category Standard Issue:

Hit the Beach Award - Best Beach Subject

Stars and Stripes Award – Best Subject featuring Stars or Stripes (not in insignia)

MANY MORE DETAILS and OFFICIAL FLYER IS COMING SOON

CONTEST DIRECTOR & CONTACT: CHRIS BUCHOLTZ email bucholtzc@aol.com

Coming Up NEXT

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY JANUARY 12 2024**

REMINDER – Al Gerace has generously offered us the use of Hobbies Unlimited shop space After Hours to hold our meeting! Treasurer/VP Dave Parks has generously been willing to provide the chairs and transport to/from of these, as well as be in charge of attendance and access for the meeting at the Hobby Shop. Be Respectful of all that

“ WHAT ? ”

EDITOR BELIEVES WE WILL LIKELY TALK ABOUT MODELS,
AGAIN

PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION

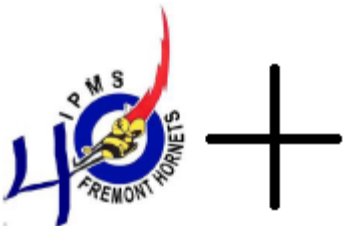
WE MAY FINALLY AGAIN RETURN TO CONTINUING A LOOK IN DETAIL AT FREE HORNETS

WAAAAAAYYYYYYY

BACK WHEN

ALONG WITH COVERAGE OF NOT SO LONG AGO SUCCESSES OF FREE HORNETS LIKE THIS

And possibly, some explore in more detail of a future FREE HORNETS TRICITY event plan...



- 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 “