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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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May 27 2022



Somehow managing to wing it for now over **45** years...

## Welcome

IN THIS 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* )

**SHOCKINGLY , EDITOR AGAIN SHOWS UP IN NEWARK & FINDS NEWS BIT**  
(possibly bearing relation to pic) **CONTINUES Look At Yuba City show from Fall '21**

*You May Call This BUZZ PERHAPS “ EDGE of NIGHT WORLD ” (and?)*

ALL INSIDE THIS

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*(well, maybe just the Editor)*

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Just three little pages. *Not a lot to dig through ,*  
+ **Events Calendar web page 3, ALWAYS**



# THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of May 27 2022 810 PM)

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

**YES!** Now # 96 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!



## *A Final Salute to another **FREE HORNET** “ Who Has Gone On Ahead ”*

*Sorry for taking so long to get this into publication, still has me without words*

*“ Smilin’ Dave ” and his splendid Chrissy, seen here in their natural element. Seated here as it happens, resting after a long day at a Dragon Lady event we Hornets were present at in force. David’s camera is in hand, he was very keen shooter I learned over time getting to know him. Before they moved out of our immediate area, they both began a fine new additional wrinkle of fun. That of putting on a “Photo Scavenger Hunt” at some of our shows. My TriCity 9 and 2012 show aboard USS Hornet being two. They would partner doing this while also doggedly working to helm Make ‘n Take at events, which would be behind scenes taking more of their time together to make sure everyone else got what they needed, despite the fact it wasn’t as easy or low cost as some in IPMS made*

*it out to be. Sadly, David’s big heart gave out on March 30, 2022 and he has “gone on ahead”. R.I.P. our good friend – mick*

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***FREMONT HORNETS NEST (Model Meeting & Business Discussion)***

***FRIDAY JUNE 10 2022 from 730PM to 1030PM***

***NEWARK Round Table Pizza, Meeting Room, 5544 Thornton Ave, Newark***

*NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BUILDFEST, however **yes MODELS for DISPLAY/DISCUSSION Okay,** There will be NO RAFFLE, NO INSIDE MODEL SALES, PLEASE. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK PLAN ON HAVING TO BUY SOME FOOD and/or DRINK as our price for reservation of the room ☺*

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**NNL West**  
CA 2022

**BREAKING NEWS as of 01-23-2022 NEW DATE**

**RESCHEDULED for JUNE 11 2022 at this location**

**Themes:**  
**Big-n-Little**  
 (Any scale except 1/24, 1/25)  
**Gen-X**  
 (Any vehicle from 70's-80's)  
**Shelter In Place Builds**

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# *YES, Free Hornets had **SECOND** Face to Face Meeting in a Row!*

## *The Brilliant Newark Round Tabling Nest*

Photos & notes by Mick Burton



On the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, we Hornets in fact as you see here, met for a second formal “Nest” at Newark Round Table Pizza, as scheduled

I happened to be first arrive this time thanks to my better half in shape to commute me versus the VTA/BART/Local Bus/walk I’d first began with. By end of meet I was again blessed with offer to bring me back to SJ including as very helpful item, learning how far away BART actually was. I am grateful as hell to both Uschi and Rich Pedro for all of this !



Also very appreciative of all who brought show and tell, including surprise visitor and Hornet Alumnus, Prof. David Newman of Muroc Models, who brought these lovely works in 1/144 (aka 1 inch = 12 feet) scale for us to ponder on another table. More on these and other items, ahead. Read on.







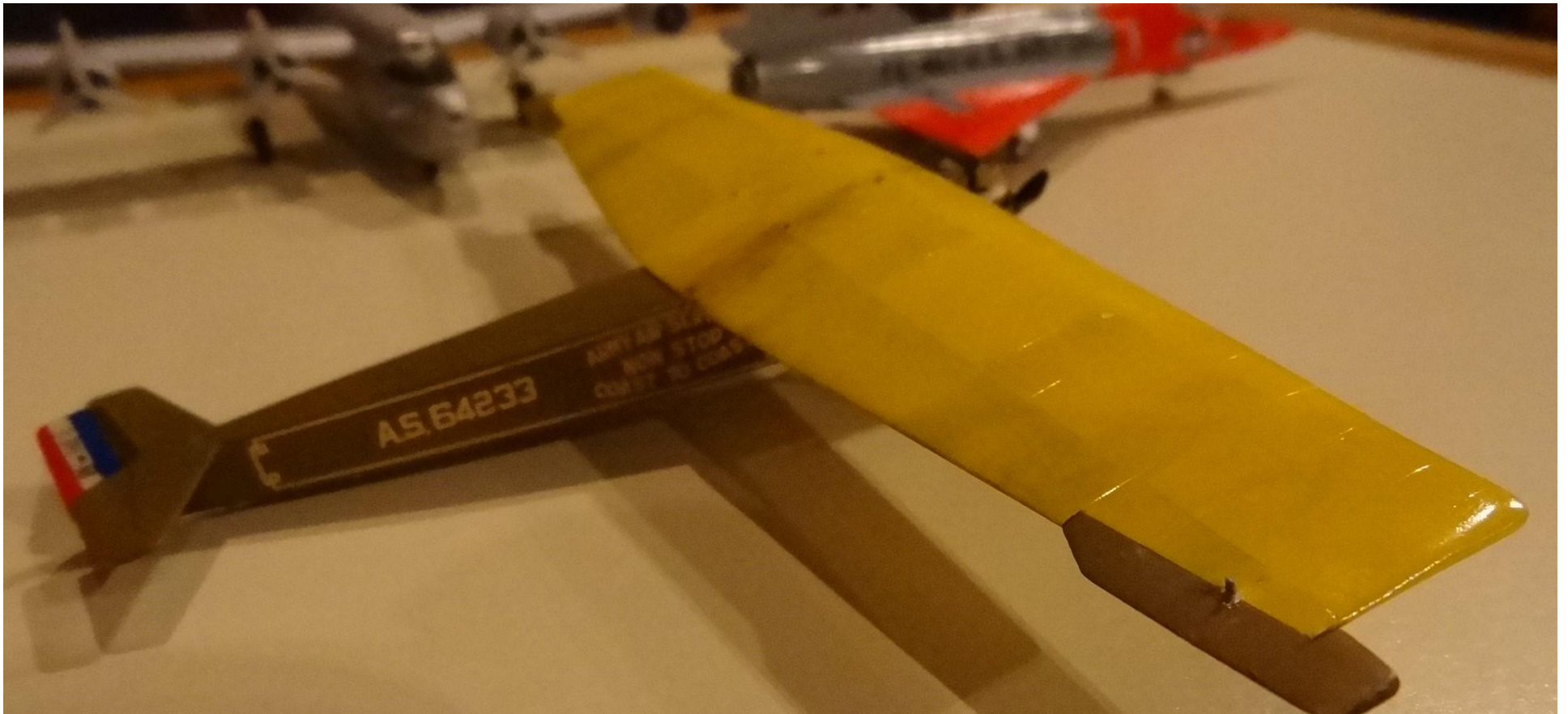
Professor Dave didn't have time to divulge much about the models he had along for display, and told me he would when he got back to Rosamond/Lancaster, be emailing me material for this newsletter. Knowing how busy he is and likely as well having my own schedule, I took up the challenge of finding out what this particular F-106A of his had for a story.

While my first guess was eventually found to be incorrect, I did learn of a very interesting project undertaken by NASA/Dryden in contract with a private firm called KTS, that ran from December 1997 to February 1998. Called the Project Eclipse, it involved a NASA QF-106A being towed by a C-141A Starlifter and proved the concept entirely viable, for launching space vehicles at a lower cost.

I recommend you readers look it up sometime, it's pretty cool history. I digress

David's F-106A harkens back to classic Cold War rivalry instead, being the one that still nearly 63 years later, holds the world's absolute speed record for a turbo jet single engine aircraft. 1,525.695 mph flown on an 11 mile straight course at Edwards AFB in 1959, to take record back from "Red 31", a Ye-66 Mikoyan of 1956, whose picture I snagged from Wings of Russia, to illustrate on the right.



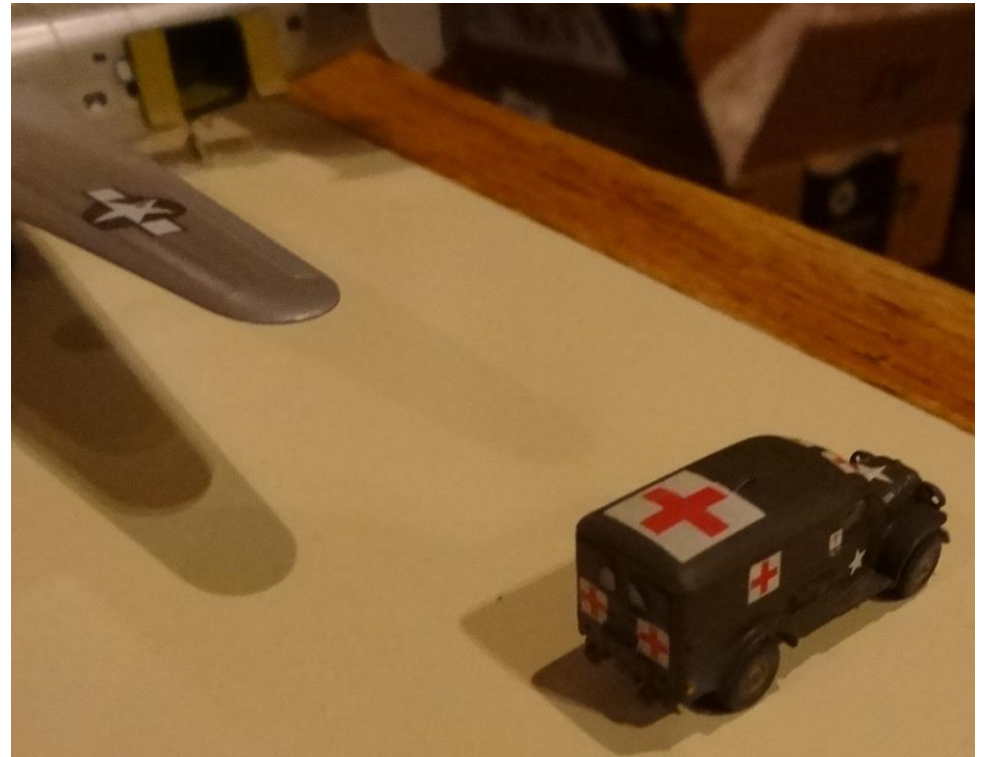


Being how life is as always, not hour after I get done writing the preceding, a half day before that I researched it, that I get my emails opened and find Dave's report. Leaving what I already wrote as is, here's more info on the F-106A. It's an F-Toy of Japan kit, painted in Gunze lacquers, and Dave's own decals made with ALPS printer. Thanks, David !

Above, Dave's Fokker T-2 in USAAC scheme for first coast to coast USA run non stop. Scratchbuilt, now available as 1/144 kit from Muroc Models. Yessss !

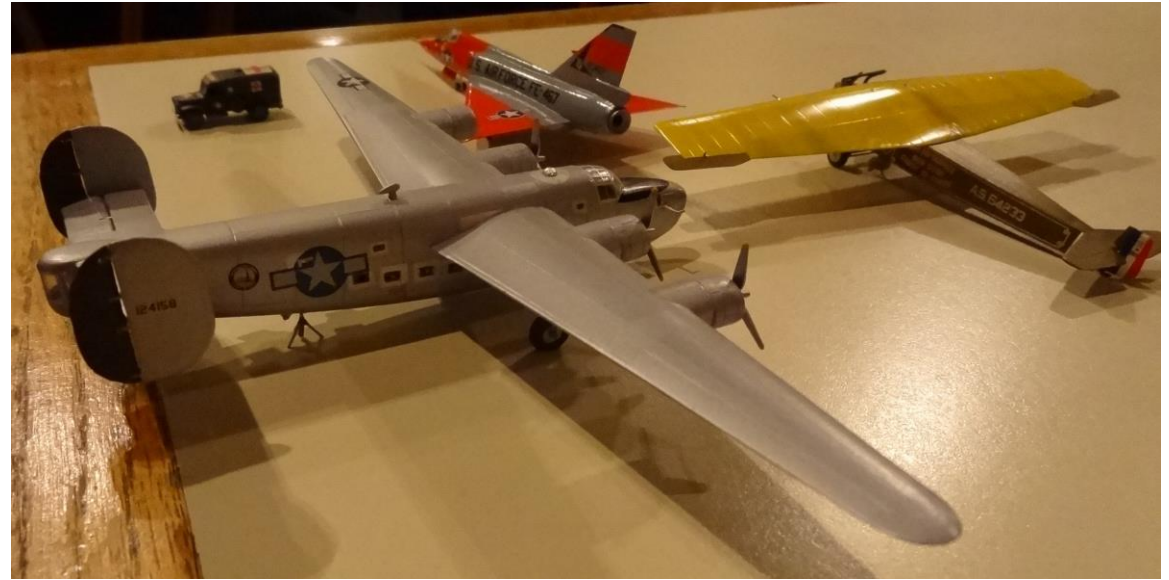


The cardboard box above is a Liberty engine kit in resin, that Dave just obtained. No other details have I. Below and right, Dave's WC-54 Ambulance in 1/144<sup>th</sup>.



Dave said that kit is metal, very nice, reasonably priced with fair shipping costs. Gunze lacquer, weathered, ALPS printed decals. Here is access link: <https://arrowheadminiatures.co.uk>. Below, a series of looks at David's conversion kit ala Muroc Models, a C-87 from the Minicraft B-24D Liberator.





The C-87 Liberator Express is an underappreciated warplane in my estimate and I thank Dave for his Muroc Models conversion to help put this plane in 3D today on tables. This cargo version of that famous B-24 bomber, was a dogged soldier in its own right, first to fly “The Hump” with a substantial cargo load over that infamous supply route. It remained in that role despite later C-46 and C-54 aircraft joining the India to China route, as it was sturdily capable, if not well liked by many pilots.





One of those pilots who flew it later wrote *"They were an evil bastard contraption, nothing like the relatively efficient B-24 except in appearance."* Some of you may have read some of his work, in fact. Ernest K. Gann, author of "Fate Is The Hunter" among his many published fine works.





And on to another Dave, this time our Treasurer and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, David Parks, who had the items seen above right, stashed in box seen at the left ! Sorry to report I did not record any details of his fine looking 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Sherman, or the gaggle of German gents in same scale who joined us.



Very sure they were strategizing how they could make off with some of that leftover pizza pie, looking at this photo below though.



Luckily, the US Army had a keen observation point thanks to Dave, and no pizza was taken without permission to my knowledge.





Okay, to wrap up the May 2022 Nest coverage, the Editor will indulge in another of his “ which of these is NOT like the others? ” compositions. First clue, the above left are another aspect of Dave Parks’ Germans, keeping watch on those heads on pikes next door. Or Gabriel Lee, who’s not saying but speaking volumes. The Aosima “George” flat on its back on black, belongs to the maker of piked heads, Chris Bucholtz. Same claimant for the diffident camel jockey and another look at those heads, with appropriate expressions, no ?

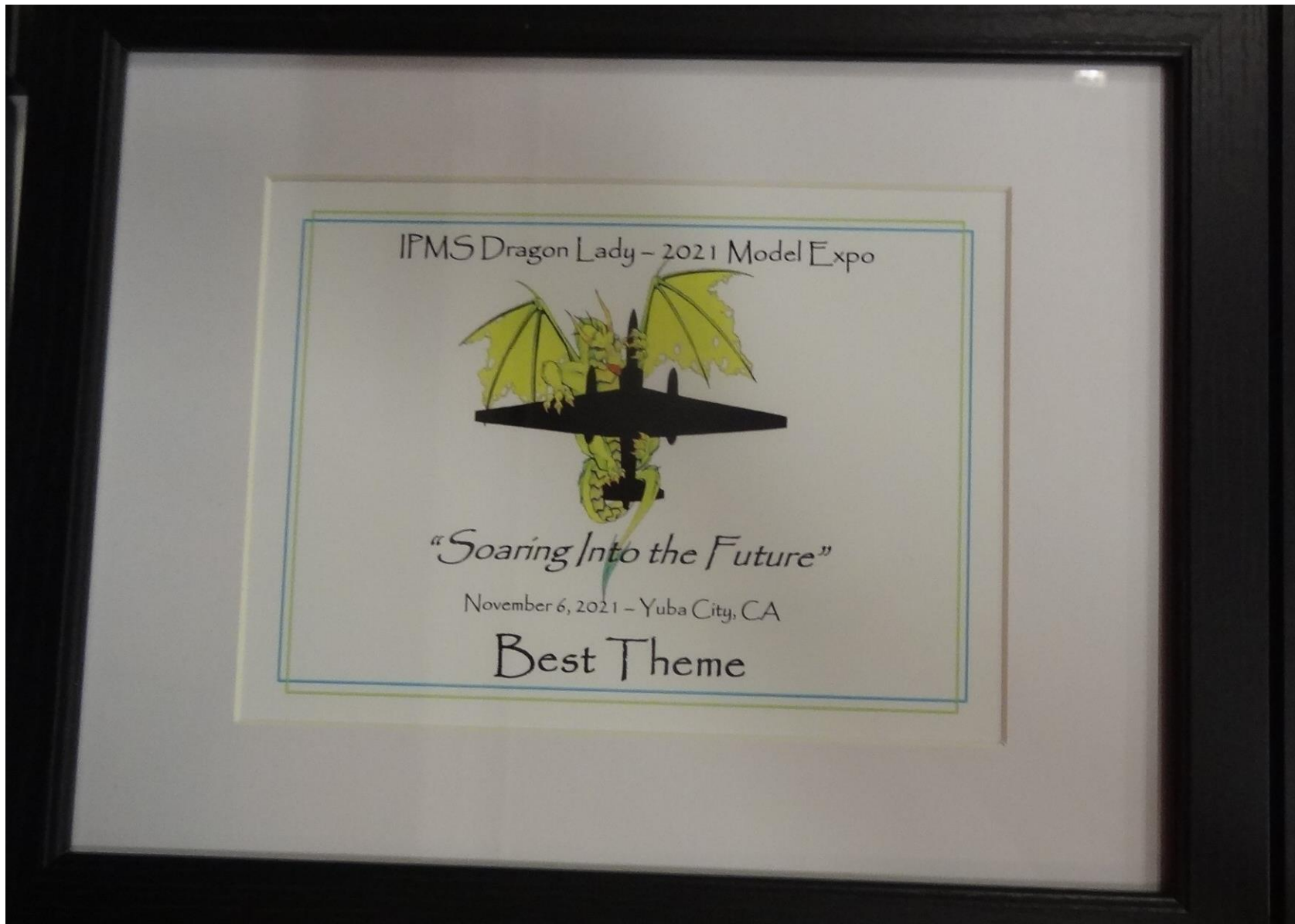


Leaving us with the above

That’s work of brother D J Balderrama, who came up with brothers Mark, Max and Dad David, to round out the evening’s group.

See you all next month at Newark’s Round Table !

*-mick fini*



***NOW ROUND TWO in Long Look at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Final R-9 Event of 2021***

*Many thanks to The Crew at IPMS/Dragon Lady for putting an event on in those trying times – photos/text mick burton*



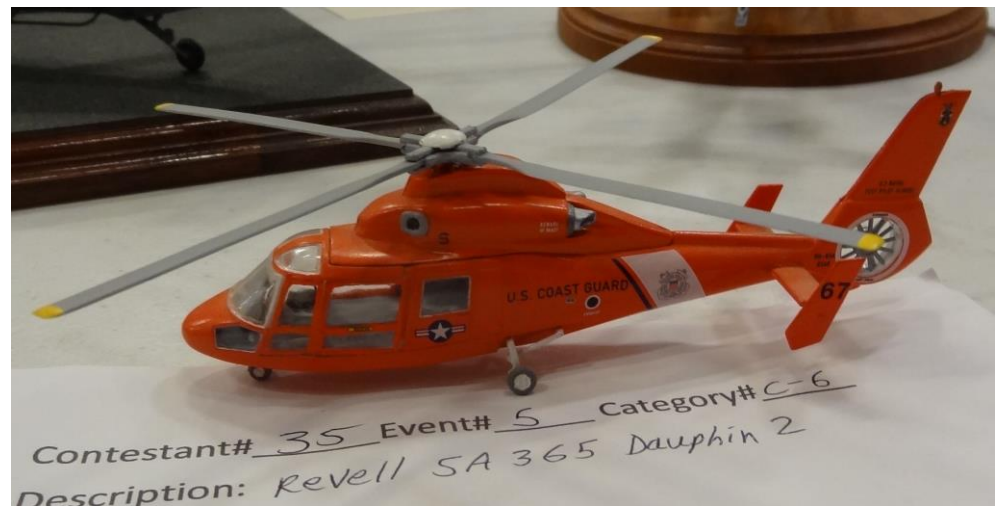
The Raffle that day was quite an event unto itself, a sampling of winnable wares seen on display at upper left. Above right, view of the Junior/Youth tables in part, along with more Raffle items on view. Below, more looks at the event underway midday, plenty of folks having fun.



Also, props to the hosts for this abundant comfortable seating up in front! Also note the abundance of vendors at the show, most excellent feature.



So now, my second article on this event will take up with some features of the tables that simply caught my eye. Nothing more to it than that. The First up is the Rotary Wing, All Scales category which is shown next in its entirety, then select shots of the entries (as I took several shots of items at times on tables, others only got one or two). I think you'll agree the variety was pretty good and the builds, on same order. Even mine !





Yes, my MACH 2 kit of the Piasecki HUP-2 in 1/72<sup>nd</sup>.

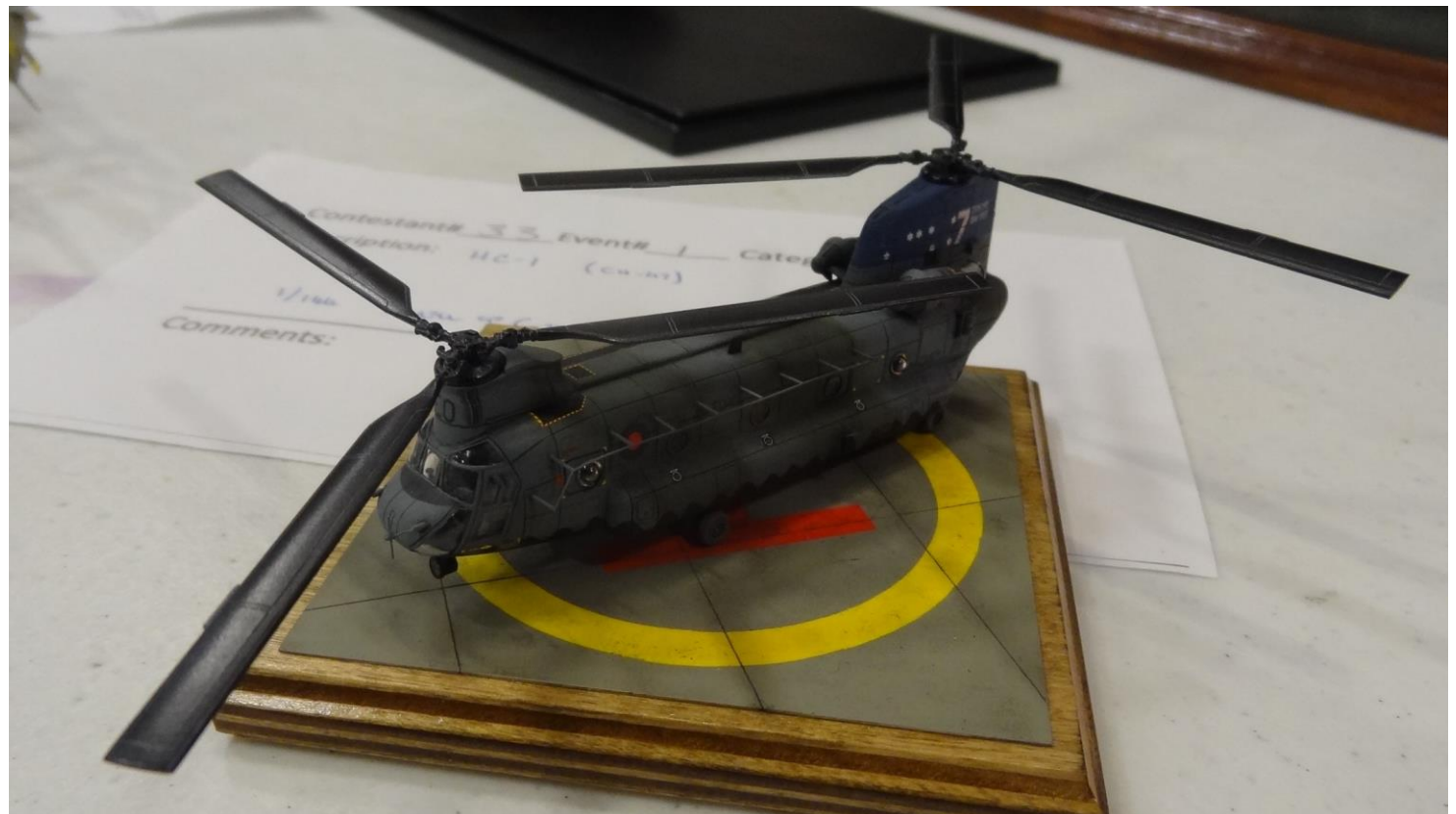
Done as out of box as one can manage with that brand of kit.

Scheme is of the 1950s vintage Aeronavale service. Forgotten which French carrier had these aboard, but I liked the look of it.

1/144<sup>th</sup> scale Boeing Chinook, in RAF service, thus "H.C.1" for its military designation.

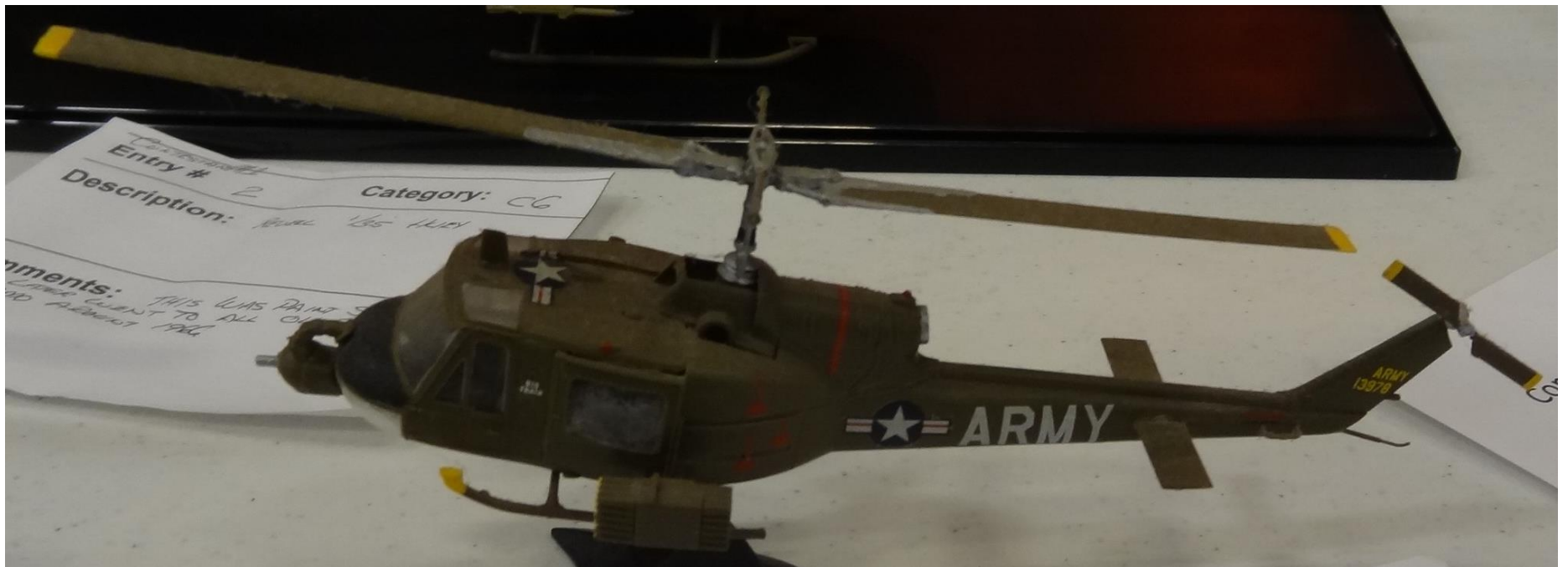
In home country USA, you'll know it better as the CH-47.

Beautiful build of a beautiful bird.



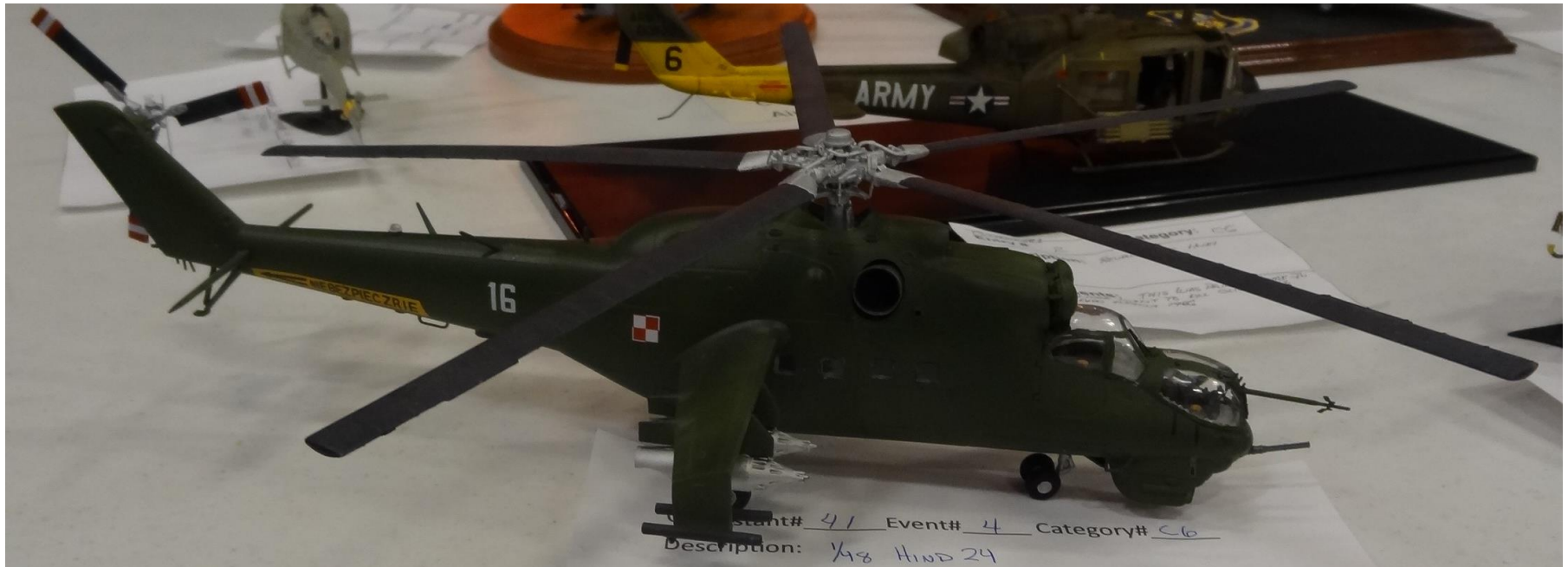


Above, a lovely USAF "Huey" UH-1 (later model) in 1/72<sup>nd</sup>. Below, a fine US Army "Gunship Huey" UH-1 (early model) in 1/72<sup>nd</sup>.





Shifting into 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale, another Huey early vintage with rocket racks & Hornet logo on nose. Below, a Polish AF Mi-24 Hind, also in 1/48<sup>th</sup>





On left, Sikorsky HH-60G PAVE Hawk of USAF in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale

Interesting bird, I looked into it for some background to learn it became the replacement for the famous HH-3E “Jolly Green Giant”

Those workhorse helos rescued lot of airmen in the Vietnam War, in pretty tough spots

These new birds can also be Special Ops machines, so it could be said they are rescue in two ways...

When the Huey Cobra first made the scene, I would not even entertained the concept the AH-1D would grow on into the “Zebra” here. What a gunship hey? The AH-1Z, in every way a lethal weapon.

Sidewinders on rail, even !





Okay a last look at the mighty Rotary Wings, and then on left below, the SOLE entry in 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale Jet/Rocket. Nice Bell X-1 in a later scheme. On the right, a look at the 1/48<sup>th</sup> Multiengine Aircraft category, which has some favorite subjects of mine in real and model life. Stay tuned !



We will take a quick look first at best shots I had of my very first passion, which has some great model sculpts shown at this event. Prehistory eh?





My Name Is Talky T-Rex and I am here to EAT YOU (apologies to Rod Serling)





Well executed water drop effect on this Spinosaurus (I think it is...) Its toothy prey was quite nicely made and fine accompaniment. OK-

All three 1/48<sup>th</sup> Lockheed Lightnings you see here are the venerable 1960s issue Monogram 5 in 1 kit in essence. Doubt any of these were from anything that old in release, but helps show that back in the day, it was one to stand the test of time. I have built them, as well the Academy and Hasegawa editions, before and yes, other than the rivets, there is not too much you have to do to put these into shape to compete in a credible fashion. Always come out nice for display

“Mary” is an F-5G Photo Recce with D Day stripes



“ Millie “ is a P-38J in PTO scheme of OD/Gray, again every inch a tribute to the design skill of “ Kelly ” Johnson in the 1/1 original and also to those of Monogram Models USA back in the day, making this ¼ inch scale mold

Last but far from least is “ Bomba Dear “ a Pathfinder P-38J that almost certainly from a recent re issue as that is marking in box for many late reprises of this kit.

Now coming up, is yet another version of this versatile kitting Which wasn't in this category, but I felt it should be near the Brethren. It's the P-38M Night Lightning 2 seat Nightfighter, from the Monogram, this was in “Out of the Box” category.





Contestant# 43 Event# 9

Description: *Moneygram* 43  
P 38 M



This of course, is a 1/48<sup>th</sup> F7F-3 Day Fighter single seat Grumman TigerCat, from most likely, the AMT kitting. It's in the scheme the Monogram kit in 1/72 scale years before came out in, the "462" bird was a publicity photo model, although it did serve actively, not just a pretty face. Ok, changeup



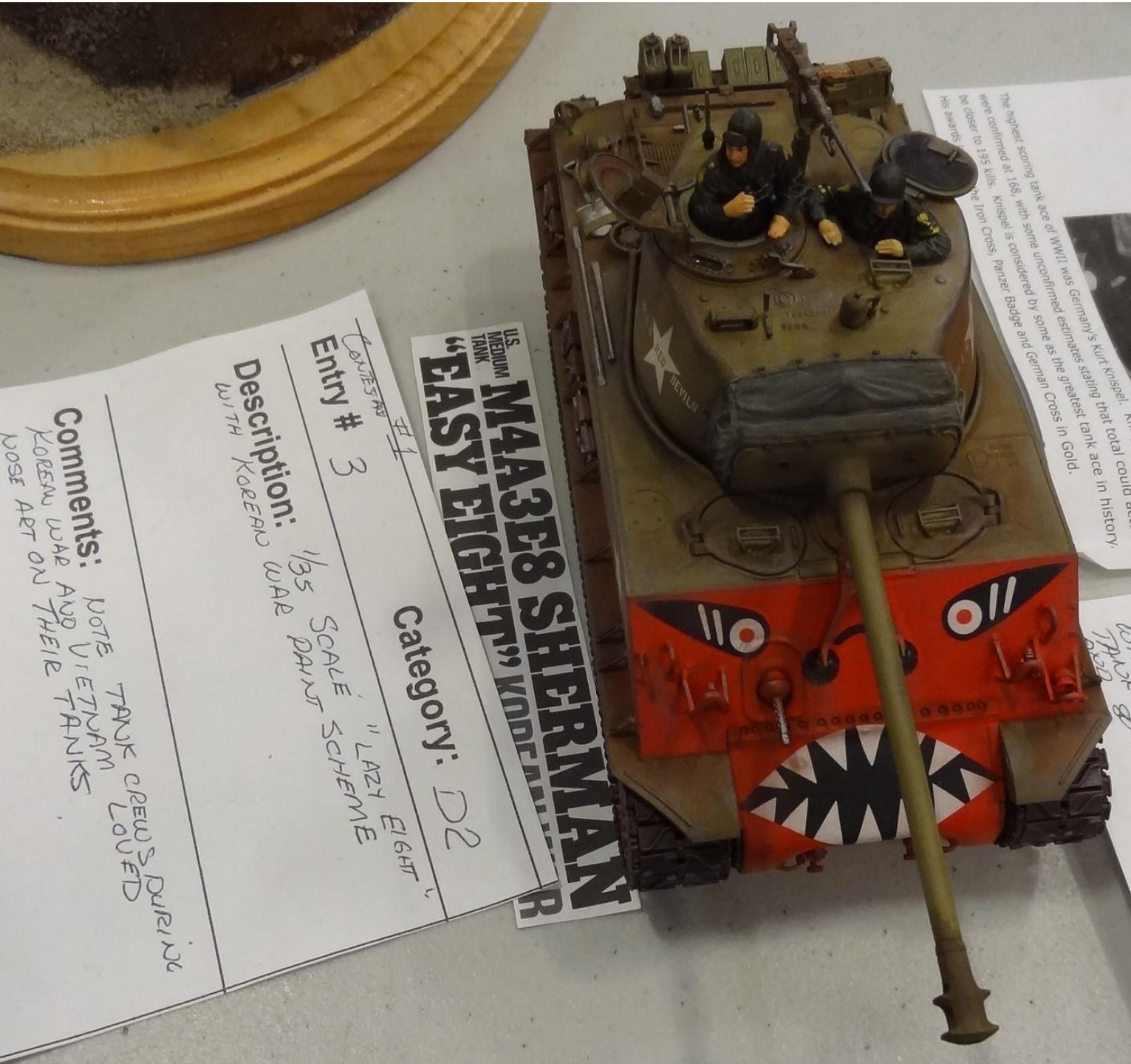
I just happened to really really like this model so chose it to lead in showing the category it was in, along with others I liked you'll see. This M3 Lee Movie Star armor in 1/35 scale conveys plenty of action standing still to match the marketing dept promise of gripping action put into the movie post

One of these days, this Bogart fan ought to see this movie and find out what the whole picture is about. Anyways, I again digress. On to Korean War!



These “Face Tanks” look very cool to me, and I have someday plans to complete the piece by piece tracks to put my own DML “Chinese Sherman” on the table to show off the yellow tiger face markings. In the meantime, I’ll just enjoy seeing others do a splendid job with their Tamiya Easy Eights

After one more overhead look at this fine armor plus 2 Finns we’ll again switch it up to see some 1/144 glorious machinery...Dream machines even.



U.S. MEDIUM TANK  
**"EASY EIGHT" SHERMAN**  
"KODENMANN"

Category: D2

~~KOREAN~~ #1  
Entry # 3

Description: 1/35 SCALE 'LAZY EIGHT'  
WITH KOREAN WAR PAINT SCHEME

Comments: NOTE TANK CREW'S DURINDU  
KOREAN WAR AND VIETNAM LOVED  
HOSE ART ON THEIR TANKS

The highest scoring tank ace of WWII was Germany's Kurt Knispel. No one else was confirmed to have scored more kills than he. Knispel was confirmed to have scored 168 kills, with some unconfirmed estimates stating that total could be closer to 195 kills. Knispel is considered by some as the greatest tank ace in history. He was awarded the Iron Cross, Panzer Badge and German Cross in Gold.



Contestant  
Description

1/35

Comments:



This piece intrigued me, for the camo and the configuration. Since I didn't have the data in any of my pics, I was forced to research it and amazed myself with what I found, really quick with "BT-7, Finnish" as search terms. This is a BT-42, which the Finns in WW2 made from captured BT-7 Soviet cavalry tanks, refitting them with new huge turrets that had British howitzers they had on hand. Apparently relatively successful in assault roles against pillboxes and like targets. Absolutely useless against German and Soviet tanks, in part due to the failure of the gun rounds arming the fuse in flight. One reportedly shot 18 rounds against a IS-2 without inflicting much more than annoyance, with no penetrating or exploding shells. Still, look of it fascinated me, I always enjoy American designed "Christie" suspension which the Soviets took to for their armor, in roadable mode

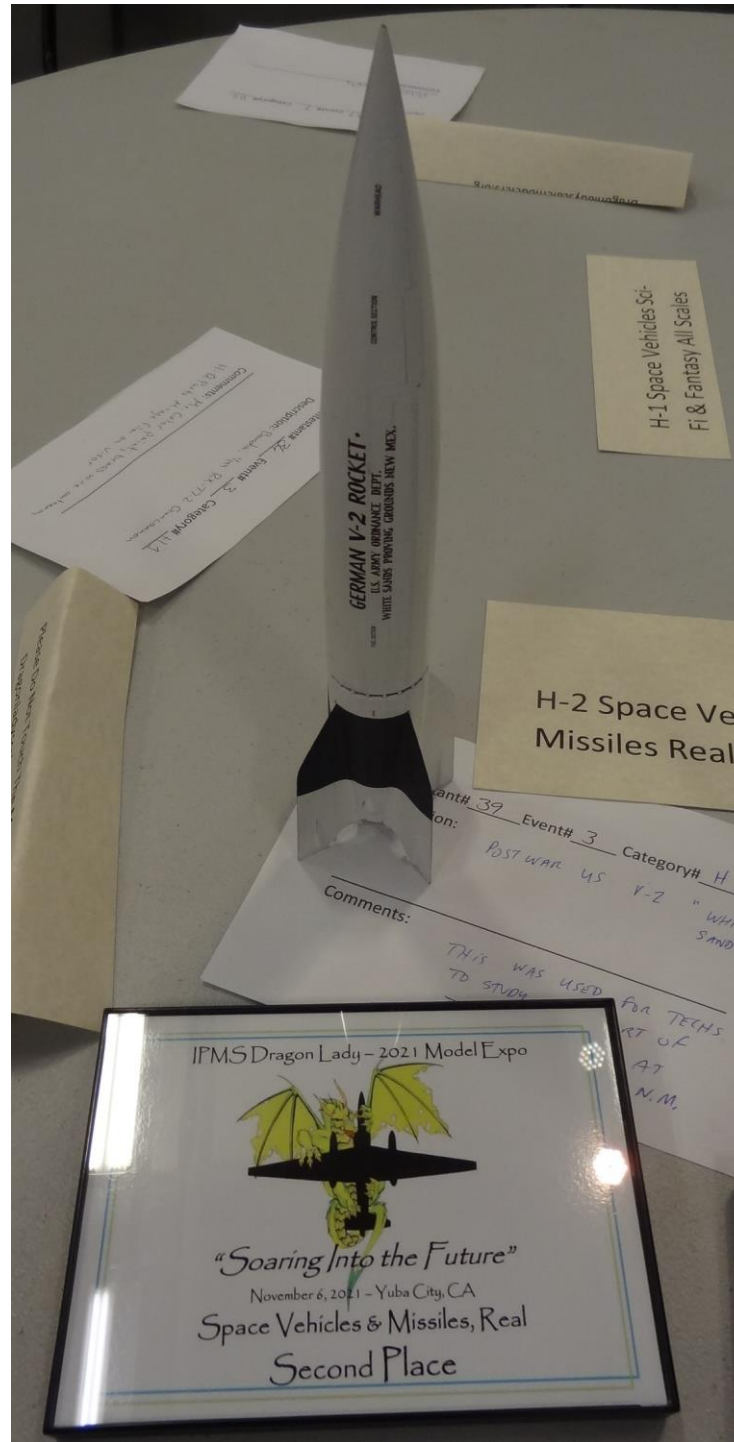
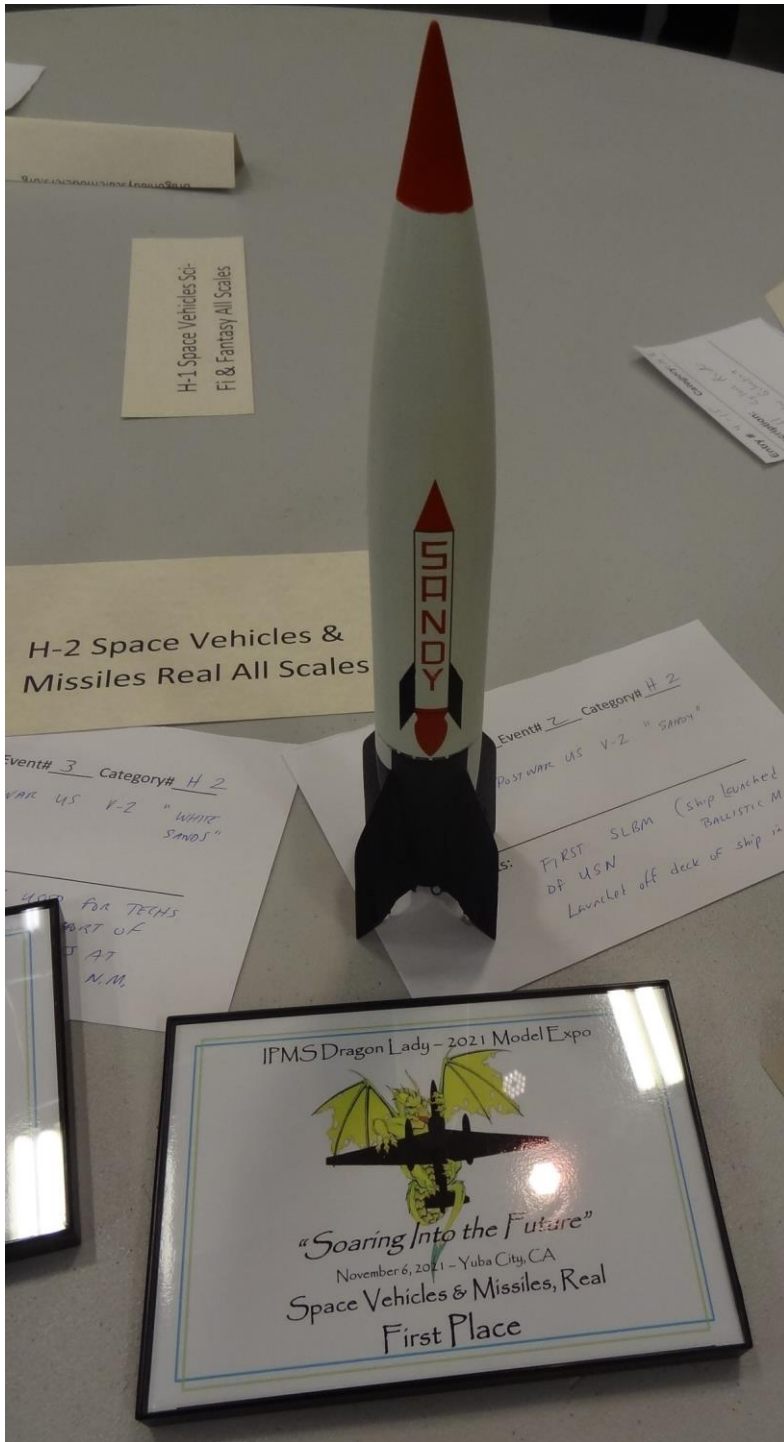


Here we go, the 1/144 scale aircraft category, as opposed to strictly airliner category which they also offered, thankfully Here is a model that I am so glad now I shot pics of, because other than at the 2021 IPMS Nats (in 1/72 scale no less!) I have not seen nor do I have one myself this Antonov that is no more! The An-225 “Mriya” (Dream) giant cargo craft is in this mix, the twin tailed 6 engine lovely on lower left . Casualty of recent events...



Mixed in this gathering is another favorite of mine that is rarely seen and not always looked as being very pretty by others as well. Oh well, read on ahead if you like. Here is the Andrei Tupelov twin engine jet workhorse success story of the post war, the Tu-16 "Badger". Done in a later rendering of maritime strike/recon bomber, the K-10 variant designated "Badger C" in NATO identification nomenclature. The original configuration had just the belly mounted AS-2 "Kipper" turbojet powered anti ship (USN Carrier...) cruise missile with nuclear warhead, this is the advanced version with twin wing mounts for the deadlier and faster AS-6 "Kingfish" (Mach 3.2 vs Mach 1.7). The weird looking nose is an enhancement aerodynamically, though that was a happy accident. It houses the long range search/acquisition radar and the undernose dome is housing for AS-2 guidance radar.





Alright, for now I must again wrap up for there is no more room to fit items into this issue for resulting PDF will exceed max size.

So, here is a look at the only two entries in H-2, Space Vehicles/Missiles Real, All scales.

They were my two post war US captured V-2s, the kit used is the 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale Pegasus snap tite which I think is suitably accurate, and kit costs reasonable.

The markings are from a IPMS Nats sheet that had 1/72 & 1/48 versions of these. The White Sands, NM US Army test site had this "German V-2 Rocket" as static display on trailer, toured the USA. Used also as study vehicle for techs in learning this missile as they were actively used in launch experiments. That "Operation Sandy" is my favorite, I called it USN's "First SLBM" for building article. SLBM usually the "Sub Launched Ballistic Missile" but here "Ship" instead of Sub, is meant. Launched from deck of USS Midway, in 1947 !

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An IPMS SILVERWINGS Event

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Originally scheduled 02-19-2022 SilverWings show has now been moved out to

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



**WAAAAAAYYYYYYY**

**BACK WHEN**

**And possibly, some mention in more detail of FREE HORNETS TRICITY 14 event occurrence...**

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*“ Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm “*

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