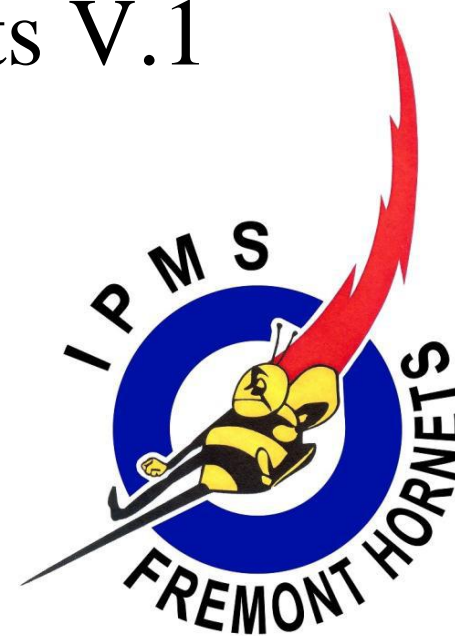


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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over **47** 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 JANUARY's HORNET's NEST**

**COMPLETING LOOK BACK at December's Nest with bigger look at a Kingfisher**

**You May Call This BUZZ The "Making Best 2nd BUZZ of Year edit I Can" edition**

**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 May 13 2024 0139 AM)

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

**YES! Now # 117** In case you are a new reader, the Issue number is off by one always, since # 0 was outset of this lark. That clarified or muddled, let's get to some actual important business!



***“ BEING SWIFT TO THE SECOND COURSE OF KETCHUP...!”***



*Seeing this issue to “done” puts me now at “ VINDALOO ” as I started with “added sugar” so to speak with prior issue (using a Ketchup Candy for editorial...)*

*This Editor is going for predict that by fifth bottling he should have us back to “Original Recipe” Hornet Buzz V.1. Namely synchronicity of at least an issue just ahead of the next meeting with last one as covered in month or less priorly.*

*Sorry if my effort at lightening the effort of getting caught up by use of silly “ketchup” illustrations is not going to elicit any compliment for choice of condiment. It works.*

*Here we are, starting 2024 covers And still on track to finish by 2024 anniversary of Normandy day- mb*

## *FIRST BUZZ LOOK at JANUARY 2024 NEST, at Al's Shop*

*At the start of 2024 now, our meeting would be in fact held just the night before the FIRST Region Nine event for the year, as a shock in some ways to many of us, as we had only learned of its existence a few weeks before this meeting, GREAT TURNOUT*



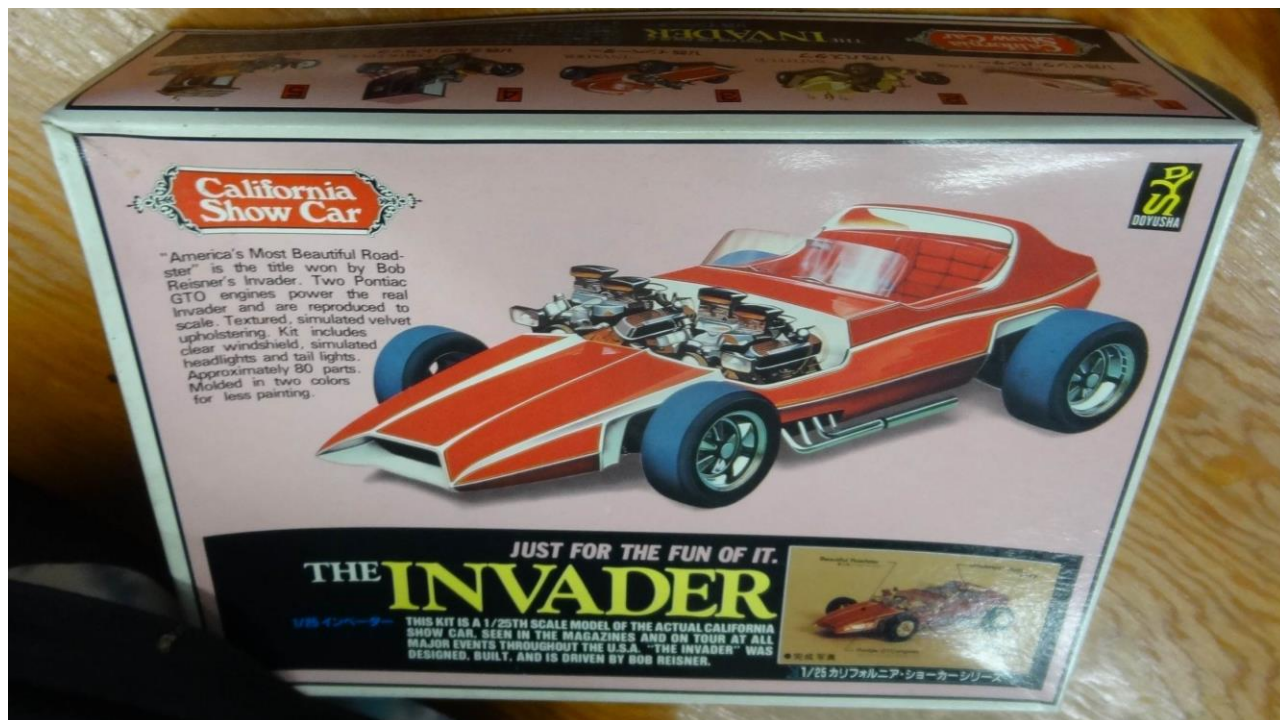


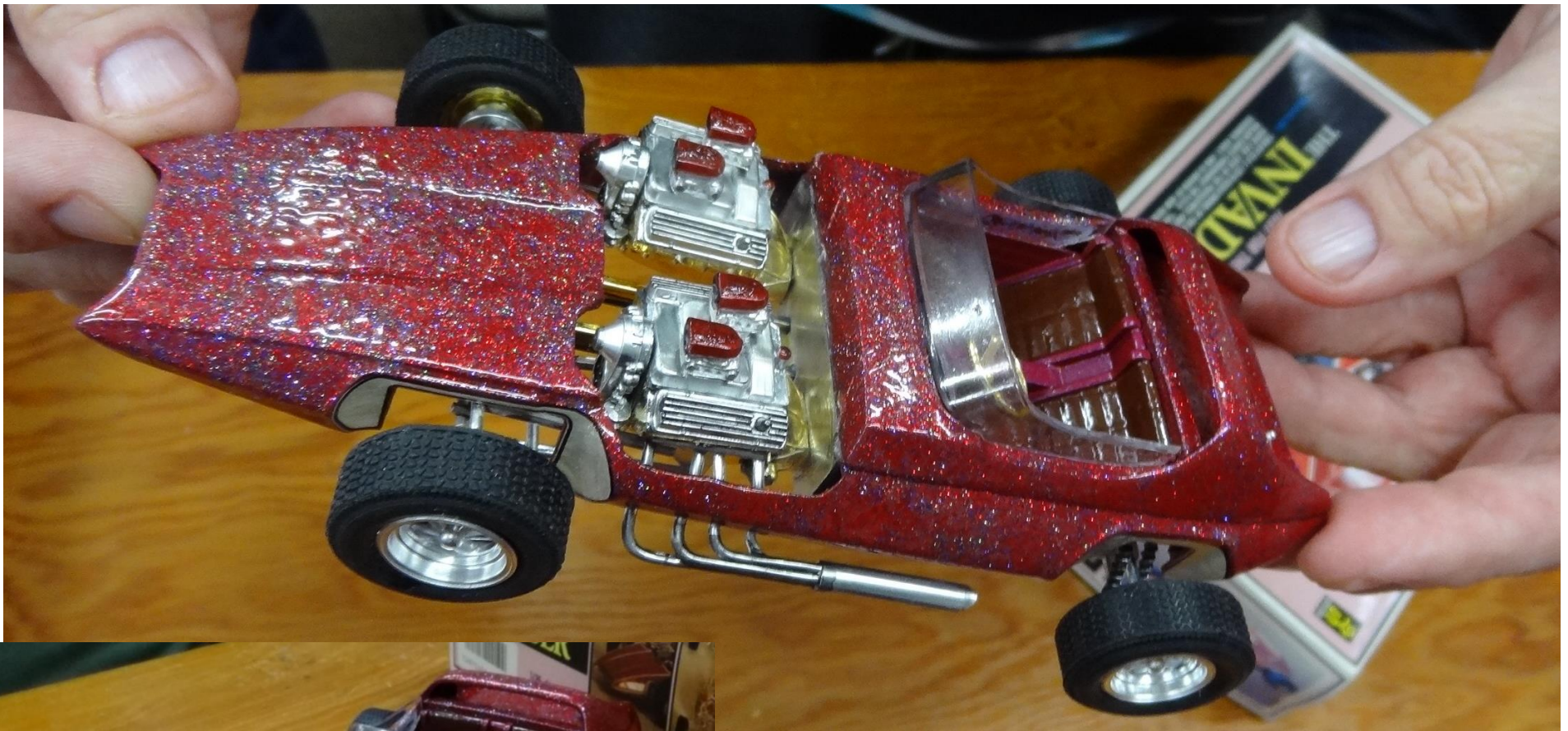
Bear with the Editor as he does the best he can recalling all the models and the Appreciated Free Hornets who came to meeting to share.

I am working only from total recall, no notes on hand!

**Miguel Jiminez** likes “making the oldies” as he puts it.

He had this rarely seen GTO Twin Engined Show Car, “The Invader”, kitted in the late ‘60s, along with the original molding of Triceratops by Tamiya in 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale!





He was far from alone in the vein of enjoying the rare oldies...

**Jim Priete** had a splendid Blast of American Car Model Past in a WIP of Jo-Han Trans-Am AMC Javelin Racer.

Jim gave model a thumbs up !

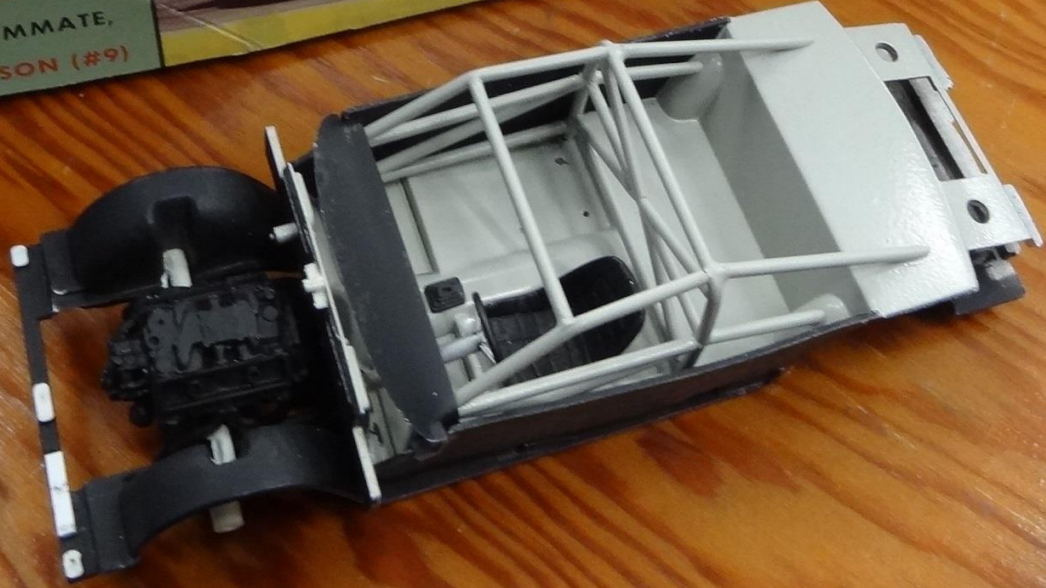




BY **JO-HAN**

**GO WITH THE WINNING SCCA TEAM**

BUILD THE  
SUNOCO JAVELIN  
OF EITHER  
MARK DONOHUE (#6)  
OR HIS TEAMMATE,  
PETER REVSON (#9)



**Chris Bucholtz** , when not busy being husband, father and the CEO of Obscureco, plus carrying on duties of Region Nine RC (also, I think he works for a living at a paying job), manages to find time to start projects like this one.

It's the Academy/MiniCraft 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale kit of the Lockheed PV-1 Ventura, twin engine patrol bomber/anti submarine bird.

Chris was inspired to tackle this project from being at the 2023 summer edition of "Spirit of '45 Alive" event held at San Jose History Park.



The SVSM group had a Tent Table area at the event as they often have in the past, showing WW2 models and promoting the Bay Area model clubs. Also supporting the event's core effort to enliven the history the World War Two years, for those who lived through it and to educate those who only know it as a dusty history chapter from school or family talks.

One of the visitors that day at the tent was a **102 year** old veteran pilot of the Aleutian ops who had extensive time in this plane type !

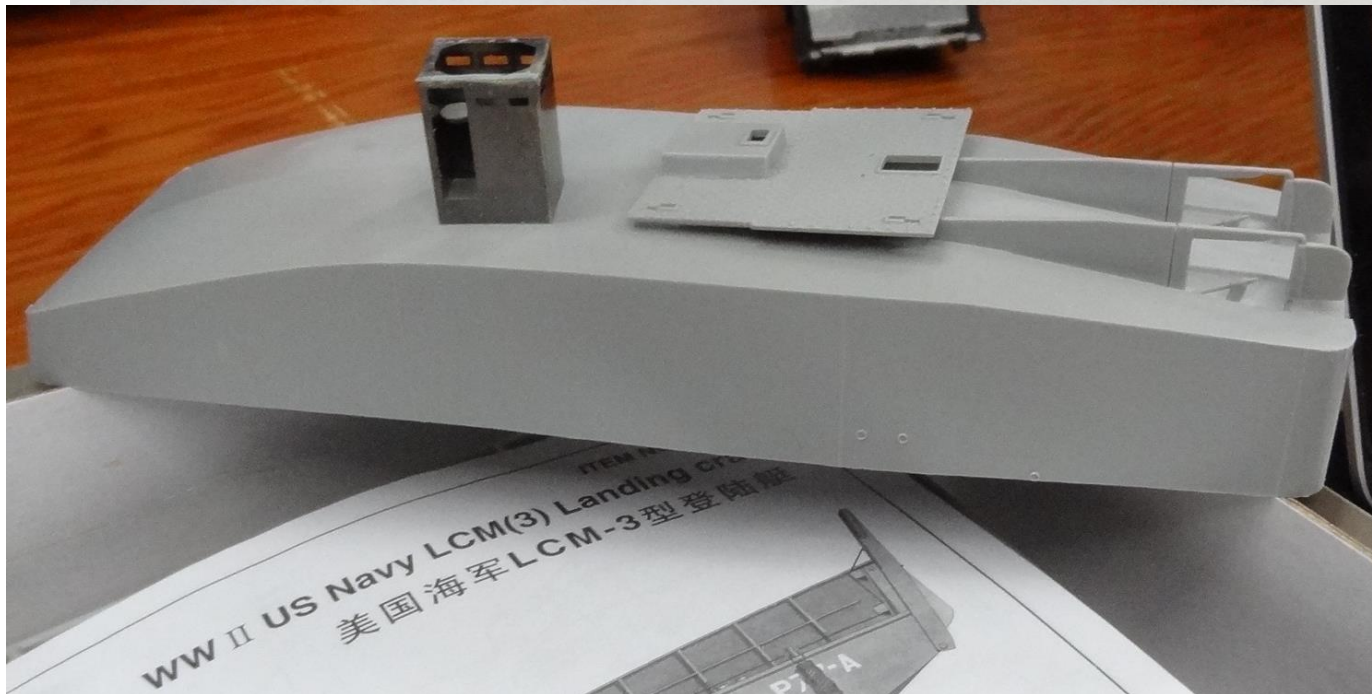


**John Larson** has a **family** of modelers going, his **youngest son** (*whose name escapes me again*) was at January's meet with a trio of SF Wargaming Model subjects underway, I believe the 5 petaled device is an assault lander, the Space Marine was part of that, and the framed cube I think is a 3-D print model of a related subject. He shares space here with Bob Meyers' autos...



Young Mr Larson was again in good company with **Mr. Aaron Rhetta** making that meeting with his two latest nearly finished GUNDAM models here.

The red device is an Ultra Violet light source which Aaron kindly used to show “enhanced” painting on his Tall figure. Quite cool.



**Older Brother Larson** was on leave from college at the time and so able to show his trio of armor projects as seen above. He also had a volume on US Army “Pentomic” division in the 1960-61 period which covered some War Game exercises at height of the Cold War. I can’t swear to it but that could well be an M-103 on left in markings that relate to that book.

**Randy Ray** had moved his LCM for eventual mount on Dragon Wagon, further along as you can see on left. Sorry, I can’t tell you more about it.



**Bob Meyers** is well known to some for his marvelous armor modelling. Yet he does quite a range of subjects and automotive such as these two here, amply demonstrate his skill at rendering cool outcomes there too. Distorted Funny Car & Racer Volvo !

**John Larson** also has quite the nice range in his model tastes, and this fictional spacecraft whose identity sadly I don't have recorded, is another example of John's work



**Angela Falvey** had this group of SF wargaming genre models who again, will have to be remaining nameless due Editor not taking a set of notes (presiding over meet and taking pictures took priority)





Editor having a bit of sport with **Alan O'Neal's** great little 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Fw-190 in Reich defence markings. The pilot is Actually posed to be climbing on wing, but I showed large pic as if he's dismayed at increasing size on way to his cockpit.

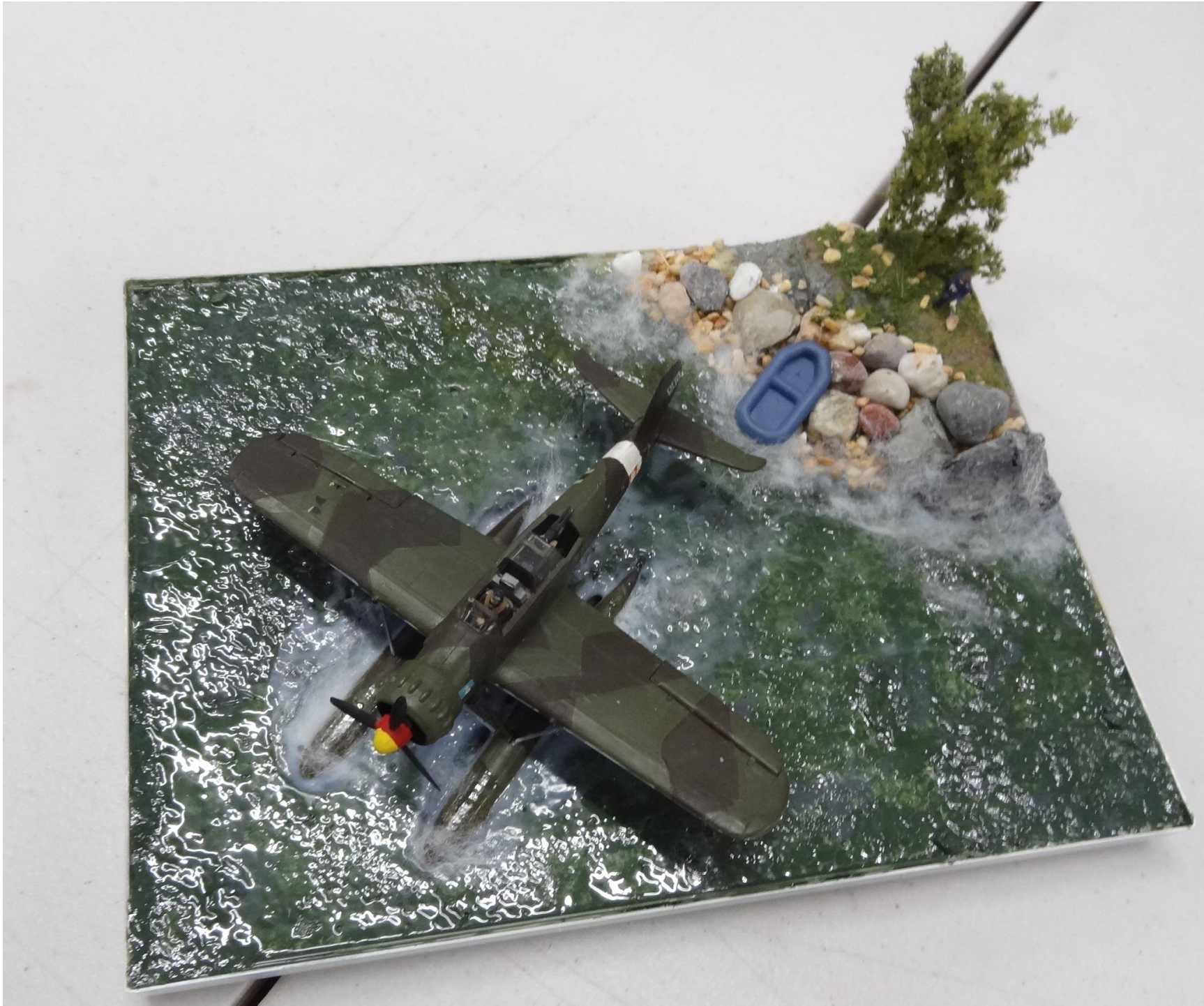
**Tom Cheung** is determined to try out all sorts of ways to model water for his modelling displays.

I am not complaining in the least, mind you, I'm merely explaining some for the pictures seen here

This is as he explained then, one of his latest, the Shoreline and shallow waters effect being the aim

The grand device of an Arado Ar-196 German floatplane and the man ashore, raft, all good for bringing the whole thing to life, nice work Tom







Again, the unfortunate effect of doing this from recall months later precludes having the identity of the modeler or details as well at times, here.

This is the 1968 Dan Gurney Indy 500 Olsonite Eagle in 1/25th, MPC molding originally issued in 1969.

Our **New Guy** modeler brought this to share, it's from a recent reissue of the fine old kit. He finished it in livery for Denny Hulme's car, 4th place that day

Gurney's team did well, taking 1, 2 and 4th place finishes. A-1 model !



**Geoff Kreuger** had this sweet 1/72nd scale RF-8G Photo Crusader, honoring the last service in US armed forces of this great Vought.



Undaunted as ever, **Ron Darcey** has an ambitious convert of 1/48th B-24 kit into PB4Y-2 here.

Last to wrap up the January coverage, is **Lou Orselli's** Brachiosaurus in 1/35th, by Tamiya





- mick fini

# A BETTER LOOK at AN EXCELLENT PEACETIME PASTIME, Art in 3-D Form

*One final visit of the December 2023 Hornet Meet for the holidays, as promised at the end of the article in last BUZZ.*



Norm Luebkers' "Seaplane Training Base" in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> struck me as just charming and deceptively busier than on first eye look.





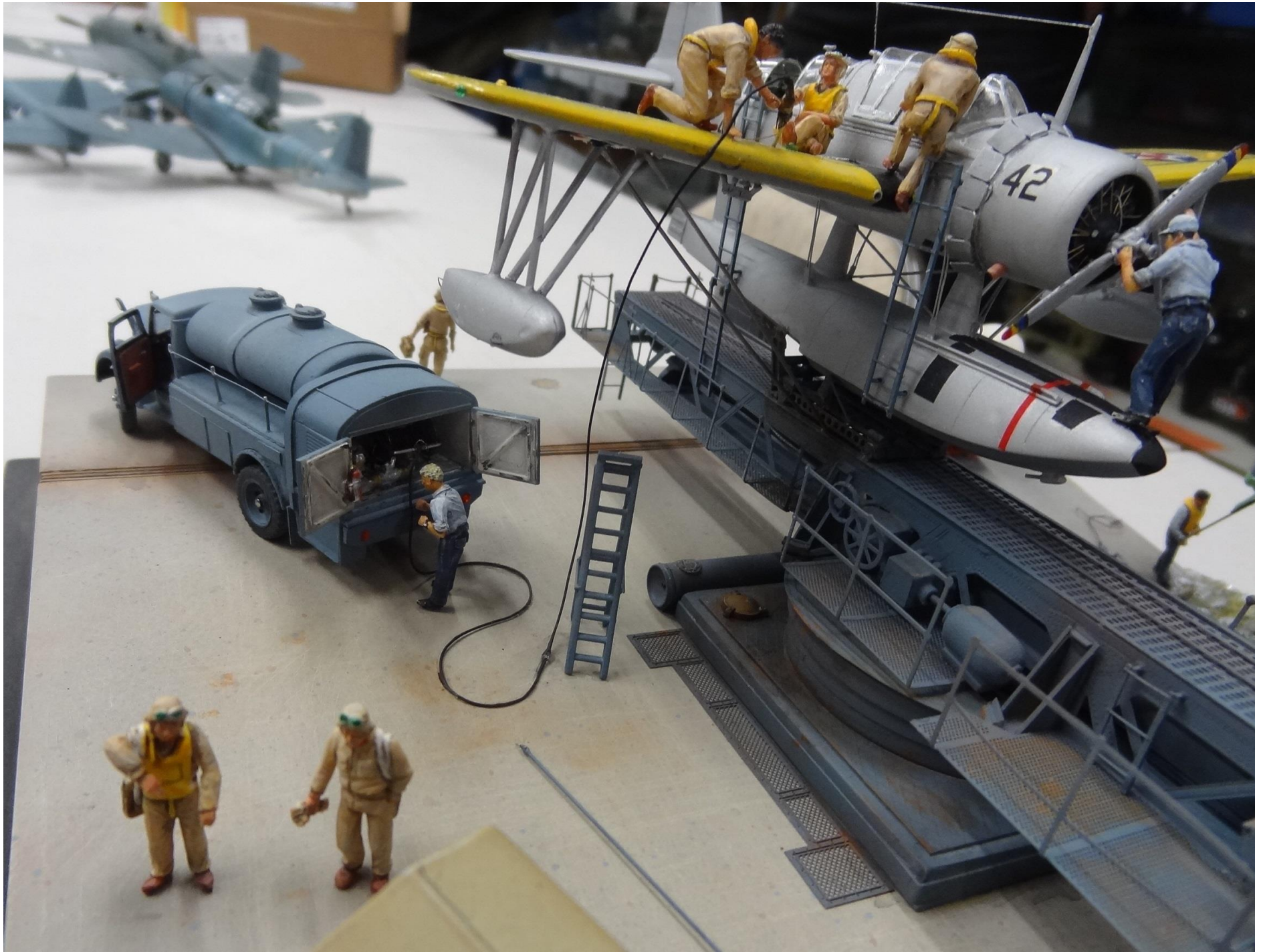
Norm has come to many of our meets since joining as Free Hornet member, many of his magnificent model works have been in what I termed teasingly “microscope scale”. Like 1/350<sup>th</sup>, basically, which makes possible some very nice large area works for portraying Fort Drum (El Fraile Island) or the entirety of support system for the “Dora” siege gun. Happily, he does larger ones.

For instance this “peacetime” (well, in USA at that time, still technically true) period piece Norm created from reference photos of a Vought OS2U Kingfisher Scout/Rescue Floatplane on its launch catapult.









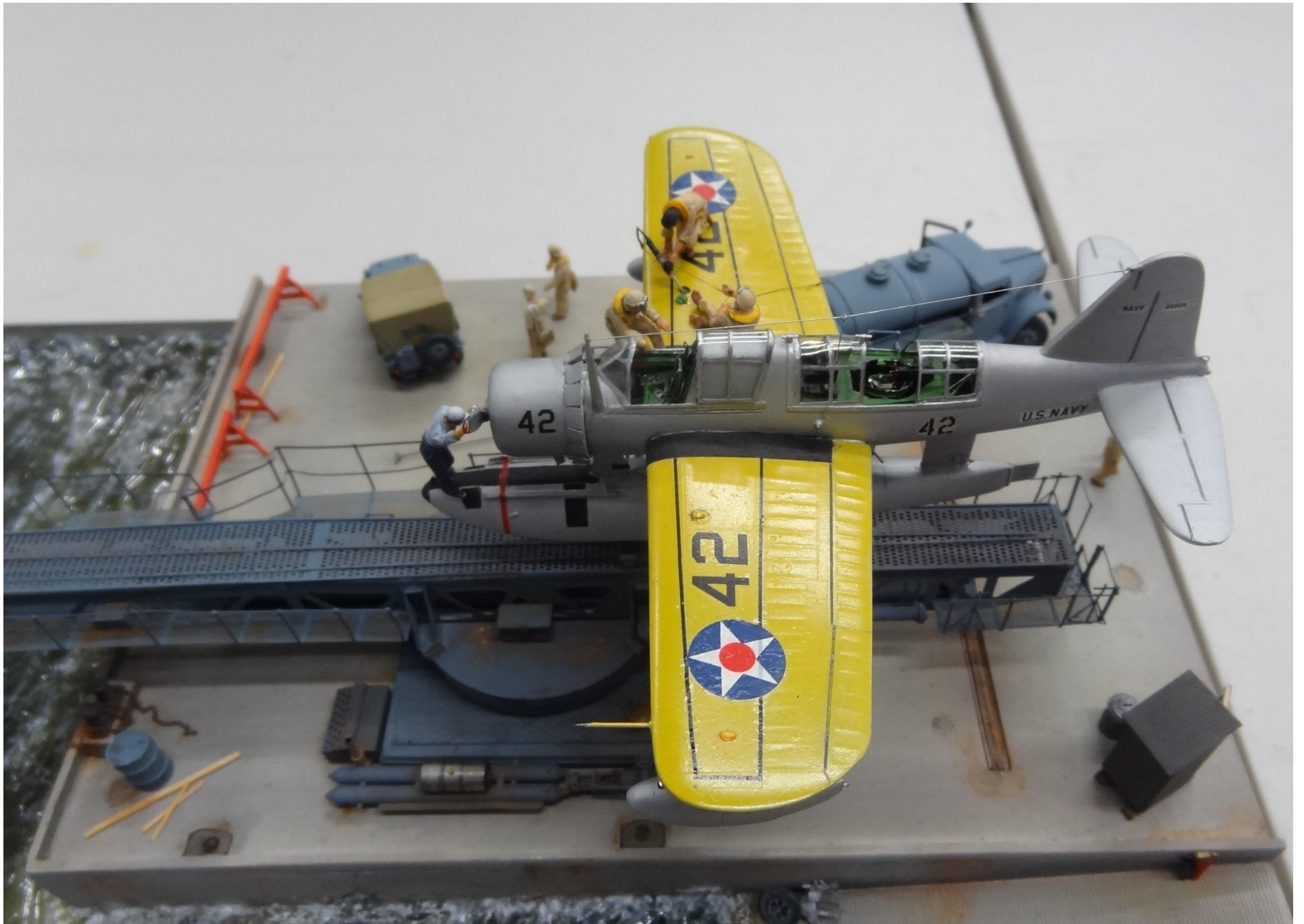




As you look through this gallery, I am sure you get some sense of what I meant about the fullness of life captured in his art. He also has of course, like his other model works we have seen, made it so it is normally covered in a tight fitting acrylic casing.



Thanks again Norm, for the sharing. I am admiring the effort and the accomplishment again, hope we see you soon again. -mick



# *Coming Up NEXT*

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY JUNE 14 2024**

**REMINDER – WE WILL BE AT A NEW MEET VENUE in FREMONT**

*Treasurer/VP Dave Parks has again come through for the Club with this new plan*

*We will begin meeting at 7:30 PM and end by 10 PM, that is a surety. Short bit of business to get our bearings and then we go to Model Talk in depth. We are the appreciative guests of this Hobby Game Establishment and we will endeavor to make them quite pleased to have us as regular attendees in future as they & we grow more.*

**GAMES of FREMONT, 39281 Fremont Hub #200, Fremont CA**

*Located in the Fremont Hub Shopping Center, Corner of Mowry Ave & Fremont Blvd*

## **PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION**

**WE MAY CATCH UP WITH MORE EARLY FIRST QUARTER MEETINGS NEWS**

**STAY TUNED**

**ALONG WITH COVERAGE OF MORE NEWS ABOUT OUR TRYING FOR TRI CITY SIXTEEN THIS YEAR**

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

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- Mick Burton, madman at large – [DAZE61283@mypacks.net](mailto:DAZE61283@mypacks.net)

( sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here ) “ Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm “

