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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 **REGULAR EDITION 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*)

Also: May's HORNET NEST, OTHER RELATED TOPICS

OH NO ! It Appears Now We Are In "Clear And Present Danger" of hosting TC-16

You May Call This BUZZ The "TAKING LAST SIPS OF A GREAT Vintage 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 June 07 2024 1159 PM)

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

YES! Now # 121 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!



“THE FINEST FORM TO RETIRE IN!”



Said that a picture is worth a thousand words.

So I offer you brevity instead of three thousand editorial attempts inadequate to task.

Greater Days ahead for you, Sir Al

- mb



SATURDAY June 8th 2024



East/Central Bay Modeler Society meet for the Last Call at the Hobbies Unlimited Corral

AL GERACE has graciously offered to have his shop open for the regular hours 10A to 5PM, so we have chance to hang out, shop, say hello to old friends, make new friends, make one last memorable "day at the Hobby Shop". Don't be shy, COME ON BY! -mickbmodeler

ALRIGHT REGION NINE – WE ARE CONFIRMED so FREE HORNETS PROUDLY BRING YOU:



TRI-CITY CLASSIC XVI

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition



Saturday, November 09 2024

at the **Fremont Elks Lodge**, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, California 9am - 5pm

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

“ *Clear And Present Danger* ”

(On Theme Entry Subject: anything from USA, Cuba or Central/South America or directly related)

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

“ **Operation Reciprocity** ” Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

“ **Triple Threat** ” (three awards: Best: USCG Subject, Special/Black Ops Subject, Single Rotary Wing Subject)

“ **Semper Fidelis** ” Award for Best Post 1985 USMC subject

ALSO “**Mulieres Volante**” for Women In Aerospace Entry & “**Know A Hornet’s Mighty Sting**” for Best American Fighter Aircraft

Plus these: “ **Best Twin Engine Lightning** “, “ **IT FIGURES** ” (Up to 3 Awards for Junior/Youth with prolific entry)

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/FIVE model entries/less (\$15 for **SIX or more**) Any modelers 17/under, FREE with unlimited entry

For **Vendor Information**, Contact VP **David Parks**, DAVIDPARKS81@comcast.net. Be advised : **VALID CA SALES TAX PERMIT REQUIRED**

For All Other Queries : Email **Contest Director** Mick Burton directly at DAZE61283@mypacks.net with “Tri City 16 Contest” on subject line

The following are planned for 2024 TriCity Classic XVI. 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	2A Youth SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures	2B Youth All Other	
3A	Junior Mil Vehicles	3B Junior Automotive	3C Junior SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures	3D Junior Ships/All Other	4 Junior Aircraft AS/AT	
5	Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/32 & larger		11 Multi Engine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/72			
6	Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/48 & smaller		12 Single Engine Prop or Turbo Axis 1/48			
7	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Axis		13 Single Engine Prop or Turboprop 1/48 Allied/Neutral			
8	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Allied/Neutral		14 Multi Engine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/48			
9	Multi Engine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/72		15 Single Engine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/48			
10	Single Engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft 1/72		16 Multi Engine Jet/Rocket 1/48			
17	Aircraft 1/87 scale and smaller		22 Rotary Wing Aircraft, AS/AT			
18	Aircraft Prop or Turboprop 1/40 and larger		23 Artillery and related ancillary vehicles, Cannons, unmounted Small Arms, AS			
19	Aircraft Jet 1/40 and larger		24 Surface Ships 1/401 & Smaller			
20	Air Racers/Civilian Air, AS		25 Surface Ships 1/400 & Larger			
21	Air Liners AT/AS		26 Submarines, AS			
27	Autos Custom & Low Rider, AS		34 Military Softskin 1/35			
28	Automobiles Competition, Open Wheel, AS		35 AFVs & Military Softskin 1/48 only			
29	Automobiles Competition, Closed Wheel, AS		36 AFVs & Military Softskins 1/25 & Larger			
30	Motorcycle/Autos, Other, (Stock, Utility, Pickups) AS		37 AFVs Military Softskin 1/50 & Smaller			
31	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Allied		38 Real Space, Capsules, Orbiters & Deep Space Vehicles, AS			
32	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Axis		39 Real Space, EARTH Based Launch Vehicles ONLY, AS			
33	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 1955 & later		40 Real Space, Surface Exp/Land Craft, & Earth bound test subjects, AS			
41	Missiles & Rockets, All Types/All Scales		47 Sci Fic Vehicles/Spacecraft, AS	52 PAPER Models, AS/AT		
42A	8" or less tall Figures Fantasy & Sci fi, Horror, Robots		48 Figures, Historical, to 18 th Century	53A (Less) UNFINISHED Subjects		
43B	9" & taller Figures Fantasy & Sci Fi, Horror, Robots		49 Figures, Historical, 19 th Century & beyond	54B UNFINISHED (More) Subjects		
44C	GUNDAM Models, ONLY, 1/144 scale & smaller		50A Dioramas, 8"/smaller base	55 Collections (5 or More subject), AS/AT		
45D	GUNDAM Models, ONLY, 1/143 scale & larger		51B Dioramas, 9" & up larger	56 Miscellaneous, AS/AT		
46E	SciFi Wargaming Subjects ONLY (Warhammer, et al)					

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



1. "Operation Reciprocity" Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme
2. "Triple Threat" Award (3) Best "USCG", "Special/Black Ops", "Single Shaft Rotary Wing" Subject
3. "Semper Fidelis" Award Best Post 1985 USMC Subject (Real or Not)
4. "Mulieres Volante" Award for Women In Aerospace Subject Entry
5. "Know A Hornet's Mighty Sting" for Best American Fighter Aircraft, in honor of Sir Bob 1759 OBE
6. "Lightning Strikes Twice" : Best English Electric or Lockheed Lightning, Arado Blitz (all are Twin Engine Lightning)
7. "Kenneth Jung Memorial Award" Contest Director's Choice
8. "Steve Travis Service Award" Recognition for Service to Fremont Hornets or Region Nine
9. Awards Best in Category for: Fig or Robot; Auto; Ship or SpaceShip; Aircraft; Armor; Diorama, Show Senior, Show Junior or Youth
10. **IT FIGURES Lester Tockerman Memorial Award** 3 set Junior/Youth Awards, Given by MIRANDCO in honor of a great man and contributor



MAY 2024, Our Final Hornet's NEST Ever Being Held at Al's Shop

Well here you and I are, THE LAST NEST on the 2nd Friday of May, that we could be enjoying the splendid ambiance of a real honest true Hobby Shop, after hours, with our community of great hobbyists. This Friday evening meet was extra special as we were able to enjoy the presence of Sir Al Gerace himself in 3-D ! Al had said the prior Saturday at my attend of the ECBMS meeting at HU & lunch nearby, he would try to make our last meeting, if family and business matters permitted, no promises.

Lo and behold, the President/Editor managed to be on time, and found indeed, Al was at the shop, but as it worked out, was so buried in work back at the Railroad department counter that he had to participate by listening and occasionally calling out to us.

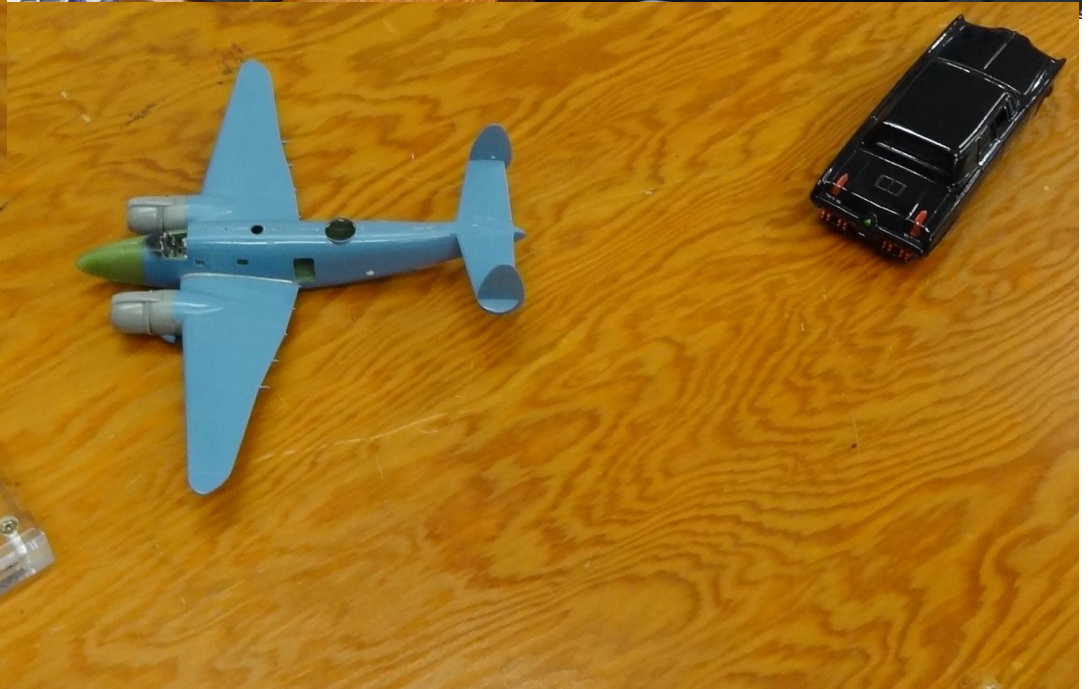
Better meeting night for his participation even if it had to be more remote than in person at table. We had pretty solid turnout of Members this evenng, including “Hobby Night” Angela, who made sure she didn’t miss this one, having been very busy for the April meeting night at which she was sorely missed. Here, another picture of May meeting underway to prove I’m not fibbin’!!



Shortly thereafter that shot was taken, arrival of R-9 RC **Chris Bucholtz** brought about chance for me to put him to work before he could relax !

On right, you can just see the PV-1 Ventura of his and a surprise for us to share in, re: SV Classic #8 which was now only little more than 6 weeks away

Quick review here: Blue – WIP Lockheed PV-1 Ventura. The mostly clear item, a surprise...



the surprise was in fact brought to the meeting in that fashionable bag seen above left, by Eugenie Ray, who passed it on over to Chris, as you can see above, to left of PV-1. By the way, the black car on the right is shown pretty well so I kept it in this shot.

More on all this in a moment, for now take notice that Chris's Ventura is advancing towards completion, even with a contest.



Yes, more evidence you can be a Contest Director and still keep at your modelling fun. Speaking of contests, here is a look at a prototype Special Award for the upcoming SV Classic # 8 “Hit The Beach”, worked up by Eugenie and Chris, Not obvious here is that these are partially “repurposed” material, the acrylic block was once an award won previously elsewhere, As Chris noted, A “Postage Commemorative Stamp” theme is an elegant way to economically provide several special awards on a tight budget.





Mike Jiminez ever prolific with the completion of models from the first “Golden Age of Modelling”, had this latest on hand.

If you hear faint insistent trumpet sounds in the background while viewing these shots, or sudden recall of “Enter The Dragon “ movie promos, it is no accident, This car is “ The Black Beauty ” from “The Green Hornet” TV series, driven ably while doing super heroic service by Kato, played by artist Bruce Lee.

The car’s owner and Kato’s employer is Britt Reid, who goes on crimefighting gigs in this vehicle as “The Green Hornet”.

Model here is the 1/32 scale revival/re-issue kit by Polar Lights of the original Aurora Models molding from the late 1960s.

Those are rockets you see by the way, festooning both front and rear bumpers, outfitted nearly like a land version of an F-89D !



The **Youngest Larson** had this pair of ambitious Sci Fi models. My memory is poor, but I believe there is 3D printing involved







While I can't tell you now what any of these fine SF Models of his are, I keep having this nagging recall of this one here was something our young Mr Larson made using his recently gotten 3-D printer.

At an affordable price, the model not the printer, I don't have a clue on that.

Perhaps in the next meets ahead, I'll get more details and maybe a way to better recall names of these great members who bring all the good stuff to show

Ah! One I can remember. This is his dad, **John Larson “The Tank Guy”**, with this marvelous 1/32nd scale F-5 to share





John recounted having seen the Northrop twin jets flying in and out of his day to day life “back in the day” with fond memory and was inspired to do this Aggressor (USN) schemed bird. He said the stand was one he has a small number of, got them and now says they aren’t to be had anymore anywhere. They are nice indeed.

This shot of John’s jet, and the prior one, also give us a preview of **Angela Falvey**’s latest armada of work, happily.

Happily I say in part due to fact I found I only had one good clear shot otherwise, which I share with you all below





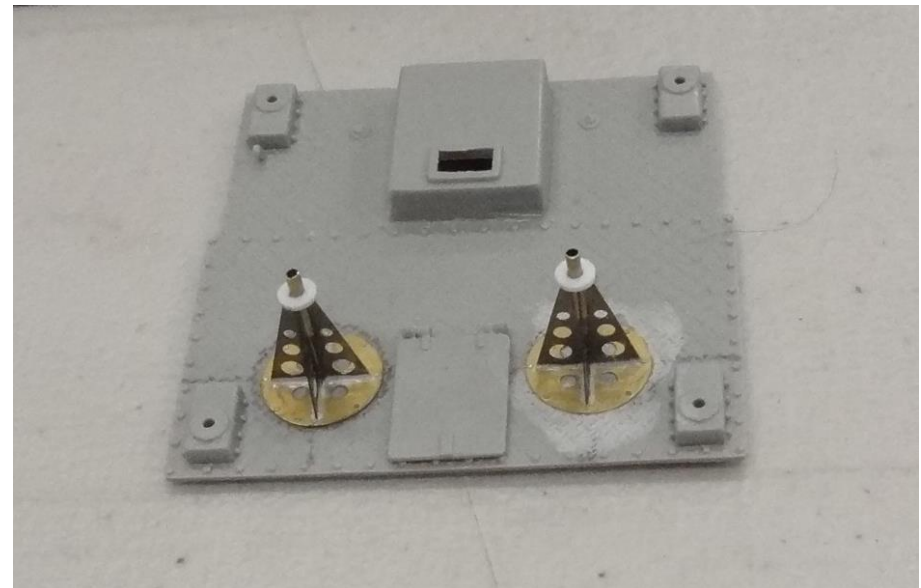
Alan O'Neal's latest 1/35th WW2 German project is done as you see

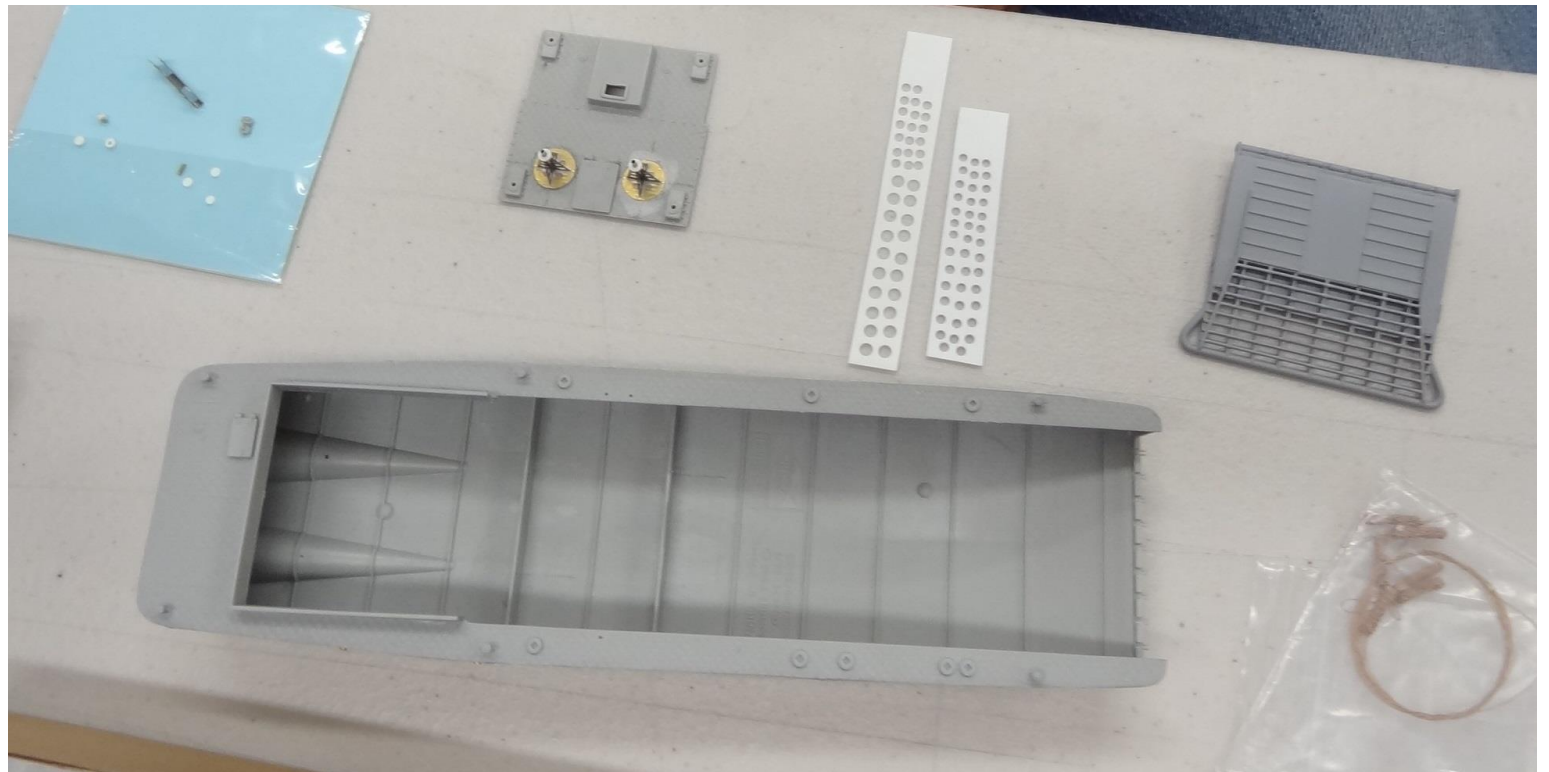
Nice work on the tricolor camo !





Randy Ray brought along a big box of Work In Progress and tale to go with it, for his 1/35 LCM craft which will be on a M26 Dragon Wagon's tank transporter trailer one day





OKAY – on last Model Talk portion of our final Hobbies Unlimited Fremont Hornet’s Nest, we’ll go with a Gallery of Tanks!



Alright, it’s going to be just two, but a mighty pair these two. **Bob Meyers’** 1/35th World War One British armored might, Yes, that is a tank, a Mark IV “Female” in fact. This maiden was pretty formidable, there’s FIVE Lewis machine guns onboard her, two in each sponson and one forward firing between the horns as they say. Takom is the kit he used, I am pretty sure.

Those wheels at the rear, by the way if you don’t know, yes, they are steering wheels to assist the unwieldy beast! The screen atop her is anti-grenade/mine device, as the armor was heavy and of course thinner on top versus the sides, by design.







One last look, at her other side, and then we'll get a take on the Male side of things in the Mark IV world of tanks...

Actually, let's say the Mk V Male take. The Mk V was an improved version of the IV with a larger engine among other things.



Bob chose a pleasing scheme for his, in my estimate. It's a German "BeutePanzerWagen" (yes, a *Booty Tank*... aka loot, ok?)







As Bob noted in our spirited discussion of these interesting tanks, one of the hazards on the battlefield to their crews was not the enemy action, but the hot, dark, cramped working conditions coupled with a ventilation system that by arrival of Mark V was almost worse than could be imagined within an “improved” vehicle. Mks 1 to IV took cooling air inside tank through the radiator and vented it out, thus constant moving air. Mk V took it from outside tank, ran it across radiator and put it out a vent. The resulting stagnant air condition was said to be able to render a crew nearly unconscious in only a few hours. Go figure.



THAT's MAY from the Model Talk end of things. We reviewed the upcoming June Meeting being at our new locale in the Fremont Hub shopping center which will likely make the distance somewhat shorter for the South enders and perhaps not so longer for the North Enders (it's counter commute for one).

We will just have to see how it works out. Reminders about upcoming San Diego Contest/Show, followed by our 1st new locale meet which immediately precedes the return of SVSM having Contest/Show with SVC # 8 " Hit The Beach ".

Encouragingly also, VP David Parks let the President/Contest Dir for TC-16 know that he'd be trying to get a commitment for our third time in a row show at the Fremont Elks Lodge for November



With that, since we weren't going to have a raffle, alas, we took advantage of the extra time we had to put Al Gerace to work more than he already had been during the meeting hours.

Yes, namely shopping luxuriantly in the quiet confines of Hobbies Unlimited After Dark. Another of the many great features of meeting here that I am going to sorely miss as life moves on.

So, although there would be a few more Saturdays left for us to enjoy "The Unlimited", this was our last in this manner.

I am going to indulge a bit with gallery such as it is, what that night looked like to remember what Hobby Shops really are

In case you have someone ask in the future, you now can have some "publicly accessible" evidence to show what once greatly was in existence and ours to enjoy!

Yes, that is Al Gerace, taking a break to share the joy of modelling and all things grand, with Angela “Hobby Night” Falvey









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VP David Parks has provided handy guide to OUR NEW MEETING VENUE LOCALE, here's a look if you missed meeting



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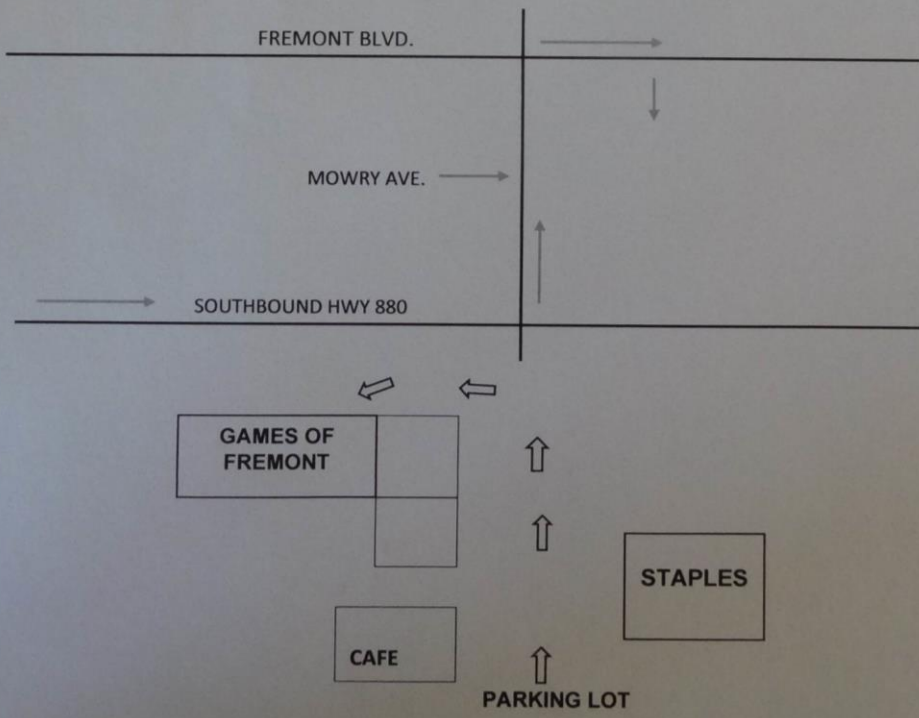
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The new meeting place for the IPMS FREMONT HORNETS ON FRIDAY JUNE 14TH AT 7:30PM

**Games of Fremont
39281 Fremont Hub #200
Fremont Ca**

The Fremont Hub Shopping Center is located at the corner of Fremont Blvd. and Mowry Ave. in Fremont.

From Hwy 880, take the Mowry Ave. exit east and enter Fremont. Stay on Mowry Ave and then turn left onto Fremont Blvd. Enter the shopping center on the Fremont Blvd. side just south of Mowry Ave. Park in the lot near the Staples store and enter the shopping center between Staples and the small café. See map below:



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 SEE WHAT MAY MEETING LOOKED LIKE BEFORE JUNE MEETING (*Shock, I know*)

STAY TUNED

ALONG WITH COVERAGE OF **MORE NEWS ABOUT OUR HOSTING A TRI CITY SIXTEEN THIS YEAR**

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

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

- 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 “

