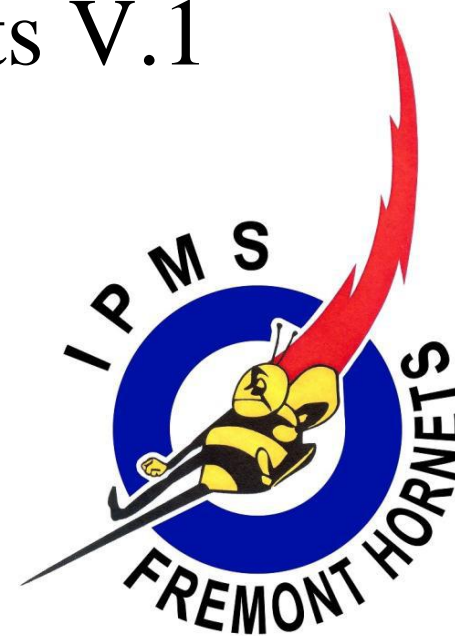


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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 121

July 12 2024



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: POSSIBLY OTHER RELATED TOPICS (or not. Did this issue in hurry)

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

You May Call This BUZZ The "NEW DIGS 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 July 12 2024 601 PM)

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

YES! Now # 122 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!

“THE PROOF IS FINALLY IN!”



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TriCity Classic XVI "Clear And Present Danger"

About the Event...

Third time's charm for us for what will be our 16th TC Classic, as we enjoy hosting for third year in a row at our new venue The Elks Lodge of Fremont. Our Contest & Show will be featuring now 56 Senior Categories, 10 Junior/SubJunior Categories for traditional 1-2-3 awarding. We will offer 17 Special Awards, including of course the usual Best of Show Senior & Junior (2) Best of Class (6) (Aircraft, Armor, Auto, Fig, Ship, Dio) as well as returning favorites for Best Twin Engine Lightning, Best American Fighter Aircraft. Also returning is the "It Figures" Special Award series for Junior entrants only, up to three cash awards given out if warranted, in memory of long time competitor and supporter who always promoted the Joy of Scale Modelling to the young folk. Our theme this year again uses our long time template of combining geography with a classic movie: "Clear And Present Danger" the movie, the specific "on theme subject entries eligible" thusly will be for the most part ANYTHING from USA, Cuba, Central or South America, to be cohesive with the movie's main focus. 5 Special Awards of our planned 17 will be focused on the theme, some with wide range and some very specific. We will have Vendors, Raffles (yes, more than one during the day of event) plenty of free parking on site, varied restaurants (sit down & walk up, many types of menu) within walking distance. Our venue is easy to find, well lit, our model community is friendly and welcomes you to our show to compete, shop, come to see the models, meet old friends, make new ones, and HAVE FUN .

Event Information

Event Date: November 9, 2024 - 9:00am to 5:00pm PST

*Sometimes it
flies right on
through,
sometimes it
gets stuck in
transit like
fast set glue*

*Nonetheless,
here now for
all to see*

*Our show
coming to
you in Fall*

Greater and NEW UPDATED detail will soon be yours - - mb

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



JUNE 2024, Our First Hornet's NEST Ever Being Held at GAMES of FREMONT's Shop

Well as luck would have it, the President/Contest Director/Editor managed to find the new place so he could allegedly conduct the meeting at some point. The nice lady seen just above his shoulder was a major part of why that was, as she kindly called out to him as he managed to pass the place twice on foot, as she and her husband were parking the car. While walking from BART station to the Fremont Hub proved no trouble at all, locating the Game Shop when within 300 yards of it, inexplicably chaotic.

Thanks Eugenie, and also thanks to the newer member of the club who took this shot with me in it to prove I was there.

We had (as you'll soon see) a pretty good turnout for considering that this first meet at the new locale was falling on the night before the return of SVSM to the Contest/Show front in Region Nine after a 21 month hiatus. So of course that's how I opened the meeting after quick remarks, to proceed for discussion of urgent new business of that upcoming event, at a familiar venue !

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Chris Bucholtz is the Contest Director for this SVSM SV Classic # 8 and he had the newest flyer on hand which greatly relieved the President as it reflected corrections made since May 2024 version from Silvercon.



Chris also brought the fine news in 3-D format of the final form taken for the Best of Show award to be had at the end of the show. Plus, thanks to Eugenie and Randy Ray, also had complete set of examples of the 1/2/3 category awards to share a look at ahead of the event. Take a look :



These are “Challenge Coins” in essence, and carefully designed to reflect the dual anniversaries of IPMS USA and SVSM as a chapter of such, 60 years ! (SVSM as a club is older than that by a year...)

Very nice awards on offer and seeing them now along with finding out the pricing, has started a conversation within the TriCity 16 Exec Staff on possibly employing a similar concept in years ahead.

As a past Contest Director of some several SVSM KickOff Classics, I can appreciate in many ways the painful economics of running that event, which has only grown more costly in the SV Classic followon



On the right and in larger viewing format coming ahead, here is a look at the final Version Best of Show SVSM # 8 Classic award, traditionally known as the Ted Kauffman Memorial Award.

Ted was a very fearless modeler and one of his fine efforts before his passage, was a 1/24th scale Hawker Hurricane done “half and half” (Half completed “skinned” and other half “unskinned” to reveal all the ribbing, etc as the real aircraft was built up.)

Oh, and then there was the time he did a complete series showing the steps of construction of the Curtiss JN-4 “Jenny”, as built in reality the Curtiss factory floor, from start to finish. He used to say he wanted to learn how to build model cars, someday...



Washington Crossing the Delaware
From a Painting by Emanuel Leutze / Eastman Johnson



TED KAUFFMAN
MEMORIAL AWARD
BEST IN SHOW
SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC 2024

Okay, so we did give all we could to encourage the turnout for SV Classic, and switched into Model Talk as we had some fine new works to pore over. **Tom Cheung** carries on his enjoying having time now build models, with this marvel pair of Viggies.





That's the vintage "Box Art you can frame" Revell kitting of the NAGPAW by North American Aviation. Better known by most these days as the Vigilante, A-5. This originally in serve with USN as A3J-1, which became the A-5A with McNamara redesignation edict to "make common designations" within the US Armed Forces, in 1962.

Revell captured well the splendid lines of this supersonic carrier based nuclear bomber which was to succeed the Douglas A-3 Skywarrior in that primary role. It also took on the nickname "The Whale" from grand Heinemann classic, as Vigilante became largest aircraft on US carrier deck when fielded. This kit is 1/82 (box) scale, but as Tom shows, builds up nicely and close enough to 1/72 to use as a comparator.



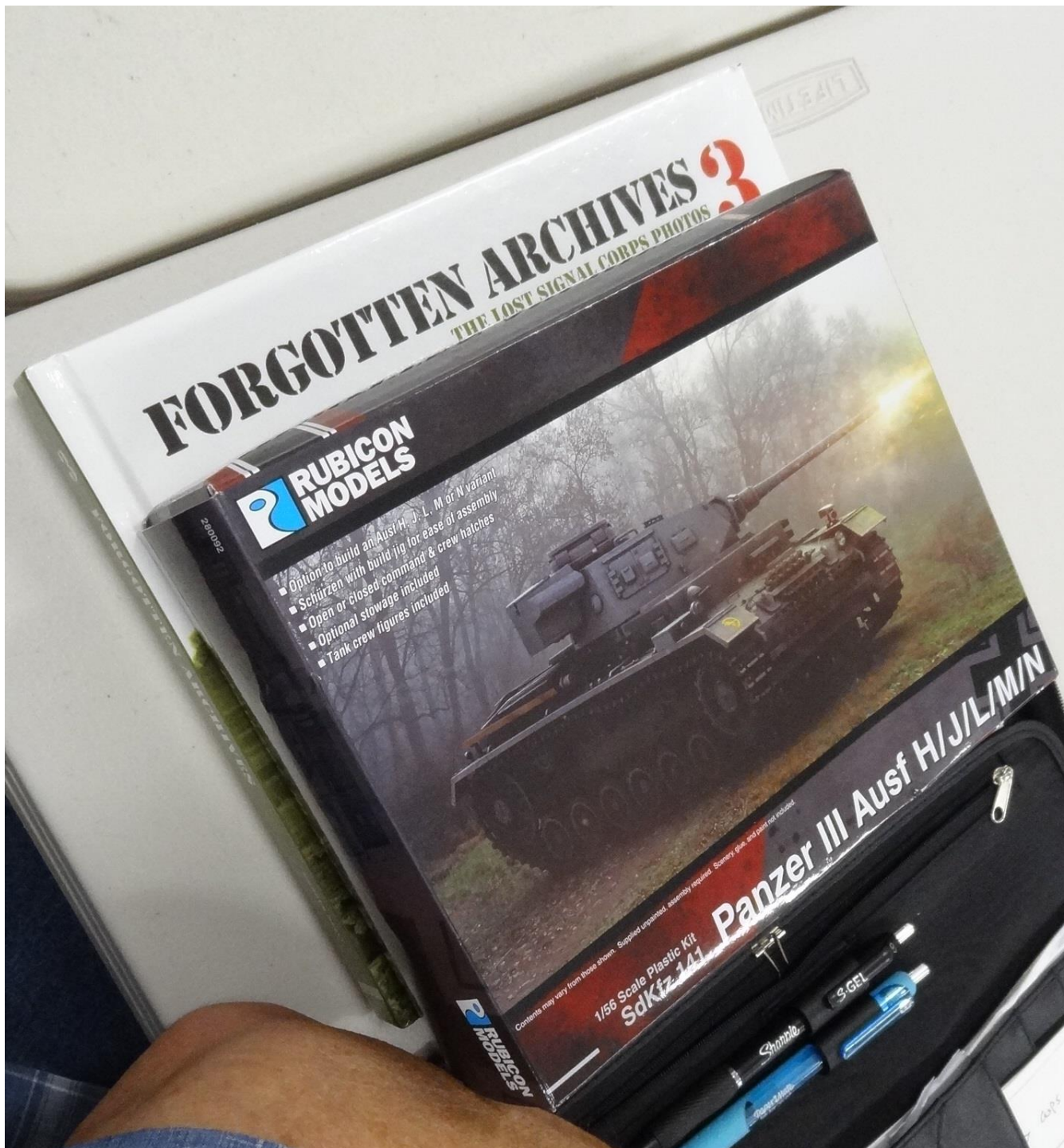


Tom had this other “oldie” (again, once the only choice for it to be had) which is the RA-5C Vigilante by Hasegawa in 1/72nd

Another aside, if McNamara’s folly with the designations had not been implemented, this would have been the AJ3-3P instead

Which would have told the reader this was 3rd version of base model of 3rd Attack Type for USN by North American Aviation with modifications to make it photo reconnaissance capable.

Tom really enjoyed making both of these and we are happy that he had them to share here on our first night at new locale!



Not forgotten in the least, VP **Dave Parks** had this nifty volume with photos of US Signal Corps, along with this interesting “new box scale” kit of the Panzer III with option of H/J/L/M/N variant. Scale is 1/56th

We look forward to Dave’s next report on this kit as a build subject

Inevitably, **Chris Bucholtz** will find himself at the “must be deemed complete and done”, with his PV-1 Ventura in 1/72nd scale.

However, in the interim, he continues to show the flag for “it’s the journey more than the arrival” premise, as his continued enthuse in relaying progress on it has attested



This Editor for one, will enjoy the end result, in part for knowing just how much hue and cry was abundant at a point now **MANY** years ago, about how shameful there were no kits of this airplane.

Then how cruel that only (a damned good) vacuform was available.

Then, Academy Minicraft and Frog (in its last gasps as a model firm) **BOTH** came out with the basic PV-1, and poor Minicraft had to bear with “rude copy job/ripoff, clearly of FROG” with too many who had enough to know better than be so stupid, for too long it seemed to me

Finally, the Minicraft folks came out with **MORE** variants so you had all sort of choices in injected Ventura modelling. My postscript here?

In person I now have seen perhaps **FOUR** completed, only 3 version, and in publications maybe a half dozen new builds ever long since the reviews came out. Not the first time yes, but it still slays me when modelers get their wishes granted then don’t show evidence of enjoying them. So kudos to Chris for forging ahead, and thanks again Hornet Jim Priete for your PV-1N done

Randy Ray found a splendid new kitting of this FJ43 SUV in 1/35th, he says model is extremely high value for what's inside





He is planning on an IDF service version for his first crack at this, and he had recommendations on the colors to use which I am sad to report, I didn't get the specifics noted for here.



Angela Falvey had this fearsome foursome ready to show, and I did at one time recall what they are from

Alas, no longer can remember my apologies to you all

She relayed how due to a prior commitment with some funds committed for extra incentive, that her making it to the SV Classic was not to be.

Perhaps we can snare her for the TriCity Classic 16 ?

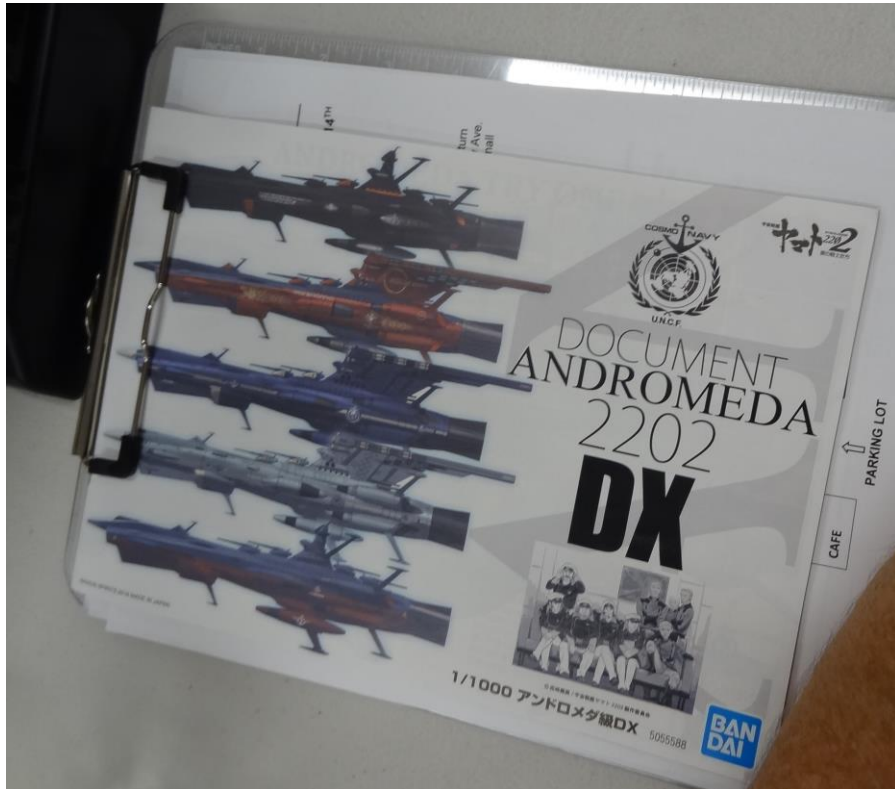
And remember, she's building many more types of models these days, so don't relax she could end up in one of your categories of competition :-0



Speaking of multidisciplinary modelers and the SV Classic, Editor was pleasingly surprised to find **Ernie Gee** had made it to our Hornet's Nest that night.

It was so he could more comfortably enjoy going to be part of the SV Classic the next day, he had driven from Fresno to stay the weekend with Peter Long as his guest.

Ernie had this excellent large model of Andromeda 2202 DX which is part of the Space Cruiser Yamato series.









Ernie had an excellent model talk on this machine which was not unfamiliar to several of our membership, I am just aware of the longevity and undeniable popularity of the body of work from which it comes. Also very happy to be further educated on it.

John Larson had a new project “in the box” for his share this outing. It’s the Type 16 Maneuver Combat Vehicle of the JGSDF

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John's son **Kyle Larson** had a trio of armor pieces to share with us, he was looking forward to trying his mettle at the SV Classic he said







Ethan Larson had this pair of SF wargaming models to share, sorry I haven't more detail than that. But I do wish to risk my armor cred by stating that his brother Kyle has a menacing looking M46 Patton WIP just above, looking like he's aiming to reduce competition at the show...?

AND THAT's JUNE the BUZZ is coming out later than I planned with life getting in the way as it does sometimes.

You might end up reading this at the July Meeting !

-mb fini

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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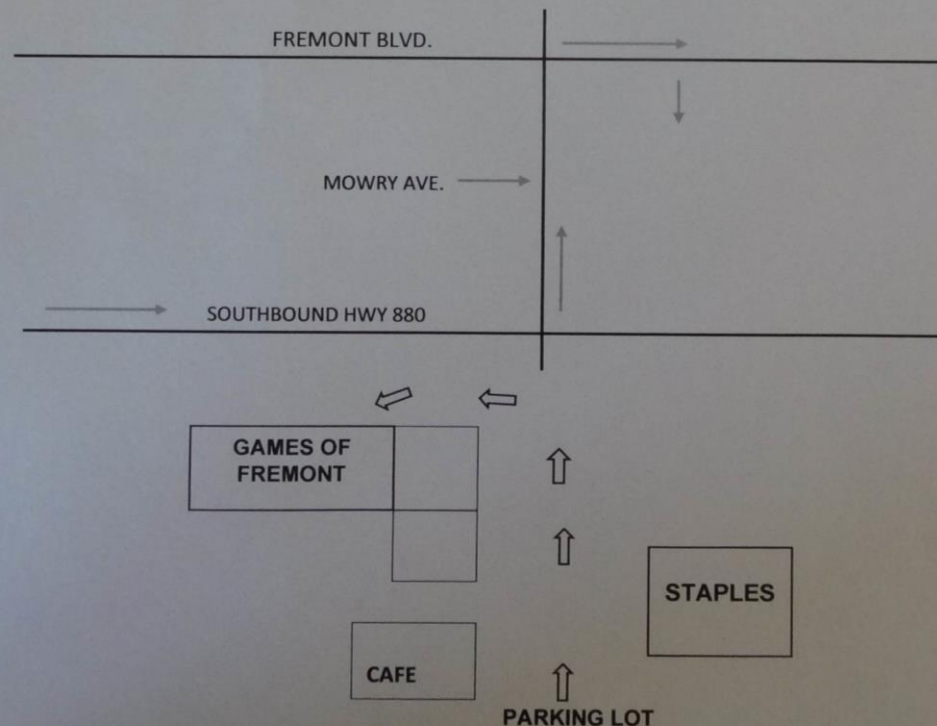


The new meeting place for the IPMS FREMONT HORNETS ON FRIDAY JUNE 14TH AT 7:30PM

**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 JULY 12 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 “

