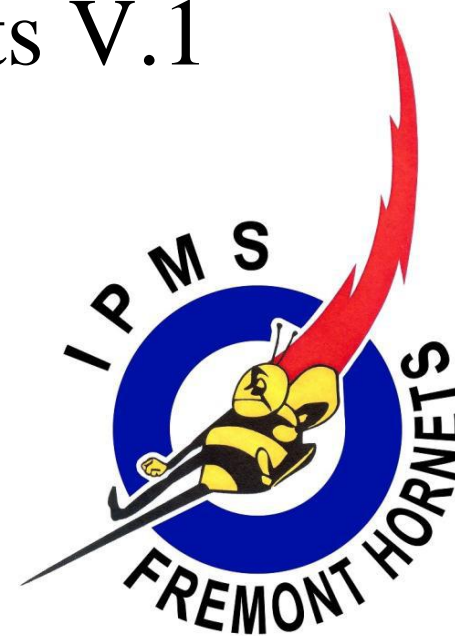


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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 122

August 08 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: Perusing our second meeting at new locale, aka a look at July Meeting**

**OH NO ! It Appears Now We Are Adding Another Category to our upcoming TC-16**

**You May Call This BUZZ The "SECOND TIME AT OUR 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 August 08 2024 401 PM)

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

**YES! Now # 123** 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!



“ Our Band Of Brothers Would Welcome Our Arrival This Time ”

**23RD ANNUAL MODEL CONTEST**  
THEME: **OPERATION OVERLORD**

**VENDOR TABLES**  
**2 BIG RAFFLES**

Date: Saturday - September 21, 2024 - 9:00AM - 4:00PM  
Location: Reno Elks Lodge 597- 597 Kumle Ln - Reno, Nevada

Entry Fee: Free to All Non-Entrants - \$6.00 for First Model - \$1.00 for Each Additional Model  
Chapter Contact: - Douglas Summers (775) 867-8554 - ghpltd@att.net  
Vendors Contact:- Andre Urruty for Reservations: urrutyam@gmail.com

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*Next big event coming in Region Nine is this one, an exemplary competition and show held in, what else, an Elk's Lodge of course*

*Ruefully, this Editor confesses to having missed making the 2023 show here in Reno after having every confidence I would make it.*

*I learned afterwards not only that I had missed what I expected, a great event put on by a hardy bunch of modelling brothers, but as well a clear absence of many of the Bay Area and surrounding at the show. Many thanks to a fellow Free Hornet who did make it and took home deservedly awards, representing us mightily*

*It hurts to miss a show anytime, but this one especially as two of the long time key folk who make it happen are alumnus of this Club, in fact one is a founder of the Free Hornets as well as the SVSM, Mr Jay T. Sherlock. The other great character of repute is Mr Douglas Summers, whose GreyHawk Productions helps make some of this show's unique awards come to pass.*

*Several of the RHR folk make it to several of our shows every year even though it can prove tricky travel for them, and their support is also deserving of reciprocal respect in kind. Doug, Jay and all their hard working, grand modelling crew ought to know by some of us showing up in force this year and next that we are with them So, on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of D-Day, be there, eh ? - mb*

**ALWAYS WORKING – WE ARE UPDATING HERE so YOU KNOW: Adding new Category # 57**



# 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

67 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 <sup>th</sup> Century	53A	(Less) UNFINISHED Subjects
43B	9" & taller Figures Fantasy & Sci Fi, Horror, Robots		49	Figures, Historical, 19 <sup>th</sup> 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)		57	<b>GUNDAM Beginners ONLY, All Scales</b> ( <i>if you've never competed in Gundam, this is for you!</i> )		

**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







*JULY 2024, Our Second Hornet's NEST Being Held at GAMES of FREMONT's Shop*

Well it seems some new folk and returning alumnus managed to find the new place, thanks Tamas Nemeth, Joe Dudek, Jeff Mason and Brad Chun for being in the meet as you see above. For everyone, one last heroic try at giving locale data follows:

**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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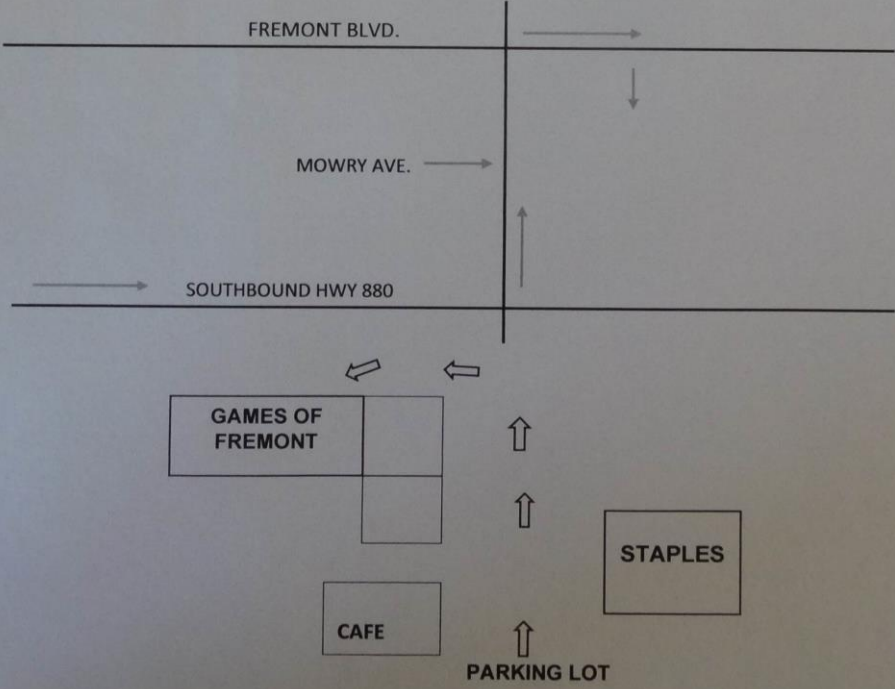
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**The new meeting place for the IPMS FREMONT HORNETS ON FRIDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30PM**

**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:



**NEXT for help The Editor has Pics :**







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*Alright then.* Being we just had SV Classic # 8 the day after our last meeting, we had a lot of things to discuss which meant we weren't going to manage business later, so yes Model Talk was moved to later in schedule. President called meet to order so the plentiful news items could be given out. Among them being how splendidly things turned out for the "Hit The Beach" event !



Then we had an important item for VP/Treas Dave Parks to give us the seminar on, in order to get a decision rendered in timely manner for not only November '24's Tri City #16, but affecting costs potentially for several of our TriCities in future, take look:

Dave had been underway for a while now, devising a proposed new logo for the Free Hornets, to replace the one devised by Jim Priete, blessed by Mick Burton, generously rendered in several versions by “White Rabbit” Greg Reynolds (IPMS- Santa Rosa) that had replaced two prior designs from Roy Sutherland. Yes, branding is a sensitive issue even amongst “silly hobby clubs”.

As Dave and I (as TC-16 Director) had already talked over, the best place to get started with this design evolution would be as part of the awards/documentation package for the next event. While it’s in early November, we both knew fully well we would be smart to have most of this sort of stuff in hand or on way before late September at the very very latest. Since I have now with Dave a nearly 100 percent complete set of contest documents (was 100, but now we have added one more category...) for over a month already, he was trying to get the harder part wrangled on his end again, as soon as possible. Namely, what awards we would need to be ordering, from whom, how many, and of course, what logo design is going into that mix. You have the idea ?

David showed the nearly done prototype new Hornet, the two competing versions of “back side” designs for what we proposed for the TriCity 16 and probably at least 17, 18, namely using the “Challenge Coin” award for 1/2/3 placings in Senior Category. Both based on our own take of the ones that were used in the SVSM SV Classic # 8 and apparently wide range of appreciation of them in that use by the community that participated. We have options this year again due to good financial management but this definitely could prove to be a very smart economic move, if we hit on an agreed upon path and thus “buy forward” at once.



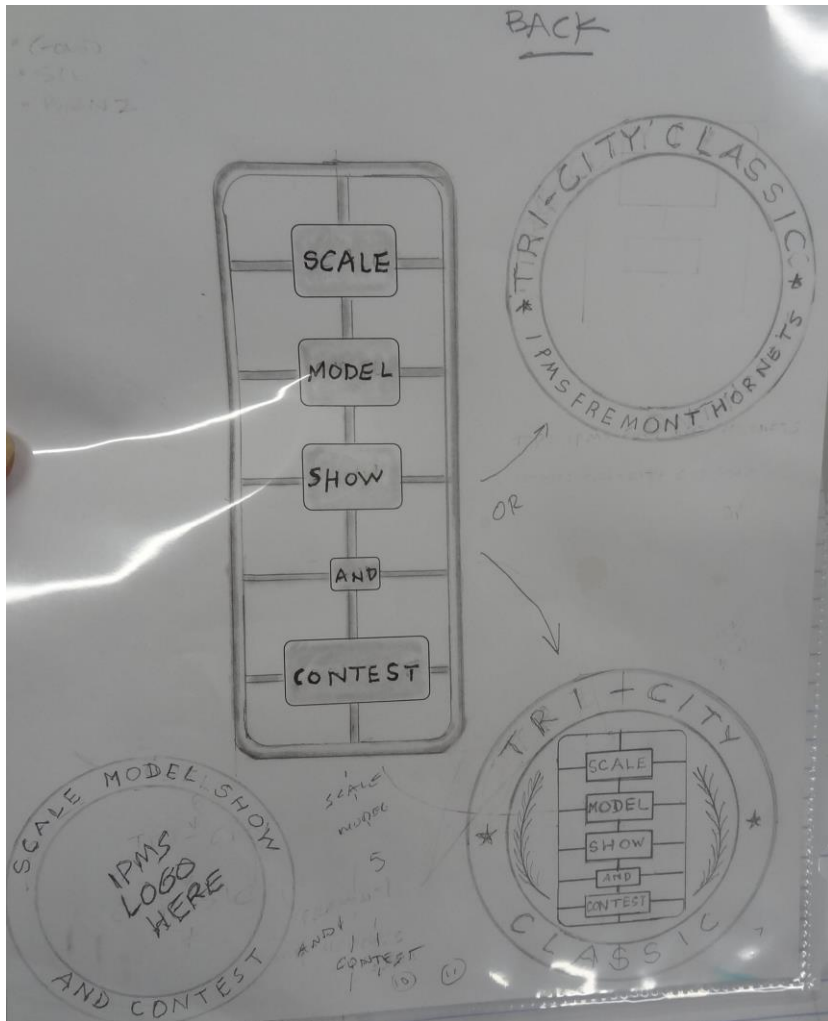
Here’s a reminder of what the “inspiration device” looked like, and we pretty much plan on the astute method is stick with same diameter coin, have three colors to distinguish First, Second and Third. Below, see the eventual clear winner pairing after discussion and an enthusiastic voting !

COIN FRONT (TriCity 16-?)



COIN BACK (TriCity 16-?)





Here with a fuller explanation, is the competing design for the back of the award coin, my hats off to Dave for all his hand drawn artistry

For now the long and short of it is there you have it, we are committing to a finalization and buy for at least two, more likely three contest worth of the voted upon design, and a major part of the expense, planning of a show will be comfortably settled up for at least that many ahead.

As we are here and this also was disseminated at the meeting, and now is part of the updated TC-16 Event package, the NEW CATEGORY is # 57, “**GUNDAM, Beginners Only, All Scales**”. It is being added at the behest of member Aaron Rhetta and friends, most significantly Emilio the owner of the store GTC in downtown San Jose. They all have been a big wave of steady support of our events since the store opened, and they lobbied with convincing evidence that a good number of potential entries are gun shy, as more experienced builders of Gundam would likely leave them wanting in current new divided set up of two scales, any skill level

We are going to try it out, and I am trying to gently emphasize this is for those who have either NEVER done Gundam before or that plus never in Competitive Scale Modelling events before.

I am pretty sure it’s going to have to be done two shows in a row to know at all if this is a good keeper or a nice try, however convinced enough already to disturb my “fixed point” plan to add it in

Also on Tri City events front, letting everyone know again that hard working Mr Bob Meyers is our Raffle Chairman again, gladly taking any and all quality donations of one or more kits for that purpose. Bob is also taking money donations for buying what he must to make sure we have some great attraction “super prizes”. I sought to inspire others last meeting with a hundred dollar starter donation, my plan still is to make good on that becoming three hundred total in time to do him some good there.

You can contact Bob at the Fremont Hornets meeting most often, and almost as often, at the following Friday SVSM meeting as he generously carries off the Meeting Raffle project there, most appreciated, trust me.

**NOW – ON TO MODEL TALK for JULY 2024 NEST**



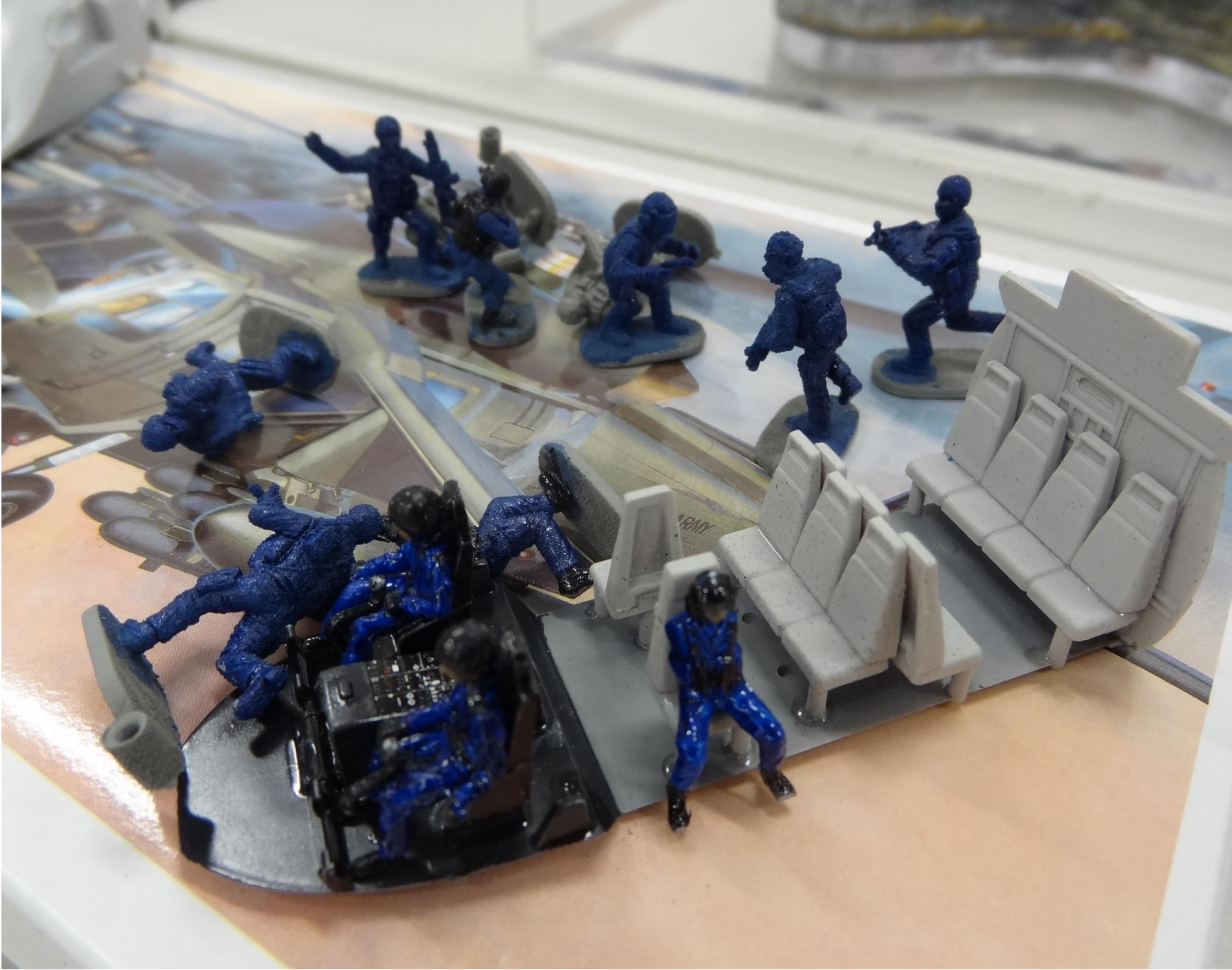
Shockingly done in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale, **Frank Babbitt** with an aggressive looking Cessna A-37 Dragonfly COIN aircraft.

Frank went with the Monogram Models kit here, which was the first “real A-37” in 1/48<sup>th</sup>. Aurora Plastics did a T-37A and before they went good bye, they re-released it as an A-37 with an impressive low level attack box art and plenty of what could have been considered “napalm tanks” for underwing ordnance. They made no changes the mold to match real A-37 mods and thusly it required even more work here. There are other kits now out, but Frank did very well with trusty Monogram as you see





This Sikorsky UH-60A Blackhawk is going to end up finished as a Mexican Federal Police rapid response helicopter, you see.





**Norm Luebkers** as always, never fails to surprise us with what he brings and builds. This 1/72<sup>nd</sup> PBV Catalina is a “Black Cat” from WW2, which were a series of craft beginning in 1942 Guadalcanal which performed amazing combat missions at night.

Norm built his a few years back and he didn’t want to remove it from the case, mainly due that this entire piece hangs on his wall at home normally, for display. Ingenious and elegant, and of course the model was a superb job.





Alan O'Neal found his experience with the Tamiya 1/48<sup>th</sup> P-51D Mustang "Lou IV" be rewarding in the end, but along the way he wasn't so sure. The yellow nose proved challenging to get a strong color coat, and the invasion stripes...well, they're there !







**Jeff Mason** had two WIP projects to share with us, a 1/35<sup>th</sup> M4 Sherman and a British Valentine tank which may be 1/48<sup>th</sup>, I am sorry I didn't record it all.

**Joe Dudek** handily modeled this 1/13<sup>th</sup> scale Tamiya CX500 Turbo motorbike which he packed along inside an MPC Olsonite Eagle model box, causing no end of nostalgic vibes within the President, just one of those things.

While apparently the motorcycle was no great shakes in real life, Joe's build definitely did the machine proud.







**Chris Bucholtz** had quite a pair of historic models this go around, one being an Italian fighter from World War Two, the other an American cat family from Prehistoric Times.

The fighter is in 1/72<sup>nd</sup>, and part of a plan to enter the upcoming IPMS USA Nationals. The category is the Small Composition Aircraft diorama.

This Macchi MC.202 Folgore has been underway by Chris for a while but he moved it from the Shelf of Doom with alacrity recently, more impetus with chance to make it to the Nats again.

Not easily seen at left, somewhat so in picture below, is the component that makes the tale work here.

You see on the base a parked plane, notice the man standing with some what frantic gestures suggested.

Look closely at the front windscreen coaming, see something white there?

That's a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale Sea Gull, and it is "painting" the Macchi, Mama Mia





In the meantime, Chris's Mother Smilodon (The Saber Toothed Cat) in 1/20<sup>th</sup> scale is calmly counseling her cubs to be patient, in a little while they too, shall have properly bobbed Smilodon tails like hers, so less resemble African Lion progeny, Chris got those African Lion cubs as they are near perfect match to young Smilodons, whose sabers came out with maturation.



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**Louis Orselli** wasn't planning on trying to finish this 1/48<sup>th</sup> T-33A Shooting Star in time to v'y for the SV Classic 8 Special Award Best Lockheed Aircraft. He was just having fun with this classic Hawk kit in a later Testors re-boxing.





**Aaron Rhetta** had a lot of painting tricks and treats going with his Dragon Ball Z character here.





**Tom Cheung** had small composition Aircraft diorama of his own with his AVG P-40 Warhawk, parked on forward base



**Ben Pada** had his 1/32<sup>nd</sup> F4U moving along nicely, and same for his 1/48<sup>th</sup> P-38 which is being menaced by Skywalker





Brad Chun made it over to see us and share his projects to be done for the Last NNL West coming in January 2025 ! -mb fini

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# *Coming Up NEXT*

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY AUGUST 9 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 WENT ON AT THIS AUGUST MEET (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...**

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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 “

