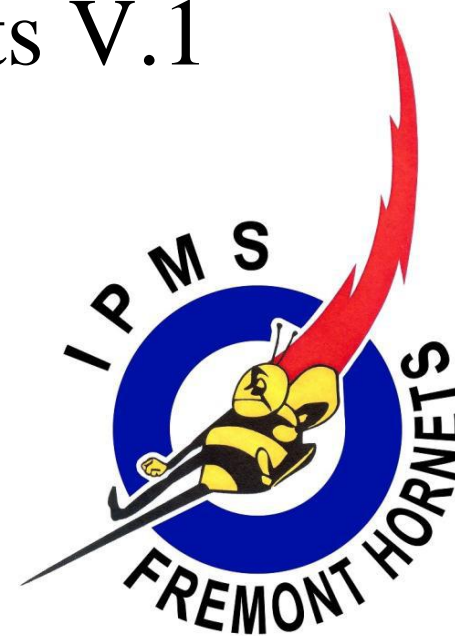


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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 123

August 31 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: Wow already our third meeting at new locale, aka a look at August Nest**

**OH NO ! The Summer Season is drawing to a close YET NEW EVENTS BECKON**

**You May Call This BUZZ The “THIRD 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 31 2024 1151 PM)

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

**YES! Now # 124** 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!



“ UnOfficially Speaking ”

*UNOFFICIAL FLYER from MIRANDCO*



*Next year we have several confirmed events already on the calendar, both on this page are among them.*

*Because it is still helpful to me even with modern digital news methods, to have “flyers” like “in the old days”, making some “unofficial but accurate” ones like these is a practice of mine.*

*Most often, happily, I find that these end up being place holders for a short while on my websites and in my newsletters, as soon enough an Official Flyer comes*

*In any case, haven't gotten any complaints or requests to cease and desist, so expect to see them now and then in future. Right now they helped get this page written, a nice bonus. - mb*

*UNOFFICIAL FLYER from MIRANDCO*



“ V ” for **VICTORY**

**SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC # 9**

**Saturday, June 14, 2025  
9AM**

Fremont Elks Lodge #2121

38991 Farwell Drive Fremont CA

Contact : Chris Bucholtz [bucholtzc@aol.com](mailto:bucholtzc@aol.com)

**SILVERCON 2025**

**Saturday, May 17, 2025  
9AM**

Town & Country Lutheran Church and School  
4049 Marconi Avenue Sacramento CA

Contact : Eddie Andres [ejandres@hotmail.com](mailto:ejandres@hotmail.com)

THEME is TBD stay tuned

**ALWAYS WORKING – WE ARE UPDATED HERE so YOU KNOW: Have Added 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> (if you've never competed in Gundam, this is for you!)		

**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





*AUGUST 2024, Our Third Hornet's NEST Being Held at GAMES of FREMONT's Shop*

With August came a first time being short on table and chair space, as a pretty active company of gaming folk were well at it on the first two rows we have occupied in past. Being a pleasant Friday night and given the shop's ambiance, didn't surprise me



that there would be gamers gaming at the game shop. Plus Shop did hold us two tables in reserve, appreciated.

While we had eventually another good sized Hornets turnout that night that we managed to fit into our space, wasn't unnoticed that ability to hear Model Talk and other business was markedly more difficult than in past.

For now, we will have to see how the traffic rolls, as the Game Shop is still planning expansions that will give us all more room, semi private accesses, maybe even an upstairs space. But if membership and guests wish to talk over next meetings what they think are alternatives, E-Board is open to it

Keep in mind though that we have had some pretty great efforts made to suss out realistic available spaces and associate costs recently, before move to current locale.

On to our August business: Thanks to Eugenie, we got a good run down on how Wisconsin IPMS USA Nats Went, which she attended along with Randy. Here's the official logo that indicated the actual locale for event

was after all, MADISION, WI. Even today, spelling counts & checkers don't. Well that just makes the awards more unique. The general take in the end was that this Nationals was another big win. **ON TO MODEL TALK for AUGUST 2024 NEST**

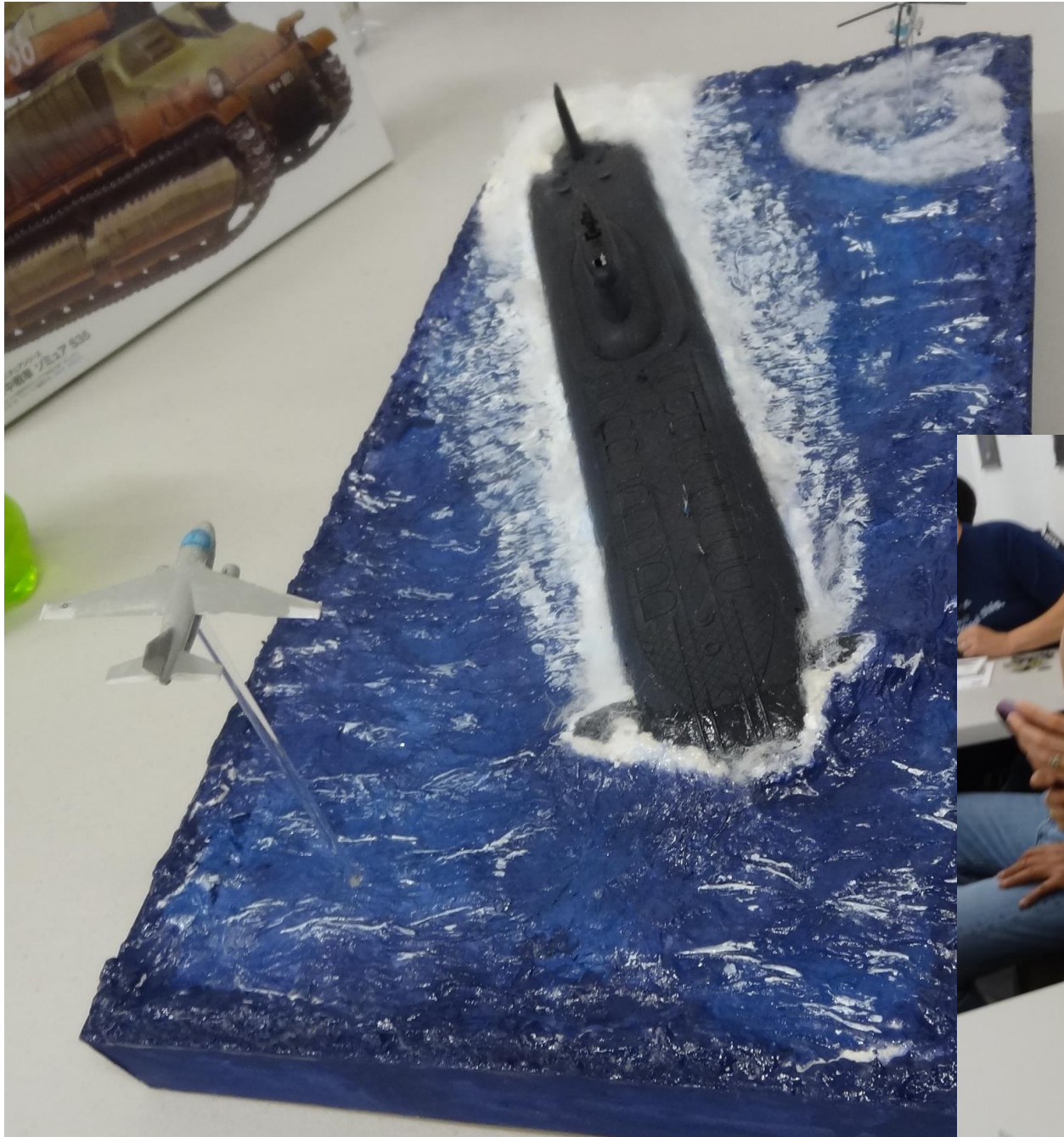


**Tom Cheung** led off with a thank you to Ben Pada, as this latest “water project” of Tom’s is all due to Ben’s passing the nice kit of the Soviet Typhoon class ballistic missile launch platform at the last meeting where they crossed paths in parking lot.

As done here by Tom, the “aggressor” is now the discovered, as the USN has an active presence with an S-3A Viking along with a SH-60 Sea Hawk working the scene.







While it could be alleged that perhaps the S-3A crew has designs more on Angela's Mountain Dew than Tom's Typhoon, the well done portrayal of sub underway on surface by Tom here is unassailable.

**Angela Falvey** let us know that her recent unplanned relocation travails haven't taken her away from model projects or making it when possible, to our meetings.



As she shared, one of her new projects is going to be “this cute French tank from World War Two”. Angela got several echoes of concurrence for her assessment on the relative attractiveness of the Somua S35, even if Princess Leia seems in oppose...





Joel Weber has a nice start on replacement of one of his two Ford 3100 pick up trucks last seen at 2024 NNL West (see below)



Joel's incredibly well rendered "weather beater" 3100 was based on a real 1/1 vehicle he had brought pictures of to a Hornet's meeting where we encouraged him to display it at the upcoming NNL West. Which he did, pairing it with a splendid "work truck" Coca Cola red 3100. Alas, he had to leave the show before close and didn't realize til while after his trucks were still there. Sadly, none of us present at end were given a clue what happened to them. I sent out a BOLO/Wanted poster using my show shot above, but alas, even that didn't generate any useful result.

On the left, atop his signature cigar box, **Alan O'Neal's** latest project !



This is a 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale Panzer IV F1, “with crew”. Alan was pretty happy with the result, a nice change of pace from his P-51D



**Chris Bucholtz** like several others at August Hornet's Nest, was recently returned victorious from the Wisconsin USA Nats, where he ended up taking a First in Miscellaneous category. This he said, is actually the last of the categories read during the Awards Banquet presentation. Since they announce in reverse, he literally had to wait to find out that he won, to the very last.



I had quizzed him about the Small Composition Aircraft Diorama entry he had readied last meeting, and he said that Steve Hustad of Eden Prairie MN had essentially eliminated any chance in that arena. We both know Steven's work from past...



Dual cannons seem to be a feature of **Chris Kaminaga's** latest new Gundam/Mecha project with his son, which he shared with us.

Chris showed up with his son later in the meeting, by this time we had basically no more chairs available so they stood to talk.

New Free Hornet Tamas Nemeth may have been a bit pensive with the way Chris was brandishing his WIP Gundam, but then he could not know that Aaron Rhetta was ready to call 911 just behind him.

Okay , yes of course the Editor is playing with photos he used. In part because the one shot lends itself too easily to pass up as well fact that I didn't have any other notes to give more details

Chris did confirm he was aware that GTC would be having an event "WARSCARS" the next day in San Jose, so while this model wouldn't be eligible, he would be trying to check it out.





**Tamas Nemeth** brought quite a pair of less oft seen aircraft for August's meeting, a crowd pleaser to be sure.

The biplane and the monoplane here are separated by two World Wars yet have more in common than being both two seater single engine powered birds

They are both big employers of wood in construction, which Tamas found a nice challenge in modelling since both kits are molded styrene.

As you likely can see, he imparted the look and feel of metal, wood in finish for his Accurate Miniatures 1/48<sup>th</sup> IL-2 Shturmovik quite handily. This World War Two ground attack craft ended up being the most produced single design military piloted aircraft in history, just ahead of the Messerschmitt Bf-109 !

The Lloyd C.V. biplane of World War One was notable partly for using wing made with span wise stringers on ribs which were covered with plywood ! A lightweight, strong solution that ended up not easily repaired in the field.





**Frank Babbitt** had a pair of air rarity all his own, in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale. First off was his Matchbox BAC Strikemaster light attack jet derived from the original HP Jet Provost T5 trainer.

Frank had a good opinion of the kit and noted he used an Obscureco cockpit in it.



The scheme is of a nice desert camo in service with United Arab Emirates





Frank's other rarity was this Vultee A-31 "Vengeance" Dive Bomber, in process using the Special Hobby kit.

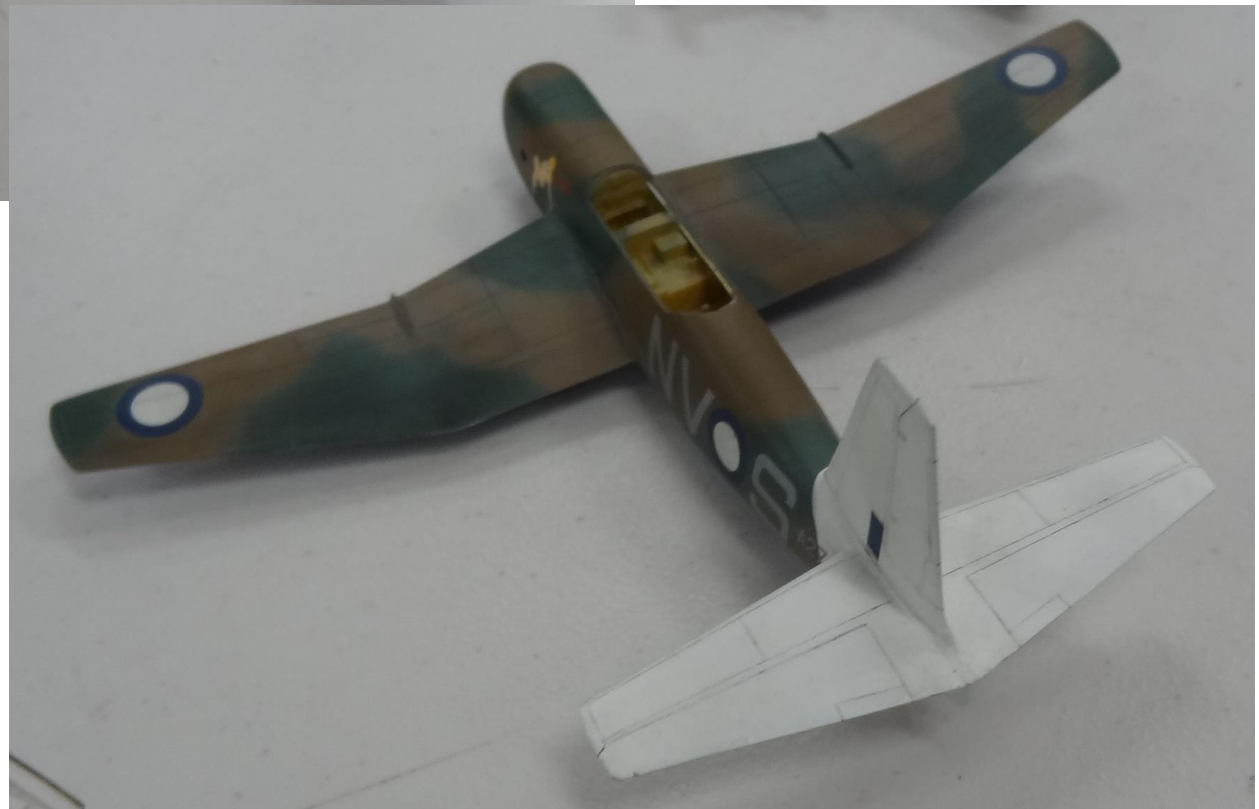
The aircraft did not see front line service with the USAAF, where it served mightily as a target tug.

It did however see plenty of combat with the Royal Australian Air Force in World War Two, which is what Frank is making his model scheme.

The RAAF employed a distinctive "Foliage Green" for their camouflage and Frank's got a good handle on it for his build.

If you are curious, the "why" for the unique W shaped wing of this airplane turns out to be a best corrective action for calculation snafu.

The original design was found to have critical center of gravity error, so rather than moving wing root, the wing was swept back at center !





Aaron Rhetta is working here on three figures from the very popular and long lived Dragon Ball manga/anime/TV/film series.

Specifically the Dragon Ball Z portion which covers the now adult Son Goku and his son Gohan in adventures thereon in protecting Earth.

These three are basically his original villainous antagonists, the only other surviving Saiyan from their home planet Vegeta.



This is Nappa, who I have found to be described as having quite the destructive personality, such as his expressed desire to destroy an entire town right after arriving his first time on Earth. Many other charming aspects of him I will leave for now



The red headed character in center is named Vegeta, this is one of his earlier iterations  
Vegeta began as a major villain type who partners with Nappa, undergoes a long running huge character arc so now becomes a “tritagonistic type”.

Last but certainly not least here is the character Raditz, who is the brother of Son Goku, and still has temperament of their warrior race, trying to recruit his brother to turn on Earth and all other peaceful cultures. There’s a lot to absorb but now you have an idea.





Randy Ray has made more progress on his FJ43 SUV in IDF service since returning from the USA Nats, and also had some books to share as well as a new fully 3D printed kit in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> of the Messerschmitt Me-163 Komet interceptor.

**Bob Meyers** is a keen broad spectrum supporter of our local Region Nine community as well as a hell of a fine modeler.

Having all the commitments already that he does, still he finds time to build something pretty trick to be part of an odd little club contest set in motion by this Editor, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month meeting of SVSM.

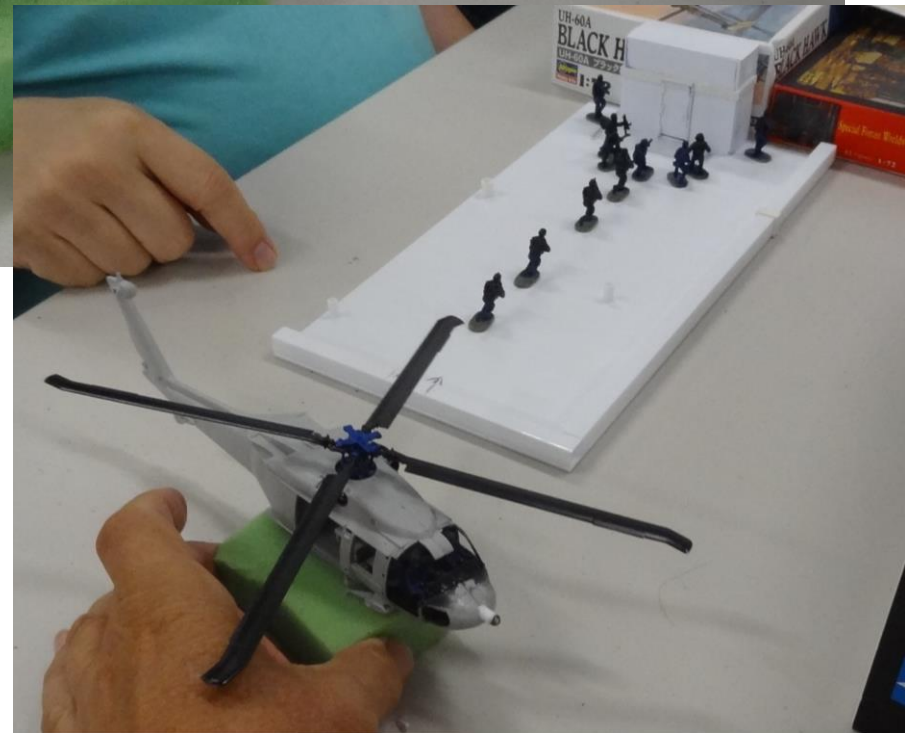
That subject would be this, a Monogram Models original issue 1973/4 Mack Bulldog Truck from 1926, which was reissued recently by Atlantis Models and thus qualified for “A is for Atlantis” August club contest coming then.





**Gabriel Lee** showed major progress on his planned “roof top raiders” Helicopter diorama, which features the Hasegawa 1/72<sup>nd</sup> UH-60A in Mexican Federal Police service markings courtesy the aftermarket.

He has worked up a convincing looking rooftop in basic construct, and is determining plans for mounting the chopper and getting good guys deployment from it now. Pretty active even in the raw process!







**Ben Pada** has now underway what he describes as his “4<sup>th</sup> Big Bird”, which is a neat play on words as this is in fact his fourth (big) Tamiya 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale Vought F4U Corsair, which also was nicknamed “Big Bird” when introduced during World War Two.



Ben also has another 1/48<sup>th</sup> P-51 Razorback Mustang underway, this is a newer kit which I didn't record the name of, sadly.





**Joe Dudek** is making it back to our meetings and shared these two Tamiya projects he has in WIP. He said the M3 Stuart tank and the Messerschmitt BF-109G-6 are model delights ! *-mb fini*



# ***MORE FUN IN FALL for R-9 !***



The poster features a collage of military models: a soldier with a rifle, a DUKW amphibious truck, a jeep, a biplane, a landing craft, and a tank. It includes the Reno High Rollers logo, a D-Day seal, and the text '23RD ANNUAL MODEL CONTEST' and 'THEME: OPERATION OVERLORD'.

**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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## **IPMS SANTA ROSA MODEL SHOW 2024 EVOLUTION OF MODELING**

**ROHNERT PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Multi Use Room  
5401 Snyder Lane  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

**October 12, 2024**  
**9am to 4pm**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
Doors open at 9am  
Registration from 9am to noon  
25+ vendor tables

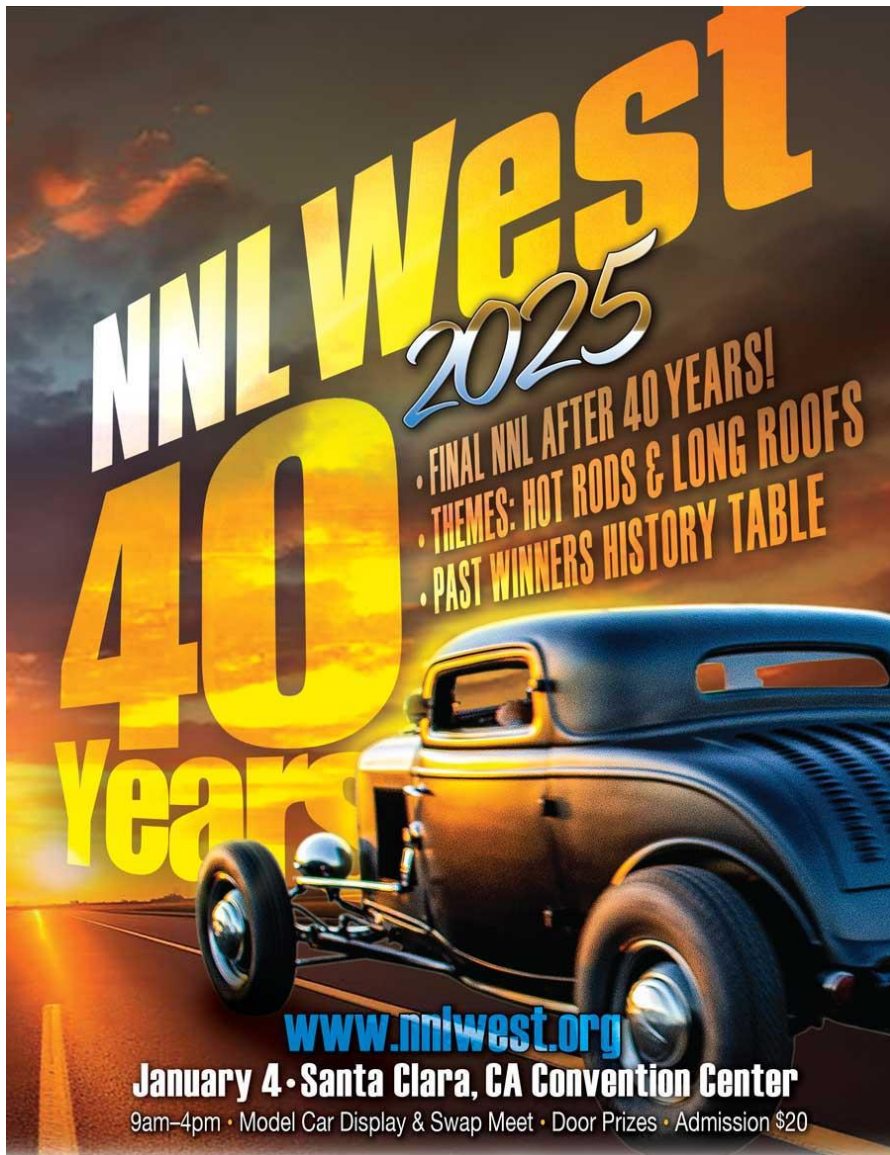
**OPEN JUDGING**  
Awarding Gold, Silver and Bronze  
Awarding Best of Category and Best of Show



**MODEL ENTRY FEES**  
\$12 for first 3 entries for Adults  
\$3 additional Adult entries and \$2 for all Juniors 17 and Under

For more info, visit us at [ipmssantarosa.org](http://ipmssantarosa.org)  
For vendor table info, contact [showcoordinator@ipmssantarosa.org](mailto:showcoordinator@ipmssantarosa.org)

# JANUARY 2025 PRESENTS



**NNL West**  
**40 Years**  
**2025**

- FINAL NNL AFTER 40 YEARS!
- THEMES: HOT RODS & LONG ROOFS
- PAST WINNERS HISTORY TABLE

[www.nnlwest.org](http://www.nnlwest.org)  
**January 4 • Santa Clara, CA Convention Center**  
9am-4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$20



## PRESENTS

### DRAGON FEST 2025

#### MODEL EXPO

SPONSORED BY FAST TRACK HOBBIES

JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

9:00 am. To 4:00 pm.

HOPE POINT NAZARENE CHURCH

600 N. GEORGE WASHINGTON BLVD.

YUBA CITY, CA 95993

Vendor tables, Buy, Sell, or Trade.

Vendor set up from 8:00 to 9:00

Vendor space is limited. First come first served.

New expanded categories with multiple People's Choice awards in each category.

#### \*FREE GENERAL ADMISSION\*

Doors open at 9:00, Registration from 9:00 to 12:00

Entry Fees:

Adults and Juniors 16 and up \$6.00 for the first model

\$2.00 per additional entry.

Juniors 15 and under \$2.00 for the first model \$1.00 for each

additional entry.

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# *Coming Up NEXT*

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY SEPT 13 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 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...**

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

- 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 “

