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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over **48** 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: Wonder what are these other contents ... Can they too be summarized ?

YES ! The FIRST Year 2025 Hornets Nest ACTUALLY DESCRIBED IN HERE !

You May Call This BUZZ The "A JANUARY PLUS All Hail broke loose 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 February 06 2025 1225 PM)

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



YES! Now # 129 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!

“ BEST NEWS Ever, Fellow Club Regains A Good Mooring ”

Our good friends at the CA Coast's longest run Model Club (over 50 !) put out their fine letter with this cover recently.

Although I had not been able to make it over, now want to make sure all of you know this news too.

Lester Tockerman and his fellow Muddlers did a lot to support the R-9 community, Hornets for many years. Lester gone alas, but Ramon Lomeli, Dave Conneau, Marcum Brothers still make sure we know M-Bay is going strong. Congrats here!

Meetings first Sunday of the month at this locale, 1 pm til they decide they are done for the day -220 Twelfth Street -

IPMS Monterey Bay Newsletter - Vol. 9 No. 1 SPECIAL EDITION 2024



The Monterey Bay Muddler



At last we have a new permanent meeting place - Veterans Transition Center, Marina CA

JANUARY 2025, Our Next Hornet's NEST Held at GAMES of FREMONT's Shop

January Fremont Hornet's Nest, our first for New Year was just after the 40th and final occurrence of NNL West/WCME !
As you may know, the Editor (and currently President of Hornets) was Doorman/Greeter for this event for his 9th time in row, with joy tempered knowing this was the last one along with fact we were without a great Hornet this time, Mr. Cliff Kranz. Cliff was not technically "on listed staff" however I can't recall any but one of my 9 as being one that he wasn't part of the very vital and chaotic scene of show at the big back gate door where all the WCME vendors would be awaiting permit entry. I did speak to Hornets present of this and the double tragedy of losing Andy Kellock who had helmed the last 8 NNL West events, only two months before what turned out to be the best recorded total display of models. 1300 plus with number 1015 being our Free Hornet, Mr Bob Meyers. I know this because I guided him to park his wonderfully rusty 1926 Mack Bulldog truck next to my three autos, and went into shock seeing his hand written tag #1015. You see, before opening doors, the registration staff of whom I was third member, had hand numbered 800 plus of the 1001 original tags because they weren't all done ahead of time. So to learn in transit that before 1030 am (doors open at 9 am) we had already blown past that number was a pleasing shock.

As I wrapped up the opening of meeting with all that as I said, we definitely honored the memories of all whom we had lost in the years doing the NNL West in a big way with attendance and spirit in solid numbers. The local chapter of Wounded Warriors also got a healthy donation of proceeds after expenses as well, as decided by Exec Staff of NNL West ahead of time, since no more need to retain funds for future event.

HEY WHAT GOES HERE, I'M TALKING TO EMPTY ROOM ?



Yes, YOU THERE... Find out where my club folks are !!



WHEWW ! That's better. While true we weren't even at full attendance yet when I started meet, it wasn't quite that vacant...



NOW Let's go MODEL TALK for JANUARY 2025 NEST: (much thanks again to Jim Priete for taking notes for us)



Eugenie Ray had gotten this AH-64 Apache in 1/48th scale as one of her “taken home” gifts from last month’s SVSM Gift event. She noted that her intent is to have it done by March for the follow-up “90 Day Wonders” Club Contest which is qualifies for as an entry



Eugenie commented that although the kit is pretty rough it is far from the worst she’s had to grapple with in her short years as a scale modeler. Editor would wholeheartedly be in concurrence with this. As he knows she finished well an Alan Bison II, an execrable kit of WWII German armor in 1/35th that he had put in a previous gift exchange. Eugenie mastered it, and even won a fine award in Armor at the Sonoma Fundemonium event later that year with that same Bison model !

Not to forget to mention also, she tried out her first car kit to make sure that the extremely fiddly Accurate Miniatures Corvette that she wants to do superb job on for her dad, could be done. So she managed to do a grand job on 1955 molding of Sprint Car.



Randy Ray brought in his latest subscription shipments of magazines which included Extreme Reality Subjects, AFV Modeler, Tamiya magazine, Air Modeler. He also happened to have along a paperback copy of The Savage Storm, a WW2 nonfiction.

Anthony Cheung had a pair of Voughts to share, he likes the colors of the A-7 and wanted to do an F4U in blue, too





Anthony was quite correct in his description of these as being a F4U Corsair and an A-7 Corsair II, by Vought, as indeed that's how they were called out so by Vought. However many don't know that the F4U was in fact Vought's 3rd Corsair and the "II" was Fourth.

Here's the original Vought Corsair – O2U which served USN and several foreign air arms in its life.

It was also the biplane that shot down W. O'Brien's King Kong from the Empire State Building in 1933!

Below it, the 2nd Vought Corsair, the SBU-1 that also wasn't just an obscure one off, 125 were built

SO as Paul Harvey used to say, NOW you know, THE REST OF THE STORY...



Meanwhile, here's more looks at Anthony's Vought Corsair two.





Frank Babbitt carried in as he described it, ‘this old A-10 Revell “ build in Frank’s favorite scale, 1/48.







Angela Falvey had the President intrigued with this colorful Gundam that she will be building next, on a deadline for her HobbyNight channel. Jim had also noted she had wargame figures by Bandai, alas Angela I have no pictures of those :(







As she pointed out in her talk, this is a very nice Gundam but it is one of the more pricey ones as well. Even when found at a discount as she had with hers, it's not going to be low cost, still worth it for a Gundam enthusiast. Angela reminded us that a lot of Gundam even today are very good builds and buys in the 20 to 40 dollar ranges, so check around.



Chris Bucholtz did new 1/72 Arma P-51 as a Tuskegee Airman, for Nat Metal he used Model Master metalizer,

For the tail area, he made serial numbers decal on clear film





Dave Parks showed us a Hobby Boss 1/48 Dicker Max kit and this nifty Rubicon 1/56 (28mm) scale Tiger II with full interior and zimmerit



Mike Meek has two racers underway, in 1/24th scale. They are Ford GT and Corvette C7R by Revell







Mike was pleased so far with how they build and hopes to have them done in relatively short order. But he is working on getting a 1/1 race car on track so priorities, you know!

Basil Medeiros shared his work so far on a Hobby Boss M26 Super Pershing for which he made his own metal barrel, no aftermarket item available.

Basil also made weld beads to improve on detailing of this kit.





12-12 FL OZ (355 mL) CANS

12 PACK

LIVE FIT

CELSIUS

SPARKLING RASPBERRY PEACH



Okay, an aside here, having caught Jim Priete not taking voluminous detailed notes at the meeting, I've directed Basil's Super Pershing to turn, take fire upon miscreant ...



We'll continue to flog membership until morale improves !

Don't believe I mean it? See below !



Kindly Jeff Mason on the left is now having no more of the President/Editor's nonsense, he has pressed his skull hopes that maybe the nightmare end

Meanwhile, on the right, the Fine gentleman introduced himself as Victor Colin from Warren Michigan IPMS club out here TDY for his work.

Victor graciously took me up on my request to share some of his take on our club and also a sample of how his outfit works

He seemed pleased with our Hornet's Nest and expressed that it was nice the variety we had on tables.

His home club meets at a US Military Museum and member Roster includes a lot of auto modelers, which figures some as Michigan is old home of US Automotive 1/1 scale industry

Oh no! I am too late, Jeff is offering cash to another member to just do me in... by the way that's Jeff's M51 WIP below

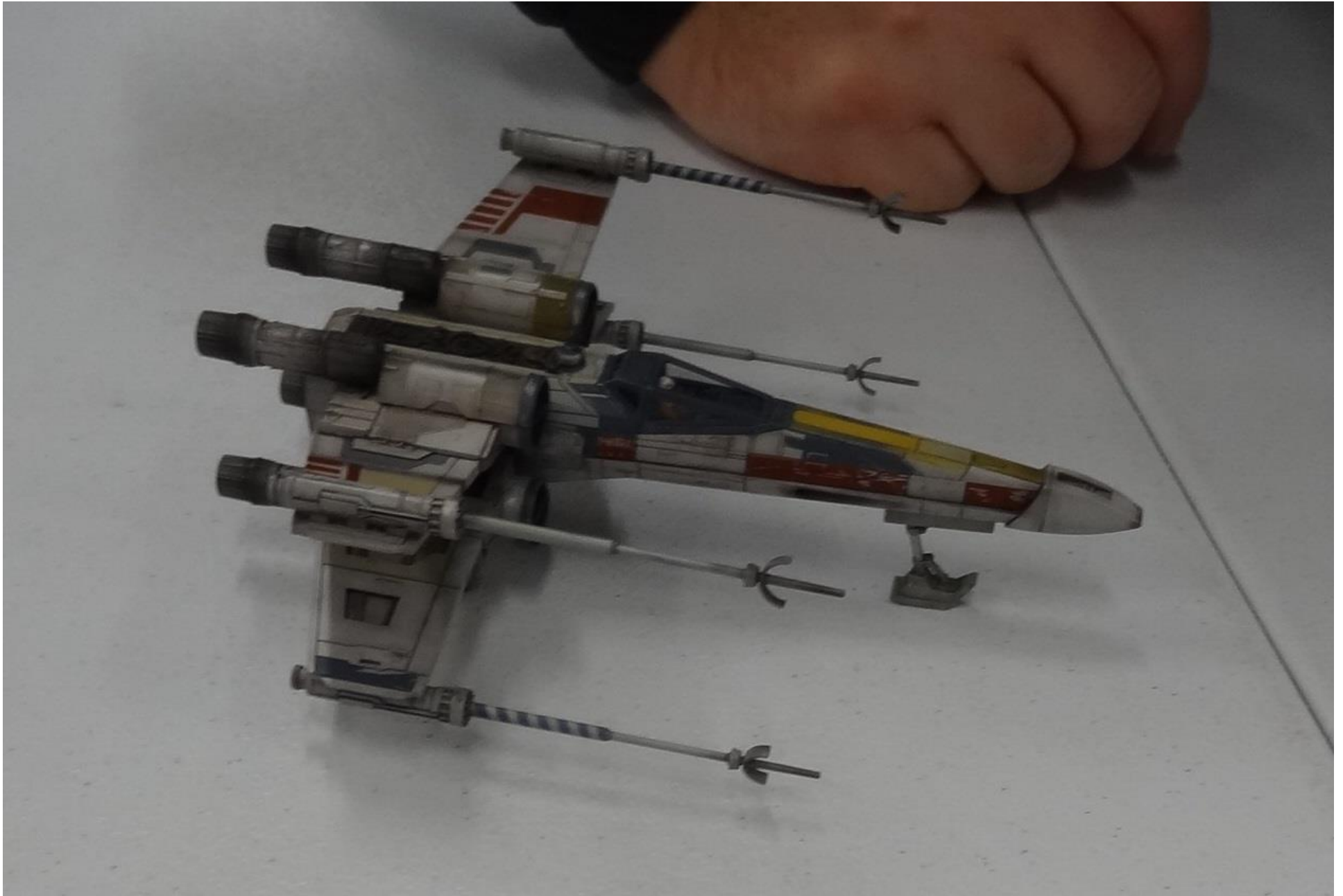




More looks at Jeff's Isherman and the F-35B he also had here



Tamas Nemeth moved his 1/72nd scale Bandai Star Wars X-Wing fighter to what looks like finish line to me.







Joel Weber speeds along with his marvelous reproduction in miniature of his neighbor's farm truck. Considering how nice his trucks have turned out, I'd seriously look into theft insurance if he takes them out of our meeting or his house jurisdiction.

His last "rusted remarkable" was never seen again along with its companion soda machine working service pickup, after the 39th NNL West show. So I am not being entirely facetious here.

No, he didn't leave the keys in ignition and they weren't parked on a "no parking or will be towed at your expense table"



DJ Balderrama was hard at work making a 1/144 scale German super heavy railway gun, aka “Dora”

You may recall not so long ago our member Norm who had a 1/350th diorama of the entire artillery emplacement of this same WW2 legend.

I bring this up to lend scale to the upcoming discussion.

Take note of the size of the parts in hand and on table...

This also in any scale is no Small feat to accomplish a Build of, even if you only do the field gun itself and none of the ancillary equipment.





With all that prefacing in mind, compare the light grey piece in DJ's hand above with the dark gray piece here below...in 1/35th That's correct, the SAME side of chassis component, his is in 1/144, the one he has here is Dad's 1/35th version from the NNL



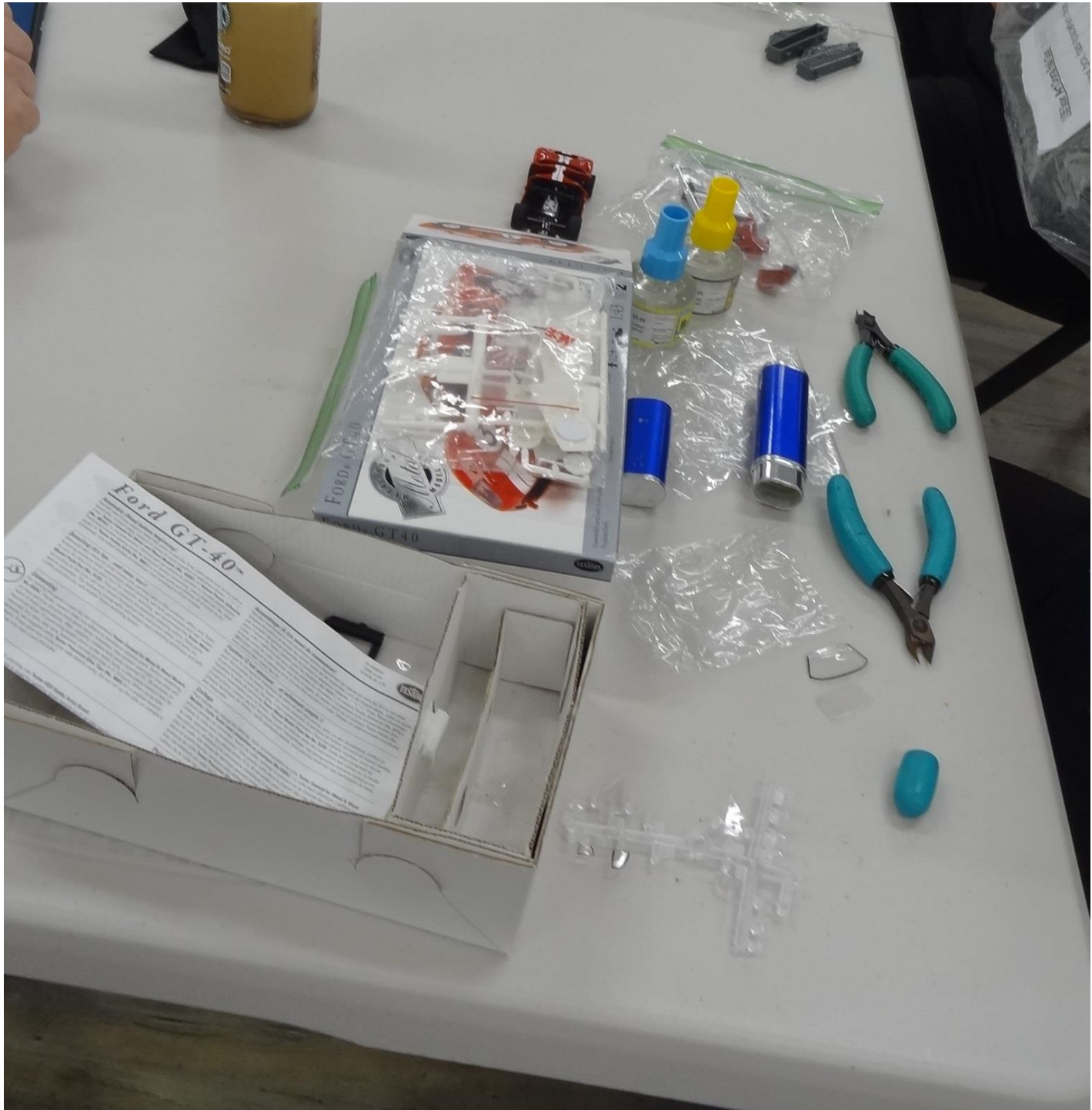
OK DJ, we'll let you get back to your model now thanks for being the "Vanna" for the big Dora.

As his dad **Dave Balderrama** explained, many folks never understood one of the great side benefits of attending the NNL West show over the years was the fact that part of it was actually the West Coast Model Expo, the two had always run together over the NNL West history with original being a two day show (shopping both days all day, the option to display model cars was either or both at your discretion) with finally having to condense to the more familiar one day blowout.

While of course being a model car event, the displays were all basically "civilian" vehicles, and the bulk of the vendors were auto/auto model related, vending tables would be sold to honest folks. As happens, sometimes some pretty good deals in armor, aircraft, space, fantasy would be on offer in vendor area. Like this 1/35th scale Dora that Dave got for a good price and needed semi to haul off.

Speaking of Dave and the NNL West, here was the 1/43rd scale car he had meant to have ready to show at the last NNL West







Ethan Larson managed to mirror some of David and DJ's nearby projects by sheer coincidence.

On the left, Ethan's three subjects, and soon I will demonstrate how two of them related to Dora models...

First, a close up of Ethan's "Gamer Gang" on right.

Which my way of saying I haven't a clue what these are character wise, but I am betting they are part of Warhammer 40K or similar genre

No notes but based on past meetings.

Next up, a better look at the other models:



Okay, in between you may spot a small finished model that bears strong resemblance to a large painted sub assembly and so also begin to get the idea that the blue grey unpainted resin pieces, painted sub assembly are in fact, upscaled versions of it!



Below, an alumnus Hornet, **Greg Guild**, sits across from VP David Parks, Greg made it to meeting to say hello, sell some kits.



Many Thanks for the visit Greg, and thanks for the books! Some of us helped lighten this storage load for him as well.



And that's that for 2025 January Nest. Okay. Done for now. Let's look at some upcoming events, shall we? -mb

In APRIL 2025, Free Hornet Aaron Rhetta is sponsoring a cool contest at his other hobby locale, GTC in San Jose:



18 S 8th St San
Jose CA 95112

Model “How-To” Challenge

Provide a step-by-step tutorial on how to do any technique related to model building.

Examples Topics Include:

- Removing Nub Marks,
- Removing Seam Lines,
- Panel Lining,
- Weathering,
- How to Hand Paint,
- How to Spray Paint,
- Specific Paint Techniques,
- How to use Particular Products,
- Scribing
- How to install LEDs
- Anything else related to Model Building

When: Saturday April 19th at 1pm.

Where: GTC Store during the Mad Max Model Contest Event

Prize: \$20 Store Credit to GTC

Must Be Present to Win

Rules:

- Should be written or video format,
- Needs to include pictures.
- Should detail each step.
- Entries can be submitted in the club discord in the “How To” channel or be delivered in person.
- No restrictions on the number of entries per person.

For a limited time, I will have a PDF of Aaron’s “How To Paint Lightning” entry which neatly exemplifies what he is after for this interesting challenge contest, on line here:

<https://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/>

BELOW is LIMITED TIME Item tied to the 4-19-25 GTC How To Model contest



[How to Paint Lightning.pdf](#)
Size : 221.423 Kb
Type : pdf

ON SAME SATURDAY, Aaron's brother Adam is having this hard charging contest, at same place, GTC in San Jose

Char's Fantasy



Model Club

Mad Max Competition

Saturday, April 19th

Time: 12:00-4pm

Gifts Toys Collectables: 18 South 8th St
San Jose CA, 95112

Rules

- **Must Be present to Win!!!**
 - 1 entry per contestant
- Any type or size of model/ miniature (gundam, plane, car, tank, ect)
- Customize to fit "Mad Max" Aesthetic (rust, spikes, chains, ect)
- Judging begins at 2pm



THIS IS THEIR LATEST CLUB FLYER which has helpful links and information for your enjoyment, Thanks Aaron !



Scan here to Join
us on Discord!!!



Scan here to follow
us on Instagram!!!

**Come build with us at GTC (Gifts Toys
Collectables) store at 18 South 8th St San Jose
CA, 95112 on occasional Saturdays at
12:00pm!!!**



THEN IN MAY, WE HAVE TWO IPMS Club SHOWS



IPMS SILVERWINGS

presents:

SILVERCON 2025

Model Show & Contest

Saturday, May 17, 2025

CONTEST THEME: VIETNAM WAR



**NOONTIME
RAFFLE**

Town & Country Lutheran Church • 4049 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento



Facebook

Contest Registration - 9am to 12pm

Adults (18+) \$12 first 2 models & \$3 each additional entry
Junior (7-17) \$4 first 2 models & \$1 for each additional entry
Kids 6 & under entries free

8 ft. vendor tables \$40, 2 or more \$35 each

Vendor Coordinator: Gerald Clements (916) 346-2419 • bigjer009@gmail.com



website

Updates and additional information will be posted on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/groups/IPMSSACRAMENTO/ and website: www.sacramento-model-club.org/

BEST OF THE WEST CHAPTER 30TH ANNIVERSARY



Saturday May 24th, 2025

Orleans Hotel Casino Las Vegas, NV

Show Brought to you by IPMS Las Vegas, with help from Red Flag Scale Modelers, Las Vegas Model Car Club, Vegas Armor Modelers Preservation Society, and Gunpla Builders United

Tons of Vendor Tables, 49 Contest Categories, IPMS 1,2,3 Judging Criteria

Special Judging rules: No Touching Models, No Flashlights, No optical devices and or Mirrors, No Sweeps.

Contest & Show Admission (CASH ONLY) Doors open 9:00 am, Judging noon, awards 3:30 pm, close 5:00

Adult Model Entry \$15 for the first 2 models, \$2 for each additional model. 1 guest per entrant

Juniors (under 17) FREE (unlimited entries) Special Awards to be announced at a later date.

General Show Admission

(All other attendees) \$5 each Adult & Family. Children under 12, Active Military & First Responders are FREE **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** www.ipmslv.org for contest forms. Or email ipmslv@aol.com Orleans Hotel 702-365-7111. April 25th cutoff date. Room Reservations code IPME25P. Vendors Contact and Show Coordinator Jay Bergeon 702-861-9050 ipmslvraffle@yahoo.com

THEN IN JUNE...

SILICON VALLEY SCALE MODELERS PRESENT



Silicon Valley Classic 2025 scale model contest and expo

Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Fremont Elks Lodge
38991 Farwell, Drive, Fremont, California

Special Awards for

Best V-subject•Best Victory in Europe Subject•Best Victory in the Pacific
Subject•Best V-8-Powered Automobile•Best Operation Desert Storm Sub-
ject•Best Vietnam Subject•Angelo Deogracias Award – Best Competition Car

Over 50 regular categories • Huge raffle • Vendors
For more information visit www.svsm.org or call (510) 599-1526

Categories:

- Y1. Youth (up to 13) Aircraft, all scales and types
- Y2. Youth Military Vehicles, all scales and types
- Y3. Youth Automotive, all scales and types
- Y4. Youth Sci-Fi and Fantasy, all scales and types
- Y5. Youth Miscellaneous, all scales and types
- J1. Junior (13-17) Aircraft, all scales and types
- J2. Junior Military Vehicles, all scales and types
- J3. Junior Automotive, all scales and types
- J4. Junior Sci-Fi and Fantasy, all scales and types
- J5. Junior Miscellaneous, all scales and types
- S1. Prop or Turboprop Aircraft, 1:144
- S2. Jet Aircraft, 1:144
- S3. Single-engine Prop or Turboprop, 1:72 – Allied
- S4. Single-engine Prop or Turboprop, 1:72 – Axis and Neutral
- S5. Multi-engine Prop or Turboprop, 1:72
- S6. Single-engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft, 1:72
- S7. Multi-engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft, 1:72
- S8. Single-engine Prop or Turboprop, 1:48 – Allied
- S9. Single-engine Prop or Turboprop, 1:48 – Axis and Neutral
- S10. Multi-engine Prop or Turboprop, 1:48
- S11. Single-engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft, 1:48
- S12. Multi-engine Jet Aircraft, 1:48
- S13. Prop and Turboprop Aircraft, 1:32
- S14. Jet and Rocket Aircraft, 1:32
- S15. Biplanes/Fabric and Rigging, all scales and types
- S16. Rotary Wing Aircraft, all scales and types
- S17. Civil, Sport And Racing Aircraft, all scales and types
- S18. Airliners, All Scales
- S19. 1:35 Softskin, Half-Tracks and Support Vehicles
- S20. 1:35 Armored Fighting Vehicles, Wheeled
- S21. 1:35 Armored Fighting Vehicles, Tracked, up to and including WWII
- S22. 1:35 Armored Fighting Vehicles, Tracked, Post-WWII
- S23. 1:35 Self-propelled Artillery and Assault Guns
- S24. 1:35 Artillery and Ancillary Vehicles
- S25. 1:48 and smaller Softskins and Artillery
- S26. 1:48 and smaller Armored Fighting Vehicles
- S27. Armor – 1:34 and Larger
- S28. Automobiles, Competition – Open Wheel

- S29. Automobiles, Competition – Closed Wheel
- S30. Automobiles, Stock
- S31. Automotive, Custom
- S32. Automotive, Low-Riders
- S33. Automotive, Commercial Vehicles
- S34. Motorcycles
- S35. Ships – 1:350 and Larger
- S36. Ships – 1:351 and Smaller
- S37. Submarines, all scales
- S38. Dioramas – large (any one side larger than 12 inches)
- S39. Dioramas – small (no sides larger than 12 inches)
- S40. Real Space and Missiles
- S41. Sci-Fi and Fantasy Space Vehicles
- S42. Gunpla and Mecha, Basic – 1:143 and Larger
- S43. Gunpla and Mecha, Basic – 1:144 and Smaller
- S44. Gunpla and Mecha, Modified – 1:143 and Larger
- S45. Gunpla and Mecha, Modified – 1:144 and Smaller
- S46. Figures – Military or Historic
- S47. Figures – Fantasy or Sci-Fi
- S48. Figures – Busis
- S49. Hypothetical Subjects, all scales and types
- S50. Miscellaneous
- S51. Collections (5 or more models connected by a theme)

Special Awards

- V-for-Victory Award – Best V-subject
- Best Victory In Europe Subject (1945)
- Best Victory In the Pacific Subject (1945)
- Best V-8-Powered Automobile
- Best Operation Desert Storm Subject (1991)
- Best Vietnam Subject
- Angelo Deogracias Award – Best Competition Car
- Best Aircraft
- Best Military Vehicle
- Best Automobile
- Best Ship
- Best Figure
- Best Space, Sci-Fi or Fantasy
- Bill Magpie Award – Best Junior or Sub-Junior
- Ted Kautzman Award – Best In Show

Rules:

1. The contest will be judged using IPMS/USA criteria.
2. All work must be done by the entrant.
3. As per IPMS/USA Region 9 rules, models should be in their first year of competition (i.e., models should have made their contest debuts no later than June 14, 2024).
4. All questions about placement of models will be determined by the head judge. Rulings are final.
5. Junior categories **For Modelers 14 to 18** youth categories **For Modelers 13 & under**
6. All spectators should have fun - otherwise, they're doing it wrong!

Schedule (subject to change)

Doors open: 9:00 a.m.

First Raffle: 11 a.m.

Judges' meeting: 12:15 p.m.

Second Raffle: 1:45

Awards: 3:15

For more information,
vendor reservations or ques-
tions, call event chairman
Chris Bucholtz at
(510) 599-1526 or email him
at bucholtzc@aol.com,
or visit the SVSM website at
www.svsm.org

Coming Up NEXT

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14 2025**

REMINDER – WE WILL BE AT OUR 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 THE LATEST YUBA CITY and FRESNO events

STAY TUNED

*ALONG WITH COVERAGE OF **MORE NEWS OF OUR SUCCESS HOSTING TRI CITY SIXTEEN** IN YEAR 2024*

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 “*

