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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 **SPECIAL 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: What comprises other contents ... Can they be summarized ? NO but...
YET ! RECENTLY HELD November 2025 Hornets event has some notation IN HERE !**

ALSO settling rumors about NEW MEETING SITE and Events coming April & November

You May Call This BUZZ The “Latest Act Taking Aim At An Editorial Rebound”



ALL INSIDE THIS

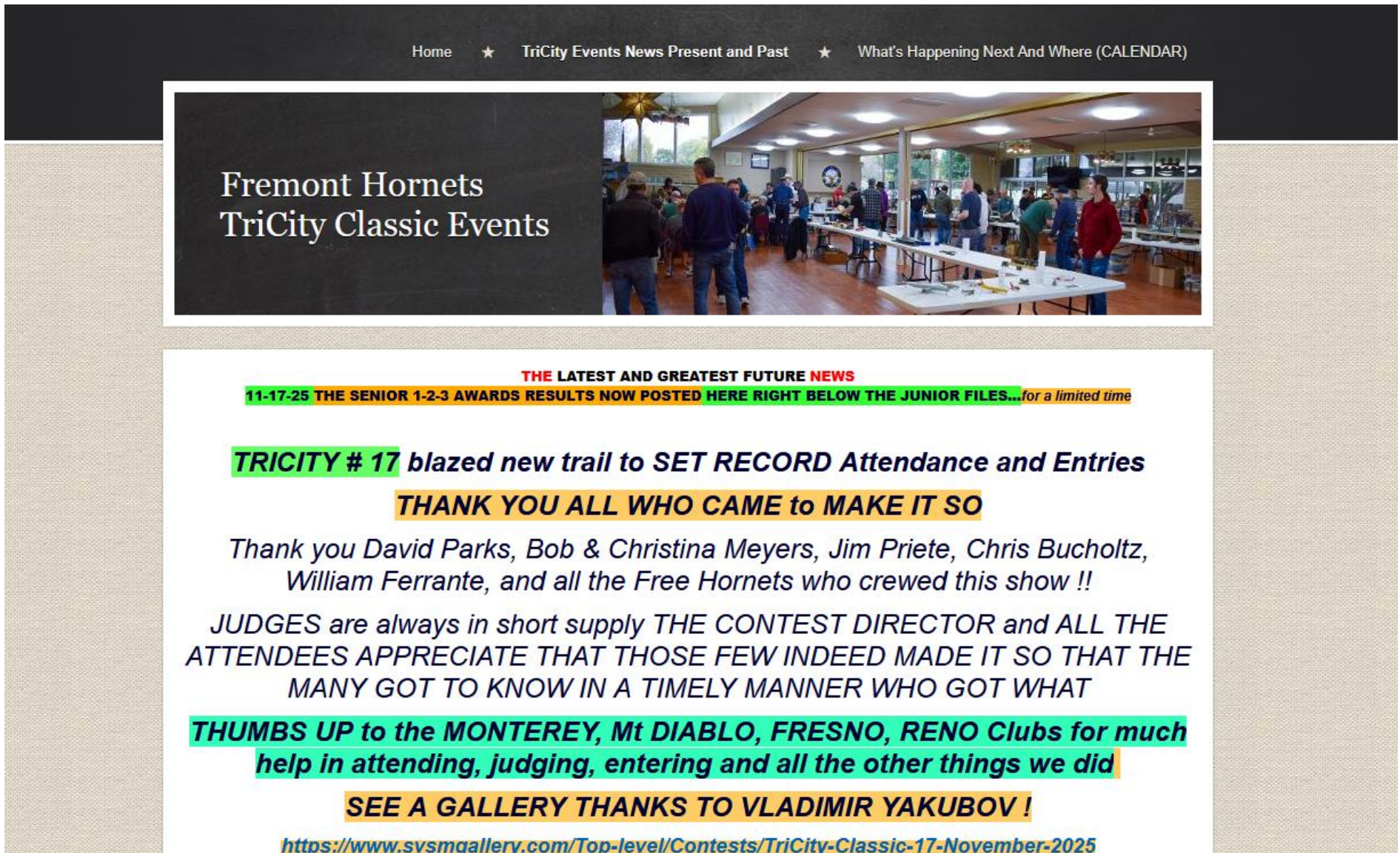
CERTIFIABLY ANCIENT PRODUCTION

(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

SO HEY, I HEARD THE FREE HORNETS HAD A SHOW. ANYBODY HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT IT?



Well, I had to get to this moment somehow, right? Above is a partial clip of the Hornets web page, seemed best way to say it all ***AND TO FOLLOW THAT UP -***

So here you go, a brief summary of our now SEVENTEEN Tri City Classics, with some compiled numbers, theme notes for your enlightenment :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Locale</i>	<i>Entrants</i>	<i>Models</i>	<i>Theme (where recorded)</i>	<i>Notes</i>
2004	TriCity One	Newark	73	290	“Best of Three”	TriCity Award for Superbee w/3 carbs!
2005	TriCity Two	Newark	73	237	“Three of A Kind”	TriCity Award for 3 entry/Same entrant
2006	TriCity Three	Newark	45	169	“Never A Shot In Anger”	Included “Woulda/Coulda/Shoulda”
2007	TriCity Four	Newark	45	170	“The Italian Job”	Italian/Italy Theme
2008	TriCity Five	Newark	49	188	“The French Connection”	French/France Theme
2009	TriCity Six	Newark	57	218	“From Russia With Love”	Russian/Soviet Theme
2011	TriCity Seven	Milpitas	74	300	“Black Rain”	Japanese Theme
2012	TriCity Eight	Milpitas	55	211	“Midway” & “Missiles of October”	USA Theme
2013	TriCity Nine	Milpitas	58	197	“Soldier of Orange”	Dutch/Netherlands Theme
2014	TriCity Ten	Milpitas	76	285	“Out of Africa”	Africa/African Theme
2015	TriCity Eleven	Milpitas	68	271	“The Good German”	Germany/German Theme
2016	TriCity Twelve	Milpitas	66	238	“The Battle of Britain”	Britain/British Theme
2017	TriCity Thirteen	Milpitas	60	245	“Australia”	Australia/New Zealand Oz/Kiwi Theme
2022	TriCity Fourteen	Fremont	52	243	“From The Earth To The Moon”	Earth/Moon/Space Theme
2023	TriCity Fifteen	Fremont	80	298	“ Dr. Strangelove”	USA/UK/USSR Cold War 1948-1991 Theme
2024	TriCity Sixteen	Fremont	73	317	“Clear & Present Danger”	USA/Central Am/South Am/Cuba Theme
2025	TriCity Seventeen	Fremont	96	399	“The Sum of All Fears”	USA/USSR/Israel/Egypt/Syria/Germany Theme

This amazing year, there were 23 more entrants with 82 MORE model entries overall compared to immediately prior TC-16, which itself set a new record for entries.

Again saw more Youth and Junior entries, which helped with making sure the FOURTH year of the “ It Figures - Lester Tockerman Memorial Award for Juniors” had all three potential awards realized. This year we had 67! categories on offer (57 Senior, 10 Junior) and 20 Special Awards, ALL The Specials were sponsored+Awarded! Very few “empty categories”, small number of “two out of three” categories (no third place entry) Another superb turnout of vendors, spectacular response to the raffles both in item donations and event day ticket sale. Head Judge Jim Priete secured enough judges, kept work flowing smoothly, you wouldn’t have known it was his inaugural Bob Meyers did not let having significant surgery recently slow him down, keeping the timely announcements (planned and unplanned) coming and Christina Meyers made sure their raffle extravaganza effort ran smooth as silk along with getting awards on display in a pleasing manner in plenty of time. Chris Bucholtz was shanghai’d into role as Special Projects Judge during Awards administration by Bill and Mick then segued into Awards Emcee without missing a beat. We successfully mixed up process of giving Awards out (differential timing and two Special Guest situations to accommodate) So many good models by great modelers showed up, the Contest Director can now confirm we set have another NEW RECORD HIGH for Entrants with TC-17, and NEW HIGHEST MODEL ENTRIES count as well.

VERY WELL DONE , TriCity Seventeen Team !

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to FREMONT HORNET VP/Treasurer/Vendor Chairman DAVID PARKS who won the TriCity Seventeen Edition SA-16 Special Award, the 2025 Steven A. Travis Award for Recognizing Service to the Fremont Hornets and/or Region Nine Community. Unanimous assent that he was the most deserving of nominees

So, WE Free Hornets should be again proud of hosting “ The Best Little Show in the East Bay ” – TC-17 Contest Director mickb fini

In the meantime, you can find complete listing of Winners in all the Senior & Junior categories, plus all the Special Awards in PDF format which is easily readable on line at the Free Hornets Annex “TC-17 Memories” page: <http://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tc-17.php>

And yes, eventually there will be A Special Edition “CONTEST ISSUE” BUZZ V.1 produced and published, for now just know – The TRI CITY Will Return ...

THE **Latest** BUZZ (as of NOV 28 2025 925 PM)

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

YES! Now # 136 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!



“ EDITOR JUST GOT BACK FROM LONG STRANGE TRIP ” (several...)

UNOFFICIAL FLYER COURTESY of MIRANDCO



ABSOLUTELY AWESOME REGION 9 APRIL NEWS !!

THIS is HUGE TURN of EVENT Check it out Please HATS OFF to The CREW UP NORTH for This One

Well at least it's only been since AUGUST 6 that Editor dropped off map of crafting these tomes, but no meeting coverage since APRIL?

No time to waste on such matters now, what has got him pleasingly on a panic is here for real are brackets of START & END events 2026 of R-9

WE HAD SUCH A GOOD TIME at 17...

IN BETWEEN we are already assured too of Events from Sacramento, Fresno, IPMS USA, the Antelope Valley Group

OUR HOBBY IS

VERY MUCH

ALIVE !!!!

Okay read on I have so much to catch us up on

-mb fini



We won't just coast, we've booked for #18 already

FLAG your calendar NOW for

Saturday NOVEMBER 14 2026

TRICITY CLASSIC EIGHTEEN

Fremont Elks Lodge 38991 Farwell Drive Fremont CA

THEME - TBA

<https://fremonthornets.yolasite.com/tricity-events-news-present-and-past.php>



April 11th, 2026
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Petaluma Community Center
320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma CA, 94954

DECEMBER 12 2025 *Free Hornets* MOM & TOM theme:

CURTAIN CALL

WHAT? REAL SIMPLE :

(ANY winning TOM or MOM MODEL that you entered from year 2025)

This competition is for deciding "Best of The Best"
so don't ignore participation or you will risk affirming judgement that yours wasn't it !

Alright, now you ask, who were these winners?

Glad you asked, as the **Model of the Month Winners** are documented inside here

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AND JUST SO YOU KNOW here are links for the next few months of FREMONT HORNET TOM & MOM in 2026

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-jan-2026.php> “FIRST TIME’s A CHARM”

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-feb-2026.php> “ FREEDOM of CHOICE ”

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-march-2026.php> “ MECHATRONIC MENAGERIE ”

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-april-2026.php> “ ACES HIGH ”

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-may-2026.php> “ MAXIMUM OVERDRIVE ”

MIND YOU, THERE’s ALREADY THEMES FOR THE REST OF 2026 but hey, gotta leave some mystery to come ...



On his second trip he got the date right and saw the Hollister NNL first hand. Some wicked awards too.

For a sample of some of the Editor's long strange trips he's been on as an excuse to not be at this work desk...

In August, he happened upon the 80th anniversary of the end of WW II, and stayed awhile at local club display

In September, traveled to Hollister 2X



Which in late October really got him going into déjà vu, as here at AVG show...OMG !



Antelope Valley Group was at their old long time location this year, the cafeteria of Antelope Valley College. An excellent day



This was a look at the Event at only 10AM

Desert Classic 26 did not suffer any lack of attendees or great models to see or vendors to shop



*However my favorite surprise that made the trip right off the bat was this display of 2026 AVG show award plans !!!
Yes they announced during awards that this was no speculation, they were committed to Desert Classic 2026. Only that their decision of the date and locale (likely either the college or high school they have used before) would be coming soon enough*





This C-2A Greyhound in 1/48th was also a very big treat to see on table

AVG has always had some pretty awards and plenty of them :



EARLIER IN OCTOBER One could definitely say that The Mad Dogs of Boise also didn't lack for attendance or excitement

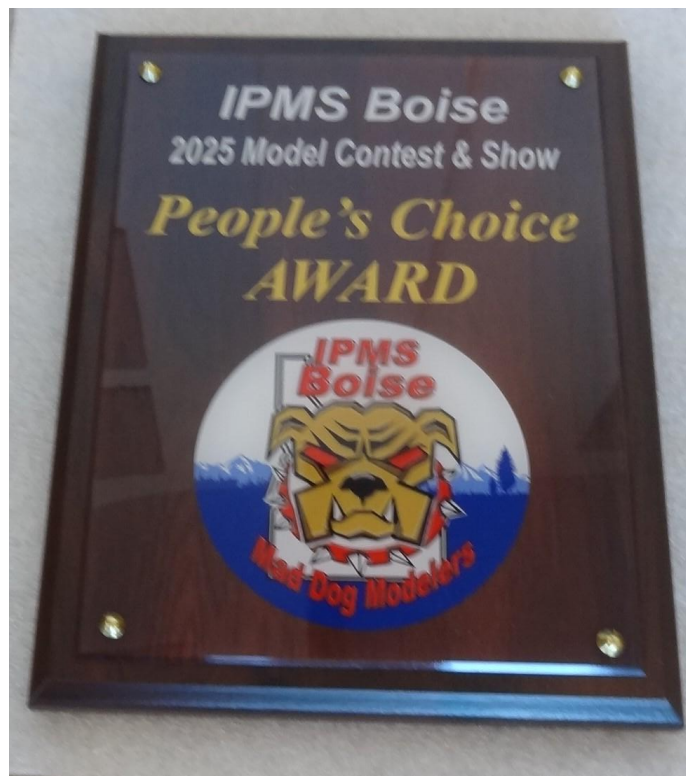


They only host this show every other year so was for me case go this time or as New Jersey Tony says ... "fuggedaboutit"



This 3-D Chess set was a Special Award donation For 1st Place in Sci Fi !

Salt Lake City is host for the 2026 Show and I am going to aim to make that one, yo !





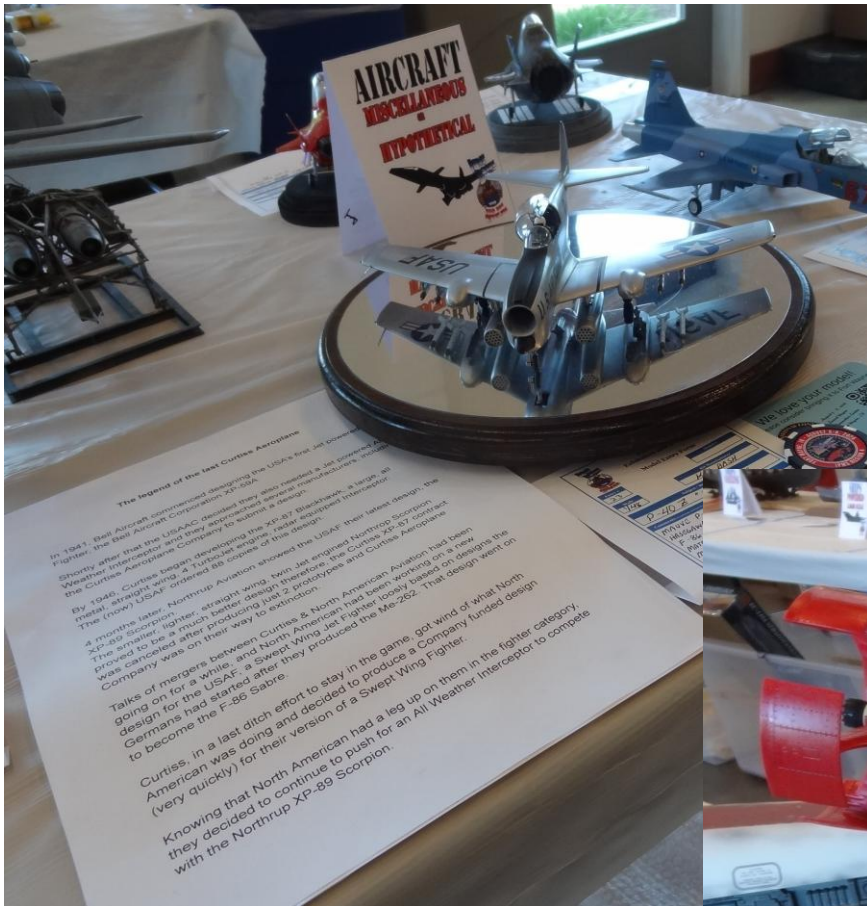
This trip also turned out a “Tale of Two Presidents” for Editor as well.

The smiling gent here you may recognize, it’s Mr Ray Lloyd who has been known to have helped the Executive chair in Fremont for the Hornets a time or two. He has been enjoying his relocation to Boise area and finishing models now a lot !

He also scores nice deals like this 1/48th B-58 complete with the Fisher resin improvement set inside, a very good 10 dollar deal!



I have no picture of the current IPMS USA President who was manning this vendor table at the show, but we had great chat



*OKAY – I am going to close out this brief reverie revue
With a look at Ray's completed ! P-40Z "BlowHawk"
On the left*



This pleasingly offbeat red project I don't even recall if it won anything, but totally eye-catching, undeniably

***ALRIGHT BACK TO IMPORTANT
TIME SENSITIVE STUFF...***

GALLERY of The 2025 Model Of the Month (MOM) Winners for potential “Curtain Call” win

MAY “MAYDAY MAYHEM ”



ANGELA FALVEY – “The Emperor Protects”



JULY – “KAMJAGIA” (there were no entries for JUNE’s JUNE BUGS, so that’s one less worry for the Judge)



CHRIS BUCHOLTZ “Korean War Night Fighter USMC F7F-2N Tigercat”



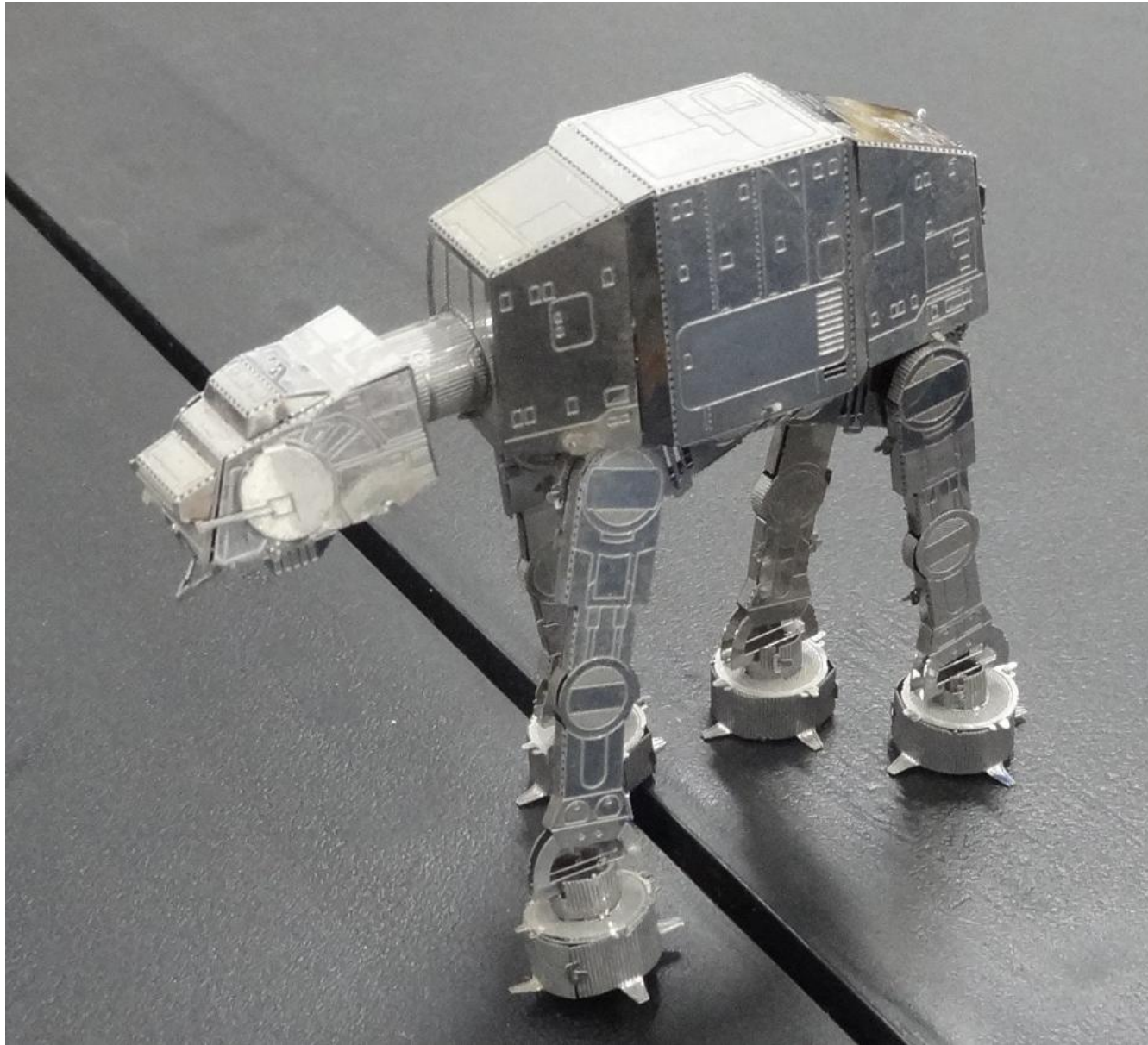
AUGUST – “ANY DAY NOW”



MARK BALDERRAMA – “D-558-1 Skystreak from MEIKRAFT”



SEPTEMBER “ STEEL and STERLING ”



DAVID BALDERRAMA – “All Steel Star Wars AT-AT ” (sorry only one photo available)

OCTOBER - " RED OCTOBER "



ETHAN LARSON – “ FIGHTING FIGURE the Editor sadly did not get correct ID for ”



NOVEMBER – “ ALL QUIET ON THE NOVEMBER FRONT ”



TAMAS NEMETH – AIRCO DH-2 with Wing Swap (sorry only one decent picture available)



IF YOU ALREADY ENJOY BUILDING MECHA and GUNPLA Or would like to learn and explore this modelling genre, there is a Hobby Club in San Jose that one of our Hornets is an integral part of and they have their activity meetings at a hobby shop for same.



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!!!



Coming Up NEXT

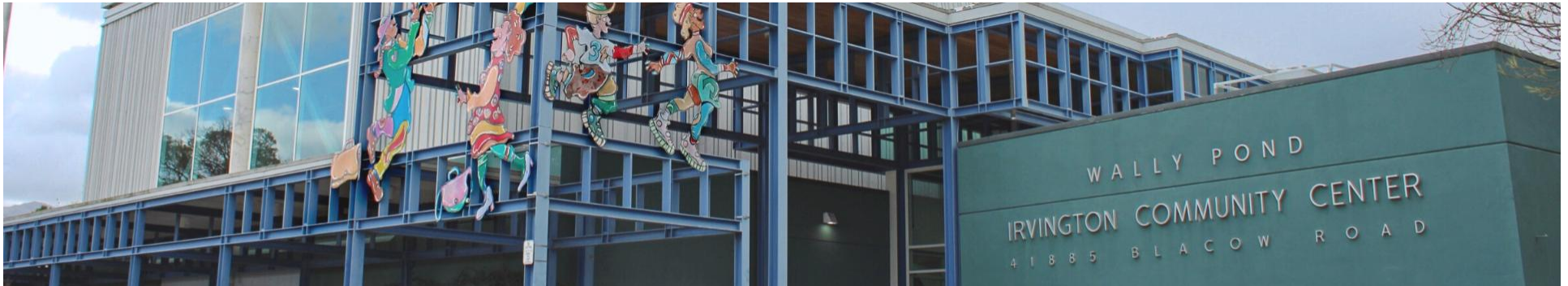
The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 2025**

REMINDER – WE WILL BE AT OUR OLD 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. Important bit of business to discuss in order to get our bearings and then we go to Holiday Portion of our Meeting Night.

IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER, 41885 Blacow Road, Fremont CA



Located across street from Irvington High School Corner of GreenPark Dr & Blacow Rd

PLUS IN A FUTURE NEXT EDITION

WE MAY SEE NEW MATERIAL OF WHAT WENT ON AT THE LAST FEW 2025 HORNETS NESTS or other events *STAY TUNED*

ALONG WITH COVERAGE OF *MORE NEWS OF OUR HOSTING SOME CLUB CONTESTS THIS YEAR*

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- 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* “

