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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 ? YES

SOLELY Room for REVEAL of an AUGUST EVENT Editor managed to attend, IN HERE !

ALSO settling rumors about NEW MEETING SITE for DECEMBER

You May Call This BUZZ The “ Editorial Rounding Up Material to catch up close of year ”



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 DEC 11 2025 1155 PM)

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

YES! Now # 137 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 muddled, let's get to some actual important business!



“ EDITOR JUST HAD TO PREVIEW SOMETHING NEW ”

Well okay, had already put notice out that committed intent to stage, with confirmed locale, date on the books so to speak. However, the Contest Director tossed his original theme plan for TC-18, fashioned this to 95 % in short interval. Learned on his keyboard break via cell phone news feed Paramount was about to up end his fun surprise. Happy shock though, and now this TC-18 is 99 percent ready to go promo!

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TRI-CITY CLASSIC XVIII

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition



Saturday, November 14 2026

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

“ **TOP GUN** ”

(On Theme Entry Subject anything from USA or from Vietnam Conflict 1964-75)

NEW Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are:

“ Tomcat ” Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

“ Best of the Best ” (three awards: Best: Grumman “Cat” Subject, Armored “Cat” Subject, “Bird” subject)

“ Great Balls of Fire ” Award for Best Post 1976 U.S.A. subject (any, includes hypothetical)

ALSO “Mulieres Volante” for Women In Aerospace Subject & “Know A Hornet’s Mighty Sting” for Best American Fighter Aircraft

Plus these: “ Lightning Strikes Twice ”, “ 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 18yrs. & older w/FIVE model entries/less (**\$15 for SIX or more**) 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 18 Contest” on subject line

SIMPLIFIED LIST OF SPECIAL AWARDS TRICITY EIGHTEEN (As of 12-06-25)

- 1 Best Of Show Senior
- 2 Best Of Show Junior /Youth
- 3 “ TOMCAT ”
Award for Best Entry befitting Contest Theme
- 4 “ Best Of The Best ” (up to three awards, in any combine)
Best “ Grumman ‘Cat ’, Armored “ Cat ” “ Bird ” (A Nod to “Goose”)
4A Grumman ‘ Cat (F4F to F-14)
4B Armored “ Cat ”
4C “ Bird ” (e.g. Lockheed Blackbird family, A-8 Shrike)
- 5 “ Great Balls of Fire ”
Best Post 1976 U.S.A. subject (Real Or Not)
- 6 “ Know A Hornet’s Mighty Sting “ Best American Fighter Aircraft
- 7 “ Lightning Strikes Twice “
Best English Electric or Lockheed Lightning or Arado Blitz or Qualified Pair SE a/c
- 8 Best in Category for **Aircraft**
- 9 Best in Category for **Armor**
- 10 Best in Category for **Automotive**
- 11 Best in Category for **Figure or Robot**
- 12 Best in Category for **Ship or SpaceShip**
- 13 “Space, Time and 42” Best in Category for **Diorama**
- 14 “It Figures” Lester Tockerman Memorial Award for Junior / Youth Only
14A “It Figures-First”
14B “ It Figures-Again”
14C “ It Figures-Again & Again It all adds up”
- 15 Kenneth Jung Memorial Award - Contest Director’s choice
- 16 SAT Service Award Recognition for Service to The FH or to R-9 Community
- 17 “Mulieres Volante” Best Women In Aerospace Subject
- 18 “Top Secret:From Real Genius to Top Gun” Nod to Val Kilmer (SpyVeh/Per)
- 19 “TOWARD THE UNKNOWN” Award for Best Pioneering, Exploratory or Experimental Subject (Vehicle or Person) Nod to 1956 Film and premise

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, **Model of the Month Winners** are documented starting at **page 15** in the immediately **prior published BUZZ # 135Z** which is easily found here <https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/2025-buzz-v1.php> (at bottom of that list of PDFs)

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 ”

TUCKED AWAY In SAN JOSE On A Balmy Saturday – a Look Back 80 years, Nearly To That Very Day

This is the frontage fenceline of Phelan Road which leads you to entrance of History San Jose, a living history museum/park



Several of the photo banners are annual "45" repeats but they also have had many families get their folks on fence as they offered a process to do that, and of course it makes the whole thing have a lot more close up meaning. So now you know. These displays go up a few weeks ahead and are mostly visible to the high traffic daily passing on adjacent Senter Road.





There are a good number of buildings and mini museums on site and as you can see on this day they have a lot of people in period attire in attendance.

They also have a lot of niche groups who have some interesting displays you may otherwise never see or know of if you don't go



I followed this dapper Gent in Grey to one of the Aforementioned Niche Nerd displays. As you see:

He was caught up by the intriguing display of...

(gasp)

SCALE MODELS !

He's clearly in full inquiry mode here, apparently talking to the generous group who staged this display, pointing over at...



MORE FOLK like himself. Deeply curious as to what indeed are these “scale models”, who does this odd practice, anyway?



OMG ! I KNOW THESE CHARACTERS ! Say hello to my fellow “dual passporters” who are SVSM & Fremont members Bob Meyers, Christine Meyers, Eugenie Ray and Randy Ray. The CO of this encampment is Chris Bucholtz, on a break.



All those sailors, airmen, infantry and grey garbed civilians were taking in Eugenie's excellent Yak-6 snow scene which gives insight to WW2 Soviet Union efforts, her Wermacht Bison behind it. Randy had a Soviet SU-100 and other goods!



M42 105mm HOWITZER
Germany
In service 1942-45
Scale 1:35
Modeler: Randy Ray

FLAKVIERLING 88 20mm ANTI AIRCRAFT GUN
Germany
In service 1942-45
Scale 1:35
Modeler: Randy Ray

10.5cm STURMHAUBITZE 42 Ausf G
Germany
In service 1942-45
Scale 1:35
Modeler: Randy Ray

SU-100
Soviet Union
In service 1944-45
Scale 1:35
Modeler: Randy Ray

YAKOVLEV YAK-6
Russia, 1942
Scale 1:72
Modeler: Eugenie Ray



International Plastic Modelers' Society / USA
By Modelers... For Modelers

For 60 years, IPMS/USA has supported the hobby of scale modeling for people of all ages, interests, and skill levels. Our mission is to foster an expanding community of scale modelers by providing an organized national network of chapters and regions, providing opportunities for modelers of all ages, interests, and skill levels to gather, encourage, learn, and teach all aspects of the hobby.

IPMS/USA encourages participation by creating the communities for modelers to come together to enjoy scale modeling and providing multiple channels of modeling-related activities and communications, including chapter meetings, local events/shows, conventions, and social and printed media. We do this through the support and strength of our membership.

Join Today!

Becoming an IPMS/USA membership helps maintain a strong a community of members who love the hobby as much as you do. As a member, you have the ability to be part of structuring the National Organization through participation as a Voting Member, Volunteer, and/or Leadership positions.

IPMS/USA produces the IPMS/USA Journal, an all-color magazine supplied to our members 6 times each year. You will also receive direct communications from IPMS/USA about local, regional, and national events periodically through the year. Local chapters receive support from the National Organization through insurance coverage events and chapter meetings. Northern California & Nevada have 9 IPMS/USA chapters, including the Silicon Valley Scale Modelers (SVSM) and the Fremont Hornets.

IPMS/USA supports a variety of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) as well. SIGs are a community of people who come together around a shared interest and are passionate about sharing knowledge and improving their skills. They often cross geographical and professional boundaries and are self-managed by community members. IPMS/USA encourages the creation of SIGs and offers these guidelines to support new and existing SIGs.

Annually, IPMS/USA hosts a National Convention in a new location every year. In partnership with local clubs, 2026's Convention is being held in Fort Wayne, Indiana on August 5-8. IPMS/USA's goal is to increase activities to encourage outreach to uninitiated or underrepresented modeling communities. We want to focus on the "Society" part of International Plastic Modelers' Society. Now we connect people via a shared love of model making. Joining today lends your voice to shaping the next 60 years of IPMS/USA.



Here is a better idea of adjacent excellent examples giving good range, the helpful signage is produced by Messr C Bucholtz



It is so helpful to have a variety such as this for so many reasons. Trust me I too know first hand how customers can engage.



KAWANISHI N1K1-J SHIDEN
25 Lt Kokutai
Clark Field, Philippines, 1945
Scale 1:72
Modeler: Chris Bucholtz



MARTIN 167 MARYLAND
Flown by F/L Adrian Warburton, WOp/AG
Paddy Moran and Sgt. Frank Bastard
431 Squadron, RAF
Luqa, Malta, 1941
Scale 1:72
Modeler: Chris Bucholtz



ORDNANCE QF 2-POUNDER AT GUN
United Kingdom
In service 1936-1944
Scale 1:35
Modeler: Randy Ray



SPITFIRE
Built by the Royal Air Force
First flight: 5th March 1939
In service: 1939-1948
Scale: 1:48
Modeler: Chris Burnell

HELLCAT
Built by the US Navy
First flight: 11th June 1942
In service: 1942-1945
Scale: 1:48
Modeler: Chris Burnell

PRINCE OF WALES
Built by the Royal Air Force
First flight: 15th May 1940
In service: 1940-1945
Scale: 1:48
Modeler: Chris Burnell

MARTIN 147 MUSTANG
Built by the US Army Air Corps
First flight: 1st August 1942
In service: 1942-1945
Scale: 1:48
Modeler: Chris Burnell

GRUMMAN F6F HELLCAT
Built by the US Navy
First flight: 11th June 1942
In service: 1942-1945
Scale: 1:48
Modeler: Chris Burnell

ORDNANCE OF 2-FOUNDER AT GUN
United Kingdom
In service: 1936-1944
Scale: 1:35
Modeler: Randy Jay

ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL:
DO NOT TOUCH
THE MODELS
YOUR COUNTRY THANKS YOU

16cm 33 HOWITZER
Germany
In service: 1939-45
Scale: 1:35



NORTH AMERICAN P-51C MUSTANG
Flown by Lt. Leon "Woodie" Spars
100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter
Group
Riminielli, Italy, Spring 1945
Scale 1:72
Modeler: Chris Bisher

FAIREY FIREFLY MK. I
Down by 200 in Medford
172nd Squadron, Fleet Air Arm
SMS Intelligence off Sumatra, January 1944
Scale 1:72
Modeler: Chris Bisher



Parked for the rest of the afternoon and enjoyed enlightening many with fact that current SVSM President Eugenie Ray was the provider of the Yak-6 and Bison displays, along with aside making sure known those weren't "easy Tamiya builds..." As well enjoyed just how enchanted many were with Bob's collection especially when they fathomed this was a single "species"

As I stayed to the display period close, I got some pictures of the “ exit parade” as many of the vehicles there only for day left so that the “Victory Dance” dinner and dance with live band music could be readied and undertaken. After getting these few photos assembled for my articles, struck me in these shots almost looks as if the scale models wanted to join 1/1s on way out







There were again a lot of pretty nice working period vehicles on site. However I only caught shots as a few drove by our way



Along for the ride so to speak for its annual visit, one of my favorites which is seen below, has to get back to own museum:



HEY LOOK ! The CO of the SVSM display is caught catching a ride on a clearly non period transit, bee seeing you Chris !



-fini mb

Coming Up NEXT

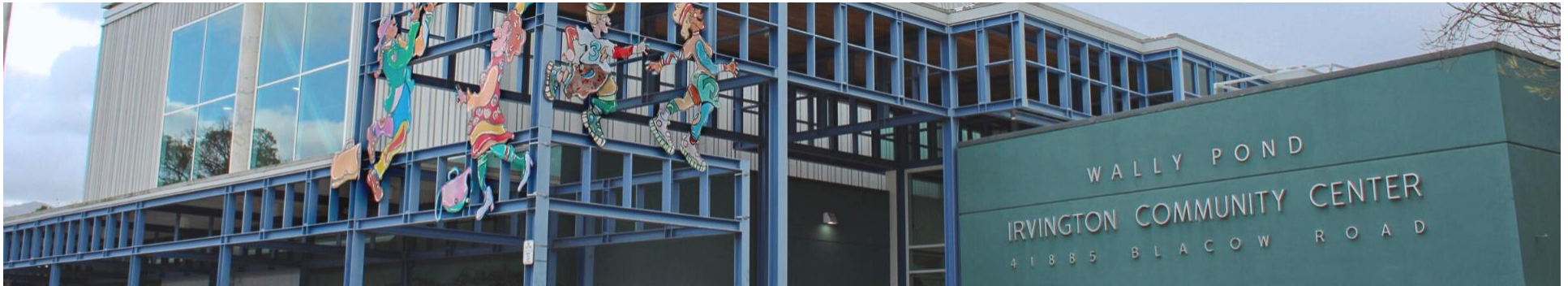
The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 2025**

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 A TRI CITY EIGHTEEN* NEXT 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* “

