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# The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 137Z



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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 APRIL Hornets Nest**

**ALSO settling calendar for NEW MEETING SITE for first quarter of 2026**

**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 15 2025 525 PM)

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

**YES! Now # 138** 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!



“ REMINDER FOR ALL and A PREVIEW IF YOU MISSED THIS ”

*We had a vigorous discussion at December Holiday Nest and as you see we were at the Wally Pond Irvington Comm Ctr. Having gotten an excellent breakdown of financials and potential scenarios from VP/Treas Dave Parks, we ended up with Vote to meet the next three months (January/February/March 2026) at this location and in March, discuss next steps. This isn't a low cost decision but it's worthwhile while we have the funds, to explore and more coolly determine our path*



Mark it down to remember ☺

01/09/26  
02/13/26  
03/13/26

**IRVINGTON  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER**

*(Wally Pond)*

**41885 Blacow Road  
Fremont CA 94538**

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***JANUARY 09 2026 Free Hornets MOM & TOM theme:***

***First Time's A Charm***  
***(a two part contest)***

*WHAT? REAL SIMPLE :*

Up to FIVE total (ANY MODEL Primarily a SNAP TITE, **Part ONE**)

*This is a SKILLS CHALLENGE COMPETITION, in TWO PARTS.*

PART ONE is you make your entry SANS ADHESIVE ENTIRELY best you can

**PAINT IS ALLOWED even ENCOURAGED**  
**if NOT USED as a sneaky adhesive solution here.**

IF You have ever experienced Snap Tight as a modelling medium, you will know what kind of challenge you may be in for here. NEXT UP:

**THIS IS IMPORTANT RULE DON" T IGNORE IT**  
**ALL ENTRIES welcomed, even if considered as broken**  
**or unfinished by the entrant at the time.**

Why this is important will become VERY CLEAR in PART TWO of this next month

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-jan-2026.php>

*"FIRST TIME's A CHARM"*

<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/tom-feb-2026.php>

*"FREEDOM of CHOICE RE-ENTRY "*

# *Now Found Time to Travel Back to APRIL Hornet's Nest –*



*No Fooling this is it, the real deal which Editor has finally gotten untangled enough to organize.*

*Above is the early pre-meet attendance at Games Of Fremont auxiliary room. On right, at least one attendee is checking his watch already sorry*





***HERE is the actual April full audience, which yes took a bit of time to completely fill. Proxy President also is by now stressed and taking his sweet time to get meeting underway, just glad to be not at work!***

***As by now likely most of you forgotten this, April had our first of two 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fremont Hornets celebration Club Contests. More on what that was coming up, right now we'll get the admittedly scant recollections of who brought what, from Editor/Proxy Prez's notes.***

***Chris Bucholtz had this quad of WIP, WW2 and decidedly pre WW2.***





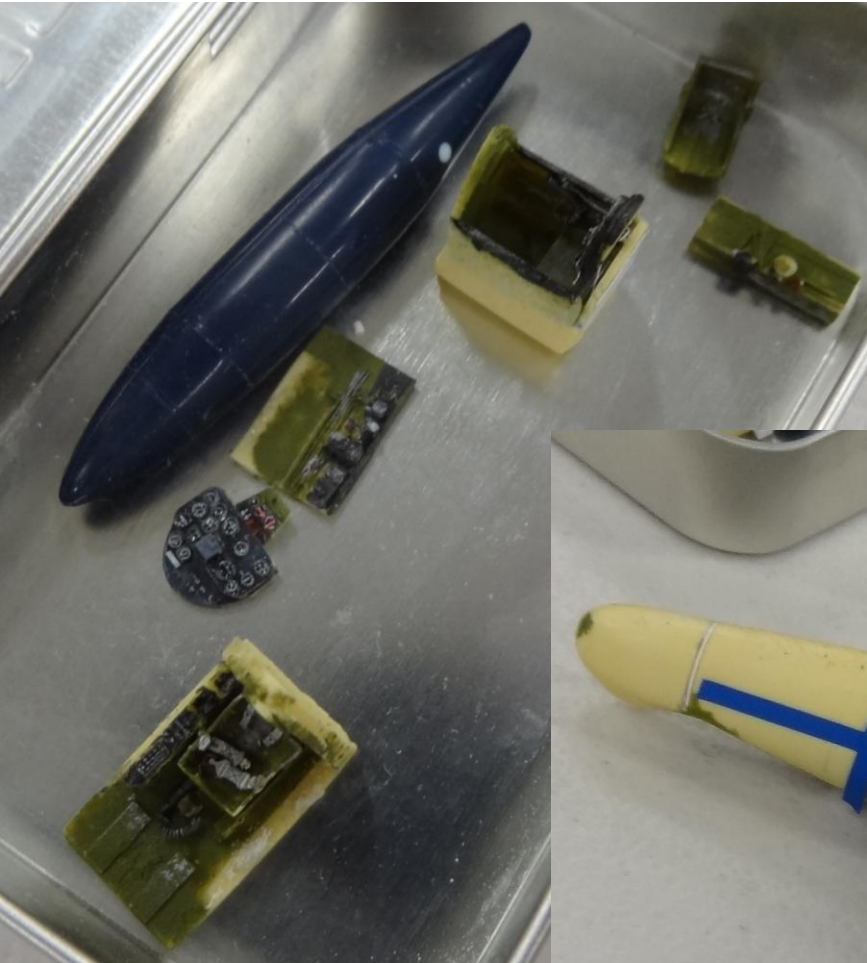
*CWT Truck  
conversion*



*Hawker Hurricane*

*Smilodon cubs in the  
making (from lions)*





*Sorry for perhaps a jarring juxtaposition here  
Just wanted to try to get a bigger better look inside at  
Bits In The Box, most of which will be far less visible  
Once buried in the 'bird below*



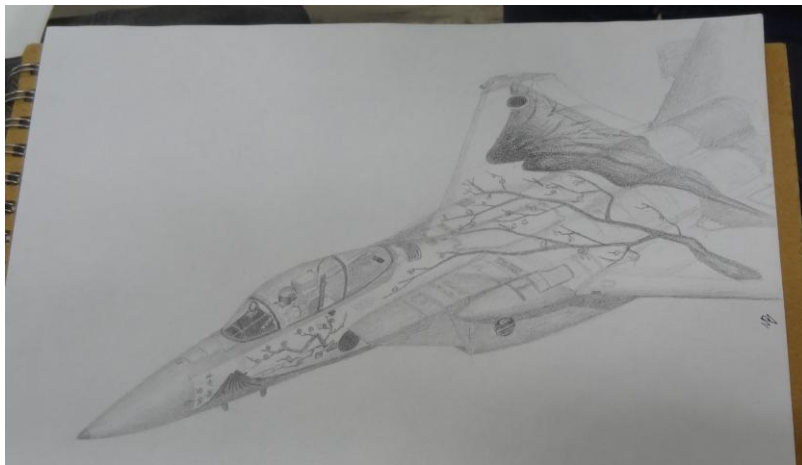
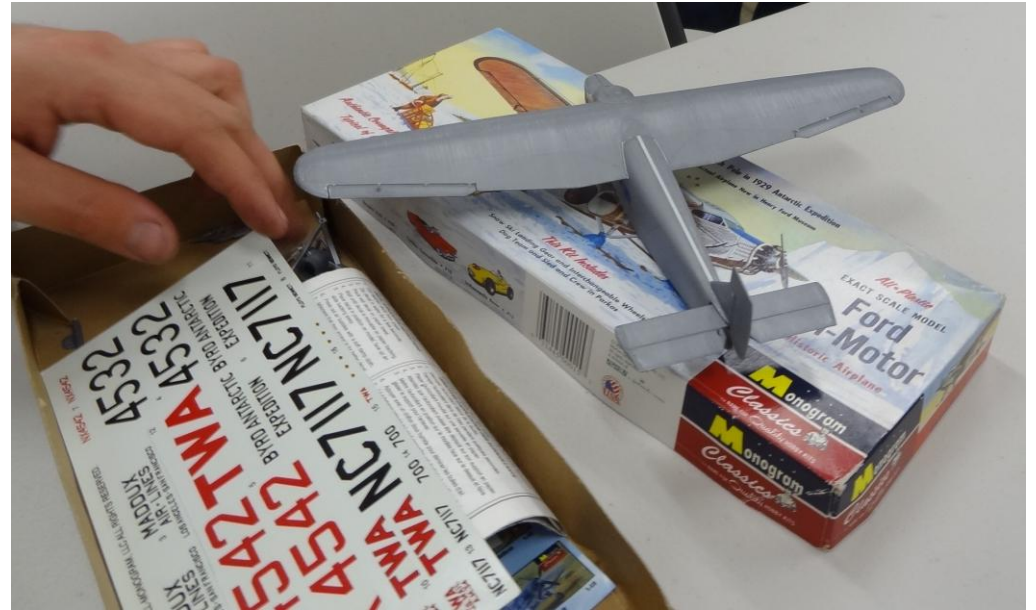
*Finally, the Grumman Tigercat  
which didn't see service in WW2  
although design born during it.*

*Chris is converting the venerable  
Monogram F7F-3 single seater.*

*From menacing day fighter into  
legendary 2 seat night fighter !*

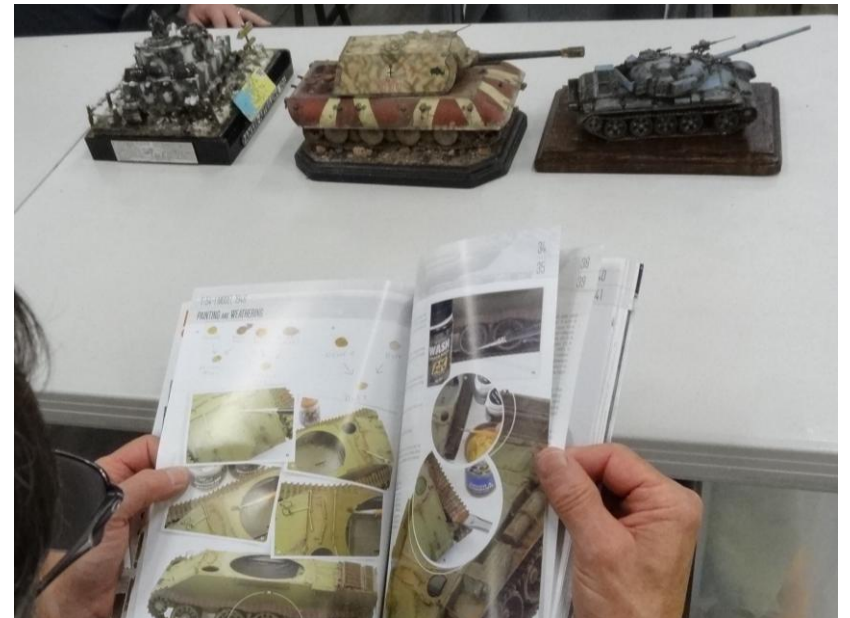


*Mark Balderrama* had this truly classic Monogram Ford Tri Motor underway. You may note the box emphasis on “All Plastic” and “Exact Scale Model”. In 1956 when this first saw shelf light, a good number of its competition were still primarily wood. This one has an exact scale mate in Revell’s F-89, both in popular 1/77<sup>th</sup> !



Mark is also a pretty handy pencil and paper artist, just so ya know.

Next we take a look over Norm’s shoulder as he reads, at next three





*Bob Meyers* had a trio of interesting AFVs in 1/35<sup>th</sup> finished to show us

This one was my favorite of the three in part for how it exemplifies history of the 1/1 vehicle family it belongs to

This is a Tiran 4/5sh, which means it's an Israeli captured Egyptian or Syrian T-55.

The T-54/T-55 Soviet Tank series is like the armored equivalent of a DC-3/C-47 or MiG-15 or AK-47.

In that there were MANY MANY produced, USED BY SO MANY beyond the original intended and lastly so seemingly ever able to be rebuilt, re-used, rediscovered way past their start date, unexpectedly

Bob's is in South Lebanese Army service, Lebanon getting these from IDF/AF retirements. Blue scheme is cool in my estimate.







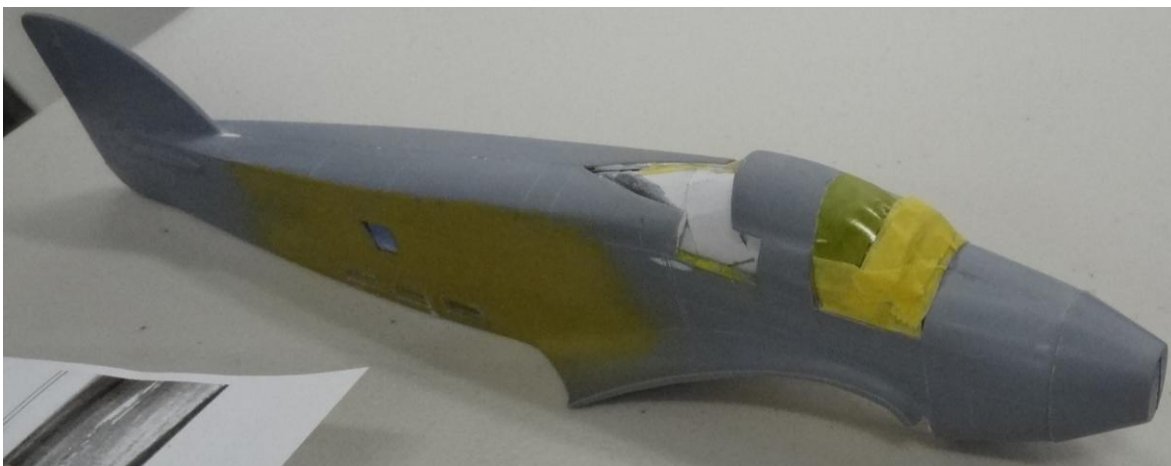
That humongous German machine is the Henschel E-100 super heavy tank which Bob rendered from an Amazing Model kit. Bob really got to have his way with this one, as the real deal never got far enough along to see service, (see below, postwar)

*Bob's Tiger diorama. He had done some nice notes. Which of course, I have lost track of the notes picture I took so that information could have been here.*





*Alas. Enjoy the pictures at least, very nice work.*



*Ron Darcy* doesn't have time to make many meets but when he does, what he brings definitely makes it worthwhile waiting

He had three works this April Nest, and above you can espy all of them at once.

In foreground and on the left, that's an Italian AF SM.79 Sparviero trimotor torpedo bomber in 1/48



*The natural metal North American is the NA-73X Mustang # 1 in WIP and it's a vacform project, the OD is a done P-51A from an injection kit*





*Angela Falvey didn't have a model on hand this month but certainly had an attractive gaming based stained glass work she commissioned as a gift, happily she left me take a shot of that, thank you.*

*Mark Wong* may not have known that the Douglas "All 3 Dead" twin jet carrier bomber has been one of my all time favorites, when he brought it

By the end of the evening he had no doubt and I tip my hat to him for his carrier deck display, no small feat pulling that off in 1/48<sup>th</sup> either.





*This is a ERA-3B Skywarrior with the full kit of Electronic and Photo Recce. Less rude nickname for all of them was Whale*



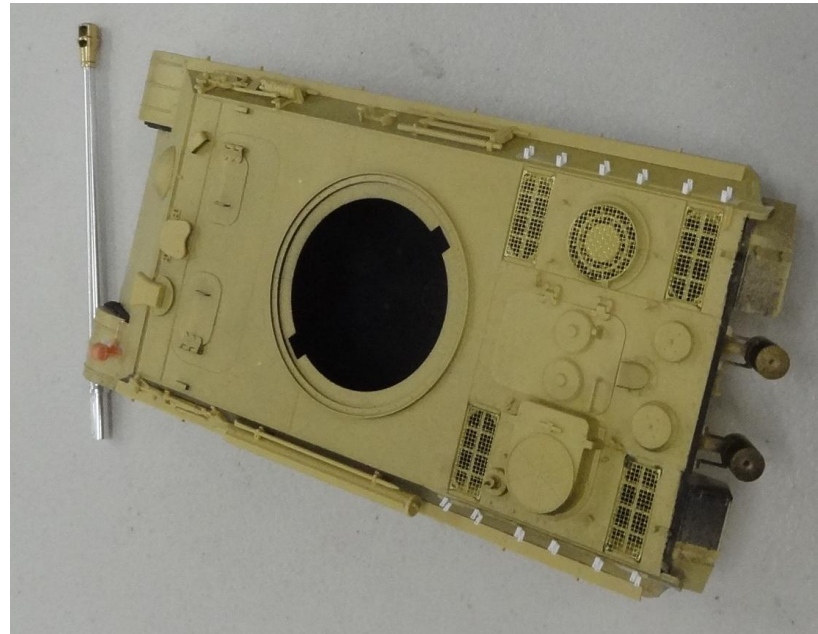
*That nickname due this was the largest actively fielded aboard USN carrier aircraft at the time. The other nickname was one grimly playing on original pre-1962 designation A3D-2. There were no ejection seats on this bird only an escape tunnel so in event of a catapult launch failure this plane would be falling right off front of boat into the ocean, crew strapped in ...*



*Jeff Mason* looks pretty satisfied with his cast iron turret Sherman atop his M51 Sherman box. As well he should, yea?

*Randy Ray* had this machine tool he had recently obtained sorry I don't have any detail

That's his Das Werk/Takom Panther there, on far right.



tool



**Anthony Cheung** continues his quest to build nice “out of the box” models. These two Phantoms are in that vein. No, you’re not seeing things, that is indeed a smoke trail coming from RF-4C left wing. After all it’s the “optional battle damage” you got in the IMC kit. Nice touch, Tony !



**Mark Schynert** carries forth with his proof that not all Tamiya kits “just build themselves”

This DH Mosquito in 1/72 is moving along but not without its share of demons to quell. Go, Sir Mark !





*Joe Dudek* brought along this enormous (really – it's only 11 more of these kits away from being size of the real car!) boxed Gr.4 Lancia Stratos racer.

*Now I will drop in this shot to remind you how big the April meeting turnout was*

*As we next shift to the break in midst of model talk we took with surprise from Ron Darcey ahead :*





Louis Orselli points out some relevant feature here, as Ron shows a lovely print of this painting of his, from a recent gallery display.

On table formerly occupied by the Stratos, Ron left a stack of two prints for our taking !

One is of Ron & his wife on a flight over the Golden Gate, in their lovely silver/blue bird.



This is Ron's work he planned to give to local Korean war vet R.J. "Bob" Love, whom he had met, become friends with at airport that they had both kept airplanes.

That's Love's F-86 along with his wingman, on one of his missions with him scoring a MiG-15 kill.



Sadly, Ron never got to deliver the painting as Bob passed away beforehand. He was found next to his P-51D apparently taken in midst of prep to go for a pleasure flight, I know this from years back when it happened as a SVSM member who knew Bob. (Mr. Love had been guest speaker twice at club, I was at one of them) relayed the message to us all at the meeting there. Thanks Ron for this new coincident intersection and for generous print donations,



*Okay, April's Club Contest to celebrate 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fremont Hornets club formation as sponsored by Editor, was "Gundam It, Mecha Your Mind Up To Compete" and of course was open to all things Mecha, Gundam, Warhammer et. al*



*John Larson* definitely showed up in spirit here, seen above and below is a craft that redefines "air mobile"





John's Gundam figure definitely also doesn't lack for aggressive stance, seemed hell bent to take out the juice bottle even

*Ben Pada* didn't have any Mecha/Gundam entries but his WIP works of two World War Two aerial combat classics didn't lack for competitive spirit here

*F4U Corsair in the tri color scheme*



*Spitfire Mk Vb with tropical filter and in North Africa scheme in USAAF service*



*Dave Balderrama* with Works In Progress



*Peter Long* scores another nice 1/48 scale project



*Dave Parks* considers the mayhem he could wreak by finishing a set of 1/35 scale figs,

*Basil Medeiros*, never one to shy away from the competition, had this mighty Gundam

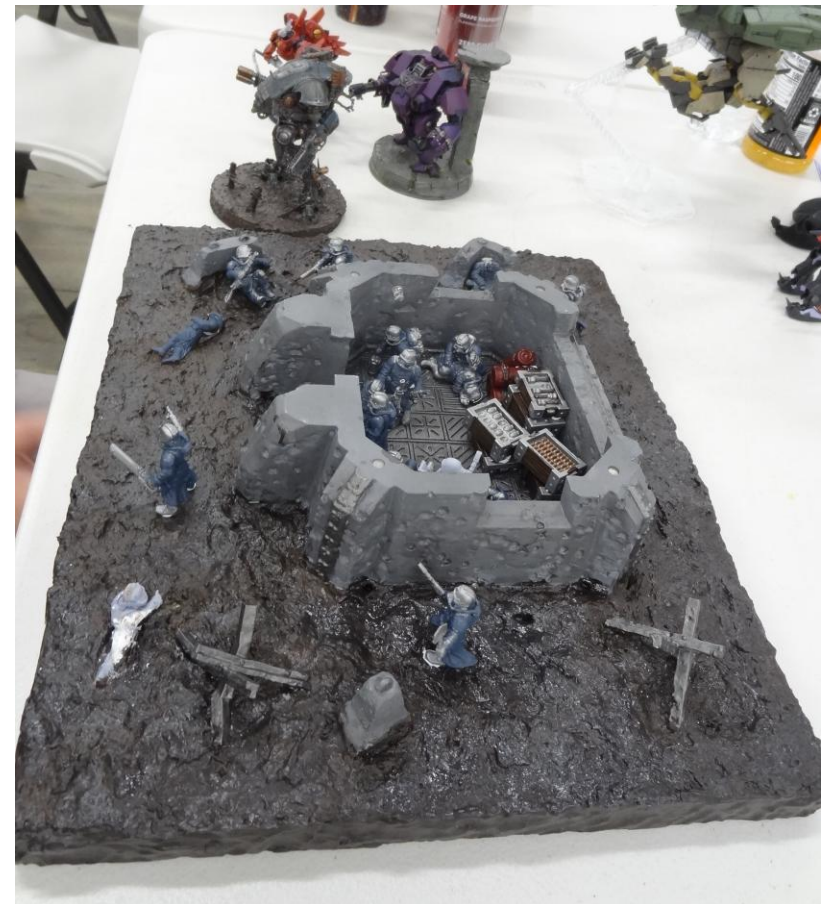
One more bigger look at Basil's model share coming below left...





*Eric Larson* had made mighty progress on his Warhammer 40K diorama and also brought along three large entries, I am reaching here but perhaps at least one was part of the Fortnite gaming genre?

No matter if Editor can frame the share properly what's important is that we had another grand share of modelling by our younger model class !





*Thank you Eric !*

*Aaron Rhetta* definitely got the word out to his crew at GTC in San Jose that this Club Contest was on and also open to all who showed up which I greatly appreciated.

He also brought an entry himself, along with news of his cool new GTC



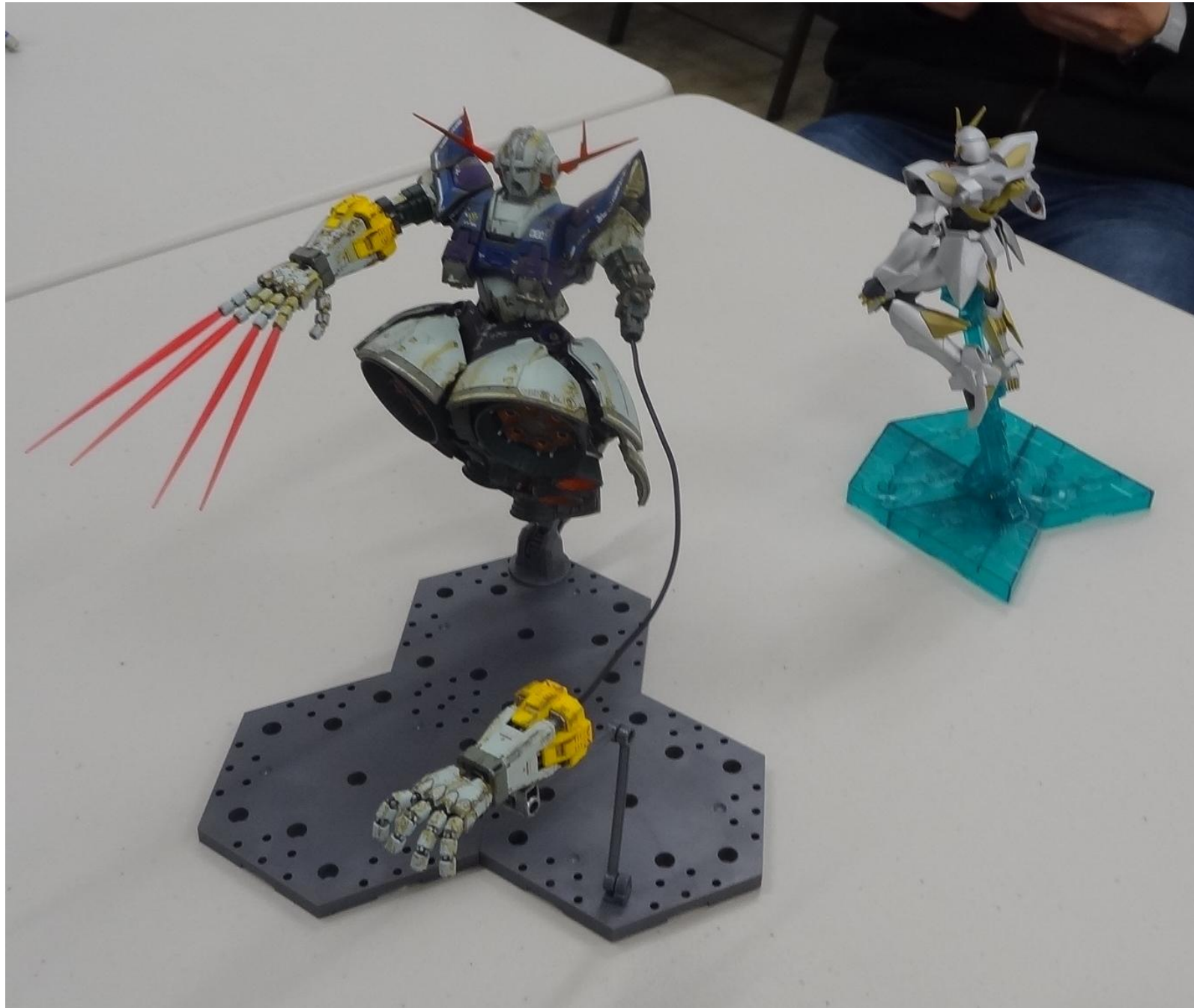
Model contest that was running concurrent with his brother Adam's "Mad Max Model Contest" Day.

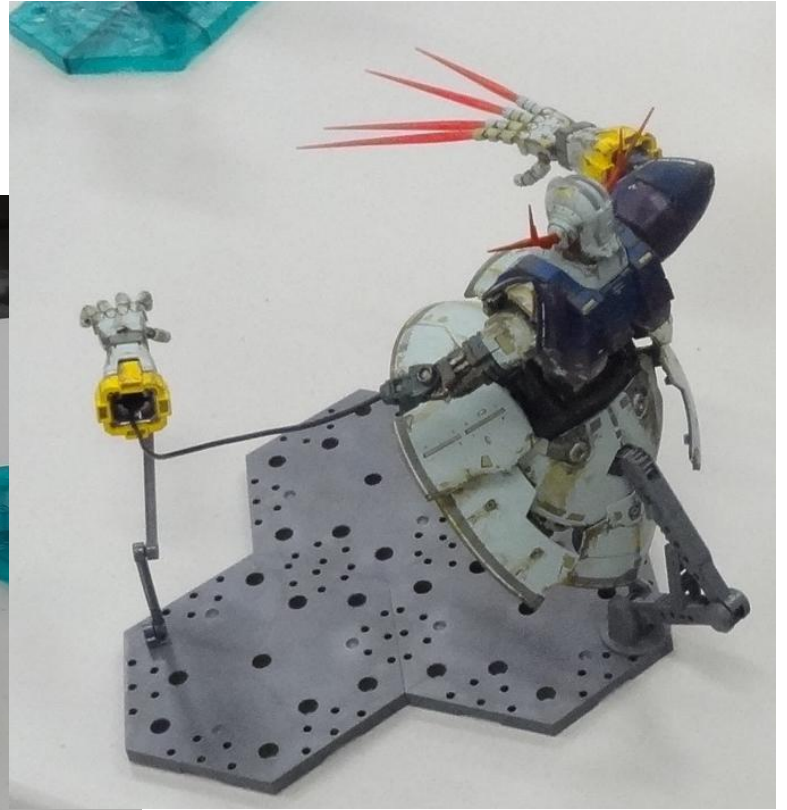
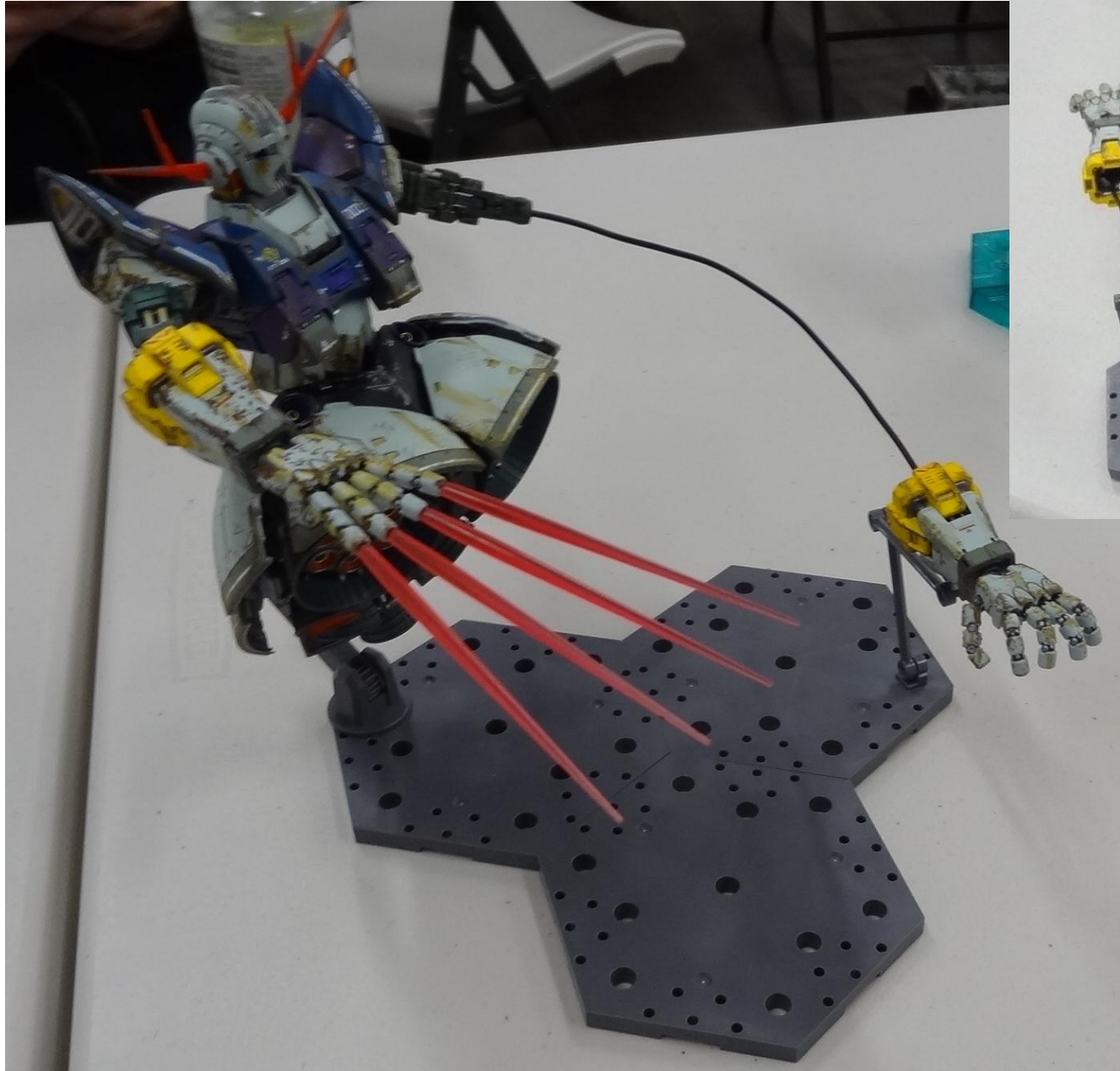
*Below, "New Gundam Modeler #1"* is how I have to identify the skillful maker of the two entries on following page, as that's how my raw photo sort logged this. Hazard of trying to conduct meeting and all that, then not getting to the writing sooner.

Still, even this late you can yet appreciate the work



*Below, “New Gundam Modeler #2” (Scott ?)*







***This is Matthew, “formerly known as New Gundam Modeler #3”***

Since the TriCity 17 has now been held, I have happily a way to ID one of the new to the FH meets folk who came that April night with an entry.

Matthew had entries in the Beginner Gundam category and that, plus Aaron’s excellent post event newsletter, I was able to piece together who to credit here

Thanks then and now for your participation Matthew.



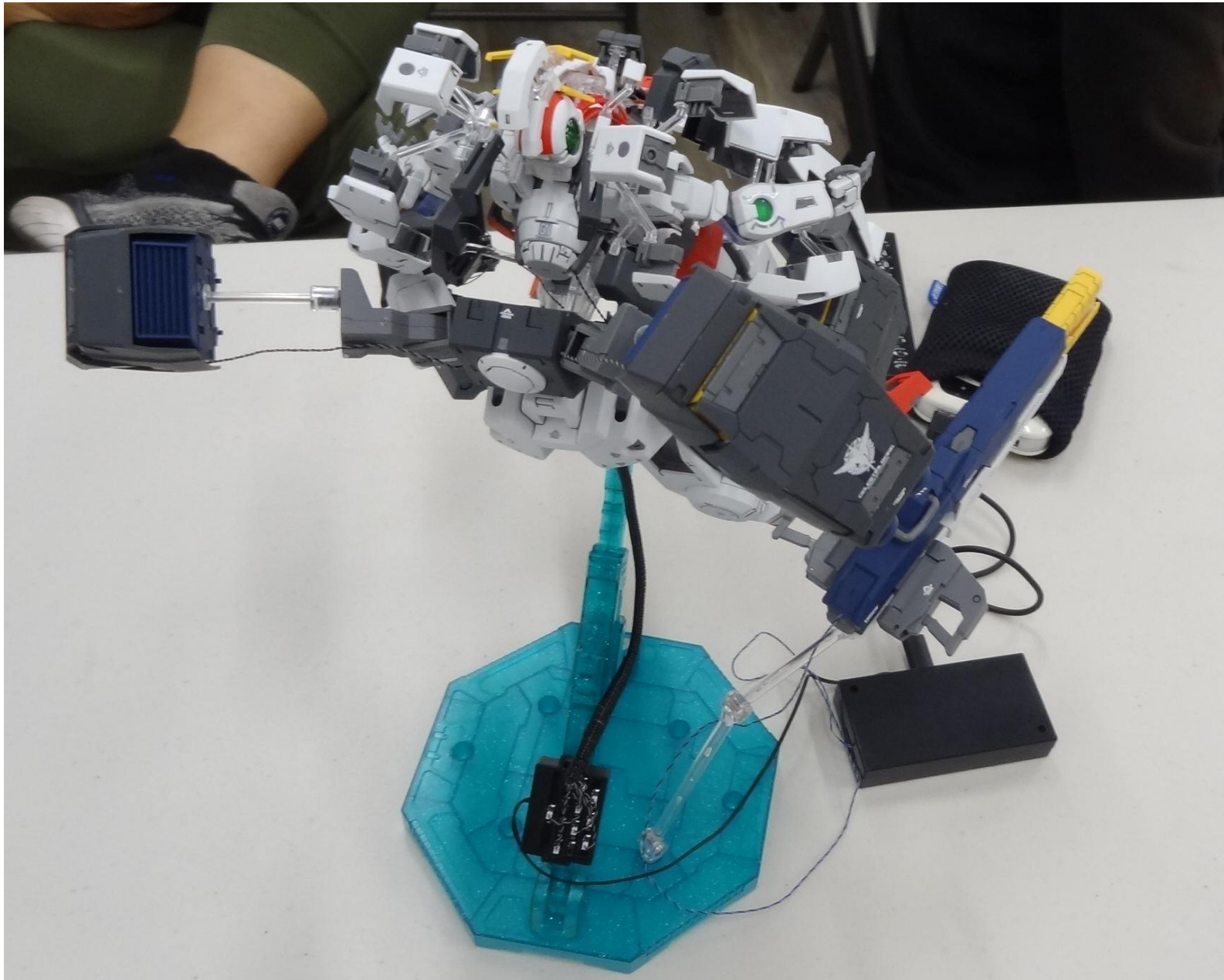
Congrats on your win at the TC-17 and my apologies as it looks here as if you weren’t too sure about me pointing my camera at you.

***All those nerds behind you staring is also normal LOL***

*“New Gundam Modeler #3 ” for now is how I have to record this fine model builder/contributor. Good stuff here*







*HERE is what I logged as “ New Gundam Modeler # 4” . I don’t remember who won my money, sorry but enjoy -fini mb*

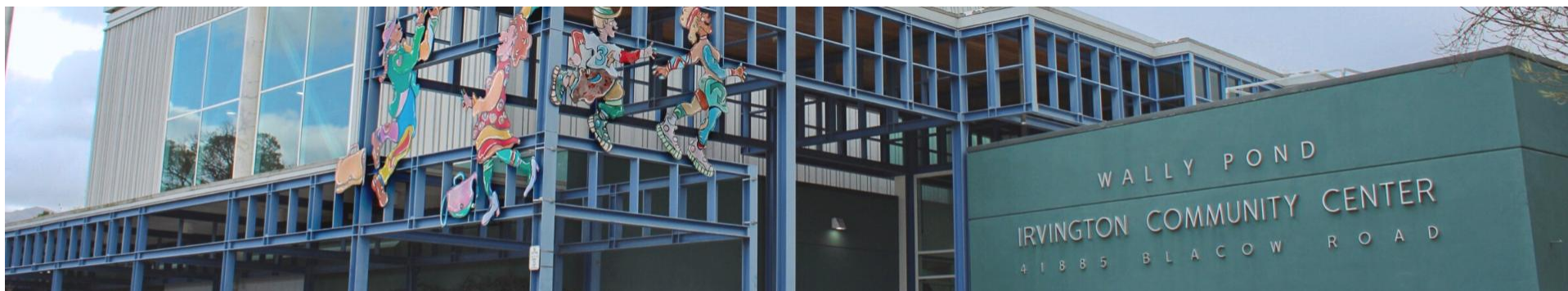
## *Coming Up NEXT*

The Next Hornets Nest Night Is **FRIDAY JANUARY 09 2026**

**REMINDER – WE WILL BE AT OUR OLD MEET VENUE in FREMONT**

*Thanks to our Treasurer/VP Dave Parks' detailed report Club voted for this new plan We will begin meeting at 7:30 PM and end by 10 PM, that is a surety. In the next three months we are for sure using this site for Model Talk & Club business to discuss. Then we review plan*

**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 MORE 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**

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* “

