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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 ??? Hornets Nest (MAY 2025)

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

You May Call This BUZZ The “Editorial Rounding Up Material, May just catch up”



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 27 2025 805 PM)

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

YES! Now # 139 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 IF YOU MISSED THIS ”

Barring some one having not announced by now , this event is going to be our 2026 Region Nine OPENER Kickoff !

It has a lot of thought and growth built into it already and you really don't want to miss out on the inaugural event, this is big

Best way truly to get the full sense of what our friends have for us is to go to their web pages neatly organized & well writ

<https://winecountrymodelexpo.com/>

If you seriously can't find the time or energy for that now, the Directors have posted an excellent summary highlight on their IPMS USA page and definitely go read it over right now

<https://ipmsusa.org/event/wine-country-model-expo>

My firm bet is this may in fact exceed their record turnout for their last event up in Rohnert Park. Being in a familiar venue, with easy freeway access, lots of parking, food nearby, and a Grand Plan already shown in place, a WELCOME OPENER -mb

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***



<https://winecountrymodelexpo.com/>

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 "

Wow Found Time to Travel Back to MAY Hornet's Nest –



Now begins the Editor's run to see how much fun he can recount before New Year demands full attention. Here's May '25



Alan O'Neal's Panzer crew seems a mite nervous with the neighbor's positioning on the table. Relax lads, neutral territory here.



Above is the early pre-meet attendance at Games





Of this meeting I have nary notes so you'll get what I can recall, c'est la vie'

Fremont's first TOM and MOM event meeting was the May 2025, so what scant records for that are here is covered.

Theme Of the Month (TOM) was " May Day Mayhem " so Alan's Panzer not in running, although his model crew here may differ with me

Theme was for any and all Rescue and Emergency vehicle or related subjects

Model Of the Month (MOM) would be chosen from the on theme eligibles and for this we had three, oh yes a good start

Ben Pada actually nearing completion on this 1/48th scale Tamiya J2M Raiden, which he said he began in 1997...



His Spitfire Mk Vb with tropical filter and in North Africa scheme in USAAF service is a little newer, it's the Eduard kitting



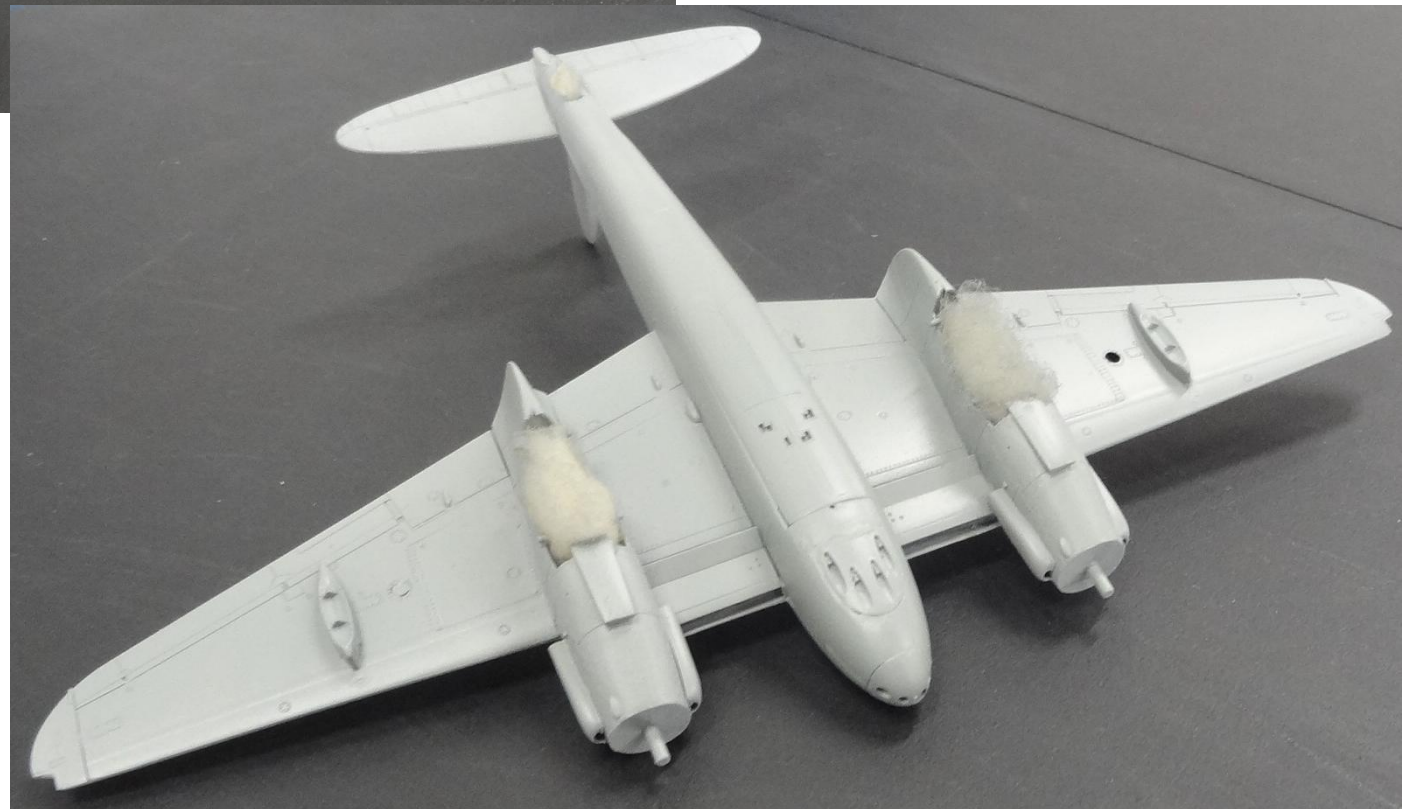


Mark Schynert could not be stopped and he now had his Tamiya DH Mosquito in a primer finish

As he said part of the reason this kit does not build itself, belying the popular take on Tamiya kits of recent years, is that intent to make the kitting work for more than one of the variants complicates detail areas.

Just an aside here having this picture of the underside of Mark's "Mossie"

Note how the inner wing at leading edge dead straight across and good bit forward of the leading edge as it leaves the outboard engine joint. All Mosquito variants shared signature design characteristic, yet it's nearly invisible feature when looking over many photographs of the plane with such otherwise curved, round looks !



Eric Larson had his Warhammer 40K diorama pretty much up and running now. Every inch a diorama, action and story here





Viewed with lid on, left



Lid off, right

Angela Falvey extremely well demonstrated the spirit of taking a lesser traveled path for the Club Contest. She had this work of her own design for a piece called “ The Emperor Protects ”

She noted that “medic operations” are not really a standard feature in war gaming settings, so this was a fun challenge in its own right.



She ended up taking First in TOM competition and took the May MOM money award as well, for this creative work



Dave Balderrama had two new pieces on deck to show, one being this interesting “kit bash” autogiro of his own design

DUSTY the cropduster who became an Air Racer, was David's entry for May Day Mayhem, in his "evolved" form for the second movie "Planes: Fire and Rescue". Whereupon Dusty becomes a firefighter/rescue plane and helps save the day.

Zvezda modeled it in Snap Tite format and David wisely surmised why the hell not build and bring it. He took 2nd Place !



Chris Bucholtz had three to WIP into shape...



I believe this is the engine and propeller for his F7F Tigercat here in hand

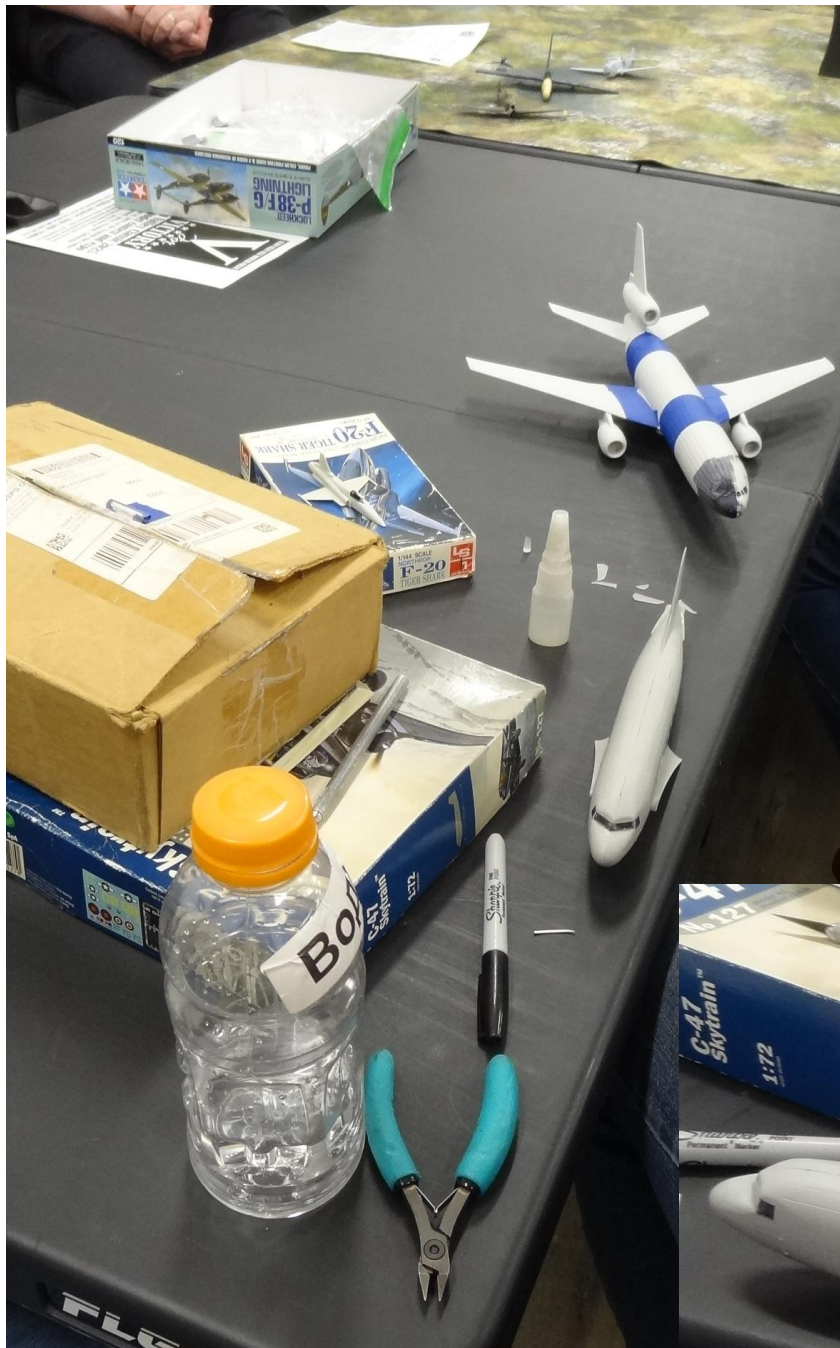


Hawker Hurricane, an early Mark



Chris's F7F-3 Tigercat is being converted from the old Monogram kit.

Lastly in the photo string, below is Chris's early P-40



Mark Balderrama had three underway, one of which was eligible for the TOM competition. Below, his C-47 WIP from Italeri 1/72 kitting





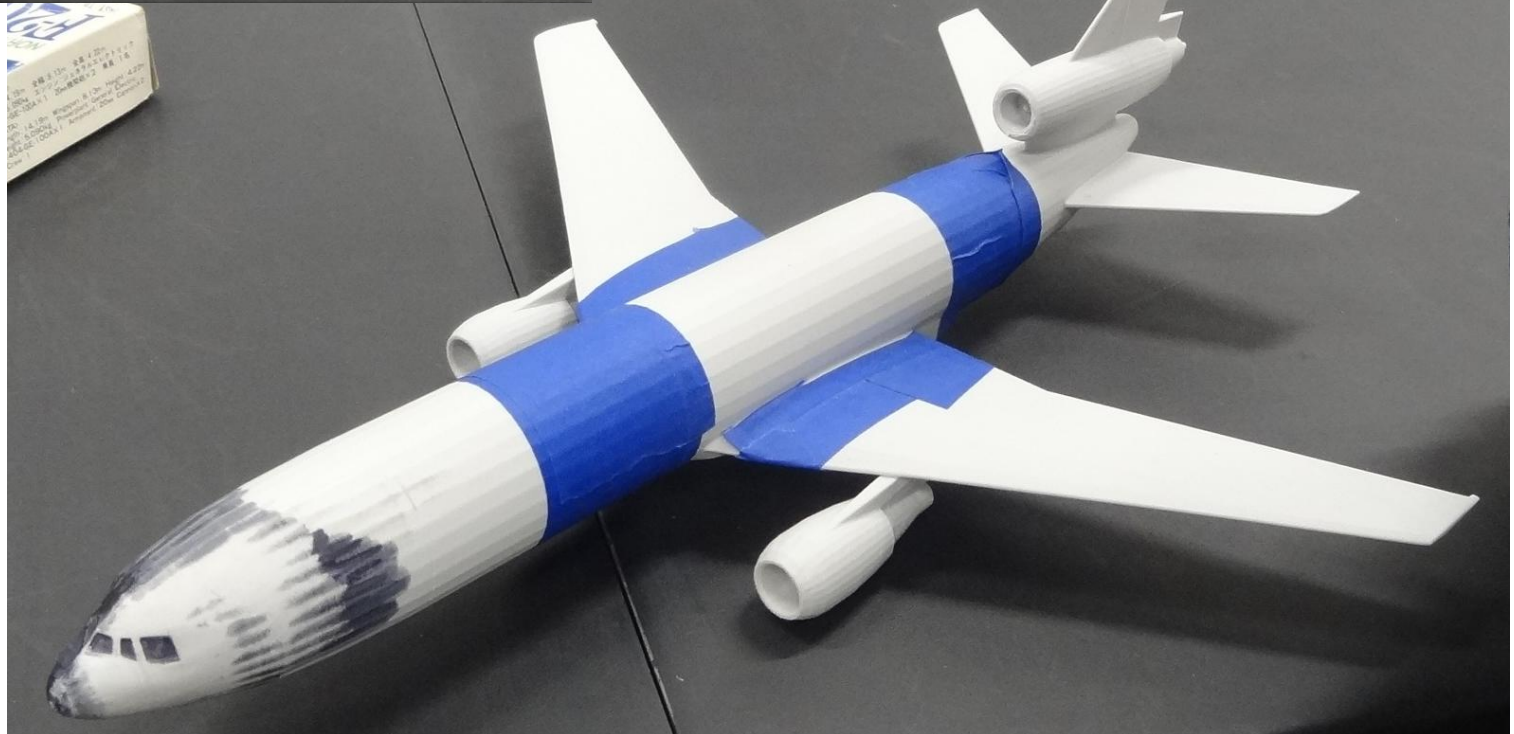
Mark likes to do a lot in “one half 1/72 scale” aka 1/144

One of the better “ old kits” in that size aircraft is this one, LS models edition of the rare Northrop F-20 fighter

LS made one of the best accurate shape well molded SR-71 Blackbird models in this scale, by way. Their P-3 Orion was also quite popular when you could find them

Below, Mark’s entry to the May Day Mayhem, and yes in his preferred scale, a DC-10 Fire Bomber

He took third place with this



I am still not sure whether Mark was demo'ing Martial Arts technique here or being frustrated with the model. Got our attention





Also not sure here if Anthony was pre-emptively shielding his eyes from **Tony Cheung's** old Renwal Patton field of fire but I am pretty sure the gun was unloaded



Tony says he finds showing the old kits some love relaxing as well often can be found for a decent price these days

He is doing this machine very well, mine never turned out so "back in the day"



Bob Meyers had a trio of interesting AFVs in 1/35th







Jeff Mason looking to tackle the Tamiya version of the P-38 Lightning, which warms the Editor's heart.

After all, another possibility for an entry competing for the "Lightning Strikes Twice" Special Award is grand !

Last but far from least, Vought F4U Corsair in the tri color scheme in 1/72nd by Dave Parks!







There you have it, May 2025 Hornet's Nest best I could recount it.

Just for fun in case any one was curious and for the record: This issue was basically formed by getting the pictures selected out of the ones I had sorted months back (at least then clue who's was what, and luckily who won what). Then I checked the end result PDF about 9 times running to end up with all the pictures minimum I could live with and in sizes, arrange same. THEN I went to work filling in the narrative blanks. Luckily it worked out pretty close, had room in end to this next part too

EDITOR's ADDENDUM to BUZZ # 137Z better late than never !

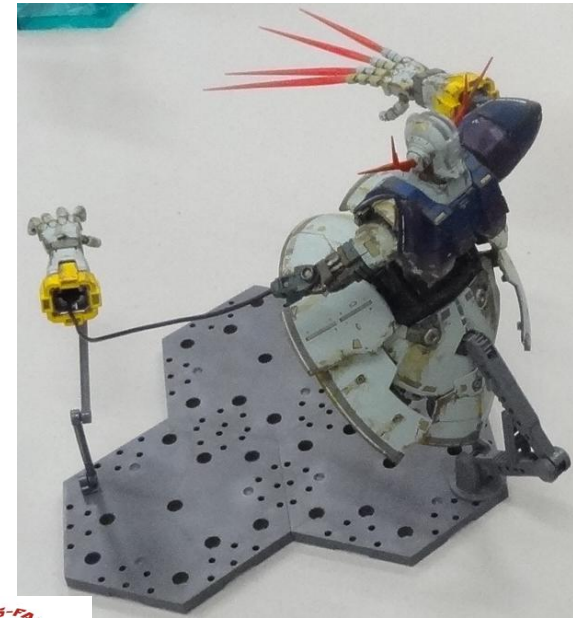
“ New Gundam Modeler #2” (Scott ?) now confirm identified as Scott from Char's FMC



“ New Gundam Modeler #3 ” is properly been now identified as Andrew from Char's FMC.

Thank you all again for showing up for my inaugural Gundam/Mecha Fremont Hornets club contest as well as your competing in the TriCity Classic 17 later on !

Thanks as well to Aaron Rhetta for the update !



Parts Trade Day - 1/25

Char's Fantasy Modeling Club



Gifts Toys Collectibles

18 S. 8th St.
San Jose, CA, 95112
12-4 PM

Got extra parts or kits that you no longer want to hold onto? Come to Parts Trade Day with any of the following for trade/sell/giving away:

- Model kit parts
- Full model kits (unbuilt or assembled)
- Paint
- Modeling tools
- Diorama Materials

If you're interested in bringing something, please express interest on the Discord event - this helps us to better provide enough table space for everyone.

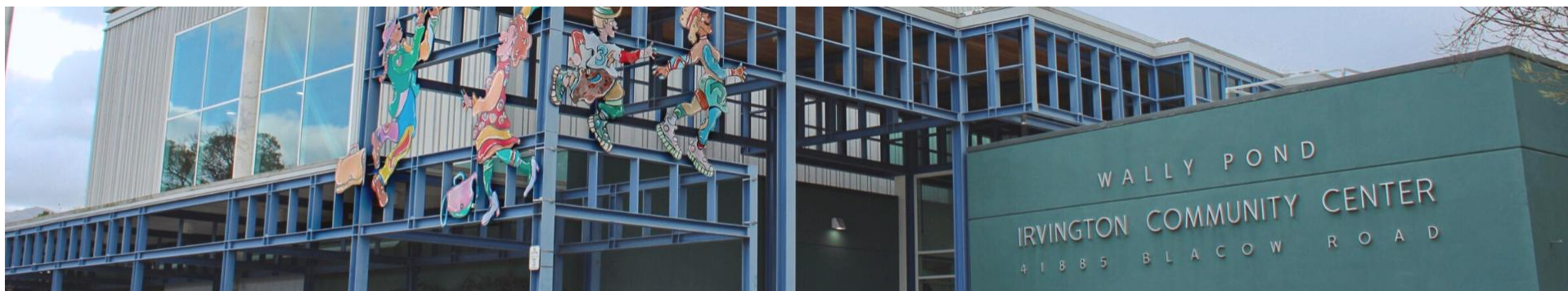
Coming Up NEXT

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

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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* “

