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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 recent past Hornets Nest (June 2025)

ALSO somewhat short idea calendar for NEW EVENTS for first quarter of 2026

You May Call This BUZZ The “Rounding Up More Material , Suffering June Swoon”



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 31 2025 748 PM)

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



YES! Now # 140 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!

“ THANK YOU ALL , WE REALLY DID THRIVE IN YEAR 2025 ”

Now 140 issues of BUZZ V.1 and not done yet ! (I am trying to catch up with y'all, honest). Hornets will be 49 years young in year about to begin a few hours from now. We had our 17th TriCity Classic with tremendous response, our community hums and if you made it to our December Holiday Nest, you heard straight from our mighty VP/Treasurer our economy solid ground

We have Club Meet events in play already for entirety of 2026 thanks to our President, TriCity Classic 18 has a home, a date thanks so to our VP/Treasurer, also has a pretty healthy start again for the TC18 Raffle thanks to David, Bob, many others, and THANKS TO ALL OF YOU OUT THERE, The Editor has more to write about than he seems to manage to find time for, YES!

ON BEHALF of ALL WHO DO ALL THE WORK AROUND HERE, HAPPY NEW YEAR BEST WISHES from us TO YOU



2025/26

President

Jim Koaster



2025/26

VP/Treasurer

David Parks

2025/?

**Editor/TC Director
/Meeting MC**

/Mick Burton



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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 "

What June Looked Like Time to Travel Back to See –



So newly unearthed evidence, Editor is to purport accurate if brief tale.

Small run of pictures and then Mark signals he's ready to start



Mark Balderrama had three underway, all signature items (not your usual air fare) and two are his own 3-D productions !



First up, a serious conversion of the 1973 Monogram Grumman Tigercat, with plan to have a colorful historical Fire Fighter





You may get some idea of the color scheme here, I didn't get any shots of the decal set "out of the bag" sorry

It's a Draw Decal product, and quite a nice scheme, new to me.

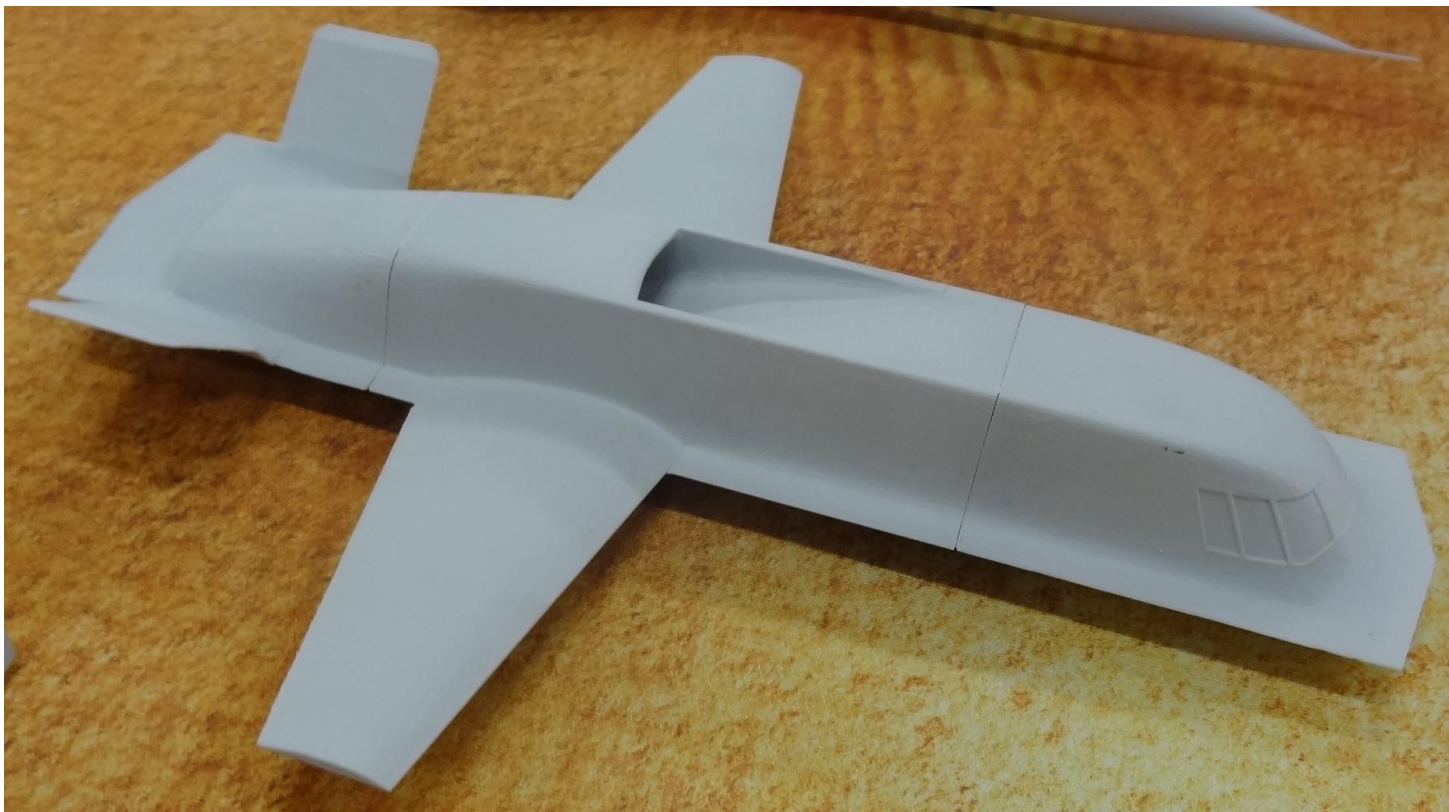
That belly tank really looks huge under the lithe Tigercat frame !



Now this is an actual "one off" craft, of the 1980s, that nearly was never to be seen, even though it was successful.

This is Mark's own 3-D render of the Northrop BSAX demonstrator aircraft, made for the black program "Tacit Blue" flown out of where else but? Yes; Groom Lake / Area 51 the legendary real estate.

Planet Models offered a 1/72 resin kit of this, Mark found another way to get one for his collection of unique aviationisms



3 years (1982-85), 135 flights totalling nearly 250 flight hours with secrecy maintained, whoa!

Of course, appearance drove it to have nickname “The Whale” (just like the F3D and A3D) as things went.

Amused me to learn that it also got called “the alien school bus” by some, my first learning of it was “wha- *Greyhound Bus with wings?* How stealthy be that?!” so I guess not so off the mark.

Apparently even more unstable than the F-117 or “Have Blue” Proof of Concept demo for same, did indeed prove that a low speed battlefield surveillance air platform that was stealthy enough to be on front line in combat could be done

Declassified in 1996 and now has a lovely indoor spot in the National Museum of the USAF. I managed to even visit it myself there !





Mark's third was very topical and current. It's the BOOM XB-1 (no boom) Supersonic tech demonstrator aircraft, which is now flying. It has also shown that a plane can fly sustained cruise at Mach 1 plus without the sonic boom wave ever reaching ground.

Mark's 3-D printed model will be very catalytic if he has it at any shows, I am very sure.

Dave Parks will forgive me I hope for not having a clue what the Wermacht called this armored vehicle he so splendidly modeled.

I tried to get some decent pictures while running the meeting these three you see are the best of the lot.







Angela Falvey well executed this wargaming subject, that alas I have demonstrated the ability to have no record of what this is. Sorry !

Fremont's second TOM and MOM event meeting was the June 2025, but no "Jumpin' June Bugs" related subjects reported their presence, Angela assured me this was not one, as I do recall asking ;-0



This here crimson quintuple engined craft is none other than the Pegasus Hobbies Apollo 27 in of course 1/72 scale

Admire the work here and the next few photos to follow, as the modeler here was responsible for all that you about to see, that showed up to be enjoyed, consumed at June's Nest

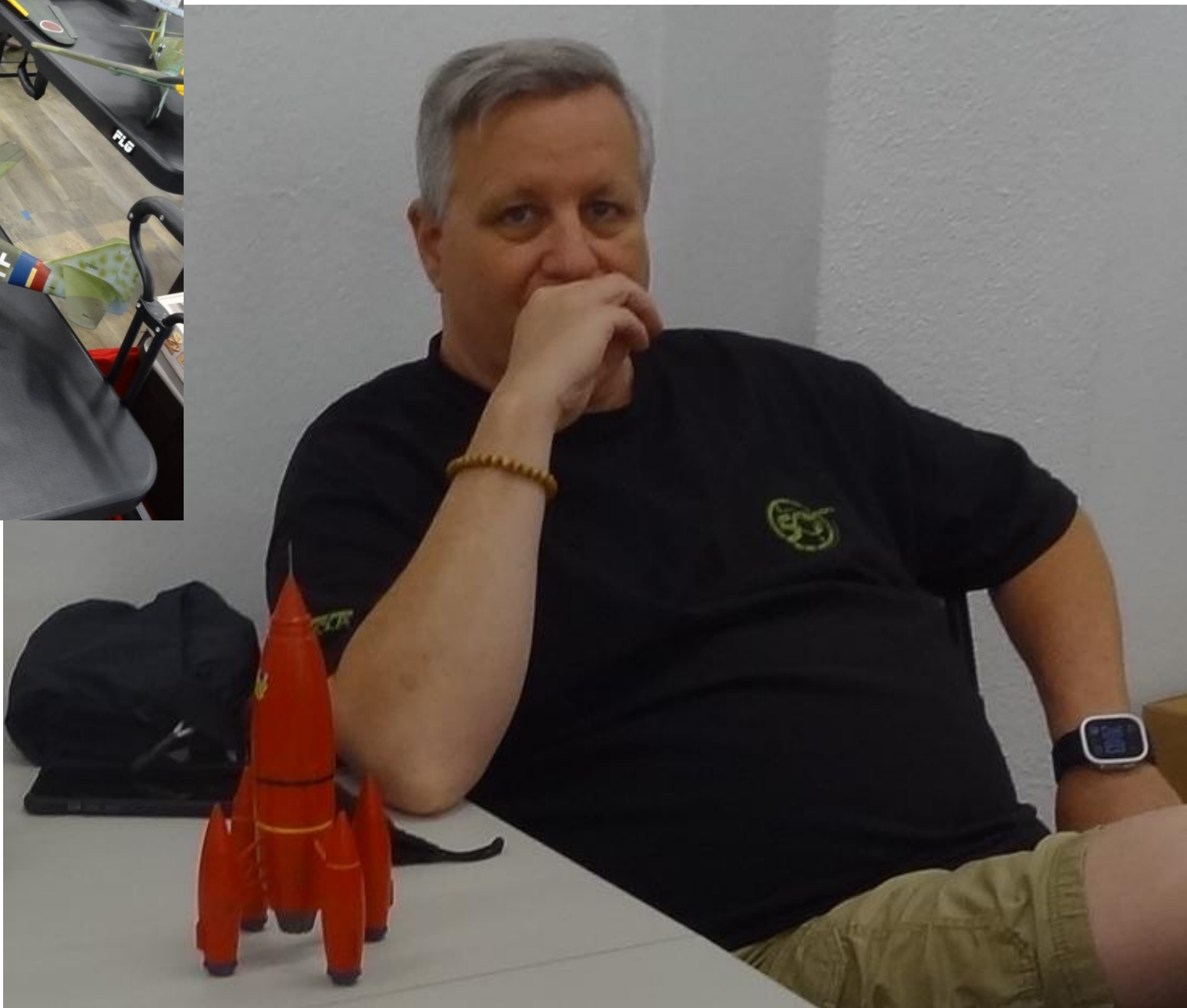




*Well if any of this gallery of aircraft and armor, military vehicles in larger scales look at all familiar to you, they should if you were a more than very occasional visitor to the legendary hobby shop **HOBBIES UNLIMITED** of San Leandro !*



*Yes, there is the Armor and Military vehicles I spoke of just now, on the left
Here's John Larson, the Hornet who built the Apollo 27 and brought these in*



While the meeting trundled on with my meandering, he managed to fund raise for the club with all those big models on offer, and June's attendees were all lucky to have showed up for this.

Thanks again, John !

Also THANK YOU, Mr AL GERACE, for all the years of Hobbies Unlimited you gave us



Kyle Larson had a moment away from college and shared with us three of his latest armored vehicles. Best closeup below:



Ethan Larson had his Warhammer 40K dio from May, finished and this time Editor tried not to change his name to Eric



Ethan also had this very ablaze Sci Fi gaming AFV action diorama. You can almost choke on the smoke looking at this





Jeff Mason was moving his Supermarine Spitfire into splendid territory, namely the Land of Great Model Well Done !



Mark Schynert had his Tamiya DH Mosquito now in another iteration. I only got two pics and this was the best of them.

Chris Bucholtz actually made the meeting in good stead, even with the SVSM Classic # 9 on the imminent horizon (He is Contest Director)



Things ran very smoothly getting this off the ground and it was nice to see a Special Award that was going to be in the event, there for display that night.

Chris had also made mighty strides on his F7F Tigercat conversion from last month, alas it would not be ready for the June shindig, but there was more shows ahead...

He was working out best solution for a signature habit of both scale and 1/1 F7F Tigercats, namely "tail sitting" at rest.





I have included an oft repeated picture from Korean War period that shows this with a 1/1 nearly identical to Chris's 1/72





Tamas Nemeth had an intriguing assemblage that night to share with us. The humongous box which has its big bagged plastic bundle being extracted as we seek, is a 1/48 version of one of his models on that lovely book

If you were to hazard a guess that Tamas is a fan of the Junkers F-13, you'd likely be judged as spot on

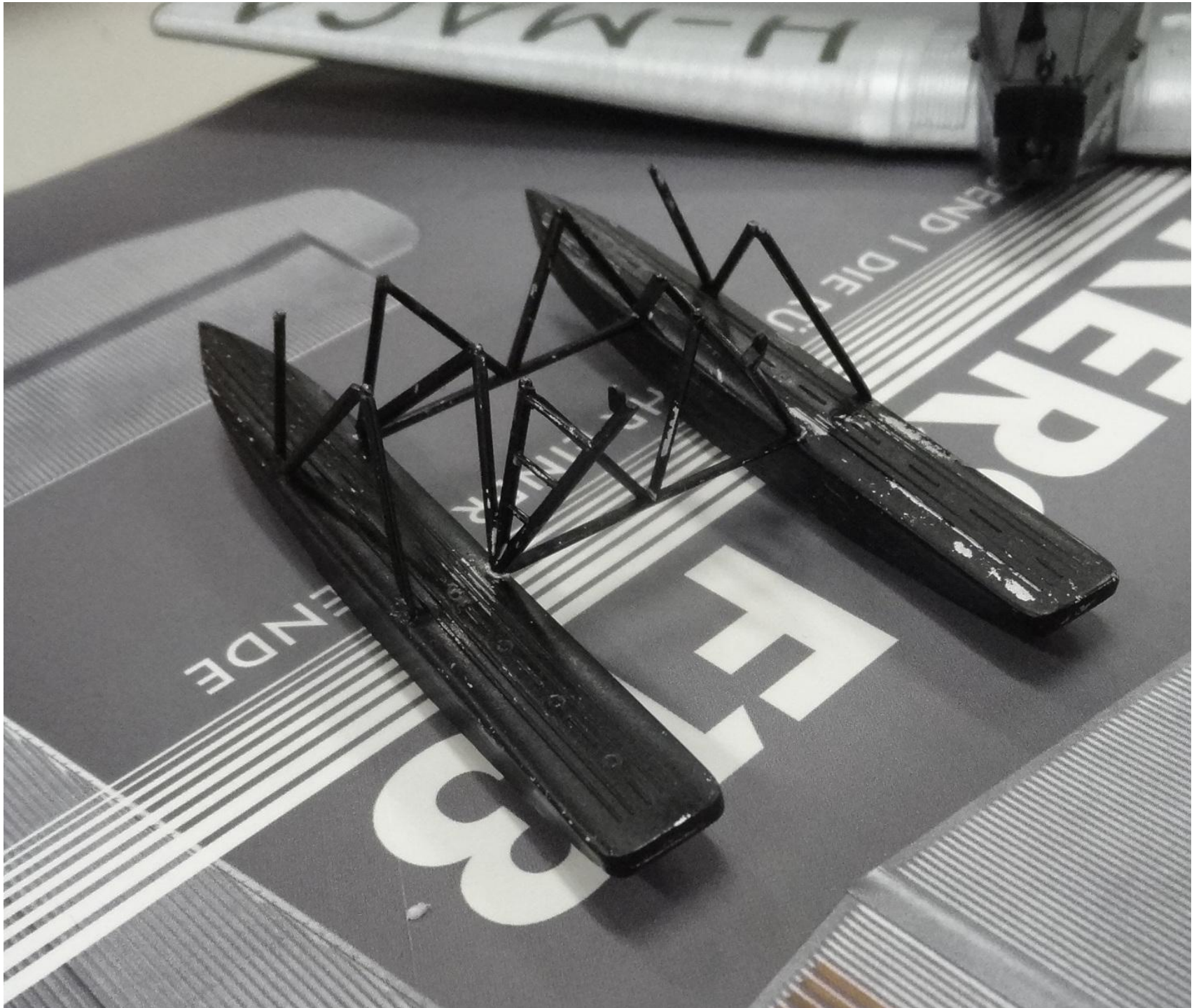


His Mitsubishi A6M Zero was exceptionally well rendered as well in my estimate, the wear patterns of later war Japanese aircraft are not easy to get the sweet spot with, not too little not too much





If I am not mistaken (gee THAT NEVER HAPPENS...) Tamas was having no fun with the markings going onto the scale corrugation surfaces, so at least with the big black lettering, he PAINTED on instead. Colossus of Model Rhodes, this one!







Tony Cheung found a grand manner to display his now completed M-47 Patton, accompanying that is a M-42 Duster AA/Anti Personnel softskin.

I am pretty sure that is the Tamiya kitting, but one other “hard plastic” M-42 in a decently sized scale seems to whisper to me from memory’s depths.



A look from their six and photo posed to look menacing as well as menaced (the M47 wants to shoot itself it appears...)



Brings back memories of DC War Comics, seeing the M-47, the graphic artists enjoyed the purposeful lines, it spoke “Tank”



The M42's nickname I am sure is meant to confer irony, as those twin cannon could do much but whisper, not on list

Basil Medeiros had an M4 Sherman that spoke loudly and well, just look at it !







There you have it, our June 2025 Hornet's Nest best I could recount it. - mick fini



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!!!



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.



INVITE YOU & FRIENDS
TO
OUR
SV CLASSIC X
FUNDRAISER AUCTION

NOW BEING RE- SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON
OUR **REVISED** MEETING NIGHT OF **FRIDAY**

JANUARY 30 2026

AT OUR MILPITAS MEETING LOCATION

Community Room, Milpitas Police Department, 1275 N Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas CA

Business begins promptly 730 PM & everything must be concluded by 10 PM

ADD TO THE FUN !

BRING AN UNSTARTED MODEL KIT (or two!) THAT YOU WOULD BID MADLY FOR
TO GET BACK, AS A DONATION

NOTE: NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED

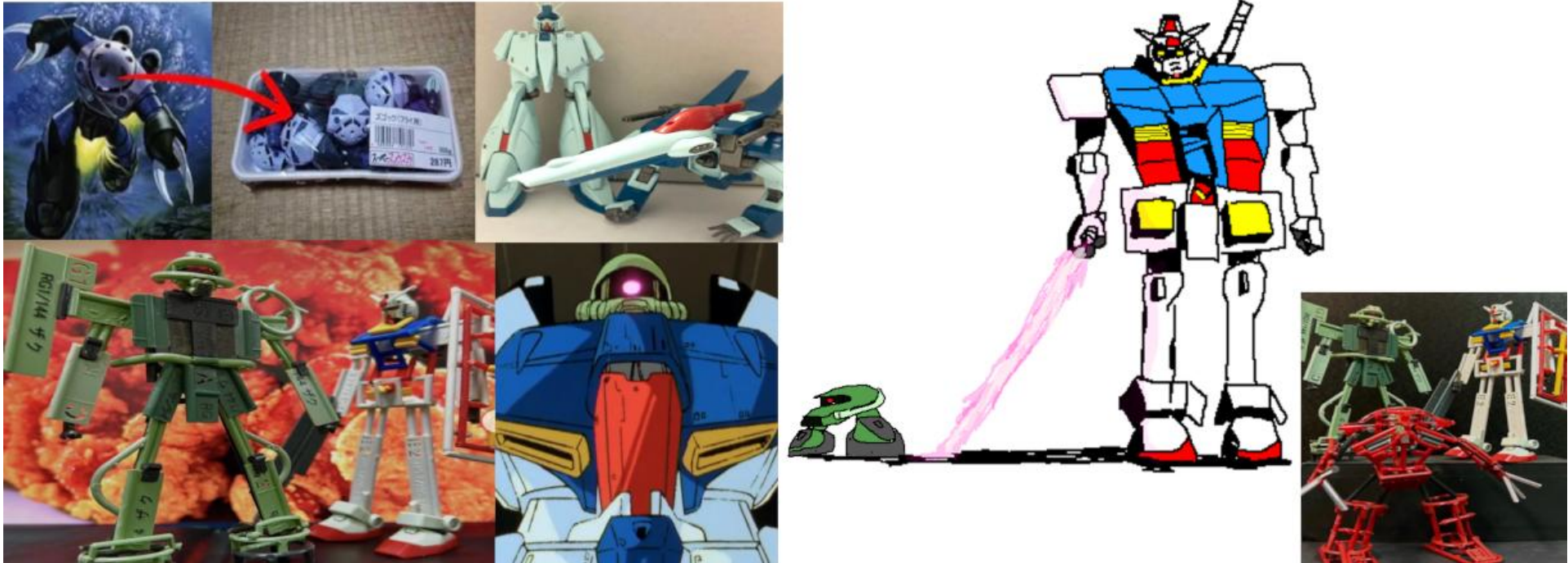
Queries may be directed to our contact - DENS25403@myracks.net please allow for 2-3 days response time

Gundam and mecha memes and shitpost model competition



saturday february 14
at gift toys collectables (GTC)
18 south 8th st san jose ca 95112

starting 12pm
then
judging begins at 2:30pm through group vote



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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***



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

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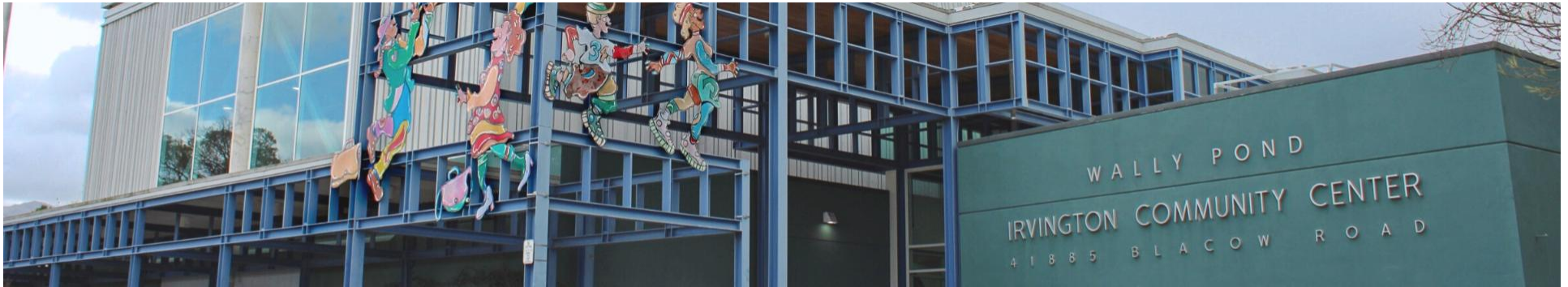
Coming Up NEXT

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
(sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here) “ Come for the models *Stay for the Sarcasm* “

