



Silicon Valley Model Classic

Fremont Elks Lodge, Fremont CA

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Some of the Crew takes a picture in front of the Gundam models. From left to right: Scott, DJ, Hai, Aaron, Adam, Andrew, Matt and Mark (photo by Daniel).

The Silicon Valley Scale Modelers hosted their annual “Silicon Valley Model Classic” model contest on Saturday June 14th, 2025. The event was held again at the Fremont Elks Lodge, a great location for such an event.

Our group created a special award for Best Gundam/Mech named after our late member Ken Nguyen. Scott printed the trophy and Aaron painted it.

There were over one hundred participants and 422 model entries. Over a dozen vendors were present! There was also a large raffle with over 3 dozen models including several armor core and Gundam models.

We had 14 members in attendance including Aaron, Adam, Andrew, Brayan, Chris, Daniel, DJ, Emilio, Hai, JD, Lee, Mark, Matt, and Scott. Of the 14, 11 members participated in the contest.



Brayan and Scott admiring the Gundam category.

This Contest set a new record for Gundams with a whopping 46! There were 4 Gundam categories including: Gundam Basic 1/144 and smaller, Gundam Basic 1/100 and larger, Gundam Modified 1/144 and smaller, and Gundam Modified 1/100 and larger. There was good distribution between the 4 categories.

Our group got a table outside and set up the photobooth. The weather was excellent. We went out to lunch together and several of our members won some of the raffle items including some Armored Core kits.

Emilio and his brother (GTC) were also a vendor at the event and got plenty of business.

There were many new faces and builders from other groups including multiple IPMS chapters and a couple from Tatsu hobby.

We got lunch at the nearby Chick Fil A and also helped judge some of the categories.



Contest Results:

We won 3rd place in the Collections category for our RX-78 Gundam collection!



In category S47 Figures-Sci Fi and Fantasy, Daniel won 3rd place for his Warhammer 40K Black Templar High Marshall Helbrecht! DJ won First Place for his Warhammer 40k Deathwatch miniature.



Left: Daniel's 3rd place winning High Marshall Helbrecht. Right: DJ's 1st place winning Deathwatch space marine miniature.

Gundam/Mech Basic 1/144 and smaller:

For this category, Scott won 3rd place for his SD Zaku. Derrick won 2nd Place for his Hello Kitty Zaku. Derrick also won 1st place for his SD Gundam Dendrobium.



Left: Scott's 3rd Place winning SD Zaku. Middle: 2nd Place winning Hello Kitty Zaku by Derrick. Right: 1st Place winning SD Gundam Dendrobium by Derrick.

Gundam/Mech Basic 1/100 and larger:



Left: 3rd place winner MG 1/100 Gundam RX-78. Middle: 2nd Place winner MG 1/100 Luminaria Zaku Phantom. Right: 1st Place Winner Macross 1/100.

Gundam/ Mech Modified 1/144 and smaller:



Left: 3rd Place Winner HGUC 1/144 Gouf. Middle: 2nd Place winner HG 1/144 Zeta Plus Kitbash. Right: 1st Place Winner Gouf Kitbash by Aaron.

Gundam/Mech Modified 1/100 and larger:



Left: 3rd Place Winner RE 1/100 Nightingale by Aaron. Middle: 2nd Place Winner HG 1/100 Serpent by DJ. Right: 1st Place Winner MG 1/100 Narrative Gundam by Lee.



In addition to winning 1st place for his MG 1/100 Gundam Narrative, he also won the Ken Nguyen Best Gundam/Mech Award and the Best Sci Fi Award!



Our Club's winning entries together.

We had a great time and are looking forward to the IPMS's Tri City Classic Contest Saturday November 8th, 2025!