



**Editor's MisBehavings** – this month's editor, Mick Burton



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**“ EDITOR MAKES A DISCOVERY, LIKE TRAVIS, A YEAR ... ”**

Again, had this issue completed, found room enough to fit in easily a rounding out part to finish catching at least one set of items into completion (Club Contests will now be sure to finish coverage in their birth year boo ya!) and then some.

Then managed to credibly convince myself that something approaching a photo essay was possible, forward ho, now at the nearly limit of the finished PDF my chosen level of servitude to the tech gods that make my digital madness possible.

Again, not even after 24 hours since this pinnacle, has a stimulus to generate the Editorial so finish to publish catalyzed !

MERCIFULLY for me (not sure so for readers we'll see in weeks ahead) hour before midnight again, mad journey to pin down the year we happened to inaugurate what we just did again this December meet had deigned to be undertaken oh yes SO NOW I KNOW AND CAN SHARE WITH YOU (and be given seeds for next month's writing work list) RESULTS

Also now will explain, if you are not ancient like me, header reference is to the original Levi's 501 jeans TV commercial:

**You're treated to a silent open looking on porch of a house in midst of a prairie landscape. The only voice over you get in this comes near end, as camera pulls further back as we see a rider approach on horizon: "Travis ! You're a year too late "**

Right now I am aware that this is THE 31<sup>st</sup> YEAR IN OUR STRING OF DECEMBERS that we've conducted this madness you know as the SVSM Gift Exchange, aka "Pirate's Pleasure". While it would have been nice to have heralded it on the 30<sup>th</sup>, after I finished my journey in my newsletter archives (online I have only complete to 2000, after that it's grouped selections back to 1983, but I compiled a complete one back to first one July '76) SO while I join the single moniker cowboy in one genre, I am now prepared to be on time to celebrate News 50

As for The Pirate's Pleasure game analysis bits, while I don't have stats for this same event in December 2016, 2017 or 2018, here below are all the most recent data points I do have, in digest format for contrast/comparison:

2013 December Stats 33 players, 55 presents total, breakout: Single = 14 Double = 10 Triple = 9  
2014 December Stats 21 players, 50 presents total, breaking out: Single = 5, Double = 2 Triple = 13  
2015 December Stats 24 players, 49 presents total, breakout was: Single = 8 Double = 7 Triple = 9  
2019 December Stats 28 players, 53 presents total, breakout: Single = 10 Double = 5 Triple = 13  
2020 December Stats 0 players, 0 presents total, due to pandemic lockdown prevent holding any meets  
2021 December Stats 22 players. 50 presents total, breakout: Single = 4 Double = 8 Triple = 10  
2022 December Stats 25 players 60 presents total, breakout: Single = 3 Double = 9 Triple = 13  
2023 December Stats 29 players. 78 presents total, breakout Single = 1 Double = 7 Triple = 21  
2024 December Stats 25 players, 61 presents total, breakout Single = 4 Double = 6 Triple = 15

**2025 December saw 29 Players, 73 Gifts total, with 4 Single Gifter, 6 Double Gifter, 19 Triple Gifter**

Many thanks again for all who came, who played and made things work so well. Also to Dave & Kathy -*fini mickb*

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# *NOW THEN, WE LOOK AT CLUB CONTEST of AUGUST*

*Which I will remind you of what it was before we bring on the Minutes, with the clip below!*

## *AUGUST 2025 Editor's Club Contest*

### *“A Touch Of Grey”*

*Although it's a late breaking addition in terms of practicality for announcement, our club contests have at times been notably well responded to on more ethereal launch notes, keeping with fervent spirit of mischief:*

*Thusly*

*A Touch Of Grey has one hard set parameter: NO ONE SHOULD BE LACKING AN ENTRY THIS TIME*

*Think of it – got a pile of partly finished projects, covered in grey primer, going nowhere fast? BRING'em!*

*JUST applied a killer priming coat on something you truly want to have done in a vibrant finish but it has to wait a while to dry, or the kids to leave house, or the partner to suddenly be okay with your making a model ?  
BRING IT ON !*

*Never had a reason to pack out one or a hundred of your absolute treasured favorite maritime subjects? Or that model (or ten) of a fictional Space Exploring Team of Heroes or Villains or both? Bring them on!*

*Complete fancier of the US Navy Air fleets of the early 1960s to early 1970s? Got an Etendard sitting around wanting to leave the house? Big fan of some forms of sea planes or rescue helicopters? SHOW UP and enter*

*From RAT RODS & STAR SHIPS to renderings of old black and white horror films in 3-dimensional form, or just a random pile of parts sprayed in various shades of this incredibly flexible color, there's no way you can't find a way to compete in my silly snarky little club contest inspired by a radio news clip the other day*

*CASH PRIZES please participate No Foolin'. Or Not. I will get by. I will survive*

*Photos/Text: Mick Burton*

*Minutes: Chris Bucholtz*

*(Editor will cover the regular meeting of August in later issue)*

*At the August meeting...our in-house contest, as called by Mick Burton, was “A Touch of Grey.”*

*Where you can join the Editor in a pursuit of the mystery of VNAF SPAD seeming to transform to Klingon Battle Cruiser, or disintegrate entirely...?*

*Plus another utterly unidentified foreign object pops in and then out with nary a notice, so odd*

*Lastly, a prehistoric suitor seems to suffer slings and arrows of unrequited love, from an extra terrestrial.*







### *The Field Of Battle As It Progressed*

## Finally Filled Out



**Thanh Nguyen** entered one of his many Tamiya A-1s, this one an A-1H in RVNAF markings from AoA Decals.





His Vietnamese SPAD is still awaiting its external armament, Thanh said.



(SPAD is an old USN nickname based on the original designation as AD-1 (Attack Douglas) through AD-7. Riffing WW1 French aircraft as the pilots were told how obsolete their old prop planes were. SP stood for Single Place)

**Mark Balderrama** brought in an A-10 Thunderbolt II, an F-14 Tomcat, a Eurofighter Typhoon, and a 3D-printed Kaman K-Max he made from his own drawings, including internal gearing that allows the interlocking rotors to spin in tandem with each other!





Mark cleared it with contest sponsor that the Eurofighter painted in super dark gray (essentially same shade as “NATO BLACK” )

Perhaps the A-10 Thunderbolt crew took “instrument flight hood” concept past intended purpose...or it’s overpainted



The classic original Light Gull Gray and White scheme on F-14A Tomcat





Mark's 3D-printed scratchbuild K-Max in 1/144<sup>th</sup> captures all the bizarre but beautiful lines of the real Kaman twin rotor  
**D.J. Balderrama's** USS *Iowa* in 1:700 scale.



D.J. got the Tamiya kit from his brother and has been kept busy by the many gun positions.

**Ron Wergin's** collection of Luftwaffe '46 models included a PM 1:72 P.13a and a Revell Flitzer, also in 1:72 plus a Revell 1:72 Messerschmitt P.1101 a plane that pioneered the idea of a variable-angle sweep to the wing (although it could not sweep the wing in flight). (it's actually a Messerschmitt P.1106, and unknown if Huma or AZ model, not a Revell)





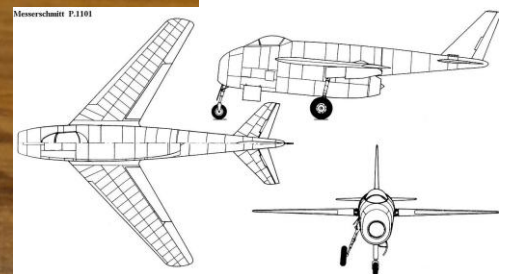


Dr Alexander Lippisch definitely had an intrigue with tailless/delta aircraft. This P.13A was supposed to be a ram jet engined point defense interceptor, no armament as intent was to RAM with the strengthened wing leading edge



The Focke Wulf “Flitzer” (“Streaker or Dasher”) was pretty ambitious, 590mph with 2x30mm, 2x20mm cannon!

This is actually the Messerschmitt P 1106 design with a fixed wing. The P.1101 variable sweep is the small picture





**Dave Balderrama** with his gray alien, built from the Testors kit. He was quick to note that he used multiple shades of gray paint to get his alien to look more extraterrestrial life-like!



Apparently his paint job seemed to work a little too well as this scaly grey predator, despite clear not interested at all hand signals, closed in on the poor guy. Look, he's at the microphone trying to call for help and scaly is on him



I never learned who or what the tiny stranger on the white base was, but you can see they tried mightily to be of some assist. There was no sign of them later.

Then it dawned on me may all been a misunderstanding, as the scaly predator has this clamp on end of his tail mayhaps so just wanted to seek out help removing...

Then there is possibility this unknown entity, who came and went without permanent record, might have deployed the tiny stranger, we may never know, only these few pictures remain...







I did get one decent shot before entire craft vanished, so here's to **An Unknown Modeler**, well done basics here it seems

**Mike Schwarze's** superdeformed Godzilla, which was not exactly finished — his roommate “unfinished” it by breaking the tail off, which has been re-attached and the putty has been sculpted to match the original texture.

Mike plans on repainting the entire piece.



Mike Schwarze's Lindberg Dilophosaurus, still in its primer. This kit was part of the group released in 1993 under the *Jurassic Park* banner.





***And the winners were...***

In third place in the **finished category** was **Ron Wergin's** third fighter, a 1:72 Messerschmitt **P.1106**

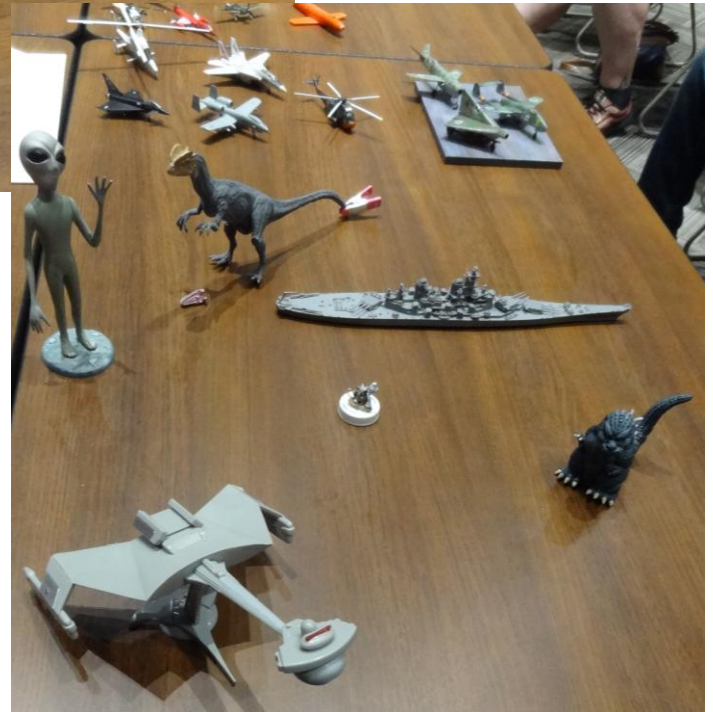
In second place, was **Mike Schwarze's** superdeformed Godzilla

And in first place in the finished category was **Dave Balderrama** with his gray alien

In third place for the unfinished category was **D.J. Balderrama's** USS *Iowa* in 1:700 scale

In second place was Mike Schwarze's Lindberg Dilophosaurus

And in first in incomplete was **Mark Balderrama's** 3D-printed Kaman K-Max

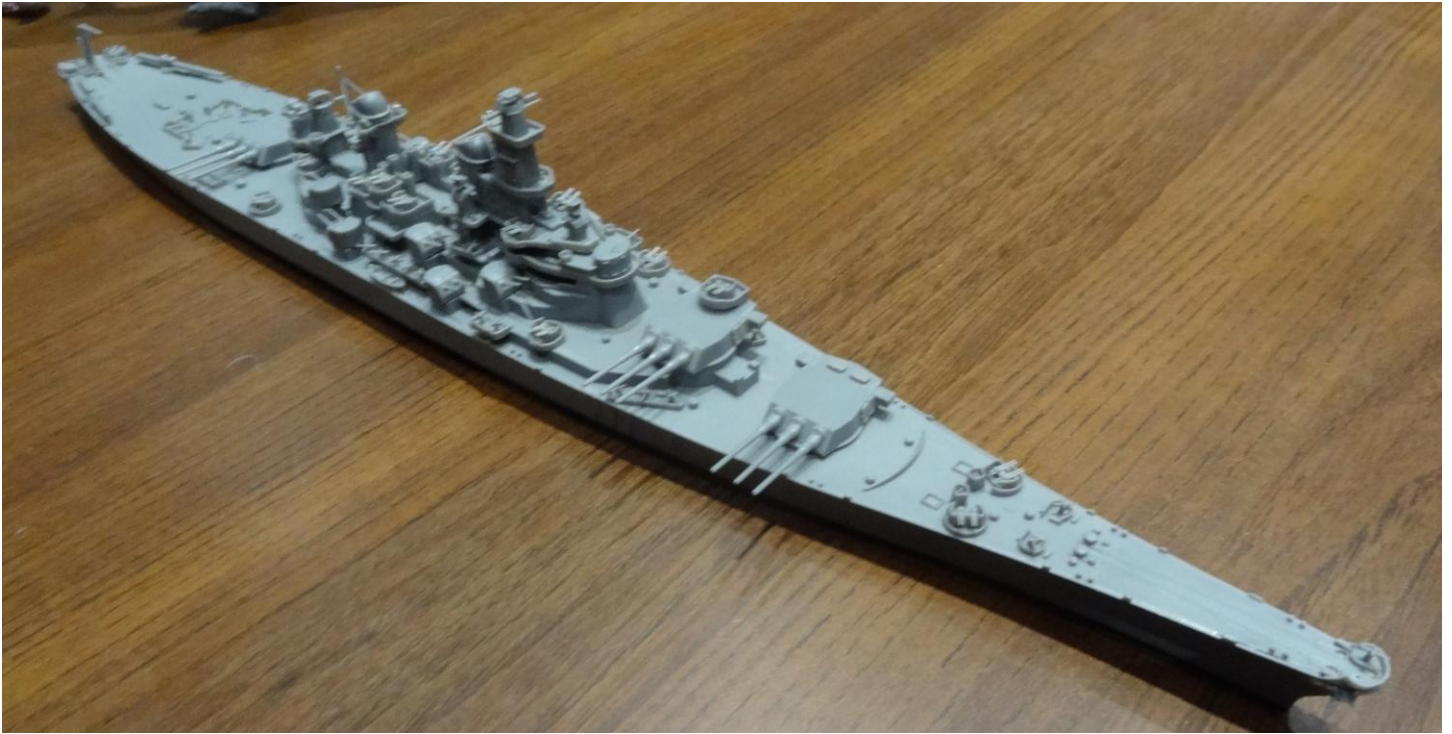


***Editor & Club Contest Sponsor for this end of summer gig appreciates your bearing with the winter arrival of A Touch Of Grey news coverage. As turned out the scant notice still managed an amazing turnout for it***

***Coverage of rest of AUGUST 2025 will come soon in another issue -mb***

***A PROPER WINNERS GALLERY FOLLOWS THIS NOW !***





*“A Touch Of Grey ” AUGUST SVSM Club Contest*

***UNFINISHED Category THIRD PLACE***

*– USS Iowa in 1/700th*

**D. J. BALDERRAMA**







***“A Touch Of Grey ” AUGUST SVSM Club Contest***  
***UNFINISHED Category SECOND PLACE***  
***– DILOPHOSAURUS***  
***MIKE SCHWARZE***







***“A Touch Of Grey ” AUGUST SVSM Club Contest***

***UNFINISHED Category FIRST PLACE***

***– K-MAX 3-D Printed Helo in 1/144th***

**MARK BALDERRAMA**







***“A Touch Of Grey ” AUGUST SVSM Club Contest***

***FINISHED Category THIRD PLACE***

***– Messerschmitt P1106 in 1/72***

**RON WERGIN**







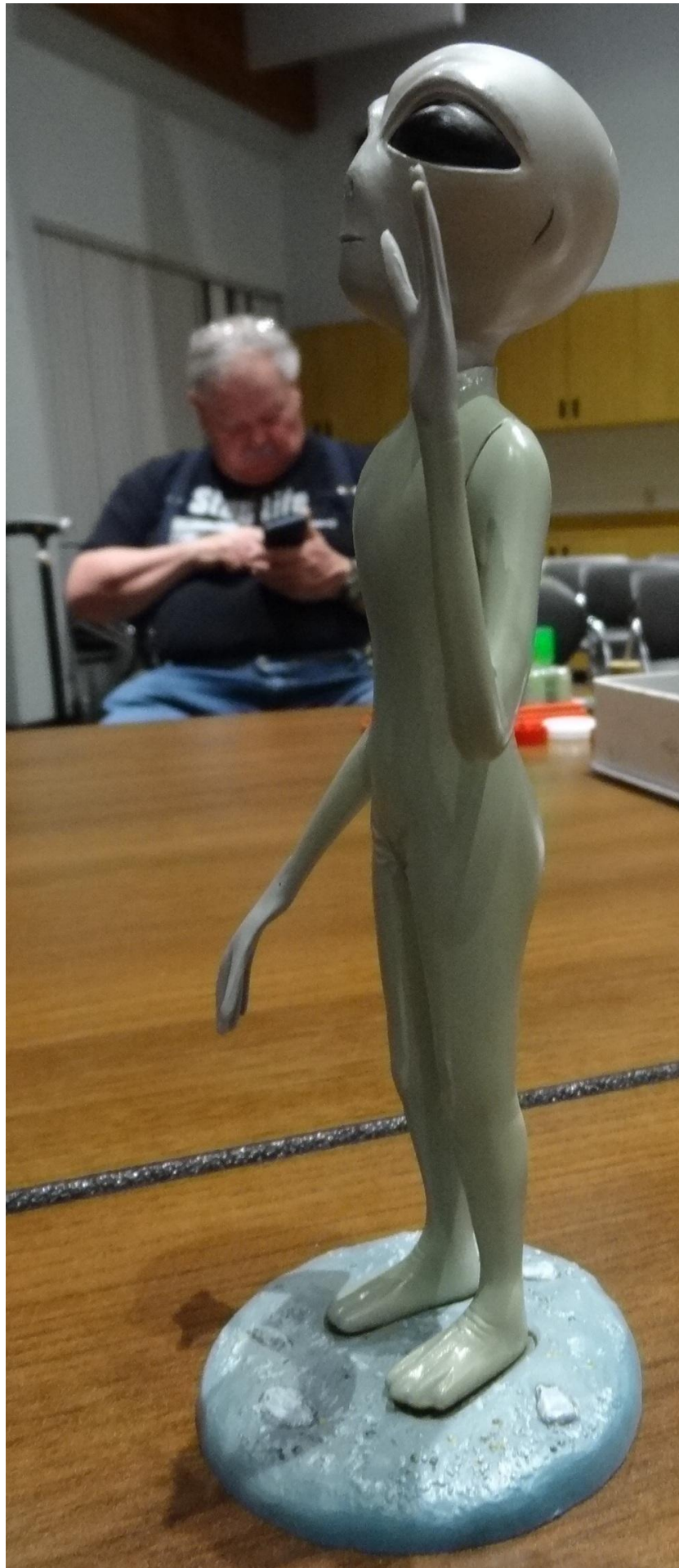
***“A Touch Of Grey ” AUGUST SVSM Club Contest***

***FINISHED Category SECOND PLACE***

***– SD GODZILLA***

**MIKE SCHWARZE**











***“A Touch Of Grey ” AUGUST SVSM Club Contest***

***FINISHED Category FIRST PLACE***

***“ GREY ” ALIEN***

**DAVID BALDERRAMA**





# ONE LAST CLUB CONTEST FOR REVIEW TO CATCH THINGS UP THERE, REALLY

NOVEMBER 2025

Editor's Club Contest

In Recognition of SVSM 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**"In Search Of Ancient Wonders AGAIN"**

A Chance to Finish Some Old Past Wonders here  
note the bandwidth though, Ancient not PreHistoric

Premise: Once before, a semi successful attempt to gather up past "Wonders of various short passage" put on as this kind of event, so your mad SVSM Editor is sponsoring this try at repetition. These items are based on past "Gift Exchange"

THERE was MANY gifts put into play at past year's events, and if you kept yours you know already who you are. and thus those gift or gifts are eligible for this contest. However, if you need help determining them, the PDFs of all the eligible years listed for this contest may be found in relevant OSS and TAMS archives. Those can be found at [mickbmodeler.com](http://mickbmodeler.com), so research them thusly as:

**ANYTHING GAINED in 2018 thru 2023 years DECEMBER SVSM GIFT EXCHANGE IS ELIGIBLE**, so know it's the gift not the "taker" that is eligibility standard

CASH PRIZES GIVEN -REALLY

FALLING OUT OF BED EDITOR REALIZED HOW TO MAKE RESEARCH  
INEXCUSABLY EASIER FOR YOU ALL HERE ARE DIRECT LINKS :

[https://www.mickbmodeler.com/resources/SV\\_2k19to21/OSS\\_JAN\\_2019.pdf](https://www.mickbmodeler.com/resources/SV_2k19to21/OSS_JAN_2019.pdf)

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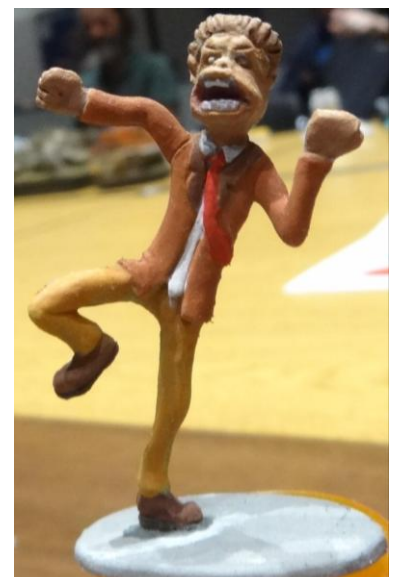
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**CRIKEY** why are you so upset now !

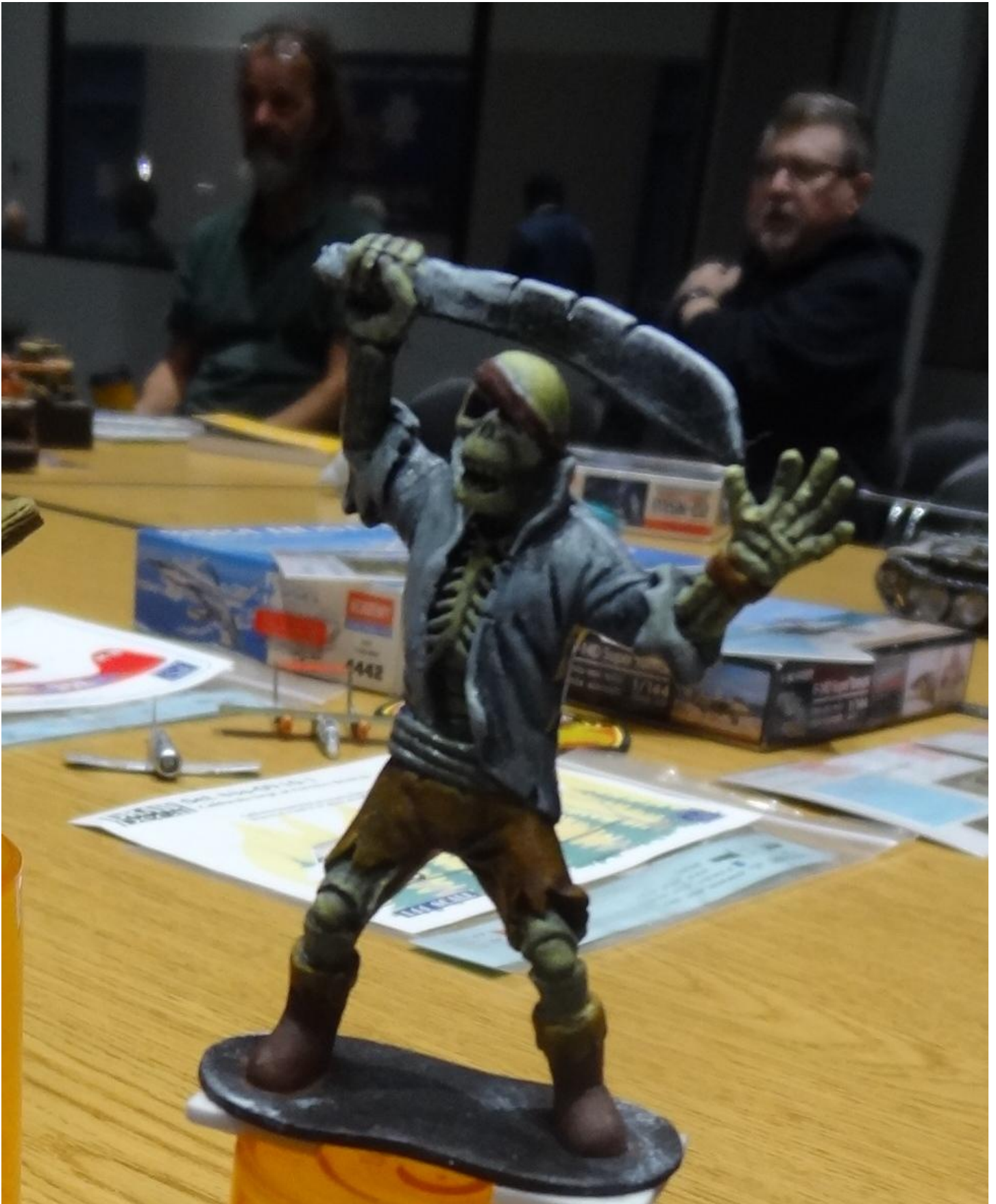
*Calm all down  
folks, it's not a  
big article here*

*Yes, there's not  
enough room in  
this issue to give  
coverage for you*





***ALRIGHT SIR, NOW THAT'S JUST UNCALLED FOR, THREATENING EDITOR !***



***NOW LOOK, YOU'VE REALLY DONE IT, THIS POOR LADY FELL INTO DEAD FAINT***



***NO, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU HERE !  
LOOK YOU GET SOME CLOTHES ON and  
QUIT SCARING THE LADIES MAY BE  
WE TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY IN FUTURE***



***AND JUST WHAT THE HELL IS IT, YOU CLOWNS ??  
COMING TO MEETING ON BOTTLE CAPS. SHEESH!***

***WHAT ? THE MERE THOUGHT OF ONE MORE 2025 Club Contest Article has you so  
down in the mouth you're just going to trudge on out of here?***



***AND YOU, HOLDING  
YOUR BREATH TIL YOU  
TURN GREEN WON'T  
CHANGE MY MIND***

***I'M DOING THIS !  
AND KEEP THOSE PANTS ON  
I SWEAR...***





***NOW I HAVE SEEN EVERYTHING !!! GIVE UP MISTER BESEECHING HEAVENS NO HELP HERE***





**HERE GOES** – There was *ONE* entry for the *NOVEMBER 2025 Ancient Wonders Club Contest*, and it was so good that no one else dared enter. There were no recorded minutes taken, the work was that astonishing







*“ In Search of Ancient Wonders, AGAIN ”*

*NOVEMBER SVSM Club Contest*

***FIRST PLACE***

*For a 2022 Gift Item !*

***Fokker E.V/D.VIII***

*“Flying Razor ” in 1/48<sup>th</sup>*

***RANDY RAY***



**UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 12-22-25**

**Friday, January 09 2026**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** host their meeting at **IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** in Fremont

**Friday, January 30 2026** **NOTE WE MEET ON FIFTH FRIDAY** for this first meet of 2026

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at MPD Community Room. **SUPER AUCTION is the Club Contest**

**Friday, February 13 2026**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** host their meeting at **IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** in Fremont

**Friday, February 20 2026**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at MPD Community Room. **"No One Wants You" Club Contest**

**Friday, March 13 2026**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** host their meeting at **IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** in Fremont

**Friday, March 20 2026**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at MPD Community Room. **"Here Comes The Sun" Club Contest**

**Saturday, April 11 2026**

**IPMS/Wine Country Modelers** host **"WINE COUNTRY MODEL EXPO "** Show at Petaluma Community Center 320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma CA. *AN AWESOME EVENT not to be missed, with lots to do and see, new concept*

**Friday, April 17 2026**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at MPD Community Room. **Another 120 Days Wonder Club Contest**

**Saturday, May 02 2026**

**IPMS/Las Vegas** host **"BEST OF THE WEST "** Show at their favorite locale Orleans Hotel & Casino

**Saturday, May 16 2026**

**IPMS/ Silver Wings** host their SILVERCON 2026 at their favorite locale. Theme is "Heavy Metal"

**Saturday, May 23 2026**

**IPMS/ Fresno Scale Modelers** host their major event CONTEST & SHOW in conjunction with CASTLE Air Museum Theme is "250 Anniversary of USA", contest/show is at Atwater Community Center. OPEN COCKPIT Day is at Castle.

**Friday, June 12 2026**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** host their meeting at GAMES of FREMONT in #200 Fremont Hub, Fremont

**Friday, June 19 2026**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at MPD Community Room. **D-Day for Let Me Finish That For You**

**Saturday, August 29 2026** *(event is announced as underway for date, locale and other details to be determined)*

**Passionate and Serious Modelers plan to** host their RETURNING CLASSIC at Modesto Veterans Center, MAYBE

**Saturday, October ?? 2026** *(event is announced as underway, locale and date to be determined)*

**IPMS/ Antelope Valley Group** host their DESERT CLASSIC #28 at Antelope Valley College cafeteria, MAYBE Antelope Valley College, 3041 W Avenue K, Lancaster, CA Theme FOR SURE is "SPIRIT OF '76 - 250 years of USA"

**Saturday, November 14 2026**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** host their CONTEST & Show TriCity EIGHTEEN themed "TOP GUN " being held at the Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, 38991 Farwell Dr, Fremont CA.



# HOLLISTER NNL 2025



## SCALE 1/1 AND ON DOWN

Text/Photos: Mick Burton

Whereupon the relationship between Elks Lodges and scale modelling is again reinforced as a positive



The Hollister NNL event has been functioning for several years now, however making it to one eluded me til finally this year I made damn sure I made it. How so? I went twice ! First on the original Saturday planned for and then the subsequent one. Where I took pictures like these here and definitely had fun day with friends there.

Okay, this won't be a big photo essay, I don't have a really extensive set of good pictures and just wanted to round out this bonus end of year TAMS issue while still had time, room left to do so.

The Hollister NNL this year was trying out fitting a larger multiple of during the day events inside and out this year I was told, so in my first timer take, it was good blending. There is a 1/1 Classic Car show, Crafts show and model car display in traditional NNL style all going on here at the Hollister Airport located Elks Lodge !





No these aren't NNL awards, read them closely you'll see what's up. Nice trophies and a variety of them too

















***EVENTS ALREADY BOOKED for 2026 !***

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***



**April 11th, 2026**

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Petaluma Community Center

320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma CA, 94954

<https://winecountrymodelexpo.com/>

***GO TO THEIR WEBSITE to get the BIG PICTURE truly exciting opener for 2026***



*UNOFFICIAL FLYER COURTESY of MIRANDCO*



*Information deemed reliable but not complete, date was provided but no other details at this time*



# BEST OF THE WEST



## *EVENT COMING*

### *Saturday May 02 2026*

### *Stay tuned for locale and further details*



IPMS SilverWings PRESENTS

# SilverCon 2026

## CONTEST THEME: HEAVY METAL

Best us of Natural Metal Finish

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Registration: 9am - 12pm

Judging begins: 12pm



VENDOR CONTACT: JERALD CLEMENT\$ 916-346-4419  
or BIGJER009@GMAIL.COM

ADULT (18+) \$12 FIRST 2 ENTRIES, \$3 EA ADDITIONAL ENTRY

JUNIOR (7-17) \$4 FIRST 2 ENTRIES, \$1 EA ADDITIONAL ENTRY

KIDS (6 & UNDER) FREE

**2 RAFFLES**

**50+ CATEGORIES**

**TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sacramento, CA 95821

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*AN ABSOLUTE TREAT for 3 Day Weekend*

**GO GRIFFONS !**



**IPMS FRESNO**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
**CASTLE AIR MUSEUM**  
OPEN COCKPIT

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

**MODEL CONTEST**

@ THE ATWATER COMMUNITY CENTER

**SATURDAY, MAY 23RD**  
**2026**

THEMES: USA 250TH ANNIVERSARY  
CASTLE AIR MUSEUM /AFB SUBJECT  
BEST CRAPPY MODEL

PLEASE SCAN QR CODE FOR  
FURTHER DETAILS





# 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

The following are planned for 2026 TriCity Classic XVIII. Entrants should not plan for nor expect splits. **SWEEPS ALLOWED** in REGULAR CATEGORIES. (Not for Specials)

Cat #	Category Description	Youth = (12 & Under)	Junior = (13-17)	Senior (18 and up)	AS = All Scales	AS/AT = All Scales / All Types
1A	Youth Aircraft AS/AT	1B Youth Automotive	1C Youth Mil Vehicles	2A Youth SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures	2B Youth All Other	
3A	Junior Mil Vehicles	3B Junior Automotive	3C Junior SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures	3D Junior Ships/All Other	4 Junior Aircraft AS/AT	
5	Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/32 & larger		11	Multi Engine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/72		
6	Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/48 & smaller		12	Single Engine Prop or Turbo Axis 1/48		
7	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Axis		13	Single Engine Prop or Turboprop 1/48 Allied/Neutral		
8	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Allied/Neutral		14	Multi Engine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/48		
9	Multi Engine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/72		15	Single Engine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/48		
10	Single Engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft 1/72		16	Multi Engine Jet/Rocket 1/48		
17	Aircraft 1/87 scale and smaller		22	Rotary Wing Aircraft, AS/AT		
18	Aircraft Prop or Turboprop 1/40 and larger		23	Artillery and related ancillary vehicles, Cannons, unmounted Small Arms, AS		
19	Aircraft Jet 1/40 and larger		24	Surface Ships 1/401 & Smaller		
20	Air Racers/Civilian Air, AS		25	Surface Ships 1/400 & Larger		
21	Air Liners AT/AS		26	Submarines, AS		
27	Autos Custom & Low Rider, AS		34	Military Softskin 1/35		
28	Automobiles Competition, Open Wheel, AS		35	AFVs & Military Softskin 1/48 only		
29	Automobiles Competition, Closed Wheel, AS		36	AFVs & Military Softskins 1/25 & Larger		
30	Motorcycle/Autos, Other, (Stock, Utility, Pickups) AS		37	AFVs Military Softskin 1/50 & Smaller		
31	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Allied		38	<b>Military Multi Vehicles &amp; Towed Trailers, AS</b>		
32	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Axis		39	Real Space, Capsules, Orbiters & Deep Space Vehicles, AS		
33	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 1955 & later		40	Real Space, Surface Exp/Land Craft, & Earth BOUND test subjects, AS		
41	<b>Missiles &amp; Rockets, Real Space Launch Vehicles</b> AT/AS		47	Sci Fic Vehicles/Spacecraft, AS	52	PAPER Models, AS/AT
42A	8” or less tall Figure Fant & Sci fi, Horror, Robot (No Gundam)		48	Figures, Historical, to 18 <sup>th</sup> Century	53A	(Less) UNFINISHED Subjects
43B	9” & taller Figure Fant & Sci fi, Horror, Robot (No Gundam)		49	Figures, Historical, 19 <sup>th</sup> Century & beyond	54B	(More) UNFINISHED Subjects
44C	GUNDAM Models, ONLY, 1/144 scale & smaller		50A	Dioramas, 8”/smaller base	55	Collections (5 or More subject), AS/AT
45D	GUNDAM Models, ONLY, 1/143 scale & larger		51B	Dioramas, 9” & up larger	56	Miscellaneous, AS/AT
46E	SciFi Wargaming Subjects ONLY (Warhammer, et al)		57	<b>GUNDAM Beginners ONLY, All Scales</b> (if you’ve never competed in Gundam, this is for you!)		

Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are: (Please Note: NO SWEEPS in Special Awards)

1. “TOMCAT” Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme
2. “Best of the Best” Award (3) Best “Grumman “Cat”, “Armored “ Cat ””, “ Bird ” Subject
3. “ Great Balls of Fire ” Award Best Post 1976 U.S.A. Subject (Real or Not)
4. “ Mulieres Volante ” Award for Women In Aerospace Subject Entry
5. “ Know A Hornet’s Mighty Sting ” for Best American Fighter Aircraft, in honor of Sir Bob 1759 OBE
6. “ Lightning Strikes Twice ”: Best English Electric or Lockheed Lightning, Arado Blitz (all are Twin Engine Lightning) **OR Qualified Pair of SE A/C**
7. “ Kenneth Jung Memorial Award “ Contest Director’s Choice
8. “ Steve Travis Service Award ” Recognition for Service to Fremont Hornets or Region Nine
9. Awards Best in Category for: Fig or Robot; Auto; Ship or SpaceShip; Aircraft; Armor; Diorama, Show Senior, Show Junior or Youth
10. “ IT FIGURES Lester Tockerman Memorial Award ” 3 set Junior/Youth Awards, **Given by MIRANDCO** in honor of a great man and contributor
11. “TOP SECRET” Award for Best Spy Subject (Vehicle or Person(s))
12. “TOWARD THE UNKNOWN” Award for Best Pioneering or Exploratory or Experimental Subject (Vehicle or Person)







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

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BRING AN UNSTARTED MODEL KIT (or two!) THAT YOU WOULD BID MADLY FOR  
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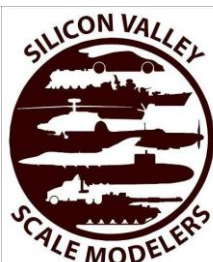
**NOTE: NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED**

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*PLEASE SHARE THE JOY OF OUR HOBBY AND FRIENDS*  
*Because it seems sometimes more than a few forget this :*

THE ONE TRUE RULE OF MODELLING (if ever there is).

*If you're having fun,  
Then you're doing it right.*



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