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ATTENTION ! ATTENTION !

FIRST OFFICIAL SVSM BUILDFEST MEET is TONIGHT

MONDAY April 27

at **THE PLEX, Northside Meeting Room**
Address is **800 Embedded Way, San Jose CA**

From 700 PM to 1000 PM



THE PLEX is located just off Highway 101

From NORTH use Hellyer Avenue Exit
From SOUTH use Silver Creek veer left at Hellyer

Our good friend and Member Steve Hays will have
A-Frame Signs with Arrows at the intersection to get
you to the best entrance to use.

PLENTY OF PARKING, especially on the North Side
where the meeting room door seen on left has entry

RESTAURANT inside WILL BE OPEN if you're hungry

ALSO REMINDER NOTICES for MAY 2026 EVENTS OFFICIALLY BEING GIVEN !

MAY 15 2026 MEMBER's Club Contest

BUILD YOUR NAME !



Don't let Cornholio distract you here...

SAY WHAT ????

GOD AWFUL SIMPLE - *If Your Name Is Mick Burton, for an example using Editor, you can choose to build a Japanese Army Air Force version Messerschmitt Me-109, as the USAAF gave it the ID code name "MIKE".*

Frank Beltran could show up with a Ki-84 (code name "FRANK") while Frank Babbitt could counter that with entry of a DH Mosquito FB Mk 6 (the FB being his "name trick" by initials, here it is for Fighter Bomber, just in case you need more assistance).

Mark Balderrama won't take this all lying down and shows up with a Martin Baker MB-5...

Gene Trickster outdoes them all with his collection of the Ford GT-40, GT-350 and GT500 Shelby Mustangs.

But then in comes Eugenie Ray with her NASA ER-2...

*Postoria Aguirre flattens them all with his surprise Piper PA-28 civil air !
Are you getting the idea yet?*

Don't think it's an all aircraft project. Don't forget the USN for one, has a load of destroyers all numbered DD-###, so Don Daily and Debbie Downer can be in on this right away. Bob Builder can do any battleship in USN service, and there has to be some creative types out there who can determine a making a name for themselves means in order to take this to outlandish extremes...

LOOKING FORWARD now to MAY, as confirmed to be a FULL of EVENTS MONTH

BEST OF THE WEST



Saturday May 2nd, 2026

Orleans Hotel Casino Las Vegas, Nevada

Show Brought to you by IPMS Las Vegas, Las Vegas Model Car Club,

Vegas Armor Modelers Preservation Society, and Gunpla Builders United

Lots of Vendor Tables, 52 Contest Categories, IPMS Judging criteria

Special Judging rules: No Touching Models, No Flashlights, No optical devices and or Mirrors, No Sweeps.

Contest & Show Admission (CASH ONLY)

Doors open 9:00 am, Judging noon, awards 3:30 pm, close 5:00 pm

Adult Model Entry \$15 for first 2 models, \$2 for each additional model Juniors (under 17) FREE (unlimited entries)

Special Awards to be announced at a later date.

General Show Admission

(Non-contest attendees) \$5 each Adult & Family Children under 12, Active Military & First Responders are FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Www.ipmslv.org for contest forms. Or email ipmslv@aol.com

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Best of the West 2026

CATEGORIES

JUNIOR (17 YEARS AND UNDER)

- 1 JUNIOR MILITARY
- 2 JUNIOR CIVILIAN
- 3 JUNIOR SCI-FI

ARMOR

- 4 ARMOR SMALL SCALE 1/36 & SMALLER ALL NATIONS
- 5 ARMOR WWII & PRIOR (ALLIED)1/35 AND LARGER
- 6 ARMOR WWII & PRIOR (AXIS)1/35 AND LARGER
- 7 ARMOR POST WWII ALL NATIONS 1/35 & LARGER ALL NATIONS
8. ARTILLERY & AUXILIARY VEHICLES 1/36 & SMALLER
- 9 ARTILLERY & AUXILIARY VEHICLES 1/35 & LARGER ALL NATIONS

AIRCRAFT

- 10 AIRCRAFT 1/72 & SMALLER ALL NATIONS & ERAS SINGLE ENGINE PROP
- 11 AIRCRAFT 1/72 & SMALLER ALL NATIONS & ERAS MULTI ENGINE PROP
- 12 AIRCRAFT 1/72 & SMALLER ALL NATIONS & ERAS SINGLE ENGINE JET
- 13 AIRCRAFT 1/72 & SMALLER ALL NATIONS & ERAS MULTI ENGINE JET
- 14 AIRCRAFT 1/48 SCALE ALL NATIONS & ERAS SINGLE ENGINE PROP
- 15 AIRCRAFT 1/48 SCALE ALL NATIONS & ERAS MULTI ENGINE PROP
- 16 AIRCRAFT 1/48 SCALE ALL NATIONS & ERAS SINGLE ENGINE JET
- 17 AIRCRAFT 1/48 SCALE ALL NATIONS & ERAS MULTI ENGINE JET
- 18 ROTARY WING ALL SCALES, TYPES NATIONS & ERAS
- 19 AIRCRAFT 1/32 & LARGER, PROP ALL NATIONS & TYPES
- 20 AIRCRAFT 1/32 & LARGER, JET ALL NATIONS & TYPES
- 21 REAL SPACE ALL TYPES NATIONS & SCALES

AUTO

- 22 STRAIGHT LINE DRAG
- 23 RACE CARS OPEN WHEEL
- 24 RACE CARS CLOSED WHEEL

- 25 AUTOS PRE 1949, HOT RODS, CUSTOMS, STREET RODS & CLASSICS
- 26 AUTOS 1950-1999 HOT RODS, CUSTOMS, STREET RODS & CLASSICS
- 27 AUTOS 2000 TO PRESENT HOT RODS, CUSTOMS, STREET RODS
- 28 LOW RIDERS
29. AUTOS TUNERS, DRIFTERS & IMPORTS
- 30 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES TRUCKS, MUNICIPAL & SEMIS
- 31 FACTORY STOCK
- 32 DOCUMENTED REPLICAS
- 33 LARGE SCALE KITS, 1/20 & LARGER
- 34 MOTORCYCLES & TRIKES ALL SCALES

SCI-FI

- 35 SCI-FI HOLLYWOOD ALL SCALES
- 36 SCI-FI FANTASY ALL SCALES
- 37 SCI-FI GUNDAM ALL SCALES, BASIC
- 38 SCI-FI GUNDAM ALL SCALES, ADVANCED
- 39 SCI-FI AND FANTASY FIGURES SMALL SCALE 54MM & SMALLER
- 40 SCI-FI AND FANTASY FIGURES LARGE SCALE 55MM & LARGER
- 41 SCI-FI AND FANTASY DIORAMAS ALL SCALES & TYPES

HISTORICAL FIGURES

- 42 HISTORICAL FIGURES 54MM & SMALLER
- 43 HISTORICAL FIGURES 55MM & LARGER

DIORAMAS

- 44 DIORAMAS ALL SCALES & ERAS

SHIPS

- 45 SHIPS 1/350 & LARGER
- 46 SHIPS 1/351 & SMALLER
- 47 SUBMARINES

OUT OF THE BOX (KIT INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE INCLUDED)

- 48 ARMOR
- 49 AIRCRAFT
- 50 AUTOS

MISCELLANEOUS

- 51 GROUPS & COLLECTIONS, MORE THAN 5 MODELS
- 52 ALL OTHERS, DOES NOT FIT ANY OTHER CATEGORY

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

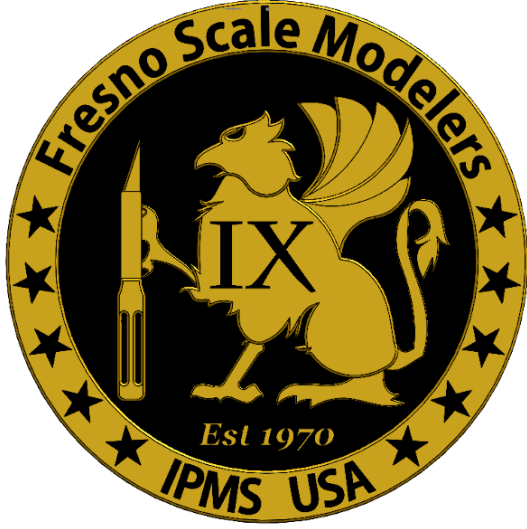
50+ CATEGORIES

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AIR MUSEUM OPEN COCKPIT
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

MODEL CONTEST

@ THE ATWATER COMMUNITY CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

2026

THEMES: USA 250TH ANNIVERSARY
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BEST CRAPPY MODEL

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FURTHER DETAILS



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