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AUGUST WRAPS UP ON AN AMERICAN THEME !

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...

2026 Model Contest
Hosted By:
San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers (SJVSM)
The Tomcats
Theme: George Lucas Films

The SJVSM Model Contest is a Non-IPMS (International Plastic Model Society)
Details visit: www.deltatomcats.com (scan below)

Date: August 29, 2026 (Saturday)
Location: Stanislaus County Veterans Services
3500 Coffee Road,
Suite 19
Modesto, CA

A collage of Star Wars characters and a QR code. The background features a large image of Luke Skywalker. Overlaid on this are smaller images of Darth Vader, Han Solo, Chewbacca, C-3PO, R2-D2, and a Stormtrooper. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the collage.

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Editor's Ravings – this month's editor, Mick Burton

“ AN AUGUST MONTH THIS, INDEED IN EVERY WAY ”



Shameless plug: www.mickbmodeler.com

The word august has two primary meanings in English: a proper noun for the eighth month of the year, and a formal adjective meaning majestic, inspiring reverence, or worthy of great respect. (courtesy of Cambridge dictionary and two others)

Hello and Hell Yes it's one hell of a month 8 months into this 25th year of the 21st century (sorry, 2000 was the end of the 20th ...)

Well with that boring note out of the way, Editor permits himself the annoying luxury of illustrating somewhat why titled this so, as well illustrate another blended editorial nee article for this not quite Styrene Postcard but also no Sheet. It's Historical Non Fiction

August 2 – IPMS Monterey Bay holds meeting. Editor manages to show up, we meet despite efforts by another group to thwart us !

August 5 – SVSM Prez sends Ed greetings from opening of IPMS USA Nats, a look at start of what turned out to be HUGE show !

August 8 – CFMC has banner day with Auction, Fundraiser success at GTC, MIRANDCO launches our 3 head April '27 event !

August 8- IPMS USA Nats 2027 in Indiana wrap up with SVSM Prez as surprise Guest MC , 3100+ entries, 1000 + Tiger Meet !

August 14 – Fremont Hornets hold meeting with huge turnout, nearly run out of time, CFMC/GTC/MIRANDCO intro new event

August 18 – Fresno Scale Modelers hold meeting, RC Ernie gives huge review of IPMS Nats, SPRUE BOWL 3 gets funding boost

August 22 – CFMC has another model event at GTC (2nd of three for the month, a new record for hosting closely held model gigs)

August 24 – IPMS Plex hosts Invitational Build Fest Night

August 28 – SVSM holds meeting with club contest on alternate night due to Police Action

August 29- CFMC holds another Gundam event at the store

August 29 – San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers host their first big show in many years with a George Lucas theme, in Modesto !

August 30 – IPMS One-Oh-Wonders host their 4th WONDERCON in OXNARD

OKAY FEEL FREE NOW TO ARGUE OR OTHERWISE DISMISS the Editor's contention this above calendar in fact supports that as far as Model Madness goes, this month is a high bar setter for providing a LOT of MODELLING OPPORTUNITY , yes ?

Alright, yes, you can hold me to being a bit presumptive as August 24 through 30 are still “in the future” however being the fool of an optimist I am, Editor plans on being alive through the 31 days to say “told ya” in the next publication he will have for September.



IPMS Mbay as we model away...

GTC August 8 Auction -



Fremont August underway on left

Fresno August sample below

For now

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AUGUST 2026 EDITOR's Club Contest

The Guns Of August !

In simplest terms: ANY models of firearms will qualify, in any scale. So there you have it, one very easy strategy starting point. However of course, if you really want to get into the spirit of this (and mind you, I deliberately ran off with the title of an extremely respected historical book by a woman historian/author (Barbara Tuchman) on The Great War) take bolder shot at this. Any number of nations fielded Battleships (the book Dreadnought by the way is an excellent read as it too weaves all of the world's affairs, issues convincingly through the lens of "chasing a superior war machine" of which befittingly, HMS Dreadnought would end up lending its name to the type) for a clear example of "GUNS" in front/center. Main Battle Tanks through the ages of course, Railway Guns, fixed guns of legend like "the Paris Gun", the US Army's 280mm "Atomic Annie" and Soviet counterpart also big contenders

Don't forget, some air vehicles carry the nickname "Gunship" so seem to me to fit perfectly fine in this effort here

As well mind you, I have seen plenty of armament in gun type sense festooned on Gundam, Mecha and SF vehicles like "Space Cruiser Yamato" that I have to believe that those genre fans can come up with a fun entry field too...

IN ANY CASE Editor is selfishly seeking something to challenge the "dog days of Summer" for the August Meet

OKAY CASH PRIZES on Offer and of course a chance to GUN for the GOLD here



SEPTEMBER 2026 EDITOR's Club Contest

Track 'N Tracks !

In FALLING OUT OF BED simplest terms: ANY models of VEHICLES or FIGURES you would likely find on a RACE TRACK (dirt, oval, DRAG STRIP, temporary Grand Prix, magnetic loop, chained, etc but NOT RALLY) in any scale. So go clear out your stockpiles of F1 or NASCAR or Belly Tankers or Winged wonders or what have. Got a bust or a full figure sculpt of a beloved driver that never seemed to get a chance to be appreciated? Bring it

AND/OR (some do multiple genres yes)

In AGAIN FALLING OUT OF BED simplest terms: ANY models of VEHICLES or FIGURES you would find on battlefields of all sorts, snow or forest environments or on construction, farm sites or specialized applications such as NASA launch sites. Yes, the moves at no miles per hour transporter that is a tracked vehicle qualifies here if you built one, so does that insane beast of a transport that you may recall from a sort of obscure 1970s SF/Fantasy film HALF TRACKS, SNOW MOBILES, SNOW CATS, BULLDOZERS as well as the Usual Suspects in AFV all good

OKAY CASH PRIZES on Offer so a chance to RACE for the GOLD or MAKE TRACKS for CASH here

And AGAIN The Editor sorely misses the NCAR of Old September and Racing Armor amusements thus this gig!

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 08-23-26

Monday, August 24 2026 **NEW**

IPMS/ SV Scale Modelers OPEN BUILDFEST at **The PLEX, 800 Embedded Way, Northside Meet Room, San Jose.**

Friday, August 28 2026

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **Guns of August Club Contest**

Saturday, August 29 2026

San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers host their **Contest** at Stanislaus County Veterans Services, Modesto CA

Friday, September 18 2026

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **Tracks 'n Track Club Contest**

Saturday, September 26 2026

IPMS/ Reno High Rollers host their 25th Classic at National Auto Museum, Reno NV Theme is "Red, White & Blue"

Friday, October 09 2026

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

Friday, October 16 2026

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **October Sky Club Contest**

Saturday, October 17 2026

IPMS/ Antelope Valley Group host their DESERT CLASSIC #28 at Antelope Valley College cafeteria
Antelope Valley College, 3041 W Avenue K, Lancaster, CA Theme is "Feminine Phenomenons"

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

Friday, November 20 2026

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **Let Me Finish That For You RESULTS**

Friday, December 18 2026

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **PIRATE'S PLEASURE Holiday event**

Friday, January 15 2027

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **SUPER AUCTION fund raiser**

Friday, February 19 2027

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **Deutsche Duo Club Contest**

Saturday, March 13 2026

IPMS/ Wine Country Modelers host their **Wine Country Model Expo 2027**

Friday, March 19 2027

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room.

Friday, April 16 2027

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **120 Day Wonders Club Contest**

Saturday, May 01 2027

IPMS/ Silver Wings host their contest/show **SILVERCON 2027** at Town and Country Lutheran Church & School GYM
4049 Marconi Ave. Sacramento CA **THEME is currently TBA but DATE & LOCALE are CONFIRMED**

7:00 PM OPEN, MEETING ENDS 10:00 PM SHARP

LAST FRIDAY of Month

AUGUST 28 (at **TRADITIONAL** meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd

Milpitas, CA



ALSO THIS MONTH

INVITATIONAL BUILDFEST MEETING NIGHT

AUGUST 24

at THE PLEX, Northside Meeting Room

Address is 800 Embedded Way, San Jose CA

From 700 PM to 10 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

