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AUCTION ? WHAT AUCTION ? I WAS AT THE BAR ... NOW A COMPLETELY BLANK LOOK AT THE JANUARY SVSM MEET



(Basically, Coverage Minimal Due Editor Was Fiendishly Bidding For Models Not Needed)



Photos/Text: Mick Burton

Well this meeting was an interesting start of the year

As you can likely assess, a goodly pile of items to be hawked into cash for club event showed up so we could stage this fest.

(resumes at 3)



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



Shameless plug: www.mickbmodeler.com

“ ANOTHER TURN OF THE PAGE HERE ”



Wow how time flies, right? On the left, inexcusably small photos showing the devices by which this very club, then called San Jose IPMS, communicated meeting ahead notices. Actually, for first half of the year 1976 ! it was only the red rotary dial phone or if you had one, the push button phone. The computer generated “newsletter” you see from July 1976 is my only artifact to show our 50th anniversary news beginnings. Stay tuned, [we're 63](#) -mb

REMINDER NOTICE OFFICIALLY BEING GIVEN !

(so the following individuals know that time has run out to leave planet before this event occurs...)

***FEBRUARY SVSM Meeting Will Include E-BOARD Election!
Currently these members have been nominated for these posts:***

Eugenie Ray – President 2026/27

Chris Bucholtz – 1st VP/Contest Director 2026/27

John Carr – 2nd VP

Bob Meyers – 3rd VP

Chris Bucholtz – Secretary

William Ferrante – Treasurer

Mick Burton – Editor

FEBRUARY 2026 MEMBER's Club Contest

"No One Wants You "

Anything that can fall into the following or similar.

Failed or Rejected Prototypes

- Northrop YF-23 ATF (Lost to YF-22)
- Boeing X-32 JSF (Lost to X-35)
- Northrop F-20 Tigershark (Lost to F-16)

Rejected Proposals

- T28 (Super Heavy Assault Gun)
- Bell X-16 (High Altitude Reconnaissance)
- XP-59 (Twin Boom Push Fighter)

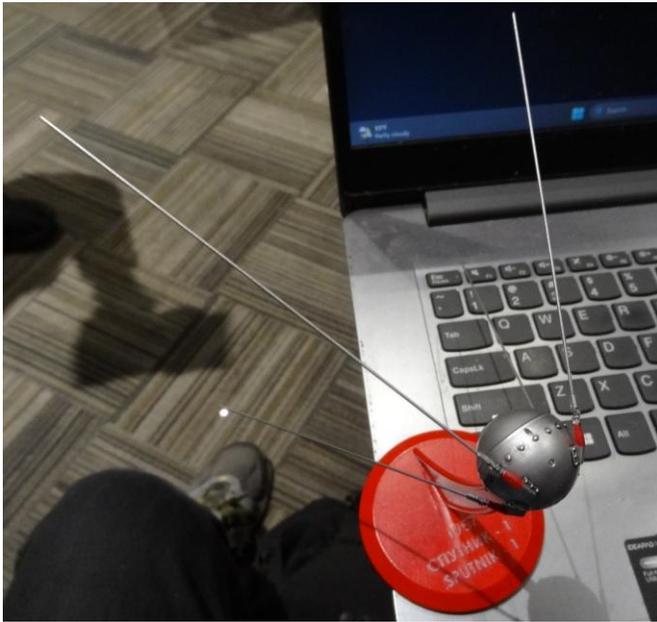
Abandoned Projects

- Horten Ho229
- Kyushu J7W Shinden
- Graf Zeppelin (Aircraft Carrier)

Outlandish Unreasonable Concepts

- Convair X-6 (Nuclear powered Plane)
- Project Habbakuk (Ship built of Ice)
- Chrysler TV-8 (Nuclear powered Tank)

FIRST OF YEAR FEST PROVES PIRACY, SNEAKY SNIPER BIDS HAVEN'T LEFT THE BUILDING



We began of course with getting everyone inside the room. Now that us customers of the facility for over decade had learned of major change.

For three meetings in a row, early arrivals and on time alike, found the door locked no Milpitas City person showing up to unlock well past our scheduled time (We used to get key)

We had become very creative with getting the police officers going in and out to manage getting us access Happily, our dedicated member of many years who books this for us, got word when he pursued this: Oh, procedures had changed although no one bothered to inform us. This time we were on it and January was a go!

President Eugenie had our auction tools ready for us, she took on the not fun task of recording final bids.

Jim Priete & Chris Bucholtz were set as the evening Hawkers with a backup volunteer ready if needed.

We had a short business agenda before bidding, and 1st VP/CD Chris had to break news we are forgoing a 2026 SV Classic, planning for 2027 date, auction's success to help fund.



Stay tuned in months ahead for news. **Based on some of the amazing bids, we banked some good will for future**

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/>

THE DATE's OFFICIAL

This Flyer is not



Saturday April 25 2026

Calling All Model Car Enthusiasts!

As passionate builders and lifelong fans of the scale modeling hobby, we're excited to invite you to a brand-new gathering that picks up where NNL West left off—celebrating creativity, craftsmanship, and community. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, we invite you to join us for a gathering that celebrates detail, style, and shared passion. Bring your builds, share your stories, and connect with fellow artists who appreciate the beauty of the art. Let's showcase our work, inspire each other, and keep the model car scene thriving!

<https://www.leftcoastscaleclassic.com/>

Unofficial Flyer courtesy MIRANDCO

All information deemed reliable but not complete

Ventura County Fairgrounds

at Seaside Park

Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Boulevard
Ventura, CA 93001



NEARLY 21,000 Square Feet of exhibit hall all within walking distance of historic downtown Ventura.

LOOKING FORWARD now to MAY, as it now is 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

Orleans # 702-365-7111 Room Code IPME26C Coordinator Jay Bergeon 702-861-9050 ipmslvraffle@yahoo.com

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 & AUXILARY VEHICLES 1/36 & SMALLER
- 9 ARTILLERY & AUXILARY 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

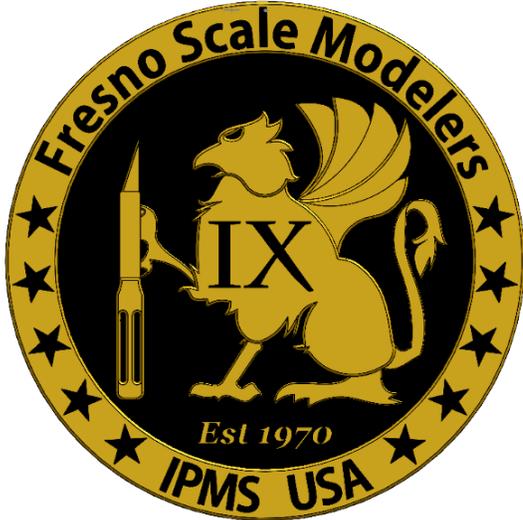
TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH

4049 Marconi Ave
Sacramento, CA 95821

<https://www.sacramento-model-club.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ipmssilverwings>





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



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

3rd FRIDAY of Month

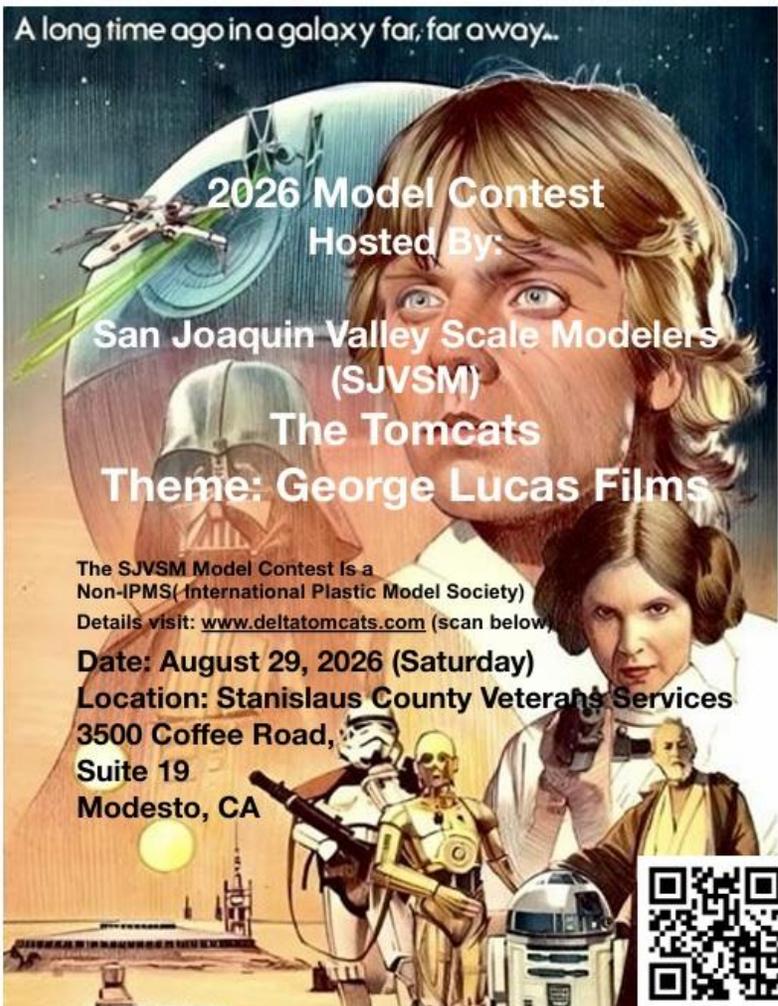
FEBRUARY 20 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd
Milpitas, CA

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



Model Show and Contest Fund Raiser for the Veterans Hall

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

Contestant Admission Price:

Seniors: \$15.00 for unlimited number of models. (18 and up)
Juniors: \$ 10.00 for unlimited number of models. (14-17)
Sub-Junior: Free for any quantity of models. (5-13)
Spectators: Free

Schedule:

7:00 AM: Doors open for vendor set up.
9:00 AM: Doors open for registration.
12:00 PM: Registration closes.
1:00 PM: Judges meeting.
1:15 PM: Judging begins.
3:30 PM: Awards

Amenities:

Free Parking: There is plenty of parking available.
Food: There may be in facility eating available but there is plenty of eating establishments within walking distance.

Raffles:

There will Be Two Raffles during the day which will include models and model related items. Times of raffles will be posted.

Raffle Tickets will be broken into two categories:

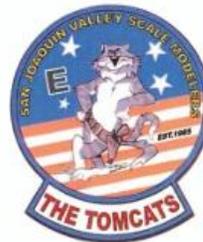
Regular: \$1.00 per ticket
\$20.00 per 25 tickets
Premium Tickets: \$5.00 per ticket

Vendors:

Each table will cost \$25.00
Contact: Tony Quartaro for tables & availability.
Phone: (209) 665-6599
Email: Thedeckguy53@gmail.com

San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers History

The Club was started in 1983 as the "Stockton Tomcats" a Chartered Club of IPMS-USA. Over the years, we have held meetings at numerous places with several goals in mind; share modeling ideas; help other modelers and gather in a very none structured setting. We started at the Seifert Community Center in Stockton, CA were we held several local and regional model contests. Next we met at Modesto Hobby and Crafts for many years until Brad closed the store. Then we started meeting at Alan Weber's hanger at the Stockton Airport. Tony Quartaro joined the club and we started meeting at his house/garage in Manteca, CA. Now we hold meetings at both Tony's or Alan's depending on the circumstances. Many of our club members have entered and won awards and judged at many Local, Regional and National contests. Now we are known as the San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers (SJVSM). Currently we are not a Chartered Chapter with IPMS-USA but many in our club are Members of IPMS-USA.



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