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June Meet Completes, A Brief Look at July Begins With Model of Month !



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“ *An AUGUST Month In Every Way, Virtually An Event Every Weekend to the Last , Here's Two Upcoming Examples ”*

Spirit of '45: Living History Day & Swing Dance

Saturday, August 1, 2026

2:00 PM – 10:00 PM

History Park
635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose,
CA, 95112, United States ([map](#))

[Google Calendar](#) · [ICS](#)



Join us on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 2:00PM – 10:00PM
at History Park as History San José and Keep the Spirit of '45
Alive Bay Area hosts the Spirit of '45 Living History Day and
Big Band Swing Dance!

BEST NEWS EVER in my estimate, in fact am trying to wrap
up this issue so can next produce a very Special Issue of the
Fremont Hornet BUZZ.

It's a Preview and Prep
for any and all going to
the SJV Tomcats Show
on AUGUST 28, 2026

HERE are two back to
back events that some of
our members are part of
before that. I hope some
of you can make them to
show support and have
fun while doing so !

SO STAY TUNED !
EXCITING news soon
to increase incentive for
making plans for going
to upcoming 2026 plus
THREE ALREADY
CONFIRMED 2027
Region Nine events you
will find at close of SST

A poster for a Model Kit Auction Fundraiser. It features a blue and white Gundam robot holding a hammer. The text is in white and yellow on a red background.

**MODEL KIT
AUCTION
FUNDRAISER**

Donations
Welcome!

Feel free to donate model kits
for this auction!
Kits must be unbuilt.
Kits must be in the original
box.

Saturday, August 8
GTC Store
18 S 8th St, San Jose, CA 95112
2pm – 4pm

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THIS IS A WRAP for JUNE 2026 SVSM's " BEST of the BEST" MEETING, FOR THE WIN !





With the publish of JUNE/JULY 2026 TAMS, all but four attendees of the June SVSM meet had gotten coverage somewhere. Here now is Kent McClure's fine four contributions, which span a great range in both subject and relative time in their respective genesis.

Kent's "Barney Rubble" really struck home for the Editor, as it was done and won in a Club Contest set into motion by him when he was first President of SVSM, last of SJSM. That was the Jurassic Park contest which launched ahead of the 1993 movie's release, both contest and movie turned out quite more robustly than then Pres had dared hope for. This model was made for the "Barney" category which was actually the most popular of the possible categories. First place got a "mounted" T-Rex head, the Barney was Purple, black mouth with NO teeth, quite fetching.

While Randy Rothaar took home first, Kent did place with this hilarious rendition which he then had to reveal needed to be hidden from his daughter or she would never have forgiven her dear dad for such a violent treatment of her then beloved dinosaur buddy. He made it with a suitably crushed up cake decoration for the main kit parts... Definitely concur with Kent this is one of his all time best models and he has a great deal of fabulous works.

A more recent unique crafting of Kent's agile imagination was his Star Trek Original Series inspired diorama below. It's a small scale M113 and figures on first sighting, but there's a tale to tell alright. Happily, Kent wrote an article for it so check into that for a full run down on this nice one https://www.mickbmodeler.com/resources/SV_2k22to23/TAMS_NOVDEC_2023.pdf



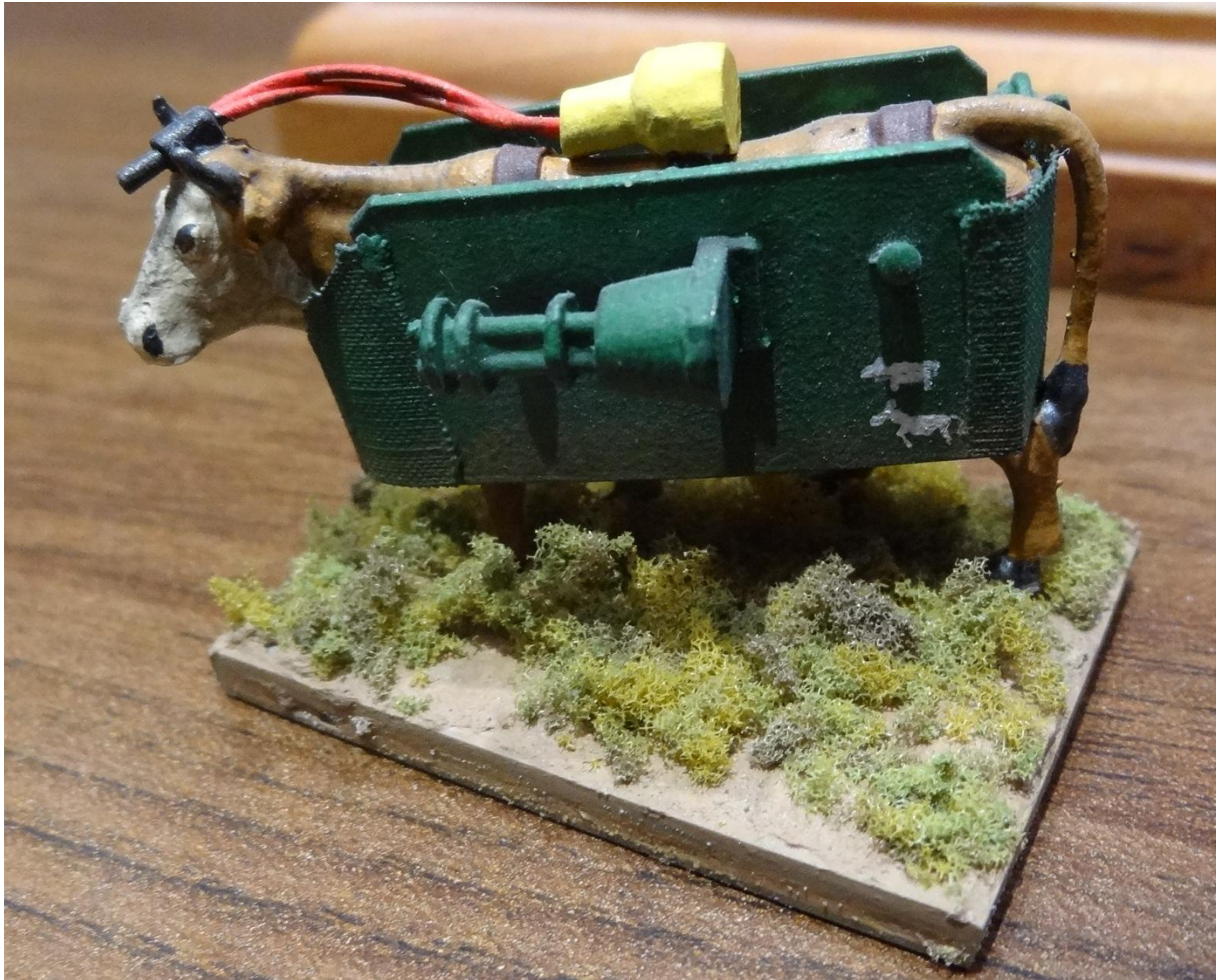


Kent said that the WIP automotive of his has its own “long tale” to go with what it is, namely a Maserati T61 Long Tail racer. Apparently modelling it can be challenge as big as racing the real ones. As he related, they were so few in number that documents for their history in 1/1 show they could literally change from moment to moment in detail, making “replica” a relative basis even if you’re obsessively diligent ! Yikes.

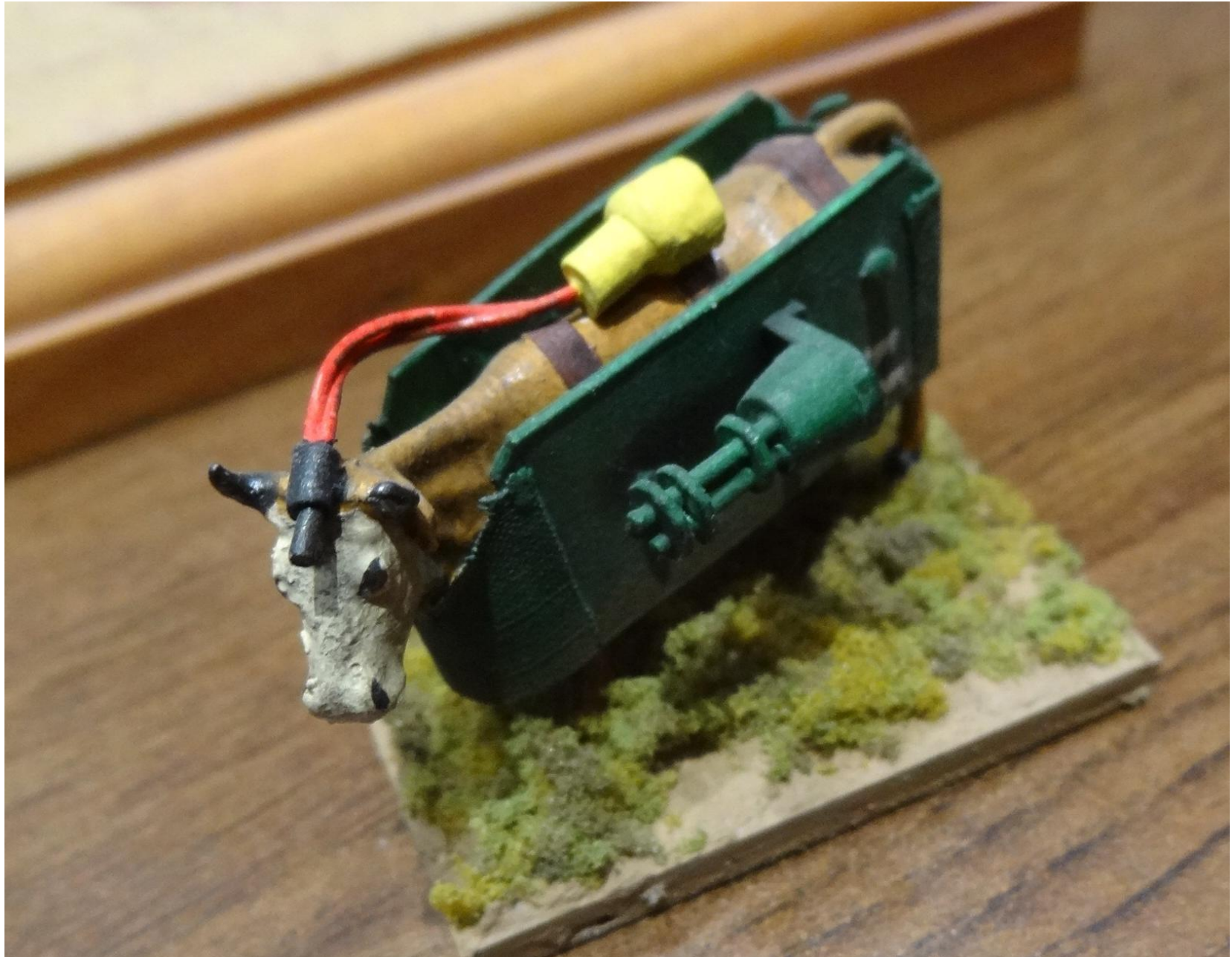
Kent had a recent Gundam that is based exactly on the original premise, this is a construction mech with tool, grip arms versus a battle suit. Appropriately finished in bright yellow !



Now, Kent's third entry in his Best of the Best, the Mk I Bovine, aka "Battle Cattle". Udderly magnificent on its own, also spawned a woolly bully !



Kent made this back in 2001 he said. I never got to see then in person but did fondly recall what it later inspired, which he gave me great writeup for:
https://www.mickbmodeler.com/resources/SV_2k15to2k18/TAMS_NOV_2017.pdf Trust me, read, you'll never look a lamb in eye dismissively !





Mike Schwarze wasn't letting a damnable turn of life recent events deter him, he made it to the June meeting with his Marvel Comic Universe "THOR" atop fierce Norse dragon wielding mighty hammer

Mike says the God of Thunder is nearly done now, and he's happy enough with how it's turning out.



Mike felt that his “Fat Demon” which took awards for him at the Fall 2025 Tri Classic Classic 17 in category was one of his best, so he gladly returned to show here.



Mike advised us that he was unable to make as many meetings recently as he would have liked to, not only thanks to inevitable work place curveballs now he has been finally given a proper diagnostic of several long term issues, rudely determined to be myasthenia gravis. Modelling will continue even if the body rebels, says Modeler Mike. Our continued best regards to you there Mike. Ahead, another interesting share of his, a Gundam original

This is Mike's RX-78, rendered in " original " colors.

This is also Editor's rare attempt at rotating a picture as it was a fine photo for this, only decidedly off kilter. Now at 320 deg.



Really intrigues to see this Gundam battle suit in this scheme, and we may yet see again as Mike says still “a bit more to finish it” Tally ho, Sir !





Frank Beltran had quite a range of his own that meeting. The Convair B-58A Hustler happens to be one of his favorite Cold War aircraft, and here you see one of his dream WIP projects with that basis. Frank has a third Hustler on the way he said, the 1/48th Monogram molding, that will be the left hand “Lead” bird for his planned “perspective formation”. The 1/72 scale Italeri you see in front will be center, on far right is 1/144 Hobbycraft



Frank's lovely wife Miriam greatly helped inspire him to take on this idea, as she recently got him this nice book on the B-58 which he brought too.

An old Army buddy (literally) of his was source for a nicely scale rendered M16A1, which Frank will work his modeler magic on for August meeting club contest "Guns of August". Frank had memories of his Vietnam service days and this particular machine, so this will be close to home modelling

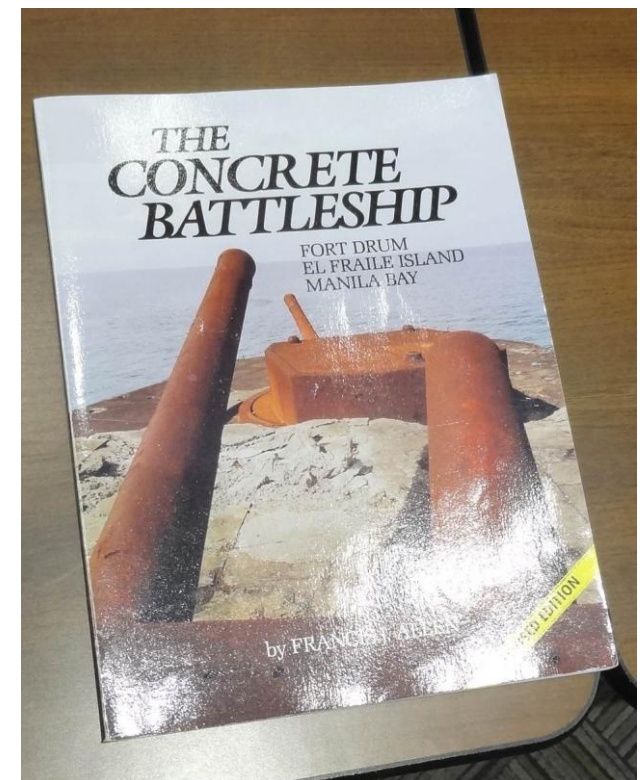


Norm Luebker brought in one of his very best indeed, the “Concrete Battleship” in action diorama.

This challenging real life answer to how to best defend Manila Bay in times of modern war has been magnificently rendered here.

Norm is an artist in his modelling approach and very meticulous, provides viewers with a huge experience if they are patient enough to take in all he has done. History, humor, hard work paid off handsomely, it's all here yes!!

Doesn't cut corners by the way, this 1/350 scale piece is set so the correct scale depth of the actual geography is maintained here !





I note this not only in modelling admiration for attention to detail but also because I know that for at least some exhibits I have experienced in my time as seen in “professional” settings, aka “ museum models or dioramas” it’s far from unheard of for the “ museum modeler” to have rendered a piece equivalent to this wonderful work, with shortcuts. Not necessarily a bad thing or for a bad reason, quite often it’s due to space, time and funds restrictions, but sometimes it irritates me to Nth degree that “ non modeler “ civilians sometimes don’t have a great appreciation for how much more some modelers put into their projects versus ones you more commonly run into. Norm’s incredible historical honor in scale is priceless in compare.

While of course photographs and “being there” will most often be the way most of us will ever be able to take in the unique features of something like this, a passionately produced and vividly accurate model like this that allows you to see it all at once in many aspects plus importantly fact that it captures a moment in time when “life” was “in action”, really sends home the message that scale modelling is a quite a jewel of 3 dimension medium



Yes also try as I might, photos on meet table I manage don't fully capture the true model but I hope I have captured some justice here. Thanks Norm!





AND SO THERE YOU HAVE IT, JUNE's BEST OF THE BEST, FINISHED IN GOOD STEAD WITH THIS ISSUE. Nice work y'all.

Also, if you missed any part of this coverage, you can find it in JUNE 2026 OSS Editorial page, JULY 2026 OSS entirety, JUNE/JULY 2026 TAMS

JULY SVSM Meet Comes Up ACES With Mighty Ride Of Wave, Wild Model of Month



As it was, this Styrene Sheet Two began as a plan with this picture for front cover, and forecasting finish covering JUNE Best of the Best, begin the JULY “Ride The Wave” Club Contest. Well, an opportune trip to the July Fresno Scale Modelers meeting provided an abundance of immediacy to change editorial plans, which is why you now see what you hold in your hands. I think you’ll enjoy the sudden updates and revisions and future issue

Right now, take in the snapshot of the JULY meeting table with the RIDE THE WAVE contestants (90 percent present at time of shot) and Model Talk attendance in full view, and then see the first of two presentations of the two Model of the Month subjects, quite a nice variety in themselves

Following immediately after are three 2027 events which are confirmed and deserve to be publicized right off. Stay tuned for further detail in future



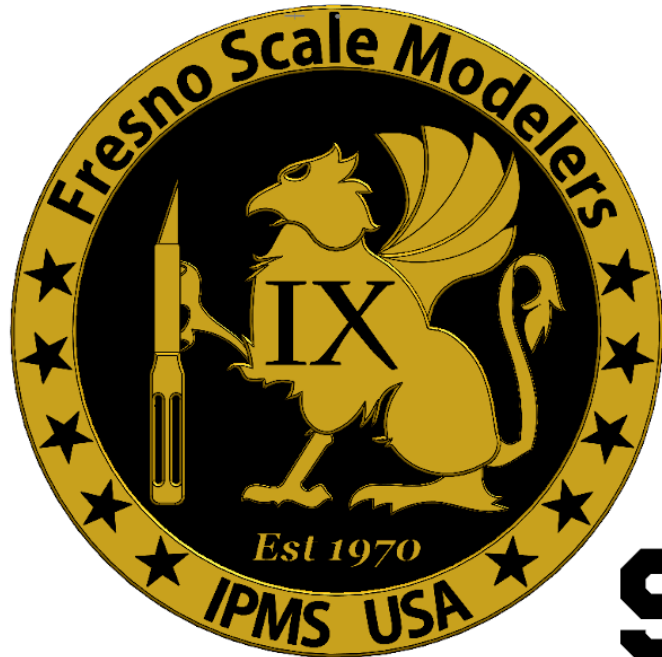
Congratulations to **Mike Schwarze**
FOR WINNING JULY MODEL OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to
Riley Kitchen

FOR WINNING JULY MODEL OF THE MONTH

WELCOME NEWS here is the OFFICIAL WORD for REGION NINE 2027 KICKOFF EVENT oh YESSSS



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SPRUE BOWL III

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH 2027

THEMES:

80TH ANNIVERSARY USAF
50TH ANNIVERSARY STAR WARS
AMERICAN MUSCLE

SEMINARS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

PLEASE SCAN QR CODE FOR
FURTHER DETAILS



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***ANOTHER BIT of AWESOME
REGION 9 EVENT NEWS !!***

***HIGH FIVE to The Hard Working
CREW UP NORTH for This One***



Saturday MARCH 13 2027

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Petaluma Community Center

320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma CA, 94954

<mailto:winecountrymodelclub@gmail.com>

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***ALL INFORMATION DEEMED ACCURATE
but not complete !***



SILVERCON 2027 coming in MAY



SATURDAY May 01 2027

***Town and Country Lutheran Church & School
4049 Marconi Avenue Sacramento CA***

THEME is TBA

Contact: EDDIE ANDRES E-mail: Ejandres@hotmail.com

<https://ipmsusa.org/event/silvercon-2027>