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



(shameless plug: www.mickbmodeler.com)

“ **EDITOR TAKES A BREAK thanks to another AARON** ”

I had plans to ruminate on “ To BuildFest or Not To Buildfest, Not Really A Question ” here. Then happily I ran into this picture which brought this home to me: that in all my years, no one ever put this context of just how old Founding Fathers of this nation celebrating its 250th this year, were at the time of conception. I am going to have to go see Hamilton again.

TECH FOUNDERS AGES	FOUNDING FATHERS AGES ON JULY 4, 1776
LINUS TORVALDS WROTE LINUX AT 21	ALEXANDER HAMILTON: 21 YEARS OLD
STEVE WOZNIAK BUILT APPLE I AT 25	JAMES MADISON: 25 YEARS OLD
PALMER LUCKEY CREATED OCULUS VR AT 20	THOMAS JEFFERSON: 33 YEARS OLD
VITALIK BUTERIN DESIGNED ETHEREUM AT 19	JAMES MONROE: 18 YEARS OLD
MARK ZUCKERBERG CODED FACEBOOK AT 19	AARON BURR: 20 YEARS OLD

Some major developments by young folks in technology.

Thank you Alexander, James, “Old Man” Thomas, “Young” James and Aaron. We’re still here, amazingly -mb

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NIFTY WE NOW FINISH UP REMEMBER NOVEMBER



At the November meeting... President Eugenie Ray reminded us of the upcoming events for the club: the December Holiday Gift Exchange/Theftfest, the auction in January, and then a series of club contests: "No One Wants You!" in February, "Here Comes the Sun" in March, "120-Day Wonders" in April and "Build Your Namesake" in May.



In model talk...

Chip Harrison has outfitted the cockpit of his Academy 1:32 F/A-18D with a Quinta Studios 3D-printed decal set, and now he's looking forward to painting his big Hornet.



Bob Meyers turned Meng's Jagdtiger in 1:35 into a canvas for a paint job he saw on line, completing it with two airbrushed colors and a third applied with an acrylic paint pen.





He made something unique out of Tamiya's 1:35 Hotchkiss H39 by combining it with the "Stuka zu Fuss" rockets from a re-boxed Trumpeter halftrack. He relocated the kit chain and added stowage to his repurposed French tank.

Bob built Tamiya's Hummel with a winter paint scheme, but he didn't like it, so he repainted it with a mix of acrylics and oils and this time he likes how it came out.





Bob won the award for Soviet subjects at the Fremont Hornets show with his Trumpeter 2S-19 self-propelled gun, and he had real fun with Takom's armored transporter with an M1A1 TUSK in 1:72 scale.

Bob added all the brake lines, detailed the winch area with scratch-built details, and found some additional stowage for modern armor in 1:72 to add. He added windshield wipers and scratch-built the crane for the truck.



Aaron Rhetta's next project is the Perfect Zong MSN-02 kit he found — he plans to detail out this rare find.
(sorry I have no pictures !)



Greg Plummer was inspired by Mike English's Porsche 914 — which was re-engined for much better performance — so he tackled Revell's 1972 kit of the low-end Porsche. All the lights had to be sanded down in order to fit, and he swiped 18-inch wheels from another kit before giving the model a turquoise/teal finish.





John Jew was inspired by a YouTube video to apply snow effects to his Dragon 1:35 Panther Ausf A. He used Fruillmodel tracks and Tamiya and Vallejo paints before applying a whitewash of Tamiya white followed by Abteilung white oils, then wiped much of the paint off to get the effect he wanted.

John also built some Master Box 1:35 figures to go with the tank, and said he spent more time on them than on the tank.

He added slings for the weapons, and painted them with Vallejo acrylics.



Chris Bucholtz completed Special Hobby's 1:72 Spitfire F. Mk. 21 as a plane that flew in combat — briefly — with No. 81 Squadron RAF. He used Quickboost exhausts, Barracuda Studios wheels and control column and Master Models cannon fairings to detail his Griffon-powered machine.





Chris has also added the nose panels to Meng's somewhat frustrating 1:72 F-106 Delta Dart - he says it's over-engineered, and Meng's own aftermarket for it is less accurate than the kit parts.





Chris is also attempting a kit bash of the Airfix, Valom and AZ Models 1:72 TBD-1 Devastator for the Midway display on USS *Hornet*; he's also mixing in some White Ensign detail parts and plenty of scratch-building. The plane Chris is building was crewed by MACH Harry Corl and AMM2 Lloyd Childers; Lloyd lived in Moraga and was the only Torpedo 3 radioman to survive the attack on the Japanese carriers.





Mark Balderrama's taking some of the 1:144 F-Toys planes he brought back from Japan and, with the aid of Draw Decals, altering them to make unique models.



For example, he's removed all the pylons from an OV-10 Bronco and plans on re-finishing it as a Cal Fire plane, and he's converting a Sea Fury into an unlimited racing plane.

He's also at work reducing an F-14 project from the Shelf of Doom.



Mike Schwarze has been tuning up his painting skills, re-doing the face on his figure of Thor and trying to get the colors correct on his Polar Lights *Lost in Space* cyclops.





He's also working on a mess of gaming figures, including batches of zombies that will be in a diorama and a squad of pirates, plus a Scarecrow Slasher that dates back to the 1980s and a Lord of the Pit dating to the 1990s



He's using some plastic toy dinosaurs as paint hogs, and he has a batch of Confederate infantry that will be painted in different colors.





Finally, Mike has figures of Mike, Sully and Randall from *Monsters Inc.* in various stages of painting.

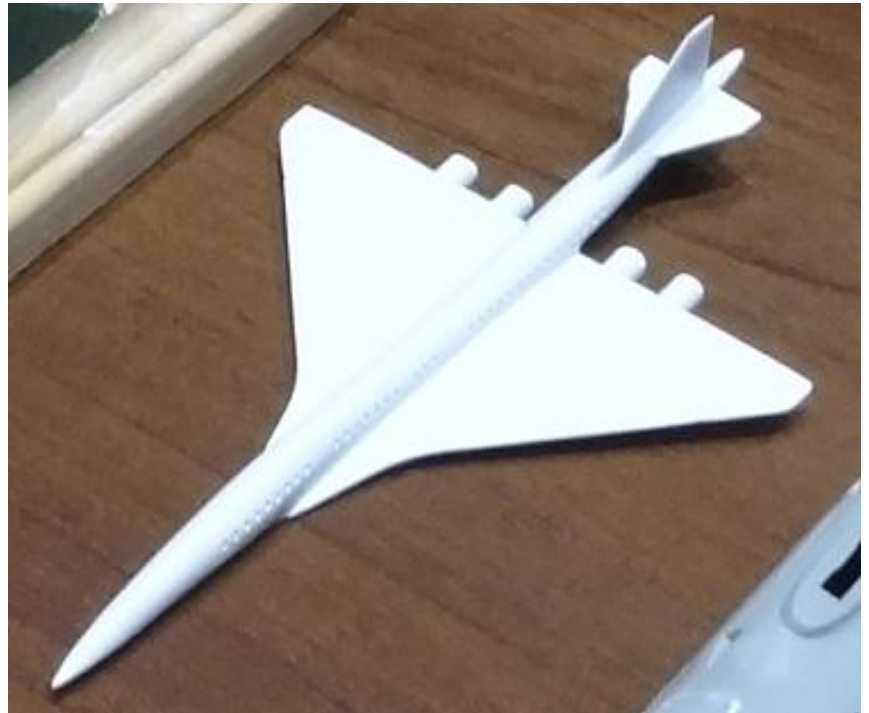




Kent McClure has plans for his 1:144 Airfix 727-200 — he plans to apply Power Puff Girls decals.



His Entex 1:600 Boeing SST will also get a colorful scheme, a primarily orange one Braniff planned to apply to its proposed planes.



Kent's also at work at Airfix's 1:72 Bloodhound missile with its trailer and a Land Rover, a set of items he picked up for \$5, as well as a Hasegawa 1:72 M24 Chaffee and an Emhar British Mk IV from Emhar.

Kent outfitted his Big Zum Gundam with metal rods in its now-not articulated legs and mounted it to a base to overcome its tendency toward being top-heavy.





Kent has taken his 1:72 Beaverette and combined it with some Home Guard figures from Sergeant's Mess to create a diorama showing the improvised APC wasn't as water-friendly as its namesake, and he's building a Fujimi D3A2 Kanbaku for the Midway display aboard USS Hornet.



OH NO !

WHAT'S THIS !!

Kent & Mike are trying to take out our next subject !

Could this be why it's not in minutes?



It matters not now why,
by Ne'er do wells or due
mere happenstance these
pictures taken by Editor
will not let this Bearcat
be missed !



Steve Hays gave Editor heads up when contacted during this edit, yes that's his Hobbyboss 1/48th Blue Angels F8F Bearcat here. It was one of his first builds during the pandemic and he still has it. Out of box, no aftermarket bits & bobs here

Thank you Steve, and just a refresher of where we began as I clear up the other missing bits, look at table...





There in fact was a Club Contest for November 2025, although it wasn't recorded in those minutes. As noted in the **DECK/JAN25 TAMS** issue that the sole entrant was so good, he scared off the competition ! Contest was " **In Search of Ancient Wonders, AGAIN** " which allowed for entries using kits obtained in Theft Fests from the years 2018 through 2023, only. **Randy Ray** took first place with his astonishing Fokker E.V of 2022.

You will find the article covering this fact and some bonus previews of items seen in this review in that TAMS NOW – this model was on November table but never was recorded and nearly got put here as " unknown" until a final review of Editor's raw photos from November turned up confirmation the modeler was in fact at meet.

Say hello now to Frank Babbit's Ju-86 in Hungarian AF scheme from Italeri kit. I found a single shot with his back to camera, so confirmed that this in fact was his model he won with at the TriCity Classic 17. So there.



Standing next to Frank also with his back to camera, was **Ron Wergin**. Whom I had suspected was builder of these three which were also on November table, near Frank's model and also not recorded in minutes. So now I can wrap up this November 2025 meeting catchup article in relaxed manner knowing I have all now in place



And the model of the month goes to... Kent McClure's Big Zum Gundam. – *chris fini*

2nd MOM went to Mike Schwarze for his Collection of WIP not letting travails deter him from Modelling
no shots here as you can find better traditional MOM shots in **TAMS NOVEMBER 2025** issue. - *mick fini*



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 03-27-26

Friday, April 10 2026

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

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**
+ ALSO postponed from MARCH ”**Here Comes The Sun**” **Club Contest**

Monday, April 27 2026 NEW

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

Saturday, May 02 2026

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

Friday, May 08 2026

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

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 **IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER** in Fremont

Friday, June 19 2026

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

Friday, July 12 2026

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

Saturday, August 29 2026

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

Saturday, September 26 2026

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

Saturday, October 17 2026

IPMS/ Antelope Valley Group host their DESERT CLASSIC #28 at Antelope Valley College cafeteria, confirmed 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

Editor First Reflects on Our 1st Ever Meeting at The PLEX - 😊

MONDAY March 23
at THE PLEX, Northside Meeting Room
Address is 800 Embedded Way, San Jose CA

From 730 PM to Late PM



THE PLEX is located just off Highway 101

From NORTH use Hillier Avenue East
From SOUTH use Silver Creek veer left at Hillier

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 seats on left has entry

RESTAURANT inside WILL BE OPEN if you're hungry

Okay, thanks to Steve's A-frames I made it to correct lot and you can't argue about having a space for your car!



Alright now. Wait, I toured the left hand room what's this open



door here? Am I too early, why that looks like food on table, hm

I will go inside perhaps someone there can tell me or I'll check.



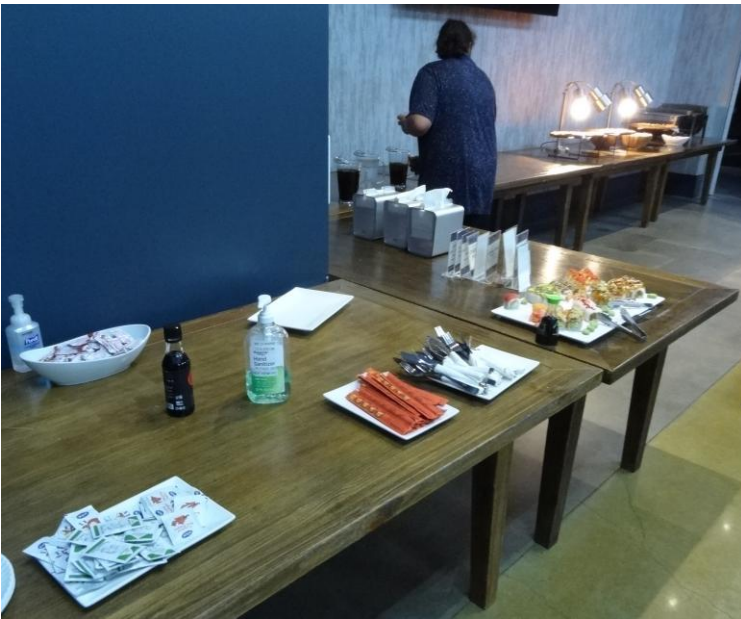
*Wow, great looking fresh French fries, fresh Churros! OMG is that SUSHI up ahead? I must be in wrong room for sure here...
Nope ! There's Steve, Randy & Prez*



*And new guy Bill Christman who looks like he wonders what the - I am doing pointing my camera *L**

And ALL THIS ROOM HERE !





Just so you know, later more folks showed up and bless him Steve went and brought in 3 excellent large pizzas freshly made which made my sushi taste even more incredible

Yes we had a regular business and MODEL TALK meeting that night as well



Yet with all the room and friends we had a buildfest also !

Sergeant Frank was tackling that lovely 1/48th Kingcobra, yes !

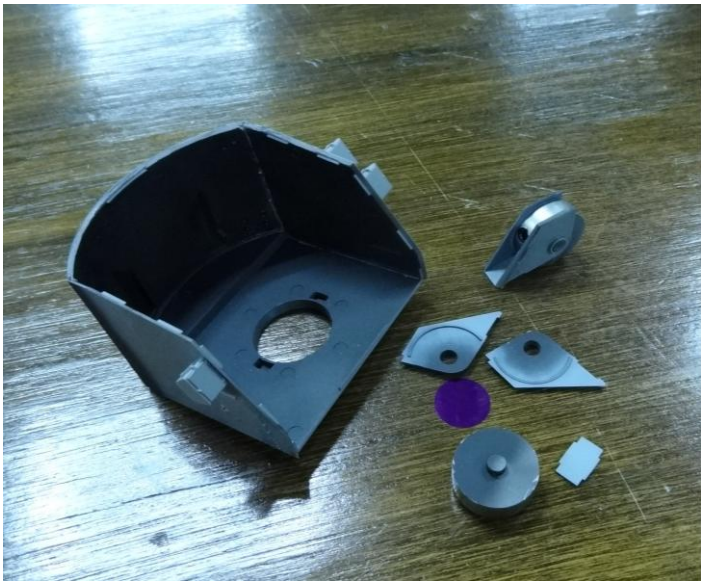


Riley wasn't just contributing a Grumman Avenger to the building festivities, he was moving an all resin all the time 1/72 scale Anigrand Martin P-6M Seamaster the incredible 600+ mph 4 jet seaplane of the early 1960s (not marketing fluff, look it up!)



Yes not a large model talk turnout but all very interesting !

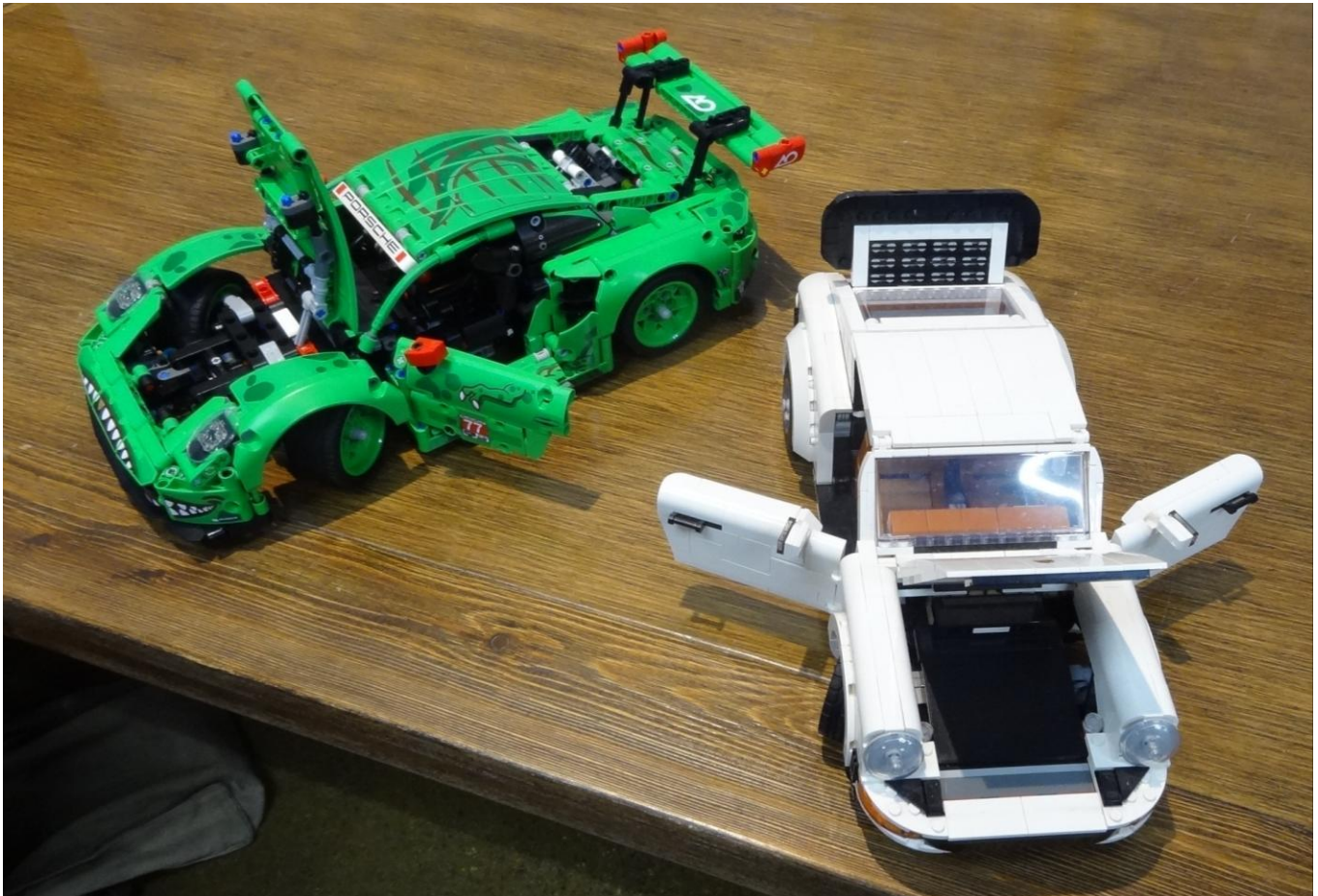






Chris took minutes so I will cover models all in OSS issue later

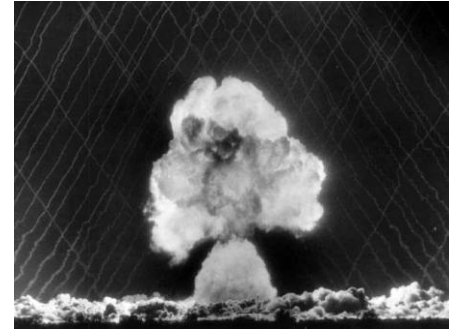
For Now, Just Know We Who Showed Up Had Fun and thank you Steve for hosting our March Meeting at PLEX



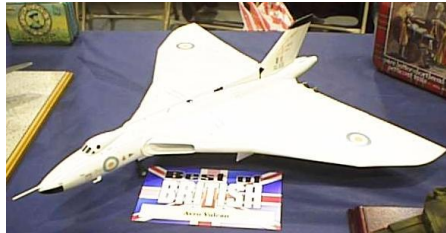
REMINDER NOTICE OFFICIALLY BEING GIVEN !

Now in APRIL 2026 MEMBER's Club Contest

HERE COMES THE SUN !



**In Simplest Terms, ANY NUCLEAR WEAPON
or NUCLEAR WEAPON DELIVERY VEHICLE**



**AND YES WE WILL STICK to our SHEDYOOOL keeping with
ORIGINAL**

**MONTHLY CLUB CONTEST ON FOR APRIL 2026 SVSM Meet at MPD site (3rd Friday)
As was originally proclaimed for by Presidential demand at December 2025 "Pirate's Pleasure" meet. Sponsors; Eugenie Ray/Mick Burton**

Another 120 Days Wonder Contest

**ANYTHING that is AMONG the 73 GIFTS in exchange for the December 19th 2025 Meeting (as listed in an upcoming TAMS issue)
IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE at the APRIL 17th 2026 Meeting FOR 3 CASH PRIZES (1 each winning entry, no sweeps)**

JUST TO MAKE IT MORE COMPETITIVELY INTERESTING & POTENTIALLY MORE WELL ATTENDED:

**WHILE THREE AWARDS POTENTIAL, Entrants MAY ENTER as FINISHED or UNFINISHED (from still in the wrapper to nearly done)
The FINAL DECISIONS on what is AWARDED WILL BE MADE at end of JUDGING so DO NOT WORRY ABOUT JUST ENTER, OK?**

ALSO NOTE: You don't have to be the original "taken home by" owner of record to enter any of the 73 gifts in play, so feel free to obtain one

PLUS PLEASE DO NOT FORGET MONTH AFTER

MAY 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...

THIS IS FIRST 2026 SHOW IN REGION NINE PLEASE GO ENJOY IT

FOR ADDITIONAL GOOD NEWS on WINE COUNTRY MODEL EXPO GO TO NEXT PAGE ALSO



**WINE COUNTRY
MODEL EXPO**

Petaluma Community Center
3250 N. McDowell Blvd.
Petaluma, CA 94954

▪ **Exhibition-Style
Display**

All of each modeller's
works displayed
together

▪ **\$20 Entry -
Unlimited Models**

One entry fee - bring as
many models as you'd
like

▪ **"Juried Evaluation"**

Using open system
based on a standard
of excellence

▪ **Free Seminars &
Presentations**

Featuring nationally
recognized modellers
and historians

Preregister for Fast Packet Pickup

Preregistration closes midnight April 6

REGISTER NOW:

www.winecountrymodelexpo.com



DON'T MISS THE SHOW, PREREGISTER BY APRIL 6th SO YOU CAN GET IN FASTER !

**PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE and HELP PROMOTE
EVERYONE trying out this offered improvement for R-9 opener show**

Wine Country Model Expo – April 11, 2026 (Petaluma, CA)

***Pre-registration is now open for the upcoming
April 11 Wine Country Model Expo
hosted by the Wine Country Model Club.***

***Preregistered modellers may check in at the Preregistration Packet Pickup line for fast,
no-wait pickup of registration packets, table display placards and name badges — then head
straight to the display tables***

Your materials will be ready when you arrive. No filling out forms at the door.

Here's the link for pre-registration:

<https://www.zeffy.com/.../ticke.../wine-country-model-expo-2>

More information:

www.winecountrymodelexpo.com

***Many thanks to the Exec of this show for sharing with me
this newsletter ready to publish handy tool , see you there! – mb***

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 & AUXILIARY VEHICLES 1/36 & SMALLER
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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

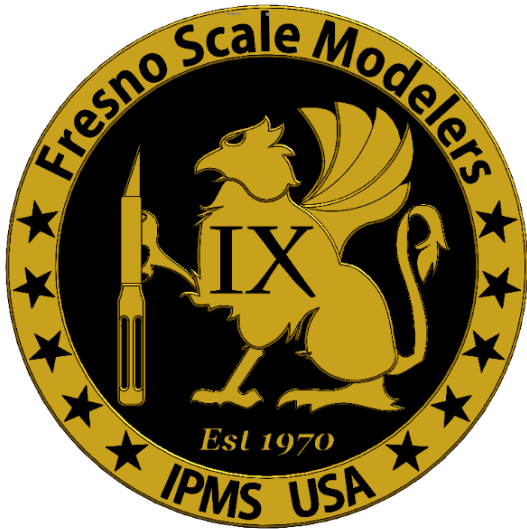
TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



YES, WE HAVE AN AUGUST EVENT
To look ahead to as well...

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

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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 where 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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THEME

Red, White & Blue

Contest Celebrating 250 years
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2 BIG RAFFLES SWAP MEET

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RAFFLE TICKETS
WITH ADMISSION

Admission Includes
Full Access to
Museum Exhibits

Date: Saturday - September 26, 2026
9:00AM - 4:00PM
National Automobile Museum
1 Museum Drive - Reno, Nevada

Admission Fee: \$10.00 Adults - Children 5 and Under - Free
Contest Entry \$6.00 for First Model - \$1.00 for Each Additional Model
Chapter Contact: - Douglas Summers (775) 867-8554 - ghpltd@att.net
Vendors Contact: - Andre Urruty for Reservations: urrutyam@gmail.com

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IPMS Region 8

Saturday October 17th, 2026

Antelope Valley College Cafeteria
3041 W. Ave K, Lancaster CA 93536



This Year's Theme:
**"Feminine
Phenomenons"**

Categories

1. Rotary Wing, All Scales & Types
2. Aircraft; Biplanes, All Scales & Types
3. Aircraft 1/73 & Smaller
4. Aircraft 1/72 Prop
5. Aircraft 1/72 Multi Engine Prop
6. Aircraft 1/72 Jet
7. Aircraft 1/48 Prop
8. Aircraft 1/48 Multi Engine Prop
9. Aircraft 1/48 Jet
10. Aircraft 1/32 & Larger
11. Ships 1/500 & Larger
12. Ships 1/501 & Smaller
13. Submarines: All Scales & Types
14. Military Vehicles Small Scale 1/36 & Smaller All Types
15. Tanks/Assault Guns Closed Top -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger)
16. Tanks/Assault Guns Closed Top 1946 & Later (1/35 & Larger)
17. Artillery & Open Top Self-Propelled Guns (1/35 & larger)
18. Military Vehicles Tracked (1/35 & Larger)
19. Military Vehicles Wheeled (1/35 & Larger)
20. Auto Factory & Replica Stock
21. Auto Street Machine & Hot Rods
22. Auto Cruisers, Customs, Low Riders
23. Auto Competition Straight & Oval Track
24. Auto: Motorcycles & Miscellaneous
25. Commercial & Construction Vehicles
26. Figures: Historical
27. Figures: Fantasy/Sci-fi/Wargame 53mm & smaller
28. Figures: Fantasy / Sci-fi Biologic Types
29. Dioramas: All Compositions
30. Vignettes
31. Gundam / Mechs / Robots
32. Sci-Fi & Real Spacecraft
33. Miscellaneous
34. Jurassic Plastic (OOB Rules) Instructions Required
35. Tom Daniel Creations
36. Juniors: 17 & Under

Special Awards

Best of Show
Theme Award: "Feminine Phenomenons"
Presidents Award
David Newman X-Plane Award
Best Auto Finish
Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy Subject
Best A-10
Best Lockheed P-38
Best Boeing B-17
Best NASA Subject
Best Reconnaissance Subject
Spirit of '76
Trophy Hound Award

Schedule:

Registration 9:00 AM to Noon
Judging 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Awards Presentation 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Fees:

Adult: \$15.00 up to 3 entries.
\$1.00 ea. per additional entry.
Juniors: FREE
Spectators: FREE
Vendors: \$45.00 Per table (reserved)
\$50.00 at the door.

Vendor Contact: Curtis Stidham

cbstidham@sbcglobal.net <http://www.avg-imps.org>

With a short while later coming to close out Region 9 2026 event year -



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

68 Categories of Competition in Aircraft, Autos, Figures, Ships, Military Vehicles, Space & Fictional, and Paper Kits **plus MASTERS!**

“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 (or qualifying “Fire” subject)

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 Military Multi Vehicles & Towed Trailers, AS		
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	Missiles & Rockets, Real Space Launch Vehicles 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 th Century	53A (Less) UNFINISHED Subjects	
43B	9” & taller Figure Fant & Sci fi, Horror, Robot (No Gundam)			49 Figures, Historical, 19 th 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 GUNDAM Beginners ONLY, All Scales <i>if you’ve never competed in Gundam, this is for you!</i>		
				58 MASTERS (Max. THREE Entries per Entrant, Nationals Winners encouraged, OPEN to ALL)		

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) **OR Qualifying “Fire” Subject (Fire Breath Dragons, Crocodile Tank, etc)**
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 /AC**
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)
13. “HARD DECK” Award for Best Aircraft Carrier (includes “helo only types”) any period, any nation



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

3rd FRIDAY of Month

APRIL 17 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

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Milpitas, CA**

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