



# THE AFTER MARKET SHEET



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***ACTUAL COVERAGE of TWO APRIL Club Contests !***



***OKAY, TO BE FAIR, COMPLETELY ACCURATE – March & April contests done in April***

Minutes: Chris Bucholtz Photos/Text : Mick Burton Contest Sponsors: Mark Balderrama, Eugenie Ray

***Thanks to the splendid lack of support as in no advance warning from the Powers That Be at Milpitas CC, after a few days of roundabout messaging we were left with no viable days for March meeting there so...***

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



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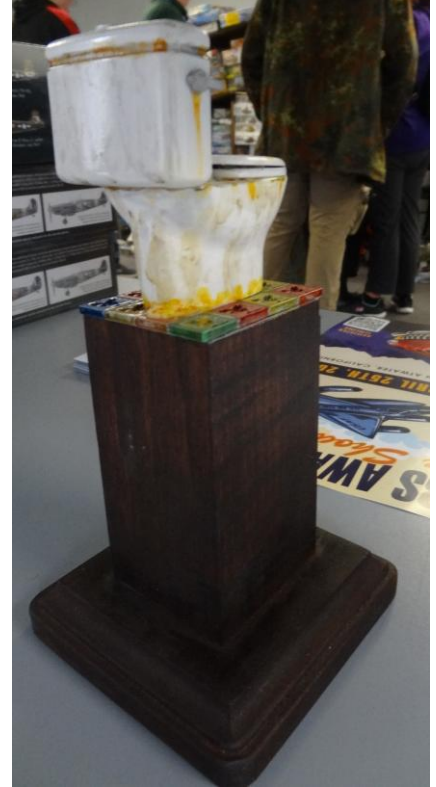
**“ EDITOR SALUTES OUR NEW R-9 COORDINATOR ”**

I had again no exact plans how to wrap up this issue to finally have all my recent news for most part caught up again, as it turned out this third of three to complete April news got finished just following the SVSM meet it was to coincide with

Be that as it may, I suddenly realized I had not made sure to congratulate Mr Ernie Gee here on his being knighted with the Region Nine IPMS Coordinator post officially by IPMS-Fed, succeeding Chris Bucholtz after his many years at post.

CONGRATULATIONS ERNIE and THANK YOU CHRIS !

Below is not an editorial comment on any of that, but it is something we three share a laugh over on a common thread



This is actual prototype of an award that seriously I wish I had a viable contender for, that Ernie has refined for the upcoming Fresno Scale Modelers Contest/Show in conjunction with Castle Air Museum, for “Best Crappy Model”

Chris has actually gotten a Skyraider that flew the 2<sup>nd</sup> known instance of a “toilet bomb” in combat (during Vietnam) in model form, which echoed one Korean War A-1 delivery, all of which helped inspire this award format. Ernie is a genius for going ahead with this award in my estimate, I’m looking forward to the May 23 event where it gets inaugural delivery.

Ernie, Chris and I have all directed local contests before, know what pleasure and peril they can provide one doing them Hats off to you all for tending to model fires, may the best models continue to leave your benches to be shared eh ! -mb

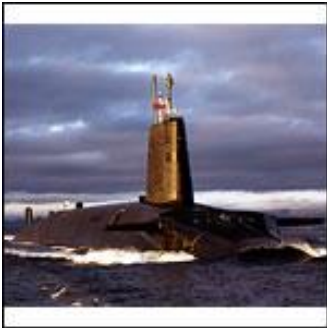
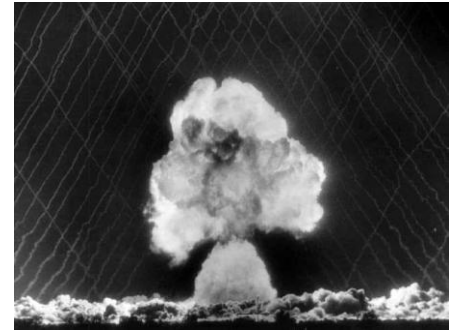
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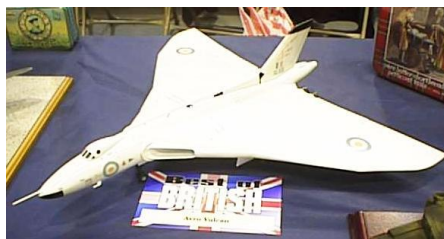
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# *March Now an APRIL 2026 Member's Club Contest*

## **HERE COMES THE SUN !**



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



**BRINGING NEW DEFINITION to the COLD WAR TERM "MAD" = March into April Delayed construction**



## **SUN SHINE INDEED**

**Minutes: Chris Bucholtz**

**Photos/Text : Mick Burton**

**Contest Sponsor: Mark Balderrama**

**We had two contests for April.**

**We'll start with the "Here Comes the Sun" contest, featuring nuclear-capable subjects.**



**Mark Balderrama** picked up a small-scale pre-built B-52 in Japan armed with pylon-mounted AGM-86B weapons.



These little beauties have quite a history behind them, as the Editor recalls how they began as SCAD (Subsonic Cruise Aircraft Decoy to replace the ADM-20 Quail). Ended creating (forgive me) scads of acronyms beginning with Subsonic Cruise ARMED Decoy when USAF figured out the new triangular shaped missile may be fitted with a nifty small nuke. Which made SALT talks become diplomatic nightmare for awhile. SCAD begat ALCM





ALCM AG-86B is in fact what the final designation became, as the USAF determined the much longer range and armed (D,C versions were conventional the "B" had nuclear) had basically made Decoy mission nearly moot. Air Launched Cruise Missile became name, while ERV & JCMP had a short spell in time while AMSA became B-1A then cancelled...

In the end, old B-52 can carry 20 of these total (inside & out) today which makes air interception problems quite massive !

Not to say that Mark's next vehicle was any slouch...

Mark also converted the Paveway guided weapons on his 1:144 FB-111 into B-61 nuclear shapes.

(The FB-111 was actually one of the best US versions of the Aardvark, but its RCS among other issues in today's air combat environs did seal its fate versus the B-52, B-2, B-21 )



Here you may see the reason the unofficial nickname "Aardvark" came to be: The low slung long nose profile of all -111s



**Bill Ferrante** used the Atlantis re-issue of the Revell 1:40 X-17 rocket to recreate one of the missiles used for stratospheric atomic testing; the X-17 was used to test re-entry vehicles as well.









This Tamiya 1:48 F-117, Steve said the kit is great, and he was hoping to take it to the Santa Rosa show but knocked off one of the tailplanes, which has since been replaced !





**Kent McClure** built Meng's "cartoon" Lancaster in the markings of the "Tiger Force," which was going to be employed against the Japanese home islands.

He replaced the kit's stickers with decals and added pastel exhaust stains.





Next, with his Mk. 5 atomic weapon, was **Mike Meek**.

Mike pulled the big bomb from Roden's 1:72 AJ-1 Savage kit and assembled it on its stand;

Mike said it took a good amount of time to get it together.



**And the winners were... In third place, with his Mk. 5 atomic weapon, was Mike Meek.**

**In second place, with his "Scud" launcher, was Steve Hays.**

**And in first place, with his Tamiya 1:48 F-117, was Steve Hays.**

***NOW, a PROPER WINNERS GALLERY is called for, no? -mb***



*“HERE COMES THE SUN” MARCH (April) SVSM Club Contest*

***THIRD PLACE – Mk 5 “Improved Fat Man” US Nuclear Bomb in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale***

**MIKE MEEK**





*“ HERE COMES THE SUN ” MARCH (April) SVSM Club Contest*

***SECOND PLACE – SCUD B (Iraqi Army version) Missile & TEL in 1/48th Scale***

**STEVE HAYS**



*“ HERE COMES THE SUN ” MARCH (April) SVSM Club Contest*

*FIRST PLACE*

*Lockheed F-117A Nighthawk in 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale*

**STEVE HAYS**



***NOW, I WONDER WHAT THIS HERE IS ALL ABOUT ??***



Our other contest was the 120-day wonders event for models received during the gift exchange in December.



**Bill Ferrante** went with his 1:72 Special Hobby He 100 “propaganda fighter”.

He liked the kit, although he says it took a lot of sanding to get the various parts together.



**Chris Bucholtz** managed to assemble both fuselages from his two-kit Eduard 1:72 P-51D Mustang “Royal Edition.”

He meant to build the vertical-filleted P-51D-10, but built the un-filleted P-51D-5 fuselage, meaning a big surprise when he went to put the vertical tail on! Instead of quitting, he duplicated his efforts with the correct fuselage halves.





**Greg Plummer** with his captured Fw 190A-8. Greg is averse to building subjects from Nazi Germany, but he was A-OK turning Eduard's 1:48 kit into a plane flown by the Czechoslovakian Air Force after the Germans retreated, leaving it behind in running order with ammunition in the guns!





A KP kit donated the decals for the Czech roundels.

**Eugenie Ray's** Triceratops came from the Bandai kit she received in the gift exchange, which features a skeleton plus the exterior.





She made a base for it and painted the exterior with color-shifting paints, but she says she may finally display it as a skeleton.





With his Tamiya M41 Walker Bulldog, **Bob Meyers**. Bob happened to have a Tank Art resin turret and sandbags available for the Tamiya M41 Walker Bulldog. He plugged the motorization holes, added an M16 for the tank commander, and weathered the model with rust-colored pigments to simulate the red dust of Vietnam.





**Mark Schynert's** Supermodel/Italeri 1:72 CANT .500Z isn't finished; Mark dropped it and had to rebuild the arrangement of struts, and says it's in better alignment now than before!



He says the plane forces you to treat it as two models: the hull/fuselage and the wing/engine.

He's doing it in the markings of a plane flying after the Italian surrender and re-alignment with the Allies.





And the winners were...

**In third**, with his M41 Walker Bulldog, was **Bob Meyers**.

**In second** with his He 100 "propaganda fighter," was **Bill Ferrante**.

**And in first**, with his captured Fw 190A-8, was **Greg Plummer**.

*-chris fini*

***NOW, another PROPER WINNERS GALLERY is called for I believe -mb***



*“ANOTHER 120 DAY WONDERS” APRIL SVSM Club Contest*  
*THIRD PLACE – Walker Bulldog M41 Tank in 1/35<sup>th</sup> Scale*  
**BOB MEYERS**





*“ ANOTHER 120 DAY WONDERS” APRIL SVSM Club Contest*

*SECOND PLACE – Heinkel He-100 Propaganda Fighter in 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale*

**BILL FERRANTE**





***“ANOTHER 120 DAY WONDERS” APRIL SVSM Club Contest***

***FIRST PLACE***

***Czech captured and re-employed German FW-190 in 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale***

***GREG PLUMMER***



**UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 05-15-26**

**Friday, May 15 2026**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at MPD Community Room. **Build Your Name Club Contest**

**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 at Atwater Community Center**. OPEN COCKPIT Day is at Castle.

**Monday, May 25 2026 NEW**

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

**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**

**Monday, June 29 2026 NEW**

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

**Friday, July 12 2026**

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

**Friday, July 19 2026**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at MPD Community Room. **Ride The Wave Club Cnntest**

**Friday, August 12 2026**

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

**Friday, August 19 2026**

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

**Saturday, August 29 2026**

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

**Friday, September 11 2026**

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

**Friday, September 18 2026**

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

**Saturday, September 26 2026**

**IPMS/ Reno High Rollers** host their 25<sup>th</sup> 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

# ***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...*

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***Now in midst of MAY, as confirmed to be a FULL of EVENTS MONTH***

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**

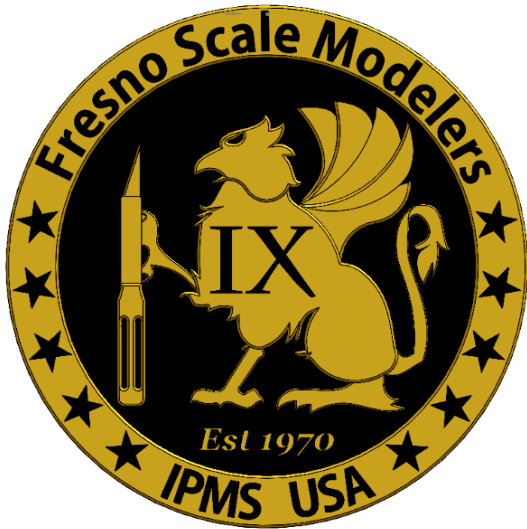
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# IPMS FRESNO

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



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***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](http://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 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.



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

3rd FRIDAY of Month

MAY 15 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd  
Milpitas, CA

July 17 SVSM "Ride  
The Wave"



Sponsored by Frank Beltran

FOR NOW - QUITE SIMPLY, ANY PERIOD or TYPE of SEAPLANE, FLOAT PLANE and not to diss them, CATAPULT LAUNCH AIRCRAFT (true catapult system as they can take off on their own if given the runway...) YES if you must, FLYING BOAT are equivalent to the qualifying parameters already outlined, got that?

CASH PRIZES and PLENTY TO CHOOSE FROM



PLEASE SHARE THE JOY OF OUR HOBBY AND FRIENDS

Because it seems sometimes more than a few forget this :

THE ONE TRUE RULE OF MODELLING (if ever there is).



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*If you're having fun,  
Then you're doing it right.*

