



# THE AFTER MARKET SHEET



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## *YOUR EDITOR PRESENTS – old meets and NEW GREETINGS*



*Catching up on two meets for completing coverage of May and June*

*Photos/Text: Mick Burton    Minutes: Chris Bucholtz*



***PLUS ADVANCE WORD on March***

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



(shameless plug: [www.mickbmodeler.com](http://www.mickbmodeler.com))

“ **EDITOR FEELS SO YOUNG UNTIL HE REALIZES ...** ”

**THREE MODEL CLUBS IN THE AREA still going strong after all these years. This is indeed a grand hobby. Happy Anniversary y'all**  
Fremont 49 + !  
Monterey Bay 59 + !  
SVSM 63 + !

AN UNAUTHORIZED (mostly due to necessity, also because I said so being I'm the Author) PUBLICATION  
The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

Issue 143Z February 25 2026

Somehow managing to wing it for now over 49 years...

Welcome  
IN THIS SPECIAL EDITION COVERAGE ISSUE – You will find:  
(basically in the listed order, tho a stream of consciousness device)  
LATEST BUZZ (Issue's Editorial, bearing no relation to the picture on the right)  
Also: What completes other contents... Can they be summarized? YES  
Reason for REVEAL of past Hornets'2008 (SEPTEMBER 2025)  
ALSO another full look at current event calendar for 2026  
You May Call This BUZZ The "Try To Remember Our Sweet September"

ALL INSIDE THIS  
CERTIFIABLY ANCIENT PRODUCTION  
(well, maybe just the Editor)  
Remember: <http://fremonthornets.com> Just three little pages  
Not a lot to dig through... = Events Calendar web page 1, ALWAYS

THE MONTEREY BAY  
Muddler



Our pally from Silicon Valley stops by to say hello!  
The Fremont Hornets' 49th Anniversary...  
The Monterey Bay Muddler...  
The Buzz...  
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THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS  
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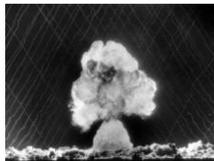
## RECOGNITION & Congratulations

February SVSM Meeting Concluded With unanimous E-BOARD Election :

- Eugenie Ray – President 2026/27**
- Chris Bucholtz – 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Contest Director 2026/27**
- John Carr – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP**
- Bob Meyers – 3<sup>rd</sup> VP**
- Chris Bucholtz – Secretary**
- William Ferrante – Treasurer**
- Mick Burton – Editor**

### MARCH 2026 MEMBER's Club Contest

HERE COMES THE SUN !



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



### HAS BEEN POSTPONED to APRIL 2026 Meeting

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# MAY WE CATCH UP HERE , NOW

*(the Editor begs the question, I believe is the wellworn catchphrase...)*



**At the May meeting,** the club was reminded about the impending Silicon Valley Classic on June 14, our club's annual contest. Volunteers are eagerly sought and highly appreciated - contact Chris Bucholtz at [bucholtzc@aol.com](mailto:bucholtzc@aol.com) if you can help with our event!

## In model talk...

**Kent McClure's** penchant for punning led to his diorama "Jurassic Pork." It shows a 28mm Reaper dire boar bursting through a stand of Woodland Scenics tall grass, threatening some 1:72 Libyans from Caesar Miniatures!

*(and in between here and there, Kent sent me an **article** on build of this work, which you can now find in the **TAMS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025 -ed**)*



Kent's also battling through some bad decals to complete his egg plane F4U-7 Corsair in French markings from the Suez Crisis





**Mark Balderrama** is making some dedicated foam boxes to carry the plethora of 1:144 pre-painted models he bought in Japan. At the meeting, he had three F-15s, an Ar 234, an OV-10 and a Phantom II on the table.



ABOVE – OV-10 NASA

On LEFT –

F4EJ Phantom II JASDF



ABOVE and RIGHT – AR-234 WW2 Luftwaffe twinjet



ABOVE and BELOW – F-15Js of the JASDF

RIGHT – NASA F-15 with test nose probe, OV-10



ABOVE – not to be left off list, Northrop F-5E



**John Carr**'s flea market finds included a partially-started MPC Imperial Star Destroyer from *Star Wars* for \$5. He had to rebuild much of the detail, including using cassette tape wheels for details on the stern. The geometric balls on top of the bridge were sourced from a necklace John found at the same flea market! He's looking forward to weathering the model! He also found a figure of Batman in need of a much better cape; John made one from Sculpey. Work fast, he suggests!





**Landon Carr's** 1:8 Bandai Stormtrooper figure was an easy build, he said.

Landon opted to give him the Phase II helmet; the earlier helmet is also in the kit.

**Chris Bucholtz's** conversion of the old (56 years!) F7F-3 Tigercat into an F7F-3N has its wings, tails and nose on; the nose came from Cobra Company, while the cockpit is from Aires and the radar intercept officer's cockpit was scratch-built. Chris painted up the kit props, but the engines were swapped for 3D-printed R-2800s from Resin2Detail.

Chris also completed his Smilodon family diorama, "The Good Mother!" The mom Smilodon was a 3D-printed model from Dino and Dog, while the cubs were modified lion cubs found on Shapeways. The base was built

up with foam, covered with Durham's Rock-Hard Water Putty, then given a coating of AK Interactive's ground texture, which was sprinkled with fine sand. The tree was made using Scenic Express' "Sage Tree" system. The Smilodon's whiskers are actual cut-down cat whiskers!





**Ben Pada** has his latest Tamiya 1:32 F4U-1A Corsair well on its way, with a fully plumbed and wired engine and a paint scheme made with AK Interactive and MRP paints.

He also used MRP paints on his Eduard 1:48 Spitfire Mk. V, to which he's added some weathering using a pencil on some of the panels.



He started his 1:48 J2M3 Raiden from Tamiya way back in 1997, and he's finally got it finished with a coat of SNJ natural metal paint, with ModelMaster paints for the accents.

**Randy Ray's** group-build Panther is now just a Panther build - but he's finished the turret, and opened the hole in the mantle to accept an Aber barrel.

He also made a number of racks from .020 brass rod to hang spare tracks, which were extra in the Quick Tracks set he used for the vehicle's running gear.



**Greg Plummer** has three 1:72 planes underway.





He's got a Fujimi A5M2 on its wheels, which he says is not a bad kit; he drilled out the pilot's seat lightening holes and added wingtip lights.

He says the Tamiya A6M2b is a beautiful kit; he drilled out this kit's seat as well, and added paper seat belts and an ignition harness for the Sakae radial engine.



He's also making progress on Eduard's 1:72 Avia S-199, which is a nice kit but whose decals betrayed him.

He's looking for a replacement sheet.



**Laramie Wright** is building Tamiya's trusty old Panzer III Ausf L; he's added a new metal barrel and taken care of all the exterior detail.

He's also working on a Tamiya KV-1 1941; he says it fights tight and square, and is a bit more refined than Trumpeter's kit.





Speaking of Trumpeter, **Bob Meyers** tackled that company's 2S19 Mista self-propelled howitzer in 1:35 box-stock, but gave the model a busy camouflage finish using AK Interactive and Tamiya paints.



Now there are no minutes taken for the one model below, and all I had in my own note was that this was model by **Ron Wergin**. I think it's a 1/32nd scale Bf-109, not sure



**And the Model of the Month** goes to... **Chris Bucholtz** for his Smilodon family diorama, **Technique Model of the Month** went to **John Carr**, for his Sculpey Caped Batman No extra shots here, as you can find better in the traditional style MOM shots for them in the **OSS JUNE/JULY 2025** issue

**Our club contest** was all about Gundams and Gunpla!

And as for that, it's already covered well in **TAMS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025**, so go check it out -mb

# *JUNE SOON AS EDITOR COULD CATCH UP HERE IS NOW*



*(the Editor begins to recall he has so few pictures to use as due he was presiding at this meeting... so bear with results)*

**At the June meeting...** We had a re-cap of the Silicon Valley Classic, which was very successful. We had 423 entries from 109 entrants; the show was profitable, and it sets us up for next year's event! Well done to all the volunteers who made the event such a success!

July's meeting will feature our "Just Japanese" club contest for Japanese subjects.

## **In model talk...**

**Chris Bucholtz** completes his Monogram 1:72 F7F-3N Tigercat conversion, a little behind schedule for its planned display but done none the less!

Chris used the Cobra Company conversion for the nose, scratch built the radar operator's cockpit, used an Aires set for the pilot's cockpit (with a scratch-built instrument panel, because he lost the original one!), a Quickboost Mk. 8 gunsight, Starfighter Decals' resin wheel wells, and Resin2Detail 3D-printed engines.

Otherwise, it was built out of the box (yuk, yuk!).





He painted out with MCW lacquer over Tamiya aluminum spray paint and chipped it by... chipping it! The exhaust stains were applied with pastels.

Chris is now working on his Special Hobby/Xtrakit Spitfire F. Mk. 21, which has an indifferent fit but cleans up with a little work.





**Lou Orselli** broke three cars off his “shelf of doom” and put lovely finishes on them — a yellow '34 Ford that Lou said reminded him of John Milner’s car in *American Graffiti*, a glossy black 1932 Ford, and a second '32 Ford finished in a metallic blue color.



**Dave Balderrama** is working on a Hasegawa 1:200 737 that he won in a raffle; he’s using Draw Decals markings to make it part of the fleet that shuttles personnel out to Area 51.

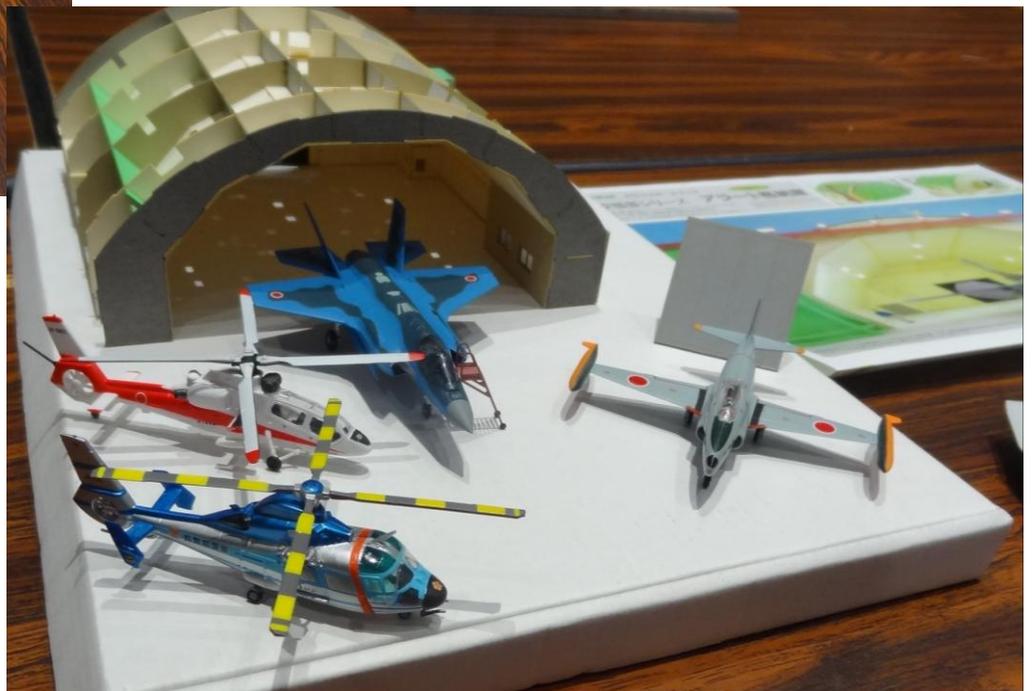




**Mark Balderrama** is tackling a 3D-printed 1:72 rendition of the stealth research aircraft Tacit Blue, which is proving to be a sanding workout thanks to the many residual lines left by the printing process.



He's also at work on an airfield display in 1/144 , which will include a modern "alert hangar " with a blue camo'd F-35, T-33A Lockheed and two helicopters whose identity eludes me. All in JASDF service





**Ron Wergin** did a bang-up job on Airfix's 1970s-vintage Bf 109F, putting a busy camouflage scheme on it.

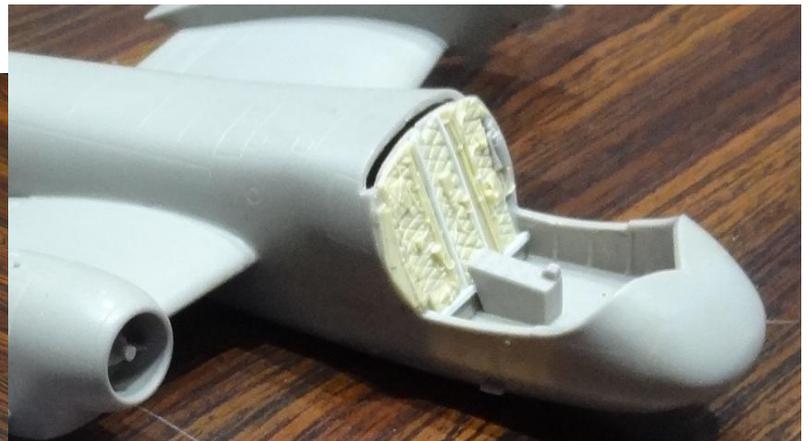
He's also knocked out a PzKfw. II Ausf L Luchs reconnaissance tank from the 1:35 ICM kit; in this case, Ron didn't have to raid his Prieser figures, because the kit figure was quite good.



**Max Balderrama** combines scale modeling with his RC hobby; his constantly-modified RC truck now wears the body of a snap-tite kit he received in a Make-and-Take event years ago, with the wheel openings widened to handle the travel of the truck's suspension.



**Frank Babbit** added some resin quilting to the rear of the cockpit of Roden's 1:48 OV-1A Mohawk, but he admits he still has a lot of work to do to the cockpit of the bug-eyed bird.



**Kent McClure** would not make his ancient Big Zen Gundam possible in the future; he's fixed the legs in place and affixed the model to a base in a standing position.

His Gundam RX 75 gun tank is also going on a base, but his Zeong zero-gravity Gundam may take some extra thought for a base — because of the environment in which it worked, it has no legs!



Kent also had two of what Bandai calls “30-minute Sisters,” but just the torso of one required three or four hours of work to get together.



**Mike Schwarze's** menagerie included two Reaper Miniatures Mouslings, a Wizard and a Beekeeper, both with wash layering added; a Whiz Kids Nolzur's Miniatures Nalfeeshee Demon that's been stripped of primer and paint layers with Easy-Off oven cleaner so Mike can repair some seams and joints; Whiz Kids Nolzur's Miniatures Beholder Variant, Banderhobb (goblin), and Marid (Water Genie), all of which have been hand-primed; a Puppets War Fat Plague Demon that's had a few more layers of dry-brushing added, and a "Fat Gentleman" Demon that's had a dry-brushing over white primer thus far; a 1:72 Hawk Spitfire Mk. 22 with an orange highlight added to the "Meteor" effect for a racing Spitfire; the Testors MiG-31 cockpit, whose controls/switches and interior painting/detailing is continuing; and a 1:144 Bandai Gundam in authentic Japanese tank colors which will be part of a WWII/Vietnam inspired jungle scene.





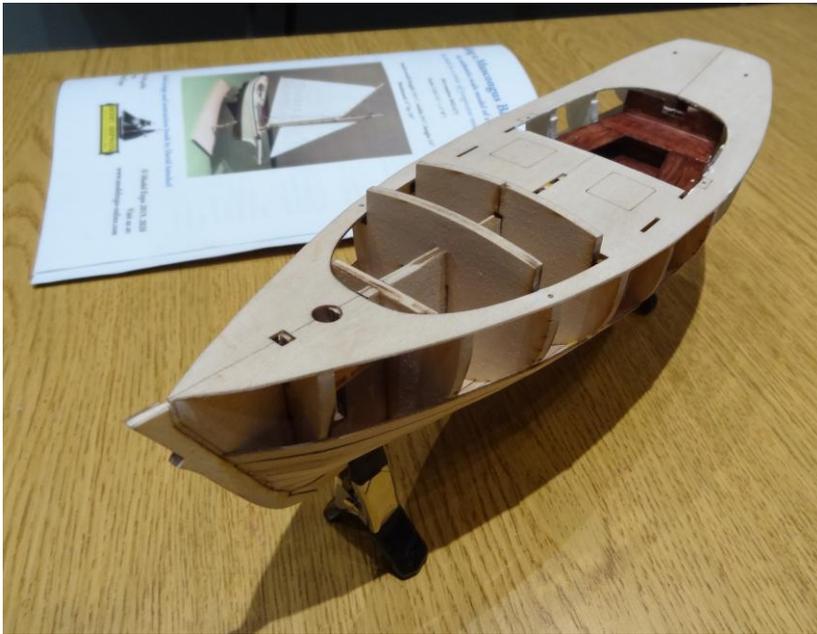
ABOVE – better look at Mike’s Spitfire 22 BELOW, MiG cockpit WIP on left, Gundam WIP on right



Behold, **Riley Kitchen’s** Muscongus Bay Lobster Smack .

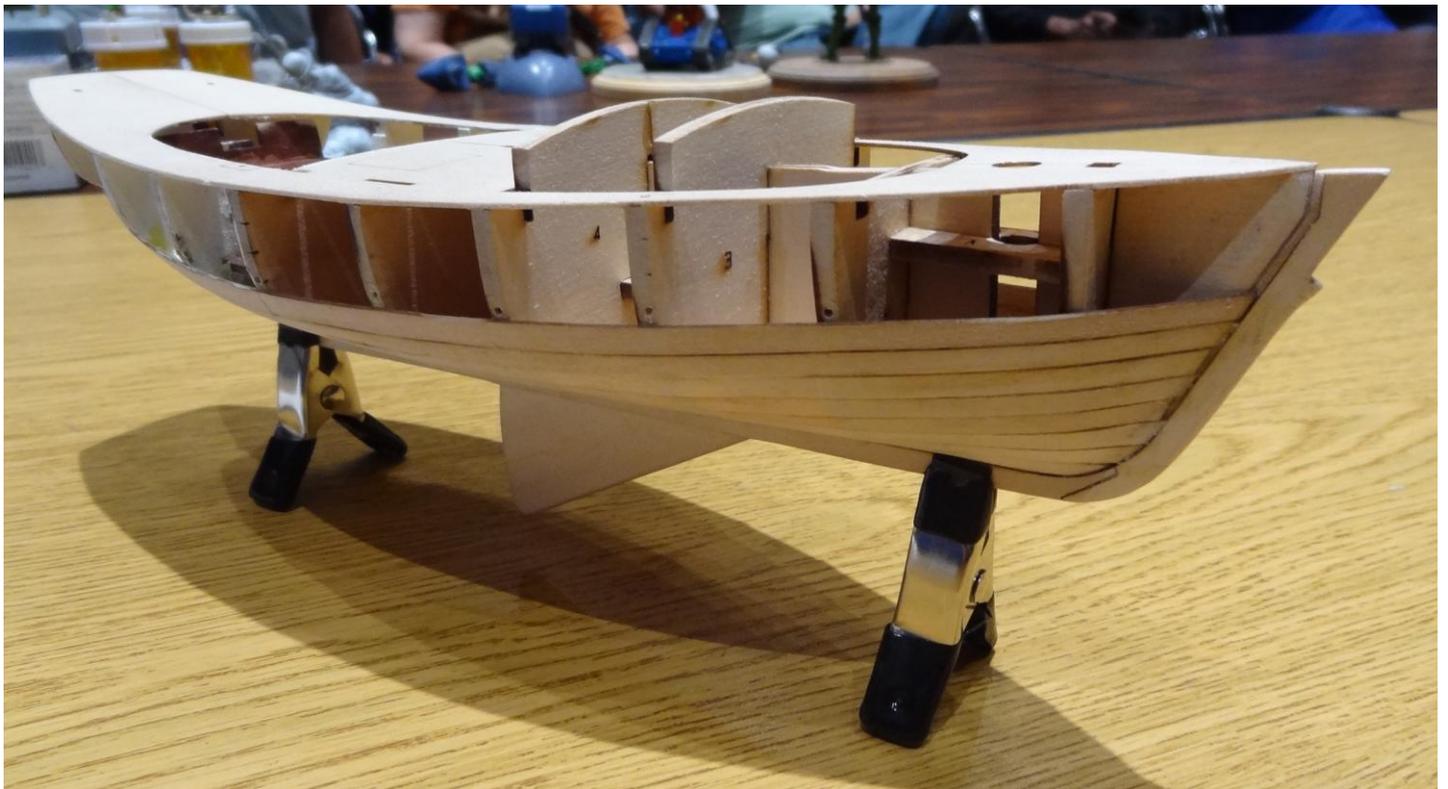
Riley was in a modeling slump and thought something new might break it, and picked the third in a series of real wood boats to start (skipping the two beginner boats!).

Riley says it’s been a lot of bending of wood, soaking, clamping and other new techniques, but the boat is making real progress and, one would assume, has broken any slump Riley may have been in!



I found the instructions informative, charmingly entertaining, and make no mistake, yes, author

advises this is a **SERIES** of builds intended to achieve minimal frustration. maximal satisfaction in learning art of model boat building. With this Lobster Smack intended as the **THIRD** in series. More props to Riley here!



And the model of the month went to...

**Riley Kitchen's Muscongus Bay Lobster Smack!** -*chris fini*

And then, now being duly noted:

**Chris Bucholtz's F7F-3N Tigercat** got **Technique MOM** -*mickb*

**PROPER MOM** traditional picture pages may be found for both of these in the **2025 JUNE/JULY OSS** issue. -*mick fini*

**UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 03-06-26**

**Friday, March 13 2026**

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

**Monday, March 23 2026** **NOTE DATE, DAY AND LOCALE CHANGE**

IPMS/ **Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at **The PLEX, 800 Embedded Way, Northside Meeting Room, San Jose.**

**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**

**Saturday, May 02 2026**

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

**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 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

***EVENTS ALREADY BOOKED for 2026 !***

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://winecountrymodeleexpo.com/>

***GO TO THEIR WEBSITE to get the BIG PICTURE truly exciting opener for 2026***

## ***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.***

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# 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

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

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



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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



***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.



AND THEN ---

# 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MODEL CONTEST

THEME

## Red, White & Blue

Contest Celebrating 250 years  
of American Independence

### 2 BIG RAFFLES SWAP MEET

**2 FREE**  
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

Visit us at [www.renohighrollers.com](http://www.renohighrollers.com)

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THE HARRAH COLLECTION

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**250**  
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**I.P.M.S. USA**  
**RENO**  
**High Rollers**  
**REGION NINE**

*DON'T DISCOUNT OCTOBER EITHER because -*

# Desert Classic XXVIII

Presented by

## The Antelope Valley Group

### IPMS Region 8

Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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**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			<b>38 Military Multi Vehicles &amp; Towed Trailers, AS</b>		
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		
<b>41</b>	<b>Missiles &amp; Rockets, Real Space Launch Vehicles</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> Century		53A (Less) UNFINISHED Subjects	
43B	9” & taller Figure Fant & Sci fi, Horror, Robot (No Gundam)		49 Figures, Historical, 19 <sup>th</sup> 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)		<b>57 GUNDAM Beginners ONLY, All Scales</b> <i>if you’ve never competed in Gundam, this is for you!</i>			
			<b>58 MASTERS</b> (Max. THREE Entries per Entrant, Nationals Winners encouraged, <b>OPEN to ALL</b> )			

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



# **ADVANCE NOTICE about NEXT SVSM CLUB MEET for MARCH 2026**

**NEXT SVSM CLUB MEET will NOT be in Milpitas Community Room, NOR on 3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY**

**INSTEAD IT WILL BE HELD on**

**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 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**

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**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).**

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



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