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NOW FOR JULY, We Wave On Over To The Other Side!



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***ON THE WONDERFUL
WAY RESPONSE TURN
OUT For Member's Club
Contest So Made Waves.***

Long time member "Sarge" Frank Beltran proposed this theme for a club contest in fall of 2025, Exquisitely titled soon after by Treasurer Bill Ferrante.

Here a reminder of the range to provide an intriguing array here

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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 types not the aircraft carrier launch by 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



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

“ AND THE MODELLING GOLDEN TIMES CONTINUE ... ”

(aka, Editor's Ad Hoc Announcements, Errata, and Etcetera)



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HD Burgundy Dog (Votoma) (painted) (weathered) by Nate (@NateCao_Nate) pg. 26.

Well I have among others, have been very very hard pressed to keep up with all the new exciting turns of modelling events and community developments of this year lately.

By the way I proudly and humbly confess I am jealous of how Aaron Rhetta has managed to find time to get so much done of late. This magazine is another excellent example. READ IT !!

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<https://freehornetsannex2.yolasite.com/resources/2016TEMP/CFMC%20Quarterly%20Newsletter%20Quarter%20%202026-1.pdf> *STAY TUNED MORE FUN SOON to come our way . Why beat them when you can join them? -mb*

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With a fondness for the subject matter himself, the Editor had anticipated with hope that a good turnout would result given a sufficient long span to get models prepared to show for it.

TEN finished models showed up as you see, very respectable

The only unfortunate turn of events was that our sponsor, Mr Beltran had fallen ill so wasn't going to make the July meeting (unfair situation anytime but especially cruel to come about in midsummer!). President Eugenie had this all worked out ahead





Mark Schynert got us underway with his 1/72 scale Blohm und Voss BV-138 trimotor seaplane of WW2. This 1970s Supermodel kit became the canvas that Mark poured skilled detailing and expertise to finish as you see



Mark also had this recently completed Sikorsky "Clipper" Model S-43.

A Sword kit in 1/72, while a fiddly build he said really does a great job of getting the flying boat here



As you view Mark's BV-138 from a 7 o'clock aspect, consider the nickname as Mark noted it had, "The Flying Clog". Then consider how it was actually a very tough and successful warplane throughout WW2

Chris Bucholtz entered his CMR resin kit marvel, the Curtiss R3C-2 seaplane racer that Lt. Jimmy Doolittle won the 1925 Schneider Cup with. Being 1/72 as well, makes quite a contrast with the BV-138 !





Frank Babbitt was pleased to join in with his Tamiya 1/48th kit of the Kawanishi N1K1 Kyofu (“Rex”)





Greg Plummer went full on creative with his entry which he had shown underway only last month!

What you see here is a Savoia S 21 fighter seaplane, a Fine Molds 1/72 scale kit that is based on the very nice but very fictional plane from the Ghibli film “Porco Rosso”, flown by the hero Porco Rosso. Interestingly, this plane was supposedly based on the real SIAI S.21 seaplane racer of 1921 (a biplane) but more closely followed the shape of the monoplane SM 33 seaplane racer that Italy flew in 1925, losing to USA and Doolittle’s R3C-2.

Having already done movie plane, Greg did this one as a Spanish Civil War seaplane fighter quite convincingly.





Bill Ferrante had done this Hasegawa Aichi E13A1 “Jake” for the USS Hornet Museum Midway display. He has it in the scheme for the scout launched from the IJN cruiser *Chikuma*. It shadowed the carrier *Yorktown* as a guide to Japanese assault at Midway battle until downed by F4F Wildcats of VF-6. Beaching gear you see here is a scratch build treasure rendered by Bill !



Bob Meyers gave us a treat in form of a pair of Japanese floatplanes, one being an ancient kit product the other a recent mold.

The biplane is the Mitsubishi F1M “Pete”, a successful seaplane observation vehicle. The kit Bob used was the Fujimi 1/50th of 1967 vintage. He added masking tape seat belts, the finish is Tamiya paint.





Bob weathered the Pete with oils and techniques of chipping, to give a very authentic worn look to this bird.

Bob's more contemporary mold build was this Nakajima A6M2-N floatplane code named "Rufe".

He used the Eduard "weekend" edition, the mold dating back to 2021 originally and rereleased in 2023.

Bob went whole hog and bought all the aftermarket to juice this up

He enjoys applying all weathering and with Pacific Theatre Japanese aircraft he has fine challenge here.

Bob is tasking himself with doing aircraft models now after long bit of armor modelling, for context.

Bob enjoyed the several processes of achieving just enough wear of paint and chipping here. Carefully Bob left the meatballs clean just as real 1/1 Rufe were. Bravo!





Norm Luebker had this 1/72 scale Consolidated PBV-5 Catalina flying boat done as a “Black Cat” which had a well earned combat reputation. Norm added the proper flame damper exhausts among his detail efforts.





Norm enhanced the interior of cockpit, gun positions and added torpedo. His acrylic base and water modelling were exquisite as well.

Mark Balderrama didn't want to miss out and he asked us to clear him to enter his subject as qualifying based on clear photographic evidence of US Government, with Gemini space capsules awash in Pacific ocean waves.







Mark retrieved this rare 1/48 scale Revell Gemini capsule kit from an event vendor's junk box. He refurbished and improved it to his satisfaction, and wisely decided to step up to request we see it as an entrant that night.

E-Board ruled that Frank himself would agree, this was a clear wave riding vehicle and deserved to be entry 10

As it worked out by President Eugenie, she, Riley Kitchen and Randy Ray judged the entries and three top placers received "Frank Beltran IOU " as previously arranged. You can see results in next pages. Enjoy - **mb**



“ RIDE THE WAVE ” JULY SVSM Club Contest

THIRD PLACE – R3C-2 Seaplane Air Racer in 1/72nd Scale

CHRIS BUCHOLTZ





“ RIDE THE WAVE ” JULY SVSM Club Contest

SECOND PLACE – SM-21 Spanish Civil War Seaplane (hypothetical) in 1/72nd Scale

GREG PLUMMER





***“RIDE THE WAVE” JULY SVSM Club Contest
FIRST PLACE***

PBY-5 Catalina in 1/72 scale

NORM LUEBKER



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 07-30-26

Saturday, August 8 2026

Char's Fantasy Model Club hosts their **Fund Raiser Auction @ GTC** shop in San Jose, **2PM to 4PM**

Friday, August 14 2026

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

Monday, August 24 2026 NEW

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

Friday, August 28 2026

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

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 Contest**

Saturday, September 26 2026

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

Friday, October 09 2026

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

Friday, October 16 2026

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **October Sky Club Contest**

Saturday, October 17 2026

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

Friday, November 20 2026

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **Let Me Finish That For You RESULTS**

Friday, December 18 2026

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **PIRATE'S PLEASURE Holiday event**

Friday, January 15 2027

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **SUPER AUCTION fund raiser**

Friday, February 19 2027

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. **Deutsche Duo Club Contest**

Saturday, May 01 2027

IPMS/ Silver Wings host their contest/show **SILVERCON 2027** at Town and Country Lutheran Church & School GYM
4049 Marconi Ave. Sacramento CA **THEME is currently TBA but DATE & LOCALE are CONFIRMED**

AUGUST 2026 EDITOR's Club Contest

The Guns Of August !

In simplest terms: ANY models of firearms will qualify, in any scale. So there you have it, one very easy strategy starting point. However of course, if you really want to get into the spirit of this (and mind you, I deliberately ran off with the title of an extremely respected historical book by a woman historian/author (Barbara Tuchman) on The Great War) take bolder shot at this. Any number of nations fielded Battleships (the book Dreadnought by the way is an excellent read as it too weaves all of the world's affairs, issues convincingly through the lens of "chasing a superior war machine" of which befittingly, HMS Dreadnought would end up lending its name to the type) for a clear example of "GUNS" in front/center. Main Battle Tanks through the ages of course, Railway Guns, fixed guns of legend like "the Paris Gun", the US Army's 280mm "Atomic Annie" and Soviet counterpart also big contenders

Don't forget, some air vehicles carry the nickname "Gunship" so seem to me to fit perfectly fine in this effort here

As well mind you, I have seen plenty of armament in gun type sense festooned on Gundam, Mecha and SF vehicles like "Space Cruiser Yamato" that I have to believe that those genre fans can come up with a fun entry field too...

IN ANY CASE Editor is selfishly seeking something to challenge the "dog days of Summer" for the August Meet

OKAY CASH PRIZES on Offer and of course a chance to GUN for the GOLD here



SEPTEMBER 2026 EDITOR's Club Contest

Track 'N Tracks !

In FALLING OUT OF BED simplest terms: ANY models of VEHICLES or FIGURES you would likely find on a RACE TRACK (dirt, oval, DRAG STRIP, temporary Grand Prix, magnetic loop, chained, etc but NOT RALLY) in any scale. So go clear out your stockpiles of F1 or NASCAR or Belly Tankers or Winged wonders or what have. Got a bust or a full figure sculpt of a beloved driver that never seemed to get a chance to be appreciated? Bring it

AND/OR (some do multiple genres yes)

In AGAIN FALLING OUT OF BED simplest terms: ANY models of VEHICLES or FIGURES you would find on battlefields of all sorts, snow or forest environments or on construction, farm sites or specialized applications such as NASA launch sites. Yes, the moves at no miles per hour transporter that is a tracked vehicle qualifies here if you built one, so does that insane beast of a transport that you may recall from a sort of obscure 1970s SF/Fantasy film HALF TRACKS, SNOW MOBILES, SNOW CATS, BULLDOZERS as well as the Usual Suspects in AFV all good

OKAY CASH PRIZES on Offer so a chance to RACE for the GOLD or MAKE TRACKS for CASH here

And AGAIN The Editor sorely misses the NCAR of Old September and Racing Armor amusements thus this gig!

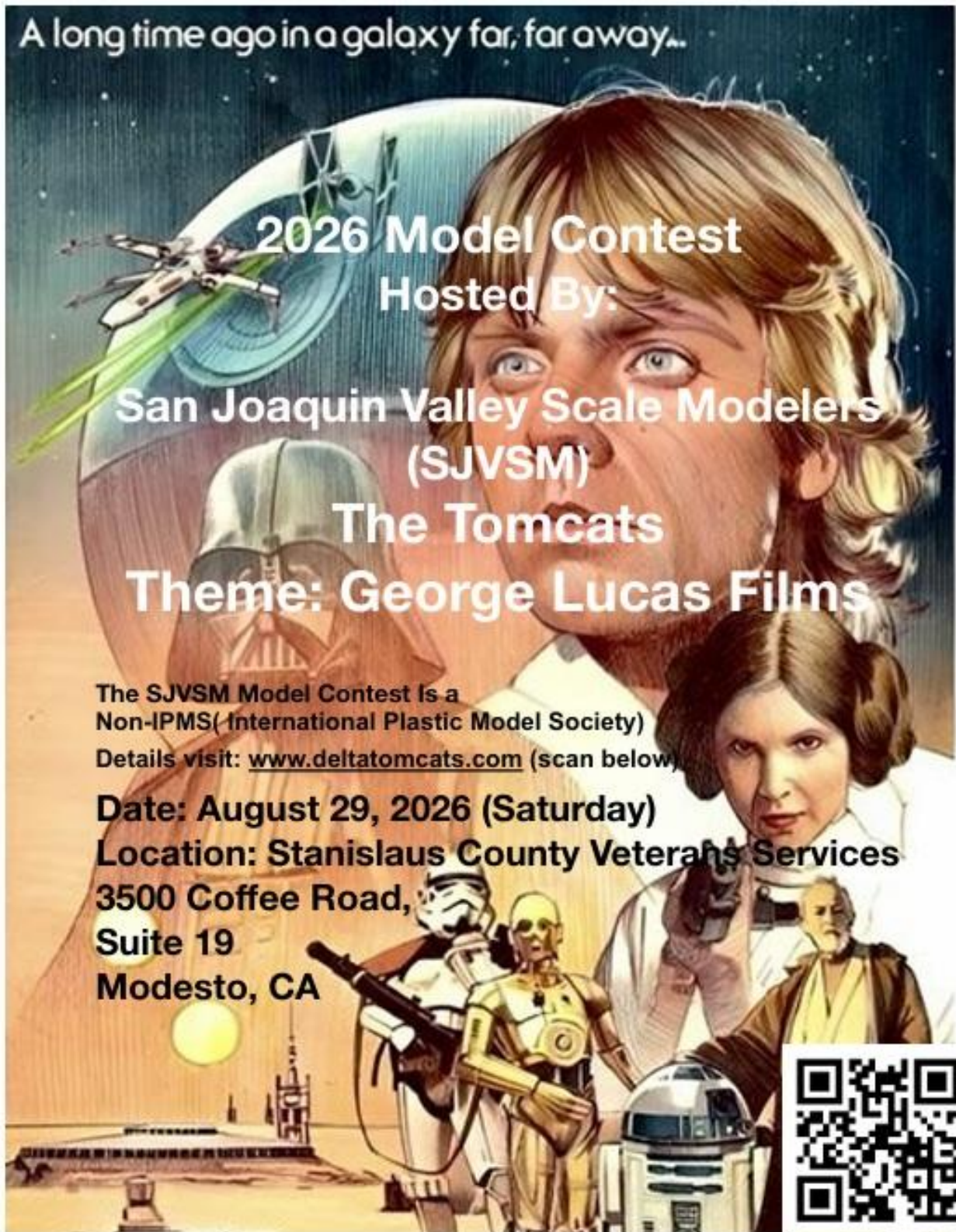
YES, WE HAVE AN AUGUST EVENT
To look ahead to as well...

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

A collage of Star Wars characters and elements. At the top left, a TIE fighter flies against a blue sky. In the center, a large portrait of Luke Skywalker. To the left, a close-up of Darth Vader's helmet. In the bottom left, a desert landscape with a yellow sun. In the bottom center, C-3PO and R2-D2. In the bottom right, Princess Leia holding a blaster. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

HERE IS AN UPDATED MENU

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.
Juniors: \$ 3.00 if 5 or less models.
(12-17) \$10.00 if 6 or more models.
Sub-Junior: \$ 2.00 if 5 or less models.
(5-11) \$ 5.00 if 6 or more models.
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
Grand Prize Drawing after awards ceremony.
We will be draw from all unclaimed tickets.
You must be present to win.

Silent Auction:

There will be Two drawings during the day which will include models and model related items. Times of drawings will be posted. All proceeds from tickets purchased go to the Veterans Hall as part of our fund raiser. Your donation is appreciated and you will be able to place your tickets into the boxes of the kits you would like most like to have.

Auction Tickets:
1 to 19 tickets \$ 1.00 each
25 tickets \$ 20.00
150 tickets \$100.00

Amenities:

Free Parking: There is plenty of parking available.

Food: There is plenty of eating establishments within walking distance.

Vendors:

Each table will cost \$25.00

Contact: Tony Quartaro for tables & availability.

Phone: (209) 665-6599

Email: tbedeckguy53@gmail.com

Make and Take:

Premium Snap Together Star Wars kits provided to anyone, young and old, who would like to participate. Kits: Two different types of X-Wings. Tie-Fighter, Imperial shuttle or Millennium Falcon.

Limited to supply on hand. First come first served.

Note: You must build it at the show to take it home.



Take a look ahead at the FUN DETAILS...

Senior Categories (18 and up in age)

S1 - Prop, Turboprop & Jet Aircraft - 1/144
S2 - Single Engine Prop or Turboprop Aircraft-Allied and Axis - 1/72
S3 - Multi Engine Prop and/or Turboprop Aircraft - 1/72
S4 - Single Engine Jet and/or Rocket Aircraft - 1/72
S5 - Single Engine Prop and/or Turboprop Aircraft Allied - 1/48
S6 - Single Engine Prop and/or Turboprop Aircraft Axis - 1/48
S7 - Multi Engine Prop and/or Turboprop Aircraft - 1/48
S8 - Single Engine Jet and/or Rocket Aircraft - 1/48
S9 - Multi Engine Jet Aircraft - 1/48
S10 - Prop and/or Turboprop Aircraft - 1/32 and Larger
S11 - Jet Aircraft - 1/32 and Larger
S12 - Biplane Fabric and Rigged - All Scales
S13 - Rotary Winged Aircraft - All Scale
S14 - Civil, Sport, Racing and Airliner Aircraft - All Scales
S15 - Soft Skin, Half Tracks, Support Vehicles, Artillery and Ancillary - 1/35
S16 - Armored Fighting Vehicles Wheeled - 1/35 Scale
S17 - Armored Fighting Vehicles Tracked WW2 and Earlier - 1/35 Scale
S18 - Armored Vehicles Tracked Post WW2 - 1/35 Scale
S19 - Self Propelled Artillery and Assault Guns - 1/35 Scale
S20 - Soft Skin and Artillery - 1/48

Junior Category (14-17 years old)

J1 - Junior Model Any Type - All Scales and Types

Sub-Junior Category (5-13 years old)

SJ1 - Sub-Junior Model Any Type - All Scales and Types

Special Awards

SA1 - Best Aircraft - Chosen from all first place in aircraft categories
SA2 - Best Military Vehicle - Chosen from all first place in military vehicle categories
SA3 - Best Automotive - Chosen from all first place car categories
SA4 - Best Ship - Chosen from all first place ship/submarine categories
SA5 - Best Figure - Chosen from all first place figure categories
SA6 - Best Sci-Fi or Fantasy - Chosen from all first place Sci-Fi categories
SA7 - Best Grumman Aircraft - Best Grumman subject entered in the contest
SA8 - Top Gun - Best fighter with Kill markings
SA9 - Best Egg Model - Best Egg subject either plane, tank or ship
SA10 - Best 1/35 Navy/Marine Helicopter - Award is a deck built by Tony Quartaro
SA11 - Best Opel GT Car Award - Best Opel GT awarded by Gil Wesson
SA12 - Theme Award - Best George Lucas movie subject
SA13 - Jim Lewis Award - Best Soft Skin Military Vehicle
SA14 - Best of Show Senior
SA15 - Best of show Junior and Sub-Junior
SA16 - Best Out-of-Box - Best Model built from the box only. Must be displayed with instructions adding: areal wires antennas and after market decals. OK

Note: To enter in the special award categories SA7, SA8, SA9, SA10, SA11, SA12, SA13 & SA16 you must add your Entrant #, Entry # & Model description to the appropriate entry sheet in the registration area. You will be given a colored dot to place on your entry form next to your model. If your name is not on the entry sheet your model will not be judged.

S21 - Armored Fighting Vehicles - 1/48
S22 - Military Vehicles All Types - 1/72
S23 - Military Fighting Vehicles All Types - Larger Than 1/35 Scale
S24 - Automobiles Competition Open and Closed Wheel - All Scales
S25 - Automobiles Stock - All Scales
S26 - Automobiles Custom and Low Riders - All Scales
S27 - Automobiles Commercial Vehicles - All Scales
S28 - Motorcycles All Types - All Scales
S29 - Ships - 1/351 and Smaller
S30 - Ships - 1/350 and Larger
S31 - Submarines - All Scales
S32 - Dioramas All Types - All Scales and Sizes
S33 - Real Space and Missiles - All Scales
S34 - Sci-Fi and Fantasy Space Vehicles - All Scales
S35 - Gundams - All Scales and Sizes
S36 - Figures Military and Historic - All Scales
S37 - Figure Fantasy and Sci-Fi - All Scales
S38 - Trains - All Scales
S39 - Miscellanies (Any Model that doesn't fit in any listed category) - All Scales & Types



Here as well a taste of the very nice handcrafted Special Awards coming at you



Shortly thereafter, we have more fun coming !

25TH 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

NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM
THE HARRAH COLLECTION

**AMERICA
250
1776-2026**

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



SPOOKY how full of events there is OCTOBER

SATURDAY October 10 2026 has this big gig:



**UTAH SCALE MODEL SHOW
BRIEFING #1
June 1, 2026**

Dear Modelers,

This is the first of several Briefings we will be sending out over the next few months to keep you up to speed on the great contest coming up in October. The focus has changed from an emphasis on Salt Lake area modeling to the entire state of Utah and beyond. Therefore, the new brand is Utah Scale Model Show. And we will have a lot of involvement from Northern Utah Scale Modelers and the Utah Miniature Automotive Guild.

Here are the basics for you:

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2026.
Time: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Location: Western Sports Park, Bldg. 4
151 S 1100 W Farmington, Utah 84025
Clubs involved: IPMS/SLC, NUSM, UMAG

This is a new venue that will have more room for vendors, etc. and with an emphasis on encouraging modelers from the entire state of Utah and beyond to participate, the venue is more central to both IPMS/Salt Lake City and Northern Utah Scale Modelers.

In addition to the contest modelers will have a chance to visit Dick Engar's Scale Model Museum on Friday night October 9 at 535 East 500 South in Bountiful, not far from the contest venue, where an auction will take place consisting of various unbuilt kits, particularly in 1/48 scale thanks to a recent donation. You can have dinner on your own and convene at the museum at 7:00pm.

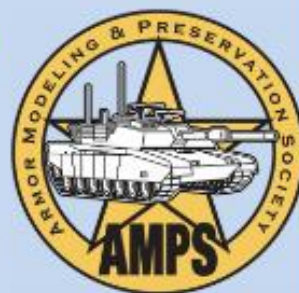
We will also have Vendor Tables available in the venue and these are available first come first serve at a very economical price: \$30.00 per table if paid prior to September 1. Money talks, which means no table will be reserved for anyone until we have the money in hand. After Sept. 1 the fee will be \$35.00 per table. We will have more room so prospective vendors can pay for more than one table at the same rate if they wish. If you want to reserve a table you can contact the vendor coordinator, Rob Humphrey at 801-915-1842 and can pay via Venmo by contacting Cameron Corless at (208) 520-8749 or via his e-mail at cameron.corless@gmail.com.

FOLLOWED BY ON SUNDAY the 11th...



OrangeCon

IPMS USA Region 8 Model Contest
& Vendor Fair
and First-Time AMPS Regional Meet
October 11, 2026



Be a part of Southern California's
largest exhibit of scale models

Location:	The Double Tree Inn by Hilton 7000 Beach Blvd Buena Park, CA 90620 (Immediately off the 91 Fwy at Beach Blvd.)	
Schedule:	Open to the Public	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
	Vendor Set-Up	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
	Vendor Room Open	9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
	Model Registration	9:00 AM to 11:30 PM
	Contest Judging*	Noon to 3:00 PM
	Awards Presentation	3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
*Portions of the Contest Room will be open during Judging on a rotating basis Your cooperation is requested		
Admission:	Spectator Admission (No contest entries)	\$ 7.00
	Contest Admission (Adult & Ages 13-17) (Includes first 2 models)	\$10.00
	Contestants Under Age 12	Free
	Model entry fee after first 2 models	
	Adults	\$ 1.00 each
	Junior and Young Adult	Free

All categories will be awarded in 1st, 2nd, 3rd-place format and judged by IPMS rules. For a complete list of contest rules, registration forms and other information, please visit our website at: www.ipmsoc.org

For more information:
IPMS Orange County, P.O. Box 913, Garden Grove, CA 92842
web: www.ipmsoc.org * email: octreasurer@ipmsoc.org

OrangeCon Theme:

AMERICAN
SPIRIT!

Celebrating 250 Years of Independence!

We're looking for the *most gung-ho, star-spangled, eagle-soaring, freedom-ringing* model on the table! And if it's Gundams raising Old Glory on Iwo Jima, so be it, because all categories can get in on this action! Do you have enough *American Spirit*?

Special thanks to AMPS and SoCal AMPS for their co-sponsorship and judging support, and provision of medallion awards for the armor categories! *All modelers are invited to participate in their non-contest open model display of the M113 family of vehicles!*



THEN A WEEKEND LATER ...

Desert Classic XXVIII

Presented by

The Antelope Valley Group

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>

And back to Region Nine for Our Holiday Fun !



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

TRICITY 18 Entry Categories GROUPED BY GENERAL TYPES

YOUTH (under 13)

- 1A Youth Aircraft AS/AT
- 1B Youth Automotive
- 1C Youth Mil Vehicles
- 2A Youth SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures
- 2B Youth All Other

AIRCRAFT

- 5 Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/32 & larger
- 6 Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/48 & smaller
- 7 Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Axis
- 8 Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Allied/Neutral
- 9 Multi Engine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/72
- 10 Single Engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft 1/72
- 11 Multi Engine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/72
- 12 Single Engine Prop or Turbo Axis 1/48
- 13 Single Engine Prop or Turboprop 1/48 Allied/Neutral

MILITARY

- 31 Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Allied
- 32 Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Axis
- 33 Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 1955 & later
- 34 Military Softskin 1/35
- 23 Artillery and related ancillary vehicles, Cannons, unmounted Small Arms, AS

SHIPS

- 24 Surface Ships 1/401 & Smaller
- 25 Surface Ships 1/400 & Larger
- 26 Submarines, AS

AUTOMOTIVE

- 27 Autos Custom & Low Rider, AS
- 28 Automobiles Competition, Open Wheel, AS
- 29 Automobiles Competition, Closed Wheel, AS
- 30 Motorcycle/Autos, Other, (Stock, Utility, Pickups) AS

REAL SPACE

- 39 Real Space, Capsules, Orbiters & Deep Space Vehicles, AS
- 40 Real Space, Surface Exp/Land Craft, & Earth BOUND test subjects, AS
- 41 Missiles & Rockets, Real Space Launch Vehicles AT/AS

FIGURES

- 42A 8” or less tall Figure Fant & Sci fi, Horror, Robot (No Gundam)
- 43B 9” & taller Figure Fant & Sci fi, Horror, Robot (No Gundam)
- 48 Figures, Historical, to 18th Century
- 49 Figures, Historical, 19th Century & beyond

GUNDAM

- 44C GUNDAM Models, ONLY, 1/144 scale & smaller
- 45D GUNDAM Models, ONLY, 1/143 scale & larger
- 57 **GUNDAM Beginners ONLY**, All Scales (*if you’ve never competed in Gundam*, this is for you!)

SCI FI (other than Figures)

- 46E SciFi Wargaming Subjects ONLY (Warhammer, et al)
- 47 Sci Fic Vehicles/Spacecraft, AS

DIORAMA

- 50A Dioramas, 8”/smaller base
- 51B Dioramas, 9” & up larger

OTHER SELECT SPECIFICS

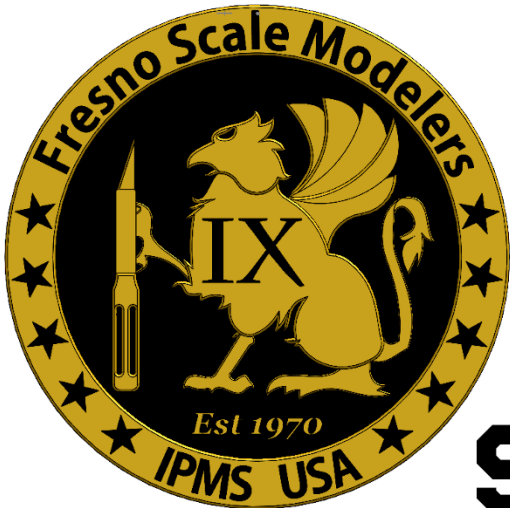
- 52 PAPER Models, AS/AT
- 53A (Less) UNFINISHED Subjects
- 54B (More) UNFINISHED Subjects
- 55 Collections (5 or More subject), AS/AT
- 56 Miscellaneous, AS/AT
- 58 **MASTERS** (Max *THREE* Entries per Entrant, Nationals Winners encouraged, **OPEN to ALL**)

SIMPLIFIED LIST OF SPECIAL AWARDS

TRICITY EIGHTEEN (As of 02-17-26)

- 1 Best Of Show Senior
- 2 Best Of Show Junior /Youth
- 3 “TOMCAT”
Award for Best Entry befitting Contest Theme
- 4 “Best Of The Best” (up to three awards, in any combine)
Best “Grumman ‘Cat’”, Armored “Cat” “Bird” (A Nod to “Goose”)
 - 4A Grumman ‘Cat’ (F4F to F-14)
 - 4B Armored “Cat”
 - 4C “Bird” (e.g. Lockheed Blackbird family, A-8 Shrike)
- 5 “Great Balls of Fire”
Best Post 1976 U.S.A. subject (Real Or Not) *or qualifying “Fire” subject*
- 6 “Know A Hornet’s Mighty Sting” Best American Fighter Aircraft
- 7 “Lightning Strikes Twice”
Best EE/BAC or Lockheed Lightning or Arado Blitz *or Qualified Pair SE a/c*
- 8 Best in Category for **Aircraft**
- 9 Best in Category for **Armor**
- 10 Best in Category for **Automotive**
- 11 Best in Category for **Figure or Robot**
- 12 Best in Category for **Ship or SpaceShip**
- 13 “Space, Time and 42” Best in Category for **Diorama**
- 14 “It Figures” Lester Tockerman Memorial Award for Junior / Youth Only
 - 14A “It Figures-First”
 - 14B “It Figures-Again”
 - 14C “It Figures-Again & Again It all adds up”
- 15 Kenneth Jung Memorial Award - Contest Director’s choice
- 16 SAT Service Award Recognition for Service to The FH or to R-9 Community
- 17 “Mulieres Volante” Best Women In Aerospace Subject
- 18 “Top Secret:From Real Genius to Top Gun” Nod to Val Kilmer (SpyVeh/Per)
- 19 “TOWARD THE UNKNOWN” Award for Best Pioneering, Exploratory or Experimental Subject (Vehicle or Person) Nod to 1956 Film and premise
- 20 “HARD DECK” Award for Best Aircraft Carrier (includes “helo only”)

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50TH ANNIVERSARY STAR WARS

AMERICAN MUSCLE

SEMINARS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

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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>

ALONG WITH MAY 2027 OPENER YEAAH

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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>

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

4th FRIDAY of Month

AUGUST 28 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd
Milpitas, CA

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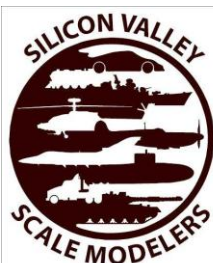
HELP OUT A FRIEND and MEMBER (Aaron Rhetta) WITH SOME SUPPORT FOR THIS AUGUST EVENT :



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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