



THE AFTER MARKET SHEET



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A LOT MORE JUNE SWOON !



Photos/minutes: Mick Burton

ON THE WAY TO BE NEAR DONE WITH COMPLETE COVERAGE of our "BEST of the BEST" themed meeting to open summer



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

“ AND THE MADNESS CONTINUES, UNABATED ... ”

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

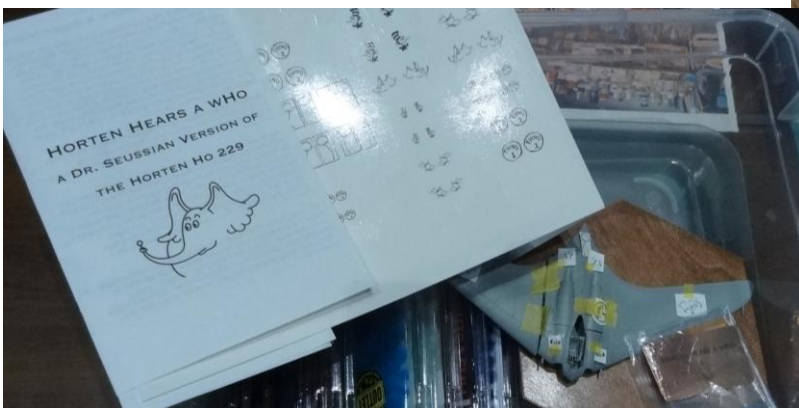


(shameless plug: www.mickbmodeler.com)



As I managed to finish OSS that was supposed to have been published just before the JULY meet, by luck of fate finishing during the meeting seen here.

Then published it via cell phone hot spot, before having to get immediately back to keeping track of this meeting, yet also midwived TWO MORE club contests thus announcing briefly here first off...



FEBRUARY 2026 – Deutsche Duo (German Twins) of which this is a potential entrant you see underway, as is that BV-138 above it, too)

JUNE 2026 – WHIFF '46 (What If, 1946, Sponsor Steve Hays)

Correction to the Editor's effusive explaining this odd model here as "The Caspian Sea Monster". It's not. It's a Bartini Beriev VVA-14 an equally bizarre Ekranoplan, but much smaller than Sea Monster...

So know that the Editor is not letting up on fomenting madness... his own or with help of others. Mooohaaahaa. Indeed ! -mb



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Best of the Best June Meet continued :



Taking up where we left off in JULY OSS, Bill Christman – had just returned from Japan trip, recommends we all try to make Shizokua model show there as bucket list item. His F-15J is a test build before he does bigger

Mark Vanbergen was persuaded by his good friend (member Jordan Li) to do this PLAAF J-11 Flanker in 1/72, in part to be an opponent to Jordan's ROC fighter seen below next to it. Definite differential in size hey?





Mark allayed that he enjoyed this build, but it wasn't without some drama in making. The original inject canopy cracked into pieces in process. That's a vacform replacement, using the old Mattel machine to do it, no less !



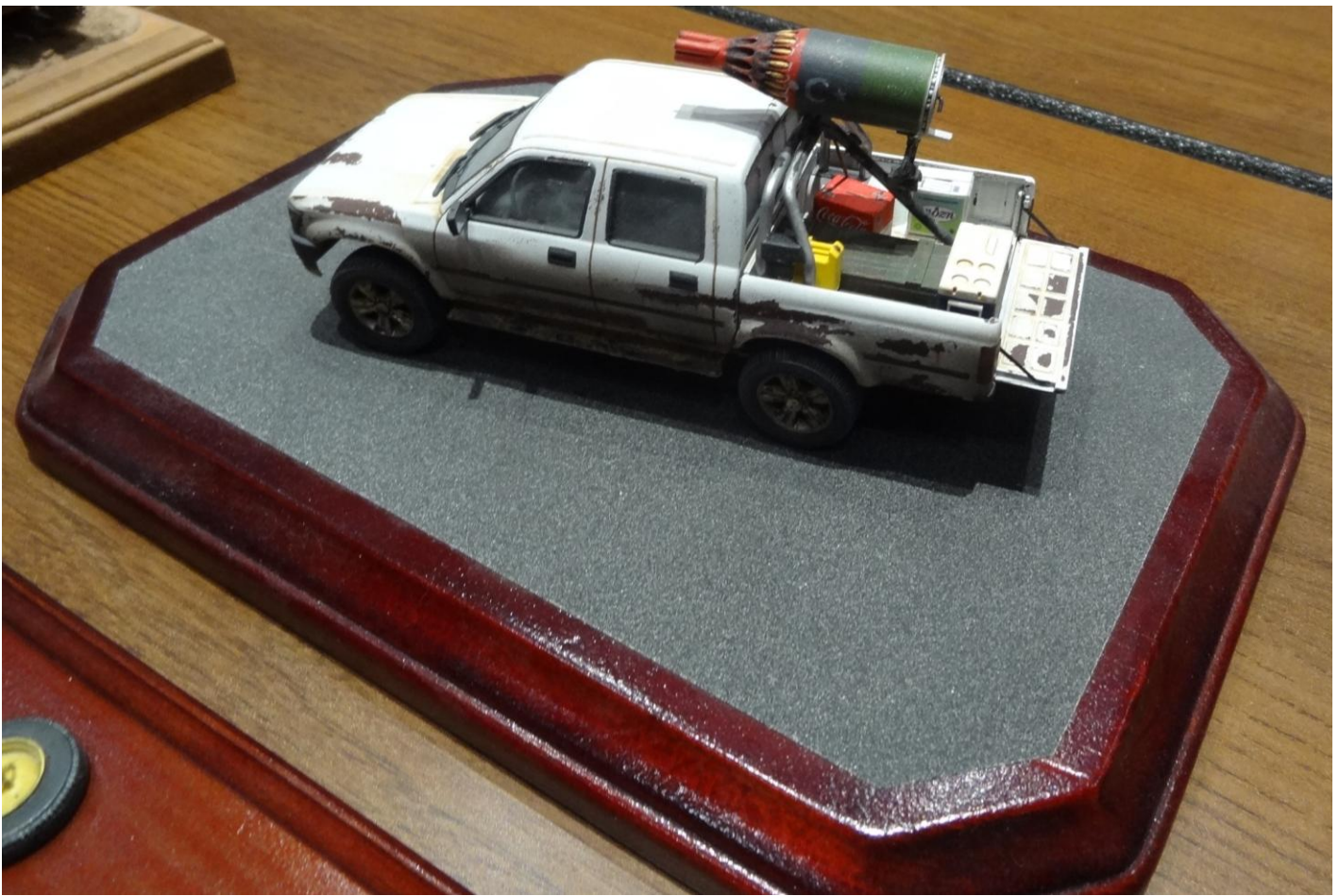


Jordan Li has been away for a while, but happily he showed up with Mark to let us know how well he's been doing building a young man's life. He's now a Floridian, and got himself that night officially inducted into the SBC (Slow Builders Club, also coincidentally the oldest name of SVSM as it was South Bay Club IPMS USA). His charter for this was fact he has finished 3 models in last several years. Above, his 1/72 resin kit of F-CK-1 in excellent rendered ROCAF camo and markings. He reviewed us the interesting history behind the indigenous Taiwanese multi role fighter. Jordan had new recent injected mold kit from Taiwan for same aircraft to share.

The F-4E Phantom II in European I camouflage is a Revell of Germany, which Jordan enhanced with Fujimi parts and an asymmetrical weapons loadout (his favorite) that also included old Hasegawa weapon set bits.







Randy Ray had fun with his Meng 1/35th Technical (Toyota HiLux) with an aftermarket Rocket pod addon conversion from MG.





Randy's 1/72nd scale Copper State Models Italian WW1 armored car Lancia 1 ZM gave him some challenge, as for e xample the Italian army color flash on turret. That's all careful painting and masking, no decals here.





Last but not least, Randy had his British 2 Pounder Anti Tank Gun from the Vulcan kit in 1/35th scale. This one featured a hand mixed “Contour” camouflage scheme





Eugenie Taylor Ray is indeed a Model President, this Minicraft kit of Endeavor is her very first model. She said she learned a lot in that experience. Her first car model and I believe like her 4th finished model, was this vintage Monogram Racer, it happens to be the first injected mold kit of that company! Props to you, Prez !





Eugenie's 2nd completed (and first armor) was this Alan 1/35th kit of the Bison, which she managed to finish in time as she set goal to do, to enter a "Wonders" SVSM Club Contest for speedy builds of gift thefts, and won.

She won at the Santa Rosa model contest with this same, shortly thereafter. Like I said, a model President.





Fittingly, Eugenie treated us again to her like 3rd ever finished model, the magnificent months long project for IPMS USA Nats in San Marcos TX, her entry in Humor in Modelling, a diorama called “Challenge Accepted”

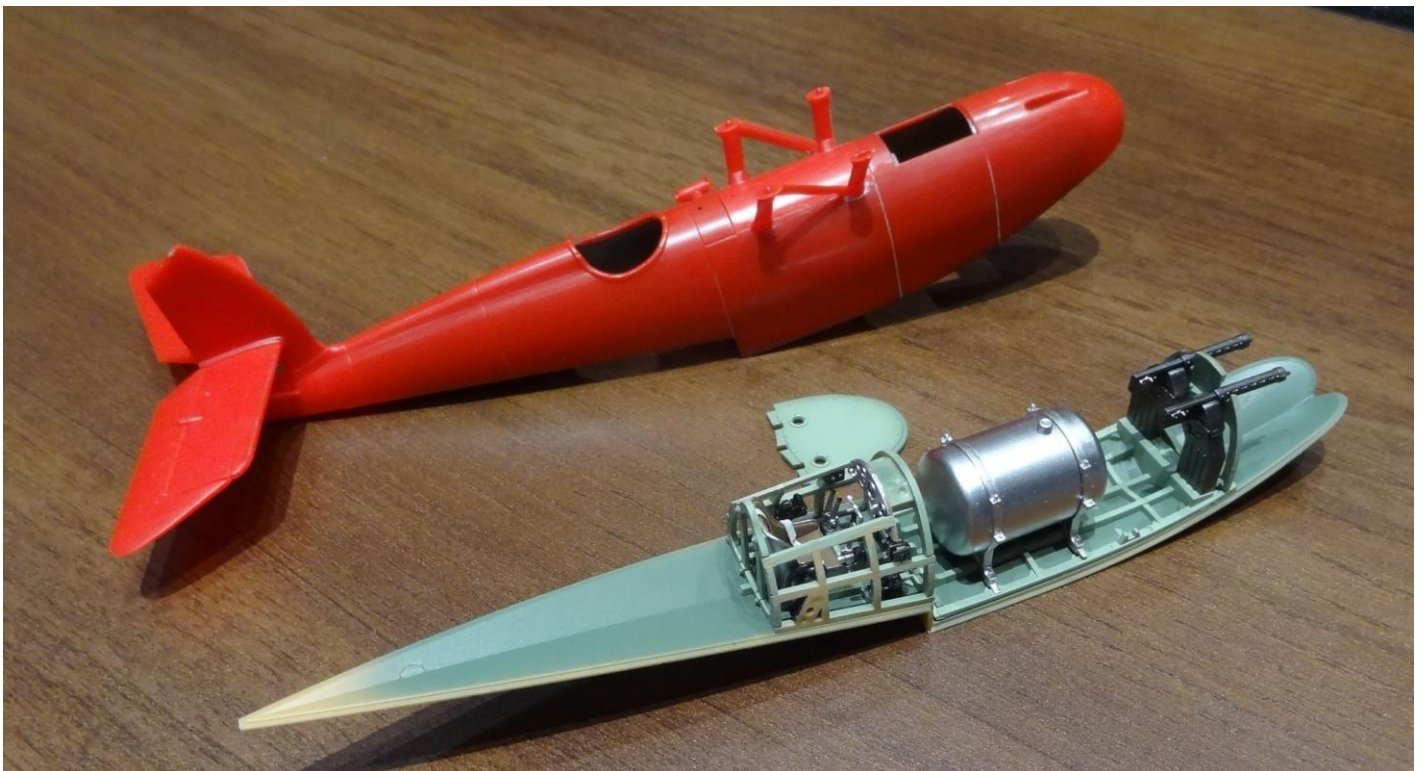




Okay, the complete entry title was “Come and Take It? Challenge Accepted!”, however for simplicity’s sake I use the title on the base. This began as the Aurora 1/72 scale Flying Saucer from “The Invaders” TV drama of 1967. Of course, when Eugenie got the kit for her idea to do this, it’s now just “Flying Saucer” for the identity. Nonetheless, she made quite an effort and overcame many hurdles coming up with this original concept that is a superb rip/riff on the San Marcos Nationals redone motto. Before last minute cancel due to COVID, they had “Come and Make It” as their motto. When reborn, they went with Come and Take It, both using the state flag and the cannon. Eugenie’s saucer is making a low altitude pass and “tractor beaming” the classic old cannon, flag, as you can see. She had it completely outfitted with lighting system which had several settings, control by a wood handle wand and a decent battery life. She got 2nd in Category, the Republic of Texas Special Award in the “6 Flags Over Texas” series and much deserved recognition for a superb bit of modelling.



Greg Plummer had one “Best”, two interesting WIPs to share, starting with above car and below flying boat





Directly above, Greg's 1/48 scale WIP of the Fine Molds Nakajima Ki-43 Hayabusa (Peregrine Falcon) was the third item. He said although he has had to deal with a "no bueno" wing fit to fuselage, he feels this is best of the available kits this scale for the plane. The red WIP aircraft was the Fine Molds Savoia S.21 kit that was done in a "Porco Rosso" edition, based on the 1992 Studio Ghibli film which sourced from 1989 manga comic. Greg is going to have a "surprise" finish for this coming in the Ride The Wave club contest, he told us. In part because he has already done the film bird, he wanted a variation in quest to have a new model done for this contest.





Greg's little yellow car was his "Best" entry, and a terrific tale did it have to tell for illustrating why he chose it

This 1/24 scale Fiat 500 model is over 20 years old in completion, and was modified to represent an upgraded 40hp version. Greg said he painted this with rattle can, clearly quite successfully, being he won First Place in the Auto model category he put it in as well as Best Auto special award at an Orangecon event way back then.

Greg speculated to us that perhaps what helped him to get all that was fact this little Fiat has interior pillars he added as pleasing detail. He said almost no car model even today includes that sort of visible detail, in box



Louis Orselli is a definite adherent to the vacform kits engineered by Bill Koster being a great idea and value. This is the Koster edition 1/48 Junkers JU-88 he has well underway here, and no parts you see are substitutes, all are integral to base kit. As Louis pointed out as well, these kits don't weigh near as much as inject equals.





Mark Schynert had a grand pair to share, seen here above.

This is Mark's P-51N, a very unique Mustang, one example produced.





Mark said this Sword kit Sikorsky S-43 Pan Am Clipper is pretty nice overall, somewhat fiddly in construction

Rod Broyles is an alumnus who's been away for a long time but now recently returning to attend meetings. He had this pair to share, one is very old and the other a nice new addition to his model fleet





Rod did these 1/72nd Bede BD-5J Acrojets some 43 years ago, after seeing them perform at NAS Moffett Field at an Air Show with the Blue Angels. He said they have handily survived 3 moves in that time, thanks to their display case, good modelling, looking pretty much as they did when he first finished them. Welcome back, Rod





Rod pleased to let us know we've helped inspire him to get new items underway, such as this Tamiya M3 Stuart and he also donated 4 kits recently towards the TriCity 18 Raffle as a thanks to us all.

Riley Kitchen managed to overcome any and all obstacles the Minicraft 1/144 L-188 Lockheed Electra kit had presented him. Riley redid entirely the surfaces of the aircraft among other solutions. Nice cargo bird scheme !





Below, a closeup of one component of **Aaron Rhetta's** current WIP, a Black Luster Soldier.





One thing I have learned first hand keeping track of Aaron's projects over the years is that he is a serious student of the art and tech of "the finish". He is ever questing and curious in his exploring of other's means to achieve the looks they get on their models, whether they are autos, armor, figures, aircraft, what have you. He is also pretty fearless in trying things out he formulates on his own. Plus pretty undaunted in that, he recently had a Gundam model "melt down" on him during a finishing session. Aaron made result work and even won with it, in very creative means of making victory from unexpected adversity. This Luster project is another stretching !

Not wanting to go with just the stock color palette of the kit, it is a pretty good already layout but Aaron wanted more punch and more individuation with his.

So, he is currently trying out applying Alclad black plus HR Hobby Candy Black, HR Hobby Candy Red for a good part of this

Aaron is getting quite good at the art of getting plastic to look metal as well.

He made some wicked mods to this figure's head as well, winging it so to speak.







Perhaps a lot more than meets the eye on first look here, right ? More challenging to finish and as Aaron shows, more than one way to juice up an already interesting and impressive buildup.

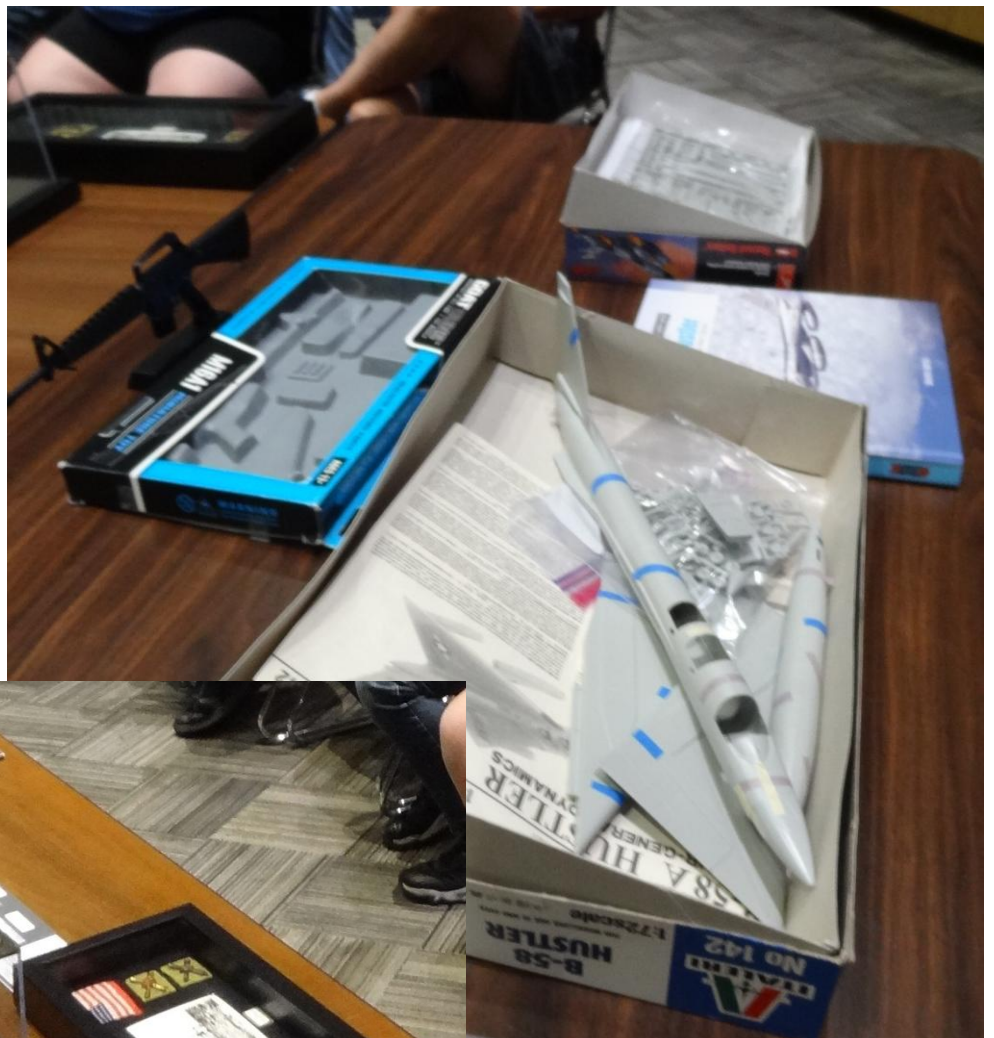


ALRIGHT THAT IS ALL I CAN
WRITE ABOUT THAT NIGHT
for this TAMS Issue... no more
space left for finished file size.

WATCH FOR WRAP UP OF THE
LAST FOUR MODELERS coming
soon in STYRENE SHEET TWO !

HERE IS A PREVIEW OF THEM

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 07-21-26

Monday, July 27 2026 NEW

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

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

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!

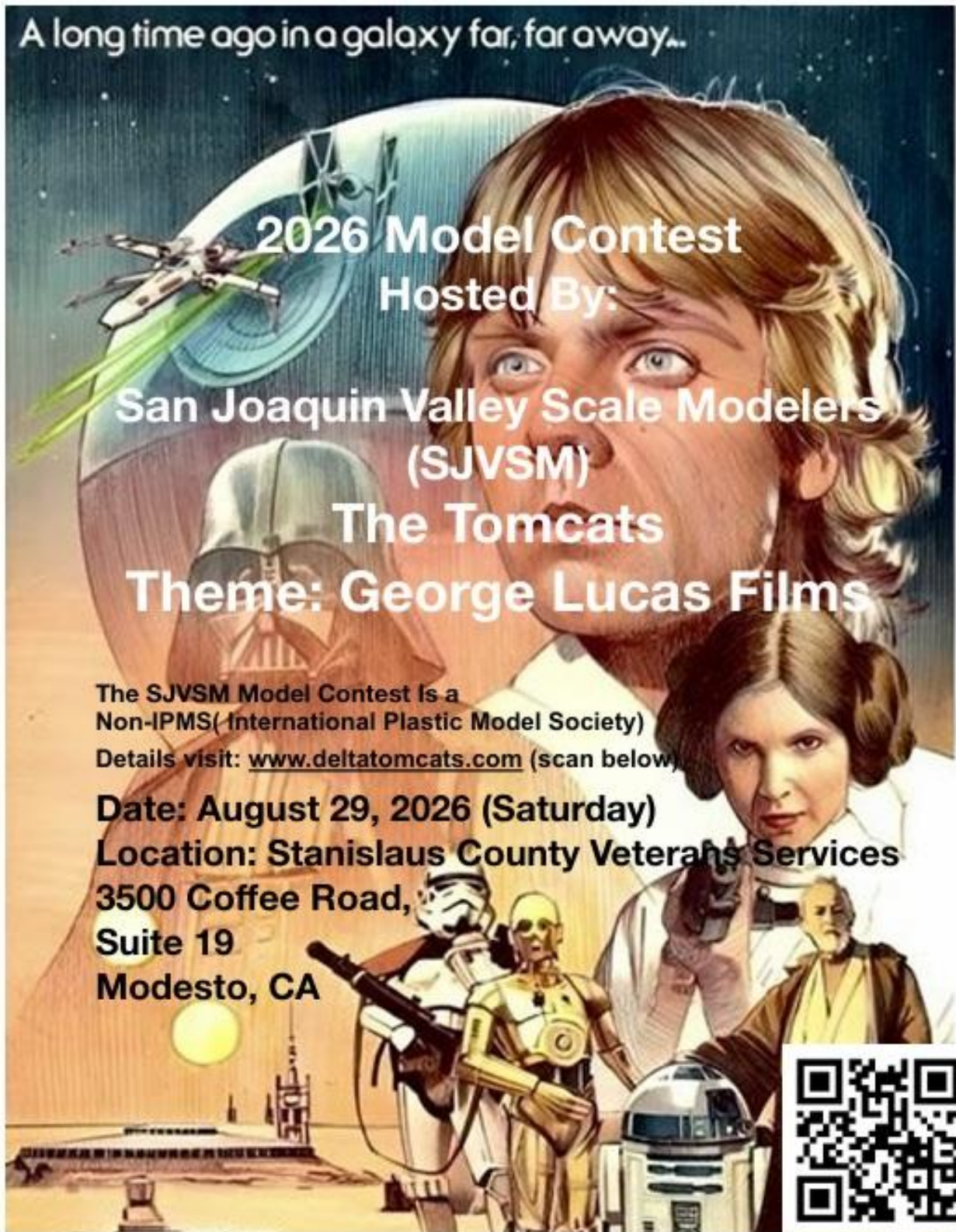
YES, WE HAVE AN AUGUST EVENT
To look ahead to as well...

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



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.



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**

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

**2 FREE
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WITH ADMISSION**

Admission Includes
Full Access to
Museum Exhibits

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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.

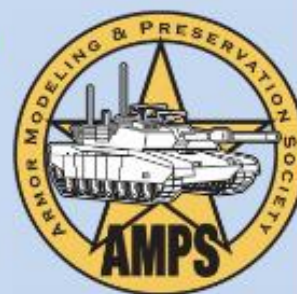
We will also have Vendor Tables available in the venue and these are available first come first serve at a very economical price: \$30.00 per table if paid prior to September 1. Money talks, which means no table will be reserved for anyone until we have the money in hand. After Sept. 1 the fee will be \$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>



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
- 35 AFVs & Military Softskin 1/48 only
- 37 AFVs Military Softskin 1/50 & Smaller
- 36 AFVs & Military Softskins 1/25 & Larger
- 38 Military Multi Vehicles & Towed Trailers, 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 Fi 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”)

UNOFFICIAL FLYER courtesy of MIRANDCO

***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 :

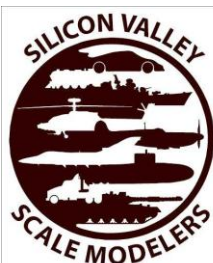


PLEASE SHARE THE JOY OF OUR HOBBY AND FRIENDS

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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