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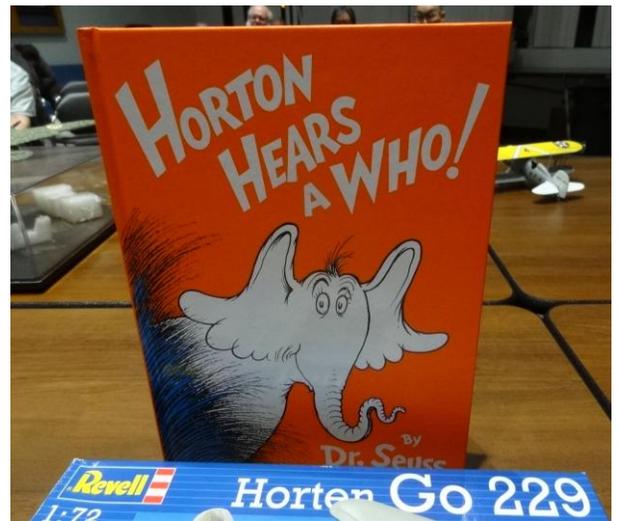
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Minutes: Chris Bucholtz

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



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“ EDITOR CATCHES A BREAK thanks to AARON ”

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I had this issue to my amazement, properly crafted nearly to finish as of Sunday night. By afternoon of today, all I needed now was something proper to be in this remaining space. Checking my email, voila !

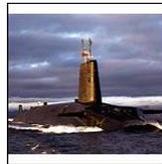
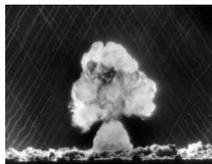
Having recently written in another editorial how the active crew of CFMC (Char's Fantasy Model Club) had formed a more formal structure and had elected Aaron Rhetta President, since recently sent me news. So I wanted to discuss with him tonight at the Plex in regards help to some future CFMC plans

Well as life happens, Aaron emailed he won't be at the Plex tonight, but here's a new flyer anyways.

Thank you Aaron best luck on your out of town business. Oh, your attachment was a great savior, now you know! -mb

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

AND YES WE WILL STICK to our SHEDYOOOL keeping with

ORIGINAL

MONTHLY CLUB CONTEST ON FOR APRIL 2026 SVSM Meet at MPD site (3rd Friday)

As was originally proclaimed for by Presidential demand at December 2025 "Pirate's Pleasure" meet. Sponsors; Eugenie Ray/Mick Burton

Another 120 Days Wonder Contest

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

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

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

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

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WE NOW FINISH OUR REMEMBER of SEPTEMBER



At the September meeting, we were reminded of two important dates: November 8 is the Fremont Hornets contest in Fremont, and Oct. 25 is the Antelope Valley Group's contest in Lancaster.

In model talk... Eugenie Ray says she likes building funny models, so she's working on a Revell 1:72 Horton Ho 229 for a diorama, featuring what she calls a "Suessian" base.

Horton Hears a Ho? Over the sound of those jet engines? Well, why not! Inspired by Miyazaki's film "The Wind Also Rises,"



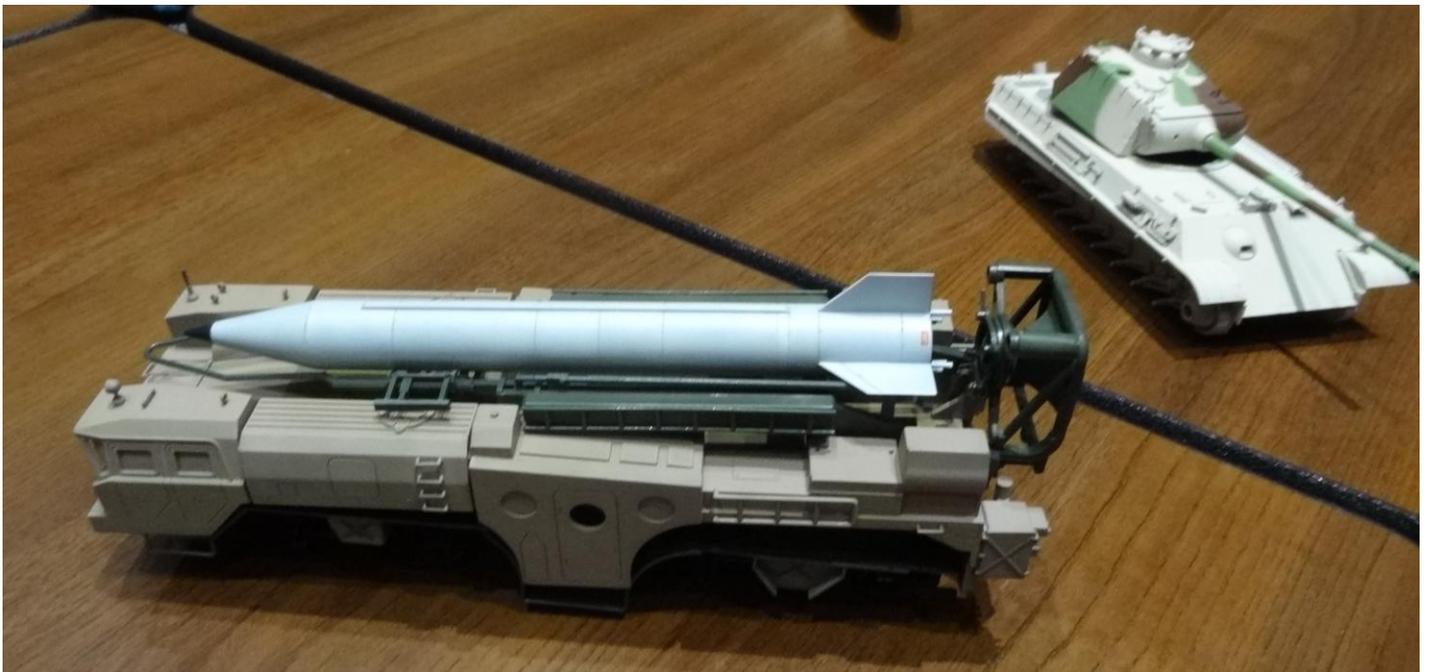


Greg Plummer used the FineMolds 1:48 kit to build the Mitsubishi Ka-14, which served as a developmental model that led to the A5M. Greg used Gunze lacquers for his finish, using a paint called “Nakajima cockpit color” for the overall IJN gray color.



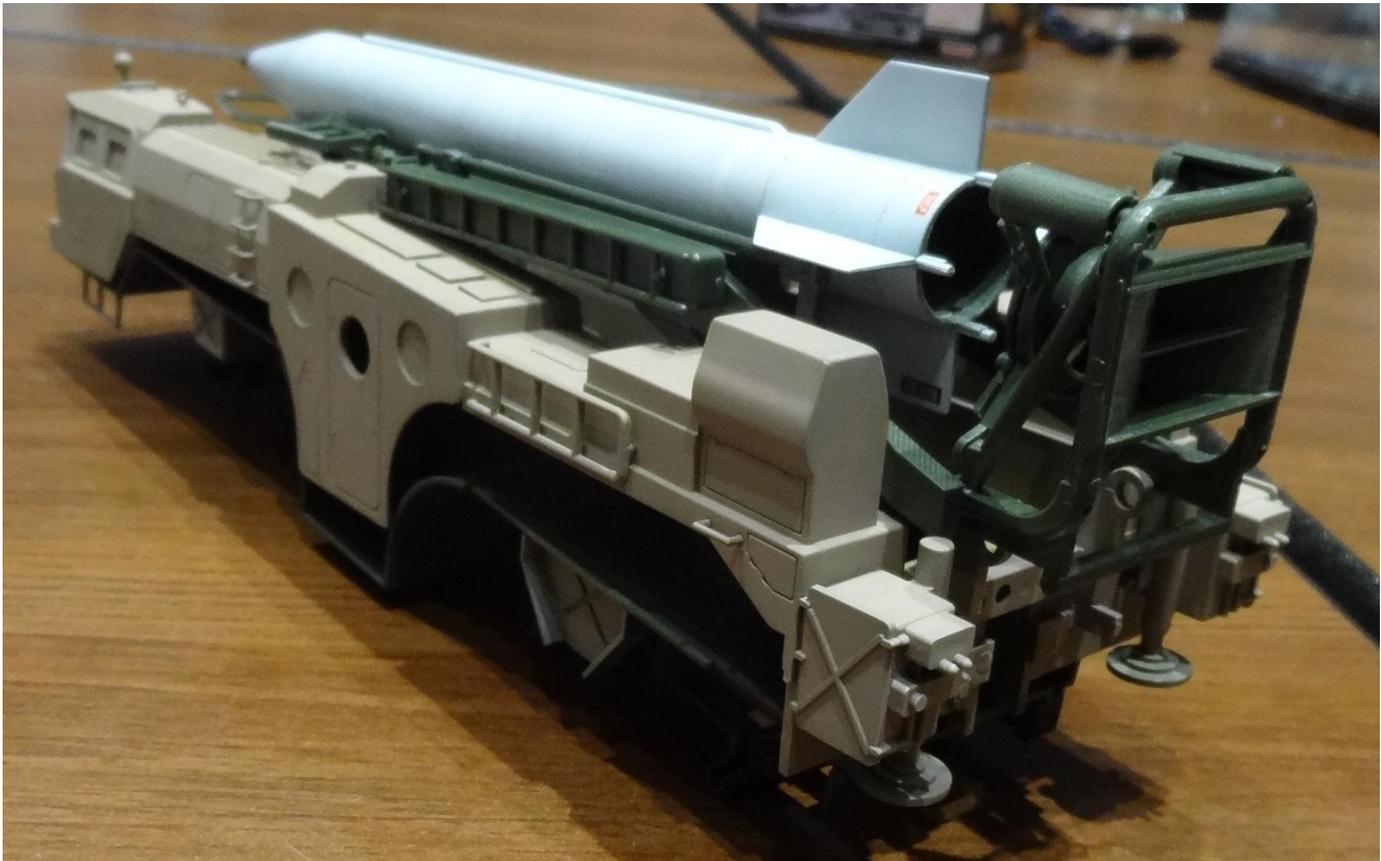
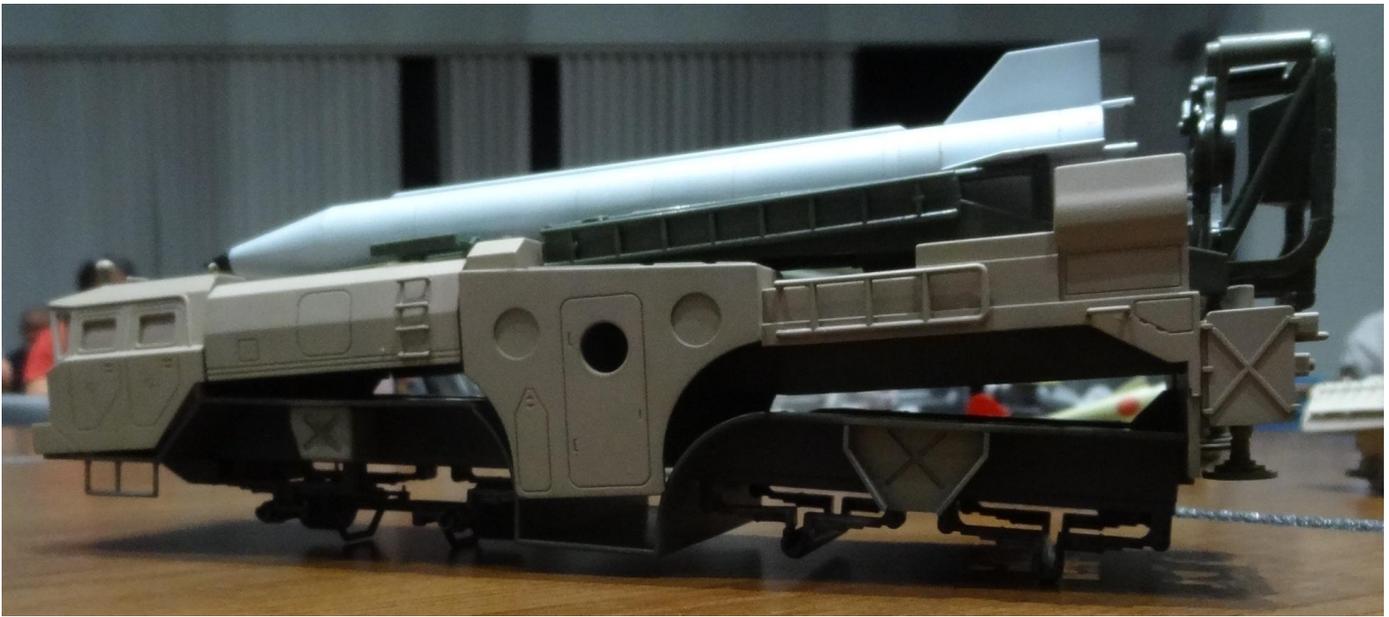
The Panther tank **Randy Ray** was building for a group project is now in its first coats of paint including panzer yellow, courtesy of Atom by MIG paints. Randy free-handed the camouflage and was pleased by the paint’s behavior.





A co-worker of **Steve Hays** found a Arii 1:48 “Scud” missile and launcher at a consignment store for \$3 a bought it for Steve! In return, Steve built it up as an abandoned Iraqi example.







Ben Pada's Spitfire Mk. I was built from the lovely Eduard 1:48 kit and painted with a Gaahleri airbrush, which Ben says he loves even though it's not expensive.



He's also at work on an A6M2-K, which was the two-seat trainer version of the Zero.

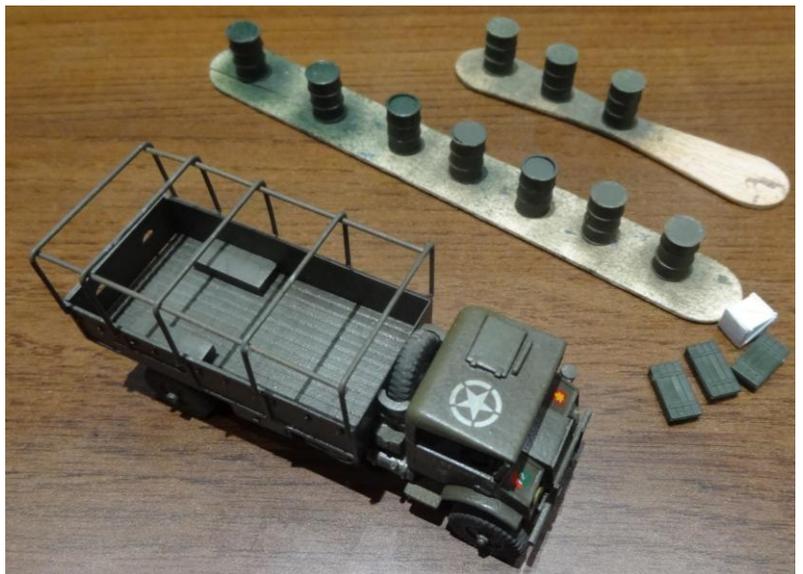


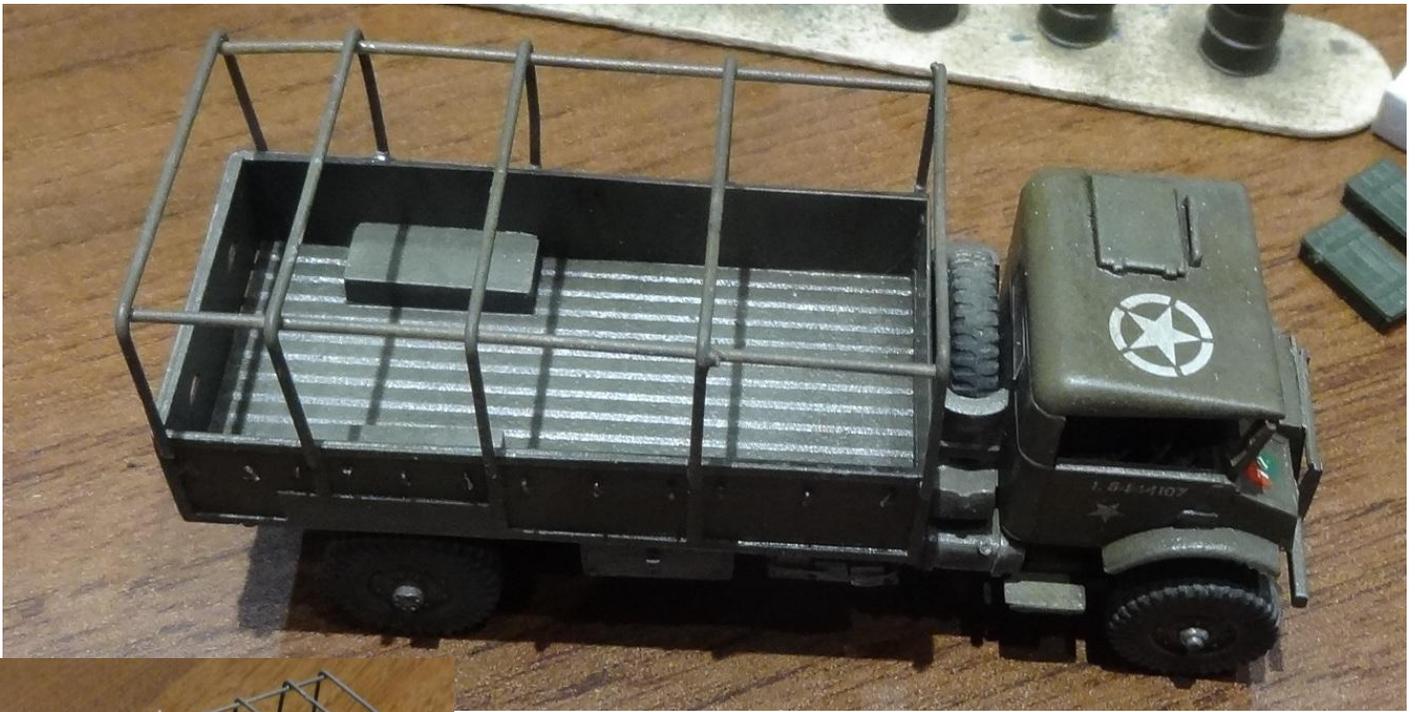


Ben is completing it as a late war Special Attack aircraft; he pre-shaded the model, then toned the color down with green mist coat to blend it into the basic camouflage.

Chris Bucholtz has been working on his 1:72 Chevrolet of Canada CMP C60L three-ton truck conversion for over a decade, but it's nearly done now.

He's got the truck on its wheels and into the final construction stages, with decals borrowed from several sources, including a 1:76 Matchbox "Monty's Caravan" kit!





Mark Balderama's 1:144 F-111 development aircraft was part of the haul of small pre-built he picked up in Japan.



He also had a detector instrument and a chunk of the external skin of NASA's Kuiper, a civilian C-141 that was recently scrapped.





Mike Schwarze used his month to re-paint several mini-figures, including the poetically named Trash Mouth and Engorged Demon. He's primed his *Lost in Space* cyclops and some of his scratch-built mushrooms, he's looking for the second part of a diorama to feature a monster named Mike. He's also still rendering repairs to his superdeformed Godzilla figure, whose tail came to woe in an accident.

John Carr's projects now include an Addar *Planet of the Apes* figure he found at a flea market, and a Bandai kit of one of the ships from *Cowboy Bebop*, which he's giving a custom paint scheme to that may include purple and pink.





Landon Carr had a couple of Gundams on the table, but he admits he's being influenced in his builds by Warhammer 30K and trying to make his blade kit look a lot more "military."



Ron Wergin did a fine job making Italeri's F4U-5 Corsair into a Korean War-era aircraft from the VMF-323 "Death Rattlers."



Aaron Rhetta thought the *Back to the Future* DeLorean was a little stodgy in its stainless steel finish, so he decided to give it a super-deep purple paint job. He's added a panel line wash and has new decals on their way; he painted the wheels to match the body.

His Gundam Anti-factice kit needed a little filling with putty, and he has a Big Zen Gundam painted in gray. Aaron also had three figures from *Dragonball Z* that were 3D printed, and he's now painting them in an anime style, using a limited palette and avoiding blending.



Louis Orselli had his Supermodel CANT 1007 in 1:72. Lou painted the intricate camouflage little by little, and he made the frames on the canopy using strips of painted decal film.



Thanh Nguyễn built a pair of F-84 plank-wing Thunderjets: the Monogram ProModeler kit, done as a Thunderbirds jet (he says you may want to invest in metal landing gear for this particular kit), and a Tamiya example in Korean War markings painted with Alclad paints.

He also built a 1:32 Hasegawa F4B-4, matching the chrome yellow wing with an AK 3rd Gen paint mix he sourced using Grok AI!





Frank Babbitt's Heller 1:72 Noratlas took third in its category at the IPMS/USA Nationals; he opened the cockpit wing windows and re-scribed the model before painting it in its Djibouti scheme using Gunze paints. Frank's 1:72 Ar 240 also took a third place at the Nationals.



And the model of the month goes to...Lou Orselli for his Supermodel CANT 1007. - *chris fini*

2nd MOM went to **Mark Balderrama** for his pencil sketch and 1/144th JASDF F-15 that it was ally of

No shots here as you can find better traditional MOM shots in **TAMS NOVEMBER 2025** issue. - *mick fini*

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 03-23-26

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

Friday, May 08 2026

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

Saturday, May 16 2026

IPMS/ Silver Wings host their SILVERCON 2026 at their favorite locale. Theme is “Heavy Metal”

Saturday, May 23 2026

IPMS/ Fresno Scale Modelers host their major event CONTEST & SHOW in conjunction with CASTLE Air Museum Theme is “250 Anniversary of USA”, contest/show is at Atwater Community Center. OPEN COCKPIT Day is at Castle.

Friday, June 12 2026

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

Friday, June 19 2026

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

Friday, July 12 2026

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

Saturday, August 29 2026

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

Saturday, September 26 2026

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

Saturday, October 17 2026

IPMS/ Antelope Valley Group host their **DESERT CLASSIC #28** at Antelope Valley College cafeteria, confirmed Antelope Valley College, 3041 W Avenue K, Lancaster, CA Theme is “Feminine Phenomenons”

Saturday, November 14 2026

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their CONTEST & Show TriCity EIGHTEEN themed “TOP GUN” being held at the Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, 38991 Farwell Dr, Fremont CA

2nd VP Successfully Stages Coup, Runs OCTOBER meet well !



(okay, the Editor perhaps inspired by reading another club's set of newsletters recently, mildly exaggerated re: coup)

Note: the Editor was in Boise ID as meeting was underway. Thanks to text messages, photos from Peter Long real time, idea of what went on and illustrations of it were on hand back in October. Minutes from Chris helped to fill in most gaps. Thanks to Peter I finally determined what MOM technique model was. Photos will be as catch can, Editor got creative.

Belated **HUGE THANKS** to **2nd VP John Carr** for delivering October meeting so well and **Peter Long** for pics/texts

At the October meeting... Chris Bucholtz filled us in on the Midway 2026 Project he's running in conjunction with the USS Hornet Air, Sea and Space Museum. He's hunting for people who can build 1:72 models of aircraft used in the battle. With his access to Midway research, he can help with markings. The collection will be shown in compartment of the ship adjacent to the newly-revamped Hornet Legacy Room, which honors CV-8, and will tell the story of the first big battle that the first carrier Hornet fought in.



John Carr, Mark Schynert and several others are already onboard (get it?) with the project. To be part of this project, contact Chris Bucholtz at bucholtzc@aol.com.

In model talk... Ben Pada cut open the cockpit of his nearly finished Hasegawa 1:48 J2M2 Raiden, and now he's working to get the canopy to sit in the open position. Ben used the 1998-vintage kit and says it's a very good model.



Ben's also finished his A6M2-K two-seat Zero, built from the Eduard kit and finished in a "special attack" scheme using Mr. Hobby paints, and his Spitfire Mk. I also came from a Eduard kit.





He built the Spitfire straight from the box and topped it off with a finish with MRP paints.

Frank Babbitt's 1:48 Dornier Alpha Jet came from the Esci kit, and he found it a tough build, with some inaccuracies in the horizontal stabilizers. He used some detail sets and applied the French modifications to this nose to get the "E" configuration, and finished in Qatari colors.





Riley Kitchen's oyster boat now has a finished deck, but we couldn't see it because it had been masked so Riley could paint the full white. Next comes the mast and the rigging on this wooden boat, all firsts for Riley!





Chris Bucholtz completed the 11-year odyssey of converting IBG's 15cwt Chevrolet of Canada CMP C15A truck in 1:72 into a CMP C60L three-ton truck, with a scratch-built bed and frame. The cover on the bed was made from toilet tissue cut to shape, then wet with diluted white glue and painted. Photoetched details from Part provided the rear view mirrors, mudguards and interior details.



Chris also completed painting and outfitting of this 1:35 grenade-tossing paratrooper, who was put together from two Dragon figures and a Hornet head.

The 82nd Airborne patch came from an Archer set Randy Ray found for Chris.

Chris has also made progress on Meng's 1:72 F-106 Delta Dart, which is well engineered but had some fit issues around the refueling probe area, and his Special Hobby Spitfire F. Mk. 21 is assembled and painted in the ocean gray/dark green/medium sea gray scheme.





The hardest part of painting, said Chris, was getting the leading-edge yellow ID markings the same size on both wings!



Greg Plummer brought in this 1:72 Avia S-199! Greg used the Eduard for his little “Mule,” and while the kit was nice the decals were not. Greg ended up buying a KP S-199 for the decals so he could finish his model as one of the first fighters acquired by Israel.



Thanh Nguyen's 1:48 PV-1 Ventura was built straight from the box from the Revell kit except for some paper seat belts.

He found the bomb bay doors to be very complex. The Ventura was painted with Tamiya colors, some adjusted to get a truer match to the three-tone Navy colors.



Chip Harrison had a three-tone twin himself, this one in 1:32. He built the HK models B-25H as a PBJ-1H, swapping resin 2Detail engines for the kit powerplants. He recommends the metal nose weights HK sells as an aftermarket accessory to keep the big bomber on its nose gear. Chip used Tamiya paints for his finish.





Steve Hays is also a N-gauge model railroader, and he used 3D printing technology to create a 1970s Airstream trailer for his layout, complete down to the propane tanks in front. He sanded it smooth, then painted it with Alclad black primer and then applied a glossy silver finish before adding the windows with an AK paint marker.



Kent McClure built three of the Bandai “30-Minute Sisters” figure kits, but he says it took a lot more than 30 minutes per model to put them together!

Kent is nearing completion of an AZ Models Kawasaki AI-48 missile, and he’s working on an 1:72 First to Fight Polish armored car, an Emhar 1:72 Mk. II “Hermaphrodite” tank, and a FineMolds 1:72 Kaiten suicide submarine. Also nearing painting is a 1:76 Airfix Bloodhound missile, a Hasegawa Mi-24 “Hind” attack helicopter in 1:72, and a Trumpeter 1:72 M4E8A3 “Jumbo.” On their stands and ready for paint were two more from Kent (both from the same box!), the Bandai Death Star II and a Star Destroyer.



Those notorious Sisters ...



The Japanese Kawasaki missile , correct designation Ki-148 aka the I-Go Model 1 Otsu, an intriguing machine. Though tested in 1944, seeing some 180 built, none were recorded as ever seeing use in combat by war's end !



On rear left, Sherman Jumbo, on right, no idea

On left front, Hermaphrodite Tank (so called as it had both cannons (M) and machine guns (F))

On the right front the Polish "First to Fight" armor car, with nose of Star Wars upper right

One more shot of October 2025 meet whilst Prez and Editor were away (thanks again, Peter) and Our VP John Carr saw to it all ran as it should



And the model of the month went to... **Greg Plummer** for his 1:72 Avia S-199! -*chris fini*

Technique MOM now known to be **Steve Hays** for his N gauge Airstream...thanks to Pete's photos -*mick fini*

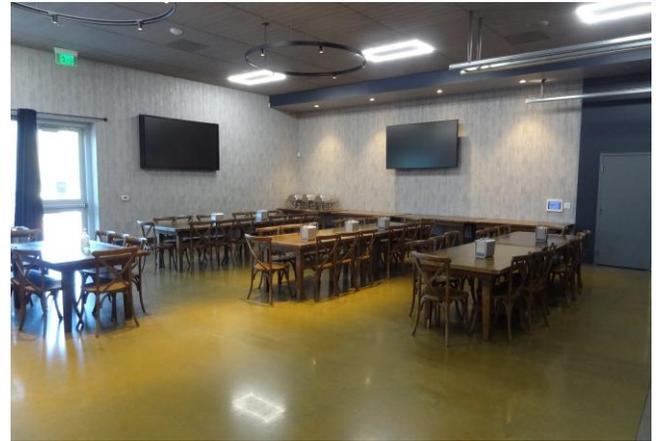
ADVANCE NOTICE about NEXT SVSM CLUB MEET for MARCH 2026

NEXT SVSM CLUB MEET will NOT be in Milpitas Community Room, NOR on 3rd 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

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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