



THE AFTER MARKET SHEET



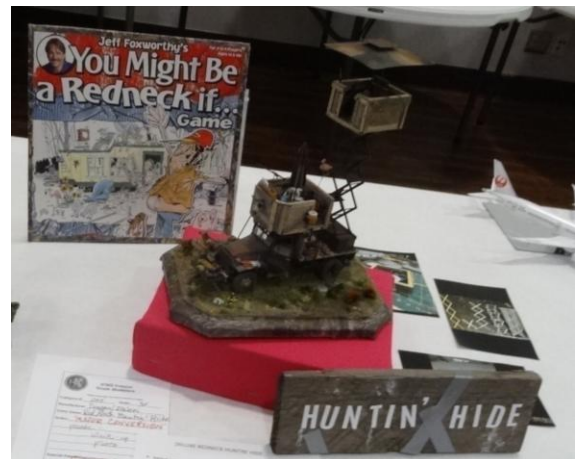
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ALRIGHT, PLEASE BUILD YOUR NAME for the RECORD



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



(shameless plug: www.mickbmodeler.com)

“ EDITOR SEES FIT TO PROMOTE YET MORE CRAP ”

I had originally planned to do a straight take on these four who were part of the Fresno Scale Modelers Contest & Show over Memorial Day Weekend. They were in competition for the “ Best Crappy Model ” category 1st/2nd/3rd award as well the wicked ingenious Special Award for the same subject. My pictures don't do them justice for the most part, but I tried.

It's not as easy as it may seem to actually craft a deliberately crappy model, and this really to me ended up challenging as well as providing much needed levity to the operation of model competition. As you see, two of the contestants had to go the full monty and have mirrored bases, lifted display apparatus like “the usual suspects” looking to gain an edge , LOL.

Intentional “ sandpaper finish ”, misaligned parts, of course fingerprints even full on superglue evidence print on canopy along with some killers like the suggested nose weight added but as a hunk of lead underneath held with cello tape and a festoon of flash left in place that make a photographer envious. Makes me think of Calvin and Hobbes classics all over...



But my favorite part and why I put this all here is, here again is why model clubs with local contests have a key cool concept to exploit that really can make each one a “go to”

Every show nearly, has a BOSS, BOSJ, and then a platoon of Best Air, Auto,

Armor, Ship, Figure, SF (BOS = Best Of Show (Senior)(Junior))



Not near as often is there real effort for a wild card set Award like here with FSM offering a Best Crappy Model

Yet, it was among the unique fun bits that make going to, competing in a show like this a “go to” because it's not only the usual it includes stuff like this. Sure, can't always guarantee sure fire hits with trying to come up with special Specials but there is a flavor enhancement that can boost attendance, buzz and just the whole having fun with staging our competitions.

Well, there you go. Your Editor, who occasionally Contest Directs, droning on about the same old crap ... cheers **-mb**

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Now Showing : MAY 2026
Member's Club Contest
BUILD YOUR NAME !



In

Simplest Terms, ANY SUBJECT that you can credibly associate with your name to Sponsor's satisfaction

BRINGING YET AGAIN NEW DEFINITION to **ALL MINE INDEED**

Minutes: Chris Bucholtz

Photos/Text : Mick Burton

Generous Contest Sponsor: Greg Plummer

We had an extremely good response for turnout again in May, Editor knew before meeting ended he had to split in two issues for decent coverage like he had recently done for the April. 2026 abundance. To add to the fun, the very next day after meeting was the big SilverCon event in Sacramento with the weekend following being the marvelous Fresno Scale Modelers/Castle AFB event over the Memorial Day time then next The Plex buildfest night at end of that. So no time to waste or be late as he was to this meeting as the news lettering time would prove to be as scant as he forecast for himself. So, here now, first of the split:

Our club contest in May was “Build Your Name.”

Bob Meyers has earned the nickname “Bob the Builder,” so he capitalized on the “BB” initials to build the battleship *Arizona* from the 1957 Revell kit. Revell apparently released an updated version of the kit in 1959, but Bob said the older moldings were better. He used the original box top to make his base, and he said he took a long time to paint the ship.



Next to that, with a 1:48 Airfix Hawk 81-A-2, was Bob Meyers. The Flying Tigers plane was flown by Robert William Prescott, who shared Bob’s first and second names.

The kit cockpit was great, he says, although the decals exploded on contact with water, so the markings came from his shares box.



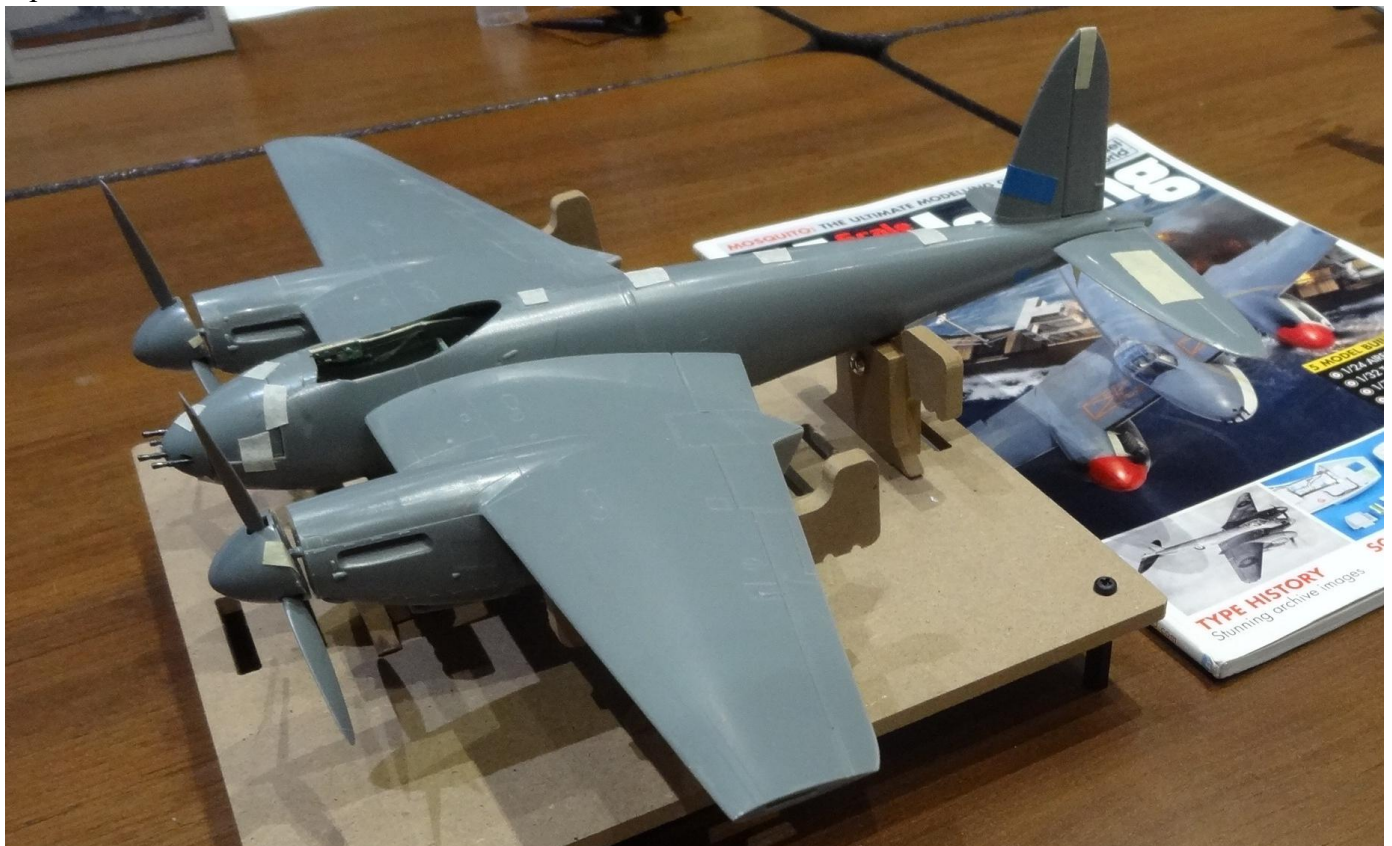


Thanks to all he learned while building it, Bob said this was one of his favorite models.



Frank Beltran brought in examples of the Minicraft B-1, the Lindberg XB-70 and the Addar F-100 and F-94 - but realized they didn't qualify because they didn't have both his initials. (a premise which was confirmed by the generous sponsor, that indeed was a bridge too far)

However, his Tamiya Mosquito FB.VI does qualify - he praised the fit of the model and is nearing the completion of construction.





Mike Burton's Tamiya M3 Grant tank in 1:35 had no connection to his name until he dropped it leaving the Fremont Hornets meeting - a crash that could have been described as "pulling a Burton" in the U.K.

(this tenuous bridge was alluded to ahead of judging without specifics, to inform Sponsor so that Burton could go ahead and enter to explain later.

It wasn't until show time that any found out what the connection was and that passed go such as it stood.

Burton was one of the three judges later and easily dismissed tank for all final rounds as clearly more in tune entries were winning contenders...)



Fortunately, the tough tank was easily repaired; Mike's only missing the radio antenna.

Mark Schynert's Spitfire Mk. IV (Mk. = Mark!) was a combination of an Aeroclub fuselage conversion and parts from Mk. I, Vb, Vc and XII Spitfires to create the testbed that would carry the Griffon engine.



The Mk. IV played an important role in the Spitfire story; when Supermarine was asked for a Spitfire for trials against the new Typhoon and a captured Fw 190, Supermarine cheated and sent this Griffon model, which easily outpaced all comers.

(While perhaps a cheat, this workhorse in real life more than put forth worth in results. It soldiered on from legendary July 1942 day trouncing all, to proof concepts until postwar 1946. Later clipped wing Mk 12 production model dubbed a "FW Killer")





An awed nod from the Editor to Contest Creator/Sponsor **Greg Plummer** for his custom update of the classic Bathtub Buggy, which was originally designed by Rob Reisner.

Greg's update is not on a Ford chassis but a Lamborghini V-12 Vision, which was outfitted with two 1:12 dollhouse tubs and a toilet for the driver's seat, plus toilet roll pedals for the gas and brake.

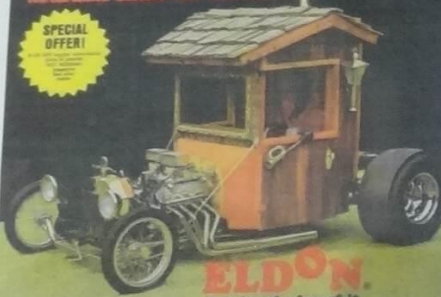
The spoiler serves as a real towel rack, and of course there are lots of brass tubes involved for the plumbing.

(as he splendidly illustrated to us in model talk portion, his name is directly derived from Olde English for plumber. The custom car circuit really ought to try to match this scale re-imagining with a 1/1 version, yes?!)



popular
HOT RODDING
FEATURES:
BOB REISNER'S CALIFORNIA SHOW CARS
MAGAZINE SERIES KIT 1/25 SCALE

SPECIAL OFFER!



ELDON
Just for the fun of it.

"The Original"





Frank Babbitt entered his 1:48 Otaki Ki-84 "Frank," which he said was a great kit for its time, with recessed panel lines, Frank finished his model with ModelMaster paints and gloss and flats from Floquil.





Mark Balderrama's 1:144 Skydance Fury racer has his initials on its tail; he used Draw Decals for the markings and outfitted it with a Skyraider propeller, just like the original one. He borrowed the teardrop canopy from an F-Toys 1:144 manned V-2 rocket!

Not missing a beat, our Club President with her alien spacecraft carrying an ET, was **Eugenie (Taylor) Ray!**





The small resin kit didn't fit all that well (it needed a .020 shim to close the two halves) and the clear bubble on top was replaced with a clearer substitute. Eugenie painted it with color-shifting paint.

Bill Ferrante found a 1:48 Revell Bf 109G-10 from an abandoned group build, and since "BF" are his initials, he went back to work on it. He also had a fully finished Hasegawa Bf 109F-6 modified into a reconnaissance aircraft.

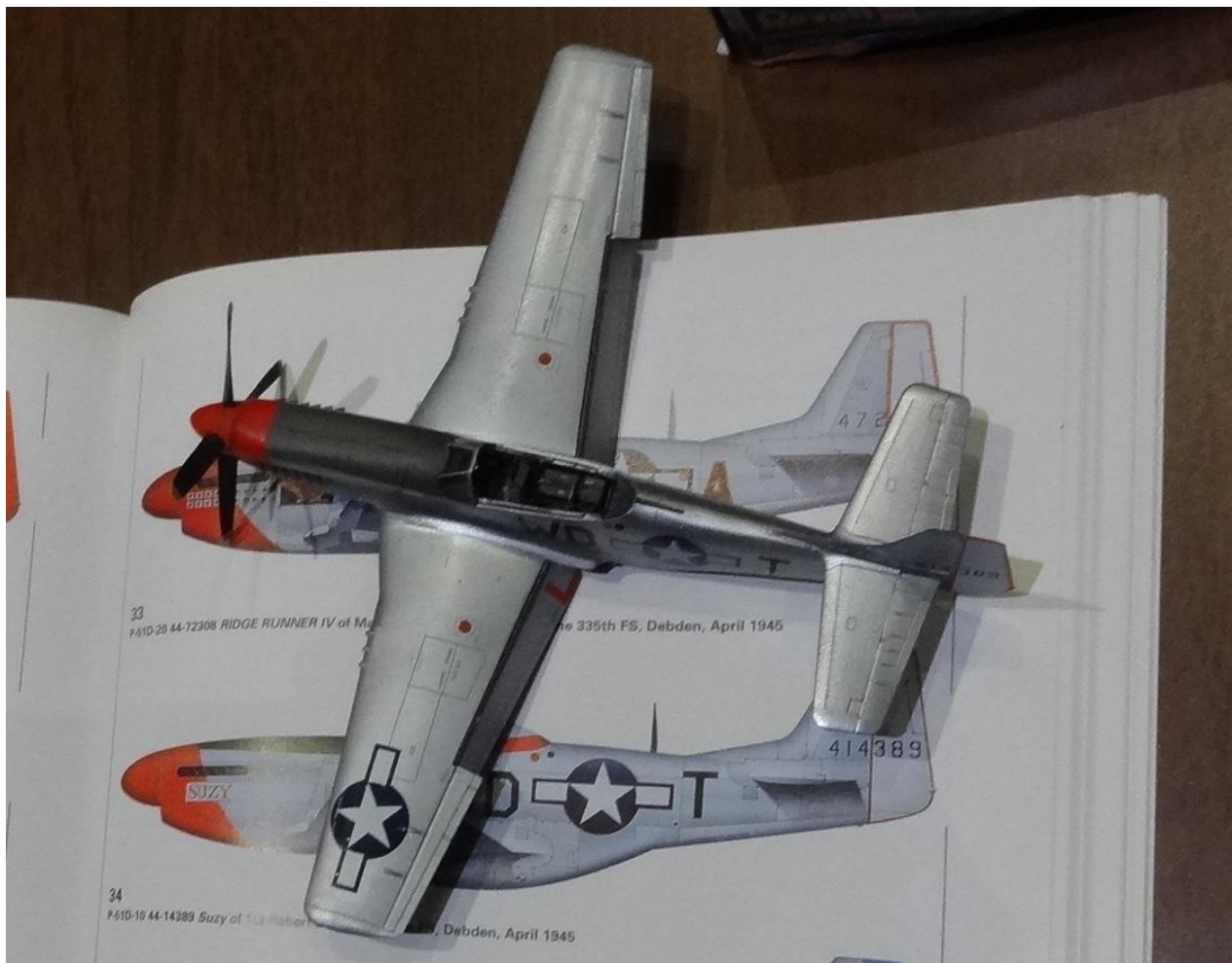






Chris Bucholtz had a 1:72 Eduard P-51D Mustang in paint and decals for the Fourth Fighter Group plane flown by Robert C. Buchholz, who was lost in action on April 9, 1945 while strafing a German airfield.

Chris says the Eduard kit is a little over-engineered, and fit in some places, like the instrument panel/rudder pedals, is very tricky. Chris masked off and painted the 335th Fighter Squadron markings and raided the spares box for decals, although he made the nose art of “Suzy” on his computer.



And the winners were... In third place, with her E.T. inspired Alien Spacecraft, **Eugenie Taylor Ray**.
In second place, with his “AVG Tiger of R W Prescott ” was **Bob Meyers**.

And in **first place**, with his terrific new take on Bathtub Rods, was **Greg Plummer**. -*chris fini*



“ BUILD YOUR NAME ” MAY SVSM Club Contest

THIRD PLACE – Alien E.T.

EUGENIE TAYLOR RAY





“ BUILD YOUR NAME ” MAY SVSM Club Contest

SECOND PLACE – P-40 A.V.G. Warhawk flown by Robert William Prescott in 1/48th Scale

ROBERT WILLIAM MEYERS





*“ BUILD YOUR NAME ” MAY SVSM Club Contest
FIRST PLACE*

BathTub Custom Car (A Plumber’s Nightmare) in 1/24nd scale

GREG PLUMMER



NOW, a SLIGHTLY LARGER LOOK at MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



Big Turnout for May 23 2026 Fresno Scale Modelers Contest & Show held in conjunction w/Castle AFB

Participants from far and wide, North & SoCal, Nevada, Arizona, even from Alameda ! (Chris Bucholtz talking with Leo Groba in the picture below, he and Amelia car pooled with President Eugenie and Randy to the event)





The Contest and Show was being held in the Atwater Community Center, which was 9 minutes or so from the Castle AFB Museum site which had their traditional Open Cockpit Day underway at same time. Happily, there was a shuttle between sites during the day if you wanted to go without losing your parking spot. Having too much fun and arriving nearly at opening for Contest, Editor never did make it to the Air Museum. Here are some looks at the goings on and more importantly a few of the friends we saw there that fine Saturday



As you may recall, last issue of TAMS had an article on EGG based models, and so it seems apropos to start here with #047 Category for EGG/Toons models.

The carrier group is titled “Destiny to Destruction” and shows the pride of Imperial Japan’s fleet on way to Midway in 1942.

Other contestants here included a tricolor TBF and a B-17, but I really liked the P-51D especially after getting a clue to watch the skies for it later in the year.

Make it to the August 2026 SJVSM show and you too can learn why this bluenose Mustang is gold colored, it’s a treat !





Of course, the crowd pleaser turned out to be this 1/48th Apollo 15 Lunar Rover, a scratchbuild jewel bit.

Have to include this, the 1/72nd scale Tupelov TB-3. An impossible kit, and this one was a rebuild/restoration !!



There again was some pretty awesome looking awards in Ernie Gee's basket of tricks for this show and below you can see some of what I mean. The Red/White/Blue Griffin (which lights up) is for Best American 250th, Center one is Best of Show Senior, right hand is Best of Show Junior, and Best Nautical subject. Aircraft, Auto and Armor Best of were like the Nautical. The silver and bronze coin were the Second, Third place awards !





And just so you know, there above are two examples of what First Place in category award looked like. Nice !

Why, some people even came here all the way from Arizona just to get some of these in their hands. Think I am kidding? Here below is Mike McFadden, who took home a few of these awards along with some Specials, hails from Arizona proper.



Say hello again to our dear friend Vladimir Yakubov, that was his Tupelov by the way I was featuring. He won a number of awards for his travels from Morgan Hill, and it was very good to see him with the family there too !



Another SVSM Alum, past President Bradley D. Chun took some plaques back with him that day. Go Brad !



Randy Rothaar may be now in Las Vegas, but an SVSM/Free Hornet Alum he shall always be. Along with being a member of several other clubs we know in CA, NV. Young man modelling on the move for real ! He also manages to have the most hilarious biting commentary on his event wear, which makes for more fun



Okay to wrap up this issue, on the left another treasured SVSM alum Mr Hubert Chan, holding Special Award “Best Crappy Model” that he took home for his “Out Of Box” Heller 1/72nd Hurricane entry.



On the right, with his faithful Yeti at his side, Mr Ramon Lomeli who I went to recover from the parking lot before he returned to Salinas, so he could get in person Award for Best Base from Sponsor, Tony of SJVSM. Great show all of you!



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 !

***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

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

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

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

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.

Vendors:

Each table will cost \$25.00

Contact: Tony Quartaro for tables & availability.
Phone: (209) 665-6599
Email: Thedeckguy53@gmail.com

San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers History

The Club was started in 1983 as the "Stockton Tomcats" a Chartered Club of IPMS-USA. Over the years, we have held meetings at numerous places with several goals in mind; share modeling ideas; help other modelers and gather in a very none structured setting. We started at the Seifert Community Center in Stockton, CA where we held several local and regional model contests. Next we met at Modesto Hobby and Crafts for many years until Brad closed the store. Then we started meeting at Alan Weber's hanger at the Stockton Airport. Tony Quartaro joined the club and we started meeting at his house/garage in Manteca, CA. Now we hold meetings at both Tony's or Alan's depending on the circumstances. Many of our club members have entered and won awards and judged at many Local, Regional and National contests. Now we are known as the San Joaquin Valley Scale Modelers (SJVSM). Currently we are not a Chartered Chapter with IPMS-USA but many in our club are Members of IPMS-USA.



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

3rd FRIDAY of Month

JUNE 19 (at TRADITIONAL meeting site)

COMMUNITY ROOM

Milpitas Police Administration Building

1275 N. Milpitas Blvd
Milpitas, CA

July 17 SVSM "Ride
The Wave"



Sponsored by Frank Beltran

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

CASH PRIZES and PLENTY TO CHOOSE FROM



PLEASE SHARE THE JOY OF OUR HOBBY AND FRIENDS

Because it seems sometimes more than a few forget this :

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



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

