



IPMS Fremont Hornets Tri City Classic Model Contest

Fremont Elks Lodge, Fremont CA November 8th 2025



Discord Club Members in attendance: Aaron, Adam, Andrew, Angela, Brayan, David, DJ, Emilio, Jarryl, Justin, Lee, Mark, Matt, Scott, Steven, and Sydney.

The 16 of us had a great time at the 17th Tri City Classic model contest hosted by the friendly and well organized IPMS Fremont Hornets Chapter. The IPMS (International Plastic Modler's Society) Fremont Hornets have been around since 1977 and meet the second Friday of each month at Games of Fremont. Like always, they created a very welcoming atmosphere and were very accommodating.

Aaron, Adam, and Mark have been attending the IPMS Tri City Classic for years with Aaron and Mark being active members of the group. Since Char's Fantasy Model Club's founding back in 2023, those 3, along with Emilio, encouraged other members to attend and we have steadily had more members attend and participate, with the 16 members at this year's contest being a new record for attendance. On top of that, 15 of the 16 members entered in the contest.

There were over 60 categories with over 320 total entries this year. There was a total of 39 entries across the Gundam categories and a huge increase in participants in the "Wargaming warhammer et all" category for sci fi miniatures.



Left: Adam and Steven spot Aaron taking the picture.



Left: Some of the Gundam 1/100 and larger entries. Right: Our club Zaku entry for the collections category.

It was great to see more interaction between the IPMS and CFMC groups. For Jarryl, Steven, David, and Justin, it was their first time at the event and first time meeting some of the IPMS Fremont Hornets club members. They also provided a table for our group outside. Scott brought snacks as well and Aaron brought the photo booth.

Emilio and his brother were also in attendance as a vendor (GTC) and had plenty of business.

There was a huge raffle and multiple members won including Scott and Justin. We went out to Chick Fil A for lunch and then many of us helped judge the various categories.



Left: Over 20 entries in the Gundam 1/144 and smaller category. Right: Miniatures in the Wargaming category.



Left: 8 entries in the Beginner Gundam Category Right: 8 Entries in the Figures under 8 inches category.

For our group, you could argue that the largest success was getting 8 entries in the Beginner Gundam Category. Aaron previously vouched for creating the category in 2024, and the category was added but there were 0 entries. The Fremont Hornets generously allowed the category to remain. Given that most of the Gunpla community is very new when it comes to custom building, we made it a point of emphasis to enter this year. Brayan and Matt entered in that category.



Left: Some of the Gundams in the 1/144 and smaller category. Right: Sci Fi Vehicles category

Group members entered in the following categories: Civillian Aircraft, Gundam 1/144 and smaller, Gundam 1/100 and larger, Beginner Gundam, Fantasy Figures less than 8in, Fantasy Figures 9in and larger, Sci Fi Vehicles, Wargaming, and Collections.

Results

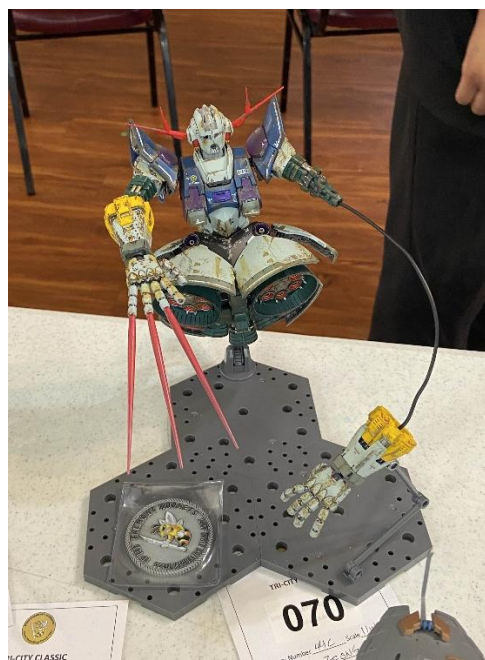
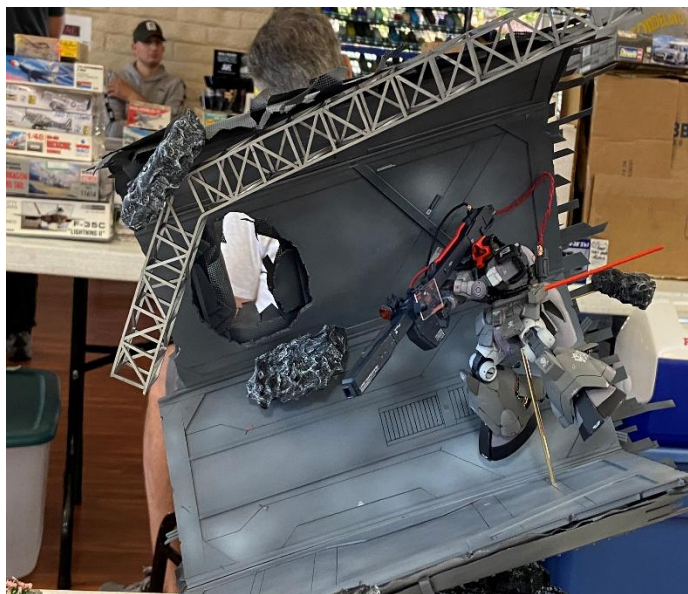
This year we had a record 10 members winning including Aaron, Adam, Brayan, Jarryl, Lee, Mark, Matt, Scott, Steven, and Sydney!



Left: Mark won 3rd for his P-510 Jelly Belly Kit. Right: Matt won 3rd for the Beginner Gundam Category



Left: Brayan 2nd place in the Gundam Beginner Category for his HG 1/144 Gundam Calibarn. Right: Matt won 1st place for Gundam Beginner Category for his HGUC 1/144 GM Sniper



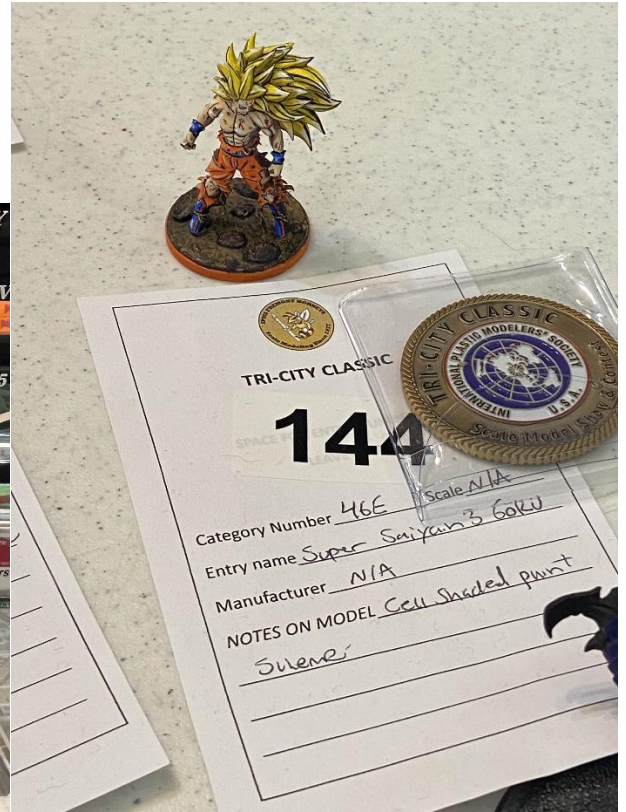
Left: Lee's 3rd Place winner in Gundam 1/144 or smaller for Dom Test Type. Right: Scott's 2nd place winner in Gundam 1/144 and Smaller for his RG 1/144 Zeong.



Left: Jarryl's 1st Place RG 1/144 2.0 Gundam RX78-2 and winner of Best Figure or Robot. Right: Steven's 2nd Place winner in Gundam 1/100 and larger Zaku Cannon.



Left: Adam's 1st Place RE 1/100 Hamma Hamma for Gundam 1/100 and larger. Middle: Steven's 2nd Place winner in Figures under 8in for Gettel Robot. Right: Aaron's 1st Place winner for Figures under 8in for Son Goku.



Left: Sydney's 2nd and 3rd place winners for Wargaming Category. Right: Aaron's 1st Place winner for Wargaming Category for Super Saiyan 3 Goku miniature.



Left: Sydney's 1st Place winner for Figures 9in and larger for Space Marine. Middle: Steven's 2nd Place winner in Sci Fi Vehicles for Space Marine Salamander Tank. Right: Sydney's "V for Villainy" miniature winner.



With 10 winners and 17 winning entries from our group including 2 special awards, it is safe to say that our team did a lot of winning this time around, including accounting for 8 of the 9 awards for the Gundam categories.

More importantly, we had a great time together and got to interact with the various IPMS chapters in attendance. For several members, it was their first time being in such a large contest.

We had a great time together including the people there for the first time. We congratulate the IPMS Fremont Hornets on yet another successful Tri City Classic Model show. We look forward to next year's Tri City Classic on November 14th 2026!