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A RACY LOOK BACK AT SVSM SEPTEMBER -



A SNAP SHOT OF A SUCCESSFUL EVOLUTION -

PLUS UPCOMING EVENTS NEAR and FAR



INVITE YOU & FRIENDS
TO
OUR

SV CLASSIC Nine

FUNDRAISER AUCTION

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON

OUR MEETING NIGHT OF FRIDAY

JANUARY 17 2025

AT OUR MILPITAS MEETING LOCATION

Community Room, Milpitas Police Department, 1275 N Milpitas Blvd, Milpitas CA

Business begins promptly 730 PM & everything must be concluded by 10 PM

ADD TO THE FUN!

BRING AN UNSTARTED MODEL KIT (or two!) THAT YOU WOULD BID MADLY FOR TO GET BACK, AS A DONATION

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



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“ AN EVER CONTINUING EDUCATION ”

What directly conspired, this Editor taking up this quixotic quest? To try illustrating how a mountainous negative obstacle was grown from a overblown molehill. Through honorable traditions and means practiced without need to change in and of themselves. Yet those same mediums without being seen to, manage to quash any reasonable attempt to make change.

Recently an experienced, solid crew of an established R-9 IPMS Chapter set out on the journey to stage their next contest and show with an Open Judging, Gold, Silver, Bronze award system. Knowing in addition to usual hard work for months ahead staging one of these entails, an extra burden was being taken on. To have reasonable chance at success, making of serious efforts to overcome much preloaded negative outlook regarding what those applied terms meant when heard by many IPMSers. Namely “GSB, Open Rules/Chicago Judging” (two more common shorthand references to same idea).

Much of this unneeded but true obstacle to success built up from years of “understanding” based upon faulty data gained Primarily, sourced, or reinforced in one or more stepped away manners yet still traceable back to a same fount I still call :

“The Hyperscale Forum IPMS NATS BS Echo Repeater Effect”.

Hyperscale changed much a few years ago, so its direct premise as a framework is now obsolete in that detail but overall form of my point derived from it, has not a bit. In an article here where I used that term, as promised I will explicate as to where it came from. What underlying point meant to convey. Such opinion shaping means can be hard to overcome at all It's of course opinion based on a particular perception of facts, other opinions. Knowing full well I am smashing on toes, threatening revered cows on altars, generally being argumentative against a majority popular grain yes, of course.

What good is editorializing if one doesn't set fire, raise some ire, but also inflame an active desire to refute or show some substantive retort rather than usual ad hominem assaults on messenger. Or repeating same tired clever sound bites that five minutes later you realized sucked you back, supporting that which was attacked only to know then you were fooled, again.

Which is the gist of “ The X forum Y Cherished Subject of Tradition Z BS Echo Repeater Effect” to put it another way

Not so long ago in an Internet Galaxy not so far far away, the long running privately owned and run website known as Hyperscale had a series of forums. Even if not a member, one could read freely those who could post or comment on all the topics offered. Any/many could/did then gather there some entertainment, information and often a great deal of much increased blood pressure. For several years I would patiently visit one general forum where often enough the IPMS USA Nationals would be for a few short weeks every year, a topic of much posting, gnashing and gnoshing. After a couple of of years that was most interesting to me also a source of grim amusement and repeat lesson in human group dynamics .

Back then, after my noting huge numbers of repeat instances of outrageous lies, misconstruals, major misunderstandings were purveyed regularly by many posters to the community. Specifically, about all aspects re IPMS USA Nationals, from how it gets even launched, funded, run, Judging operated, awards given, etcetera. This cycle had helped to me understand one big single means to incur subsequent damages wrought to the reputation, character, potential health of this event, and the parent organization. A lot of these posts and posters as it became obvious over time, weren't even close to knowing at all what they were talking about, yet they were continuing to potentially or actually shape an outsider's concept of IPMS.

I for awhile tilted at windmills to ask why the hell this was going on with no credible response from IPMS USA folk. It wasn't the responsibility of folks who ran or moderated Hyperscale to mitigate this stuff. Although the IPMS USA had a large forum presence by then, yes you could be educated aplenty on all the topics correctly that I was seeking to see the HS forums accurately reflecting, no one in IPMS Exec or otherwise seemed interested in “going to the streets”. Not at all, to even link in to stop the consistent distortions and worse. Foolish move, as I considered HS to be much more vigorously visited arena, “the street” as you might say, where one might want to have at least basics accurately portrayed in majority.

So I calmed down, accepted how much repeat BS came out every year. Dealt with on my own street level now and again so that at least on local club/community level, some truth would prevail and progress, fun again be had, - *fini mickb*

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“ NCAR – Real or Not ”

September SVSM Club Contest by Editor



Real Easy rules: ANY Racing Aircraft in history as subject is eligible, not just Reno NCAR, for “REAL”
NOT Easy rules: ANY “Fantastic” (as in re: fantasy) realization you come up with as subject, is eligible for “NOT”

September 2024 would have been the 60th anniversary of the legendary National Championship Air Races being run at Reno-Stead Airport, had real life not intervened in 2023. Instead there won't be any 2024 races run, but we can still honor and celebrate this “ultimate motorsport” here in our own way, also have some added fun doing it.

Toward this end, Now Celebrating Air Racers is the intended meaning of NCAR when decoded for the contest



Turned Out As A Real Race To The Finish for One Contestant and a Big Turnout for All

Photos/Text: Mick Burton Minutes: Chris Bucholtz



We had a great turn-out for our Unlimited Racers contest. **Mike Schwarze** showed his intentions with a couple of Mustang kits and assorted ground items, including livestock, which would have been his entry given unlimited time!





Kent McClure had his interesting WIP mistakenly assigned as work of Mark Schynert, in October OSS, due to the Editor not looking at sum total of his photographs for meeting after having divvied them up



Now correctly contextually placed (as well as fact that these parts moved during the meeting when President was running it and taking pictures...) this work of his now is known to be for sure a Pioneer Models (PM) of Turkey 1/72nd Ta-154 Moskito kit.

Kent had great fun relaying the fit issues and having to fill the gun troughs, etc. to achieve an Air Racer look.





Laramie Wright's Laird-Turner Meteor in 1:32 came from the Lindberg kit, which made its debut in 1959, but he says it's nice even for an old kit, with lots of posable options. Issues with the metallic paint kept it in a state of construction for the contest.





Dave Balderrama's 1:12 scale GB Super Sport is actually a flying model, with an electric motor under the cowling. It's made of styrofoam, and the top of the vertical fin attests to how durable it is!





Chris Bucholtz started his CMR Resins Curtiss R3C-2 in 2013, but only found time to finish it during the pandemic.





He says the hardest part of building this Schneider Cup racer was getting the struts for the floats and the rigging wires aligned properly.

As fate would have it, he wasn't the only Chris with a 1/72nd scale Schneider Cup Racer in club contest !

Chris Owczarek arrived early in the evening with this Airfix edition of the Supermarine S.6B, which is often called the Grandfather of the justifiably famed Spitfire family of fighter aircraft, birthed by the same designer





While R.J. Mitchell alas, did not live to see the incredible growth of the Type 300 (his prototype Spitfire) he did enjoy the fruits of his labor as chief designer and team leader of the “S” series racing seaplanes. Mitchell’s final, the S.6B finished the Schneider Cup races for good as there was a stipulation that if any one country should win 3 times in five year span, then they would be ended. The S.6B set a new world speed record in taking the win.



Mark Balderrama made a mighty effort to have something ready for this club contest. Trust me, I know, so there will be a “The One Racer That Got Away” article following this for emphasis (also because I happened to really like the subject)

Count that one as Mark’s first effort as you read on ahead

On the left, Mark’s third effort came as a real starter WIP, it’s a 1/144 Bell P-63A Kingcobra as flown by Charlie Tucker



This is Mark’s 1/144 F-2G-2 Super Corsair, the famous Race # 57, as he entered contest at the beginning of meeting, Now, follow on



Again, a look at his start, from the opposite side of things on the left.

The President ran the meeting and Mark kept working, as below you can see, one wing is now done and shown



Below, looking from the opposite side again, you can see Mark has gotten tailplane and wing on this model as well as the spinner



Now you see that the wings are both on, and both tailplanes, The President (and Editor) is about to go do the Judging as others go have a nice break.

Next picture is the final pose after all is over.



Really pretty dedicated and skilled work by Mark. Demonstrates very splendidly to me how paper scale models are far more than they get credit for.

Okay, a challenge for you all.

On the left and below, shots of three Air Racers.

Anyone care to guess now which one of them is in 1/48th scale and figure also which one that is NOT Real ?



Answers just ahead...



This 1/48th scale plane is a real Air Racer.

**It's a Formula I speedster called "Nemesis"
Modeled into reality by Mike Meek**

**Below, *this also is* a REAL Air Racer, called
"Mr Awesome", modeled from the High Planes
1/72nd scale kit by yes, Mike Meek**



Mike Meek enlarged the tail and clipped the wings in his Fw 190 fantasy racer, and fitted a Griffon engine to the front of it to completely change the plane's looks. *It too, is 1/72nd scale. Contrast it with the Nemesis...*





HOW IT ALL LOOKED JUST AHEAD OF AWARDS TIME

And the winners were...

The E-for-Effort award went to **Mark Balderrama** and his small-scale paper model F2G Super Corsair. He downloaded the models and launched a “panic build” to make it to the contest, but he had yet to attach the wings to the fuselage of Race 57.

In third place, with his Supermarine S.6B, was **Chris Owczarek**. Chris used the Airfix kit as his jumping-off point, finishing the model with Tamiya paints and rigging it with EZ Line.

In second place, with a 1:72 High Planes kit of Mr. Awesome, was **Mike Meek**. The plane was a Yak-11 with the tail of a T-33 and an R-3350 engine - a strangely proportioned machine Mike did nice work on.

And in first place, with his 1:48 model of the Formula 1 racer Nemesis, was **Mike Meek** again. Mike liked the model and especially the decals. The real Nemesis now hangs in the National Air and Space Museum. *-chris fini*

Now, let's see who won the prizes, hey



“NCAR-Real or Not ” SEPTEMBER SVSM Club Contest

FIRST PLACE – “ NEMESIS ” Formula One Racer in 1/48th scale

MIKE MEEK



“NCAR-Real or Not ” SEPTEMBER SVSM Club Contest

SECOND PLACE “ Mr Awesome”– Yak 11 in 1/72nd scale

MIKE MEEK



“NCAR-Real or Not ” SEPTEMBER SVSM Club Contest

THIRD PLACE – Supermarine S.6B Schneider Cup Racer in 1/72nd scale

CHRIS OWCZAREK



“NCAR-Real or Not ” SEPTEMBER SVSM Club Contest

E for EFFORT Honorable Mention – Goodyear F2G Race #57 in 1/144th scale

MARK BALDERRAMA

“The Racer That Got Away”

A Cautionary Tale of Lament by Editor and a Thank You



Above is one of only two known (to me) photographs of Mr. Mark Balderrama’s ambitious Project “ Q “ , his fervent wish to have complete by the next Friday night this one of a kind Air Racer for NCAR contest.

I took these pictures at the end of the Fremont Hornets meeting in The Games of Fremont week before, I was entirely stoked that Mark had this secret project underway and was hoping to get it done in time.

What is it you say? What the hell makes it so intriguing or at least causes inspire of such madness as this?

Therein lies the tale ...A True American Tale of Triumph, Hubris and Tragedy but also, just a model, yes

What the prototype for all this is really Curtiss Wright Aircraft Company’s literal last hurrah of fighter design family first birthed for the US Army Air Corps as the P-36 Hawk, which went on to great success.

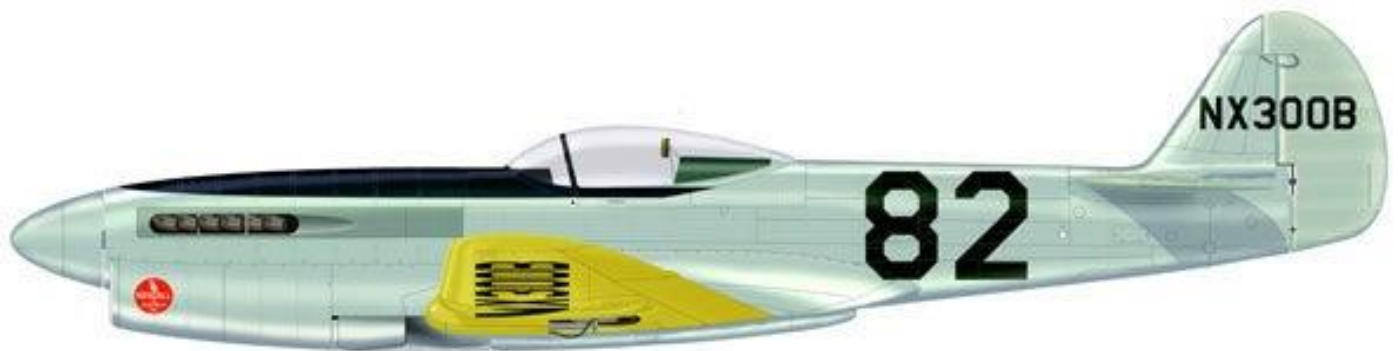
Curtiss management pushed on to economically develop design into the P-40 Warhawk, just in time to be huge help to the US and its Allies as World War Two expanded into truly global conflict for several years



The P-40 family managed to be in front line service in some form with the USAAF from US entry to exit, as not only in service terms but in production mode, after beginning as the XP-40 and ending here as the XP-40Q



This was what Mark's model entry was based on, and pretty for a postwar baby, no?



**Oh, but the literal last of the Warhawk fighter family didn't start out life looking so sharp
Mind you, after all, there was a war on, she was being crafted in situ from existing stock**

So here is how the XP-40Q-1 looked at first edition, circa 1943





Not exactly a beauty, eh? Kind of hard to even foresee what her lines would be in three...

Well, then they were working with an airframe that had been damaged in a landing accident in January 1943, a P-40K. By June 1943 this XP-40Q-1 took flight, sporting a new engine, engine air intake atop longer nose, the chin radiator & oil cooler intakes now in wing roots, but still retained standard P-40 wings and razorback canopy design features

For whatever the reasons, by November 1943 this same aircraft had undergone radical changes again. This time, chin intake was restored but in a more elegant, smoother way. Wing mount engine coolant radiators were now moved outboard of landing gear. Distinct improvement now in place as that first version bubble canopy, with rear fuselage deck cut.

Oh, and now she's being called the XP-40Q-2 . Nice sharkmouth, don't you think?



Apparently now old Hawk still had plenty of life left in her, for with these mods and still using the original new engine, she was adjudged by the USAAF test/eval pilot to be the best P-40 he'd ever flown. Excellent balance on the controls, extremely maneuverable and possessing a tight turn radius, recommended further flight testing. Worked a charm as by December 1943 an official directive to pursue building two more prototypes came along. Curtiss was still getting good returns on the aging original design stretch for little invest .

Say hello to the XP-40Q-2A. She will be seeing us again, later



The third and last prototype, the XP-40Q-3. Alas, she was not long for this world



The Q-3 had a few more refinements, was built from a P-40N, but suffered engine failure early on in its test program. By that time, USAAF knew it didn't need the Q anymore

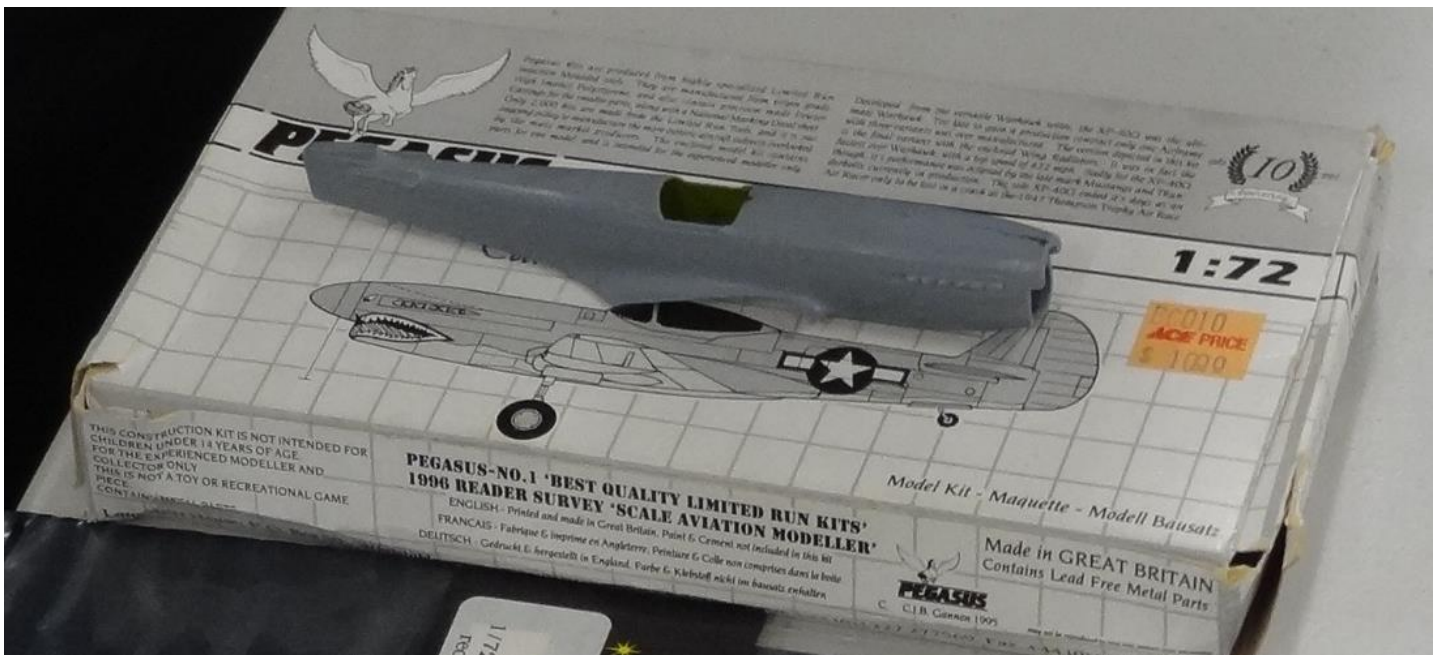


Another and larger look at the XP-40Q-2A, still in her military splendor, it's 1945 !

Below, one more look at her in her final hours, now registered as NX3008 after being purchased by Joe Ziegler in 1946 as surplus. In September 1947, although she did not qualify, Mr Ziegler started her in the Thompson Trophy race anyways. Joe was in his start of the 14th lap holding in 4th place when engine caught fire. He pulled up and out of course, bailed out of poor Race # 82 (Q-2A's final identity) to survive with a broken leg



Race 82 was not nearly so lucky, in crashing an utter loss. A tragic end to a fine last try Yet in her own way still convincingly keeping up with more modern competition to end



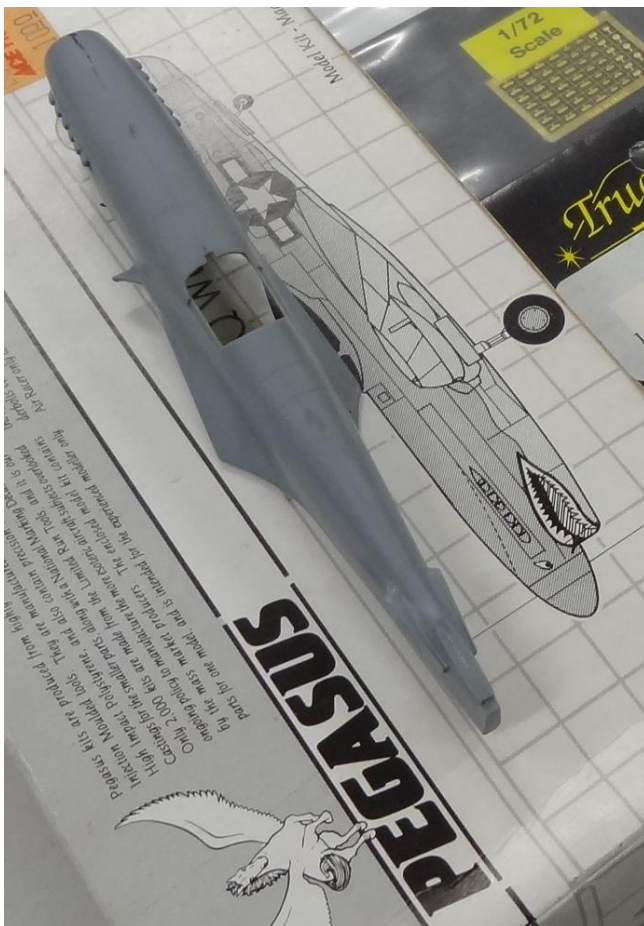
Mark showed up late to the Fremont meeting as it went, sharing with us all what he was up to.

I let him know I was impressed he was taking on the rare kit with such ferocity, for he had a lot of lovely aftermarket P-40 improvement bits.

He was learning here first hand what many of us "old codgers" knew too well, that Pegasus was like many of its contemporaries of those years, a bit more like an injection molded vacform kit

Mark had gotten a good ways along already though as you see, the fuselage persuaded to resemble the prototype craft stated on box

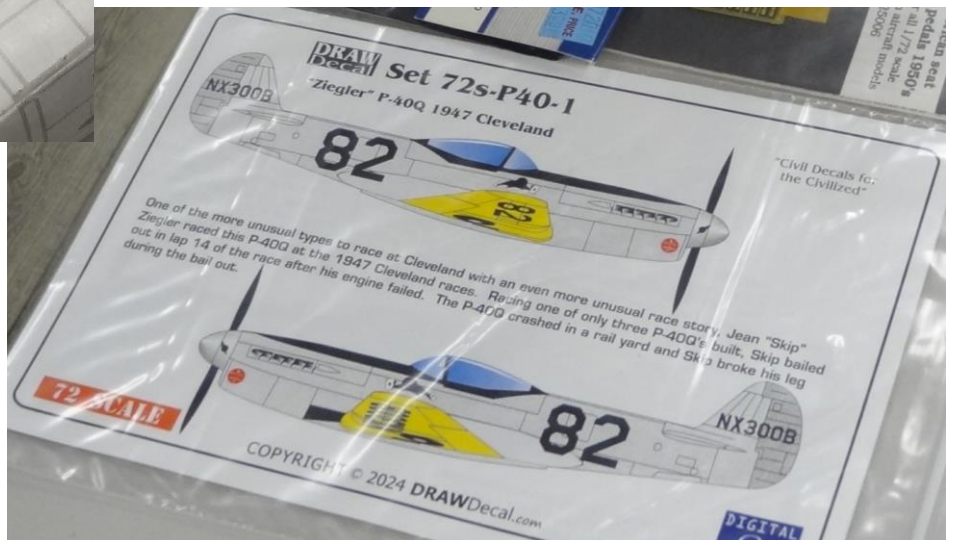
He had even gotten the colorful markings for lovely Race #82 as you see here. I had told him even if unfinished, enter club contest damn it!



He promised to go with that in mind, things were looking good.

Alas, that next Friday night he came in and shared that all of the items you see here, GONE!

Such is life, so we go on, yes. -mb



“Hats Off To The New Evolution”

A Congratulatory Shout Out to IPMS Santa Rosa for Their Show



IPMS SANTA ROSA MODEL SHOW 2024 EVOLUTION OF MODELING

ROHNERT PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
Multi Use Room
5401 Snyder Lane
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

October 12, 2024
9am to 4pm

FREE ADMISSION
Doors open at 9am
Registration from 9am to noon
25+ vendor tables

OPEN JUDGING
Awarding Gold, Silver and Bronze
Awarding Best of Category and Best of Show



MODEL ENTRY FEES
\$12 for first 3 entries for Adults
\$3 additional Adult entries and \$2 for all Juniors 17 and Under

For more info, visit us at ipmssantarosa.org

For vendor table info, contact showcoordinator@ipmssantarosa.org

FIRST THINGS FIRST – I owe a great deal of thanks to the generosity of Frank Babbitt, Louis Orsell and Postoria Aguirre for agreeing to fit me into their already set plans to drive to this show, when I humbly asked at the literal last hour during the break at the Fremont Hornets meeting. It was due to that fact that I am even able to report on any of this very excellent event, which I had held good hopes for.

MANY MANY ROUNDS of APPLAUSE and KUDOS to all who did show up to be a part of this Region Nine first, + Double that to the folks who made it come to pass at all !

For those who didn't make it for whatever the reason, a Bit of condolence as this was well worth making effort to

For those who may not have much idea or heard likely wildly or mildly inaccurate outlines of what this event was to be about: short skinny is that this was a bold try at holding a “real” Gold Silver Bronze Open Judging Competition Event for ALL Modelers, not just those in' Figures, or Armor, or Automotive, or SF/Fantasy, whom I know of as having had in niche events this sort of thing

While incredibly diverse opinions, impressions and theories abound on this subject, and have for many years been in discussions, arguments and causes of dissolution of good bonds over stupid impasses even at times, the fact is most of the Region Nine community has been ill served at really getting the good on this.

That is also true for the majority or at least a sizable enough number of the greater scale modelling lot in the IPMS USA to have made it what we saw here in microcosm when this became a firm decision to go on ahead with it by IPMS Santa Rosa for their 2024 show. Then President Dev Sodagar shared at a dinner after he and stalwart officers Jack Riggart, Dean Wallace, Chris Zanella had made trip down to our clubs South (Fremont Hornets and SVSM) on successive Friday nights, just how controversial getting this idea into play had been, Dev even had shared in his great President's Blog on their website that it became that is was near coda, "not in Region Nine, NEVER in Region Nine" would practice of "Gold Silver Bronze, Open Judging" ever be an option forgoing the traditional First, Second, Third ranking foe contesting.

I was among some others who did get across to Dev that while it was truly an uphill battle, not a lot of Folks knew or recalled that it was his club, IPMS Santa Rosa, that basically underwent the barrage of "up yours, NO WAY NOT GOING TO YOUR SHOW EVER AGAIN IF YOU DO THIS, YOU NUTS" when the then raging controversy years back was "NO SWEEPS" rule being put into place. When they first tried it, they ended up getting snagged with what for a while was not so uncommon glitch, that of the Official Internet Contest Site source pages clearly stating "NO SWEEPS" being applied however folks at the day of show came in with also Official Contest Flyers that in fact didn't say that at all, leaving them in a spot. While the entire brouhaha ended up pretty minimal impact before long, happily Exec Staff went with "Sweeps allowed today to keep peace, but in future be warned..." and the contest proceeded well.

Before too much longer, more than one club in Region Nine, and in the IPMS USA Regions at large, the "Sweeps" versus "Non Sweeps" became pretty much accepted as each host event's choice, while the USA National went solidly with NO SWEEPS and has stayed so ever since. The Society hasn't disintegrated on this line in the sand, any clubs that have passed into history that I am aware of didn't suffer their fate on any basis of choice yay/nay on this matter (more often they go due to stupid decisions on handling money or membership issues like forgetting there is a hell of a lot of modelers, but not so many social modelers, and nearly all of either variety don't need any of the organizations as much as the latter need them...)

SO, while I am to this day still an inveterate "Sweeps" proponent, I don't die on any swords with that on handle, attend happily any events regardless of "judging (or not)", participate when I can in doing that vital deed where it's required (plenty of time before and after "No Sweeps" at the IPMS Nats as a Judge, trust me, MUCH easier with the No Sweeps from my take, and I don't see it needing to be changed ever)

Once Dev and crew set out on this journey, they did that hard work which in our conversations at dinner and plenty after, work on true seed to success in launching this endeavor regardless of outcome plus fight the inevitable. What I call the "Hyperscale Forum IPMS NATS BS Echo Repeater Effect" even now, long since where that materially came from having now become dust in proverbial bin. Doing EDUCATION

Not the pedantic, "I know IT, I am the Teacher/Prof/Proctor/Smug Snot at front of room and you are Unworthy Know Nothings here to take my wisdom pearls on IT unquestioningly from me" education.

No, more like "I do know from community I come from, how this idea is applied in practice, I am new to your community and I now have some idea how we both have some critical misunderstandings of each of our respective means, methods and cherished practices, so let's try to come up with a mutually workable first try at this which has no reason objectively why it can't work in your environs, if given fair hearing" type of collaborative, informed and cooperative intelligent effort at getting across what we're doing here

Which is to continue to have some serious fun, seriously. While still viciously competing, seriously...

While we try to upend some traditional practices with worthy new ones that will of course need wring out to have any chance at becoming (don't wince or whinge now) through process of Evolution, new tradition

As for now, any further explication of my "Hyperscale Forum Effect" will be found on Editorial page here

With that in play, shortly enough, what came to pass was impressive and effective as could be in my book

Dev, Chris Z, Jack Riggart for three, made sure many of us had chance to get in our hands pretty quickly hard copy basic primers on how the whole “ Open Judging for IPMS Region Nine for IPMS SR Show” was planned to work in operation, along with an easily found Web page linkage to much the same:

<https://www.ipmssantarosa.org/2024/04/02/a-guide-to-open-judging/>

Dev, never letting the wonderful chance as “the new guy” to go out and get things out there as nothing to lose if nothing ventured, nothing in the “bound by histories and traditions” to temper bold thrust/parry, kept up a lively “hey, if you think I am effing balmy bonkers to even promote this idea, well fine you go ahead show up in force for my show and make sure not to miss chance to show me you told me so!” on his President’s blotter or in his delightful email correspondence. The process for doing this program right, a never in doubt issue to me, especially as I didn’t find too much close mindedness going on when someone would actually take time to interpret what was being put forth versus shunning it without investing time.

So while the several months passed from ‘ Evolution of Modelling “show announcement in late Fall ’23 and firmed up as just that theme in early ’24 for arrival October 2024, very excellent and earnest work was done getting the pieces in place, which did show up in paying off when date to deliver arrived. More so when you find out how many entrants and entries showed up, to go with some surprise staffing stress

One of those surprises was that Mr Dev, the champion of this nifty new wrinkle, had to miss this event because his bloody employer saw fit to send him to New York state a week before and while we all had this fun he was working that day! Crap reward if I ever heard of one. The incredible huge multi wave raffle that was held during the day, morning and afternoon, ran extremely well, thank you again to the inestimable Mr David Balderrama, sons Mark and DJ for making that magic come to pass. They were already on board to again be working that gig, but lo the local chieftain of the SR club who was to help carry this off ended up with a medical issue that completely sidelined him so he too missed his own show

David and sons smoothly ran the sales, emcee, action portions of the raffle as if they were meant to be all chained to the front stage for the day, without a hitch. There were a lot of great things to win, also

There were other hard turns that could have made things difficult however I won’t belabor any others I Learnt of , for the important point was they didn’t faze the hardworking fast moving crew all day long at Getting this event happening. Remember, from admission opening there was going to be Judging going on pretty much full time, as literally every entry would be getting a thorough look over not just a good first or second vetting to whittle them down to a final few to pick 3 winners from in each class. All in all seemed to me at least, that process worked pretty damned well for first time at a live show. I found out at lunch that the turnout was a RECORD SETTER for them. Well over 100 more models than the prior show which had the “No Sweeps, 1-2-3 plus Special Awards” framing most of Region is used to now at a Santa Rosa show. Also keep in mind that this was a first time at this location for them, I know that fun !

SO here were the categories, and as I said, learned that turnout unofficially 80 entrants, well over 300 entries

Categories:

- 1 Aircraft/Spacecraft (Military and Civilian)*
- 2 Automotive and Motorcycles*
- 3 Armor (all military vehicles)*
- 4 Figures (Sci-Fi, Fantasy and Historical)*
- 5 Diorama*
- 6 Miscellaneous (vignette, etc.)*
- 7 Ships*
- 8 Sci-Fi and Fantasy*
- 9 Gundam*
- 10 Junior (12-17 years of age)*
- 11 Kids (under 12 years of age)*



Opening hours at the new locale, as you can see already plenty of items going into competition and vendors galore around you



A look at the Award Coinage at the beginning of day, the Gold, Silver, Bronze of course. As we would be reminded at the end again this is NOT a Participation Award, and I may have room to show at the end the remains of the day for these to emphasize that.





Those Special Awards for Best of Category and Show were truly special alright, yes that's Sonoma County Wine spirits in bottle Here is David Balderrama at the raffle helm moving things quite nicely and rapidly along. Oh, yes the tables did get cleared at end





UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 10-25-24

Saturday, October 26 2024

IPMS/ Antelope Valley Group host their CONTEST & Show at Desert Christian High School, Lancaster CA

Friday, November 08 2024

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at GAMES of FREMONT in #200 Fremont Hub, Fremont

Friday thru Monday , November 08 to 11 2024

IPMS/ Dragon Lady Scale Modelers host Joy of Models display model show at Yuba-Sutter City Mall, Yuba City CA

Saturday, November 09 2024

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their CONTEST & Show TriCity SIXTEEN “ Clear And Present Danger “ at Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, 38991 Farwell Dr, Fremont CA

Friday, November 15 2024

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meet at MPD Community Room with themed “ N is for ... “ Club Contest

Friday , December 13 2024

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their Holiday meeting at GAMES of FREMONT in #200 Fremont Hub, Fremont

Friday, December 20 2024

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers Holiday meet at MPD Community Room “ Pirate’s Pleasure ”

Saturday, January 04 2025

NNL WEST host their 40th and LAST NNL WEST in HALL A, Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara CA

Friday, January 10 2025

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at GAMES of FREMONT in Fremont Hub, Fremont

Friday, January 17 2025

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. (**SUPER AUCTION club contest**)

Saturday, January 18 2025

IPMS/Dragon Lady Yuba City host their DRAGONFEST 2025, Hope Point Nazarene Church, Yuba City CA

Saturday, February 01 2025

IPMS/ Fresno host “**SPRUE BOWL II** “ their contest & model show at The C.P.D.E.S. Portuguese Hall of Fresno, 172 W Jefferson Avenue, Fresno CA. **THEME is “50th Anniversary of the end of The Vietnam War”**

Friday, February 14 2025

IPMS/ Fremont Hornets host their meeting at GAMES of FREMONT in #200 Fremont Hub, Fremont

Friday, February 21 2025

IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers meeting at MPD Community Room. (**no club contest yet**)

Saturday, May 17 2025

IPMS/ Silver Wings host their SILVERCON 2025 at Town & Country Lutheran Church and School, 4049 Marconi Ave, Sacto CA Theme is TBA

Desert Classic XXVI

IPMS Region 8

Saturday October 26th 2024

Presented by
The
Antelope Valley Group
IPMS AVG



Event Location:
Desert Christian High School
2340 W. Ave J-8, Lancaster CA
-In the Gymnasium

This Year's Theme:
"80th Anniversary"
"D-Day"

Categories

Provisions for Splits provided as required

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: All Scales & Types
12. Submarines: All Scales & Types
13. Military Vehicles Small Scale 1/36 & Smaller All Types
14. Tanks/Assault Guns Closed Top -1945 & Earlier (1/35 & Larger)
15. Tanks/Assault Guns Closed Top 1946 & Later (1/35 & Larger)
16. Artillery & Open Top Self Propelled Guns (1/35 & larger)
17. Military Vehicles Tracked (1/35 & Larger)
18. Military Vehicles Wheeled (1/35 & Larger)
19. Auto Factory & Replica Stock
20. Auto Street Machine & Hot Rods
21. Auto Cruisers, Customs, Low Riders
22. Auto Competition Straight & Oval Track
23. Auto: Motorcycles & Miscellaneous
24. Commercial & Construction Vehicles
25. Figures: Historical
26. Figures: Fantasy/Sci-fi/Wargame 53mm & smaller
27. Figures: Fantasy / Sci-fi Biologic Types
28. Dioramas: All Compositions
29. Vignettes
30. Gundam / Mechs / Robots / Sci-Fi Spacecraft
31. Humor in Modeling (All type and scales)
32. Miscellaneous
33. Jurassic Plastic (OOB Rules) Instructions Required
34. Tom Daniel Creations
35. Juniors: 17 & Under

Special Awards

Theme Award: "80th Anniversary - D-Day"
Best of Show
Presidents Award
David Newman X-Plane Award
Best Auto Finish
Trophy Hound Award
Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy Subject
Silk Purse Award
F-16 50th Anniversary

Schedule:

Registration 9:00 AM to Noon
Judging 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Awards Presentation 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Fees:

Adult: \$12.00 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 Contacts:

Vendor Contact
<http://www.avg-imps.org>

Curtis Stidham (661) 267-0089 cbstidham@sbcglobal.net

THEN LAST BUT FAR FROM LEAST, COMING RIGHT UP IN NOVEMBER :



TRI-CITY CLASSIC XVI

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition



Saturday, November 09 2024

at the Fremont Elks Lodge , 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, California 9am - 5pm

67 Categories of Competition in Aircraft, Autos, Figures, Ships, Military Vehicles, Space & Fictional, and Paper Kits

“ Clear And Present Danger ”

(On Theme Entry Subject: anything from USA, Cuba or Central/South America or directly related)

NEW Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are:

“ Operation Reciprocity ” Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

“ Triple Threat ” (three awards: Best: USCG Subject, Special/Black Ops Subject, Single Rotary Wing Subject)

“ Semper Fidelis ” Award for Best Post 1985 USMC subject

ALSO “Mulieres Volante” for Women In Aerospace Entry & “Know A Hornet’s Mighty Sting” for Best American Fighter Aircraft

Plus these: “ Best Twin Engine Lightning “, “ 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 18 & older w/FIVE model entries/less (\$15 for **SIX or more**) Any 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 16 Contest” on subject line

The following are planned for 2024 TriCity Classic XVI. Entrants should not plan for nor expect splits. **SWEEPS ALLOWED** in REGULAR CATEGORIES. (Not for Specials)

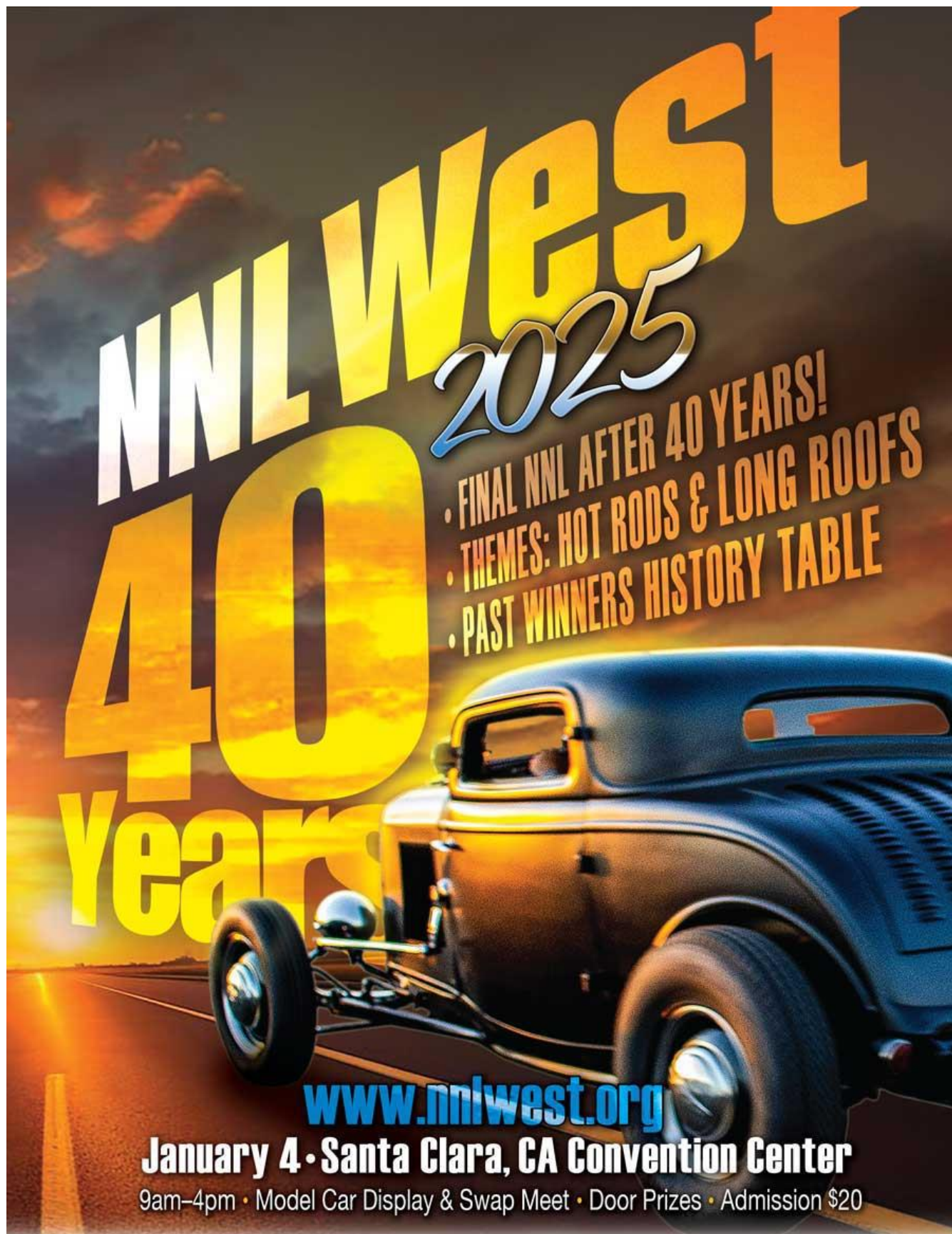
Cat #	Category Description	Youth = (12 & Under)	Junior = (13-17)	Senior (18 and up)	AS = All Scales	AS/AT = All Scales / All Types
1A	Youth Aircraft AS/AT	1B Youth Automotive	1C Youth Mil Vehicles	2A Youth SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures	2B Youth All Other	
3A	Junior Mil Vehicles	3B Junior Automotive	3C Junior SF/Fantasy/Veh & Figures	3D Junior Ships/All Other	4 Junior Aircraft AS/AT	
5	Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/32 & larger	11	Multi Engine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/72			
6	Biplanes/Fabric & Rigging, 1/48 & smaller	12	Single Engine Prop or Turbo Axis 1/48			
7	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Axis	13	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/48 Allied/Neutral			
8	Single Engine Prop or Turbo 1/72 Allied/Neutral	14	Multi Engine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/48			
9	Multi Engine Prop or Turbo Aircraft 1/72	15	Single Engine Jet/Rocket Aircraft 1/48			
10	Single Engine Jet or Rocket Aircraft 1/72	16	Multi Engine Jet/Rocket 1/48			
17	Aircraft 1/87 scale and smaller	22	Rotary Wing Aircraft, AS/AT			
18	Aircraft Prop or Turbo 1/40 and larger	23	Artillery and related ancillary vehicles, Cannons, unmounted Small Arms, AS			
19	Aircraft Jet 1/40 and larger	24	Surface Ships 1/401 & Smaller			
20	Air Racers/Civilian Air, AS	25	Surface Ships 1/400 & Larger			
21	Air Liners AT/AS	26	Submarines, AS			
27	Autos Custom & Low Rider, AS	34	Military Softskin 1/35			
28	Automobiles Competition, Open Wheel, AS	35	AFVs & Military Softskin 1/48 only			
29	Automobiles Competition, Closed Wheel, AS	36	AFVs & Military Softskins 1/25 & Larger			
30	Motorcycle/Autos, Other, (Stock, Utility, Pickups) AS	37	AFVs Military Softskin 1/50 & Smaller			
31	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Allied	38	Real Space, Capsules, Orbiters & Deep Space Vehicles, AS			
32	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 Axis	39	Real Space, EARTH Based Launch Vehicles ONLY, AS			
33	Armored Fighting Vehicles 1/35 1955 & later	40	Real Space, Surface Exp/Land Craft, & Earth bound test subjects, AS			
41	Missiles & Rockets, All Types/All Scales	47	Sci Fic Vehicles/Spacecraft, AS	52	PAPER Models, AS/AT	
42A	8” or less tall Figures Fantasy & Sci fi, Horror, Robots	48	Figures, Historical, to 18 th Century	53A	(Less) UNFINISHED Subjects	
43B	9” & taller Figures Fantasy & Sci Fi, Horror, Robots	49	Figures, Historical, 19 th Century & beyond	54B	UNFINISHED (More) Subjects	
44C	GUNDAM Models, ONLY, 1/144 scale & smaller	50A	Dioramas, 8”/smaller base	55	Collections (5 or More subject), AS/AT	
45D	GUNDAM Models, ONLY, 1/143 scale & larger	51B	Dioramas, 9” & up larger	56	Miscellaneous, AS/AT	
46E	SciFi Wargaming Subjects ONLY (Warhammer, et al)	57	GUNDAM Beginners ONLY, All Scales (if you've never competed in Gundam, this is for you!)			

Special Awards in addition to traditional First/Second/Third place are: (Please Note: **NO SWEEPS** in Special Awards)

- “ Operation Reciprocity ” Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme
- “ Triple Threat ” Award (3) Best “USCG”, “Special/Black Ops”, “Single Shaft Rotary Wing” Subject
- “ Semper Fidelis ” Award Best Post 1985 USMC Subject (Real or Not)
- “ Mulieres Volante ” Award for Women In Aerospace Subject Entry
- “ Know A Hornet’s Mighty Sting ” for Best American Fighter Aircraft, in honor of Sir Bob 1759 OBE
- “ Lightning Strikes Twice ” : Best English Electric or Lockheed Lightning, Arado Blitz (all are Twin Engine Lightning)
- “ Kenneth Jung Memorial Award ” Contest Director’s Choice
- “ Steve Travis Service Award ” Recognition for Service to Fremont Hornets or Region Nine
- Awards Best in Category for: Fig or Robot; Auto; Ship or SpaceShip; Aircraft; Armor; Diorama, Show Senior, Show Junior or Youth
- “ **IT FIGURES Lester Tockerman Memorial Award** ” 3 set Junior/Youth Awards, Given by MIRANDCO in honor of a great man and contributor



THEN OPENING 2025
THIS IS IT – THE 40th and LAST SHOW



NNL West
40 Years
2025

- FINAL NNL AFTER 40 YEARS!
- THEMES: HOT RODS & LONG ROOFS
- PAST WINNERS HISTORY TABLE

www.nnlwest.org
January 4 • Santa Clara, CA Convention Center
9am–4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$20

TWO WEEKS LATER the first Region 9 show for 2025



PRESENTS
DRAGON FEST 2025
MODEL EXPO

SPONSORED BY FAST TRACK HOBBIES

JANUARY 18TH, 2025

9:00 am. To 4:00 pm.

HOPE POINT NAZARENE CHURCH

600 N. GEORGE WASHINGTON BLVD.

YUBA CITY, CA 95993

Vendor tables, Buy, Sell, or Trade.

Vendor set up from 8:00 to 9:00

Vendor space is limited. First come first served.

New expanded categories with multiple People's Choice awards in each category.

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Doors open at 9:00, Registration from 9:00 to 12:00

Entry Fees:

Adults and Juniors 16 and up \$6.00 for the first model

\$2.00 per additional entry.

Juniors 15 and under \$2.00 for the first model \$1.00 for each

additional entry.

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***WITH A NEW ANNOUNCED FOR TWO WEEKS AFTER
GO REGION NINE BROTHERS & SISTERS:***

IPMS FRESNO SCALE
MODELERS PRESENTS:

SPRUE BOWL II

SCALE MODEL SHOW & CONTEST



**THEME:
50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE END OF THE
VIETNAM WAR**

Saturday, February 1, 2025, 9am - 4pm



**C.P.D.E.S. Portuguese Hall of Fresno
172 W Jefferson Ave, Fresno, CA 93706**

- Model Kit Raffle | Vendor Area | 45+ Categories
- Contest Entry: 5 models or less \$10; 6+ models \$15
- Junior (17 & Under) Entries Unlimited & FREE!
- General Public: Free Admission
- Awarding 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each category
- Best Of & Special Awards (see reverse side)
- Registration Ends 11:30; Judging 12:30; Awards 3:00

6ft Vendor Table \$40; \$35ea for 2+ tables

Contact: John Ballman john_ballman@att.net



*IPMS membership is not required for contest entry. C.P.D.E.S., IPMS Fresno Chapter,
& IPMS USA not liable for damage, theft, or any loss to personal property.*

STILL YET TWO OTHERS ALREADY BOOKED for later on !!

UNOFFICIAL FLYER from MIRANDCO



SILVERCON 2025

Saturday, May 17, 2025
9AM

Town & Country Lutheran Church and School
4049 Marconi Avenue Sacramento CA

Contact : Eddie Andres ejandres@hotmail.com

THEME is TBD stay tuned

SILICON VALLEY SCALE MODELERS PRESENT



Silicon Valley Classic 2025 *scale model contest and expo*

**Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Fremont Elks Lodge
38991 Farwell, Drive, Fremont, California**

Special Awards for

**Best V-subject-Best Victory in Europe Subject-Best Victory in the Pacific
Subject-Best V-8-Powered Automobile-Best Operation Desert Storm Sub-
ject-Best Vietnam Subject-Angelo Deogracias Award – Best Competition Car**

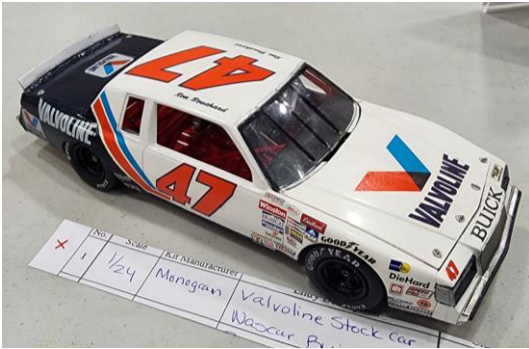
Over 50 regular categories • Huge raffle • Vendors

For more information visit www.svsm.org or call (510) 599-1526

November SVSM Club Contest by Editor

“ N is for ... ”

Another Fun With Alphabet with of course, another twist. Since November is traditionally last meeting calendar where Models/Model Talk are main agenda, often have some notoriously odd or offbeat theme Club Contest. E.g.; Turkeys, TOWS, Tailfins and Twins, Tanksgiving, stuff like that. This year, the Editor is sponsoring this mixing of myriad model concepts with Notable letter in synchronicity with month, it's vowel driven in a way but otherwise it just his usual madness. See below:



Right Now, this is Qualifying Model Entrant Node Mode:

- 1 A = N is for Naval or NASCAR or Natter or Nachtjager or Nakajima
- 2 E = N is for Neutrals or Next Generation or NENE (*the jet engine, its immediate derivatives. For this, merely look it up on Wikipedia for one source, learn of the aircraft that had this engine or its equivalent, some good subjects*)
- 3 I = N is for Nippon (anything Japanese) Pretty basic, think on it or Nieuport
- 4 O = N is for Northrop or North American or Nord (the seed that started this)
- 5 U = N is for Nuclear (powered, or armed, or directly related to)

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.*

