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The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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October 29 2013



Somehow managing to wing it for now over 36 years...

Welcome

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Reminder of Upcoming Nest 11 – 8 - 13

Short schedule of upcoming near meets and events of possible interest to Hornets and their friends

Review Pages for flogging one last time, Hornet TriCity NINE staged last month !! With HISTORY TEST AFTER...

HEY Someone told me something about Free HORNETS having a TENTH TriCity Event ! Is this true?

YET ANOTHER bloody MODEL Building ARTICLE from someone. What is this, a modeler club ?

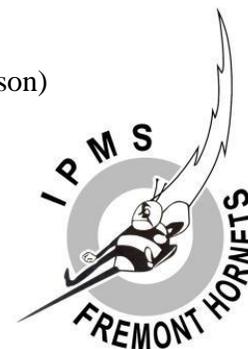
PREVIEW OF A POSSIBLE GAME FOR HOLIDAY (will be determined at November's Nest, members willing)

A LOOK BACK FROM THE FRONT – Review of our latest 2013 meeting, in October

THE Latest BUZZ (as of October 29 2013 midafternoon)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor (& Hornets Treasurer a Deux, Current Contest Director for 2013/14 season)

YES! Now #13 In case you are a new reader, the Issue number is off by one always, since #0 was outset of this lark. That clarified or muddied, let's get to some actual important business!



-LUCKY 13 IS BETTER LATE THAN EVER-

BECAUSE there's a Free Hornets Website (actually 3, linked), I have finally gotten myself to relax and pace this creation borne in part, out of anger, and lo ! Here 'tis. Last issue (#11) had left this laptop on August 5, then eve of the IPMS USA "Thin Air Nats" plus counting down 55 days from Hornets go to Holland (aka TC-9)

Being Webnaut for those 3 sites and two more, Editor of two other *definitely monthly* publications, plus again finding need to continue two gainful (per se) employments, while attempting to Direct a Contest, tends to catch up on one now and again. Not a plea of self inflicted martyrdom, just framing. As said, having Hornets "comm channel" online meant to me, not out of touch.

Have now *plenty* of material to gas on about in various nooks and model crannies, with some time managing to do just that. ☺ This is the last major writing I expect to be doing on TriCity Nine, a blessed event borne of mirth. TriCity X is now launched ! I got my insane wish to be in nominal charge of its delivery, the IPMS UK is days away from having their Golden Anniversary show at Telford (some of me wishes I could make this one my 4th Telford, alas can only hope Woodrow takes/shares photos) The Hornets Annex is days away from completing a month long Final Journey memorial page to Alum Hornet Fred Shammas, now I am looking forward to just getting chance to publish this and BREATHE relief. *Wow, two months off goes by fast – mickb*

The Hornets Nest Night coming up Friday November 8 @ Irvington Locale WILL BE

A LAST for 2013 BUILDFEST, Model Talk & Minimal Business Night

Saturday, December 7 2013 – IPMS Silver Wings host **Silvercon 2013**, Theme "Days of Infamy: Pearl Harbor to Guadalcanal", Sacto, CA
Friday, December 13, 2013 – IPMS Fremont Hornets Meeting Probable "Holiday Meeting Nonsense & Whatsuch" @ usual time and place.
Friday, January 10 2014 – IPMS Fremont Hornets Meeting Irvington Community Center, SPECIAL "Double Dutch" Contest Theme Night !
Saturday, February 01 2014 – NNL West Show 2014 "1964" theme, Santa Clara Convention Center Hall A, Santa Clara CA
Saturday, February 15 2014 – IPMS Sonoma County host Hobby Expo. Theme "TBA" Petaluma Comm'y Center, Petaluma CA
Saturday, April 5 2014 – IPMS Silicon Valley Scale Modelers host **FIRST SV Classic** Theme "1964" Napredak Hall, San Jose, CA
Sunday, September 28 2014 – IPMS Fremont Hornets host **TriCity 10**, Theme "Out of Africa" MCC Main Auditorium, Milpitas, CA

Some Aftermath News TRI-CITY CLASSIC 9

Which was hosted by us on Sunday, September 29 2013

With a Dutch / Netherlands for Geo Reference, Cinematically frame featured as
" *Soldier of Orange* "



TEXT AND PHOTOS: CONTEST DIRECTOR, MICK BURTON unless otherwise noted

Volumes of material can be produced and often have. Digesting, dissecting, lauding and yes more often abundantly, decrying this, that or another event after its hosts have delivered. One of my own chairborne pursuits last few years has been to quietly forecast , then data collect/mine a trove enough for a few weeks, the “annual thrashing of IPMS USA Nationals Process, Practice and Locales” from the common lens of Hyperscale’s Plane Talking Forum. Amusing, infuriating or incredibly inane, occasionally richly informative or (gasp) enlightening in a positive useful to a Contest Director manner way. One thing about this, is it’s eerily consistent.

Thanks to my keeping statistics and deep data for this club’s Annual Classic (TriCity) for now 9 seasons alongside that for 15 seasons of the SVSM Kickoff, I can appreciate “consistencies” and “supposed wisdoms” of the “anonymous knowledgeable audience” on the whole subject of “model competitions/shows” somewhat more acutely than some may. Best part is how it can be translated into one’s having fun and not being too easily dismayed when participating or being “nominally responsible” for putting one of these hairy beasts on.

This fall’s Free Hornets hosted party definitely gave the thumbs up to that particular premise, and now we’ll give it a look/see from the clearly biased eye of the TC-9 Contest Director.

Dutch Themed “Soldier of Orange” TriCity Nine provided a solid return for investment of all concerned, even with smaller resource pool, very encouraging. *Our key staff was* of course *why*, starting with the modest gentleman sitting below left. Kent McClure has dealt with my manic emails, frantic hand waving and need for emergency loans without



batting an eye, for several now TriCity shows. You see, for us to even have a shot at holding the event at Milpitas Comm’y Center, you first of course, do have to actually secure it !

Not hard you say, just walk in and ask for the date, deposit if asked to, and go to it. Yep, in theory that’s it. In practice, no.

Kent happens to be one of the two (ONLY) Milpitas Hornets

we have for Active duty. To even get a chance to book the facility a year in advance, you MUST BE A RESIDENT. Get real if you think we can ever hope to secure this facility on a date we can use, with only the 6 months window of opportunity for “non residents”

Kent deals with my pressing him to find time from his life and high stress job to get out during MCC weekday work hours to do the deed of forecasting, then securing when time comes, date from the VERY FEW available. Now that task also includes a backup insurance plan he sponsors (this relieves us of a stress on timing/communications btwn us and MCC, don’t ask) and also a short term loan of few hundred deposit dollars. Then, of course, AGAIN REQUIRED TO BE DONE IN PERSON, he finds time on time, to pay the remainder monies ahead of event for me then gets repaid. Then, he ends up as you see here, WORKING HALF THE DAY AT THIS REGISTRY along with also very patient Brian Sakai, This year I had them all the tools ahead of time EXCEPT forgot the damned extra copies of category listings so Brian used his own technology to save us until I got time to print some.

So keep in mind, every year you’re at a TriCity, these two are major reasons you had fun and didn’t have to do anything else or had nothing really to complain of.

In shot upper right, a very good view across the main auditorium, midday of TC-9 and **one great project** well delivered thanks to Exec Staff of this Make’n Take. Awards were even handled completely by them this turn, utterly made my day! Christine & Dave Anderson only asked to be paid back the 50 dollars shipping cost



for the IPMS USA provided kits. Entire Event M&T was planned, executed and any problems dealt with, by them. Plus of course their newest staffer, Lily Liu, from start to finish . Made my Contest Direction so much more manageable and enjoyable ! thank you three majorly.

Also thanks to another Dave & Kris, sons Mark, Max Balderrama, along with Friend Carlos, for help there as well, besides being “customers” Make ‘n Take featured its own “DOE” contest, a best single day turnout for M&T (20+ !) **Again, ALL due to the M&T Team’s efforts.**

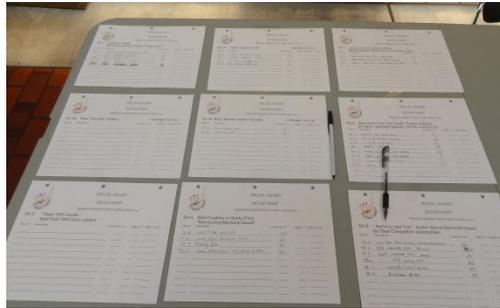


Now at that “popular wisdom” for a while. Sundays are death for event schedule, *NOT*. This TC-9 had 58 entrants, 197 model entries and over 235 models put on competition tables, when you get chance to review our 9 years in summary table (at end of all this, new article) easily shows an INCREASE and stability both.



The actual attendance of the event, as analyzed by me afterwards, had a HEALTHY 30 percent change in Entrants demographics. Another one of those “usual suspects” traps the “street wise” don’t fathom. If we hadn’t had such a strong turn of “new” entrants, then a lack of “the usual crowd” could easily have made some less undaunted Contest crews decide “not worth the effort” or Club “can’t afford to chance losing too much money” There are a few clubs who have folk that can quickly relate being too dependent on “the wisdom of the usual” can prove terminal.

TC-9 provided all sorts of great reinforcement that offering a mix of our own trademark signatures along with the safe and expected”, is no impediment to a win.



In comparison to TC-8 which expanded categories of TC-7, saw nice difference. Good turnout in 3 of the 4 Junior/Youth categories, some seen on the right. TC-8 had NONE. TC-7 had less than a third of TC-9 entries.

Aircraft categories had no splits, abysmal numbers in several “oh but those are ALWAYS FILLED” categories (by conventional wisdom) Armor categories I provided in TC-8 to abysmal numbers but stated in review would hold up for TC-9 weren’t even supported (so much for “1/48 and 1/72 armor needing only respect of own categories”...) In Automotive, high quality but light numbers. “Unfinished”, “Collections”, “Historical Figures”, “Hypothetical Veh” “Real Space” were among the pleasing new or repeat “unusual turnouts” defying “popular wisdom” Shrinkage of categories still isn’t in the cards, as I have a three year model for reliable framing of contests which hasn’t moved me to change for TC-X. But if certain “popular” divisions in Aircraft and Armor don’t improve numbers, we’ll see.





GRUPPE BUILD & Other Collective Surprises. Free Hornets, be proud, as we managed to show a decent result for “Snap 2 It” Gruppe Build entry. A very grand SEVEN total entries filled out the Collections category, which in TC-8 had a pretty large showing too, this surpassed. Gabriel Lee’s Scooby van, Laramie Wright’s Hurricane, Chris & Dave Anderson’s F-18, Camaro, Chrissy’s “Planes of Planes” joined my V-2 & P-40 to “centerpiece” table. Details on the other six competitors follow, thanks to all for competing. ☺



First, among the honored also runs...my insurance entries. “Mustangs Foreign” and “ Domestic”. Lost a few more parts in their passage, but made credible show. Next to the 1/48 Domestic, my “Foreign MBTs in Foreign Service” in 1/35. Tamiya’s M41 Walker Bulldogs in JGSDF, PRC in Korean War 1953 service T-34 by DML, lastly my favorite one in group, NVA T-34/85 from the DML ‘Nam series. “Insurance” entries from standpoint of this Contest Director who’s long been a champion of this category for local or regional contests, don’t like to miss chance to “show it” and have yet to “trust to fates” with other entrants showing up.

Our TC-7 had 4 entries for this, TC-8 saw 4 too, so having 7 was great. Even more grand was like in my TC-8, winners of awards here were not the “usual” folks.



From Seaside, CA Lester Tockerman took home 3rd for “Templar Knights” (far left)

Lester also had 2nd for group on right, “Ancient Greeks”

Break out Ouzo !



Perhaps a creative response to fact TriCity Classic doesn't have that fancy split that SVSM does, namely “AFV, 1/35 scale, Shermans or Sherman Based Only” or it's an after effect of that contest's category, either way, Laramie Wright took home a 1st.

For his mighty 1/35 Shermans Only (Family) Collection that you can make out, left.

Laramie's and Lester's winning entries did more than just get some of those awards I slaved over creation table, out of my inventory in a good way. They were like Tom Leutzing's 1st place winning collection of Racing Cars, Cuong Tran's 2nd and 3rd “Thunderbolts (A-10s & P-47s)”, “American Trucking Collection” from TC-8, last year. All excellent examples of variety in model collections, a magnificent value for the “viewing public” and great draw cards for making the Contest Director's day.



Real Space/Missiles turnout also made the CD's joy occur, as you see, as 4 entries! All of them off the usual path as well. Pegasus “civilian” space booster, Atlas-SLV and Saturn 1B aren't exactly “regulars” at local contests here. Saturn V either, for a big piece of work it is in any scale ! .

Most amusing and amazing really, was that this turnout stomped contestant output for 1/72 Single Engine Jet (2), 1/72 Single Engine Prop Axis (3), 1/72 ME Prop (2), 1/48 Single Engine Prop Axis (1) (correct, one, and not even German!) categories of which “common sense and everyone agrees” would be far more filled vs.Real Space

Being a veteran of several contests from the administrative and Exec angle for few years helps belay judgement calls that some make more easily to their dismay later.

Another case of where the too trusting in “The Usual Suspects” will find selves of a mind “how could this be?” whereas “nerdmetrics” will quietly deal and smile some.

Well, looks like time to call the ball and wrap up TC-9 best we can on next page –

Like I said, it defies all “convention” that only at *the Last Minute*, yes mean literally, was there a third ME Jet, 1/72 in Category: Entrant #58, Entry # 197 (last one in) thus making a “full” competition here



L.A.’s Ed Souza had his fine B-47E, Mark Rezac came in 1st with Me-262 Prototype and the unseen (hadn’t arrived yet) F-4J Phantom II by Azusa Ono of Berkeley, took 2nd.



A pleasing pair (but geez, **only 2 1/48 ME Jets?**), A-37 and Sea Vixen ☺



Another review of Raffle VP (and current President!) Mike’s exquisite work getting us a grand set of prizes for the TriCity Nine

Then some more lauding, and a minor but important correction to an earlier review by this writer of this event, for another publication. Those subjects that showed up for theme “Soldier of Orange, anything Dutch/Netherlands related “ were universally good and plenty. *Even in the Unfinished category*, there were entrants for it! In my haste to write up this event for SVSM’s Styrene Sheet, I misapplied the true Award crediting for delightful rendered Model 339c in 1/48 scale as Dutch FEIAF scheme, that I had for cover shot. The other picture I took of it is up on the right. Mr. Marc Rezac won the “Anthony Fokker” Trophy for Best Contest Theme Subject with his Dutch Export Brewster Buffalo. Well deserved !

NOW, as for that mighty Best of Show Award that I had incorrectly (working from memory, with all my own database right here!) ascribed it in “Sheet” ?? ☺

WELL, now you’ll know it **RIGHTLY**. TriCity Nine Best of Show Senior here:

Sailed away as it were, to Ladera Ranch with Mark Glidden, aboard his 1/350 IJN Yamato. GREAT !

(credit for photo: Vlad Yakubov)



We’ll see if everyone agrees that we should shoot to see TriCity TEN repeats as fine, in next year. *—fini mb*

TRI-CITY CLASSIC STATS & SUCH UPDATED (yes, History Channel)

So here you go, a brief summary of our NINE Tri City Classics, with some numbers and theme notes for your amusement or amazement:

Year	Name	Locale	Entrants	Models	Theme (where recorded)	Notes
2004	TriCity One	Newark	73	290	“Best of Three”	TriCity Award for Superbee w/3 carbs!
2005	TriCity Two	Newark	73	237	“Three of A Kind”	TriCity Award for 3 entry/Same entrant
2006	TriCity Three	Newark	45	169	“Never A Shot In Anger”	Included “Woulda/Coulda/Shoulda”
2007	TriCity Four	Newark	45	170	“The Italian Job”	Italian/Italy Theme
2008	TriCity Five	Newark	49	188	“The French Connection”	French/France Theme
2009	TriCity Six	Newark	57	218	“From Russia With Love”	Russian/Soviet Theme
2011	TriCity Seven	Milpitas	74	300	“Black Rain”	Japanese Theme
2012	TriCity Eight	Milpitas	55	211	“Midway” & “Missiles of October”	USA Theme
2013	TriCity Nine	Milpitas	58	197	“Soldier of Orange”	Dutch/Netherlands Theme

This “renewed” event (OK, recall now the original “big show” hosted by the Fremont Hornets was 1985, theme of “Wings of The Thirties”) which has now been since TC-4, using “Movie/Geography” themology, now seems to be trending solidly FORWARD. Woody Yeung as a first time Contest Director should be proud. He STILL HOLDS record for Entrants/Models count with “Black Rain” TC-7. WE Free Hornets should all be proud of “The Best Little Show in the East Bay” !

WHILE we’re on this journey down memory lane, let’s just take another exit to illustrate who was part of the revamped Fremont Hornets which have forcing this ‘orrible contest thingy on the Region. Well, okay only going to reveal the Presidents, the others will remain safely anonymous for now. Until you grill these folks

Years Service	Terms Served	Name	Notes
2003/2004	1	Mick Burton	Instituted as part of “coup” a system of electing Reps and set one year term for Prez Post In large part to insure a way out for himself (selfish SOB) after crafting this monster...
2004/2005		Ray Lloyd	
2005/2006	2		At first not so sure on being nom’d, afterwards proved an excellent choice. THANKS RL
2006/2007		Mark Schynert	
2007/2008	2		More than a lawyer, he’s a multifaceted 1//72 scale enthusiast who began our movies!
2008/2009		Louis Orselli	
2009/2010	2		Hey, he’s Italian, DON’T make him mad. We’ll get along just fine, it’s for the club
2010/2011	1	Brian Sakai	Most clever writer of monthly reminders yet. We’d like him to serve some more time
2011/2012	1	Chris Bucholtz	Let me talk him into this post 30 seconds before voting in. So I wouldn’ t be there again.
2012/2013	3	Louis Orselli	Hey, be glad he WANTED to do this again. I am, hope to nominate him again sometime.
2013/2014	1	Mike Woolson	Louis & I had him intrigued enough to go for it. Now he’s glad too.



AND NOW COMING UP:

TRI-CITY CLASSIC X

Scale Model Contest and Exhibition

Sunday, September 28 2014

at the Milpitas Community Center, 457 E Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, California



47 Categories of Competition for Aircraft, Automobiles, Figures, Ships, Military Vehicles, Space & Fictional Subjects

This Year's Theme " Out Of Africa " (anything African or directly related)

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

“ **The African Queen** ” Award for Best Entry befitting the Contest Theme

“ **Colonial Carbon & Chrome** ” (three awards for: Best South African, Egyptian, Congo 1960s (not limited to African either)

“ **Tears of the Sun** “ Award for Best Post Colonial African subject

COMMENTARY:

October 2013 Nest saw Hornets vote YES to have another TriCity Classic in 2014. Next, they voted to keep the TC-8 and TC-9 Contest Director, Mick Burton as TC-X (10) Classic Contest VP. *Even after he asked for opponents* plus made clear he'd a hidden agenda. Once safely ensconced, Burton revealed that ALREADY SECURED DATE, LOCALE and PRE-APPROVAL by RC of Region for possibility of this event was in hand. Not big shock, since he'd worked with his Mighty Crew to do same magic twice before. Also confirmed that indeed, another of the FIVE PREVIOUSLY vetted themes from which “Dutch” (Soldier of Orange) had been selected, would be the chosen path for this. Now, the current 54 countries and super rich history of 2nd largest continent can be mined for competition fun, as we're “Out of Africa”, theatrically, with plenty of supporting awards casting on the marquee. Thanks again to Hornet Randy Ray, for resolving the cinematic order

Now that the “command decision” has been authorized to execute, now it can be told. So to celebrate better our **TENTH** TriCity show, there have been added few more uniquely Free Hornet Special Awards. All which again, are being explained in “deliberately cinematic fashion”, in form of “reference digests” for those who care to read. Already now easily available online at our Hornets “Website in Exile” as PDFs, or viewable as JPEG on “Old Site”, along with latest flyer for TC-X.

CONGRATULATIONS to YOU ALL. WE'RE LAUNCHED with yet ANOTHER “**Best Little Show In The East Bay**” as someone posted us on Hyperscale

AN EXPATRIATE FREE HORNET PROVES HIMSELF “PRESCIENT”, AS HERE HE IS,
ALREADY “OUT OF AFRICA”



DORNIER Do 27 Grzimek – Serengeti Version TEXT & PHOTOS BY: RODNEY J. WILLIAMS © OCTOBER 17, 2013

(and just so you, dear reader know, NO, RJW had no idea what this Contest Director/Editor had planned for TriCity X project theme, just as always, a lucky SOB)

A BRIEF HISTORY

This “high wing” aircraft was designed by Dornier, a German aircraft company, and was built in Spain during the 1950’s. It became a very popular aircraft for its short takeoff and landing (STOL) capabilities. Several countries in Europe and Africa purchased many copies of said machine. A total of 627 machines in over 20 different versions were built.

Michael Grzimek and his father Dr. Bernard Grzimek, the legendary director of Frankfurt’s Zoo wanted to use this aircraft to film wild animals in Africa. It was also used as an observation aircraft over the Serengeti in Tanzania for research and control of “endangered” animal species.

Sad to say but on 10 January 1959 the aircraft collided with a “Bearded Vulture” and crashed which resulted in the death of Michael. The aircraft was left on the ground in the Serengeti National Park until 2009 when it was transported back to Berlin and placed in the German Technical museum for future generations to see.

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REVELL’s Do-27 ‘Grzimek’ in 1:32 scale

In early 2012 I accessed the “SCALEHOBBYIST” model web site where I buy some of my model supplies. Lo and behold, they had a 1:32 scale Do-27 single engine “private-type” propeller aircraft model for sale.

There was an “art” drawing on the box top showing the model with black “ZEBRA” stripes. I just had to have this in my collection.

In the month of June, 2012 the model was finished and placed in my display case along side of my 1/32nd scale P-51D “HI TIME-II” racing Mustang which had “Zebra” stripes on it. My “ ’stang” is posted on this web site (SCALEHOBBYIST).

Prior to starting the building process I once again surfed the web site and found some images of the real airplane and saved them in my newly created Do-27 folder on my PC’s desktop. I’m enclosing some of these photos.

You have seen my “in-progress” building photos on many of my models so this time around I’m just going to show you how I painted the black zebra stripes on the model.

Revell supplied a very nice set of drawings showing both sides including top and bottom views of the model.



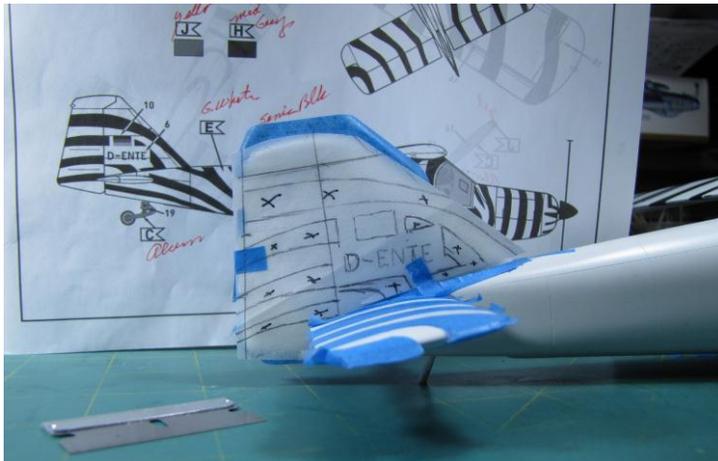
I decided to paint the model in sections rather than try to mask the entire model and paint it all at once. This worked out rather well for me.

The entire model was masked off, then I applied Tamiya X-2 Gloss White Acrylic paint on the exterior and let it dry for several days.

I decided to try painting the stripes on both sides of the wings for my first operation.

I placed some pre-cut tape to the area on the wings where the decals were to be placed, then masked off the stripe areas and just sprayed on my Tamiya X-1 Gloss Black Acrylic paint. After I removed the tape and cleaned up the wing, I was satisfied with how it turned out.

So I proceeded to work on the tail plane section of the model, which turned out A-OK too.



I would recommend this model to anyone. However, the painting process is a bit time consuming.



Here is the model.





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Rodney



HEY KIDS! It's Nearing Time for YOU to ...

STEAL - or - DEAL a Hornets Exclusive Game for holiday mayhem (Proposal)

FIRST OFF, IF WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS AT ALL (in any final form) Will BE LIMITED to a MAXIMUM **15 players** (min 10) FREE HORNETS of RECORD as of NOVEMBER: FIRST RIGHT TO PLAY/REFUSAL (must have signed up prior to meeting in Dec) (In other words, unless not enough “real active members” want to be in game, no “guests or casual members” will be able to engage in this) MINIMUM 25 apiece MAX 35 apiece prizes (GIFTS) and further subject to these restrictions (due to time limits for entire night schedule)

10 players max may put in 2 gifts (2 min x 20 gift -40 min time need) 5 players max may put in 1 gift (2 min x 5 -10 min time need)

GAME IS TIME LIMITED Max 75 minutes long. Each Player will get max 2 mins (1 min Deal or Steal bid, 1 min to Act on Bid) We will have someone keeping time “officially” underway to insure this. There also will be potentially 3 “JOKERS in the GAME DECK”...

FOREWARNED AHEAD: MAXIMUM 2 STEALS “per regular prize gift” and if in play, JOKERS have “Special Rules revealed at play”

ALL PLAYERS MUST BRING “PRIZE GIFTS” WRAPPED TO PLAY, AND BE READY TO SIGN UP FOR NAME DRAWING

THERE WILL BE AN EMCEE/”DEALER” and AN ADVOCATE (for both “House & Players”, the same) TO RUN THE OPERATION

AND THEY, TOO, MAY BE “IN PLAY” The ADVOCATE is SUPPLYING the JOKERS out of HIS POCKET if we decide to play them

NO ONE LOSES IN THE PLAY PER SE, there will be prizes balanced in distribution for all players at the completion or call game for time, Anyone who whines gets “The DEALER’s CHOICE” (with ADVOCATE as PROXY), we take their “unsuitable item” and laugh at them ...

IF JOKERS ARE CHOSEN TO PUT INTO PLAY and NO ONE DEALS TO GET THEM ... ADVOCATE putting them into Jan’s Raffle

WE’LL DISCUSS THIS PARTICULAR GAME A SHORT WHILE AT NOVEMBER NEST, THEN TAKE VOTE ON DOING IT.

Keep in mind, it’s only a proposal, some slight modifications may be made, or the whole idea scrapped, it’s merely to explore an option as a Few of us “Old Time Hornets” wanted to see if “Game” was on...there’s two other far less mechanic (or fun) also possibly on offer *-mickb*

Hornet's October Nest

(a look back from The Front)



Diplomat instincts full on, our Freshman President Mike Woolson allowed me to hold up his meeting start a few minutes longer for the moments needed to catch up

Which as it turned out was nearly the exact timing Jim Priete needed to arrive with our Raffle HQ for the night.

That's Jim, below, about to be rudely accosted early on by Blair T Smith's model...

I can only premise that either "The Mutant Alien" (Blair's displayed figure, *not Jim*) was either peeved at no "early sales, or at my hogging of table

In an effort to combat the recent outbreaks of "undernourished Model Talk Displays" at Hornets Nests of late, I'd tried to arrive bit sooner than later this time to do this "division" here.



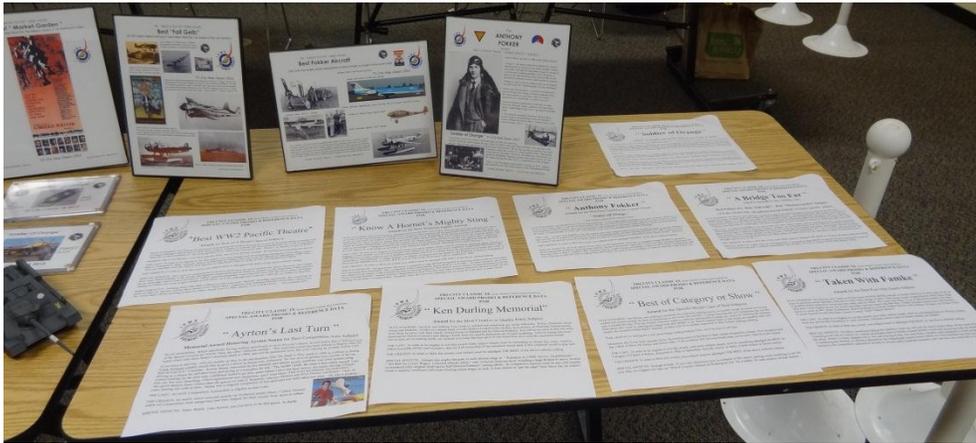
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OUR DISPLAY AREA RETURNED TO LIFE !

Maybe in reflection I now surmised, the motivation behind "le Mutant's" ire, was his being crowded...





Perhaps it so, however the agenda was previewed to be the summary review of Tri-City Classic Nine. Thus, for those who missed some or all of it, I'd already a plan in place this time out, to set up some displays to supplement my report. Which is how I ended up testing our President's patience, only a minor amount



Having the "Soldier of Orange" Special Awards duplicated (most, not all, not in my plan to buy "extra" glass awards, far too extravagant) did make this reporting more fun. All but two ended up being actually awarded, which was pretty nice. A small sampling of 1/2/3 category awards were present, these from the "unrequited" leftovers. Which only pains me for the most, due they are all labors of mine before day of event. Here now they are just something to look at. A complete set for "Air Racers" and one of the "Paper Models" are on the table shot above. On the left, a closer look at one of the three "A Bridge Too Far" series that were part of the Dutch/Netherlands "theatre tripoley". The movie poster usage for the third in series, "Best Market-Garden" far from my most glamorous piece of award craft, yet I was sincerely pleased to learn that it was first ever "Special" won by recipient ☺

One of my personal favorites creating, surprisingly had no takers.

"Taken with Famke" award for best post 1945 Dutch subject, had to be content starring in the "review" at meeting after. Even with a headstart on THREE potential entries (1 each jet, prop, armor) the Contest Director himself (moi) didn't finish bid to take her home!

More shockingly though with all the months of notice ahead: Not a single Dutch Air Force F-16 Falcon, P2V-7 Neptune, PV-2 Harpoon, S2F Tracker, F-86 Sabre, or any number of AFV or Maritime or even Auto Racing items which I know have been kitted/built, showed up

Oh look, the "Mutant Alien" is trying to make wild gesture, perhaps he's convinced missing a limb is a Post 1945 Dutch attribute... may be he's just irritated he doesn't look like the one on the box lid here ☺



Ignoring the anorexic Daleks of Fremont behind them, the members present carried on with great gusto as review of TriCity was delivered. Although



Blair Smith has returned to Active duty list, and you've seen his marvelous work on the Mutant Alien. What was not obvious until we had his talk, was that "missing arm" was his solution to getting a limited edition kit of which a missing part can be simple End of Story, no recourse, goes to the bin. Blair is a Free Hornet, and he went ahead solved the annoying problem, YES!



That happened to be one



for me this time, duties as Treasurer (collection of meeting dues), combined with all the TriCity review duties as Contest Director, it pretty much meant nothing recorded in detail what everyone was working on (no one volunteers for duty as Club Secretary often...)

Although, looking at this "cover art" of Hornet Ray Lloyd, might be good to get someone who knows their way around "dangerous cursive". Make this portion of The Buzz less hazardous reading.

Now, as noted at opening, making sure there was Model Displays to talk about:



Below, Milt and Ray Lloyd discuss whether or not I am ever getting to the point of what these other AFVs are about...



Well, as so happens, they are MY only NEW finished TC-9 entries, one of which actually won a Third. Surprised me.

104 is a DML 1/35 "Chinese Army in Korean Conflict" T-34/85, part of my "Foreign MBTs in Foreign Service" in Collections. Others had been seen before, didn't haul along. The 3rd Place in Hypothetical Vehicles went to me for that IJA Panther V. Tamiya 1/35, 2 weeks work, PTO 1946 story like 1/35 Zvezda SU-100 was also in this league. I bet would end as winner for me if any. Oh well, c'est la vie



Again, being the focused mighty force that comprise the Free Hornets, nothing was slowing down the hard drive “To Victory” as so perfectly exemplified by Kent McClure here in action. So while I droned on about PTO 1946, Japanese hypotheticals and my dull dislike of all model things German WW2, especially armor, Kent carried on like the others, excellently.

Another recent returnee to Active duty was “Civil” Bill Shipway, who when not making Prehistorics come to life in 3-D, works things up like this VW Beetle into “ship shape”



Across from diligent and crafty Kent, was the ever prolific Lady Christine and her other half, Sir Dave. Christine is the brave modeler rapidly closing in on the finish of “RIPSLINGER”, the Zvezda kit from Disney’s “Planes” movie.

At a table of their own and joined by Brian Sakai as you see here, another two Mighty Hornets when it comes to prolific output and generous dispositions.

Yes, you guessed correctly, that’s Lily Liu and her Dad, working on several of their projects in scale recently acquired. Helped along I am sure, by recent TC-9 winnings at the Raffle table. Last month, the Treasurer was inspired by news of a sale brought to our attention by Christine and Dave. So not only was all monies to reimburse them for the 50 kits for upcoming Make ‘n Take disbursed, but also pair of twenties as well, to purchase two of these sale items for TriCity show.

Aforementioned sale items being seen now in a single example set between the two Modelers Liu, namely that keen looking X-Acto set in a wooden case. Be a great reason for Lily to be giving her trademark smile. Congrats on ticket win!





In case you needed another closer look, here it is. Great set looks to me, and at 20 dollars, very good deal. Wins at a raffle, even better!

Lily herself is working a very near perfect batting this year on another front, namely that Best of Show Junior Award which the example is a duplicate I had displayed

The real deal went home with Lily on 9-29-13 in frame To join the one she took at SVSM Kickoff 19 in Spring.

On that note, we'll close to give that last model news of Hornets Nest October that I carefully neglected til now

As for the Big Smiling Free Hornet Surprise This Time...
CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN To CLIFF KRANZ

For winning **Model of the Month** In **October 2013** with his "home built" **M3 Lee ARV**.



And if you'd like to see **MORE** pictures: link on here www.fremonthornets.org (gallery) under Hornets Nest 2013 meets look for **OCTOBER** of course

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