



# THE AFTER MARKET SHEET



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## *"STOS Homage ala Kent "Roddenberry" McClure"*



*A Model Look In Real Time 2023 At A Long Ago Look To 2023 A.D.*

Photos: Mick Burton Build & Text: Kent McClure

**“ WILD END IN SOME WAYS TO WHAT TURNED OUT A WICKEDLY GOOD YEAR OVERALL ”**

Looking for a means to acceptably wrap this late in coming TAMS issue begun in PreTriCity launch November, dawned on me just how many recent introductions or resumptions have been bearing great dividends, without notable fanfare. As well these same currents, trends, forces at hand, so to speak, have been thankfully, forcing movement in “the status quo”

I have happily concluded thanks to a great team and team effort, the “better than the original (TC-14)” sequel TriCity 15, an event that saw a five year hiatus only resuming in new locale just last November, and truly tested this Contest Director.

Yet now, the locale has become seriously the best solution for the “missing event of 2023” and this club, thanks to all the circumstances priorly, much of which also lead to recreating anew approaches to how we are doing the next “SV Classic”

With the last weeks of this year about to run out, we have our Region having to scramble to properly re-charter several of our long time chapters due to the demands of the recently revamped IPMS USA Nats infrastructure to “Wild Apricot”

We have had the active thinking “solution providers aka MODELERS” rise to the needs/challenges here to get things in order and prompt interested parties to change habits with little effort and no pain, another good sign and real progress.

More has come to pass to fit in my outline, I will spare you, it's enough to simply say, HOPE springs eternal, *-fini mickb*

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**SECOND REMINDER The DECEMBER GIFT EXCHANGE is sole business Agenda item for meeting ! NO MODEL TALK**

**Locale:** Our Standard Meeting Place, Milpitas PD Community Room, from 8-1015pm. **OFFICIAL RULES BELOW:**

“ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ”: GIFT “THEFT” EXCHANGE SVSM DECEMBER 2023 MEET

- 1. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. So show up on time to register AT FRONT DESK
- 2. MAXIMUM THREE Gifts put in play by any ONE player present (Need not be a member to play *this year*)
- 3. MINIMUM RETAIL VALUE EACH GIFT must be 25 US dollars. LABEL YOUR NAME ON GIFT
- 4. GIFTS IN ORDER TO PLAY must be reasonably pre wrapped, not outrageously “disguised” or otherwise camouflaged, so as to not take a person all night (that we don't have) to unwrap and continue our game.
- 5. GIFT TO BE OFFERED IN PLAY should be model oriented, likely to be generally perceived of as an item some several of those present WOULD WANT TO STEAL. Bring item you're mad for, others likely will be.
- 6. ONCE UNWRAPPED, ALL GIFTS CONSIDERED “IN PLAY” UNTIL “DEAD”. NO TRADES !! ARE ALLOWED IF IN PLAY ITEMS INVOLVED. Feel free to manage what you like with yours and others “dead”
- 7. UNWRAPPED GIFT IS “IN PLAY” UNTIL STOLEN THREE TIMES THEN IT IS DECLARED “DEAD” Any & all disputes for this declaration are resolved by Club Secretary or his designee, are final and binding. Just ask Chris B. or his designee.
- 8. PLAY ENDS when time to leave comes or all items are stolen to the deadpoint or the last one is unwrapped to its eventual fate.
- 9. AT LEAST ONE UNBUILT MODEL CAR, SCI FI, SNAP TITE or SHIP KIT must be present in the GIFT PILE. Or you're all in trouble.
- 10. THIS MAY NOT BE COMPLETE RULES. LISTEN AT THE MEETING FOR ANY ADDENDA.

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# “Modelling A March of Time In Tribute”

Another Model Tale by Kent M. McClure

On 15 March, 1968, the penultimate episode of season two of “Star Trek” premiered the episode “Bread and Circuses”. Written by Gene Roddenberry and Gene L. Coon, the story, in essence, revolved around a twentieth century parallel to ancient Rome, complete with gladiators and guards in ancient Roman garb.

Remember that premise.

Now fast forward to the year 2023, the real 2023. One of my favorite websites for looking at reviews of 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale figures is “**Plastic Soldier Review**”. Normally I use this website to investigate figures to incorporate into small scale armor or aircraft kits – with the occasional dabble into suitable wargaming figures.

A Russian company called Strelets do an extensive line of figures that include a number of sets that include “non-traditional” figure poses and topics. Such as Napoleonic troops in winter gear or soldiers on the march.

While looking at their range, the title “Roman Legion on the March” caught my eye. Going to their review page, I saw examples of the type of figures that I had been looking for – heavily burdened foot soldiers.

The type of soldiers who were known as Marius’ mules.

A germ of an idea began to grow in my mind.

I looked through my stash of small-scale armor and found that I had the 1/76<sup>th</sup> scale JB Model of a M-113.

That sparked another dormant brain cell.







I remembered reading somewhere that in post war Italy, the police had used some AS.42 Saharianas painted in a shade of red known as amaranth red.

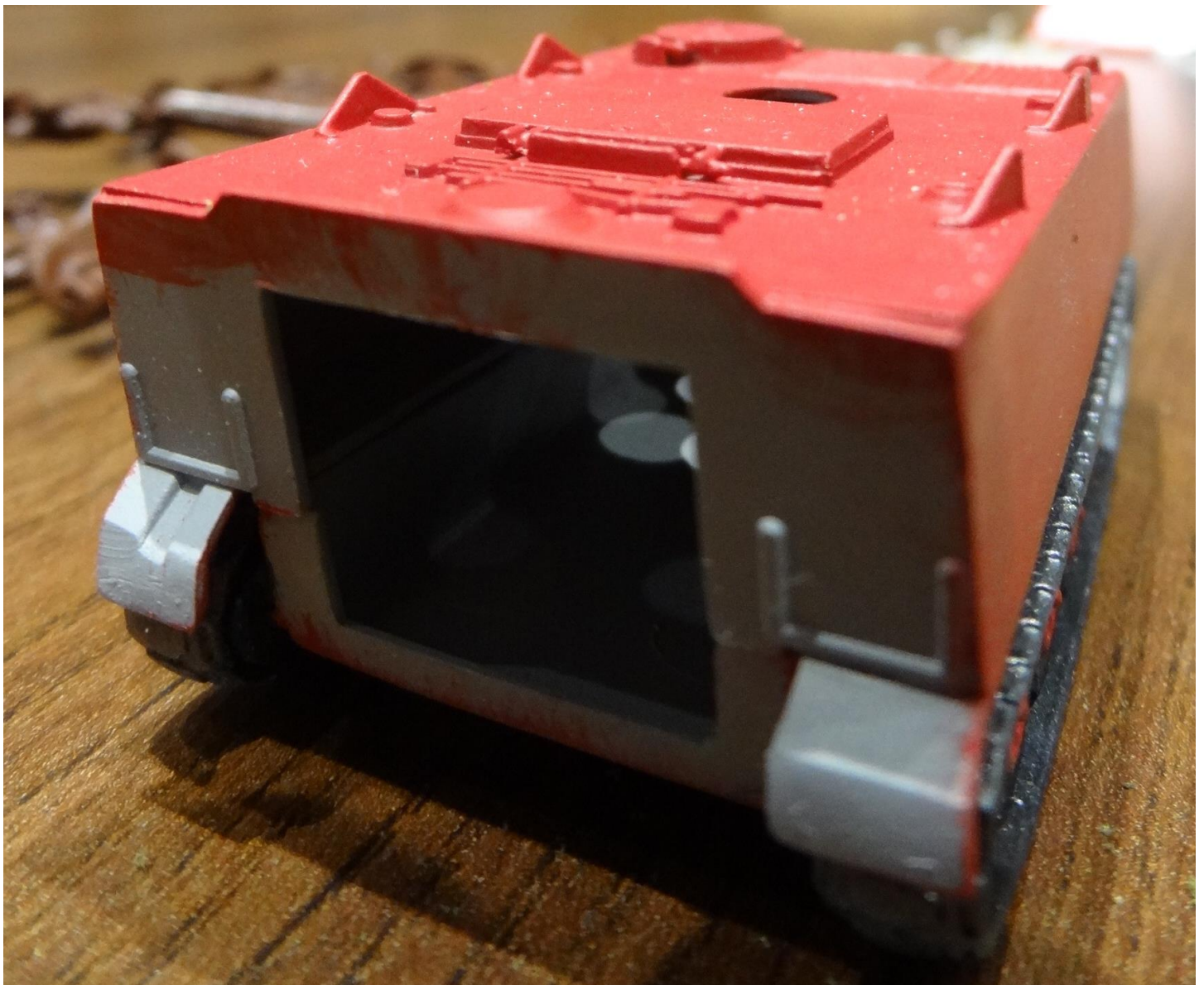
Well, the old brain cells got active, and the result is this little diorama tribute to “Star Trek: the Original Series”.

In this world, this alternate timeline, Rome is the preeminent power. Their police force retains the old-style dress of the ancient Roman soldier.

However, some of their weaponry has been modernized.

Hence, the M-113.

The engineering of their infrastructure is that of ancient Rome. Roads are massive concrete slabs, and the walkways are cobblestone.



The JB Model of the M-113 is, to put it mildly, an oversimplification of the M-113 designed more for gaming than serious modeling. It also is only 1/76<sup>th</sup> scale. But it produces the desired effect – it looks like a M-113.





To the “bathtub-style” hull you glue the running gear/thread assembly, drop on the “armored box”, side skirts and rear plate, and you are ready to paint.

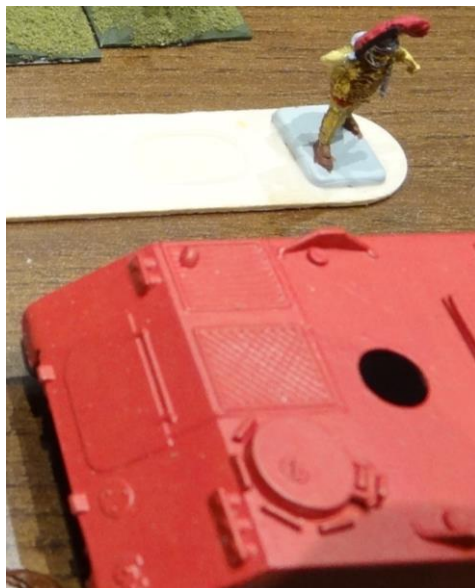


I picked 6 figures from Strelets set #M007, Roman Soldiers on the March. The centurion figure was from HaT set #8075, Imperial Roman Command. That figure has a peg in its left hand to hold a shield, but since I did not use the shield, I removed the peg.



One thing about the figures; they are made of soft plastic, not the polystyrene plastic used for model kits. Regular model glue does not work well on them.

They are also more susceptible to flash and, as a result, a little harder to clean up. Scraping tends to cause the plastic to “fuzz up”.



A sharp blade is definitely a necessity.

Once cleaned up, the figures need to be washed and primed before painting.

My favorite primer is either Tamiya or Rustoleum. I use acrylic paints on my figures as a basecoat.



Then, I use a wash called Citadel's Nuln Oil to provide the shadow effect, followed by drybrushing and a final coat of Testors Dullcoat.



I had picked out the base that I was going to use, and dropped in where I wanted the APC and the figures to sit.

I then penciled in where I wanted the road, the "sidewalk", and the terrain to be.

My ground cover of choice was DAP DryDex Dry Time Indicator Spackling.

It goes on pink and dries to an off-white color. Being spackle you can carve and sand it to your heart's content.



Placing the figures were a tad more difficult. I built up the groundwork to the height of the figures' bases, then "excavated" the base material. A drop of thick superglue affixed the figures to the base.

Only a small amount of spackle was then used to blend in the figure.



I used craft acrylic paint, choosing a very light grey for the road and a darker slate grey for the cobblestones.

To offset the "greynish" of the base, I added a portion of greenery to one corner. I used Woodland scenic over a darker green base coat. The finished product was given a dusting of AK Africa Dust Effects and everything was sealed with a coat of Testors dullcoat.

It was then that I noticed that my base had a distinct warpage to it. I went out to look for a picture frame that I could glue my base to, thereby hiding the warping.

I found a frame that was close to the correct size and sanded to fit. End result – my homage to ST:TOS.





- Kent fini



**UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR AS OF 12-11-23**

**Friday, December 15 2023**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at MPD Community Room (*PIRATE's PLEASURE event*)

**Friday, January 12 2024**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** host their meeting at HOBBIES UNLIMITED in San Leandro, CA.

**Friday, January 19 2024**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meet at MPD ( **SUPER AUCTION NIGHT** )

**Saturday, January 20 2024**

**NNL/ West** host their NNL WEST 2024 Car Model Display show & West Coast Model Mart at the Santa Clara Convention Center, Hall "A". 9am-4pm, admission is \$20 well worth it. Theme is "Anything but 4 wheels"

**Monday, January 29 2024**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at GAME KASTLE in Santa Clara

**Friday, February 09 2024**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** host their meeting at HOBBIES UNLIMITED in San Leandro

**Friday, February 16 2024**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meet at MPD Community Room ( COMIX & Comics Club Contest )

**Saturday, February 17 2024**

**IPMS/ Fresno Scale Modelers** host their contest & model show " **POST SUPER BOWL BASH** " at The Main Cafeteria , Fresno City College, 1101 E University Avenue, Fresno CA. Theme is "NFL Teams "

**Friday, March 08 2024**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** host their meeting at HOBBIES UNLIMITED in San Leandro, CA.

**Friday, March 15 2024**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** meeting at MPD Community Room.

**Friday, April 12 2024**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** host their meeting at HOBBIES UNLIMITED in San Leandro, CA. ( TBD, MAYBE)

**Friday, April 19 2024**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** host their meeting at MPD Community Room.

**Friday, May 10 2024**

**IPMS/ Fremont Hornets** host their meeting at HOBBIES UNLIMITED in San Leandro, CA. (MAYBE)

**Saturday, May 18 2024**

**IPMS/ SilverWings** host their event SILVERCON 2024 at their Marconi Ave Church School locale, Sacto CA.

**Saturday, June 15 2024** **NOTE A NEW LOCALE for THIS SHOW**

**IPMS/ Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** host their 8<sup>th</sup> SV Classic, themed " **Hit The Beach** " and now will be held at the Main Dining Room, Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr, Fremont CA. Con Director C Bucholtz, [bucholtzc@aol.com](mailto:bucholtzc@aol.com)





***GAMES, TOYS & COLLECTIBLES is What The G.T.C Means, See This Excellent New Addition to Our Hobby Shop Community HOSTING A GUNDAM/GUNPLA CONTEST for NOVEMBER***

*Editor manages to get on over to see some of the fun bring you a look as well.*

*I was late in comparison arriving, as found David Balderrama, Mark, Max and D.J. Balderrama, Sim Coester, Eugenie and Randy Ray already well into enjoy of the event. That's Event Director & SVSM/Free Hornet Aaron Rhetta there on the right, talking things Gundam over with David and Mark Balderrama. Short while after, I met Free Hornet Chris Kaminaga and his son, who both had come from Fremont to enter this cool event (Aaron had Pizza and drink on offer too!)*







*Aaron had announced this new shop at an SVSM Meeting at MPD earlier in the year, but this event gave me prime incentive to find time to finally show up to visit.*

*Easy to find being it is right off of Santa Clara Street at Eighth St; full address is 18 So. 8<sup>th</sup> Street SJ with even some street parking at the front of the store ! (If you are in Downtown SJ much, you likely know that's not exactly common)*

*As you will see, there is a definite lean into the extremely popular world of GUNDAM with the inventory here.*

*To help you gain an appreciation of just how much and how fast this hobby franchise has taken off, consider that it's "birth date" goes only as far back to April, 1979, in Japan*



*That was when "Mobile Suit Gundam" TV series first launched and set up the parameters for this Japanese military science fiction media franchise*

*One of those key tenets the series put in place is that of "real robots", basically mechanisms that are 'nt imbued with mythic super powers but are based in our physical world reality, so are prone to mechanical breakdowns, ammunition supply limits, humanoid operator fatigue, etc. Gundam are essentially humanoid driven mechanicals and although often complex, are rooted in reality.*

*Now a worldwide fanbase and currently spans across 50 TV series, films, manga and related media, as well as a huge plastic model basis.*



*Thanks to researching this subject recently, I am given to understand that in fact these days that plastic model kits industry basis for these comprise some 90 percent of the Japanese character plastic model market. Which is where the term “GUNPLA” essentially came from, being shorthand for “Gundam Plastic Model”. Evolving mightily since the early 1980s, GUNPLA kits have grown to include several major gradations with increasing complexity, finish, means to articulate the model, detail, as well as several standardized scales. When you see the terms FG, MG, PG, RG, NG in show entries referenced as GUNDAM, those gradations are what are being noted. High Grade (HG) was apparently the first of these, introduced in 1990 and making 1/144 as a standard here with features formerly expected to be only in larger scales of Gunpla. Master Grade (MG) followed later with 1/100 as its standard scale, a 1/60 scale Perfect Grade*



*(PG) in 1998 set a very high bar which apparently has meant since only a few kits in this range, but apparently well worth the money for the kit basis.*

*Since the 2000s several other grades and scales have been introduced, some made to be economical fun introductions to the entire GUNPLA universe, others to reimagine prior editions or redevelop them for more complexity or limited specific complexity improvements or focused articulations. Interesting and complex to become familiar with them no?*

*.Now that I have perhaps given some of you a better idea what these models are, we'll get back to looking at this local Event. Above, a good look inside GTC, and note that's Chris Kaminaga, Fremont Hornet and contestant, on center left.*





*With Chris Kaminaga in foreground looking right, D J Balderrama in background looking left, The Editor stands middle of the shop floor shooting pic looking to the front of the GTC store. Turning around, there on nearby table is CHAR AZNABLE Category and eligible entries guide*







*Perhaps a longer shot is in order, eh? Here you go, a better look at the well attended category. Keep in mind as well, the contest is underway but not done taking entries so more were coming yes, however this photographer was time limited.*



*A justifiably pleased Event Director takes chance to enjoy some pizza before having to work more.*

*Hats off to you, **Aaron Rhetta***







MG 1.5 Animation Color Ver.  
Entry # 7  
some parts with weathering

Entry # 1  
HG The Origin RX-78-02  
Painted by: DJ Castillo  
Techniques: Preshading, highlighting, weathering

*A closer look at some of the fine entries here*





RX-78 MG 1.5 Animation Color Ver. Entry  
Panel lined some parts with gundam marker. 4/7





*A bit blurry perhaps, but this shot has a “model human” in hand for scale...*



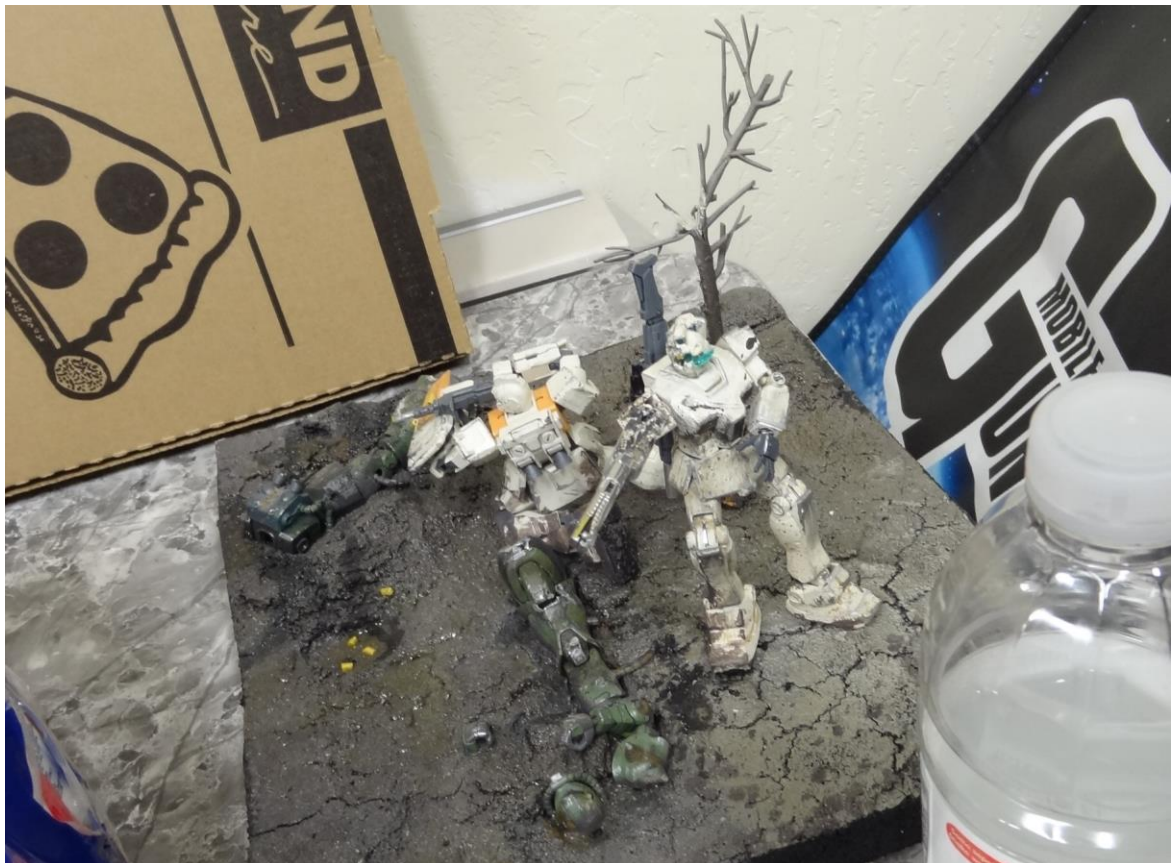


*Fearsome looking, isn't it ?*

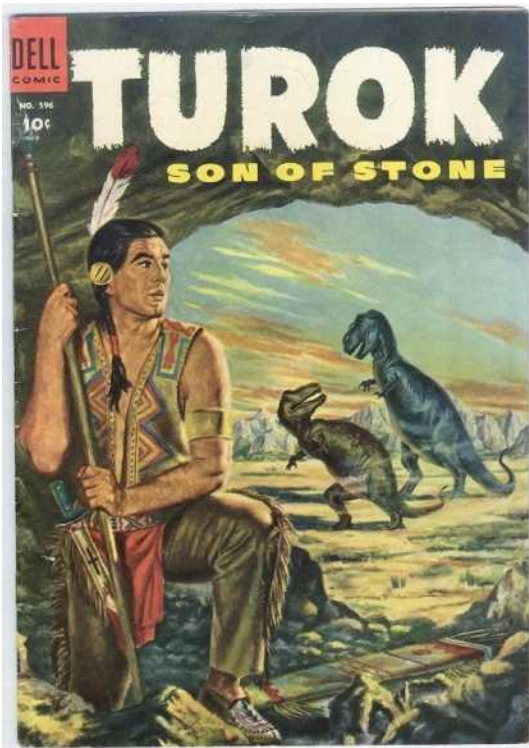




*Okay we close for now with look above at mid store signage and below reminder that Gundam get hungry too*



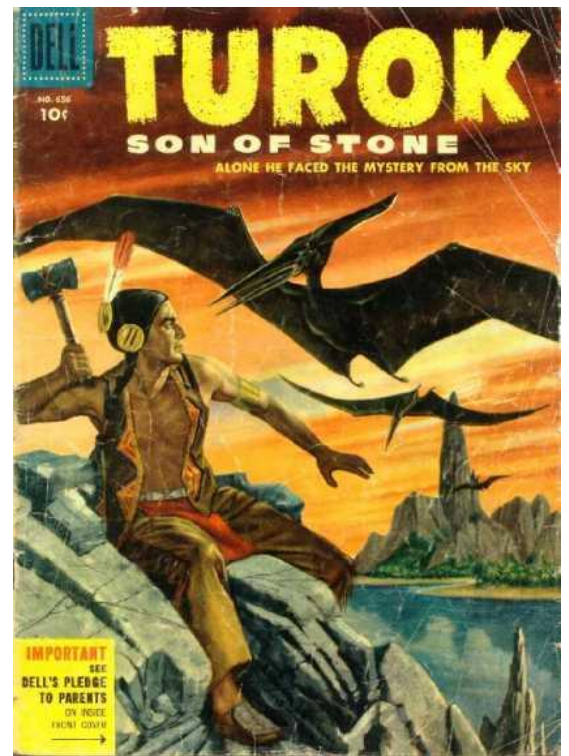




*FIRST for 2024 !!  
SVSM Member's  
CLUB CONTEST*

# *Comics AND Comix*

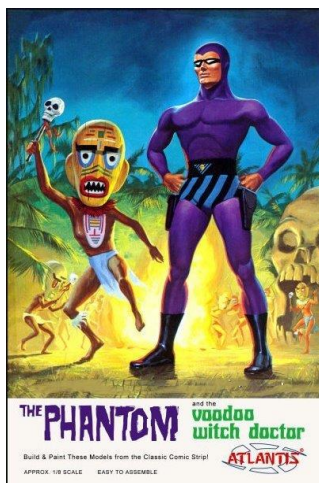
**FEBRUARY 16**



*MANGA, GUNDAM, ZAKU, SQUADRON 86, FLINTSTONES (GOLD KEY OR CHARLTON) JETSONS (DITTO) SCOOBY DOO, ALL Of THE MARVEL and DC COMIC UNIVERSE, TUROK, BUFFY, GIRLS IN PANZERS, HELLO KITTY GORGO, STEVE CANYON, BLACKHAWK, THE HAUNTED TANK, SGT FURY, FLASH AND FLESH GORDON, The Simpsons, Futurama, Haunt of Fear, Tales from the Crypt, The Vault of Horror, MAD Magazine, Archie and Jughead, The Phantom, stuff we have never ever heard of, you name it, you build it, you bring it, you could win it !*

*ALL ENTRIES MUST BE FINISHED to be eligible to win*

*CASH PRIZES for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$25, 15, 10) from your membership Sponsor !!*







*Martin B-57*



*Motorcycles*

## ***SVSM 2024 MARCH EDITOR'S CLUB CONTEST***

***An ALPHABET CONTEST = M is For MACROSS, MESSERSCHMITT, MERCURY, McDONNELL, MARTIN, MERCEDES, MUSTANG (FORD AND NA), MYASISCHEV, MIKOYAN, MARTIN-BAKER, MAYBACH, MEILLERWAGEN, MOBELWAGEN, MACE, MULE, MATADOR, McCLAREN, MORGAN, MOTORCYCLE, MARINER, MERCATOR MARLIN, MADGE, MALLOW, MAY, MAIL, MONGOL, may you find your own M-pathy...***

*Macchi MC-72*



*Mirage III*

*MiG-17*



*Mustang (Red or Blue)*







INVITE YOU & FRIENDS

TO

OUR

**SV CLASSIC FUTURE**

**FUNDRAISER AUCTION**

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON

OUR MEETING NIGHT OF **FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 19 2024**

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

**NOTE: NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED**

Queries may be directed to our contact - [DENS25403@mypacks.net](mailto:DENS25403@mypacks.net) please allow for 2-3 days response time





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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 2024**

Far West Region  
IPMS/USA Region 9

At This Locale

**MAIN CAFETERIA  
FRESNO CITY COLLEGE  
1101 E UNIVERSITY  
FRESNO CA**

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO OUR

## Post-SUPER BOWL BASH

IPMS Fresno Scale Modelers are hosting a Post-Super Bowl contest on the weekend following the big game !

Special Award category for any NFL themed entry; i.e. German (Carolina) Panther, Sepecat (Jacksonville) Jaguar to celebrate

(Entries do not have to carry any special NFL themed livery, the name is enough.)

Contest Chairperson's Name:  
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**BREAKING NEWS** it's Official from Contest Director

**SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC # 8**

Theme: Hit the Beach !

Being held

**Saturday June 15 2024**

At Main Dining Room of Fremont Elks Lodge, 38891 Farwell Drive, Fremont CA

10 Junior/ Youth, 46 Senior competition categories currently planned for and several Special Awards which will include besides the Best of Show & Category Standard Issue:

Hit the Beach Award - Best Beach Subject  
Stars and Stripes Award – Best Subject featuring Stars or Stripes (not in insignia)

MANY MORE DETAILS and OFFICIAL FLYER IS COMING SOON

**CONTEST DIRECTOR & CONTACT: CHRIS BUCHOLTZ** email [bucholtzc@aol.com](mailto:bucholtzc@aol.com)





**AND DON'T MISS THIS OPENING EVENT FOR JANUARY 2024**



# NANI West 2024

**Themes:**  
Trucks, Trikes & Bikes (anything without 4 wheels) • Mustang 60<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

**January 20 • Santa Clara, CA Convention Center**  
**[www.nniwest.org](http://www.nniwest.org)**

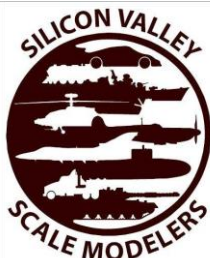
9am-4pm • Model Car Display & Swap Meet • Door Prizes • Admission \$20

**PLEASE SHARE THE JOY OF OUR HOBBY AND FRIENDS**

**Because it seems sometimes more than a few forget this :**

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

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



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