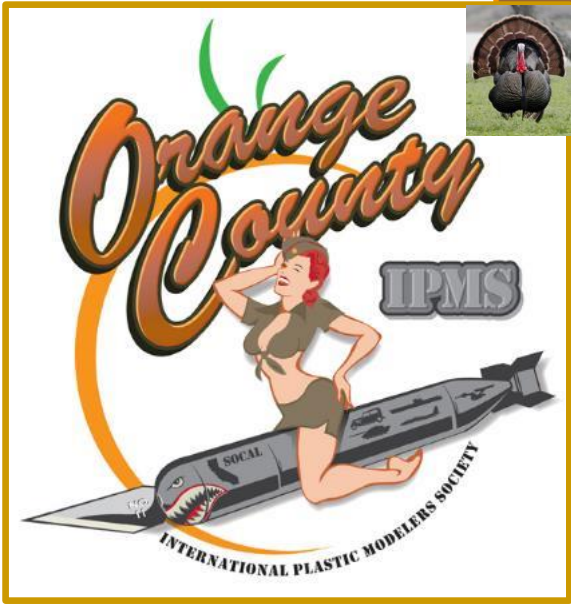


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The President's Column

By David Frederick

"OrangeCon 2018: A bump in the road"

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OrangeCon 2018 starts out with a few changes that were planned and then changed. This year was the first year to try our new challenge coin trophies. In addition, Derek came through with new acrylic trophies for best of categories. As we all knew the University had imposed a new cash policy for the event. Looking at the windows which have not been used for several years and you can see why the policy was not used for the day of our event. A lot of work for nothing, just a bump in the road for this year's OrangeCon.



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The judging teams were corralled by Darnell. While the teams were judging a group of Cal State University art students surround the woolly mammoth, drawing the image of the beast for class assignment. It was impressive to see some of the art work from these young talented students as they diligently copied the mammoths' image on paper.



Equally as impressive was the gamers next door who were immersed their own world of war games. As always, the OrangeCon activities requires many hours of coordination and implementation from all the members of the IPMS club. Nat Richards is resting up for the awards and final grand prize opportunity drawing. Thanks to all that supported this event to make it a success! **DF**

Fine awards all around arranged by Derek Collins.



Nice clean student union ticket windows with a plug in the speaker hole. Yes the University was ready to host the event as they stated.



War gamers next door at CSUF



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Art class at CSUF sketch the Mastodon skeleton.



Darnell holds the judges meeting prior to starting.



Nat Richards catches some winks in-between activities.

Opening positions within the club. Please be aware that this is your club and we need your help to keep it going. The following positions will open January 2019, voted on in November

Contest Chairman: Conducts the monthly meeting contest. Keep records and help get

judges for monthly and OrangeCon events. Leads and coordinates the OrangeCon judging teams.

Chapter Secretary: Takes notes for executive council meetings. Publishes them for elected members. Responsible for badges/membership printing and lamination (most of this work is done in the first quarter). Brings AV equipment.

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Raffle Czar Sneak peek of models for November Monthly raffle:

1. 1/72 Aircraft: Eduard Fw-190 Dual combo kit
2. 1/35 Armor: Bronco Stug III Africa
3. 1/24 Auto: Fujimi Nissan GT-R
4. 1/350 Ship: Fletcher class destroyer
5. 1/72 Sci-Fi: Bandai B-wing Star Wars



US NAVY Reference Photo

From the Atlantic Ocean in early November I bring you the F/A-18F Super Bug (Hornet) of VFA-211 “Fighting Checkmates”. Nimitz-class carrier USS Harry S. Truman CVN-75 provides the platform for the launch. Truman is currently in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations. Photo by MCS Seaman Maxwell Higgins, official US Navy photo. **TH**



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Meeting Notice & Agenda

Date: November 16, 2018

Theme: **MENG VS TAKOM**

Doors Open: 7:00 p.m. or earlier

Meeting: 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: La Quinta Inn & Suites

3 Centerpointe Drive

La Palma, CA 90623

Right Off the 91 Fwy at Valley View



2018 Chapter Officers

President	David Frederick
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Orange County Contest Themes for 2018

JANUARY 19th 2018 - IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FUN

Build a model of your favorite subject. Something you enjoy the most building.

FEBRUARY 16th 2018 – MADE IN AMERICA

Any subject (not necessarily the kit) that was manufactured in the good 'ole USA.

MARCH 16, 2018 – HASEGAWA VS AIRFIX

Who's the best? Build the best model you can from either company. Best Airfix Model and Best Hasegawa Model will receive an award.

APRIL 20, 2018 – SOMETHING RUSSIAN

Something Russian. Can be any subject, even real space,

MAY 18, 2018 – BUILD NIGHT

(No Monthly Contest in May, Build Night Only) Bring a kit to work on and have some fun with other club members building.

JUNE 15, 2018 – RED, WHITE OR BLUE

Any subject that is predominately one of these three colors or a combination of the three.

JULY 20, 2018 – SOMETHING CANADIAN

"Aa". Build something from our friend from the north.

AUGUST 17, 2018 - TWINS

Any subject whose major distinction is two of something, Twin boom aircraft, motorcycles, twin gunned A.F.V.s, two seater cars, catamarans, bi-planes.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 – NEW KIDS

Any model released (for the first time, no reissues) in the last 3 years.



Orange County Contest Themes for 2018

OCTOBER 19, 2018 – BUILD NIGHT

NO CONTEST

October - Build Night (No Monthly Contest in May, Build Night Only) Bring a kit to work on and have some fun with other club members building.

NOVEMBER 16, 2018 – MENG VS TAKOM

Who's the best? Build the best model you can from either company. Best Meng Model and Best Takom Model will receive an award.

DECEMBER 21, 2018 – ANY ITALIAN SUBJECT

Fresh hot Pizza given to the contest director may count too.☺☺☺

JANUARY 18, 2019 – TOPLESS MODELS

Open cockpit planes, Convertible cars, Open bridge ships, open top AFVs, motorcycles.



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From Our Treasurer

Financial Statistics for the meeting in October 2018

Admission

Members	10
Non-Members	2
Juniors	0
Paid in Full	4
Guests	0

Total Attendance _____ 16

Memberships / Renewals

Regular	0
Youth	0
Full Year	0

Distressed Kits	\$
Monthly Raffle	\$
Total Income	\$ 261.00
Total Expenses	\$ (569.94)
Profit / (Loss)	\$ (308.94)

\$ in Checking	\$ 3688.08
\$ in Savings	\$ 5151.99
\$ in PayPal	\$ 523.81
Total in Bank	\$ <u>9363.88</u>

GERMAN MEDIUM TANK Sd.Kfz.171 **PANTHER** 德国中型坦克 Sd.Kfz.171 "黑豹" A后期型

1/35 TYRANNOSAURUS SERIES TS-036

- THIS BRAND NEW FIGURES ALSO A LATE MODEL HAS PERFECTLY REPLICATED THE TANK'S PROFILE AND FEATURES.
- HOT ROLLING AND CAST SURFACE TEXTURES ARE REALISTICALLY REPLICATED.
- THANKS TO THE MULTIPLE OPTIONAL PARTS, THIS SET CAN BE BUILT AS ONE OF TWO DIFFERENT TYPES: A COMMAND TANK, A METAL.
- CONDITIONS ON BOTH DIFFERENT EXTERNAL FEATURES, THE KIT CAN ALSO BE MADE AS A COMMAND TANK, A METAL.
- TRACKS CLEARLY ARE INCLUDED IN THE KIT. ONE-PIECE SOFT SMITH'S LOOK REALISTIC.
- ON TRACKS, PAINT SCHEMES ARE PROVIDED.
- PRECISION PE PARTS AND METAL CABLES ARE INCLUDED.



M1070 & M1000 w/D9R U.S. 70 TON TANK TRANSPORTER w/ Bulldozer



- A DETAILED STATIC DISPLAY PLASTIC MODEL.
- A PE AND CLEAR PARTS INCLUDED.
- A 2 TYPES OF MARKINGS.

Designed by
1/72
in China



1/72
No. 5002

- THIS IS NOT A TOY
- READY TO ASSEMBLE PRECISION MODEL KIT
- INTENDED FOR COLLECTORS OF AGE 14 YEARS AND ABOVE
- MODEL MAY VARY FROM IMAGE ON BOX
- CEMENT AND PAINT NOT INCLUDED





IPMS / USA Membership

Membership is of great importance, both here at the level of the local chapter as well as the National level. As a long time member I can highly recommend the expenditure of the additional dollars to become a member of the national organization.

With membership come six copies of the IPMS Journal publication which is better than ever, and the right to participate at the IPMS National Convention contest. The subscription to the Journal alone is worth the cost of joining.

A copy of the membership application is below or available on our website, or at the IPMS / USA website address, www.ipmsusa.org. Complete the form and return it to the address listed at the bottom of the form along with your method of payment.

IPMS/USA MEMBERSHIP FORM

IPMS No.: _____ Name: _____
Address: _____ If Renewing _____ First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Signature (required by P.O.) _____
Type of Membership ☐ Adult, 1 Year: \$30 ☐ Adult, 2 Years: \$58 ☐ Adult, 3 Years: \$86
☐ Junior (Under 18 Years) \$17 ☐ Family, 1 Year: \$35 (Adult + \$5, One Set Journals) How Many Cards? _____
☐ Canada & Mexico: \$35 ☐ Other / Foreign: \$38 (Surface) Checks must be drawn on a US bank or international money order
Payment Method: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order

Chapter Affiliation, (if any): _____

If Recommended by an IPMS Member, Please List His / Her Name and Member Number:

Name: _____ IPMS No.: _____

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Membership Renewal Form

Below is the new and improved Membership and Renewal form. Print this page, fill it out and bring it to the meeting. It is also available on-line at www.ipmsoc.org.



IPMSOC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Print out and fill in this form completely and bring it to one of our monthly meetings, or mail it, with your payment to IPMS Orange County, P.O. Box 913, Garden Grove, CA 92842. Thank you.

Date: _____

Application for: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Info: Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth (optional): _____

List memberships you have in other clubs and organizations (e.g. IPMS/USA, AMPS)

What are you current modeling interests:

☐ Aircraft ☐ Armor ☐ Autos ☐ Ships ☐ Figures ☐ Sci-Fi ☐ Railroad

☐ Other: _____

What classification modeler are you currently:

☐ Novice ☐ Advanced ☐ Master ☐ Not sure

Your Signature: _____

(By signing, applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations detailed in the Constitution and Bylaws of IPMSOC)

Membership rates: All memberships are for the calendar year, January through December. Therefore, depending on when you join, the following pro-rated schedule will be used: \$22 (Jan - Mar), \$20 (Apr - Jun), \$15 (Jul - Sep), \$10 (Oct-Dec).

Note - There is also a members dues of \$5 when you attend a monthly meeting, that is not part of this membership fee.

IPMSOC staff only:

Membership approved _____/Date_____ Fees Paid _____/Date_____ Added to Roster _____/Date_____ Badge made _____/Date_____



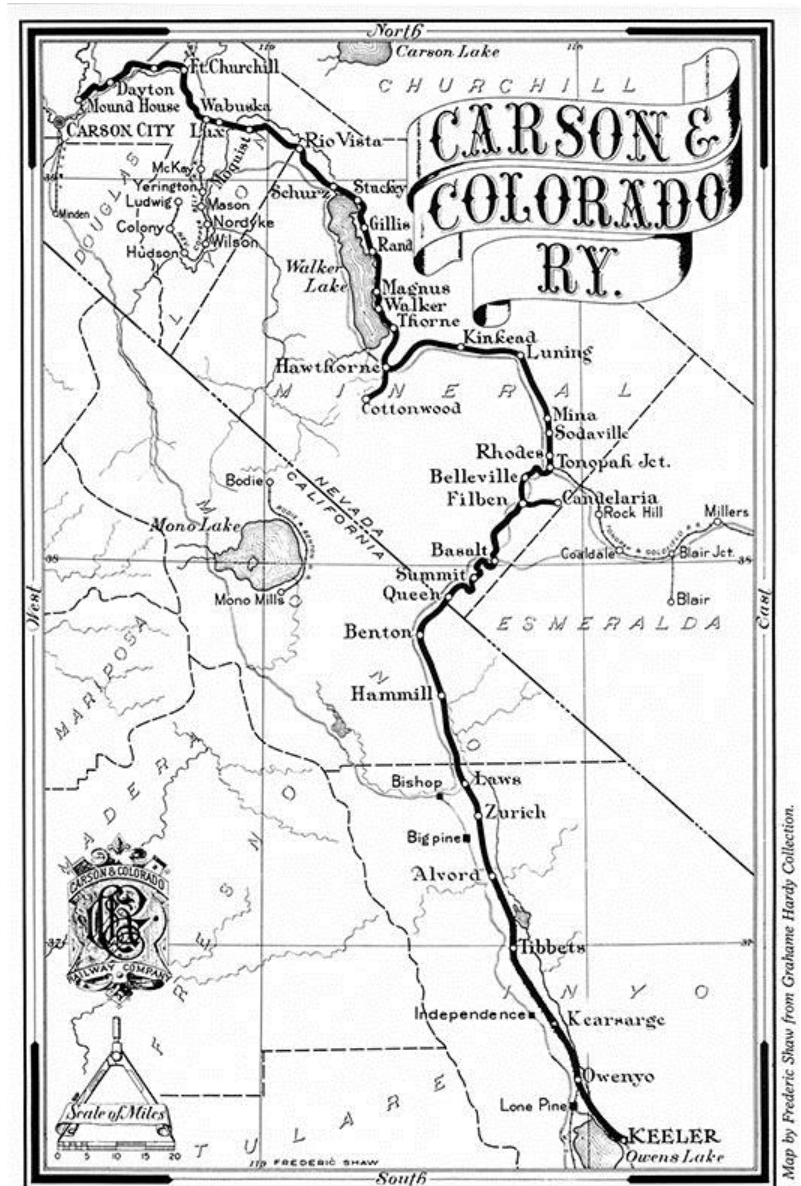
Water, Ore, Sweat and Fortune

Model structures from scratch built materials

By Terry Huber

Well if you followed along from the previous months I visited many turn of the 1900 century or much earlier locations on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada mountain range here in CA, following the Carson & Colorado Railway. My travels along with road warrior Pascal Zandt centered specifically on US 395 as it travels along Owens Lake up through and towards the Mammoth Mountain area. I do plan on future trips up towards the terminal of the Carson & Colorado Railway near Mound House NV at the top left corner on the map.

For now I want to look at modeling some structures that I saw during the trip and show some materials for siding and roofing, since most available aftermarket items are in HO scale (1/87) I will use that here. If you build O Gauge (1/48) railroad they have larger scale siding and roofing for that and I also saw some N Gauge items available as well at Arnie's Trains over here in Westminster CA, excellent resource.





Model structures from scratch built materials



I have never scratch built any structures before but if you have adequate modeling skills in cutting plastic, gluing and then air brush painting and weathering you should be OK. First you want to decide what building or piece you want to construct from the era you are modeling. In this case for the eastern Sierra's we are talking about anywhere from 1849 through 1960 and possibly

later. Most of these structures range from mud brick to board and batten or clapboard siding like that on train depots along with corrugated tin roofs or wood shingles. Here is an example of the restored Station Agents house in Laws CA. It is built by vertical boards being placed along the framing, and then a batten piece is nailed over the seam line where the boards meet to clean up that seam and keep the weather out at the same time.

Or if you want to model something in clapboard siding here is an example from the Hole in the Wall Mercantile in Randsburg CA. Some siding is just edge to edge, others overlap the lower board from the top down.





Structures from scratch built materials

I consulted Foster Rash club scratch builder extraordinaire for some advice on where to start. For instance my initial question is how do you convert actual feet to 1/87 HO scale feet. Well the exact conversion is 3.5mm equals one scale HO foot. Next he mentioned the easiest way is to purchase the Model Railroader Scale Rule. Off to Arnie's I went. Found the MASCOT brand scale ruler. It is divided up between HO gage scales, S gage scale, O gage scale on one side and on the back N gage, a 1/64ths scale, a decimal equivalents for number drills, a 100 mm scale, and tap and drill sizes for small screws. Very handy item I think it was \$16 at Arnie's.



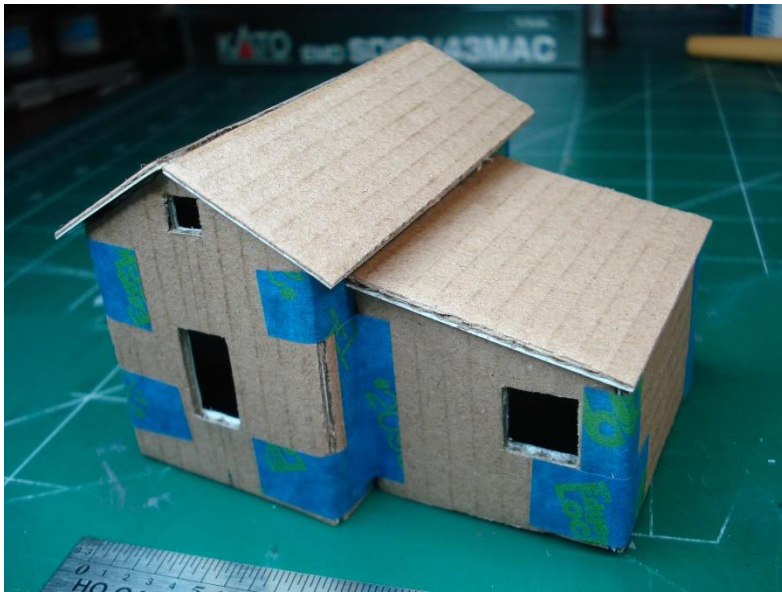
I decided as a simple starting point I would build my friend Bill's cabin at the base of White Mountain in CA. It's not too big and should come together fairly easy. It is a board and batten cabin and a shingle roof so all of those materials are available in scale items. The windows are available from Tichy Train Group, excellent source for scale doors, windows, accessories like the vent pipes, attic vents and

also they make railroad decals, too many items to mention here in all the regular railroad scales, everything for the scratch builder. <https://www.tichytraingroup.com/>



Structures from scratch built materials

So now I can calculate the size of the cabin by estimating how large it is from the photos. But where to start? Foster mentions using cereal box cardboard to build a mockup of the Structure before you cut expensive plastic. Measure on the cardboard and mark your wall sections and cut out the window and door openings and then tape the sections together. I found some thin cardboard from those electronic devices packaging that I used for my cabin. After I had a few sections cut I started taping them together. When I got to the roof I decided to use white glue to try and hold everything together. I finally was able to put something together in about 2 hours. I figured I would layout the same dimensions on Evergreen sheet board and batten, and I also have Plastruct shingle roof tiles. More next month. *TH*





USS John C. Stennis CVN-74

Bob Penikas sends in these great photos into the IPMS OC newsroom here in Tustin CA. The USS John C. Stennis that has been based at Bremerton WA since 2005 has made its slow move downtown through Port Orchard and then through Rich Passage and out into Puget Sound in October. She will be on her way to Norfolk VA for the midlife refueling. Nimitz –class carriers require a 25 year refueling period and refurbishment. Good luck JCS see you after your upgrade.





USS John C. Stennis CVN-74



Commission Request / Offer

Dear Modelers:

I have a 1/144 scale jet that I'd like built, painted and detailed.

I already have the kit. The model is a 1/144 SN Series JSDF F-35J Lightning II by PIT-ROAD (Japanese kit).

If you are interested in taking on this commission, please contact me. My email address is toyotageek@yahoo.com

Michael Foertsch



Damnation Alley Landmaster

Bob Penikas shares some photos of his son's David scratch built Damnation Alley Landmaster.

All the build videos may be found here:

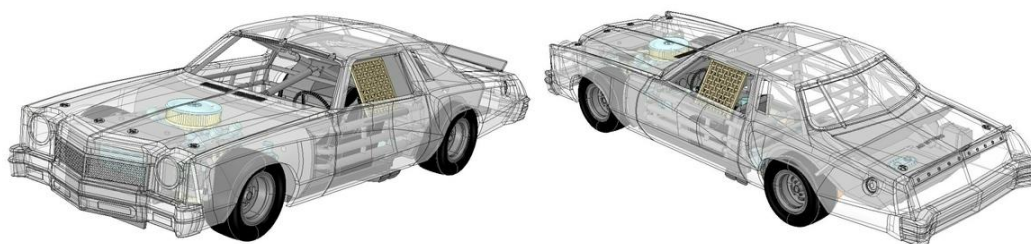
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpxoOZpo8XPLvjDoXiX4bB52sbUI_ewQD





Any Day Now!

We've got our boxes, decals, chrome parts waiting at the factory, and the last parts will start popping from the last mold tomorrow so we'll begin boxing and shipping of the Donnie Allison 1979 Olds 442s November 5th! We are almost sold out, but a few kits are left, and we also have some of the Gray Ghosts in inventory if you want to add to your order. The Monte Carlo molds are almost done and we will start taking pre-orders November 22nd, keep your eyes open for our next newsletter with the info.



a little hint of what's to come!

Don't forget to like and follow Salvinos J R Models on Facebook!



News from the deep frozen North

Greg Kelly from Minnesota don't you know has started another project with inspiration and help from his wife Dana. This time Greg and Dana settled on the Saturn V rocket scratch built with wood and whatever is around at the house and I'm sure outdoors too. This is a rough Stage 1 taking shape. I guess you have to do something to keep your mind occupied in the wintertime. No yard work going on except shoveling snow. Ha Ha.





Desert Freighters

By Foster Rash



Westward Ho. Painting by Bob Penikas

Many of the old wagon trails used by the pioneers have been paved and today we are able to explore historic sites of the Wild West from the comfort of an air conditioned vehicle. Even the old unpaved trails can be explored for sport on dirt bikes or 4x4s. Venturing out into the desert should never be taken lightly, but in the 1800s it was a deadly serious business. Even with the danger, there were prospectors and ranchers

who explored and lived in remote, inhospitable areas. Small communities developed, many of which are now long forgotten ghost towns, and desert freighters provided the supply link. "Big Mike" Goldwater, the grandfather of Arizona Senator and presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, was a teamster. He hauled freight from Los Angeles to the mining camps of the Arizona Territory.

Hauling freight to Deadwood, ND in the 1870s

Remi Nadeau was the most famous of the California freighters. He hauled freight from Los Angeles to many remote camps and established routes that are still in use today.





Desert Freighters



Remi Nadeau

Nadeau was a French Canadian who arrived in Los Angeles in 1861 with a wagon and a team of oxen. He became a freighter on the 35 day (one way) journey to Salt Lake City. When traffic on this route declined due to competition from the railroad, Nadeau won a contract to haul silver bullion from the Cerro Gordo mines in the Inyo Mountains on the eastern shore of Owens Lake. He built the largest freighting company in California and conceived of the 16-20 mule team wagons, made famous later by Pacific Coast Borax, to carry the heavy load of silver ingots.

http://www.owensvalleyhistory.com/stories2/jingle_mule_teams.pdf

Nadeau's wagon road from Cerro Gordo. Looking down on Owens Lake and across to the Sierras.



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Mules and freight wagons outside of Nadeau's barn at Cerro Gordo in the 1870s.

Stone foundations of Nadeau's barn at Cerro Gordo today (2017).



Detail of barn foundation (Terry Huber photo, 2018)

This appears to be a model of Nadeau's barn photographed by Terry Huber at Cerro Gordo.





Desert Freighters

Nadeau's company prospered and eventually hauled to and from mines as far north as Death Valley. By 1873 he operated 80 such teams and brought 200 tons of silver into Los Angeles each month. He hauled food, lumber, machinery and whiskey back to the miners. The Cerro Gordo trade was a significant part of the Los Angeles economy in the 1870s.



A photo of Nadeau's freighters hauling hay through Soledad Canyon (near Santa Clarita) in the 1870s. This would be Hwy 14, the Antelope Valley Fwy, and today. Nadeau's men cached food and supplies on the outbound journey to sustain them on the return trip through the desert.

At the time it was built, the four story Nadeau Hotel was both the tallest building in LA and was the first building in LA with an elevator.

Nadeau became one of the wealthiest men in Los Angeles and his company accounted for 25% of all freight shipped out of Los Angeles in the 1870s. In 1883, Nadeau began hauling



borax from Death Valley to the railhead at Mojave. He invested in real estate in downtown Los Angeles in the area around present day City Hall. In Nadeau's time this was an area of barns, corrals, stables, blacksmiths and repair shops. He purchased the property at the southwest corner of Spring and First streets where he developed a commercial center.



Desert Freighters



Tiburcio Vasquez

The bandit Tiburcio Vasquez was the nemesis of the desert freighters. Vasquez was born into a prominent *Californio* family (*Californios* were the original Spanish colonists of California); His grandfather had been the *Alcalde* (mayor) of San Jose. Tiburcio was an educated, well dressed, charismatic figure who sang, danced, and played guitar. But he resented the Yankees who had taken California and the Californios loss of power. He fancied himself a Robin Hood-like character and felt justified in preying upon Yankee commerce.

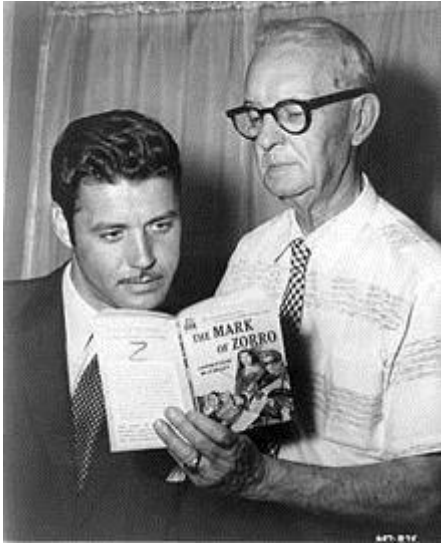
Tiburcio Vasquez was the inspiration for the fictional character *Zorro*.

Vasquez was popular with the Spanish speaking population because for many years he outwitted the Anglo authorities who tried to catch him. He was the inspiration for writer Johnston McCulley's creation of *Zorro* in 1919. Of course one couldn't have a Hispanic bandit outwitting the Anglo authorities, so McCulley backdated the setting to Spanish Colonial times.





Desert Freighters



Guy Williams, who most memorably portrayed Zorro in the Disney series, and Johnston McCulley

Vasquez had a camp in the badlands north of Los Angeles from which he raided wagon trains and robbed travelers. One of the Cerro Gordo mine owners had a plan to foil Vasquez' robbing of silver shipments. The silver was specially cast in huge 500 pound ingots! Vasquez intercepted the shipment and with great difficulty he and his men were able to remove a silver ingot from one of Nadeau's wagons. But the would-be-robbers were unable to transport it; They gave up, left the

ingot on the ground and rode away, The silver was loaded back into the wagon and the journey resumed.



Look familiar? This dramatic rock formation in Vasquez Rocks County Park is a popular movie and TV location. Bonanza, Gunsmoke, Maverick, Twilight Zone, Star Wars and Star Trek are among countless productions that have used Vasquez Rocks as a filming location.

Later in their journey, while winding their way down the mountain trail of what is now

Hwy 14 in Vasquez Rocks County Park near Santa Clarita, Nadeau's wagons were stopped again by Vasquez and his men. This time Vasquez had brought a heavy wagon of his own, rolled one of the ingots into it and rumbled away!



Desert Freighters

Vasquez' undoing was his passion for the ladies. He had seduced and impregnated a young woman and her vengeful family tipped off the authorities that Vasquez was visiting friends at Rancho La Brea (near the La Brea Tar Pits in the present day Wilshire District of Los Angeles). Vasquez was captured and tried for murder and other crimes committed over the course of his 20 year criminal career. He was sentenced to hang and while he was in jail awaiting execution, Remi Nadeau visited him. Nadeau asked, "I saved your life once mi amigo and we had an agreement that you would never rob my freighters. Why did you do this?" Vasquez replied, "Because you are mi amigo, that is why I took only one ingot, not all, from you!" Legend has it that the 500 pound ingot is buried somewhere in Vasquez Rocks County Park.



Vasquez image and Vasquez Rocks appear in a mural at Los Angeles Union Station



Vasquez is buried in the Santa Clara Mission Cemetery, near San Jose.

Building Some Models

I enjoy reading about our local history and exploring historical sites. This interest is reflected in my modeling. I model the period 1865-1939 on my 1:48 scale model railroad. It's easy to create a particular era with vehicles. I can remove all the motor vehicles to create the late 19th century. By adding a few vintage autos, it becomes the 20th century.



Desert Freighters

Horse drawn vehicles were widely used in America up to WWII but finding them in 1:48 scale can be a challenge. In the 1950s, Revell produced the *Miniature Masterpieces* series of approximately 1:48 scale wagon models, many of which were Wild West themed. These are excellent little kits built right out of the box or can be used for kit-bashing and as parts sources for scratch building projects.



Lew Glaser (on right) founded Revell

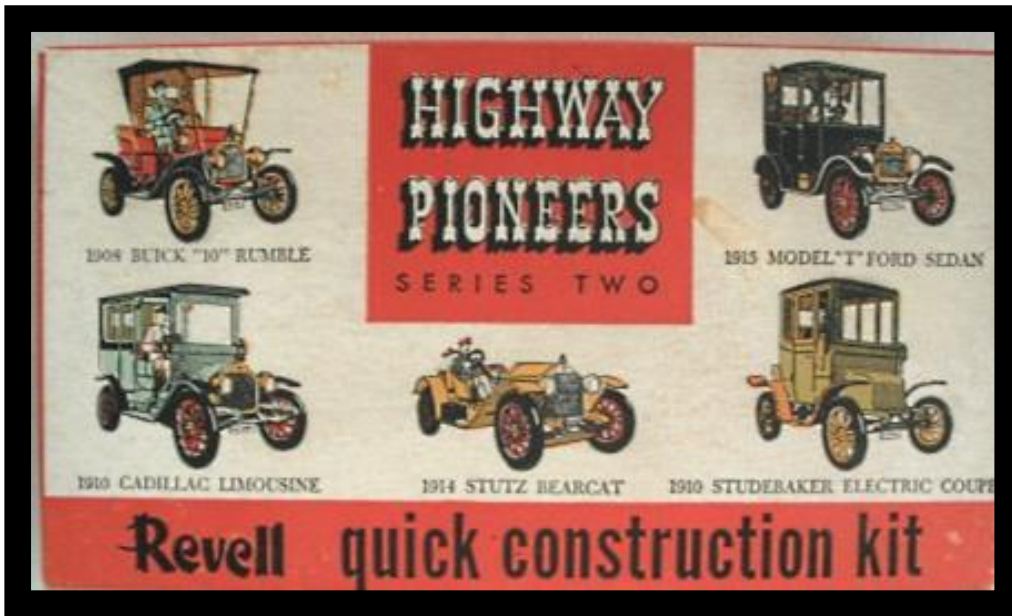
The *Miniature Masterpieces* models were the brainchild of Revell's founder, Lew Glaser. I won't go much into the history of Revell here as that can be easily found on the internet. But Glaser started a small injection molding operation called Precision Specialties in 1941 and manufactured various components for the military during WWII. After the war, he switched to making injection molded plastic toys.

Highway Pioneers Series One kits were sold under the Gowland brand.

Around 1950 he entered into a partnership with the Gowland brothers to manufacture a series of 1:32 scale model cars called *Highway Pioneers*. These were very successful and around 1953 the kits began to be marketed under the Revell brand name.



Desert Freighters



Highway Pioneers Series Two kits carried the Revell name.

The success of *Highway Pioneers* led directly to Glaser's next product line, *Miniature Masterpieces*. The *Miniature Masterpieces* series of horse drawn wagons and carriages was the result of a partnership between Glaser and Steve

Adams. Glaser's agreement with Adams was that Glaser would choose the subjects and sculpt the masters. Adams would make and retain ownership of the molds. Owing to the popularity of "westerns" on TV and the movies at the time, Glaser wisely selected mostly "wild west" themed subjects.



Whether *Miniature Masterpieces*, Revell, Adams, Athearn, UPC or Life-Like, the kit contents are all the same.

Initially these kits were marketed under the *Miniature Masterpieces* brand name; later the

boxes were labeled *Miniature Masterpieces* by Revell. Adams also released the kits under his own label and eventually sold the molds. The kits have since been re-released many times under the Athearn, UPC and Life-Like labels. This is good for builders because there are a fair number of these kits out there and only the Revell and Adams labels currently bring high collector prices. One box states a constant scale of 1:40, but I would disagree.



Desert Freighters

Calculating from the size of the wheels and figures, I would say these kits are around 1:50 scale. The Borax wagons are described as 1:67 scale. However, all of these kits are close enough to 1:48 scale to look OK with O scale trains.

Wells Fargo Stage Coach

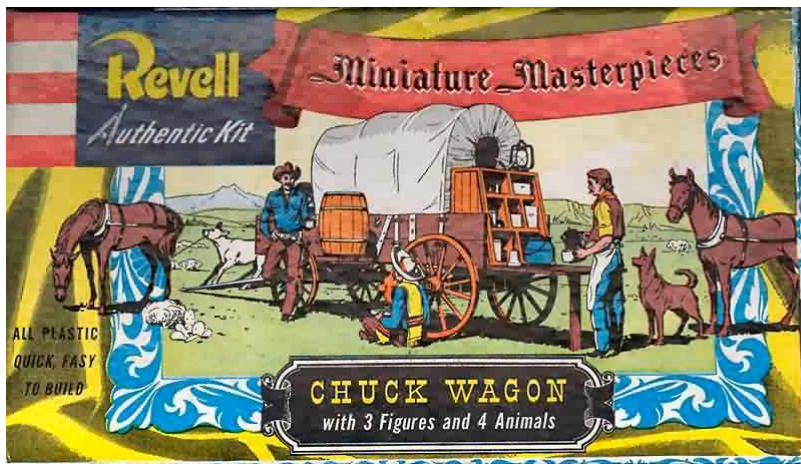


The stage coach kit pre-dates the use of the Revell brand name

Life-Like reissue came in a bigger box with new cover art but same kit inside.

The kit contains a Concord style coach with a driver and armed guard riding shotgun.

Chuck Wagon



The chuck wagon packaging has both the Miniature Masterpiece banner and the Revell logo.

Desert Freighters



Athearn box states the kit is 1/40 scale

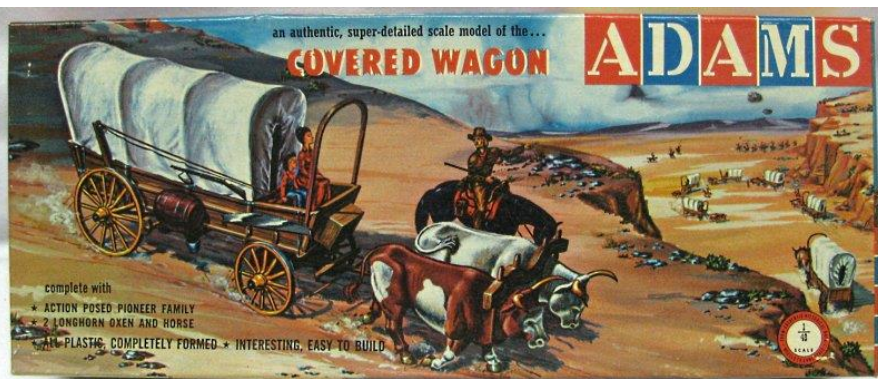
The chuck wagon is my favorite; It's really a diorama kit with lots of details. The cowboy, cook and vaquero figures have very nicely sculpted features. All the cook's tools of the trade are there as well: pots and pans, a lantern and even a dinner bell, and to finish it off there are two horses, a calf and a camp dog.

Covered Wagon

Original issue Miniature Masterpieces kit



Adams reissue from 1958





Desert Freighters

The covered wagon is pulled by oxen rather than horses or mules. The father rides a horse and mother drives the wagon with a boy sitting beside her. The figures are nicely sculpted.



Pioneer Wagon built OOB and Oxcart kit-bashed from *Miniature Masterpieces* parts.

Medicine Wagon



Medicine Wagon creates a vignette of the traveling snake oil salesman peddling his wares

UPC re-issue with new box art.

The kit includes an ornate wagon and two standing horses. The salesman is dressed in a top hat and tails, trying to sell his elixir to a woman with two kids. There are also an Indian, banjo player and an old prospector. This is another kit that builds into a cute vignette.



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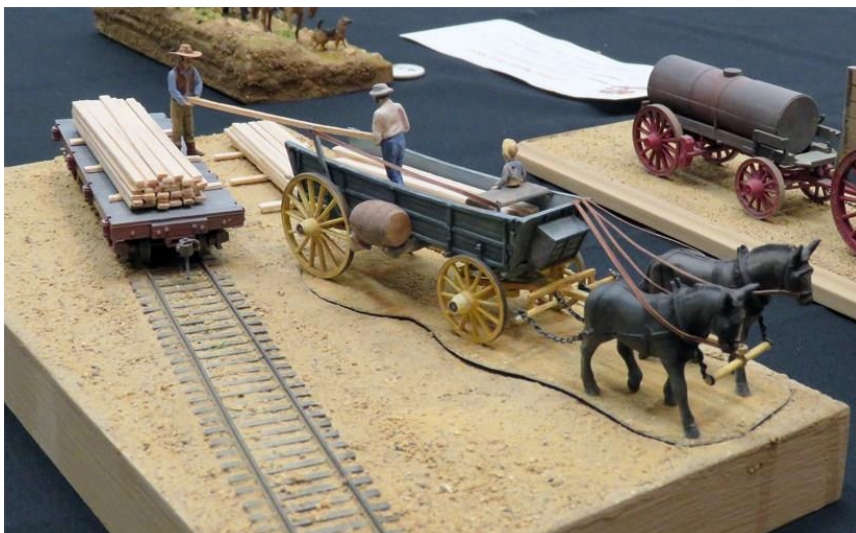
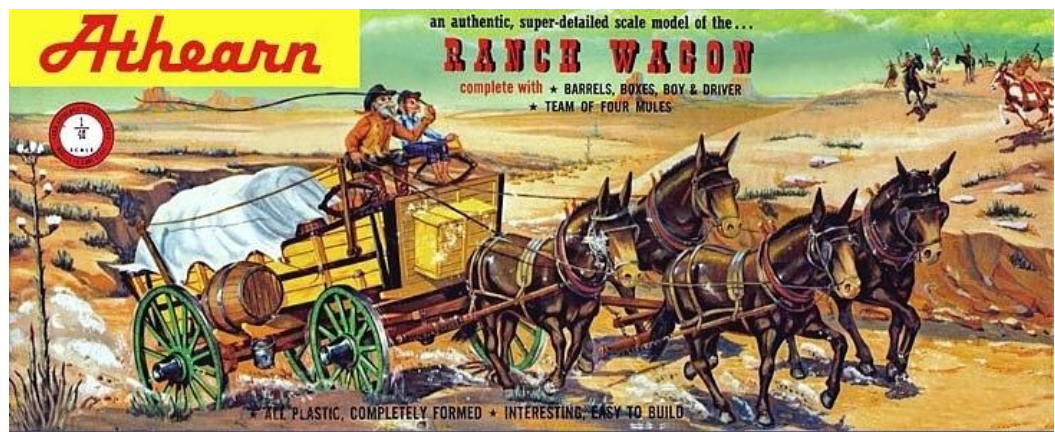
Ranch Wagon



The Revell issue Ranch Wagon is a rare kit

The Athearn reissue Ranch Wagon is easier to find

The ranch wagon is the basic wagon from the covered wagon kit but with a tarp covered load. The young boy passenger is reused. It has a team of four mules instead of the oxen. This is a rare kit, I have never seen an original Revell version but I built an Athearn reissue for my model railroad.



Vignette of ranch hands loading lumber onto a wagon. Ranch Wagon is on a removable insert so it can also be used on a model railroad layout. Ranch hands are Monogram WWII aircrew with hats added and arms repositioned.



Desert Freighters

Western Figure Set/Lazy M Corral



There is no wagon in this kit but it contains everything you need for the western diorama on the box art.



Life Like reissue with new box art.

This kit recycles a number of figures and parts from previous kits: The boy, his dad and the oxen from the covered wagon, the vaquero with the plate of food, a cowboy and his dog from the chuck wagon. The mules from the ranch wagon have been reworked as pack animals. The mule Skinner and swamper from the Boraxo promo kit are also included. I incorporated this kit into an impromptu rodeo in a cattle pen as pictured in the box art.



Scratch built cattle pens incorporating the Revell Western Figures kit on my model railroad. Chuck wagon vignette can be seen in upper right corner.

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Desert Freighters



Vignette using the pack train from the Western Figures kit.

20 Mule Team Borax Wagon

20 Mule Team Borax model was a US Borax Co. promo

The United States Borax Corporation (formerly Pacific Coast Borax) sponsored the long running (1952-70) TV series *Death Valley Days*. They approached Revell to design a promo kit and the result was closely related to the Miniatures Masterpiece series.



"Hey kids! Send the Old Ranger a dollar and a Boraxo box top to get your own 20 Mule Team Borax model!" The kit makes a very impressive 44 inch long model when assembled.

Revell designed the product, sculpted the masters and Adams made the molds. The 20 mule team kit was never released under any of the Revell, Adams, Athearn, UPC or Life Like brands; it was only offered as a promotional item from U.S. Borax.



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This is the most common of all the Miniature Masterpieces kits. Originally released in 1955, it is still available new and it's easy to find the old ones for around \$10. It's a great source for kitbash parts.

USE THIS ORDER BLANK WHEN SENDING FOR ADDITIONAL KITS AT \$1.00 AND ONE BORATEEM BOX TOP EACH.

To The Old Ranger
Death Valley, California

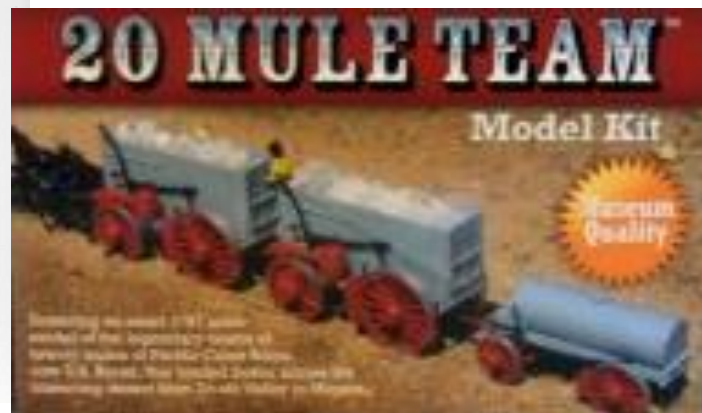
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for 20 Mule Team kits.

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I wonder if the Old Ranger would still send you a kit for \$1 with this coupon?



New kits are still available from the Death Valley Natural History Assoc. and cost only \$20. Click link for more info.

http://dvnha.org/opencart/index.php?route=product/product&product_id=225



The kit is molded in blue plastic as prototype borax wagons were painted blue when new. But the paint didn't last long in the desert sun and I opted for a weathered, in-use look.

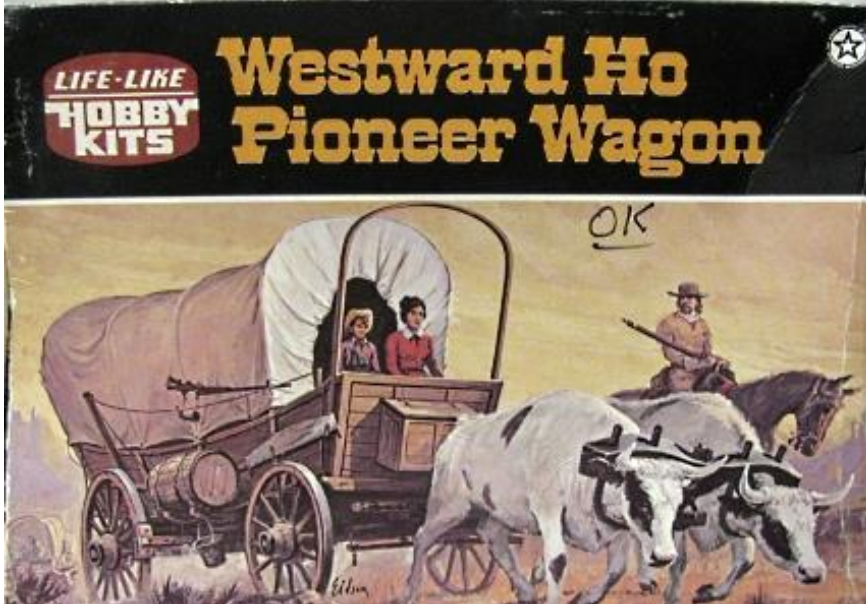
Desert Freighters



Borax Wagons on display in Death Valley

Kit Review: Life-Like (Revell) Pioneer Wagon

I was inspired by the stories of the desert freighters to build a couple of wagons from old *Miniature Masterpieces* kits in my stash



I built the Life-Like reissue of the Revell Pioneer Wagon kit

Bruce Openshaw and I sometimes have a chuckle at the IPMS meetings when the conversation turns to the subject of "bad kits." I think it is a disservice to casual builders or the people just entering or returning to the hobby to suggest that older kits are unworthy. Anyone remember Keith Mundt's Lysander built from

an old Hawk kit? Keith made it a contest winner! (*The Best Aircraft at the National Convention this year. Ed*) Contests aside, just for an out of the box fun build an old kit can provide several evenings of entertainment. As Bruce says, "Some kits are better than others, but there are no bad kits." With a bit of care in assembly and with the finishing materials/techniques available today, an older kit can become a "miniature masterpiece."

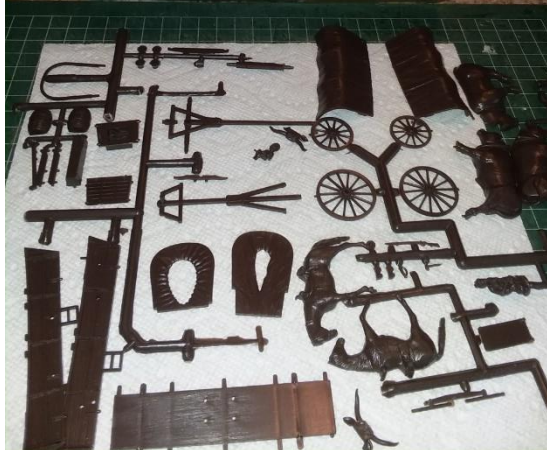
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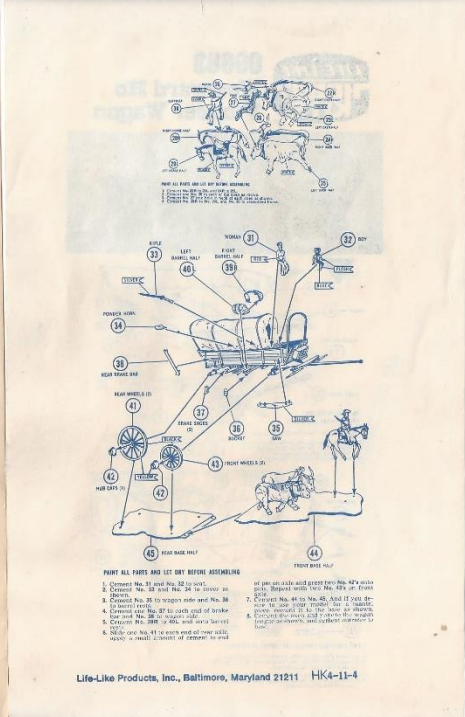
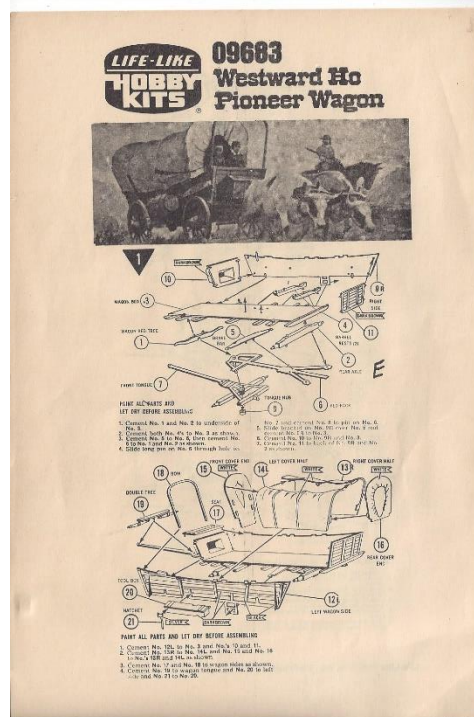
OOB builds and kitbashes using *Miniature Masterpieces* kits



The original Revell release of this 45 piece kit sold for 98 cents. I think I paid about \$10 for the Life-Like reissue at a Keller show. Fortunately all of the parts were there and in good condition.

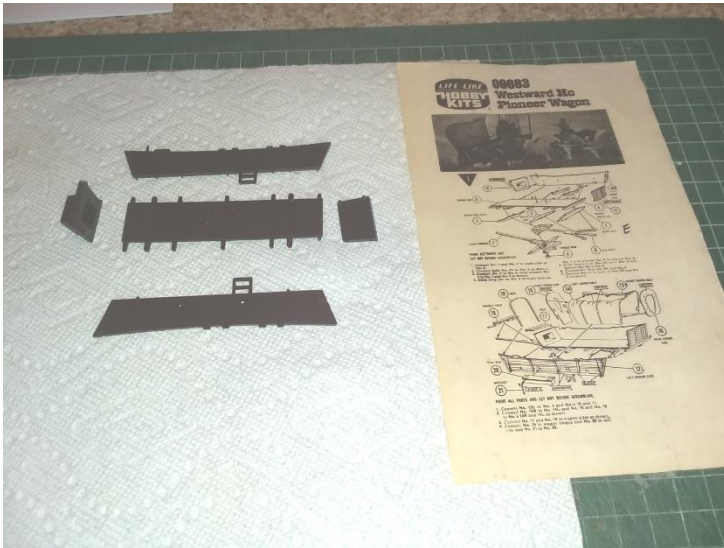


Construction of the Pioneer Wagon is straight forward





Desert Freighters



A step I never took as a kid was to trial fit parts before applying glue



Due to the thickness of the plastic in some older kits, I find old fashioned tube glue works better than liquid glue. The tube glue does not evaporate as quickly, gives you more time to align parts, and penetrates the plastic better for a good bond. I clamp major parts together while the glue sets.



Axles and underbody details added



The tilt (wagon cover) was not designed to extend the full length of the wagon. I stretched it by cutting it in half and realigning it with strips of styrene. It's hard for me to just build anything out-of-the-box, I guess it's a mental thing.



Desert Freighters



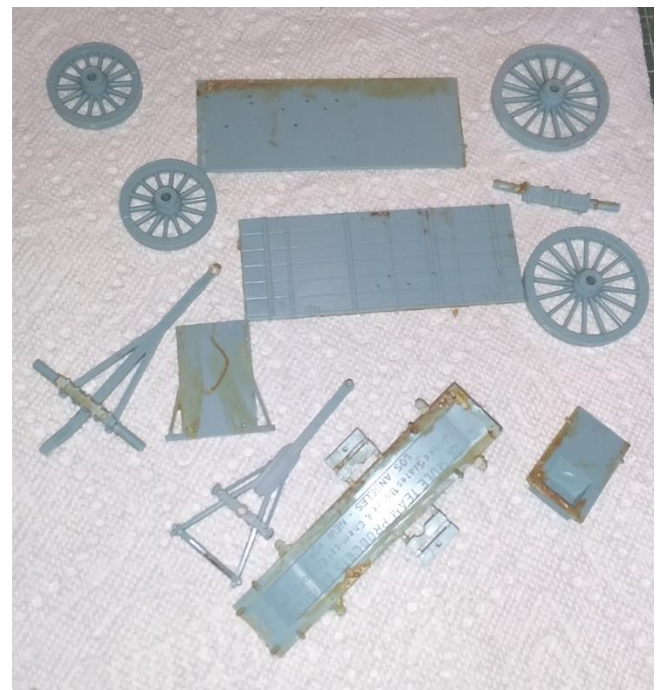
After the glue on the alignment strips had set overnight, I formed a piece of styrene to fill the gap and glued/clamped it in place. After that dried overnight, I blended the edges with Tamiya putty and simulated wrinkled fabric by sculpting with a Dremel tool.

Then Advanced Modelers Syndrome kicked in and I had to take the project a step further. I decided to create a desert freighter rig similar to that in the photo earlier in this article of the Deadwood wagon train.

I had the partial remains of a 20 Mule Team Borax kit which could be used to build a freight wagon.



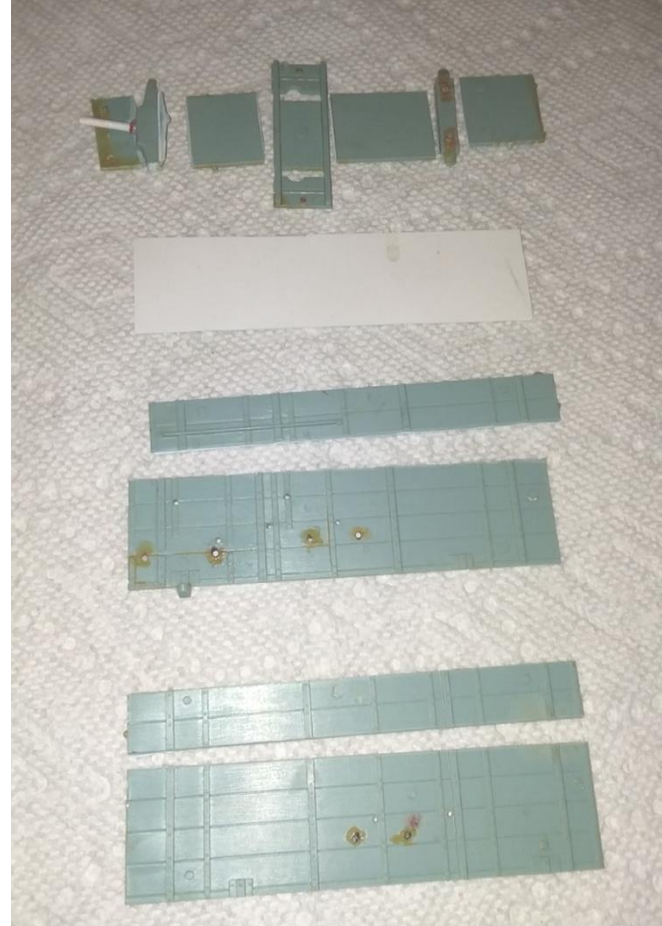
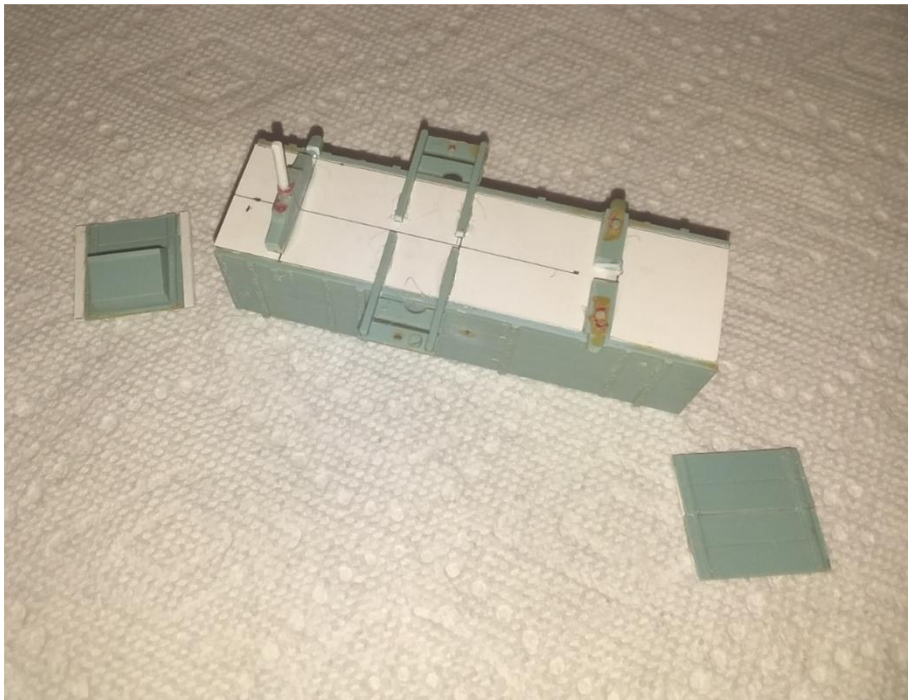
After a couple of hours in the freezer compartment of my refrigerator, the glue joints easily popped apart. There was a little bit of old glue that had to be scraped away.





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I cut down the body of the borax wagon by removing the top two "boards" on the sides. I cut a new floor from styrene to the same width as the Pioneer Covered Wagon.



Old parts reassembled to the new floor. Front end piece was widened by adding strips of styrene to each side. A new tail gate was made from the top boards which had been removed.



Ready for primer. I opted to use the mules from the borax wagon instead of the oxen from the pioneer wagon and modified a spare tilt from another covered wagon kit to fit the kitbashed freight wagon.



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Rather than paint all of the parts before assembly, I painted them as sub-assemblies (wheels, wagon bodies, figures). I used Rustoleum Khaki from their Camouflage Series of spray paint as a base coat. After the base coat had completely dried, I brushed on a wash of medium brown (diluted Michael's Craftsmart brand acrylic craft paint). I painted the mules Rustoleum Camouflage Series Earth Brown and the wagon tilts with flat white primer. The tilts received a wash of light brown and the mules a wash of black.

These old Revell kits have finely molded details that I usually obliterated by brushing on a heavy coat of Testors enamel back when I was a kid. After adding the pre-painted final details, I did a little more painting with a fine brush to accentuate the molded-in details. Then I dry brushed highlights using acrylics to make the details "pop." Strips of paper were used for reins. The figures received a base coat of white primer and were painted with acrylics.

The finished model was sprayed with Testors Dulcote to protect the weathering. I laminated pieces of thin corrugated cardboard cut from a USPS shipping box to form a display base. I used hot glue instead of a water base glue to avoid warping the cardboard. The cardboard was sealed with a base coat of white pigmented shellac and painted with earth tone acrylic (Craftsmart) when the paint dried, I brushed on some diluted white glue and sifted dirt into it to simulate desert terrain.

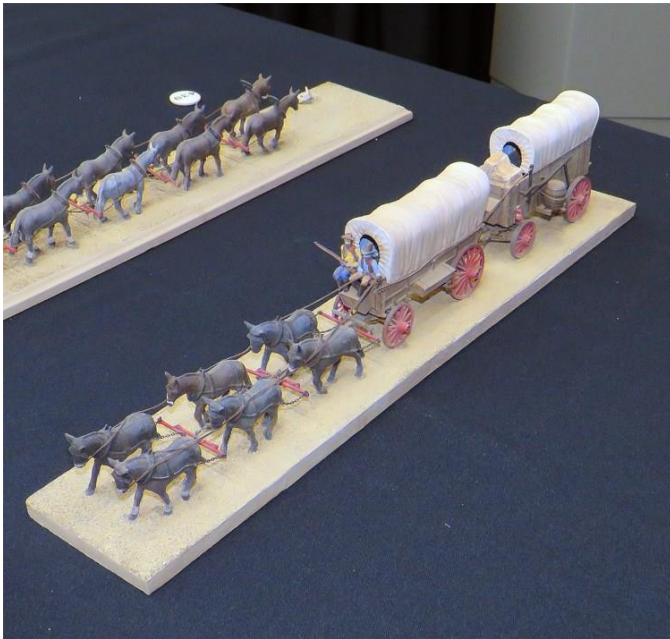


Deadwood freight wagons



Desert Freighters

Including painting, the Deadwood wagons took a week of evenings to complete. It was an inexpensive build and I'm satisfied with the results... not too bad for kits produced over 60 years ago!



The cart frame and tongue were whittled from a twig. Floorboards cut from a coffee stir stick. Railings are toothpicks. Driver is a modified model railroad figure with a sombrero added.

One more thing...

So I had the oxen left over from the Pioneer Wagon and a couple of wheels left over from the borax wagons. An idea came to me to build a heavy Mexican oxcart like Tiburcio Vasquez might have used to steal the 500 pound silver ingot from Remi Nadeau.



CERRO GORDO HAS BEEN SOLD!



As Terry Huber reported in the July 2017 NL, Cerro Gordo has recently been sold.



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The new owners of Cerro Gordo plan renovations to "maintain the historic nature of the property while introducing amenities that will allow more people to enjoy the location for music events, dining experiences, photo shoots, theater, special events, and more." A spokesperson said, "We're looking to create a new destination. It isn't often you're able to have such a canvas to work with. We have over 300 acres and dozens of buildings," Click this link for more info:

<https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/ghost-town-sold-cerro-gordo/index.html>

I last made the trek there in 2017 (5/17 NL) and Terry recently reported on his visit (7/18 NL). Adding parking lots, light poles, ADA compliance, removing hazards and "introducing amenities" will turn Cerro Gordo into another Calico. So if you want to see the real Cerro Gordo, you better get up there soon!



Hopefully the new owners of Cerro Gordo will not stage hokey stage coach robberies and "shootouts" for tourists. *FR*

Friends of Cerro Gordo link for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Friends-of-Cerro-Gordo-602926166437691/>



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Temecula Valley Model Club

Meets on the 2nd Saturday of every month

Kay Cenicerros Center (old location)

29995 Evans Road

Menifee, CA 92586

9:00 am till around 12:00

\$5 entry fee to offset room cost

Join afterwards at Pizza Factory Menifee if you wish

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### Pendleton AMPS

Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month

The American Legion

La Mesa Post # 282

8118 University Ave.

La Mesa, Ca. 91944

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. to about whenever

\$5 dues which includes lunch

[ljapr@verizon.net](mailto:ljapr@verizon.net)

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### IPMS South Orange County

#### The Insane Modeling Posse

Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month

Norman P. Murray Center

24932 Veterans Way

Mission Viejo, CA 92692

This is a great build session style meeting

8:00 am till 2:00 pm





## Model Club Meetings in the SoCal Area

### IPMS San Diego Model Car Club

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
San Diego Auto Museum / Balboa Park  
2080 Pan America Plaza  
San Diego, CA



### IPMS Orange County

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month  
La Quinta Inns & Suites  
3 Centerpointe Dr.  
La Palma, CA 90623  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.  
Non-member fee \$7 First visit free.



### IPMS Inland Empire

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Pegasus Hobbies  
5515 Moreno Street  
Montclair, CA 91763  
Doors open at 6:30 pm and go till about 9:00 pm  
There is no charge for first meeting then \$5

## INLAND EMPIRE IPMS

### Pasadena Scale Modelers Society

Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month  
American Legion Hall  
179 N. Vinedo  
East Pasadena, CA  
Doors open 7:00 p.m.  
There is a \$5 donation at the meeting







## Model Club Meetings in the SoCal Area

### SoCal Amps

#### Armor Modeling Preservation Society

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month

Frye Sign Company

12818 Nutwood St. Garden Grove CA

4:00 p.m. to around 9:00 p.m.

Bring some chairs. No-fee meeting



### Ship Modelers Association – SMA

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

American Red Cross Building

1207 N. Lemon St. Fullerton, CA 92835

In Hillcrest Park 7:00 p.m.



### Sprue Cutters Model Club

#### Brookhurst Hobbies

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Brookhurst Hobbies

12188 Brookhurst Street

Garden Grove, CA 92840

Phone: (714) 636-3580

No charge to attend

[info@brookhursthobbies.com](mailto:info@brookhursthobbies.com)



### IPMS San Diego

Meets the last Friday of each month at

Girl Scouts San Diego

1231 Upas St. San Diego, CA

Use Richmond St. entrance to Upas

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.

Adult first visit is free and then \$4.00





## Model Club Meetings in the SoCal Area

### Los Angeles Miniaturists Society

LAMS Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month

Veterans of Foreign Wars building

1006 W. Magnolia Blvd.

Burbank, CA 91506

Meeting starts around 9:00 a.m. till 12:30

Frequent demonstrations. Nonmember \$5

*Los Angeles Miniaturists Society*

## Upcoming Events

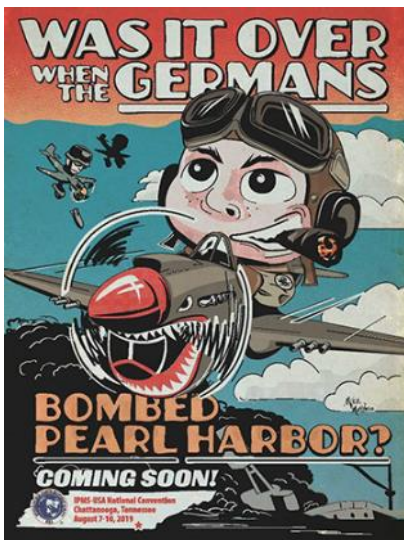
### 2019 IPMS National Convention

### Chattanooga, Tennessee

### August 7-10, 2019

Looks like the website is up and running here at this link.

<http://www.ipmsusnationals.com/>





## November 2018



### Upcoming Events

#### **Saturday November 17, 2018**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual USS Hornet Model Expo  
IPMS Gray Ghosts  
USS Hornet Sea, Air and Space Museum  
707 W. Hornet Ave.  
Pier 3  
Alameda, CA 94501  
Contact Chris Bucholtz  
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#### **Friday November 23, 2018**

#### **Saturday November 24, 2018**

Rare-Plane Detective Warehouse Event  
At the RPD Warehouse  
35-688 Cathedral Canyon Drive  
Suite #110  
*Cathedral Canyon Business Park*  
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10:00 am to 2:00 pm both days  
760-832-6213  
[info@rare-planedetective.com](mailto:info@rare-planedetective.com)

#### **Saturday January 19, 2019**

Brookhurst Hobbies presents  
Sprue-Fest 2019  
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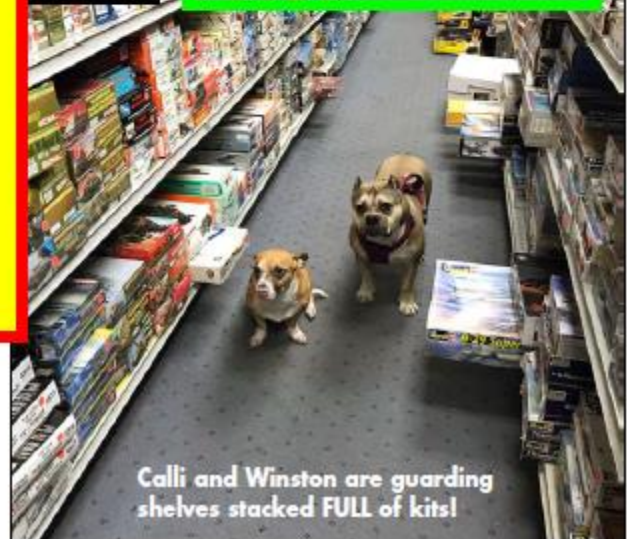


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## November 2018



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Everyone is invited to attend. The meetings are open to both members and non-members.

### Our monthly meetings are held at:

La Quinta Inn and Suites  
3 Centerpointe Ave, La Palma, CA  
(Orangethorpe and Valley View) Exit at  
Valley View from either 91 or 5 Freeway

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**For Additional Information Visit Our Website:**

**[www.ipmsoc.org](http://www.ipmsoc.org)**



### Our Meetings Feature:

- Programs of interest to modelers of all skill levels and interests.
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- Announcements of Coming Modeling Events
- Special Events and Speakers
- Vendor Tables are available at no additional cost
- Friendly, Helpful People
- Visitors are very welcome!

## 2018 MEETINGS & THEMES

### JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FUN*

Build a model of your favorite subject. Something you enjoy the most building.

### FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *MADE IN AMERICA*

Any subject (not necessarily the kit) that was manufactured in the good ol' USA.

### MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *HASEGAWA VS AIRFIX*

Who's the best? Build the best model you can from either company. Best Airfix Model and Best Hasegawa Model will receive an award.

### APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *SOMETHING RUSSIAN*

Something Russian. Can be any subject, even real space.

### MAY 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *\*\*BUILD NIGHT\*\**

(No Monthly Contest this month, Build Night Only) Bring a kit to work on and have some fun with other club members building.

### JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *RED, WHITE OR BLUE*

Any subject that is predominantly one of these three colors or a combination of the three.

### JULY 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *SOMETHING CANADIAN*

"Aa". Build something from our friend from the north.

### AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *TWINS*

Any subject whose major distinction is two of something. Twin boom aircraft, motorcycles, twin gunned AFV's, two seater cars, catamarans, bi-planes.

### SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 - *NEW KIDS*

Any model released (for the first time, no reissues) in the last 3 years.

### OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *\*\*BUILD NIGHT\*\**

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### NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *MENG VS TAKOM*

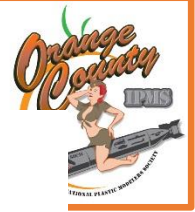
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### DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 - *ANY ITALIAN SUBJECT*

Fresh hot Pizza given to the contest director may count too.

### JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 - *TOPLESS MODELS*

Open cockpit planes, Convertible cars, Open bridge ships, Open top AFVs, motorcycles.



# IPMS South Orange County Insane Modeling Posse



**Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.**

**We are a build style meeting in a relaxed atmosphere located at The Norman P. Murray Community Center in Mission Viejo CA.**

We have all types of modelers in our club with a wide array of subject matter. Anything is welcome. The Norman center is located at 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo CA. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and go till about 2:00 p.m.



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