

The Monterey Bay Muddler

You came, you spoke, you voted! The newsletter has been officially named!



Lester's display of busts for the month of July

This month's meeting was held in Seaside, as the Monterey Library was closed for the 4th of July weekend. Nine of us showed up for hero sandwiches, pizza, and great models to look at and stories to listen to. Also a wealth of information on all areas of our hobby was discussed.

Monthly News Bulletins

- The Muddler will now incorporate a news and announcements section to let everyone know about exciting news and announcements, even if they could not attend the club meeting!
- Club dues will now be \$3.00 a head. This will allow the club some financial room to develop and maintain a website - hello 21st century!

Show and Tell



Tom was our first presenter, showing us his newly finished 1/20th scale Lotus 78 by Tamiya. The beautiful reds sparkled, and one could imagine it at Le Mans or Monaco.



Randy showed us the progress he's made on his Tamiya 1/48th scale F-16C. According to Randy, the F-16 is his "favorite" airplane. Tony provided some information on certain areas of building this kit, at no charge, of course.



Tony showed us 3 of his current pieces: Revell's Reaper, a drone aircraft by Revell of Germany, his Monogram Me-109G-10, and his Italeri TA-152. He had some very good things to say about the drone kit, although he says that the decals were 'too' thick, and should be replaced with after market ones.



Ramon brought 3 of his creations, a Hobby Craft MiG-17F, a newly tooled Airfix Me-109, and an Su-27, by Academy, all in 1/48th scale. Ramon had a lot of fun painting these three camouflage schemes with his Sotar 20/20 airbrush.

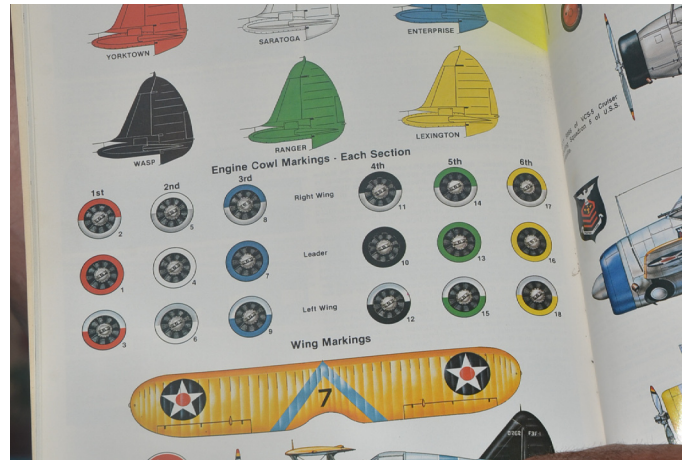




Lester showed his 1st and 2nd place plaques from the Mt. Diablo show last month. The 2nd was for his collection of “ the Enemies of Sparta”, and the first for his collection of “Vikings”. He also showed us several of his recent completions, but he was most proud of the cheetah skin on his Ottoman Turkish Janissary, and his Han dynasty bust of Guan Yu.



Oliver (age 9) presented 2 of his kits, each in different phases of construction. They included his Grumman Hellcat, in British Fleet Air Arm colors, and a P-40B. The P-40 was missing some cockpit and landing gear parts, since it was a consignment kit. Getting no response from Revell when requesting replacement parts, Oliver decided to just scratch build his own parts instead.



David brought in a 1961 model by Aurora, in the original box, of a 1/48th scale SBC-3 Helldiver, and then gave us lots of info on the history of the plane, and of Aurora's place in the history of plastic models...both very informative.



Lee brought in a large scale Godzilla by Polar Lights, that just may be the "worst kit ever made"... my paraphrasing! I think he should buy stock in a company that makes putty, 'cause he's going to need a ton (2,000 lbs.) of it!

But wait, there's more!

Mark your calendars folks, *The Hornets* "Tri-City Classic" will be held in Milpitas on Sunday, Sept. 27th. The theme will be "The Good German".

Special Awards will be:

1. The Desert Fox...this is the Theme Award;
2. Vengeance is Mine...3 awards, Best Marine, Best V-Weapon, Best Bulge subject,
3. At Dawn's Early Light,
4. Best Straight Wsing,
5. Mightiest Mercedes,
6. Best 1/48th A/C

Times and address to follow!

Member's Mugshots



Larry (L) and Lee (R) Marcum



Tony (L), Ramon (C) and Oliver (R)



Randy (L) and David (R)



Lester

Roll Credits, and a Guest Contributor

The following pages are articles generously contributed by Mick Burton from the Fremont Hornets. They include a trip down memory lane, so don't miss out - thanks Mick!

Best from your editor-in-chief,
-Lester

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Long Ago, In A Bay Not So Far, Far Away...

Bringing Forth Memorable Moments in R-9 Modelling History Thanks to IPMS - Monterey Bay

Some of you reading this may know that as Editor for The AfterMarket Sheet of SVSM, some year 2014 issues had “The WayBack Machine” feature, whereupon archives of the club were plumbed for material (with suitable sanitizing, to protect folks or more likely, hide Editor’s ignorance of some matters...) to recount “Olden Days”

Thanks to the tremendous good news of this renewed publication of IPMS-Monterey Bay here, some items that had not yet been “rendered” now will have two chances to “live again”. This article will be lead ship of the fleet

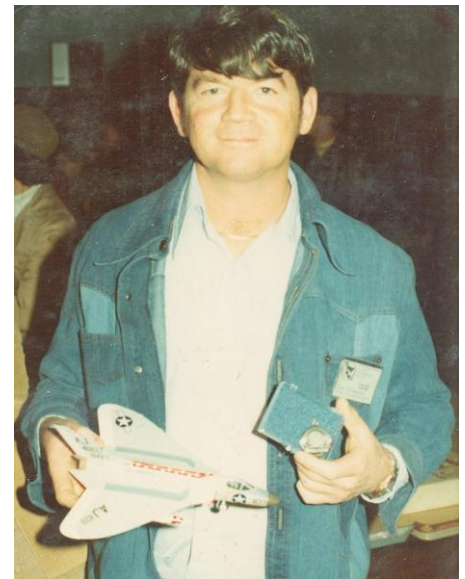
It is intended to celebrate the rarified joy of shared history between two long storied model clubs, still building.

The first four pictures are from the VERY FIRST **Annual Cypress Model Show**, held in **May 1975**, hosted by IPMS Monterey of course, and attended by R-9 clubs including South Bay Chapter IPMS (aka San Jose). Our records of the seminal event show that 11 SBC modelers entered 29 models that took home 15 awards.

Junior Best of Show went to young Mark Watson, for diorama “Crossing the Rhine”, highest trophy SBC took!



A very youthful looking “Senior”, Jeff Kilinski here, took a 1st for his 1/32 F-86F Sabre. Yes, that would be the Hasegawa kit at that point, itself in its youth.



Fess Fessenden got 3rd in Post WW2 1/48 AC with this F4D-1 Skyray.

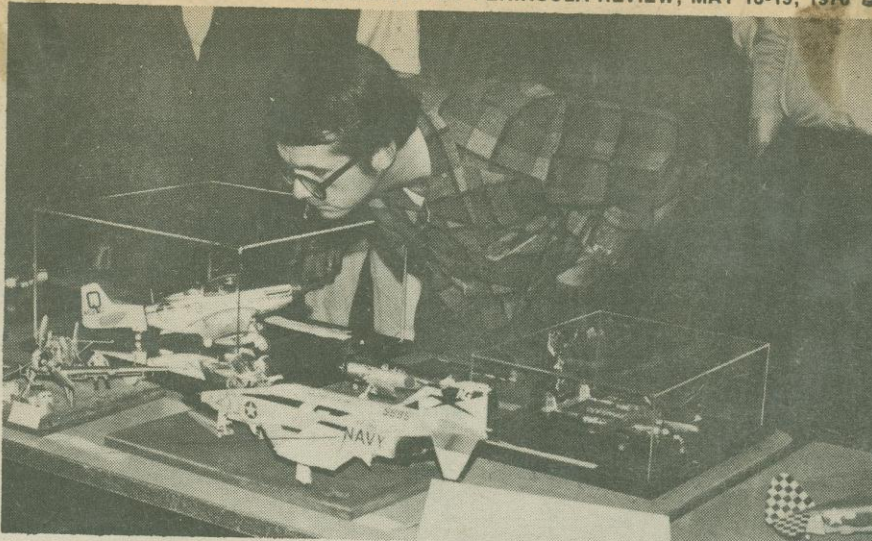
Keep in mind, this is the LINDBERG kit he was working with then. Fess also took that day a 2nd in 1/32 Post WW2 AC for Bell JetRanger Helicopter and a 1st in 1/72 Post WW2 AC for his WV-2 Constellation. Sadly, I have no pictures of either.

Last picture I have for the 1st Cypress Annual, one that may begin to truly illustrate history shared between South Bay & Monterey Bay. Remember, this is May, 1975, just past now a 4th decade in passage, with my records showing only our two clubs putting shows on in R-9 at the time. Monterey’s launch here, coming only 4 years past the first annual SBC show.

Mr Tim Curtis, with his white ID badge there on his blue shirt, took a 3rd with his Ki-49.

Name seem familiar, even if you don’t remember him? Perhaps due the Service to SVSM Award is given in his name, an honored memorial to one of the club founders. I was lucky enough to have known Tim, been “drill instructed” by him when I first served as officer of the San Jose Scale Modelers in any capacity, and know he was one of the reasons I got into my head “going to Monterey show to compete” was an important thing to begin doing.





SCALE MODEL BUFF: A spectator scrutinizes the detail which went into some of the aircraft division winners at last year's Cypress Scale Model Show. The second annual event comes to the Pacific Grove High School multi-purpose room on Satur-

day, May 15, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and on Sunday, May 16, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Hundreds of models are expected to be judged in 27 different categories, and the public is invited to attend the show without charge.

Scale Model Show in Pacific Grove

Hundreds of scale models, from trains and planes to dinosaurs and armored knights, will be on view at the second annual Cypress Scale Model Show on Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16.

The public is invited to the free display, in the multi-purpose room of Pacific Grove High School, 615 Sunset Drive.

Exhibitors will include individuals, hobby shops, distributors and manufacturers from all parts of California. Hours will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Co-sponsors are the Monterey Peninsula Scale Modelers, which is a chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society; the San Jose chapter of IPMS and the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Entries will be accepted until noon Sunday, when judging is scheduled. Trophies will be awarded in 28 categories, up from last year's 21 classes. Entrants will be classified as follows: Master -- for all ages; Senior -- 16 years and older; Junior -- ages 11-15; and Sub-junior -- open to modelers 10 years and younger.

Three of the eight senior categories are

for aircraft entries modeled after planes built before, during and after World War II. Scales of 1/72, 1/48 or 1/32 will be presented.

Senior dioramas -- scenes or settings for scale models -- may be for aircraft or armor, including tanks. Senior armor entries may be in scale larger or smaller than 1/72, a separate category for models scratch-built from a pattern, or built from scratch or conversion of a standard kit to a modified version.

Senior figures of humans or animals may be entered in categories before the year 1816 or after. Senior Open includes cars, ships and trains. Master and Junior categories are subdivided into aircraft, armor and open. Junior diorama and Sub-junior have no sub-categories.

The entry fee is 25 cents per model for Sub-juniors and \$1 a model for all other contestants. Entry forms may be obtained in advance of the show at contest headquarters, Space Age Hobbies, 1173 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. For information, phone 375-4351.

Now, get a real sense of pride, Monterey, for this here is a news account from 1976.

Which is an excellent confirmation of the cooperative venture between Monterey & South Bay IPMS model clubs along with local chamber of commerce that May, for this TWO DAY show which followed the first annual Cypress. Very rare air, indeed.

Those on the South Bay side of this co-op I don't have officially recorded, but since I did know later these folks, I'd bet on three as being our portion of the reasons for this great sharing. SBC founders Jay Sherlock, William Magnie, Tim Curtis. All three are among the winners recorded for this club's 24 member entrants, who had 83 models in the 2nd Annual Cypress, taking 36 awards

Those three gents I know to be fearsome competitors, awesome modelers and if they called you friend, fiercely loyal men. They definitely kept the competition between the coast and inland clubs friendly fun activity.

Two of them alas, have "gone on ahead" a fair number of years ago, and Jay calls the Reno NV area home nowadays, along with Doug Summers, also an alumnus of both SVSM and Fremont Hornets chapters. But now you have an idea who you can "fact check" me with, plus how deep our shared community history runs even today.

You can thank Jay Sherlock in fact, for the fact you're even seeing these photos and I having the statistics to reference. He held these SBC archives that were compiled by Bill Magnie for many years, and passed on to me only recently (2013). Bill and Jay, a pair of real photographers along with being

excellent modelers. Lucky to know them !

Here are two shots of the two days in 1976, in "old school B&W"

A look at many of the Awards on offer, and a sense of the aircraft competition underway





This shot has 15 of the 24 entrants from South Bay that day. Fess Fessenden's there on far left in back, the tall gent in glasses is Jay Sherlock, in front of him is William Magnie, in center at Bill's right, a dour looking soul name of Shane

I point him out for several reasons, one being he was a class mate in Junior and Senior High. In 7th grade he met me along with another, we three became "model friends" and he would be first of us to join the South Bay IPMS clan. He went on to a career in the USAF, and I saw he had won with a Ju-88 in 1.72 in the 50th year of IPMS USA Nationals. He lives in N. Carolina, so we're not doing much reliving old times.

On Bill's left, is the Junior Best of Show winner (yes, from SBC again!), one Clark Kelsey, he won with 54mm "Boy Flying a Kite" figure. Clark also won "the Chandlery Cup" for a 77mm Guard Curassier at this show. Sad that I haven't any pictures to show either of these, but that is indeed how life is.



I do have Bill Magnie's 3rd place winning JU-52 and Jay Sherlock's OV-1D in 3rd, both 1/72 wonders in color.



Thanks again to Bill, the 1st place Me-163 "glider" trainer, in 1/72, winner is none other than Shane my old cohort in scale crime.

Norm Mocabee, another veteran member I had a chance to know awhile in a few years later when I became a SJSM member, got a 2nd for his T-34B in 1/72 here.

It is fun to share these all

My regret, that I haven't pictures of the show that I can broaden look back at 1976 here, for two day



event like this had to have a lot of models by lots more modelers from all about the region and Monterey IPMS

Well, I don't have any idea right now what the **3rd annual Cypress Show** looked like or added up to for any of the clubs involved, but it surely must have been good. For **1977** was the year that the legendary Golden Gate Chapter (IPMS-San Francisco) were the hosts of the IPMS-USA Nationals, and region was well represented.

1978 witnessed the **4th Annual Cypress Show**, with an amazing statistic in our records for it. Our own Senior (truly) by the name of Ted Kauffman, took the Best of Show (Master) with his 1/48 "scratch" Jenny JN-4. Ted was already known for his ability to create "skeletal" scale magnificence in several scales, and I was one of the folks who got to see first hand some of his finer works, like a large scale "unskinned Hurricane" and others. He was joined by another later legend of the South Bay scale modeler scene, then "aborning". One Stuart Shepherd who took home Monterey's Junior Best of Show award at the 4th Cypress. With a 1/32 A-4 Skyhawk, IDF/AF



Stuart wasn't the only Junior entrant.

I don't have names for all the SBC kids here, but as you see they had fun, won a bit of recognition.

To get an idea of how full the contest was, there was the awarding of 4th and



5th place (by ribbons) for categories in Senior and Junior, a practice due to the turnout this Editor knows was in play still several years later. I know, because I won a 5th place in a split no less, in a category of 1/72 jets (60+)



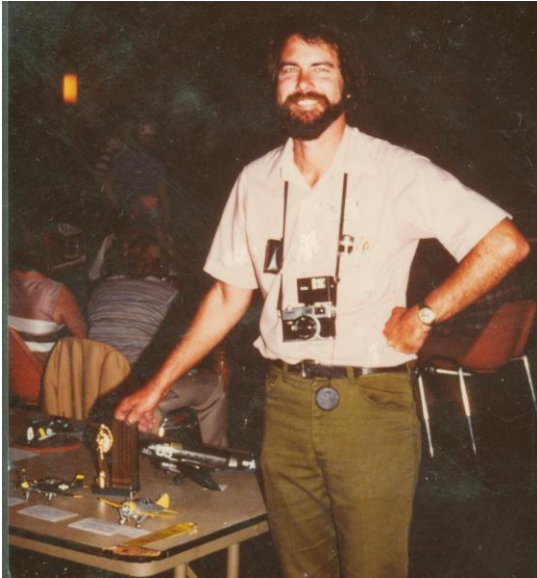
Monterey's Cypress Annuals were my first experience of "big shows" locally and otherwise, and this in 1980s.

We'll close our look at 1978's show with one more go at the Stuart Shepherd show, he would be leaving Junior competition in the following show as he "aged out of it"

Here he's enjoying his wins with a 1/48 F-16A (1st), 1/48 Staggerwing Beech (3rd) and 1/72 Mystere (5th)

Years later, Monogram would showcase his box art...

1979 was the **5th Annual Cypress Model Show (and Contest)**, and again some familiar names show up in the records for South Bay Chapter entrants who won at the Monterey extravaganza. Care to guess ahead, now?



Here's one most if not all of you won't get. I only know him because I took his officer post soon after joining the chapter, and literally, we have never seen or heard from him since!

This smiling bearded gentleman is one Douglas Stewart, who served a busy and productive number of years as the SBC/SJSM Secretary, Newsletter Editor (old school cut.paste graphics, write on typewriter) AND Treasurer. All those jobs in one officer post. And still a modeler

Monterey 1979 awarded him a 1st for his 1/48th P-51D and 4th for his Buffalo F2A in 1/48. Tim Curtis took a 5th for the Bf-109 in same cat.



Here again, Ted Kauffman took home the Senior Best of Show with what else, JN - 4 "Jenny" Hangar Scene.

Jay Sherlock won Best 1/72 Aircraft for a P-26A (which meant it was Revell's, what a feat performed by Jay !) other SBC guys won awards with Sherman Tank Diorama, Me-262 Jet, no pictures though, sorry.

The **BIG WINNER** on the South Bay end of Monterey Bay 1979 show, though, was none other than...Stuart !



Yes, that's right. Now first time in Senior competition, Stuart Shepherd at the Cypress Show # 5 took down a fine result of awards.

4th Place for him came to pass due to a X-Wing Fighter In Senior Open, same place for an F-111A in 1/72 Sr. Jet Aircraft, another 4th for his F-5E in 1/48 Sr Jet Air.

Here you see his best finish, a 2nd place in Senior 1/32 Aircraft for this F-86F.

So you see, Monterey and San Jose definitely had some pretty fine competition going between them, and there was more to come in the 1980s, a little of which I still have some evidence to provide you today!

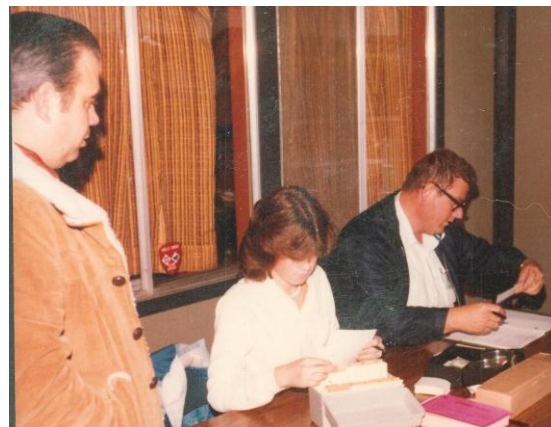
We will have to skip **1980** as far as records go, but know that Monterey faithfully hosted another Cypress then.



1981 found these three folks smiling more than evident in the picture on the right, which was a shot borrowed from the 1980 archive.

The 7th Annual Cypress Show had our South Bay crew taking awards in many categories.

2 Seniors who were among them, Tim Curtis & Jay Sherlock, seen “instructing” Junior Beth Fowler here in fine art of awards assignment at Judging results table in a South Bay 1980 show



Beth would take home from the 1981 Cypress a nice group from competition in Junior Open category. She took a 3rd, 4th and 5th place award for Kenworth Aerodyne, Peterbilt Conventional and Freightliner Cab-Over. Those are all SEMI Tractors, aka Big Highway Freight Trucks, for those who don’t know. If you have never tried one, try imagining this slip of a girl at her age, turning out 1/25 scale competitive works in such abundance. Yeah, I don’t know how either. There aren’t any photos for the 1981 show for me to share but I do have the records of which of SBC folks won and with what. The sum total was 8 SBC members entered 37 models and took back 26 awards from Monterey!

To close out the first decade of IPMS Monterey hosting the Cypress Annual, I again don’t have pictures but the statistics we do have are very rich in detail and fun to recount here, for the definite vibrant regional illustration.

No records on hand for the **1982** (8th) , **1983** (9th) shows, nor pictures as I said, for **10th Annual Cypress in 1984** But have a look at the records that our dear William “Old Bill” Magnie compiled for our review now, 30 plus !

20th of May, 1984, saw the following: 46 modelers including members of NINE Region 9 chapters, entered into Competition 206 models at the 10th Annual Cypress Show & Contest.

These entries broke down as follows: 4 SubJunior (Youth) Models, 28 Junior Models, 171 Senior Models. (yes I know, the totals don’t equate, but I am working with the statements from my references, and won’t change it)

Senior Entries further broken out for this show were as follows: 127 aircraft (37 in 1/72, 62 in 1/48, 18 in 1/32). 20 military/civilian vehicles (4 in 1/72, 4 in 1/48, 12 in 1/35), 8 Figures, 7 Ships (all 1/700), 4 Dioramas and 5 Miscellaneous.

Now, the piece de resistance, this data is gold in retrospect for many of us veteran contest directors. Thanks Bill The breakdown for the 72 awards taken home by all involved is taken from these totals for each grouping:

Chapter/Group Subset	No. Modeler Entrants	Models Entered	Awards Taken
Independent (no affil)	7	40	4
San Jose	12	67	24
Monterey	6	20	11
Fresno	5	26	11
Sacramento	8	20	7
Stockton	3	9	5
Superior (Chico)	2	9	3
Fremont	2	7	3
Redding	1	3	2

Alright, I hope this hasn’t been tedious to read, and you gain some appreciation for what it means to have had a club “of just a silly pastime, a hobby” that had folks care enough to keep it running for well over 40 years now There are damned few of them in our organization, or even in the “world at large” if you really start to think of “serious businesses” that aren’t either extant any more, or hardly who they began life as. Pleased as can be to be knowing that Monterey is to be counted among “The Few”. Thanks for having somewhere to publish this. **-mick**