

The Monterey Bay Muddler

The members present were Eric H., the Marcum brothers, Lee and Larry, Ramon and Oliver, David and Evan, Ron C., one of Ramon's friends, Mike, and of course myself...duh. There was quite a bit of business to take care of, so here's the rundown... we are making 3 donations; this year, one to the Salvation Army, one to the Monterey library, and one to the Veteran's Center. Two of these will be sent in honor of Ramon and David, and one in memory of John McLane. The bulk of the meeting's business was centered on how to attract more members to meetings, and how to attract more members in general. The responses included changing the place/day/time of the meetings, creating a web site or a Facebook account. Several of us volunteered to look into various aspects of these suggestions. Last piece of business was the next meeting place and date, as the Library will be closed for the New Year weekend. The meeting will be on Sunday, 3 Jan., at 1217 Wanda Ave...my (newly improved) place, at 1:30 PM. Snacks will be provided, as usual. Any questions, call 394-4940.



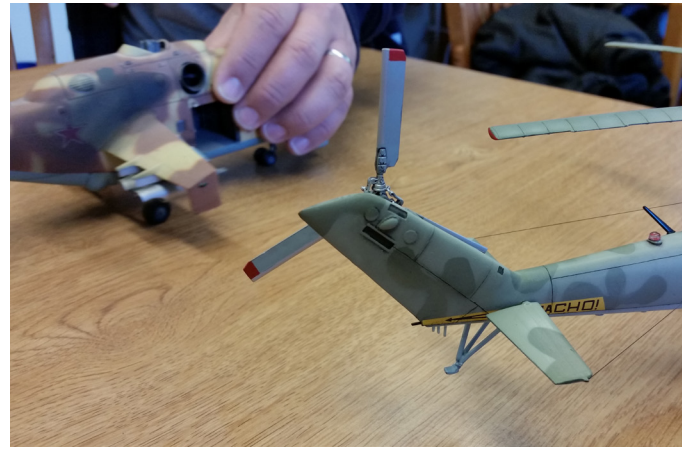
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AAAAANNNDDDD, now on to Show and Tell!

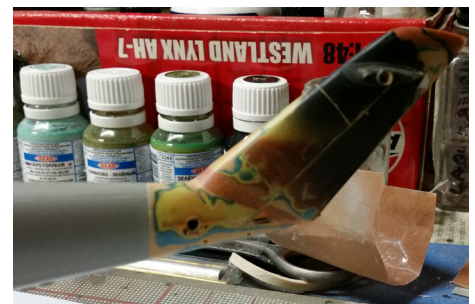
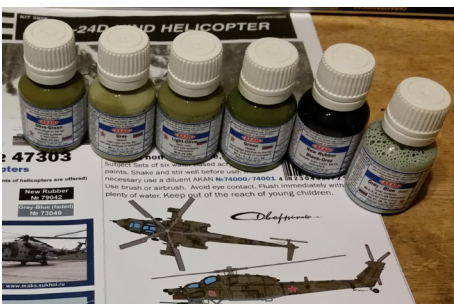


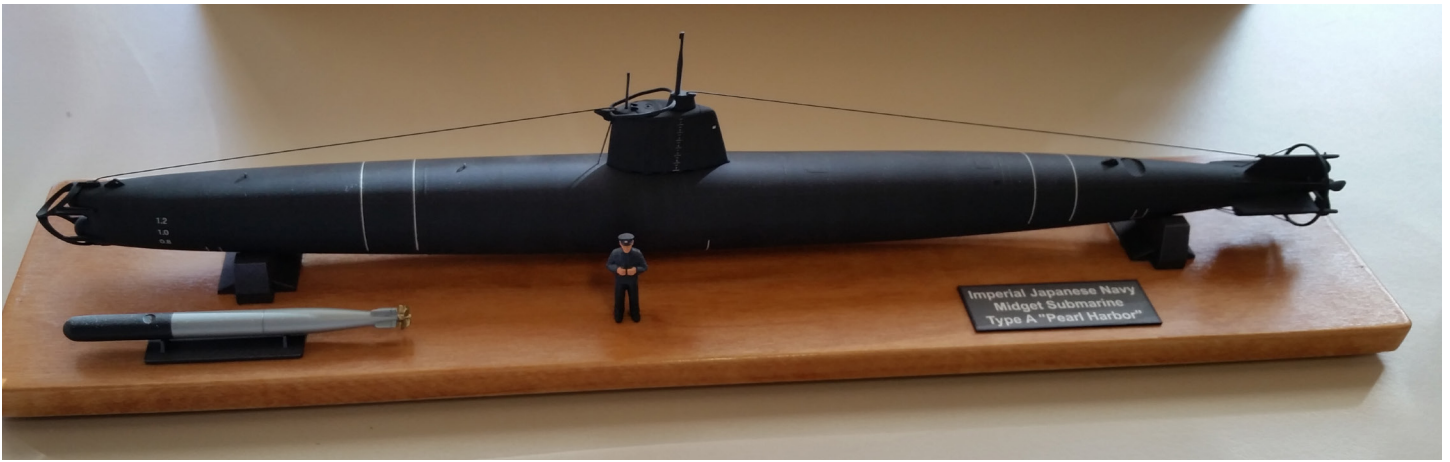
Oliver started off with his Monogram F-20 Tigershark. He replaced the gun barrels with guitar strings, modified the hydraulic brakes, and detailed the cockpit. We have a National's champion in the making...keep it up Oliver!



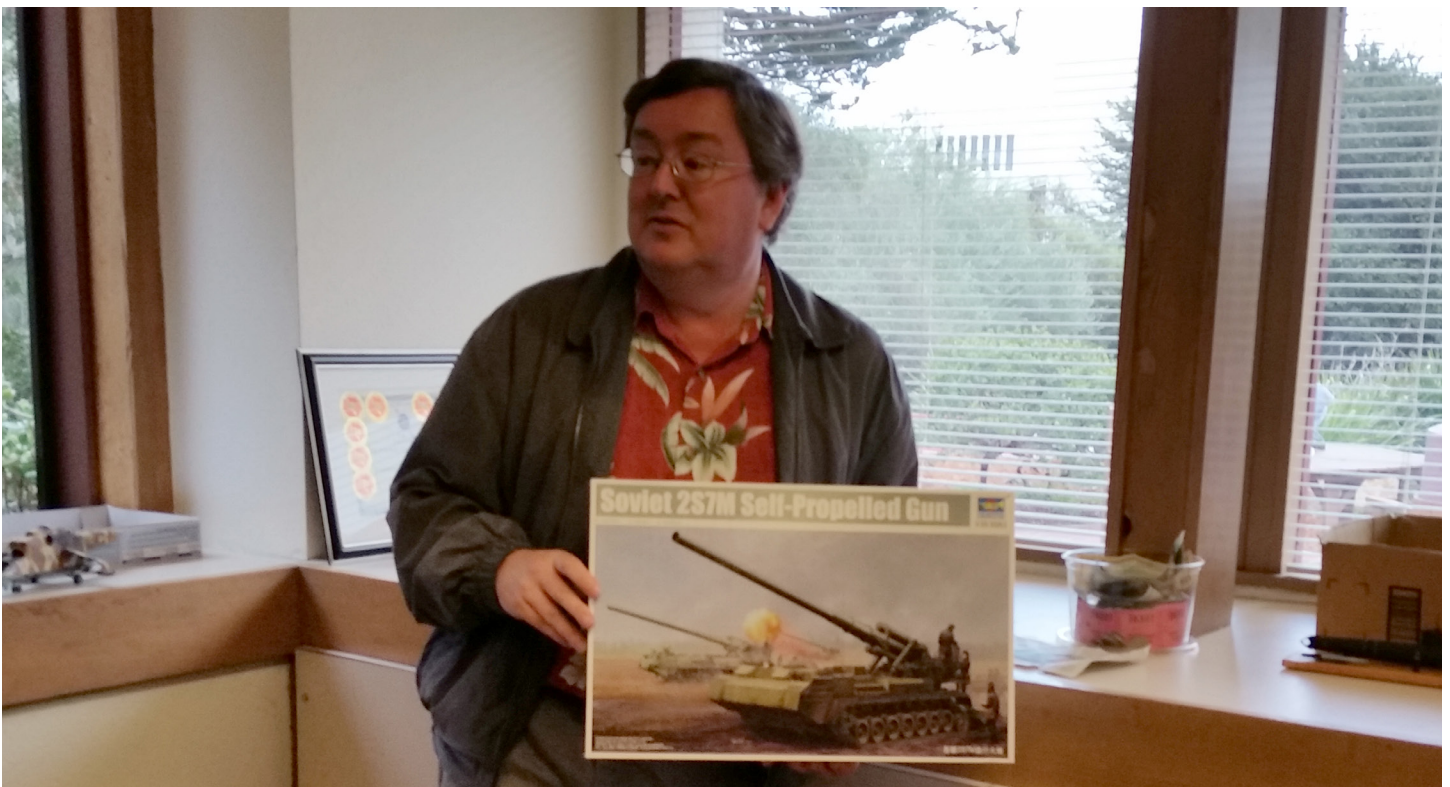


Ramon brought in his Monogram Mi-24 Hind D, converted into a Hind E, but it really wants be a B-Hind! He says it's 99% done. You see what he did by looking at the pics of the Hind he destroyed to make his E happen. He painted the bird using his new Russian Akan paints, shot with his Sotar 20/20 airbrush.





Erik showed us his Finemolds Type A midget sub...purrrrrfect work as usual Erik.



Lee, who's paper 257mm Self-Propelled gun won every award possible in Milpitas last month, brought in Trumper's kit of the same model...I'm betting there will be a lot fewer pieces in this kit! The kit comes with a full interior both in the front and the back, and a turned aluminum barrel can be purchased separately.

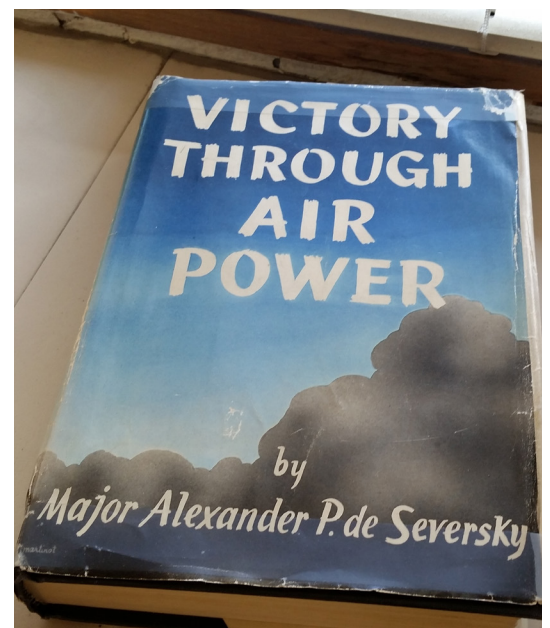




As usual, Lester brought in his busts...what else is new???? A medieval German Knight, 2 Celts from the 5th C. bce, and 2 pirates. When it comes to figure painting, Lester isn't monkeying around!



David showed us 3 WW II birds, a P-47C , a P-35, based in the Philippines, and a P-43 Lancer. As is his way, a wonderful history lesson came with each presentation.





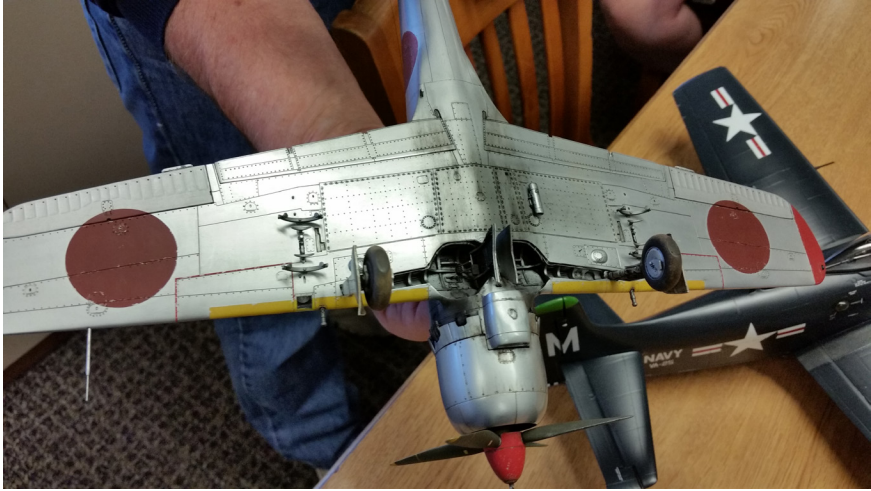
One was the AD-4Q Skyraider made for electronic countermeasures...great cockpit details and several custom made decals.

Last, BUT definitely not LEAST, is Ron, who also showed us 3 birds, two in 1/32th scale and one in 1/48.





Next was his Hasagawa Frank in bare-metal paint scheme..this version having 4, 20 mm cannons.





Last was his Kitty Hawk Grumman F9F Cougar... beautiful in blue and day glow orange.



Many years ago, we had a member named Jeff Vermulen. He moved to Arkansas, but has been kept on my members list, and has received every issue of our newsletter. He e-mailed me these 2 pics, and agreed to have them published in our newsletter.

In closing, if any of you have ideas for helping us grow, PLEASE share them with us. Wendy, the Board and I want to wish all of you a Happy Channukah, a Merry Christmas, and a happy and SAFE New Year. See you all at my place on Jan.3rd, 2016.

Best from your editor-in-chief,
-Lester



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