

# The Monterey Bay Muddler



**Checking to see if Godzilla was indeed male or female...**

Members present at today's meeting, held at Lester's home, were David C., ME, Bryan T and son, Ari, Ramon and son, Oliver, the brothers Marcum, Lee and Larry. President's business was limited to see if any of our car builders would like to show a table at a Ferrari event at the Barnyard. Lee said maybe, depending on what Tom L. wanted to do. Sec'y (Dave) read a thank you letter from the Red Tails Ass'n., for our \$25.00 donation we made last month. Treasurers report said we have \$300.00 in our bank account. Bryan T reported that we have a Facebook page, and a Web Page. You should all have received an e-mail from Bryan on Sunday, 1 May. Kudos to Bryan...job well done. With no further business, we moved inside for...

## SHOW AND TELL!!!



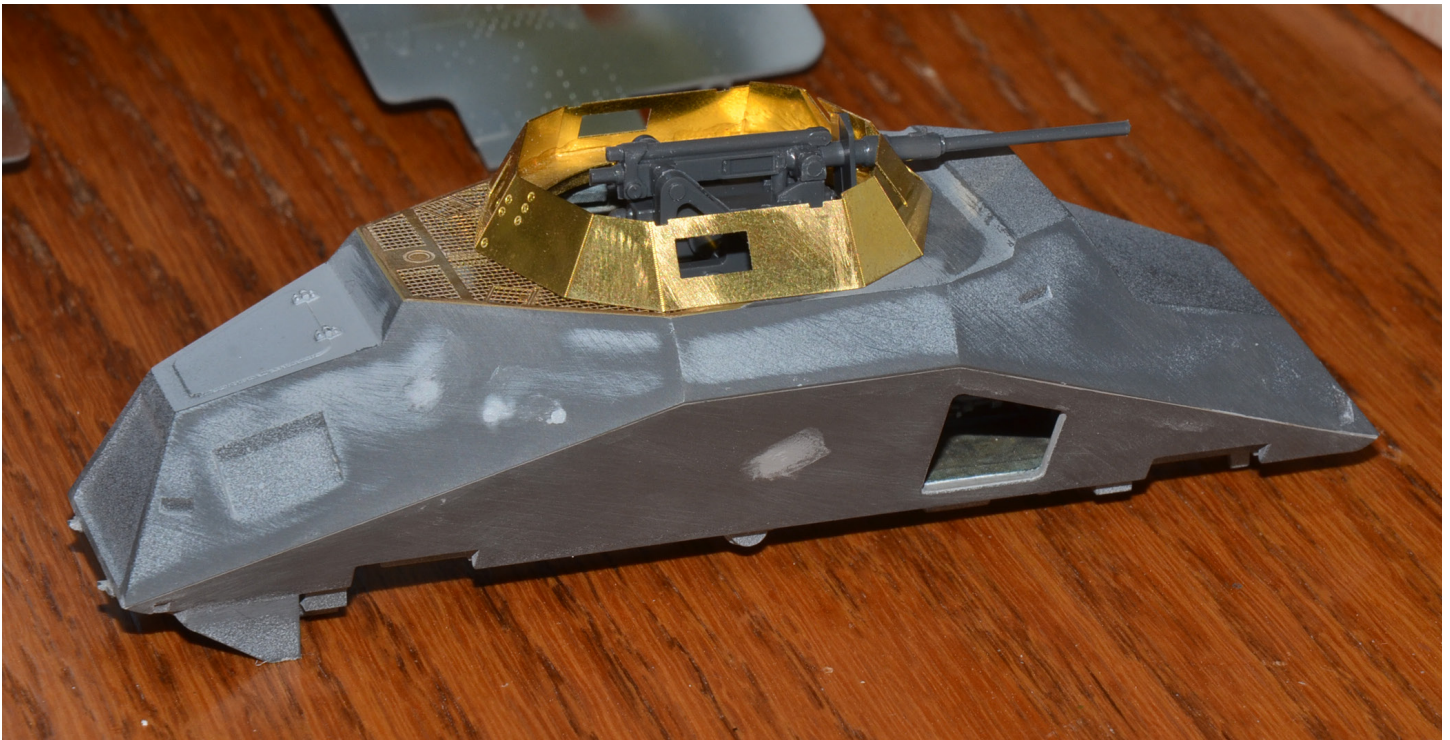
Ari was first up with a kit/scratch made catamaran that was entered in a Cub Scout Raingutter Derby, and came in 2nd place.



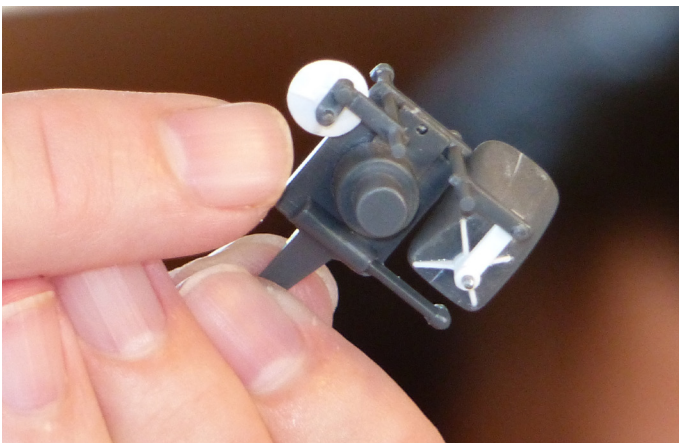
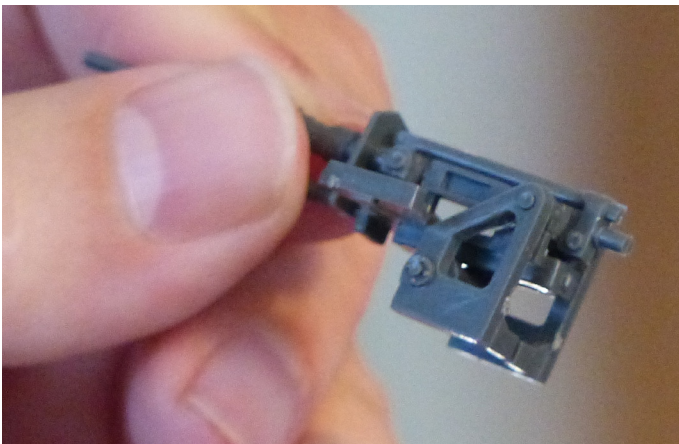


Oliver showed up with 3 planes...the first being a P-61 Black Widow from Revell. He told us that this was the first American fighter to be built with radar actually built into the design. The second was an AH 64A Apache helicopter. He scratch built the chaff dispensers in the back of the tail. The last was the F-105 Delta Dart. Oliver said that this was a good kit to build and he highly recommends it.





Lee was up next, bringing back both the Sd.Kfz 222, and the Godzilla. He added the turret and the guns to the 222, but found he had to rework them because the kit, by Tamiya, was never meant to have an interior, and Lee added one made from paper. The Godzilla, if you go back to last month's issue, had all its puttying done, reshaped, and and sculpted, and primed with white primer. Both are looking good. By the way, we have reserved a double room for you and Ramon at at the Garden Pavilion at CHOMP. There will be plenty of tranquilizers and at least 2 rubber suits so you can't hurt yourselves.





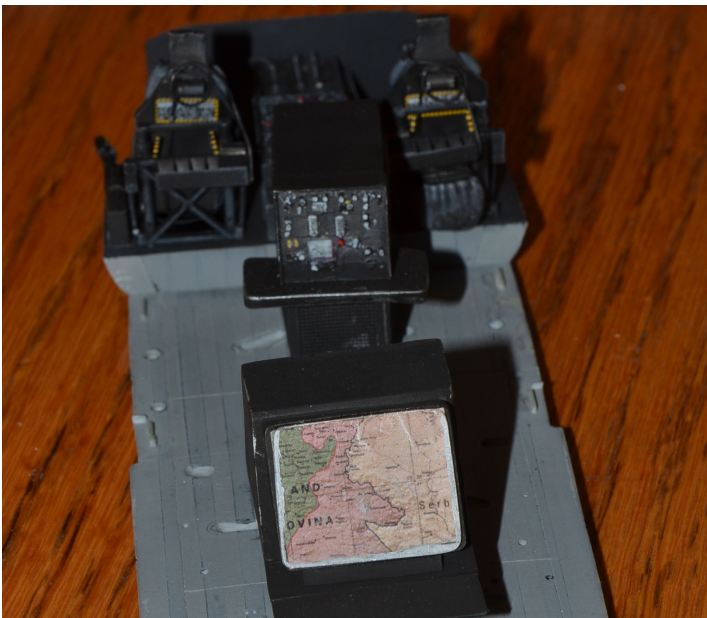
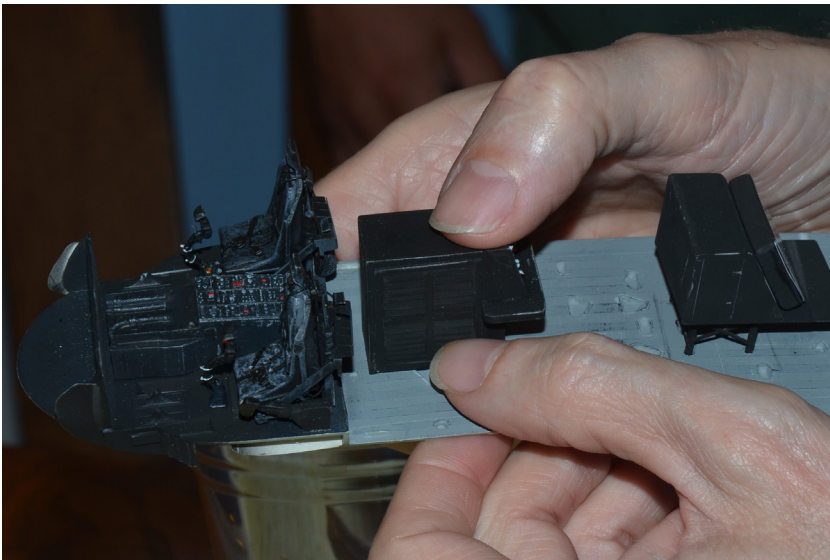
Lester showed up with a bust of an early 8th c. Viking in lamellar armor of boiled leather, a knight, a member of the de Medici family, a mountain man with either a Pennsylvania or Kentucky long rifle, a Mayan priest, and a WIP of an English Civil war musketeer from a Trained Band.





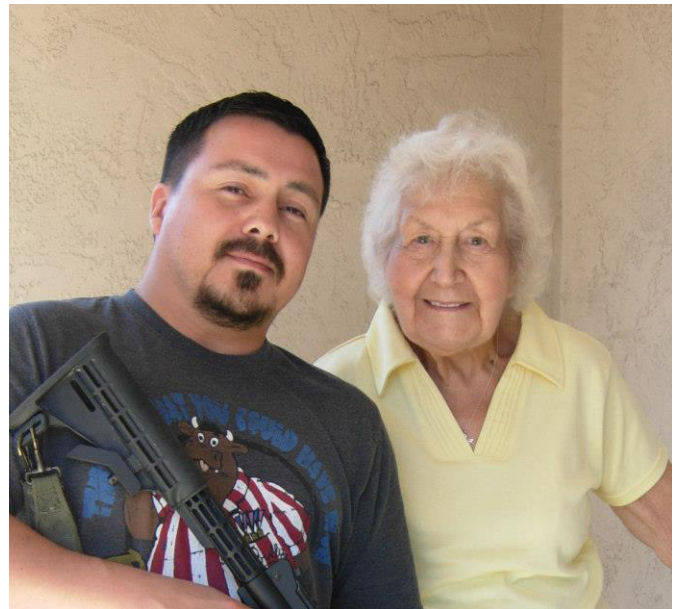
He also...you'd better sit down for this one....showed up with a ....plastic model!!!! A WIP of a Takom kit of a WW I German 420 mm mortar, "Big Bertha", in 1/35th scale. For those of you into armor/artillery, I highly recommend Takom kits.





Ramon was there with the same old birds: Academy's 1/35 scale UH-60A Black Hawk, and Airfix's 1/48 scale AH.7 Lynx. You can't believe how much scratch-building he is doing. He's done so much scratch-building, it wouldn't surprise me if he has fleas. Why, he's even got stuff stuffed inside the tail that you can't even see. He's got First Aid kits, second aid kits and third aid kits! His chopper's got more aid kits than an ambulance! Remember to bring extra underwear and pj's got the Garden Pavilion. Also, keep your fingers crossed and hope that Lee doesn't snore.

Sadly, Ramon's Lynx has become a tribute build. It was a birthday gift from his wife Vicky's grandmother, Mary Rea, more affectionately known as Nan. Nan was tough as nails, but still a very classy lady and full of love and knowledge. A veteran of WW2, she was a truck mechanic in the [Women's Auxillary Air Force](#), the female auxiliary of the Royal Air Force. Nan will be greatly missed.



**Mary "Nan" Rea**  
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Dave was last up with no models whatsoever... bummmmmmmmmm! What he did show up with were 4 kits of the B-17 Flying Fortress, from different companies, issued in different years, with a wonderful story behind each one. Dave, you should have a show on the History Channel...then I could turn you off! Honestly, I love, as do most, if not all of us, the stories Dave brings with his kits...after all...it is called show and tell!





Our next meeting will be on June 5th, at the Monterey Library. See you all then and there.



Best wishes to all  
-Lester

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