

# The Monterey Bay Muddler



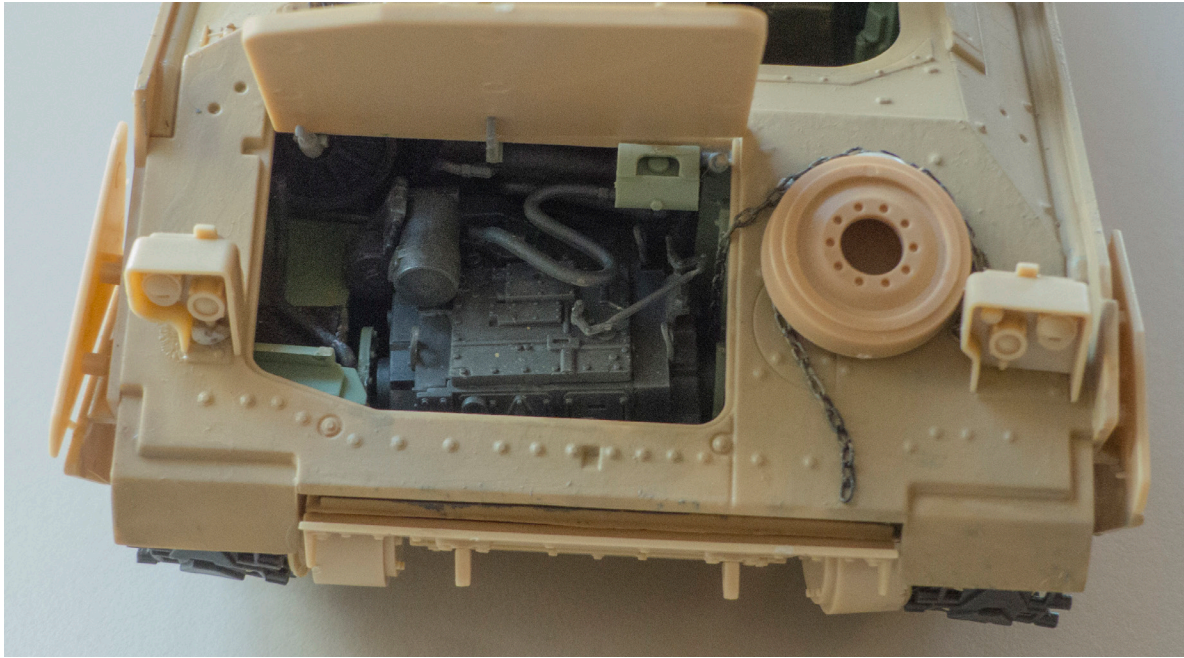
**Jaime and Ron engaged in a staring contest. Winner gets a brand new armor kit!**

Present at today's meeting were Ron C., Jaime D., David C., Oliver and Ramon L., Erik H., the Marcum bros. (Lee and Larry), Matt R., and of course, me. We started with Old Business, which consisted of our Chapter Logo. Ramon presented his update, of which all of you have by now gotten in an e-mail from him. We tabled voting on it until the next meeting to give all of you that weren't present a chance to see it and give your input. Larry Marcum brought up the issue of IPMS dues, and will the club treasury pay them. The answer is very simple. For those who want the club to pay for their dues, we will. The \$3.00 monthly dues that you pay partially goes to help paying those dues. Next was New Business. This consisted of expanding the note I sent out about CSM Southern and the possibility of him finding permanent/temporary space for our military models.

Next came our Treasurer's report. We have \$324.00 in our Bank Account. We also discussed giving our annual gifts to the Monterey Library, Dorothy's Kitchen and one of the various Vet facilities on the Peninsula. Which one will be determined at our next meeting in December.

Ta-da.....at last we come to...

# SHOW AND TELL!!!



Oliver started off with 2 beauties. One was his 1/35th scale Academy Bradley. He completed it by putting in Meng's aftermarket kit, which wasn't a perfect fit, but Oliver managed to push a little here, and pull a bit there, and voila, everything fit! The other is his Italeri 1/48th scale F-16C, in the Greek air-force. He really liked the kit and said it was really well detailed.



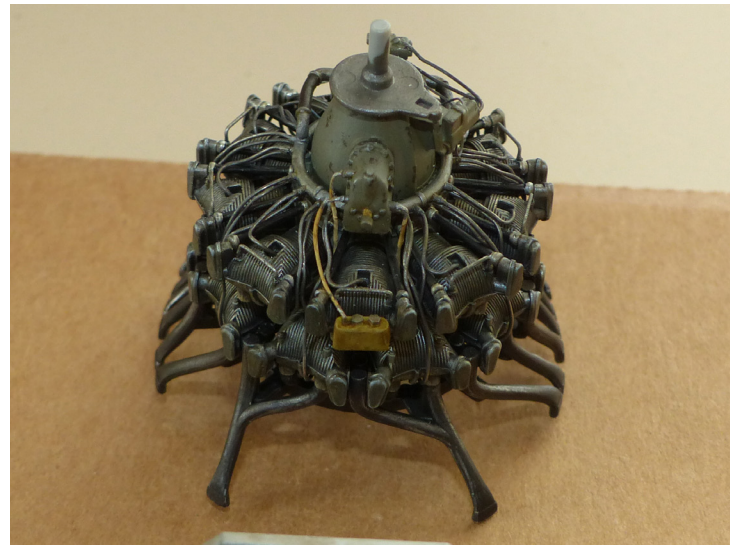


Ramon was next with 2 helicopters. The first one, brought just for comparison is Academy's 1/48th scale CH-46E Sea Knight, the little brother to the Chinook. The second is Italeri's 1/48th scale CH-47D Chinook. This is going to be a gift to one of his friends who was the Flight Engineer on this aircraft. Ramon is deeply in love with scratch-building interiors, as one can plainly see. Ramon told us of a product he found called "Perfect Plastic Putty". The CH-47 needed quite a bit of filling and the putty seemed to do the job 'Perfectly'. Just apply, wait 60 seconds, then swab the area with a wet Q-tip and done! He also shared that the tailgate area was 90% scratch-built.



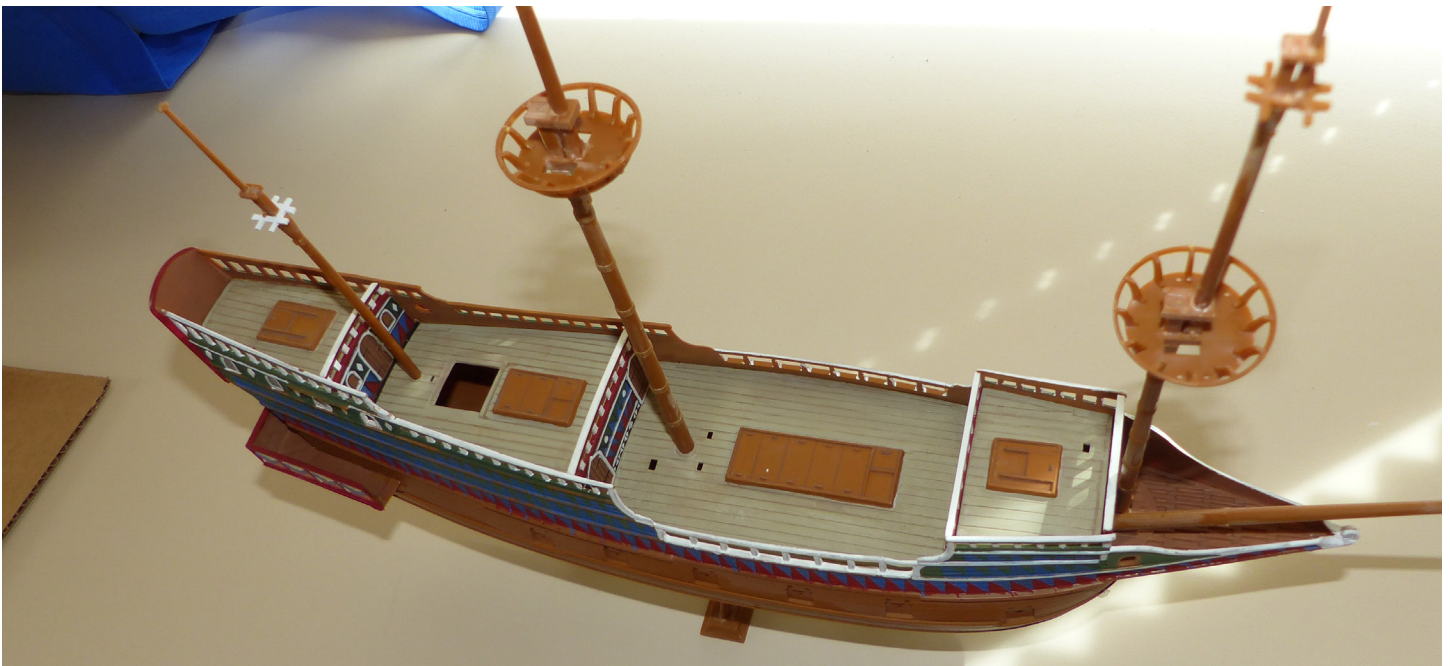


Ron C. showed up with the engine and cockpit interior for an N1K2J George from Hasegawa, in 1/32nd scale. The amount of scratch-building put in to these areas puts him in the same class as Lee M., and Ramon, and all 3 now have reservations in the Garden Pavillion, complete with a months' worth of sedatives! Ron also brought in a Mini-Art 1/35nd scale kit of a Russian WW II Su-122 self-propelled artillery.



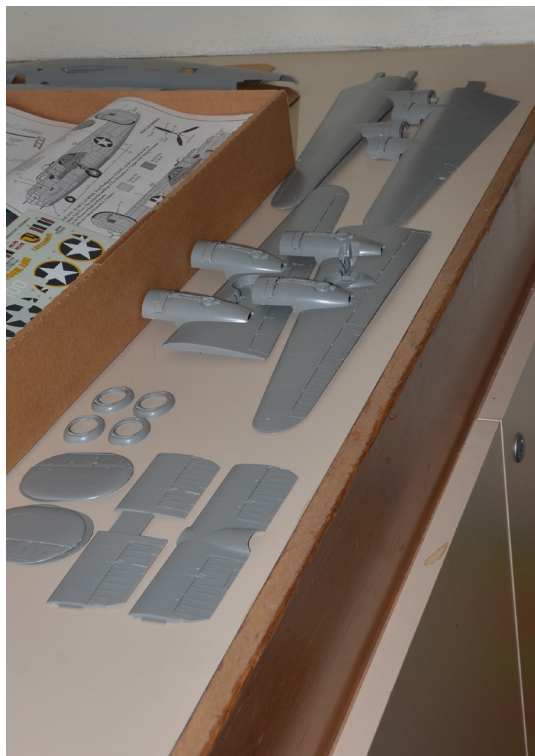


Next was Erik, who showed up with a bagful of nostalgia. He brought in several old Aurora kits from the 50's and early 60's, most of which I'd built as a kid. He also brought in 2 new kits. We are so lucky to have Erik, as he is an encyclopedia of information, not only about military 'stuff', but also about the history of plastic modeling on the peninsula. Kudos to you Erik!



Next is me...what! No bust this time!!! Un-thinkable, preposterous, possibly even infamous. Whatever... It's Sir Francis Drake's Golden Hind. Made by Airfix in 1/72nd scale, it's a nice little kit to re-familiarize myself with ships. As you can see, the deck painting as well as the hull painting is a royal pain in the \_\_\_\_\_!!!!!! That notwithstanding, the finished product will be well worth it. I'd like to have it finished by our next meeting, but that's probably a pipe dream, especially since I have a shoulder surgery next month!





Dave follow up the rear with a 1/48th scale Pro-Modeller B-24D Liberator. This particular kit represents Capt. Keith K. Compton's ship, the one that made the **WRONG** turn at the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania! Boy, try and live that one down! Having said that, I saw more that one misplaced fire mission during my year in Nam. Dave said he had to do quite a bit of scribing on the wing, and tail pieces. According to Dave, this will definitely NOT be finished by our next meeting.

# Muddlers Mucking About



That's ended our November meeting. Our next meeting will be at the Library on Sunday, Dec. 4th. Given that this is SOO close to Pearl Harbor day, perhaps it would be nice to see some finished work, or kits still in the box, of that period, as a tribute to our fallen brothers and sisters.

The year 2017 will mark the Golden Aniversary (50 years) of the Monterey Bay Chapter of IPMS. Would we like to do anything special and notify the media and invite them to attend?

So ends another chapter in the long and varied history of IPMS Monterey Bay. See you next month!

Best Always,  
-Lester

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