



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



## **A 1/1 scale A-Star helicopter was on display at Lester's house**

Present at today's meeting were the brothers Marcum, Lee and Larry, Grandpa David and grandson Evan, daddy Ramon and son Oliver, Randy M, visiting from Arizona, Ron Van Der Grift, who donated 2 beautiful and VERY rare vacuiform kits... for those who didn't make it, better luck next time! And, of course, ME. There was not too much new or continuing business, but this is what was... Members putting their work on our Facebook page, or getting our webmaster, Bryan Telford, to put their work on our Web page, and, finding venues for our 50th Anniversary year. The Marcum brothers explored several places in Salinas but found none available or acceptable for our needs. We will continue looking for appropriate venues. Our Treas., David, informed us that we have about \$150.00 in our ever-expanding coffers.

Lunch was great...roast chicken, Mexican taquitos, Chinese pot-stickers, American hero sandwiches! And very little was left on the table. What great appetites we all had. After lunch came our vaunted...

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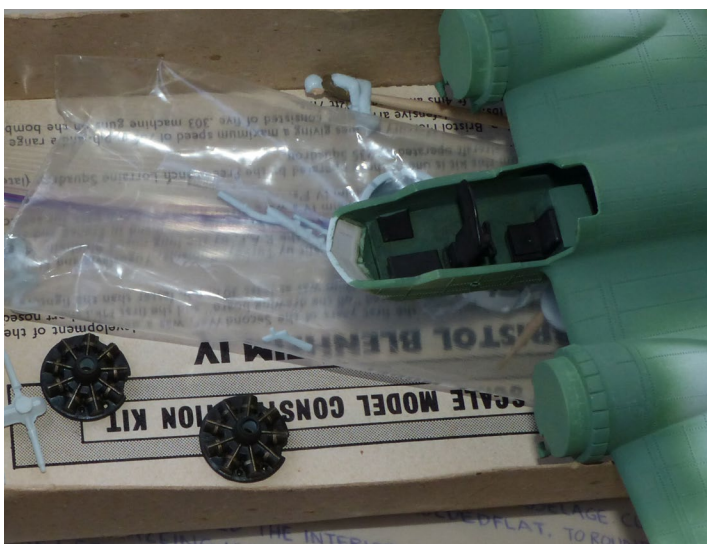
Lester started off with his busts. Last month I showed a WIP of a French Chevalier, 1650-1700, which was finished; a Pirate, c. 1650, complete with hooked hand and treasure chest under his arm; Alexander the Great; a Celtic warrior, c. 1st C. c.e.; a gladiator; one of Roger's Rangers c. 1755 - French and Indian War; a WW I British pilot, c. 1916; another British pilot, Cecil Arthur Lewis, who was a recipient of Britains' Military Cross; WW I French Poilu Officer...





... WW I German Sturmtrouper; a WW I British Trench Raider, c. 1915, complete with bloodied bludgeon; and a French Revolution (1789) "Sans Colluts" (shoeless) citizen. There will be several more WW I busts to be offered in the upcoming months.

Next up was Larry M. with an Airfix, 1/72nd Blenheim IV fighter (WW II). There was lots of repair work to be done on this kit. Pictured is the engine, done in black, dry brushed with flat silver and then washed with a dark wash.



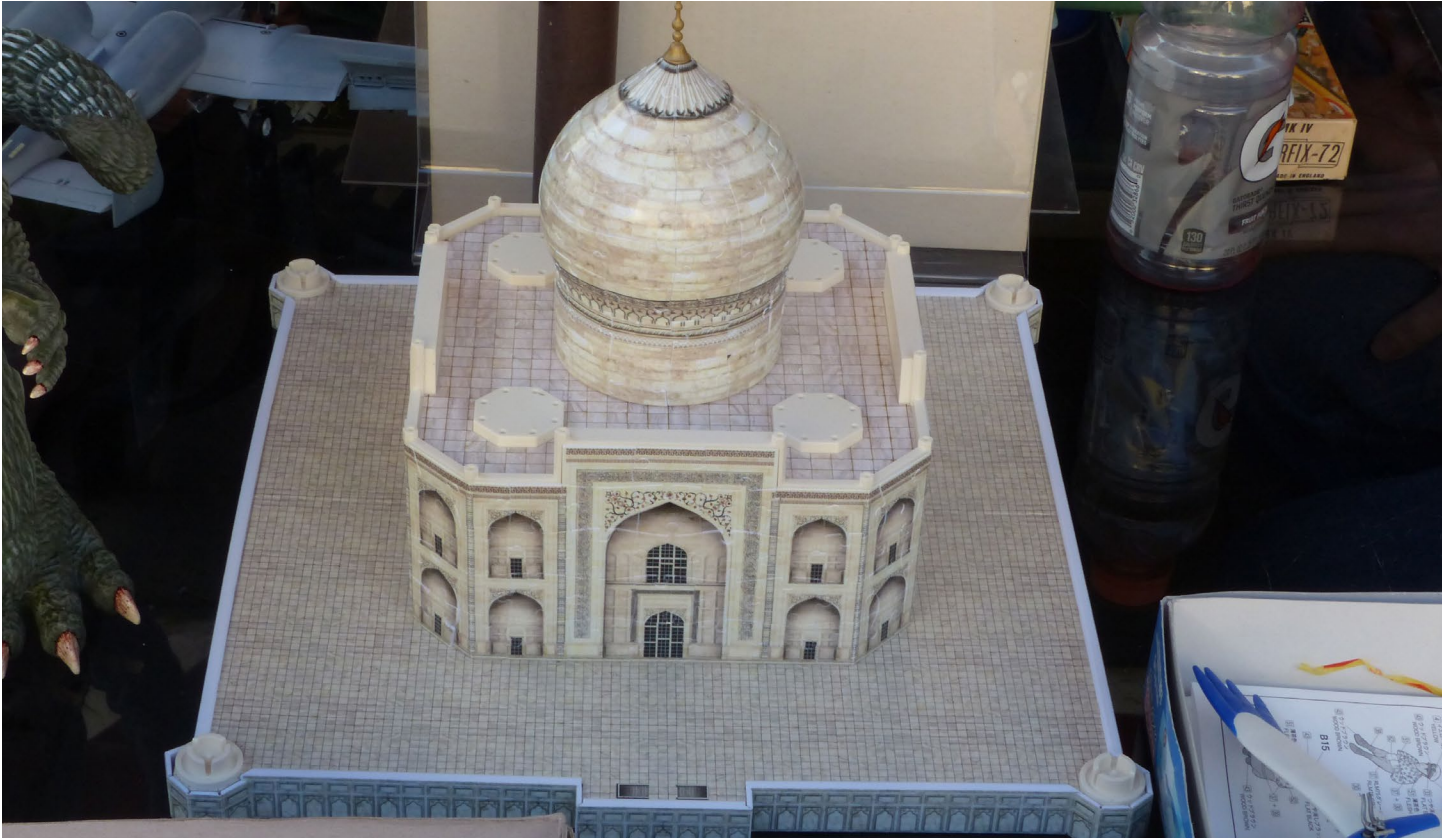


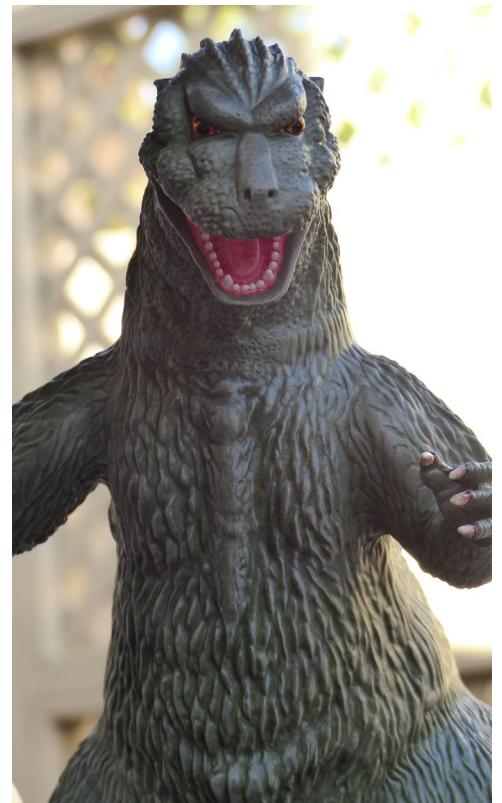
Following Larry was Oliver with 3 presentations. The first was a finished Revell 1/48th scale A-10 Warthog. Just a beautiful piece of work, and not just for a 5th grader! The other 2 are WIP's, a 1/700nd scale Aoshima WW II RJN aircraft carrier, the Hiriyu, and the 1/700th scale Minicraft WW II RJN battleship Nagato.





Next in line was Evan with a WIP of a Ravensberg kit/jigsaw puzzle of the Taj Mahal. Evan said that the kit/puzzle went together beautifully, and there were no snags.



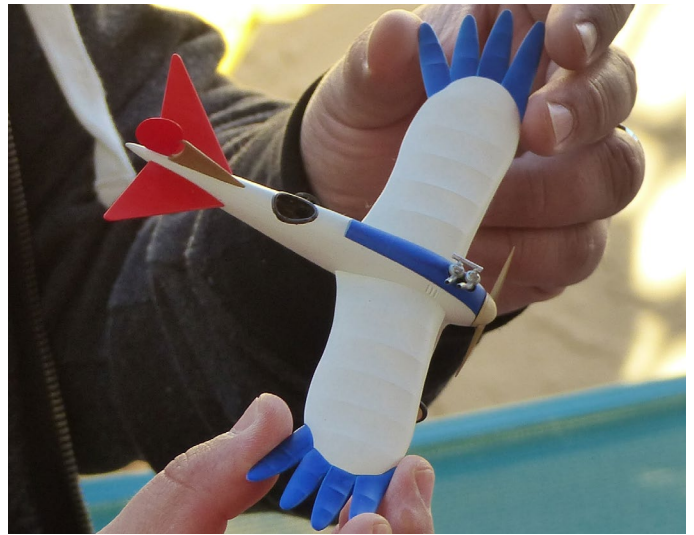


Lee presented again for the 157th time, his GODZILLA. This time the darned reptile was finished. HOWEVER, the base was not so we can plan on seeing this for at least another 57 times! For those of us who saw it 4 years ago, he reallllllly has done a great job on it. I purposely bought stock in a putty company because I knew that the monster would take tons of the stuff and wanted quick returns on my investments! Lee shared with us that many of the finer painted details were done with a Sharpie pen. These included the eyes, claw, nails, etc.

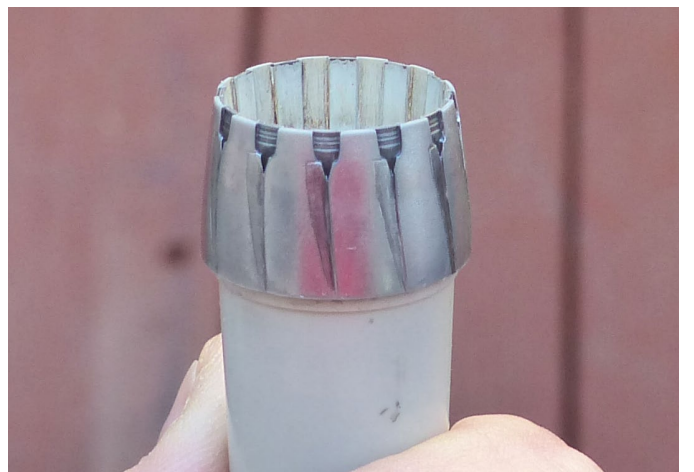
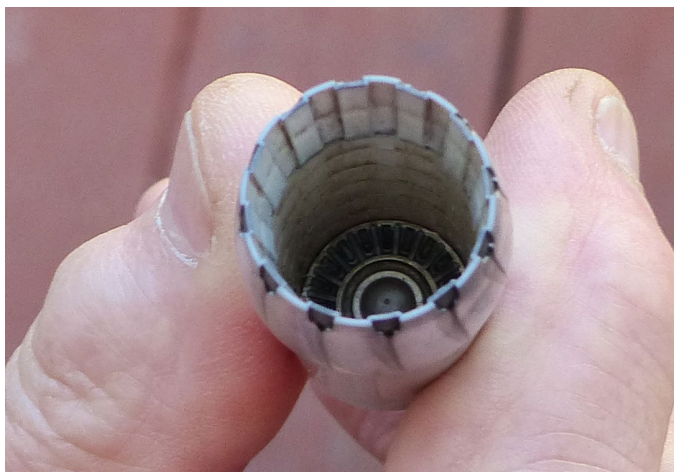


David was up next with a beautiful WW II Douglas TBD-1 Devastator, a 1/48th scale kit from Monogram. This one is from Torpedo Squadron 6. As usual, there was a short history lesson to go with the presentation.

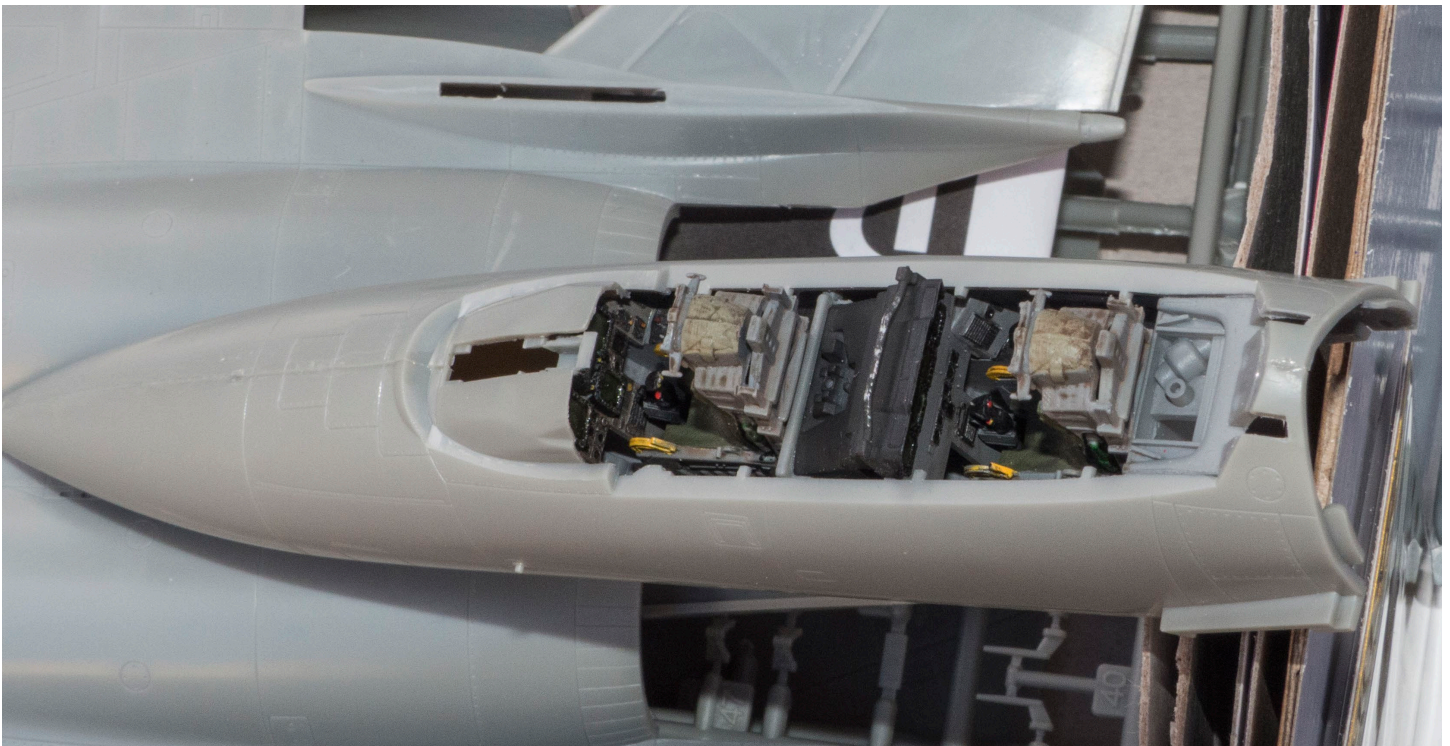
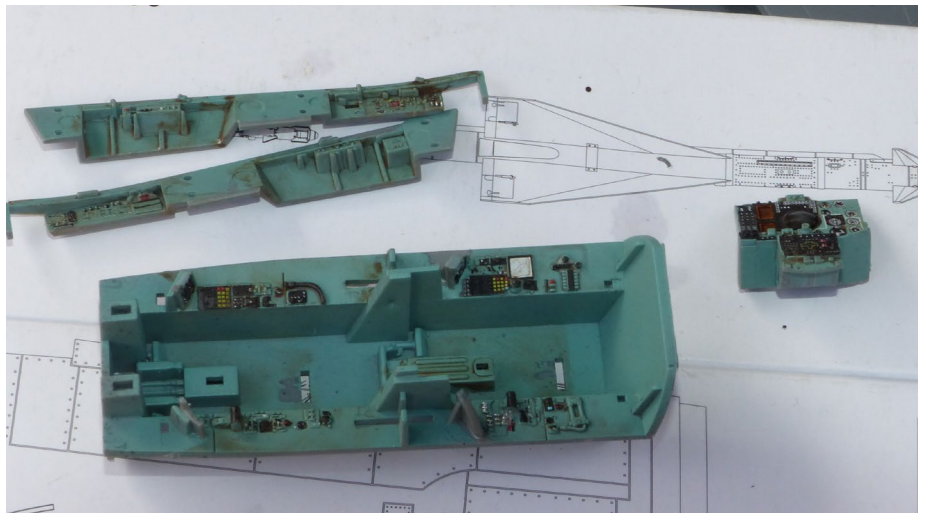




Last up but certainly not least was Ramon with four WIP's. Ramon shared with us that with all the scratch-building he did last year, this year he just wants to take a kit out of the box and build it---we understand! First up was a Finemolds' 1/48th scale fantasy kit from the Studio Ghibli animated film, "The Wind Rises", the "bird-plane. Next was a Tamiya 1/48th scale F-16C that was VERY WELL engineered...



...Also shown was an AMK 1/48th scale MiG-31, also very well engineered. This bird is a monster, almost twice as big as an F-16, and was designed to be a long range interceptor. Last up was a Revell 1/48 scale F-15E Strike Eagle. Not a perfect kit, but still the best F-15E out there. Ramon assures us that these kits should all be finished by the years' end.



# Muddlers Mucking About



**Godzilla (L) and Lester (R) prepare to blow fire and smoke, respectively.**

Next meeting will be on the 1st Sunday of March, at the Monterey Library at 1:30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing all of you there with a multitude of ideas for our 50th Anniversary year.

Best Always,  
-Lester

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