



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



## Monterey Bay Muddler's elusive layout artist at work

The International Plastic Modelers Society, Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting in the Monterey Public Library's Solarium, Sunday, December 3, 2017. Present were President Lester Tockerman, Vice-President Larry Marcum, Secretary Lee Marcum, Treasurer David Conneau. Members present were Ron Vandergrift, Tom Leutzinger, Ron Cline, Ramon Lomeli, Oliver Lomeli, Tom Hewitt, and Eric Hasselfeldt.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The Adrian Garza Memorial MODELER OF THE YEAR trophy was discussed. David Conneau was detailed to contact SIGN ONE in Seaside and begin the process of designing an appropriate trophy/plaque and ascertaining its cost. Hopefully, we should have some initial prospects at our January 2018 meeting.

**ADRIAN GARZA'S COLLECTION:** Ramon Lomeli, Larry and Lee Marcum, David Conneau and Lester Tockerman spent the weekend of November 18-19, 2017, packing up Adrian's extensive collection of models, after-market "stuff", tools, books, magazines, etc., etc., etc! The collection was then taken to Larry Marcum's storage locker, where Ramon Lomeli, Larry Marcum, Lee Marcum, David Conneau and Lester Tockerman will thoroughly and carefully inventory and catalogue the collection over the next several months. Thereafter the catalogue will be made available to the membership. Raising money from the collection, and its ultimate distribution: There was quite a bit of discussion on both these issues. Some of the suggestions were to first to hold an in house auction, then, open the auction to other Northern CA clubs, to sell the collection on E-Bay or other on line agencies. As to what to do with the money raised, there were several suggestions, but the bottom line will come when we have the money, and the membership decides what to do with it.

Ron Vandergrift offered us 2 Rare Plane 1/72nd scale vacuform aircraft kits to auction off, but there were no takers. Vacuform kits are limited production kits of esoteric subjects that demand experienced modeling skills to build, and it is understandable why no one wanted to bid on them if they weren't particularly sought after subjects or in a scale not usually employed by the bidding modeler.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** David Conneau reported we have \$295.90 in our coffers, but much of that will have to go to IPMS/USA National to recharter the chapter, and to renew a number of memberships.

With no other business, we went straight into...

# SHOW AND TELL!!!



DAVID CONNEAU started off with a 1974 1/48th scale TONKA diorama of the Wright Brothers "Moment of Flight". His choice was made as December is the anniversary month of their first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903. David then read a facsimile Telegram sent by Orville notifying his family (and the world) of this historic event.





TOM LEUTZINGER was up next with 2 beauts: an orange 1968 Can-Am Bruce McLaren M7A, mostly made of metal, but as Tom said, if you want to build this car, by Hero Models, this is the ONLY model available! His other entry was a Ken Tyrrell 012 by Studio 27 that despite lousy instructions was beautifully finished. Both kits are in 1/20th scale. Tom went to the Model Expo 2017 contest held in Hangar Bay #4 on the aircraft carrier USS Hornet docked in Alameda. He said it was a great show, lots of great models and displays.



Tom's entries garnered the following awards:

Ferrari F-60 (see Oct.2017 Muddler): 1st place collections F-1cars

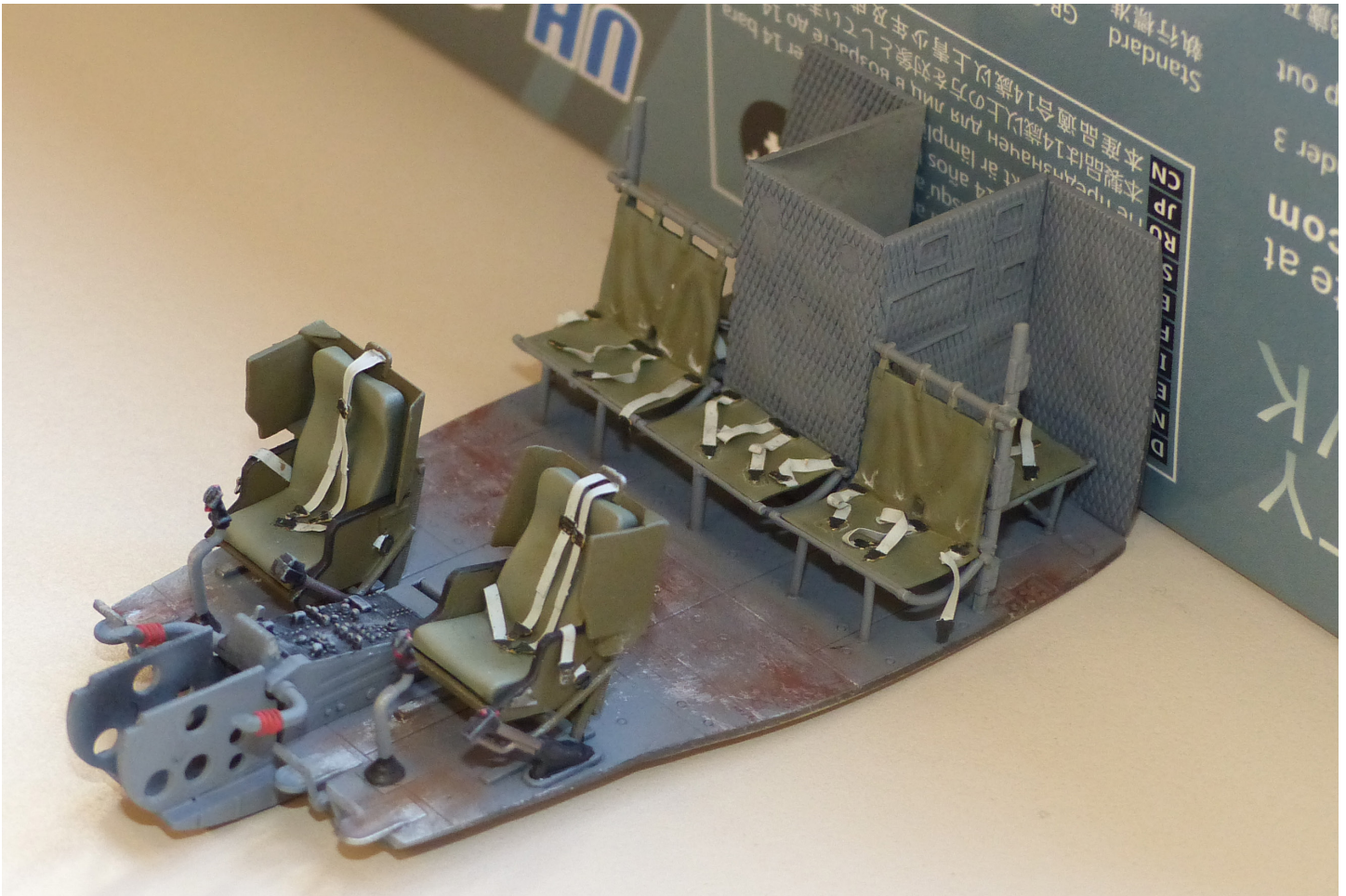
McLaren M8F: 1st place out of box

Tyrell 012: 3rd place

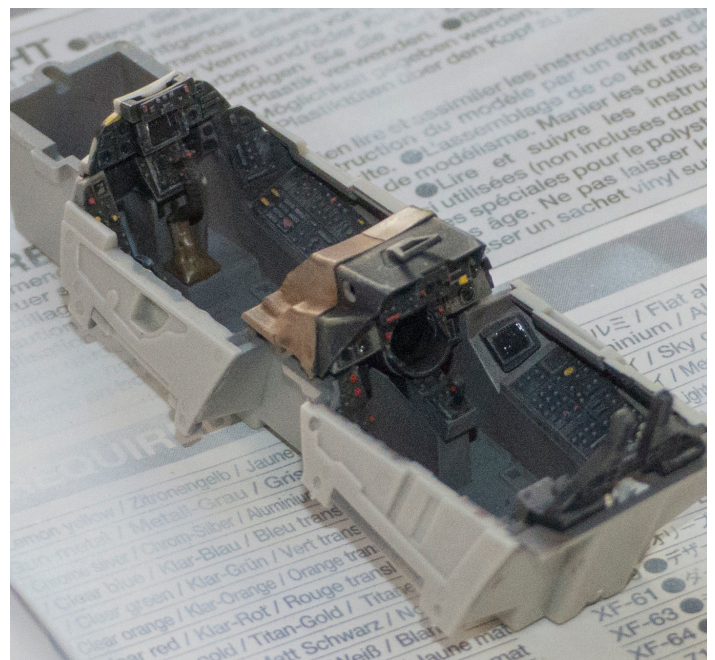
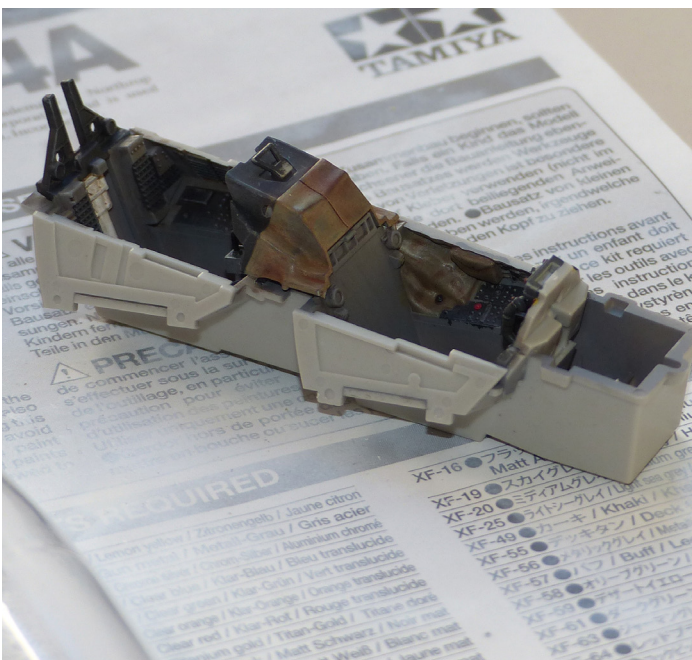


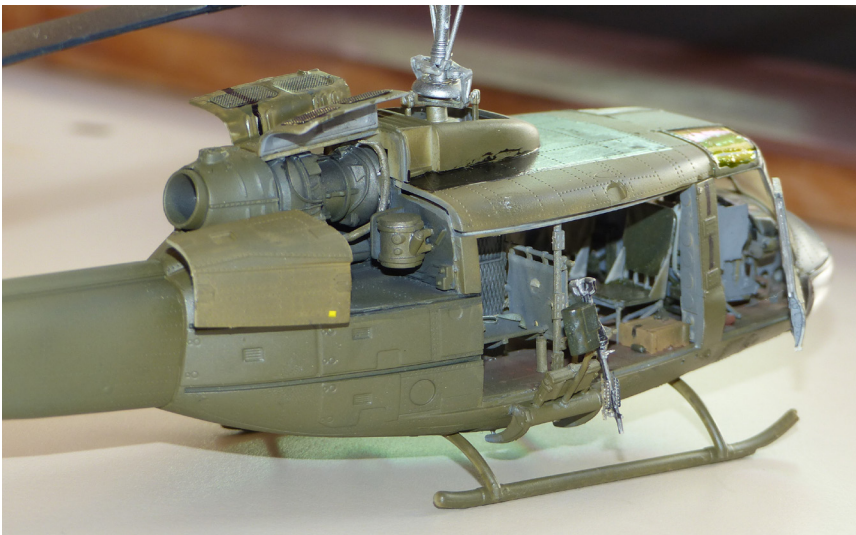
LESTER TOCKERMAN was up with his usual display of busts. First up was a Roman General, 1st C. c.e., followed by a Crusader Knight of the Order of the Hospitalers, c. 1198 c.e., the Emperor Maximilian of the Holy Roman Empire, c.1500c.e. (Austria Hungary), in his court armor, the very lovely and buxom pirate, Ann Bonny, c. 1695 c.e., an English Civil War Royalist Officer, c. 1650 c.e., an American Mountain Man, c. 1785 c.e., and lastly, a Viet Cong Guerilla woman, c. 1969.





RAMON LOMELI was next, showing the cockpit detail of his 1/48th scale Kitty Hawk Bell UH-1 Huey. He also brought the cockpit of his 1/48th scale Tamiya Grumman F-14A Tomcat. Ramon's attention to detail is inspiring.





OLIVER LOMELI followed, and in the manner of 'like father, like son', was working on a 1/48th scale Bell HU-1D Huey by Kitty Hawk. Oliver (Modeler of the Year) with his painstaking work has been showing us that model making talent doesn't run in his family---it gallops!



ERIC HASSELFELDT was our rear guard, with Airfix's latest release...a 2017 1/48th scale WW II Supermarine Walrus Mk.I. This is Hornby Hobbies latest example of determination to bring Airfix, a venerable model line, into the 21st century. There was plenty of time for all who wanted to, to look at the innards. Very impressive!



# Muddlers Mucking About



With there being no further business, we broke up into small groups and kibbitzed to our hearts delight. The next meeting will be on the second Sunday of January (01/14/2018) at Lester's home. More details will follow in a month.

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