



The Monterey Bay Muddler



Lester dabbles with some 20th century busts...

The International Plastic Modelers Society, Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the home of our President Lester Tockerman where we were treated to heros and roast chicken. Thanks again to our gracious host, Lester. Present were President Lester Tockerman, Vice-President Larry Marcum, Secretary Lee Marcum, Treasurer David Conneau and the following members at large: Kelly Avery, Oliver Lomeli, Ramon Lomeli and Evan Conneau.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: The Adrian Garza Memorial Modeler of the Year Award for excellence was discussed and David Conneau said he would contact Sign One in Seaside to draw up initial design concepts/prices. Larry and Lee Marcum have been hard at work inventorying and cataloging Adrian Garcia's model collection. Early results of their work on this project are first rate and worth the wait. Watch this space.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of January 19, 2018, our Treasury shows a balance of \$188.91. Our chapter over the holiday season made the following donations:

\$25.00 to the Salvation Army: This year the Salvation Army pledged to double whatever amount we donated, so technically our donation amounted to \$50.00.

\$25.00 to Dorothy's Kitchen to feed the homeless

\$50.00 to the Veterans Transition Center in Marina in memory of John McLane

In addition to the above charitable donations we also spent:

\$30.00 to the IPMS/USA to re-charter our Chapter

\$120.00 for membership renewals

NEW BUSINESS: Ramon Lomeli introduced us to Operation Freedom Paws. This is a non-profit organization that trains and supplies service dogs to individuals with disabilities such as PTSD, illness, physical or mental challenges that can benefit from having a service dog. Ramon asked if the Chapter would consider making a donation to this most worthy cause. Absolutely!!!

There being no further business, we moved on to...

SHOW AND TELL!!!

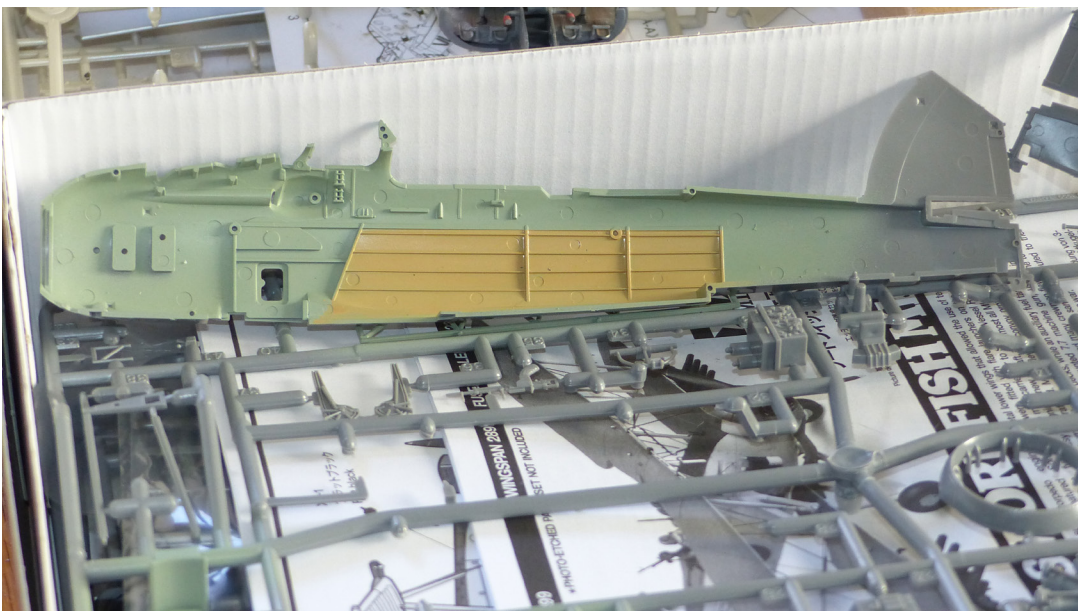
Having passed through the Holiday Season, we enter the New Year returning to our projects.

RAMON LOMELI started us off with three WIPs:



Tamiya 1/48th scale
Grumman F-14A
Tomcat

Kitty Hawk 1/48th scale
Bell UH-1 Huey



Tamiya 1/48th Fairey
Swordfish Mk II

All of these kits are elegant examples of their type and we eagerly anticipate they will be finished to the high standards of excellence that we have come to expect from Ramon.

OLIVER LOMELI followed with 4 WIPs-



2 Revell 1/48th scale projects: an American Jeep and a Bell AH-1F Cobra attack helicopter.



Hasegawa 1/72nd scale Mikoyan-Gurevich Mig-25



Airfix 1/72nd scale Eighth Air Force Boeing B-17G & Bomber Resupply Set. This is a gorgeous kit including not only a B-17G Flying Fortress but also the fuel truck, APU, Jeep and extras to make a spectacular diorama. Judging from his previous endeavors in this arena, we're confident Oliver will demonstrate once again why he was selected 2017 Modeler of the Year.



DAVID CONNEAU presented an AMT 1/48th scale short-tailed Curtiss P-40F Warhawk (ex-RAF Kittyhawk) finished in RAF Dark Earth/Middlestone upper surfaces with RAF Azure Blue undersurfaces, serving in North Africa (January 1943).



EVAN CONNEAU is boldly going to continue building his Revell 1/144th scale Challenger Space Shuttle. It's only logical.



LESTER TOCKERMAN finished up with quite a few busts. Starting with a Scythian Warrior (4th C. c.e.) and going through a Thracian Peltist (380BC), a Roman Draconarius (1st C. c.e.), Harold Hadrada (1066 c.e.), a Teutonic Knight (1225 c.e.), a Crusader Knight, Order of the Hospitaliers (1225 c.e.), another Crusader Knight (1225 c.e.), a Landskneche (1550 c.e.), a French Spadassin (swordsman-17th C. c.e.), an American Ranger (1780 c.e.), a Japanese Kamikaze pilot (1944 c.e.), and finally, a British SAS jeep machine gunner, North Africa (1941 c.e.).

Muddlers Mucking About



Thus inspired and renewed, we all departed to our respective domiciles confident in our abilities to amaze our friends and confound our enemies.

Normally our next Chapter meeting would be on the first Sunday of February (Feb. 4, 2018). However, since February 4th is Super Bowl Sunday, one of the high holy days of jockdom, we will meet on the **SECOND SUNDAY** of February. Therefore, we will meet once again at Lester Tockerman's on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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