



The Monterey Bay Muddler



Model of the Month: Ron Cline's Mitsubishi J2M2 Raiden

The International Plastic Modelers Society, Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Monterey Public Library's Solarium, Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Present were President Lester Tockerman, Vice-President Larry Marcum, Secretary Lee Marcum, and Treasurer David Conneau. Members at Large were Ron Vandergrift, Ron Cline, and Tom Leutzinger.

PRESIDENTS BUSINESS: Saturday, March 31, 2018, the Silicon Valley Scale Modelers present Silicon Valley Classic V at Napredak Hall (the infamous Black Hole of Calcutta), 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. For further info visit the club's website at svsm.org.

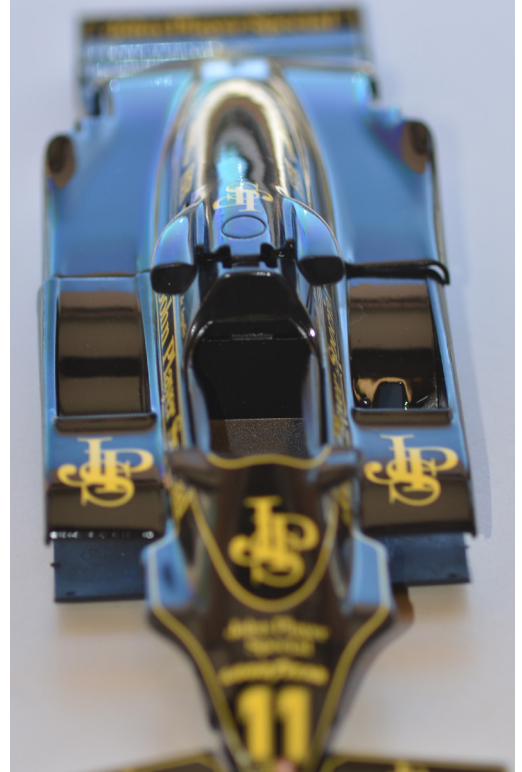
TREASURERS REPORT: As of March 4th our Treasury has a balance of \$204.00. Also, David Conneau will be following up with SIGN ONE on the progress being made on the Adrian Garza Memorial Modeler of the Year Award. Also David will be coordinating with Ramon Lomeli to produce ID plates to accompany Adrian Garza's aircraft being donated to the Monterey Naval Postgraduate School.

OLD BUSINESS: Larry and Lee Marcum reported on the ongoing progress of inventorying and cataloguing Adrian Garza's collection. To date we have 374 complete kits (some started) and 107 incomplete kits. Next step will be to inventory and catalogue books, decal sheets, accessories and other after-market items. There are a number of loose 'trees' that will hopefully complete some of the as of yet incomplete kits. Cross your fingers.

That completed our chapter business and thus we moved on to...

SHOW AND TELL!!!

TOM LEUTZINGER started us off with another of his beautiful Gran Prix Formula 1's, an 1/20th scale Ebbro Lotus 91 John Player Special. This gorgeous museum quality black and gold beauty depicts the car that won the 1982 Australian Gran Prix.





RON CLINE wowed us with his 1/32nd scale Hasegawa Mitsubishi J2M2 Raiden (Thunderbolt). Displayed in an overall dark green IJAF scheme, the Raiden (Allied code named Jack) made its operational debut during the Battle of the Marianas in September 1944 and fought in defense of Japan's home islands until the end. Just imagine this quad 20mm cannon-armed killer coming out of sky dealing death and destruction to its adversaries. Ron described this beauty as typical Hasegawa; good instructions, good fit, good build.





DAVID CONNEAU presented a 1996 Accurate Miniatures 1/48th scale North American P-51 Mustang. Armed with four 20mm cannon, it was the first model to enter service with the USAAF. At present with the kits from Accurate Miniatures (now Italeri), Monogram-Revell and ICM, and Airfix it is possible to build the complete line from P-51, A-36, P-51A, P-51B/C, P-51D, P-51H, P-51K.

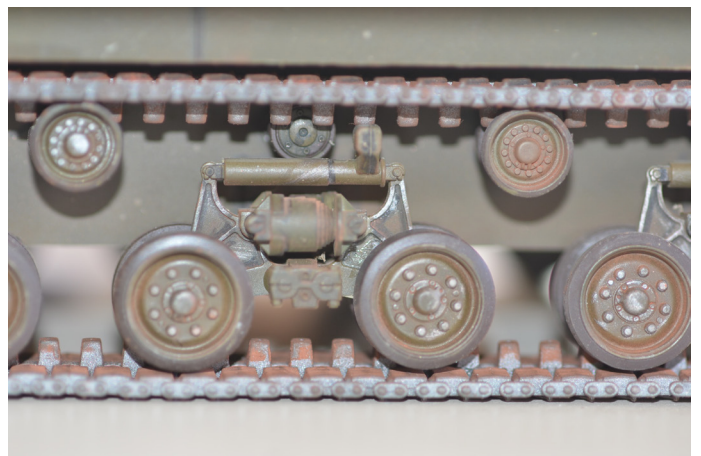
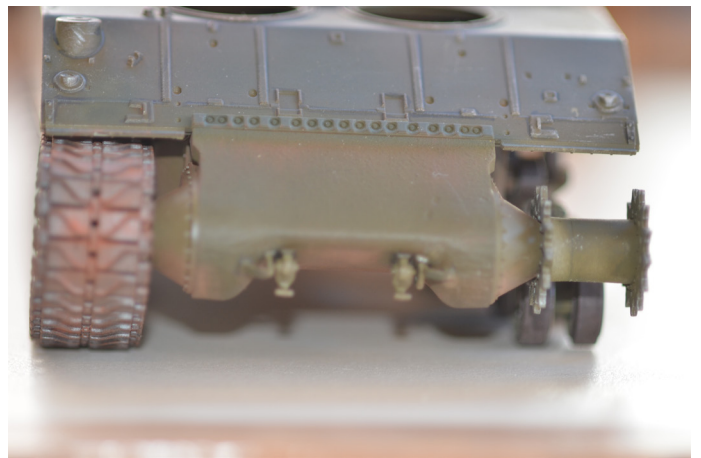
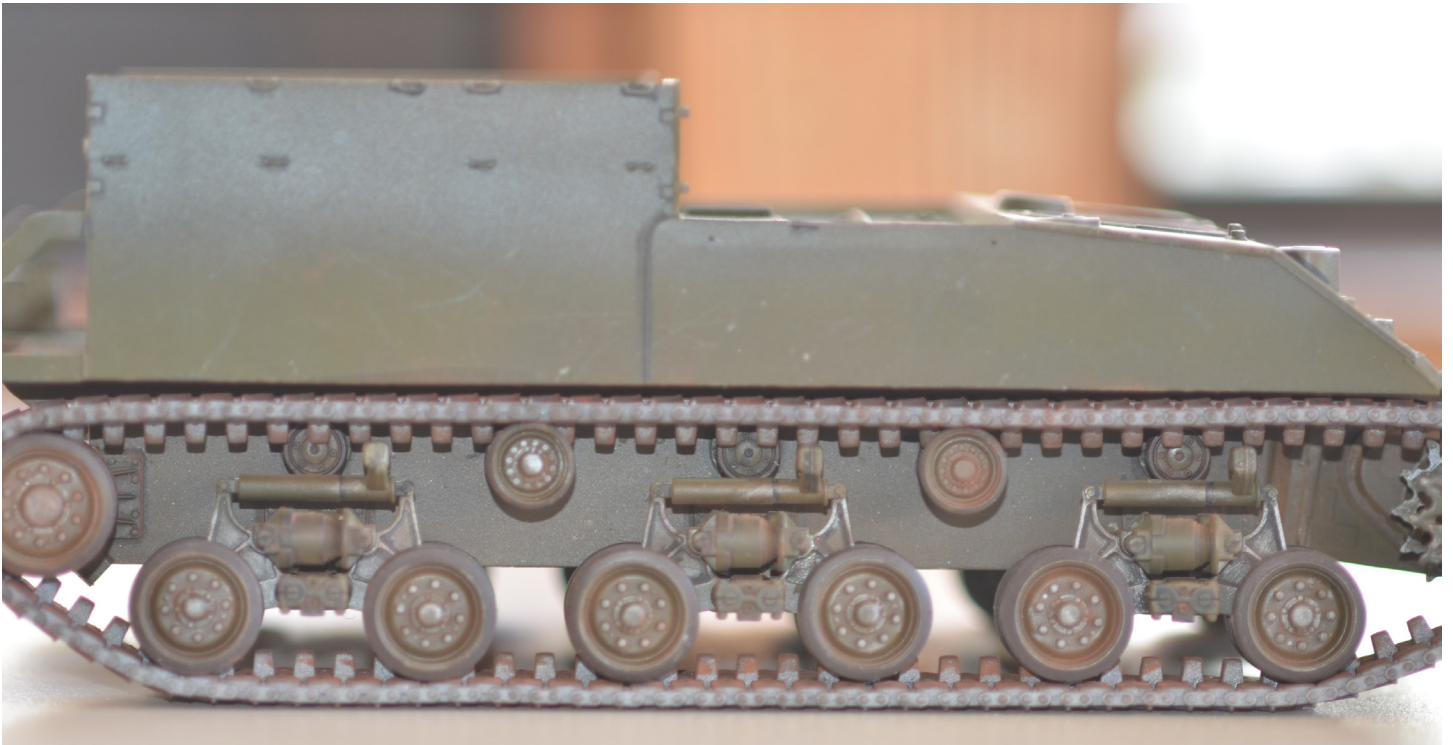




LESTER TOCKERMAN finished up with several busts. The first is a 15th C. Crossbow archer in the livery of the de la Pole family, the Earls of Suffolk. Lester is entertaining acquiring another example employing a war hammer. Looking forward to that. The gent with the rope around his torso is a Soviet Officer of the Mountaineer Corps. There are two tank commanders (one in tan and the other in black) from the Great Patriotic War (WWII). Lady sniper Roza Shanina, was a decorated Hero of the Soviet Union. Vasily Chapayev dates to the Russian Revolution of 1919. This Hero of the Revolution did not survive the war.

Lester employed Tamiya clears as glazes to create a look and feel of real cloth or leather.

Heavens to Betsy! Do our eyes deceive us?!? Is that a plastic piece of armor that Lester's showing? Yep, it's a Tamiya 1/35th scale M-40 155mm self-propelled artillery gun. Very few saw action in WWII but got plenty of use during the Forgotten War...Korea! So far, the only weathering has been several coats of pastel powders applied with a light spray of Dullcoat after each one.



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Ron Cline took the honors this month for his exquisite Mitsubishi J2M2 Raiden!

The first Sunday of April 2018 will be a Judeo-Christian Double Header: Passover and Easter Sunday. Consequently the Monterey Public Library will be closed. Therefore, we shall hold our monthly meeting at the Monterey Public Library on the SECOND Sunday of April. See you all on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 1:30p.m.

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