



The Monterey Bay Muddler



...because I was inverted!

The International Plastic Modelers Society, Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Monterey Public Library's Solarium on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 1:30 pm. Present were President Lester Tockerman, Vice-President Larry Marcum, Secretary Lee Marcum and Treasurer David Conneau.

Members at Large were Ramon Lomeli, Oliver Lomeli and Evan Conneau.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lester Tockerman opened with a review of the Silicon Valley Classic V Kickoff Contest held in San Jose on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the 'infamous' Napredak Hall. 9 members showed up with 5 entering the contest. The Fabulous Five garnered seventeen (17) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards! WOW! Did we kick tush!

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of April 19, 2018, our Treasury has a balance of \$233.91.

OLD BUSINESS: David Conneau reported that work has begun on the Adrian Garza Memorial Modeler of the Year Award at SIGN ONE. Also, supplied with the copy of the descriptive information to be applied to the name plates to the two models (F-4J and F4U-4) to be donated to the Monterey NPS, we should see results shortly. Also, Ramon Lomeli is preparing an initial draft of the letter of donation to be ready for our review and discussion at our next meeting.

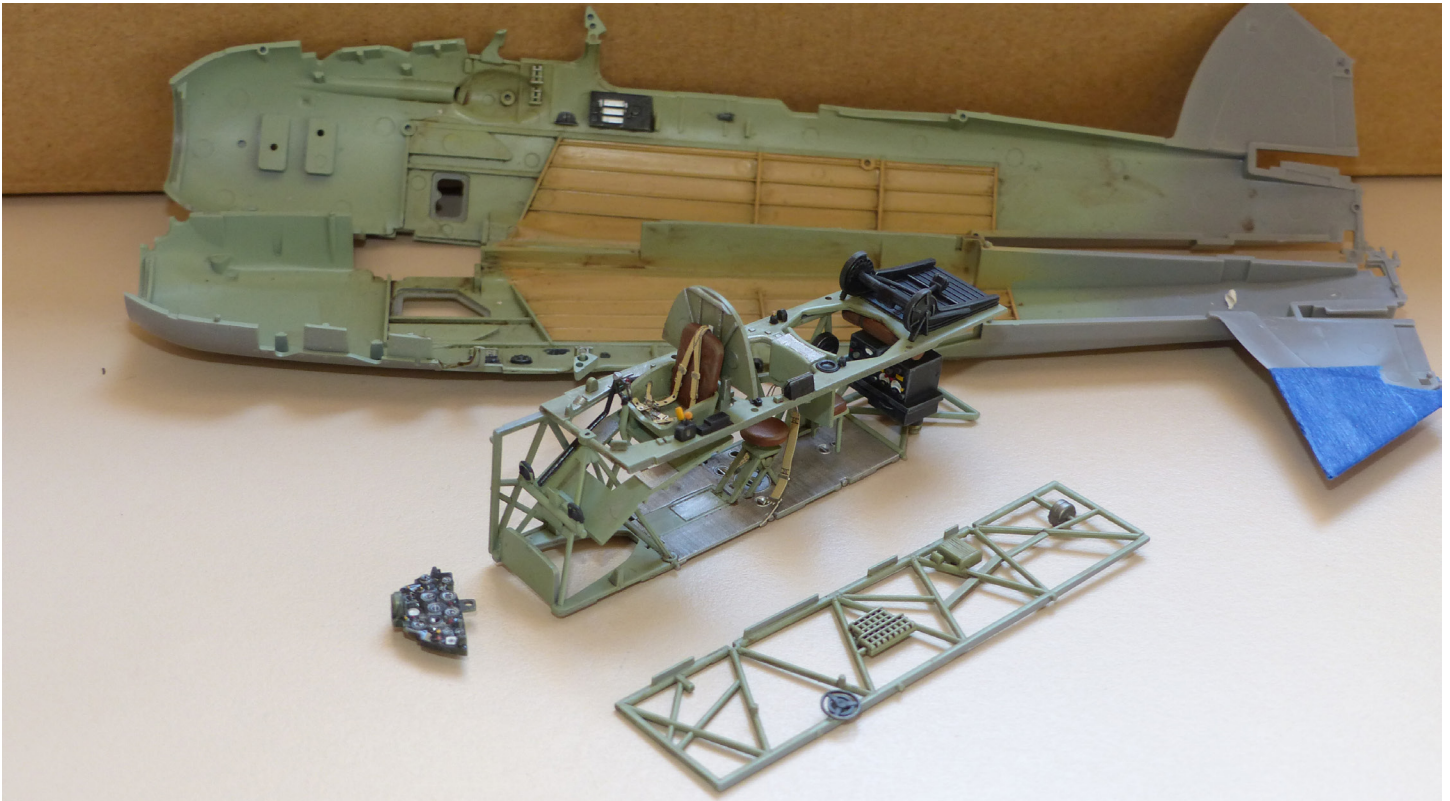
Lee and Larry Marcum continue to inventory and catalog Adrian Garza's immense collection. Now added to the roles are 20 more complete kits bringing it to a total of 395! All the books, magazines, decal sheets and building supplies have been cataloged. All that remains are the resin items that, hopefully, will yield more parts to help complete more kits. Lee and Larry are doing a remarkable job on a truly daunting task. We are forever grateful.

NEW BUSINESS: The Veterans Transition Center in Marina contacted Lester to tell him that they had several bags of model kits and was asking if our chapter would be willing to build them for display at the Center. Lester went and checked out kits and says most of them are pretty good. This is a great opportunity to give back to our Veterans and the exposure of our talented artists couldn't hurt, either. Everyone present at today's meeting showed positive interest and if you were unable to attend, you can just give Lester a call [(831) 394-4940] to offer your help. Thanks!

If you are planning to display at this year's Monterey County Fair (and you know you are), Ramon has very graciously offered to prepare uniform name/info tags for our various subjects...so think of what you're going to enter and how you'd want it ID'd and get it to Ramon no later than late July.

We then kibitzed about the Classic Kickoff show for about 10 minutes about the judging (at the show) before going to...

SHOW AND TELL!!!



RAMON LOMELI opened with his WIP Tamiya 1/48th scale Fairy Swordfish Mk. II, passing around the cockpit assembly. Next was the other WIP, a Tamiya 1/48th scale F-14A Tomcat slated to be finished in the colors of the only other air force user of the F-14: Iran! This should be another of Ramon's unique show stoppers.





OLIVER LOMELI stepped up next with a fistful of 1/72nd scale kits. First was his WIP of Airfix's Eighth Air Force Boeing B-17G & Bomber re-supply kit. He also brought along the completed Mitsubishi A6M2B Zero and the Curtiss P-40 Tomahawk from the 1/72nd 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor kit from Airfix. Oliver employed the 'salt crystal' technique on the Zero to achieve a very realistic chipped paint effect. GOOD WORK! In addition, we were treated to his Academy 1/72nd scale Supermarine Spitfire Mk XIV and a Hasegawa 1/72nd scale Mig -25 Foxhound. By the way, these were the very models that brought home medals from the aforementioned Silicon Valley Classic V Contest. Dis guy is amazin'!





LESTER TOCKERMAN brought in a bust of a female tank commander from the Great Patriotic War (WWII) in 1/9th scale. Oh, and did we mention that Lester and his busts cleaned up at the Silicon Valley Classic V? He won enough bling to possibly construct an enormous wind chime. No surprise—his work is flawless.



DAVID CONNEAU scrounged up his AMT 1/48th scale Douglas A-20C Havoc in the markings of the 86th BS, 47th BG, the first unit to take the Havoc to war. Unfortunately, the main landing gear was splayed which detracted from an otherwise good looking kit. (PS: after fitting a newspaper (blue) rubber band above the main wheels and applying liberal amounts of plastic weld to soften the main struts, Mr. Conneau-it-all was able to bring said landing gear to a more perpendicular angle to the ground.)

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News Flash!

OLIVER LOMELI has 3 kits for sale:
AMT 1/25th scale Dragster '3 in 1' kit \$40.00
1/72nd scale Vosper boat \$15.00
Hobbycraft 1/48th scale Dornier Do-17Z \$20.00
Please help this struggling artist, if you can.



Our next meeting will be in the Monterey Public Library's Solarium, Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 1:30pm. See you there.

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