



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



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The International Plastic Modelers Society, Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Monterey Public Library's Solarium on Sunday, May 6, 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, Evan Conneau, Tom Leutzinger, Anthony Moltini, Ron Cline and Erich Hasselfeldt.

We started with the President's messages...there were none, zero, zilch. nada, ne rien, nothing...etc...so there!

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of May 9, 2018, our Treasury has a balance of \$258.91.

OLD BUSINESS: We distributed the models given to us by the Veterans Transition Center. Almost all were taken and our members couldn't wait to get started on them. If you were unable to make the meeting, there are still some left to build and to try your hand.

Our affair with the Monterey Naval Post Graduate School is moving slowly but surely, awaiting the Administration's formal acceptance of the donation of Adrian Garza's two aircraft models. Also, David Conneau is still pursuing the printing of name tags from SIGN ONE. A draft of the letter that will accompany Adrian Garza's models to the NPS was circulated for member review.

Although it is too early to reserve display cases for the upcoming Monterey County Fair, Ramon Lomeli says you can e-mail him with the name of your model, some info on it and he will print out same so as to provide our display(s) with a uniform presentation.

Larry Marcum informed us that all of the 220 resin accessories from Adrian Garza's collection have been inventoried and awaiting cataloguing into the computer data base.

Lester Tockerman suggested that after the collection is catalogued, our membership shall be allowed the initial review and opportunity to bid/purchase items. Afterwards, Lester intends to contact Mike Burton and Chris Bucholtz and pass on the catalogue to the rest of our Region 9 Chapters. A brief discussion followed regarding the selling off what was left but came to no definitive answer at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: The subject of building and providing display case(s) to hold the models to be displayed at the Veterans Transition Center was briefly discussed.

# SHOW AND TELL!!!



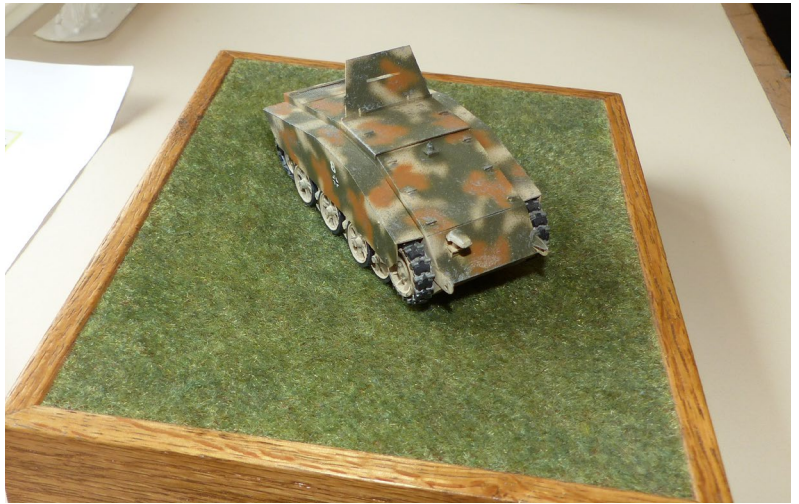
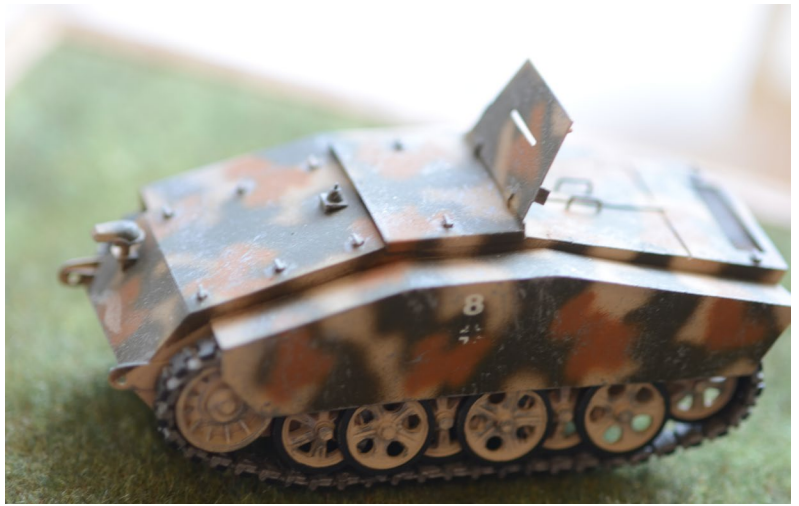
TOM LEUTZINGER started off with two absolutely beautiful 1/20th Formula One Gran Prix racers: an Ebbo black and gold Lotus 91 'John Player Special' and a Tamiya Ferrari destined to be painted a bodacious orange. An ORANGE Ferrari?!?





DAVID CONNEAU gave us the latest update on his Monogram Pro-Modeler 1/48th scale Consolidated B-24D Liberator. This kit is part of an updated series of Revell-Monogram kits that were freshened-up in the late '90's with photo-etched parts, new decal sheets, extensive instruction booklets (and in this case) flight and ground crew figures, with a tow tractor.

This is a BIG kit that David has been working on since November 2017. Almost like the real plane, it has to be built in a series of labor intensive sub-assemblies. Sobering to consider that by 1944 the Ford Willow Run factory produced a complete Lib every 63 minutes!



ERICH HASSELFELDT came to the plate with 2 models made by one of the most talented and creative modelers known, David Armstrong. David was an inspiration to all who knew him and we learned much from seeing his work. Sadly, David passed away last year. R.I.P., David.

Erich also brought in a resin kit of the atom bomb, "Little Boy" which was dropped from the B-29 'Enola Gay' on Hiroshima, August 6, 1945, ushering in the atomic age.

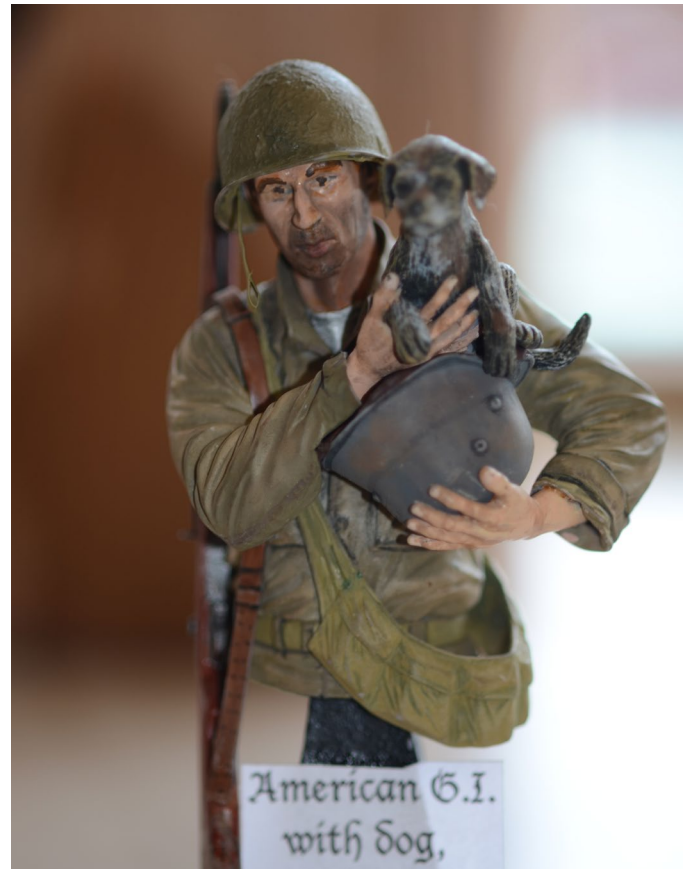


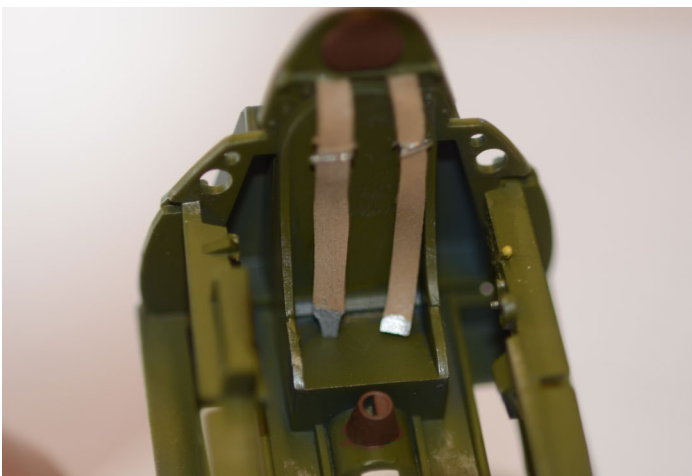


EVAN CONNEAU continues on his Revell 1/144th scale Space Shuttle Challenger with booster rockets which is proving to be something of a 'challenge' in itself. Can't wait to see this monster finished.

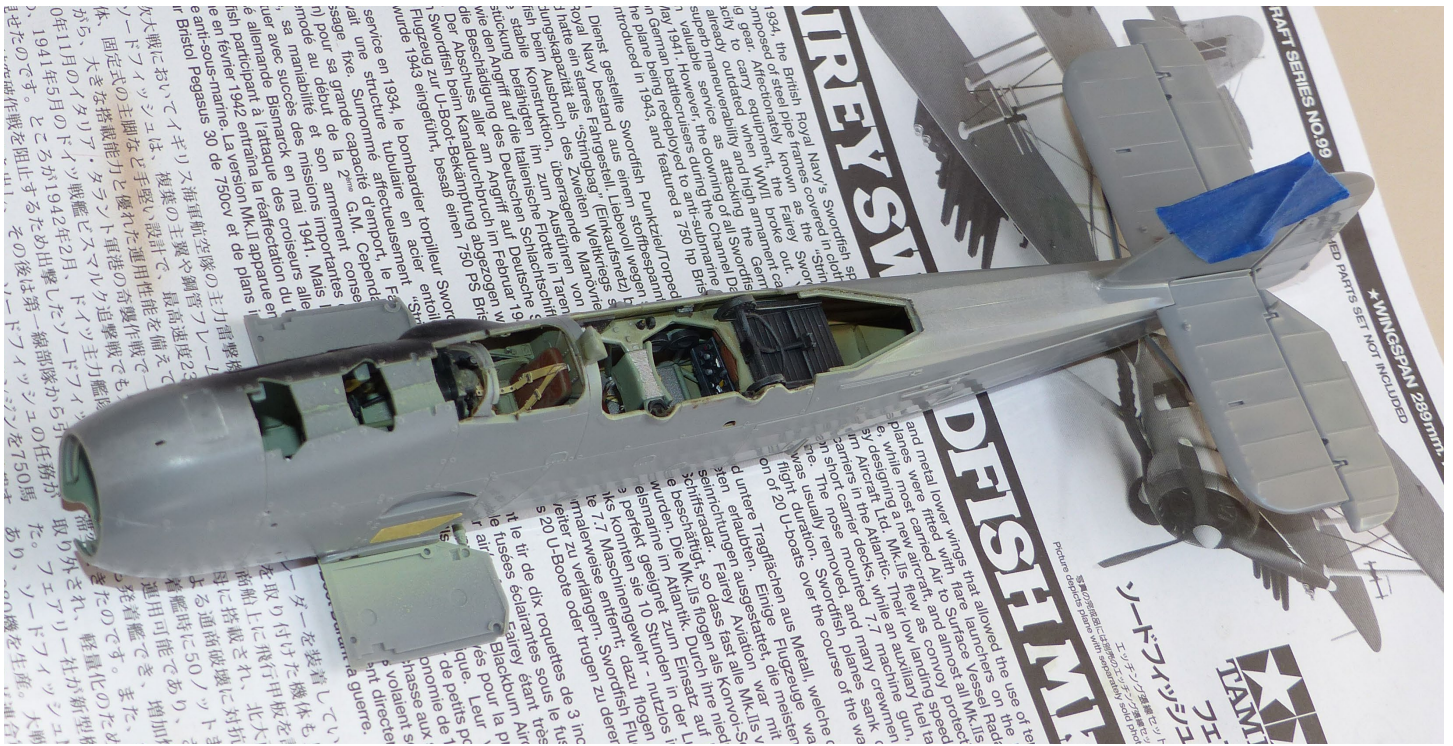


LESTER TOCKERMAN took the floor with 4 busts; a very striking Celtic Morrigan Shaman women representing the “Raven Goddess” from the 1st C.b.c.e. The second example looks as if it could have been lifted from a LIFE; a WWII M1 packin’ Dog Face infantryman carrying a pup in a German helmet entitled, ‘GI-Joe and his dog, Kilroy-1944’. Last up were two Crusader Knights, one a member of the Order of the Knights of Santiago. The other is a grizzled older, battle-hardened Sergeant.





OLIVER LOMELI He showed us his completed Valentine tank in 1/72 scale, a 1/48 classic Monogram P-38 Lightning and a WIP of the Revell 1/32 F4F Wildcat that he is building for the Veteran's Transition Center in Marina. Oliver's fearless and resourceful scratchbuilding details added to this vintage kit include seat belts made from rubber bands and ignition wires added to the engine cylinders.



RAMON LOMELI rounded out our session with two projects; the Fairey Swordfish and his Iranian Air Force F-14 Tomcat. The “StringBag” is going together nicely while Ramon muses over the paradox of this obvious flying anachronism being such an effective and deadly weapon (somewhat similar to the U.S. Navy’s SBD Dauntless).

The Iranian TomCat is also progressing with a very interesting and eye-catching desert camo-scheme. This model is most unusual in appearance and most likely slated to be an award winning example.

# Muddlers Mucking About



There being no further business we adjourned. Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 3, 2018. Now, go build something!

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