



The Monterey Bay Muddler



Junior Muddlers inspecting their new acquisitions

WOW...so many modelers showed up today, I thought I was a sardine packed into a too small can! There were 11 of us stuffed into the small room...talk about a crowd! Present today were David and grandson Evan, Ramon and son Oliver, the brothers Marcum, Lee and Larry, Anthony M., Tom L., Robert K., Sean B., and ME.

There was NO President's message, so I didn't say anything????

We did have a Treasurer's report. David told us that we have \$127.92 in our coffers. We did make two donations in memory of Anthony M.'s mother's passing. One was to go to the Blind Guild, and the other to Meals on Wheels. He also told us that next month the club will have to send in our IPMS dues as a club. Several of us will also have to renew our personal memberships. The club is in a position to do this for you, if you need help. If not, please pay your own way and save the club some money to use for other necessities.

Under "Comments or Concerns", Ramon reminded us that there will be a Show on Sat., 17 Nov., on the USS Hornet in Alameda. More information about this will be forth-coming. If I don't feel well, it will be fifth-coming! There was also some discussion about an article in the Nat'l Journal concerning a donation made by a member. David said he would send a copy of the article about our donation of Dren's planes to the Naval Post-graduate School.

There being no further items of note, we went right into...

SHOW AND TELL!!!

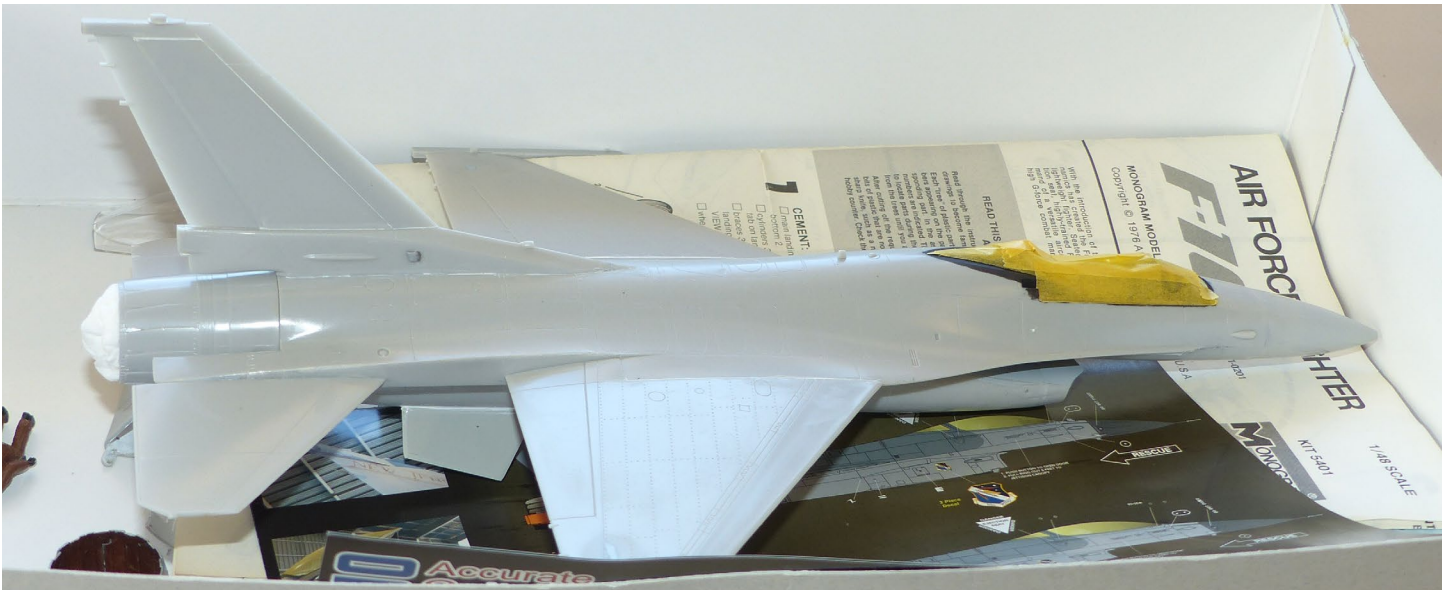
First to show was Ramon. For those of you that missed today's meeting, you missed a real treat. Ramon finished his Fairy Swordfish, by Tamiya in 1/48th scale. The workmanship, painting, rigging, etc., etc., etc. were all superb...error free...MUSEUM QUALITY. Ramon didn't have enough superlatives in his vocabulary to adequately praise the kit, and neither do I! Perfectly understandable. He also brought a box...,not an empty box, but a box filled with a 1/48th scale Kitty Hawk Su-35. That will be his next build!.....can't wait!!!





Son Oliver was up next with 2 WIPs...a Monogram 1/48th scale AV-8B U.S. Marine Harrier jump jet, and a 1/72nd scale Academy P-51D. Oliver says that both kits are good builds and fun to work on.





Next up was Anthony M., with 4 F-16 Fighting Falcons, all in 1/48th scale. Two are Hasagawa kits, one (early) Revell, and one ESCI. All are WIPs, and in various stages of completion.





Sean was up next with some Sci-fi madness. Based on America's F-15, was a Hasbro Transformer, in one of the most beautiful and startling color scheme EVER! It does convert to a Robot... All this writer can say is WOW!





Robert K. was up at the plate next with 3 shows...two Sci-fi's, and one WW II German, 1/35th scale Italeri Sturmtyger, still a WIP, and two Bandai kits. One is a Test Team prototype space suit, and the other RGM-79, which Robert calls, "Under the Blue", because of its coloring. Both are 1/144th scale, and both are stunning!





Next up was David C., with a (1963 issue) 1/72nd scale Revell, Boeing, B-17E, called the “Peggy D”. This build will go to the Veteran’s Transition Center in Marina. This plane was part of the first ‘all American’ raid on Germany in 1942, and, all 12 planes made it back to base in England safely!!!!.





I was in the "Clean-op" position with 3 busts. All 3 of these are 'rebuilt' of busts I've done before....BUT... is there method to my madness!? Yes indeed there is. The first in a 1/9th scale Viking chieftain. I did one (pictured here) with a bone skull for a helmet. The kit came with 2 helmets, so I bought another to use the other option. However, to make it a bit different, I added braids to the 2nd one, and significantly changed all the color schemes. The 2 others are a Crusader Knight and a Saracen Knight from the 3rd Crusade, in 1/10th scale, which will become bookends for a friends' home library.

Muddler of the Month



That ended the meeting...HOWEVER...I forgot to call for a vote for “Model of the Month”. Soooooo, I’m going to exercise my Presidential prerogative and give that ever so prestigious award to Ramon and his Fairy Swordfish, Mk II.



Our next meeting will be at the Monterey Library on the first Sunday in Nov. I will, of course, send out an advance reminder to all of you.

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