



The Monterey Bay Muddler



Ron VDG celebrates his 56th wedding anniversary - congratulations Ron and Diane!

Present at today's meeting were David C., the brothers Marcum, Lee and Larry, Erick H., Anthony M., Ron VDG., Ramon and Oliver L., Sean B., and ME. There was no President's message, so we moved right into the Treasurer's report. David reported that we have \$154.92 in our coffers. He also reported that we received two thank you notes, one from Meals on Wheels, and the other from Visually Impaired Center. These notes were in response to the donations we made in memory of Mrs. Moltini.

FYI came from Ramon, reminding us that there is to be a major contest aboard the [USS Hornet](#) on the 17th of November. Another FYI came from Larry M., letting us know that Dren's collection has netted us more than \$1,000, and that as of next week, kits will go on sale on eBay. SO.....get your kits BEFORE someone else snags them up! Erick H. brought in about 12 kits, 1/48th scale of mostly WW II planes, from various manufacturers for the taking. I believe that most if not all of the kits were scarfed up like a great BBQ dinner!

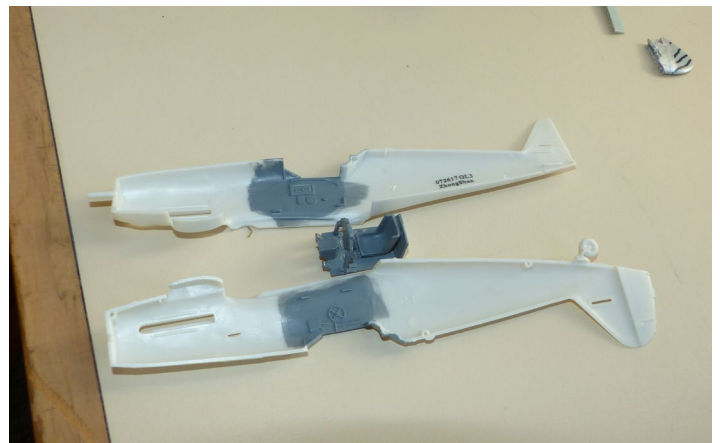
Last but not LEAST, Ron and Diane VDG are celebrating their 56 wedding Anniversary. Insider info says that it is the Mrs. that deserves the Medal of Honor. They were married in the "City by the Bay", Ron a young Ens. in uniform, driving a little red Ford convertable, then boarded the USNS Barrett, and the 2 of them headed straight for Oahu. Oh what terrible duty... but someone has to do it...give it to the Ens!

With no further business, we went right into...

SHOW AND TELL!!!



First up was Oliver, with a finished 1/48th scale Harrier from Monogram. Beautiful plane...great job. He also had 3 WIPs: 2 ME-109's in 1/48th scale, one from Otaki and the other from Revell. The 3rd WIP is a 1/72nd scale P-51 from Academy.





Next up was Papa Ramon, also with several WIPs, and one finished F4U-1A in 1/48th scale from Tamiya. This is truly a work of art...brilliantly done. The WIPs include 1/48th scale Revell F/A-18F Superhornet. Another WIP is a Tamiya 1/48th scale P-51B with after market decals. Last, but not least is the 1/32nd scale P-47D that Ramon is building for the Veteran's Transition Center. Ramon also brought in a roll of [EZ Line](#), the thread he uses for antenna wires.





I was up next with a bust of...wait...I didn't bring a bust, I brought in a 1/35th scale Academy M-51 Isherman tank. The Isherman was a joint effort by the U.S., France and Israel. The 75mm or 76mm gun the Sherman mounted was not capable of knocking out a Russian T-55, so the French redesigned the turret, mounting a 105mm gun that easily outclassed the T-55. They were in use as late as the early 1990's.

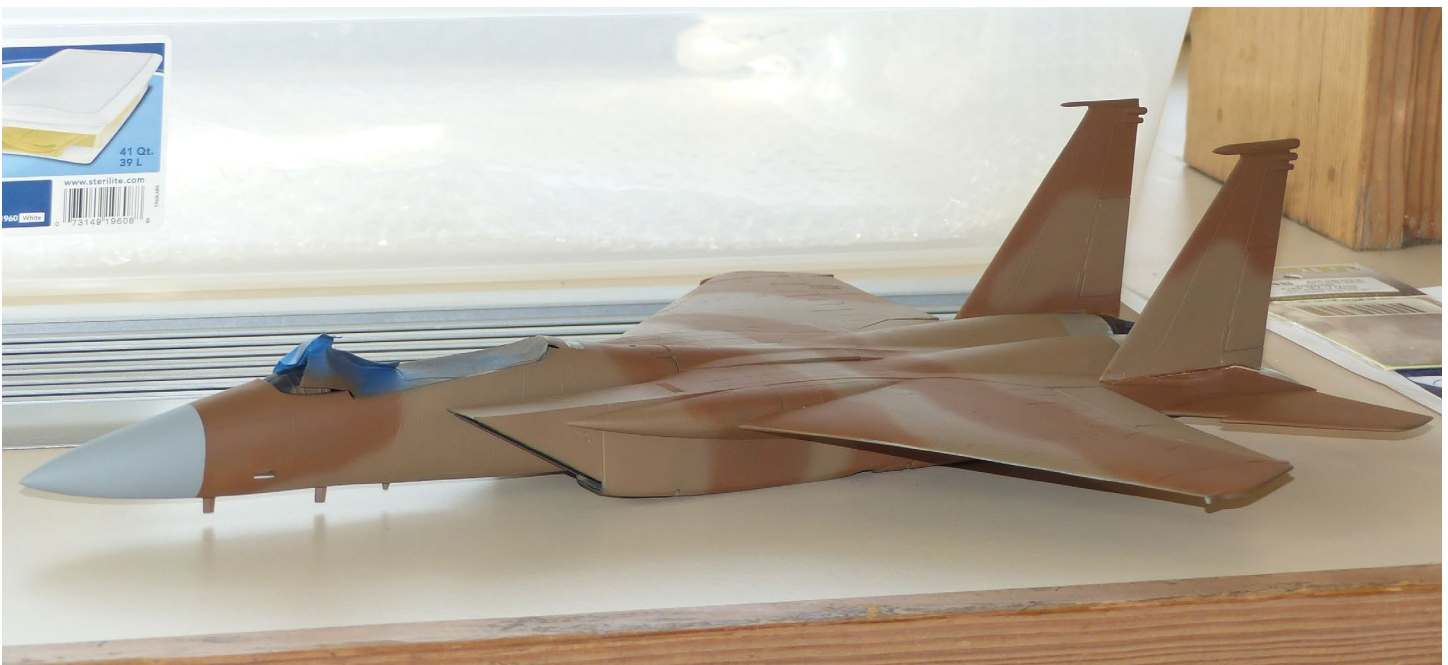




After me came Erick, with 2 sci-fi kits in 1/35th scale, from “some company in China”! One is a fighter and the other is a jet scooter. He also brought in a Commemorative magazine of the 8th Recon Group. The wonderful thing about this publication is that on the very first page is a photo of the Group commander, Col. Jim Anderson. Jim was a good friend to many of us old timers, and owned “SPACE AGE HOBBIES” on Forest Ave., in P.G.! What a special treat for us. Kudos to you Erick.



Next up at the plate was Anthony M. All of Anthony's models were WIPs. One was as 1/48th scale Revell F-18E Superhornet. Also shown was a 1/48th scale F-16C by Hasagawa (this was an e-Bay buy, partially worked on, and totally screwed up!), a 1/48th scale F-16A by ESCI, and a Monogram 1/48th scale F-15C from the 57th Aggressor Squadron.





David followed up the rear with a Revell 1/72nd scale B-17E that he is building for the Veteran's Transition Center



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The Marcum bros. didn't bring anything, but informed us that Larry is still working on the Tamiya Shinden in 1/48th scale. He says it's a great kit, a great fit, and it should highlight the Veteran's Transition Center display cases. Lee is working on a 1/72nd scale FC-1, a modern Chinese plane.

With that, the meeting ended. Next meeting will be on the first Sunday in December. Hope to see you all at the Monterey Library.

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