



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



**Service dog Bravo makes a guest appearance, but is sadly disappointed that Lester chose movies over models...**

The International Plastic Modelers Society Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Monterey Public Library's Solarium Room, Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Present were Vice-President Larry Marcum, Secretary Lee Marcum, Treasurer David Conneau and Newsletter Photographer and Lay Out Artist Ramon Lomeli. Also present were Members At Large Sean Bybee, Erik Hasselfeld, Oliver Lomeli and Evan Conneau. Noticeably (and audibly) missing was our Chapter President, Lester Tockerman! Being aware and concerned over recent health issues, the membership went meshugana trying to figure out what (if anything) had happened to our fearless leader. Our hope was that he was alright and was merely attending the annual Jewish Film Festival (March 2-17, 2019) of which he is a prominent participant. After calling him at home, Lester confirmed that this was the case. So there you have it; viewing a beautifully made and meaningful film instead of killing an afternoon with a bunch of modelnerds. What chutzpah!

Our meeting was thus taken over by our able Vice-President, Larry Marcum. The one item that was mentioned was the upcoming Silicon Classic VI, Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, CA 95131. The theme of the 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. event is "Fighting Fire with Fire".

Treasurer David Conneau announced that the current balance in our Treasury is \$174.92 while the Dren Account remains at \$2294.00.

There being no further business we went to...

# SHOW AND TELL!!!

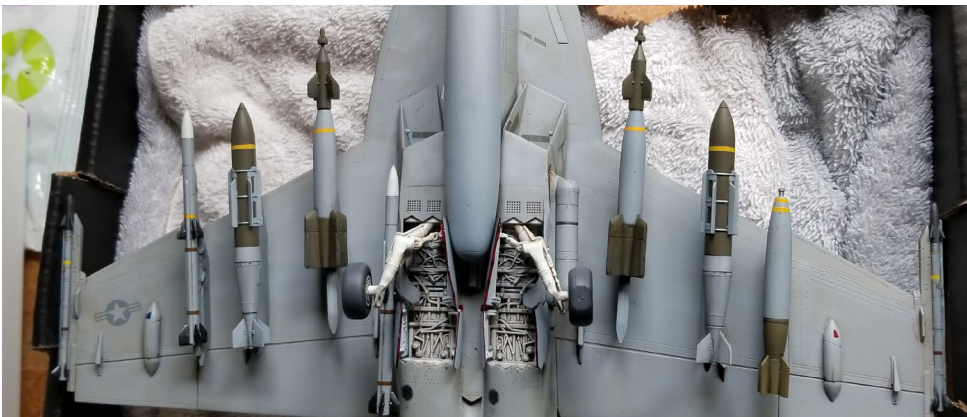
Oliver Lomeli began with the latest offering by Airfix, the Battle of Britain Experience combining those arch-rivals, the Hawker Hurricane Mk I, the Supermarine Spitfire Mk I and the Messerschmitt Bf-109E-4 all in 1/72nd scale. Oliver also introduced us to Hasegawa's 1/72nd scale Fairchild A-10A Warthog, and a Monogram 1/48 UH-1C Huey Hog complete with home made maps printed and tucked away on top of the instrument panel.



Ramon Lomeli followed with his completed Revell 1/32nd scale Republic P-47D Thunderbolt. This Eighth Air Force razorback is resplendent in its D-Day invasion stripes and the checkered-nose markings of the 78th Fighter Group, the red rudder denoting the 82nd Fighter Squadron. Ramon also included some scratch-built details to enhance the cockpit. This beauty is slated for the Veterans Transition Center and is sure to attract much well-deserved attention.



In addition Ramon regaled us with his Revell 1/48th scale McDonnell F/A-18F Hornet of VFA-41. Besides the flawless work we have come to expect from Ramon, the under-wing ordnance stores are spectacular in their arrangement and finish and really steal the show! Awesome!!!



Ramon's last offering was a very clean Tamiya 1/48th scale North American P-51B Mustang of the Fourteenth Air Force's 23rd Fighter Group, the mount of Col. David "Tex" Hill.





Larry Marcum continues on his Minicraft-Hasegawa 1/48th scale Kyushu J7W1 Shinden. This unique and unusual canard is slated for the Veterans Transition Center just soon as Larry can determine the correct color of overall green.



Evan Conneau presents his AMT 1/48th scale Bell 222B AIRWOLF Helicopter. Most of us remember watching the CBS Television series (1984-87) starring Jan-Micheal Vincent and Ernest Borgnine with that stirring theme music. This hot ship will go to the Veterans Transition Center to rekindle similar memories.

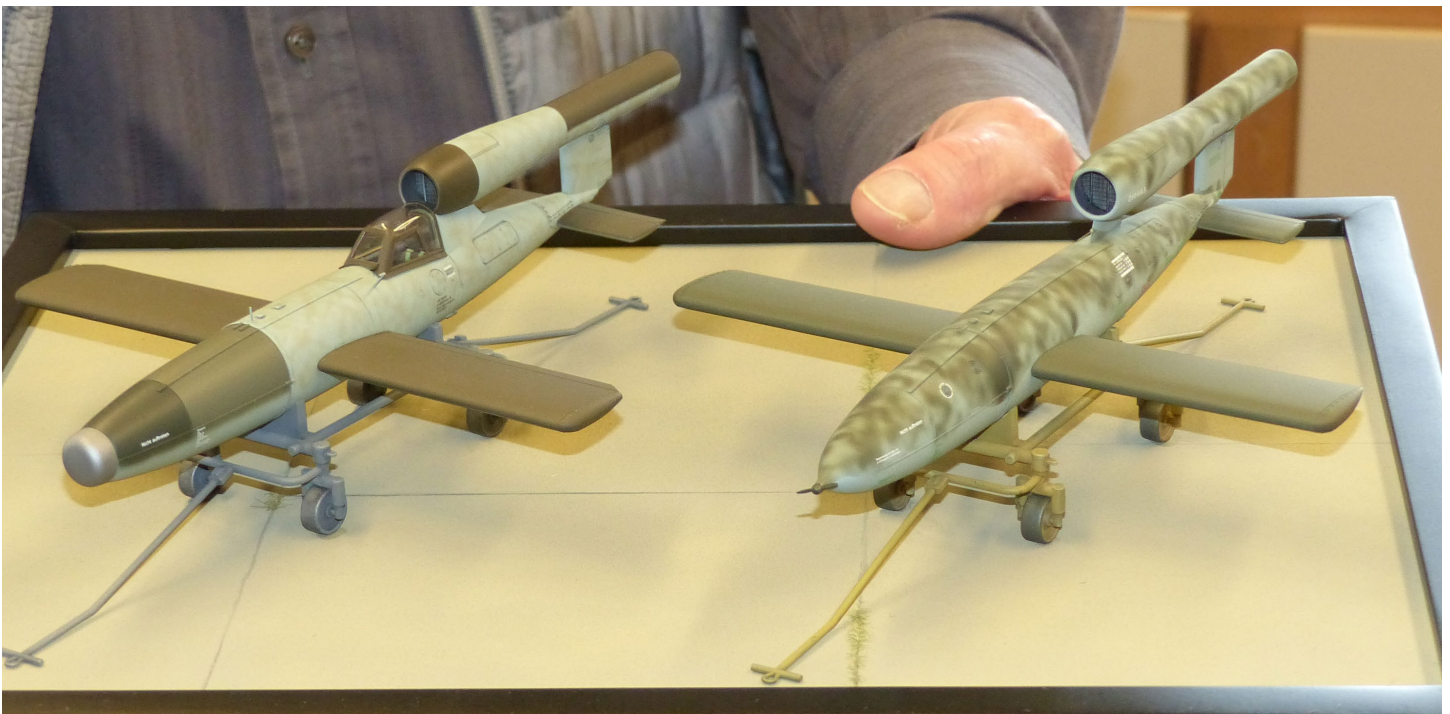




Sean Bybee took us boldly where none have gone before with his Polar Lights 1/350th scale Enterprise NX-01. This is the biggest and most sought after version of this space craft and Sean has assured us that he will trick out this gem and hopefully have it ready for this year's Monterey County Fair where it will suck in more awed spectators than a Black Hole.



Accompanying in a similar genre is Sean's Hasbro Siege Line Optimus Prime that is a work of art. The intricacy is simply amazing in that much of this jewel is scratch built by Sean himself. This is truly the 'art' of model building.

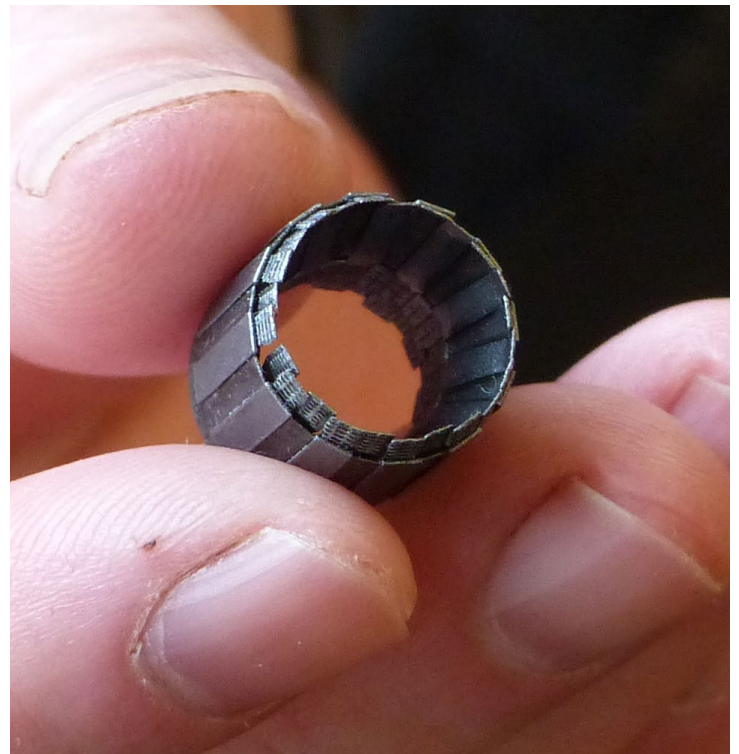


Erik Hasselfeld once again demonstrates his master modeling talent with his Bronco 1/35th scale pair of V-1 rockets, a manned and an unmanned version. These pulse jet terror weapons wreaked havoc amongst the Allies in the last years of World War II, so much so that their launch sites became primary targets for the Allied bombing offensive and diverted many fighters to Home Defense interceptor units. Erik's subtle use of Gunge colors both on the vengeance weapons and their dollies poised on a similarly cold base impart a sinister lethality.



Lee Marcum persists with his Trumpeter 1/72nd Chinese-Pakistani FC-1 fighter. As he overcomes one obstacle after another, he amazes us with his ability to progress without leaving a mark, proving to all that model building is not only how well you assemble but how well you can conceal the flaws.

Lee's treatment of the after-burners are a case in point.





David Conneau displayed his finished Revell 1/72nd scale Boeing B-17E Flying Fortress “Peggy D” opposite his Academy 1/72nd Boeing B-17D Flying Fortress “The Swoose” to demonstrate how the major re-design undertaken by Boeing engineers transformed the vulnerable early ‘shark fin’ version into the first truly combat worthy model. The RAF paint schemed “Peggy D” is also slated to be donated to the Veterans Transition Center.

# Muddlers Mucking About



Having endured another spell-binding Chapter meeting, we adjourned. Our next chapter meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2019.

-David C.

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