



# The Monterey Bay Muddler

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## Our fearless leader Lester takes some time to sit and think...

The International Plastic Modelers Society Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Monterey Public Library Solarium.

Present were Ramon Lomeli, Oliver Lomeli, Tom Leutzinger, Sean Bybee, Danny Galgani, and Treasurer, David Conneau.

As we all awaited the arrival of our Chapter President, Lester Tockerman, the discussion revolved around painting and weathering techniques. In the past, it was up to the model builder to devise ways in which to finish and weather their subjects. Today there are product lines such as Hataka and Tru-Color Paint sets packaged to one's specific genre. Recently, there are now sets devoted to rust, mud, exhausts, powder burns, battle damage and the general smutz to which armor, aircraft and ships in combat are subjected.

We also checked out the latest IPMS/USA Journal for March-April 2019 (Vol.31, #2) featuring our Regional Coordinator Chris Bucholtz's cover article on super-detailing SWORD's 1/72nd Fairey Gannet AEW.3 (Aircraft Early Warning). The Gannet pulled yeoman service for Britain's Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm from the 1960's until 1975. Chris's rather lengthy article describes in detail the steps taken to produce an award winning example by a master modeler. If you want to know what it takes to bring home the gold, this article should prove very instructive.

As the hour passed, waiting for Lester, we kept the conversation pretty "loosey-goosey", speaking of which, it was later ascertained that our Chapter President was unavoidably detained at his executive mansion upon his throne dealing with internal issues forcing him to remain seated throughout the entire performance. He later confided that everything came out alright. Bravo.

Faced with this power vacuum, Treasurer David Conneau seized the reins of power and called the meeting to order at 2:30p.m.

The first item on the Agenda was the fact that we are in search of a used display case in which we can display our models at the Veterans Transition Center in Marina. We can have it labeled to honor the memory of our former member Adrian 'Dren' Garza. This idea is the brainchild of Ramon Lomeli and it is a most worthy one. Check out the Thrift Stores, Goodwills, St. Vincent DePauls, Habitat for Humanity, etc. If you score, relay the info and we'll scrape up the necessary means to make it happen.

Treasurer David Conneau reported our Treasury contains a balance of \$103.92.

There being no further Chapter business we moved to...

# SHOW AND TELL!!!

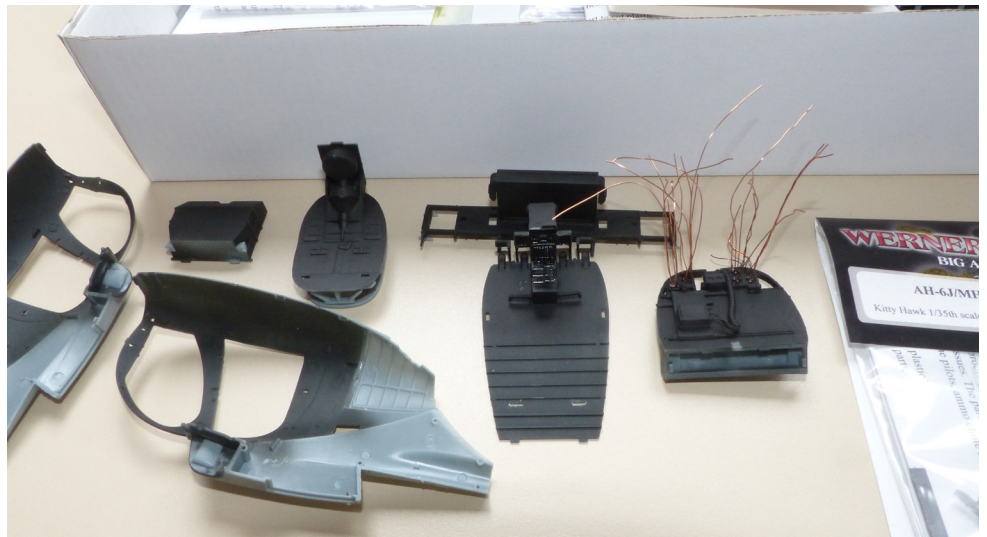


OLIVER LOMELI began with his 1/35th scale Tamiya M113 Armored Personnel Carrier for which Oliver added many scratch-built extras. Notable was the base upon which this iconic APC was set. Oliver has become very proficient at rendering his 'dirt' in scale making a very convincing diorama. His next example was a 1/35th scale Academy M1A1 Abrams main battle tank finished in desert camouflage. Next was his 1/48th scale Kitty Hawk Bell UH-1Y Huey which Oliver invested much time and effort hand painting the instrument/control panel and cherrying out the interior. Wrapping up his presentation was a lineup of three 1/72nd Battle of Britain participants: Two AIRFIX kits; a Messerschmitt Bf109E-4 and a Supermarine Spitfire Mk1a. The third was the ancient REVELL Hawker Hurricane Mk1. Crude by today's standards (i.e. raised panel lines, lack of detail in the wheel well and cockpit areas, thick canopy), this kit is one of many such same-scale kits issued in the mid-60's that departed from REVELL's prior "box-scale" format and brought the company into the broader international scale system that we recognize today. These little pioneers made available for the first time Polikarpovs, Brewsters, Thunderbolts, Hiens and other types outside the range of the usual Mustang, Hellcat, Zero, Messerschmitt, Spitfire fare available at the time. Each of these kits with their frame-able box art originally retailed for \$.50. On today's secondary market they command as much \$28.00! It is from these humble beginnings that our hobby has evolved to the CAD designed, state of the art kits we enjoy today.



RAMON LOMELI displayed the 1/48th scale AIRFIX North American P-51D Mustang upon which he applied Alcad and Vallejo Paints and Kits World decals. This is another example of ancient AIRFIX kits cleaning up their act and issuing world class examples. The details are exquisite and Ramon has done a beautiful job as always.

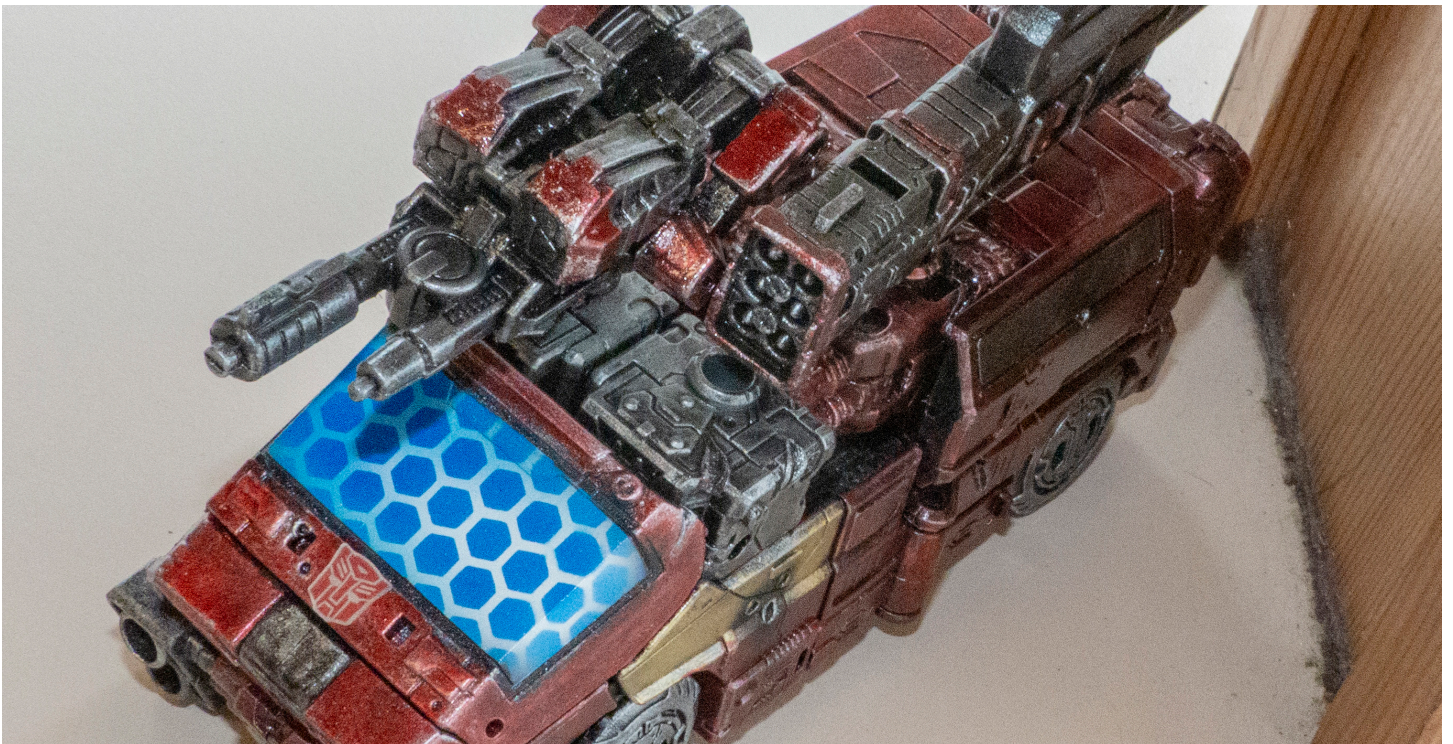
Here is a show stopper! Ramon's next offering was his 1/35th scale KITTY HAWK AH-6J Nightstalker Little Bird. If you desire, you can purchase an aftermarket accessory kit from Werner's Wings that was designed by our own in-house chopper authority, Ramon Lomeli, as described and referenced in the instructions! Very impressive! The other kit is a 1/35th scale KITTY HAWK MH-60L Black Hawk. Both choppers will be finished in the schemes employed in the Battle of Mogadishu conflict memorialized in the film, Black Hawk Down. Watch this space.





DANNY GALGANI blew us away with his 1/32nd scale ACADEMY F/Aa-18B Super Hornet. If you were amazed by his Vought A-7E Corsair II (see Muddler Feb. 2019) this will knock your socks off. The landing gear incorporates over 24 parts per strut! The under wing ordnance is gorgeous. Also included were Danny's award winning Tamiya Ferrari F1-2000 and Reynaud formula car with a canopy from a P-51D Mustang. We are very fortunate to have such an excellent and capable member as Mr. Galgani.





SEAN BYBEE presented another example of the SIEGE line of transformers, this being the Transformer Iron Hide. The intricacy of Sean's work is absolutely fascinating. Add to that Sean's inclusion of personal touch details make his work unique. Sean confided that his work is in such demand that he has been able to command a pretty good price for his art.



TOM LEUTZINGER brought in another beauty, the 1/25th scale TAMIYA Martini-Brahm BT-44 winner of the 1974 Brazilian Gran Prix.



Launched in 1961, the USS Enterprise was the US Navy's first atomic powered aircraft carrier. Like all of Tom's flat tops, this 1/720th scale REVELL of GERMANY is a jewel, especially when you study the intricate deck detail.



DAVID CONNEAU reminded us that May 5, 2019 is the 77th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first sea battle in which two opposing fleets fought without ever coming in sight of each other. It was also the first time since Pearl Harbor that the US Navy sunk a warship larger than a destroyer when the IJN Carrier Shoho was sunk by US carrier aircraft, prompting the radio message: "Scratch One Flat Top!" David's display consisted of three 1/48th scale MONOGRAM models of US carrier aircraft employed in the battle, all in regulation markings: Douglas TBD-1 Devastator (torpedo bomber), Douglas SBD-3 Dauntless (dive bomber) and Grumman F4F-4 Wildcat (fighter).

# Muddlers Mucking About



That wrapped up our meeting and we adjourned at 4:30p.m. Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 1:30p.m. at the Monterey Public Library Solarium.

-David

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