



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



## Have you seen this man?

The International Plastic Modelers Society Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Monterey Public Library's Solarium, Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Present were Vice-President Larry Marcum, Secretary Lee Marcum, Treasurer David Conneau and Newsletter Lay-Out Artist Ramon Lomeli. Members-at-Large were Oliver Lomeli, Evan Conneau and Robert Kragenhagen. Conspicuous by his absence was our Chapter President, Lester Tockerman. It was reported that once again he was dealing with internal issues that necessitated he remain home doing his duty. Will he ever again grace us with his presence? Depends... Grabbing the reins of power, Vice-President Larry Marcum called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Topics under discussion were:

We are still searching for a display case with which we can display our models destined to be donated to the Veterans Transition Center in Marina.

Ramon Lomeli has kindly offered to print out identification cards to be displayed with our models that will be competing at this year's Monterey County Fair. By now you should have received some examples in your e-mail. Upon inspection you will notice Ramon has done a superb job on the copy. By having the cards all done in the same font and form, it will lend a sense of uniformity and continuity to our exhibit. During the next month please contact Ramon and inform him of the number of model(s) you wish to show, giving him the proper name of your subject, the name of the manufacturer and the scale of the kit. (If you're going the extra mile, you may consider going to [Scalemates.com](http://Scalemates.com), select Kits to determine the issue date of your kit.)

Also, by calling in we can better judge how many display cases will be required.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** David Conneau reported that as of June 5, 2019, our treasury has a balance of \$147.92.

Thanks to the continuing effort of Larry Marcum, receipts from the sale of the Adrian Garza (Dren Fund) Collection have increased from \$2294.00 to \$2464.00.

There being no further subjects under discussion, we went to...

# SHOW AND TELL!!!

WIP it – WIP it good! With one exception, everyone was in the midst of their respective projects...



OLIVER LOMELI started off with a number of kits.

The first was Kitty Hawk's 1/35th scale MH-6J Little Bird helicopter. Oliver has added scratch-built parts and weathered with Tamiya washes.



In a similar vein, Oliver has taken the 1971 FROG 1/72nd scale de Havilland Vampire F.B. Mk. V. This little jewel was unique in that like the rest of the FROG line featured recessed panel lines in the age of raised details with bounteous rivets. The Lines Brothers opened Frog in 1932. FROG is considered to be the father of injected molded model kits, the first appearing in 1936. Oliver's kit features a scratch-built cockpit and a wine foil tail pipe.

The last example was a 1982 MPC 1/72nd scale Sikorsky HH-53C Super Jolly Green Giant helicopter to a whole 'nother level. The stock interior of this whirly-bird is as smooth as a baby's bottom. Oliver has enhanced his project by installing the interior ribs in such an expert fashion that one would be convinced that they were molded in!

Also included is a full array of scratch-built seats. This is very clean work and a real credit to Oliver's skill.



RAMON LOMELI stepped up next with his WIP's:

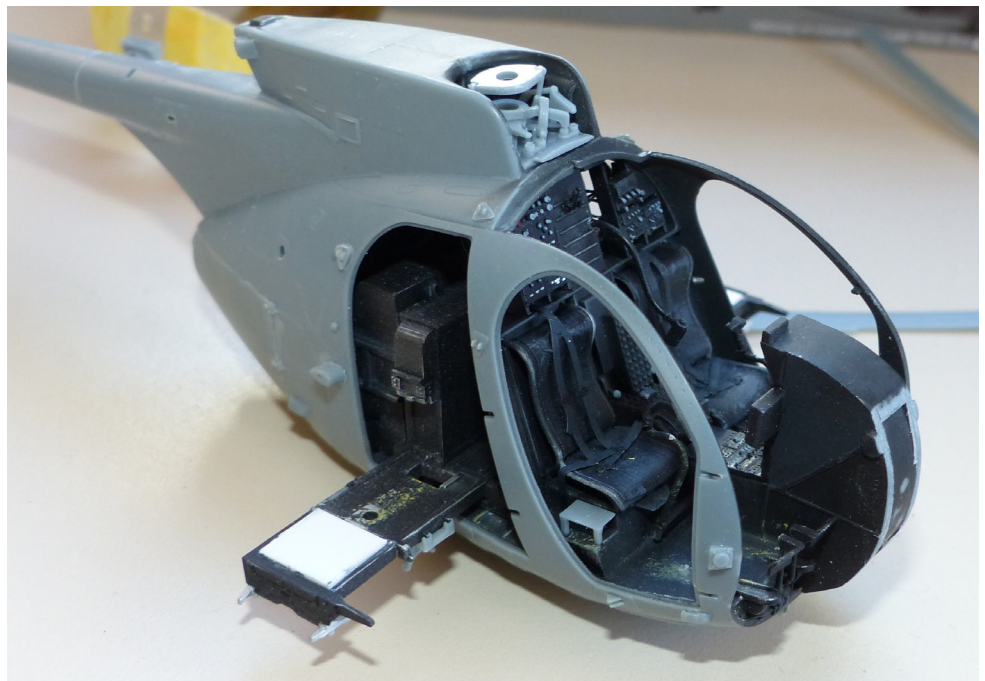
An Airfix 1/48th scale Supermarine Spitfire Mk. Vb which is destined to be finished in the scheme of a Malta Defender complete with the tropical filter.



A 2018 Tamiya 1/48th scale Supermarine Spitfire Mk. I in Battle of Britain colors and in true Tamiya fashion, "a joy to assemble".

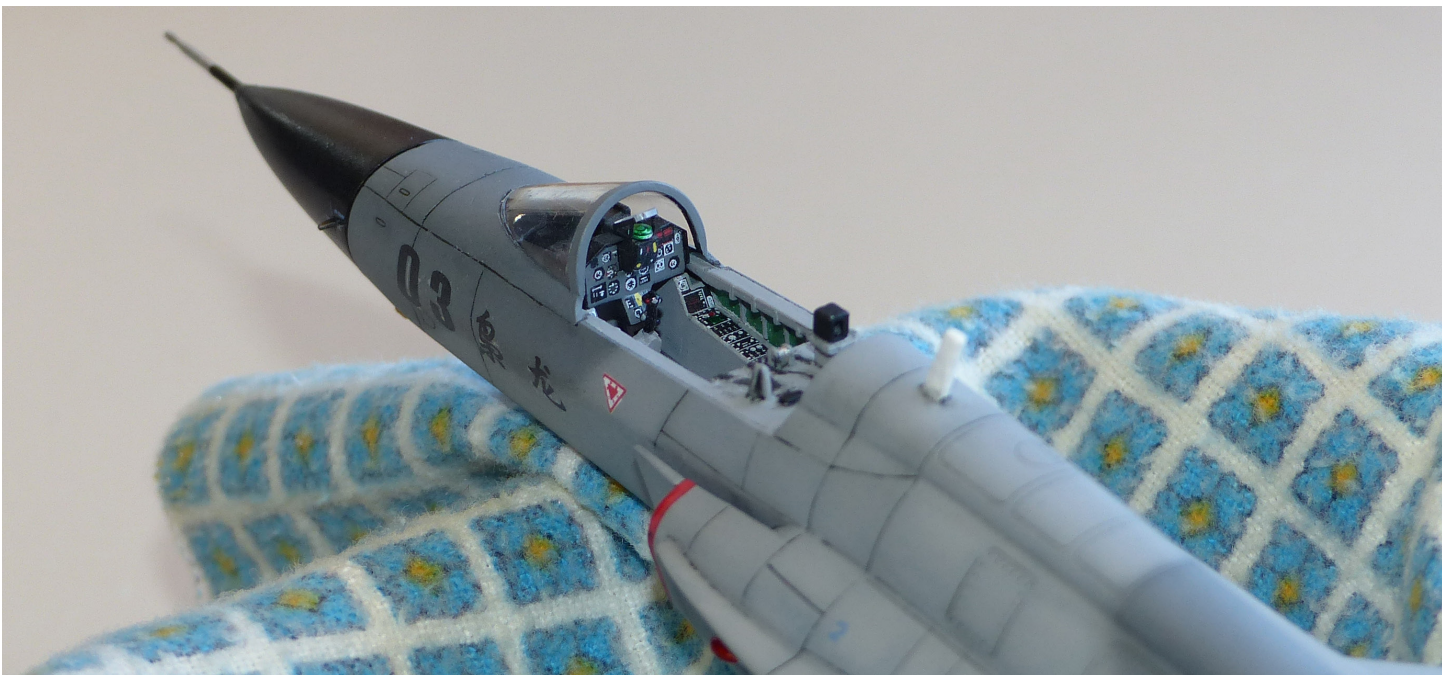


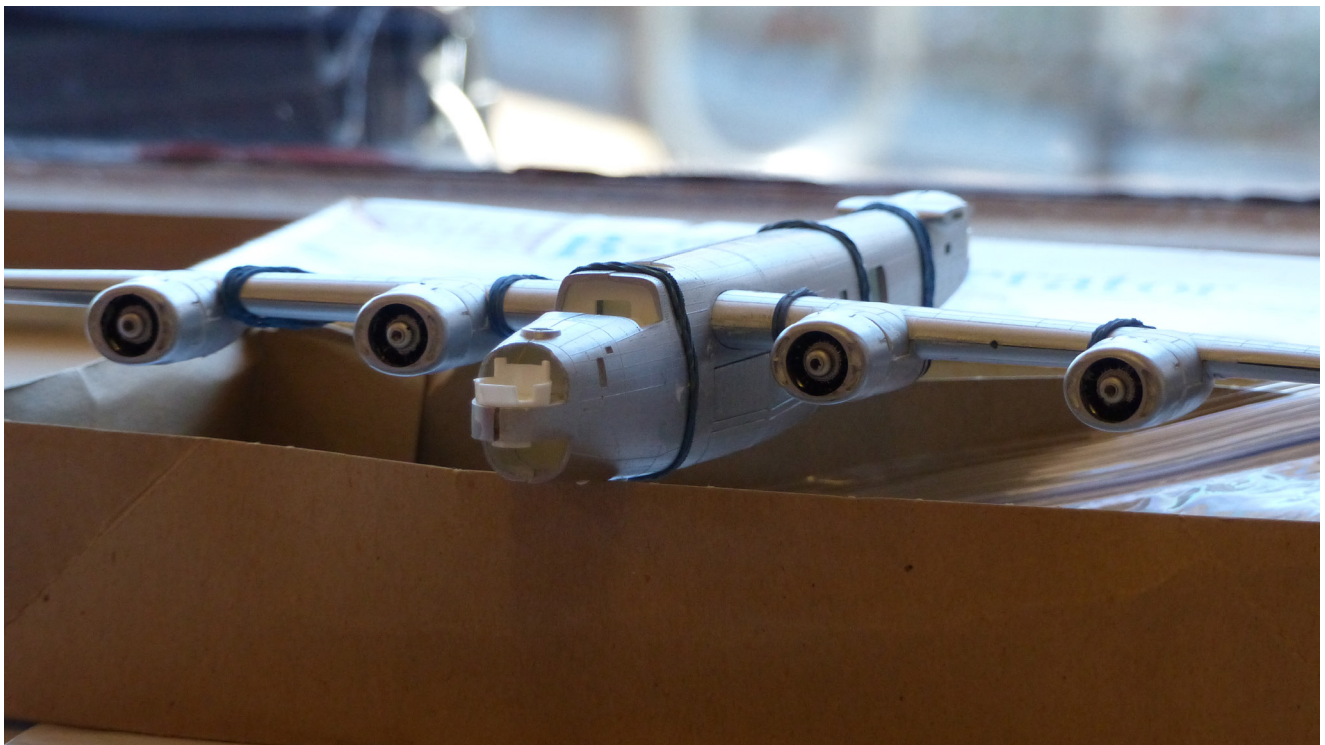
Last up was Ramon's 1/35th scale Kitty Hawk AH-6J Little Bird helicopter. Father and son are pairing up to produce a transport and an attack version of the same bird and finish them in the colors of Operation Gothic Serpent in the Mogadishu Campaign.





LEE MARCUM is just about to complete his 1/72nd scale Trumpeter Chinese FC-1, employing Tamiya acrylics to weather this interceptor. This kit has been something of a challenge and buckling decals have just added an additional masochistic touch. However, the camo scheme and the intricacy of the undercarriage and cockpit area are pure eye-candy and further attests to Lee's ability to take a difficult kit and make it all look so easy.





DAVID CONNEAU is plodding along with his 1973 MPC 1/72nd scale Profile Series Consolidated B-24J Liberator which is very much in the “dry-fitting” stage. This past month has been spent installing internal assemblies such as the flight deck and the turrets, assuring that they traverse smoothly and without any friction. The first dabs of paint have been applied to the engines.



And just when you thought it was safe to go outside...

ROBERT KRAGENHAGEN waltzes in with his Esci/Ertl 1/35th scale BMP-1 Soviet Combat Vehicle. Robert is employing the Citadel line of colors to produce an absolutely spectacular shading effect. You have to see it to fully appreciate the subtle delicacy of Robert's work. This is truly a trophy in waiting.



# Muddlers Mucking About



Having finished show and tell and expending all of our war stories, we adjourned our meeting at 3:43 p.m. and made for higher ground.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, July 7, 2019, 1:30 p.m. at the Monterey Public Library's Solarium. In the meantime have a safe and glorious 4th of July.

-David

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