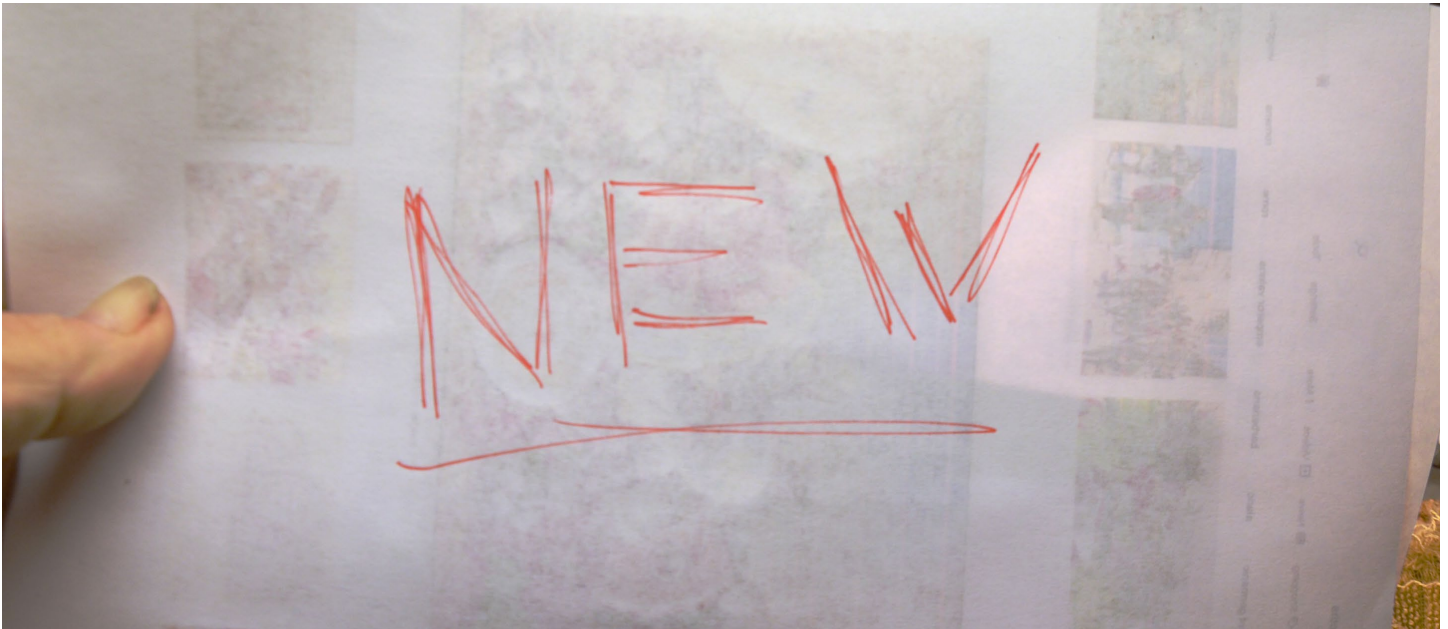




# The Monterey Bay Muddler



## **New members, new leadership, new hard drive!**

The International Plastic Modelers Society Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Monterey Public Library Solarium Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. Present were Vice-President Larry Marcum, Secretary Lee Marcum and Treasurer David Conneau. Also present were members Ramon Lomeli, Oliver Lomeli, Tom Leutzinger, Anthony Moltini and Robert Kragenhagen. We had the additional presence of two new members, Mark Boothe (ABoothe1@gmail.com) and his son Taylor Boothe. Mark used to work with Anthony Moltini at the Monterey Health Center. Taylor is a freshman at Monterey High School. Welcome to both of you! **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** In a letter to the membership Lester Tockerman informed us that he has had to resign his position as Chapter President due to future preventive health procedures that will occupy the coming months. We wish him the best. That being said we turned to the next officer in succession, Vice-President Larry Marcum who took over the reins of power and did an admirable job of calling our meeting to order. Timely too that we should start considering electing officers this coming October. So please search your souls about stepping up and taking your place in our illustrious organization. It will look impressive on your resume right alongside being on the Presidents Council of Publishers Clearing House. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** David Conneau reported that as of August 5, 2019 our treasury has a balance of \$185.93. The DREN Account sits at \$2564.00. **MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR** (August 29-September 2, 2019). This year's theme is "High Tides and Carnival Rides" Some suggestions would be anything of a nautical nature (Ships, Carriers, Subs, Boats, Galleys, Flying Boats, Float Planes, ASW Aircraft, etc.). Our display case is reserved and we can set up the week of August 25-28, 2019. If you need to have a pickup let us know by calling (831) 375-1652 -leave message) or (831) 394-4940-leave message). And don't forget to email Ramon Lomeli (anvil6@gmail.com) your model information (see the July 2019 Muddler) so he can prepare your ID tags. **VETERANS TRANSITION CENTER:** Ramon Lomeli has alerted us to the existence of display cases on display at Target. Each block of cases retails for about \$199.00 for which we could possibly use a portion of our share of the DREN Account, giving proper attributes to the memory of Adrian Garza.

With no further business, we went straight to...

# SHOW AND TELL!!!



TAYLOR BOOTHE introduced himself with a 1/48th scale North American F-100 Super Saber that he and his dad assembled together. Taylor also enjoys WWII aircraft. Another interest is collecting die-cast gaming pieces of Napoleonic-era soldiers.



OLIVER LOMELI is back displaying a myriad of pieces, all beautifully rendered: a 1/48th scale Eduard Polikarpov I-16 Type 24 "Mosca", a Monogram 1/48th scale Messerschmitt Bf-109G-14 Gustav, an Airfix 1/48th scale Supermarine Spitfire Mk V, a Kitty Hawk 1/35th scale MH-6J Little Bird (with a fully exposed engine compartment) and for you ground pounders, a Dragon 1/72nd scale M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank.



RAMON LOMELI laid out a trio of Supermarine Spitfires: a Tamiya 1/48th scale Mk 1 in 610th Fighter Squadron (County of Chester) markings, an Airfix 1/48th scale Mk V Malta defender (Screwball Buerling?), an Airfix 1/48th scale P(hoto)R(econnaisance) XIX destined to be finished in an overall 'Haze Paint' scheme, a Kitty Hawk 1/35th scale AH-6J Nightstalker Little Bird participant in the October 3, 1993 Battle of Mogadishu equipped with Werner's Wings after market Ramon Lomeli' designed accessories.





LEE MARCUM has, at last, completed his Trumpeter 1/72nd scale Red Chinese/Pakistani collaborative FC-1 all-purpose fighter. It is, like all of Lee's work, absolutely beautiful inside and out!

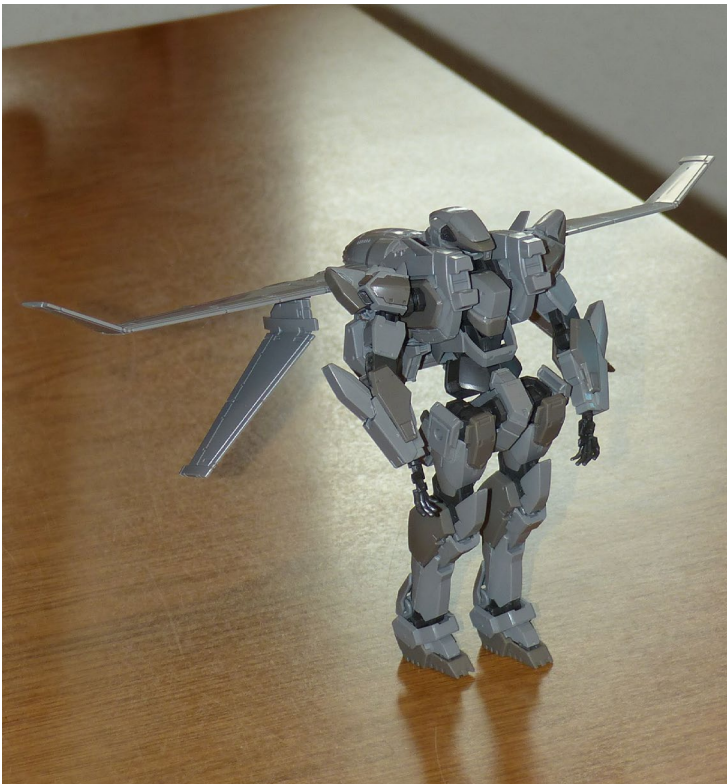




TOM LEUTZINGER enters with two Formula 1 racers: Surtees TS14 driven in the 1973 MANACO Gran Prix by Mike Hailwood and Carlos Pace. These Cosworth-powered beauties are of resin and white metal construction.



ANTHONY MOLTINI arrived with a plethora of Douglas A-4's, Northrop F-5's: a Monogram 1/48th scale Pro-Modeler Douglas A-4F Skyhawk, a Monogram 1/48th scale Douglas A-4 Aggressor, a Fujimi 1/48th scale Douglas A-4E Skyhawk, a Monogram 1/48th scale Northrop F-5E Tiger II, a Hobby Boss 1/72nd scale Northrop F-5E Tiger II. Also in the collection were a McDonnell Douglas/Northrop F-18 Hornet, a clipped wing Supermarine Spitfire Mk VE Trop. and a show-stopping WIP Revell of Germany 1/48th scale Boeing B-17F Flying Fortress.



ROBERT KRAGENHAGEN took us to another world of Sci-Fi subjects courtesy of some very fine Japanese kits: a Bandai 1/60th scale ABX-7-XL2, a Bandai 1/72nd scale (Star Wars) Bi-Wing Starfighter, a Bandai 1/100th scale Gumdan Translucent Ashtray Blue Frame, a Kolobukiya 1/100th scale Frame Arms Black Tortoise, and rounding out the collection a WIP Bandai 1/144th scale Gundam Full Armor Unicorn. These will all make an insane collection once assembled.

DAVID CONNEAU brought us back to baby-boomer early '50's with two kits. As he is fond of reminding us- model companies come and go but the molds last forever. Case in point the Revell box scale Consolidated B-24J Liberator and North American B-25C Mitchell Bomber. As one reviewer pointed out that if you want an actual kit from the prehistoric '50's be prepared to take out a second mortgage. But there is hope for those nostalgic glue addicts in the form of Atlantis Toy and Hobby reissuing those venerable kits (warts and all) in large boxes with the beautiful (suitable for framing) Richard Kishady artwork that made us boomers part with our lawn mowing money. They're available now at an affordable MSRP of 19.98 each. More later.

A long, long time ago in a galaxy far, far away the Empire's Death Star had conquered all of Western Europe with the exception of a rebel base of Tatooie led by Princess Leia Churchill with a small force of X-Wing Spitfighters---you get the idea. David was junk hunting when he came across these two specimens---A Hawker Hurricane Mk 1 and a Messerschmitt Bf-109E---in an antique store. What makes these two models unique is that they are made of cellulose acetate! These two are the earliest examples of plastic models.





A remote entry from Lester Tockerman, who was not able to attend due to personal matters. However, Lester did send his regards to the club and of how proud he was of our small but talented chapter. Lester will be taking a break from hanging out with us for a few months, but we await his return with many more new and interesting bust!

-Ramon

# Muddlers Mucking About



There being no further business we adjourned. Normally our next meeting would be the first Sunday of September (Sept.1, 2019) but seeing that it will be Labor Day Weekend and we will also be displaying at the Monterey County Fair, our next meeting will be held Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Monterey Public Library Solarium.

See you at the Fair!

-David

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