



The Monterey Bay Muddler



The young and the young at heart...

The International Plastic Modelers Society Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Monterey Public Library Solarium on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

President Larry Marcum called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present were President Larry Marcum, Vice-President Lee Marcum, Treasurer David Conneau and members Ramon Lomeli, Oliver Lomeli, Tom Leutzinger, and...

HEEE'S BAAACK

LESTER TOCKERMAN! Yes folks, Lester is back looking not too worse for wear. True, there will be a long road back with physical therapy and rehabilitation and although he may be 'folically' challenged, he's still full of pee and vinegar, churning out model masterpieces. Welcome back, Lester!

PRESIDENTS REPORT: President Larry Marcum in his opening remarks advocated for a more structured agenda-style format for our meetings. This would entail such topics as regional contests, IPMS directives, new products, etc.

The next model contest will be held on April 18, 2020 (the 78th Anniversary of the Doolittle Raid) at the infamous 'black hole of Calcutta' Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. At that time our Chapter shall sponsor the John McLane Historical Miniatures Award. Lester Tockerman volunteered to negotiate with the Silicon Valley Scale Modelers cadre to prepare.

The Holiday Season is approaching and the subject of donations came up. The Chapter voted to make \$25.00 gifts to the following: Veterans Transition Center, Salvation Army, Dorothy's Kitchen, Operation Freedom Paws and the Monterey Public Library.

December is also the month when we re-charter our Chapter with IPMS/USA (\$30.00). David Conneau was instructed to compile as complete a membership roster as is possible by acquiring any and all known mailing lists.

TREASURERS REPORT: David Conneau reported that as of October 30, 2019 the Treasury has a balance of \$220.94.

An additional \$145.00 was added to the DREN COLLECTION FUND which brings the total to \$2709.00. We now have sufficient funds to look into purchasing display cases in which to show our models at the Veterans Transition Center in Marina.

There being no further business to discuss, we went to...

SHOW AND TELL!!!

OLIVER LOMELI started off with his Italeri 1/35th scale BMW R75 Zundapp with sidecar. Oliver remarked on the poor molding. The members reminded Oliver that the kit is very old (1980) and that sometimes the biggest challenge a model builder faces is taking a difficult or poorly molded kit and turning it into a respectable finished example. Oliver intends to display this subject in a diorama of a German check point complete with a sentry shack. Judging from past examples of his dioramic art, Oliver will make this into another masterpiece.



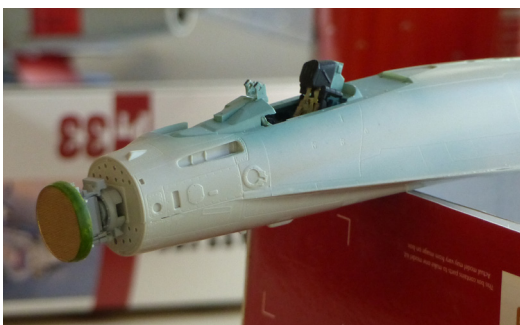
Also, Oliver passed around two WIP's:

Hasegawa 1/48th scale Douglas A-4M Skyhawk, the long range version of the "Scooter"



Kitty Hawk 1/48th scale Sukhoi Su-35 Flanker-E with some very nice cockpit detail.

And while in the midst of all this, Oliver is lining up a Tamiya 1/35th scale M3A1 Scout Car, a truly classic U.S. ARMY vehicle, for a future build.





RAMON LOMELI continues with his commission, the Hasegawa 1/48th scale Grumman F-14D Super Tomcat of VX-9. Whoever said making models on commission is an easy way to make money?

Ramon also introduced us to ModelHobbies.co.uk where he purchased a FLY(models) 1/48th scale BAC 167 Strikemaster Jet Provost T.5/T.5A, originally a British 1950's trainer/light attack converted (in 1967) into a COIN aircraft (in this example) of the Botswana Defence Force Air Wing. This little aircraft has a very interesting history.



TOM LEUTZINGER gave us one more look at his beautiful Tamiya 1/20th scale Lotus Honda 99T. Pure eye candy! Just look at the stenciling on the tires.





LEE MARCUM: Every so often we get to see something truly amazing and that is what Lee offers us here. This is a WIP of a Papercraft by Julius Perdana from Paper Replika.com of a (Gundam) Sinanju constructed entirely of paper! Lee admits that he occasionally employs comic book boards (but only occasionally). Check out the feet; ten pieces of paper were needed to complete this assembly!





LESTER TOCKERMAN rejoins us with a flourish that includes:

Roman General of the 1st Century

Varagian Guard 1200 – 1350 c.e.

Mongol Chief Warrior 1250 c.e.

Armored Knight(s) 1400 c.e.

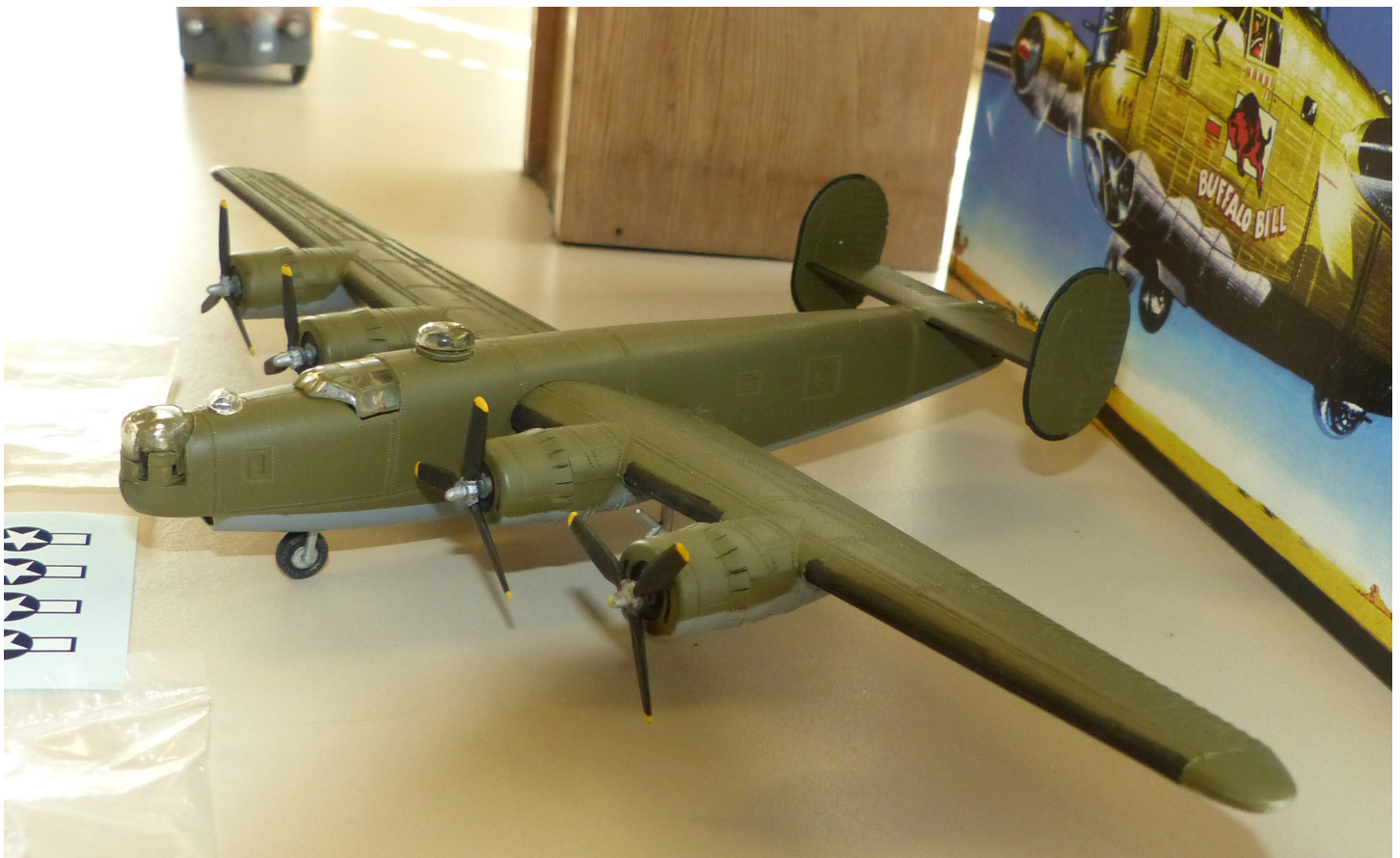
Tank Commander, 4th Armored Division – ETO-Winter 1944



And one of the most unusual armored cars ever seen, a product of the Czech Skoda Works, employed by the Germans in the last stages of WWII called a turtle that frankly you can't tell if it is coming or going. If you think this vehicle is strange looking, you might be too young to remember the AMC Pacer.



DAVID CONNEAU takes us back to the dawn of plastic models with his Atlantis 2019 reissue of the 1954 Revell 1/92nd (box) scale Consolidated B-24J Liberator. Believe it or not this Revell kit was the “Tamiya” of its day for the very simple fact that in 1954 it was the only plastic kit of a B-24 before there ever was Tamiya, or Hasegawa, or AirLines, or Heller, or Fujimi, or Aarii, or...



Model of the Month

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Model of the Month was awarded (to nobody's surprise) to Lee Marcum for his remarkable Sinaju. Keep in mind that this is a WIP and that we are only looking at completed components. There is much more to be done before this project is built into a very sizeable specimen. And when it is and if Lee doesn't display it at the County Fair next year, he's going to have some 'splaining to do!



The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Monterey Public Library Solarium. Until then we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

-David

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