



The Monterey Bay Muddler



Muddlers feel sadness at Lester's preference of fooseball over our company...

The International Plastic Modelers Society Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Monterey Public Library Solarium on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Present were President Larry Marcum, Vice-President Lee Marcum, Secretary Sean Bybee, Treasurer David Conneau and members Ramon Lomeli, Oliver Lomeli, Dani Galgani and Olivier Galgani.

Notably absent was our elder statesman, Lester Tockerman. Upon further investigation, however, it was discovered that Lester was in fine shape and had merely forgotten that the meeting was scheduled for that Sunday (12/08/19) and he was watching the San Francisco 49ers vs. New Orleans Saints game where the 49ers won by virtue of a last minute 3-point Field Goal. Don't you love it when they kick a homerun! Anyway, Lester describes himself as having much more stamina, regaining his strength and watching his numbers and vitals steadily improving. This is one of the high points for our Chapter this year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Larry Marcum reminded us that the next model contest, The Silicon Valley Classic will occur on April 18, 2020 hosted by the Silicon Valley Scale Modelers at Napredak Hall, 770 Montaque Expressway, San Jose. This year's theme is Take Your Best Shot.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lee Marcum notified us that the next scheduled Chapter Meeting will be on Sunday, January 5, 2020. Bring your Christmas/Hanukah/Cuanza goodies for all to see.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sean Bybee had nothing to report at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: David Conneau reported that as of December 4, 2019, the Chapter Treasury has a balance of \$230.94. Further, the Chapter will make Christmas donations to the entities selected last month (See November 2019 Muddler). Also, the Chapter will make its annual Re-Chartering payment (\$30.00) to the IPMS/USA.

NEW ITEM: David Conneau reported on visiting the recently opened Hobby-Lobby Store in the Northridge Shopping Center in Salinas. Making his way past a vast array of craft supplies, he found a Model kit section with a fair selection of kits but more importantly a better than average selection of paints, brushes, model tools and a nice assortment of IWATA air brushes. Now we have an alternative to MICHAELS Craft Supplies that is within local reach. David could barely contain himself. That's when they called Security.

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

SHOW AND TELL!!!



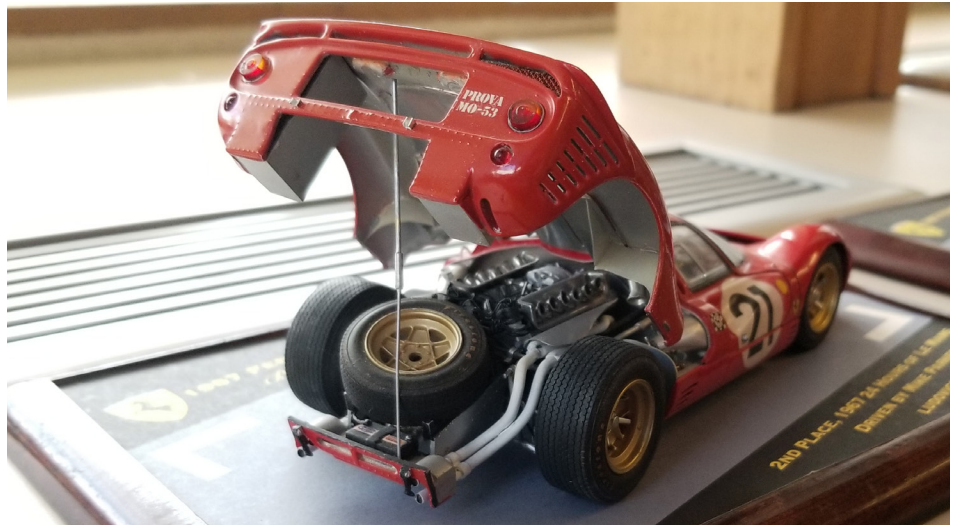
OLIVER LOMELI presented his Kinetic 1/48th scale F-18C Hornet in the livery of Marine Squadron VMFA-122 which Oliver says needs a little more finish work. However, Oliver wasn't so effusive about his Revell 1/48th scale MIG-21PF which he described as "crappy". His intent is to finish it in Indian Air Force colors. (Don't worry; Oliver will turn it into a trophy.)





RAMON LOMELI continues on his Hasegawa 1/48th scale Grumman F-14D Super Tomcat inching closer and closer to completion. Also for our inspection is the new 2012 Tamiya 1/48th scale Ilyushin IL-2 Shturmovik, 2017 AMK (AvantGarde Model Kits) 1/48th scale Israeli IAI Kfir C2/C7, and the 2019 Kitty Hawk 1/35th scale HH-60G Pave Hawk, all awaiting assembly.

DANI GALGANI returns with more of his superb models: two 1967 Ferrari 330-P4's by Fujimi. Both are mounted on distinctive bases. One 330-P4 represents the winner of the 1967 24hr Daytona driven by Chris Amon & Lorenzo Bandini; the other 330P-4 driven by Mike Parkes & Ludovico Scafiootti, represents the 2nd place finisher of the 1967 24hr LeMans that was won for the first time by an American entry, the Ford Motors GT-40 MkI. What makes these models remarkable is that most of the interiors, suspensions, engines and exhausts were scratch built by Dani! Also included in his presentation is a gorgeous Tamiya 1/32nd scale McDonnell-Douglas F-15E Strike Eagle of the 338FS (Rocketeers) of the USAF's 4th Wing set on a beautiful base. There is no doubt that we are in the presence of a master model builder.



OLIVIER GALGANI shows that talent doesn't run in his family---it gallops! Here is a very nice rendition of a Hasegawa 1/32nd scale North American P-51D Mustang which he christened, "Miss B Haven". Mounted on a base displaying a map of Europe, this beauty is finished in (believe it or not) Rustoleum paints! It doesn't end there. Also included is his Revell 1/25th scale 2018 Ford Mustang GT S-550 SnapTite. That's right, it's a SnapTite. Olivier has dolled up this beauty with a red, white and blue overall scheme but has also employed metal foil to make this pony car really pop.





SEAN BYBEE takes us to another dimension of Fantasy Sci-Fi with his 2016 MakeToys (China) Despotron. This kit as well as his other assorted cyborgs conjures up visions of Optimus Prime as well as the other characters that inhabit a futuristic android universe. That being said Sean, since you are the Secretary of this Chapter, could you submit an article explaining to us earthlings the mythology of these remarkable A-I contraptions? The precision with which these subjects are constructed is truly fascinating and makes one want to know more. Please don't leave us in the abyss.



Remember the Bronze Age man found in the Alps between Austria and Italy in 1991? Guess what they found in his backpack?

DAVID CONNEAU displayed his ancient Revell 1/92nd scale Consolidated B-24J Liberator that dates back to the dawn of plastic model history.



Muddlers Mucking About



The Chapter Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
To everyone: have a happy, safe and blessed holiday season. See you all next year.

Respectfully submitted,

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