



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



## Oliver invites his big sister Ellie to the January meeting...

The International Plastic Modelers Society Central coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Monterey Public Library Solarium on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were President Larry Marcum, Vice-President Lee Marcum, Secretary Sean Bybee, Treasurer David Conneau as well as members Ramon Lomeli, Oliver Lomeli, Dani Galgani, Olivier Galgani, Lester Tockerman, Evan Conneau, Tom Leutzinger and (by phone) Randy Miller. That comes to twelve individuals and that means this is one of those rare occasions when we in the Solarium were at full capacity. That's an auspicious beginning for the New Year!

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Larry reminded us that on January 25, 2020, the NNL's will be holding a model contest at the Santa Clara Convention Center. This competition is primarily focused on automotive subjects. Larry said there will be a raffle as well as vendors. Larry told us that it is often possible to pick up motorcycle kits and early out of production car kits at these gatherings. A small contingent composed of Larry, Lee, Tom, Dani and Olivier will be attending and they have promised to bring back pictures. Anyone who has seen the high quality artistry this bunch of motor-heads produce can, with confidence, expect to see some well deserved medals/awards coming our way. Also, Larry discussed the John Mc-Lane Memorial Historical Miniatures Award and how we would facilitate its presentation at the April 18, 2020 Silicon Valley Scale Modelers' Silicon Valley Classic by approaching Chris Bucholtz. Watch this space.

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Lee Marcum had nothing to report at this time.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Sean Bybee read a thank you letter from the Monterey Public Library for our gift of \$25.00.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** David Conneau reported that as of January 5, 2020 the Treasury had a balance of \$123.94.

The Chapter has been re-chartered for 2020. Hopefully we will receive our annual sticker.

The Treasurer is also updating our membership roster to bring it into conformity with the national data base.

The Adrian "DREN" Garza Fund is currently assembling another cache of kits to be auctioned off in the near future. Meanwhile, Ramon Lomeli and David Conneau will look into purchasing display cases with which to show our models at the Veterans Transition Center in Marina.

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

# SHOW AND TELL!!!

DAVID CONNEAU continues with his ancient model kit jag in the form of Atlantis Models 2019 resurrection of Revell's 1956 1/64th scale North American B-25 Mitchell Bomber. For years, this kit was the only available version of the B-25 employed on the Doolittle Raid of April 18, 1942 until Revell released a 1/48th scale example in 1968. This Atlantis kit comes with the original 1956 "Flying Dragon" decals as well as the later 1965 reissue Doolittle markings that were part of the Pacific Raiders Collection.





LESTER TOCKERMAN brings with him a two month accumulation of figures to wit:

1/12th scale Boudicca of Iceni, 60 c.e.

Mounted Crusader Knight, 1250 c.e.

West Russian Heavy Calvary Knight, 1380 c.e.

Last Knight of Nancy (100 Years War[1337-1453])

Spanish Pikeman- Spanish Armada, 1588 c.e.

American G.I., ETO, 1945

American G.I., ETO, 1944

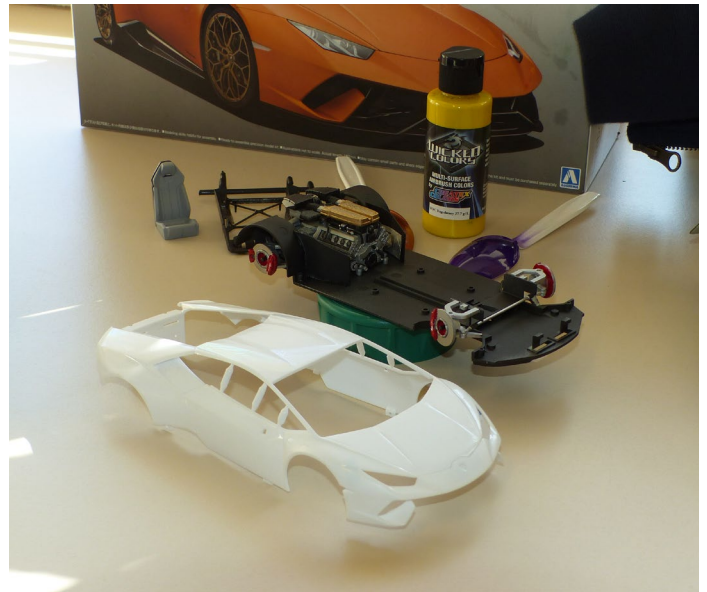
FYI: Lester has acquired a quantity of styrofoam large enough with which to construct dioramas among many other applications. If this sounds useful, give Lester a call at (831) 394-4940.

OLIVIER GALGANI amazed us all with his scratch built Flying Wing featured in the Steven Spielberg film, Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark. Olivier kit bashed this beauty with parts scrounged from various kits to create a one-of-a-kind show stopper. Very well done!

A WIP sure to catch everyone's attention is Aoshima's 1/24th scale Lamborghini Huracan Performante. Olivier is testing various colors by spraying plastic picnic spoons. This is ingenious since the spoons are plentiful and cheap and provide a mirror smooth surface with which to get a perfect paint chip. You learn something new every day. Olivier, at last word, was settling on an exotic purple. PURPLE!?! HEY!!! Anyone who can plunk down a cool \$274,390.00 (coupe) to \$308,859 (spyder) on a limited production (2017-2019) 631hp V-10 automotive equivalent of a Victoria's Secret Model can paint that sexy machine any color they want!

Another Revell 1/25th scale Snap-Tite Ford Mustang

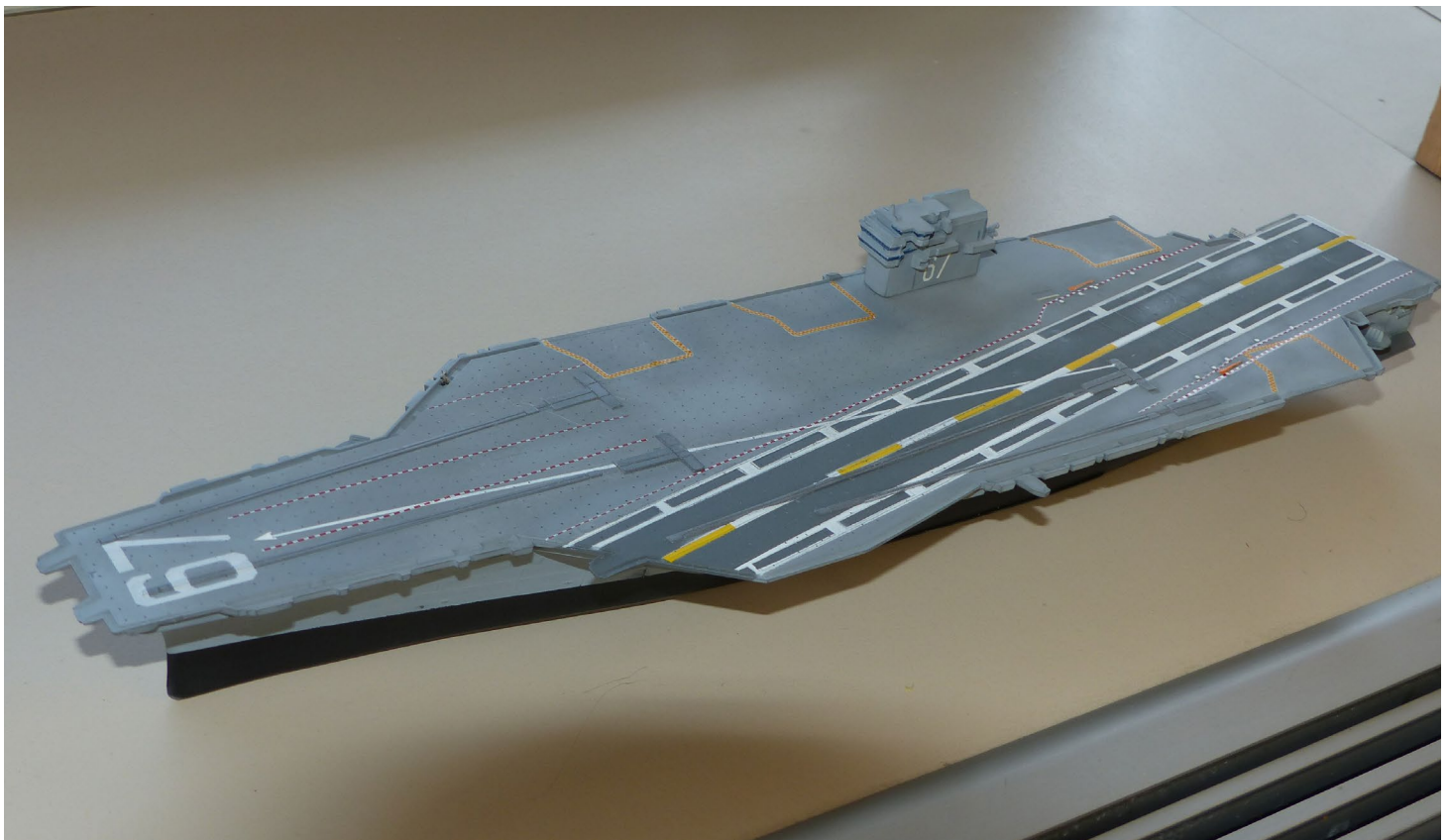
Arii Ferrari 512BB Berlinetta Boxer. This kit actually dates back to its initial release in 1977 under the Nitto brand. Since then it has been marketed under numerous brands too numerous to mention here from Airfix to Marui to Studio 27.





DANI GALGANI presents another scratch built Ford GT-40. Dani takes a monocoque body and begins the process of scribing the doors, hoods, engine covers, etc. from the original body and then fills the cavities with scratch built cockpit interiors, door panels, instrument panels, engine assemblies, exhaust systems, suspensions with the deep knowledge that knows which side of the engine compartment the oil reserve tank is mounted for that particular model.

TOM LEUTZINGER offers a WIP; a 1976 Surtees white Formula 1, a 1/12 scale Tamiya kit.



A 1969 Monogram 1/800th scale USS John F. Kennedy CVA-67. Each one of the flight deck tie downs are hand drilled by Tom who himself is a seasoned flat top veteran who knows carriers from the inside out.



RAMON LOMELI introduced us to his newest acquisition, a AvantGarde Model Kits (AMK) Grumman F-14D Super Tomcat along with a 2019 AMK 1/48th US Ordnance Set.



OLIVER LOMELI presented his completed 1980 1/35th scale Italeri BMW R75 with side car in a sentry shack diorama. What we are seeing here is the evolution of a master modeler. Oliver has not only scratch-built the base and shack but he has also gone so far as to re-figure the side car passenger from an alert soldier to one more realistically sleeping trooper. Further, after many hours of research, Oliver was able to locate and affix a map of Poland and a 1940's newspaper. That little touch calls to mind a diorama some years back of an M-60 Patton tank staged in a rice paddy in 'Nam in '67. Atop the turret, the tank commander scans the distant tree line while on the front deck a shirtless crew member suns himself. Around his neck are not only his dog tags but also a collection of hippie beads. He is reading a magazine but not just any magazine; it's a PLAYBOY MAGAZINE with the centerfold pulled out. Whether a doggie, a swabbie, a jar head or a zoomie YOU GET IT! YOU CAN RELATE! This is the subtle touch that brings this diorama to life. Likewise, Oliver has achieved the same effect by what John McLane described as a Historical Miniature. By adding the map and newspaper, Oliver takes the viewer and puts them right there in the moment. And to think this kit started out as a doubtful endeavor and has finished up as a masterpiece...now that is truly the art of model building.



Finishing up, Oliver showed a future WIP in the form of Airfix's 2018 1/72nd scale RAF Centenary Gift Set containing a Sopwith Camel 2F.1, a Supermarine Spitfire Mk.1a and a Eurofighter Typhoon F.Mk.2. The gift set commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Royal Air Force (1918).

# Model of the Month



MODEL OF THE MONTH was awarded to Olivier Galgani for his Flying Wing from the film Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

As SUPERBOWL SUNDAY falls on the first Sunday of February (02/02/20), our next meeting will be on the SECOND SUNDAY of February (Feb. 9, 2020) at the home of Lester Tockerman. Call Lester at 394-4940 if you need directions. In the meantime, let's begin the New Year and new decade by building something.

Respectfully submitted,

David Conneau

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