



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



## Black History Month is honored with a display of Tuskegee Airmen Memorabilia

The International Plastic Modelers Society Central Coast-Monterey Bay Chapter held its monthly meeting at the home of Lester Tockerman, 1217 Wanda Avenue, in Seaside. As is usual, Lester provided snacks in the form of barbecued chicken alongside some Cajun Shrimp and (thank God) some cold drinks. President Larry Marcum called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Present were President Larry Marcum, Vice-President Lee Marcum, Secretary Sean Bybee, Treasurer David Conneau and members Evan Conneau and our host, Lester Tockerman. Visibly absent were...YOU. Please come. You are missed and we need your input.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Larry reported on the NNL show held at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Larry stated there were lots of pictures and we'll be viewing them soon. The matter of presenting the John McLane Memorial Award was discussed with the powers that be: Chris Buckholz, Mike, Greg, et al at the IMPS Regional Headquarters which boiled down to this: Mike, the Contest Director, needs to be notified well beforehand that we intend to present any award. Okay.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Lee Marcum had nothing to report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** David Conneau reported a current balance as of February 2, 2020, of \$202.96. There are no outstanding bills at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dani Galgani has submitted some preliminary concept designs for a possible future chapter Logo. Dani's work is technically very refined and worth a look. That's why it's important to have as many people as possible come, see and give their input. There being no further business, we went to...

# SHOW AND TELL!!!



LESTER TOCKERMAN led off with his latest offerings of Figures and Busts, to wit:

Viking Chieftain on ship 850 c.e.

Dimitri Donskoy, Prince of Moscow, Battle of Kulikivo, 1388 c.e.

Templar Knight advancing up stairs,

Crusader Sergeant, Battle of Acne, 1291 c.e.

Two Medieval foot soldiers in camp at rest, 1385 c.e.

Medieval Monk in charge of the Wine Cellar, 1375 c.e.

Captain Ahab, New Bedford, Massachusetts, 1840's c.e.

Chinese General Southan Song of the Song Dynasty, 1100 c.e.

Maori Warrior, New Zealand, 1850 c.e.

Confederate Rifleman, American Civil War, 1864 c.e.

4 U.S. Army Tank Commanders, World War II, ETO, 1944 c.e.

U.S. Army Infantry Soldier, World War II, ETO, 1945 c.e.



DAVID CONNEAU, to honor Black History Month (February), brought in a display of ephemera. Amongst the display, Mr. Conneau-it-all, resplendent (what a ham) in his Tuskegee Airman T-shirt, gave a short dissertation on the U.S. Army's Tuskegee Experiment which ended up producing (through no fault of their own racist thinking) the 332nd Fighter Group known as the Red-Tailed Devils, one of the most decorated units of the U.S. Army Air Forces. We recounted how we as a chapter had the privilege and honor of meeting and talking with Colonel William Campbell, one of the very first Red-Tails, who gave some personal memories and rare insights into what became the "Harlem Globetrotters" of the Air Corps. David also gave a short spiel on Monogram's 1/48th scale Pro-Modeler North American P-51B&C Mustang which is a re-popped edition of the 1967 Monogram P-51B (also displayed) with better molding, photo-etched parts, extensive instructions and modern decals that include Red-Tail markings.

# Muddlers Mucking About



There being no other displays or business, we adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Thanks to Lester for his generous hospitality and use of the hall.

Our NEXT MEETING will be held at Monterey Public Library's Solarium, Sunday, March 1, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Conneau

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