



The Monterey Bay Muddler



Our first meeting of 2025 had a pretty great turnout!

HEY PARTY PEOPLE! Welcome to 2025 and the 10th year of the Monterey Bay Muddler. We have rechartered for another year and continue to meet at the Veterans Transition Center in Marina, CA and will do so for the foreseeable future. Club Treasurer David Conneau updated us on the club budget status and member Lee Marcum shared with us his experience at NNLs the previous day. Some discussion was had regarding technique and paint chemistry along with the usual banter and catching up with one another. Once the formalities were over, it was time for...

SHOW AND TELL!



David Conneau opened the presentation with a showing of his Hobby Boss F4F Wildcat and Tamiya F4U-1 Corsair, both in 1/48 scale.



“Grumman F4F-4 Wildcat in the markings of Marine Ace Marion Carl as it appeared on Henderson Field, Guadalcanal in January 1943.

Excellent kit that is every bit as good as Tamiya kit. Hobby Boss offers a complete line of Wildcats from Pre-War to the final FM-2 types. Highly recommended”



“Vought F4U-1 Corsair “birdcage” assigned to US NAVY Fighting 17 (VF-17) the first unit to receive the-bent wing bird. It is finished in the tri-color scheme of Sea Blue, Intermediate Blue and Insignia White. It features the “skull and crossbones” logo of VF-17”

Stephan Georis was up next with a car model that he built for his son. He also added magnets to the door mirrors so that he won't have to worry about them breaking off.



“1992 Nissan 300ZX. Color - Racing White. Gravity clear coat.”



Lee Marcum was up next with a very impressive collection of Hobby Craft Hurricane MkIICs in 1/48 scale, each representing a different air force other than the RAF. the paint on these WIPs was applied with his Sotar airbrush with a very nice, tight edge between colors.



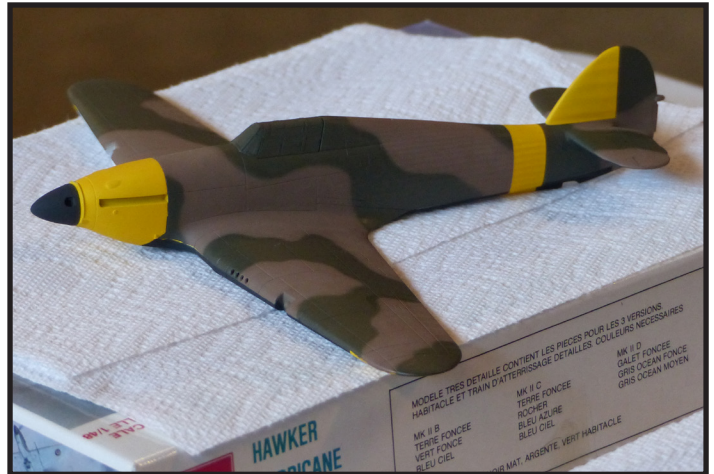
“Work in progress, painted w/Tamiya paints, Yugoslavian markings, decals by Aeromaster.”



“Work in progress, Tamiya paints, Irish markings.”



“Work in progress, painted w/Tamiya paints, Indian markings, decals by Aeromaster.”



“Work in progress - Tamiya paints, Romanian markings.”



“Work in progress, painted w/Tamiya paints, Finnish markings, decals by Aeromaster.”

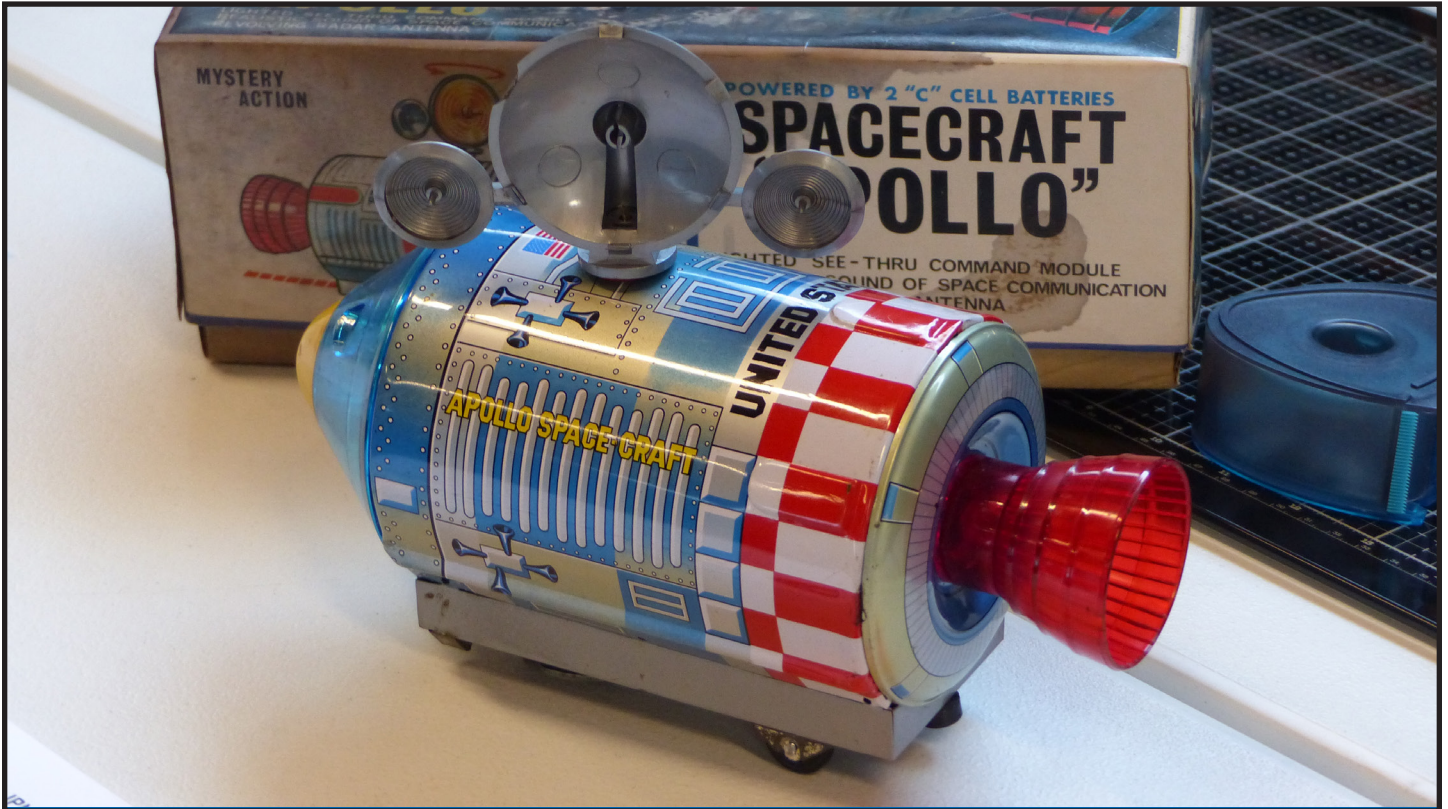


“Work in progress, painted w/Tamiya paints, RAF/Yugoslavian markings, decals by Aeromaster.”

Ron Cline presents us his 1/48 ICM US Navy KDA Firebee target drone. Ron said the kit was simple and enjoyable. The base is a weighted spray can cap.



Steven Polkabl was up next with a vintage find! This Alps Mystery Action Spacecraft 'Apollo' was in rough shape when he found it, but with a little TLC Steven was able to restore it to pristine condition.



"Didn't work when I got this but a little elbow grease and now it works. Vintage early '70's tin toy"

Oliver Lomeli brought his recently completed Aitfix Hawker Siddeley BAe Nimrod in 1/72 scale. Oliver really enjoyed this kit, but had to overcome some troublesome decals at the end.



David Armstrong paid us a visit with some of his classic builds.



"1/35 Motor Church of St. George"



"1/35 Seep Jeep"

Ramon Lomeli brought two completed builds and two WIPs...

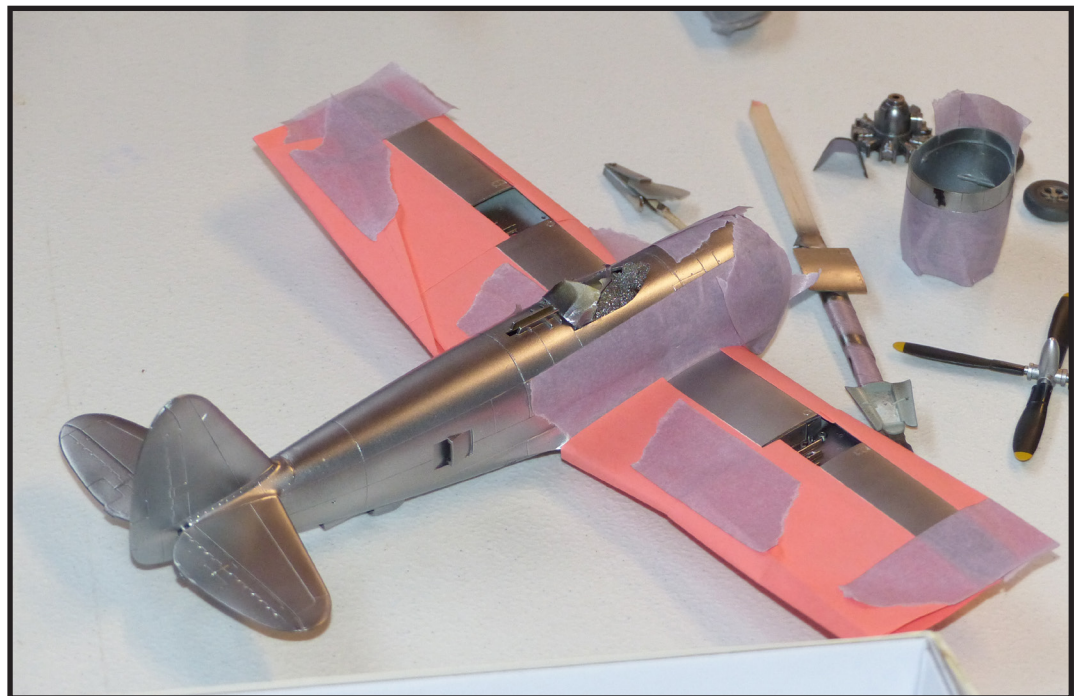


“Hasegawa 1/48 AV-8B harrier II, last of 3 in his Desert Storm Harrier series.”



“Historic Plastic Models 1/35 SDKfz radio car, finished in Galactic Empire markings.”

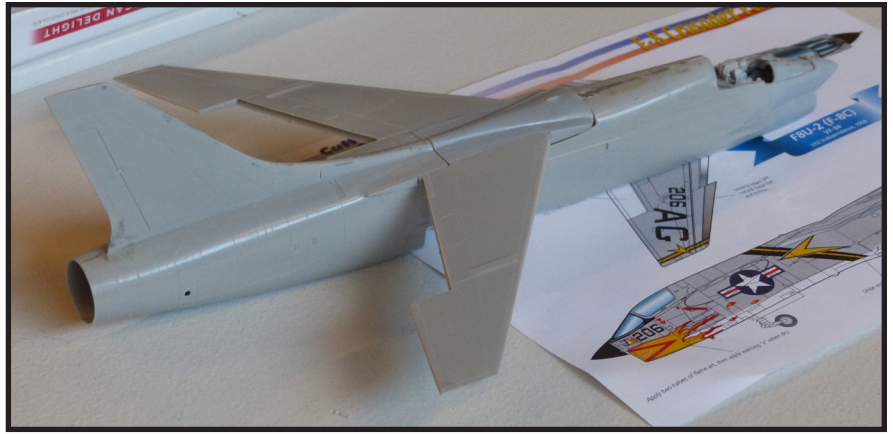
“Academy 1/48 P-47D Thunderbolt. Paint coverage courtesy of MRP metallic acrylic lacquers.”



“Great Wall Hobby Victor B.2 bomber, 1/144th scale. Experimental masking technique using liquid mask. Spoiler alert: It does not work as well as hoped for.”



Last but certainly not least, **Erick Hasselfeldt** shares with us some WIPs and a relic from the Second World War...



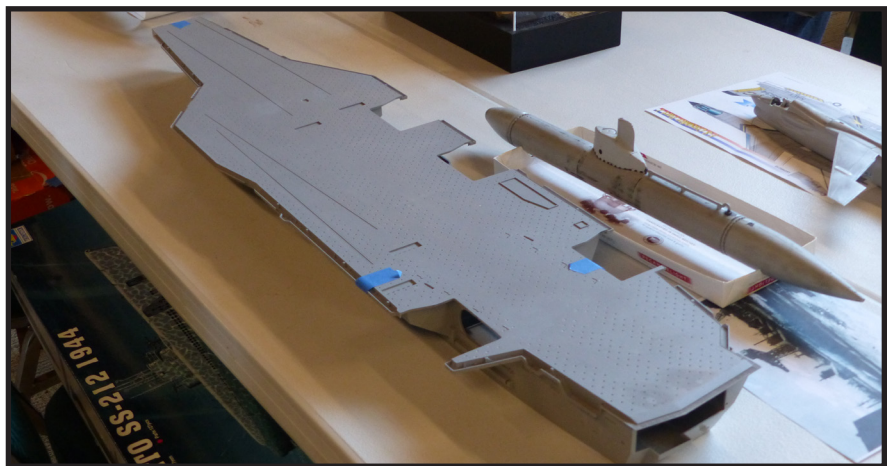
"1/48 Hasegawa F-8C"



"1/144 Trumpeter Gato Submarine"



"1/35 Sea Dragon Japanese Submarine"



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Muddlers Mucking About!



That wraps up the first meeting of 2025. Our next meeting will be at VTC on Sunday 2Feb2025 at 1:30pm. Bring your latest acquisitions, works in progress or finished builds.

Happy Modeling!

Until Next Time Champions!

-Ramon



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