



The Monterey Bay Muddler

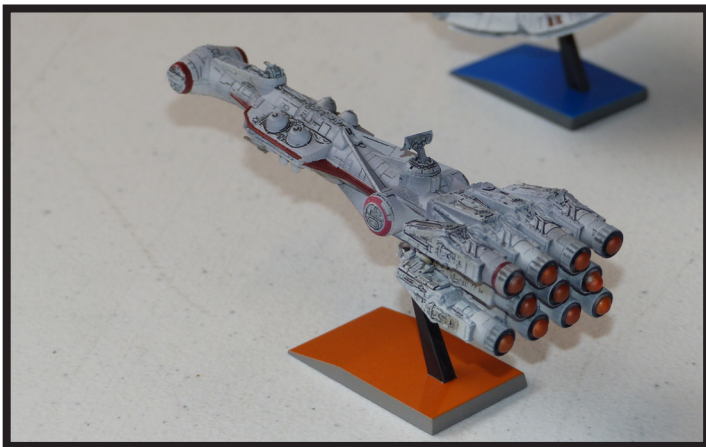


This month's meeting was out of this world!

It was a period of review and consultation. A month had passed since this group of plastic nerds met and shared their scale exploits. Nothing really had changed since the last meeting, except for a request for coordination for display space at the host facility, the Veteran's Transition Center in Marina. There was also discussion about and agreement to participate once again at the Monterey County Fair. Preparations will be made for that and Ramon Lomeli volunteered to take everyone's entries and make cohesive display cards to represent the club.

Once the formalities were over, it was time for...

SHOW AND TELL!



Stephan Georis participates in the May the Fourth theme with his presentation of these two spectacular builds: a 1/1000 scale Corellian Corvette and in 1/350 scale, a Millennium Falcon. Both from Bandai, they are finished with Tamiya acrylic paints and although the bases were in clear plastic they have been painted in vibrant colors to give the builds a bit more visual interest.





Next up, **Steven Polkaba** shows up with 3 gorgeous builds. First is his Lifelike Hobby Kits 1/32 scale Laird-Turner Pesco Special Race Plane. "Simple yet well detailed", this build presented a few challenges but nothing Steven couldn't overcome. The yellow stripes on the wings took three tries to get to his standard, and the canopy that was missing from the kit was replaced with clear plastic cut to size and heated over a socket to get the right curvature.

A lot less challenging but equally impressive is his 1/25 scale AMT 1966 Ford Mustang GT finished OOB and painted by rattle can.





Steven's third build on display this month is a special and important build for him. Airfix's 1/72 B-24J Liberator was built with Reskit instrument panel and turbochargers, finished as a plane flown by his father-in-law back in WWII. This tribute build was finished with custom made decals to represent the nose art on both sides of the aircraft's nose. Well done Steven!



Anthony Moltini brings a few builds from sea and air subjects! As part of the May The Fourth theme this month, Anthony shows us his Hasegawa 1/200 scale Boeing 777-300 ER that he plans to finish in Stormtrooper paint scheme of LATAM Airlines, and a Hasegawa Boeing 777-200 that he finished in United Airline markings, both great kits! Additionally, Anthony is also about to start Academy's 1/144 scale P-8 Poseidon, which turns out to be the only version of a Boeing 737-800 available in this scale. Anthony tells us that the fit and engineering of this kit are excellent.

As for sea-faring subjects, Anthony tells us about his 1/700 scale Hobby Boss Virginia class SSN-21 USS Seawolf and SSN-23 USS Jimmy Carter submarines. He also points out the size difference between the two boats and describes the kits as easy to put together and nice to look at in this compact scale. Very well done Anthony!





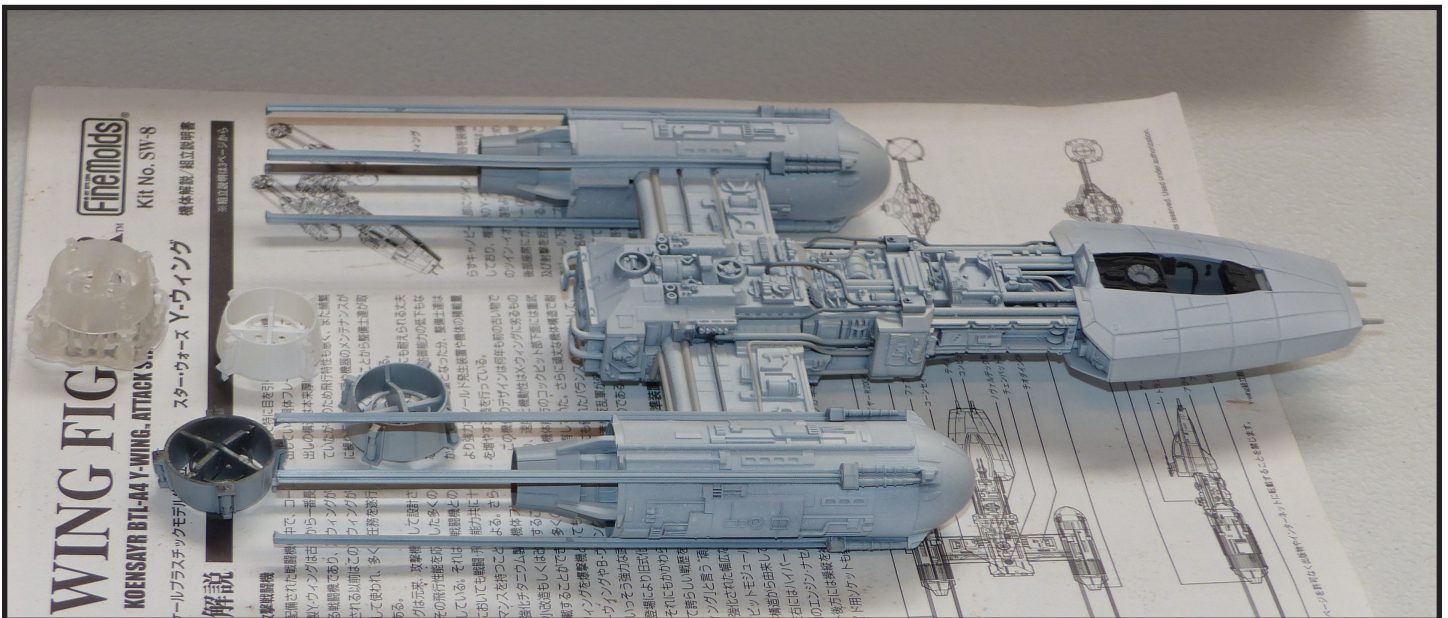
David Conneau presents the classic 1964 tooled Monogram 1/48 scale Curtiss P-40. This was the initial production model of the P-40 first issued to USAAF units in May 1940, was poered by an Allison V-12 liquid cooled engine providing 1040 HP and a top speed of 357 MPH. It was armed with twin .50 cal machine guns in the nose and a single .30 cal machine gun in each wing. This example was finished in the markings of the 55th Pursuit Squadron, 20th Pursuit Group, 4th Air Force flying out of Hamilton Field in Novato, CA from 1940 until 1941.





Ramon Lomeli closes us out with a finished build, and a WiP. Kitty Hawk's 1/48 scale SU-35 Flanker E is finally done and painted as a "what-if" Flanker captured by the Ukrainian Air Force. Extra goodies include Reskit exhaust cans and missiles that he designed and printed at home, mounted under the wings.

Ramon also showed us his nearly finished Fine Molds Y-Wing fighter in 1/72 scale. Extra goodies added to this build so far include lead wire plumbing outside the main body, and (not being able to leave well-enough alone) exhaust rings that he also designed and printed at home to replace the ones that came in the kit. Ramon hopes to put this on a display representing the Trench Run on the Death Star at the Battle of Yavin as seen in Episode 4: A New Hope.



Muddlers Mucking About!



Our next meeting will be at VTC on Sunday 1JUN2025 at 1:30pm. Bring your latest aquisitions, works in progress or finished builds. I will also catch you all up on Team Lomeli's adventures at the Best of the West show in Las Vegas.

BONUS CONTENT! Get ahead of the game and make sure your builds are properly documented! Fill out the forms at the end of this newsletter to make sure we know what you want us to know in our next newsletter!!!!

Until Next Time Champions!

-Ramon



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