



# The Monterey Bay Muddler



## Oliver wins 1st Place with his Monogram Avenger in Las Vegas

**HEY PARTY PEOPLE!** Our June meeting has come and gone and it was a great time had by all! David talked more about getting our builds ready for the county fair. The goal is to figure out what we want to present, then turn in that information to David and/or Ramon at our next meeting in July so that we can get the presentation cards ready in time. Ramon recounted his and Oliver's adventures at the Best of the West show in Las Vegas, display space with our hosts at the Veterans Transition Center was discussed, and a reminder that the Silicon Valley Classic will be held this month at the Elks Lodge in Fremont, CA on Saturday, 14JUN2025. Justice very generously brought some supplies for whoever wanted them, and we welcomed figure painter Jameson Moore to his first meeting. Hopefully we will see a lot more of him and his work in the future!

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

# SHOW AND TELL!



**Anthony Moltini** wows us again with his completed Hasegawa builds: 3 F-15s in 1/72 scale and a 1/200 scale Boeing 777-300ER. This was finished with a special Star Wars themed decal set from LATAM airlines as seen at our last meeting. Wonderful!



Going back to his F-15s, from top left to bottom right: F-15B finished in aggressor paint job. The boxing is 1st gen but still holds up to modern standards. F-15D/E with a replacement vacuform canopy to make up for the part missing after delivered from Ebay. F-15CJ, Japanese Air Self Defense Force. Ordnance includes Sidewinder and AMRAAM missiles as well as external fuel tanks. This kit was rescued from the unfinished pile!





**Steven Polkaba** is stocked up with aftermarket parts and is ready to tackle his nemesis: WWII German camouflage! This is Eduard's Weekend Edition Bf-109E in 1/48 scale.

**Lee Marcum** also pulls up to the starting line with this Tamiya 1/20 scale Williams FW11 Honda F-1 race car. After his turbulent battle and victory with his Hurricane series, this build should be an easy breezy pallet cleanser!





**David Conneau** once again combines history with art with today's presentation of two 1/48 scale warbirds. First is Monogram's North American AT-6 Texan. This kit, originally released in 1973, was finished in the markings of an aircraft from the 35th Pursuit Squadron, 8th Pursuit Group, 1st Army Air District stationed at Mitchell Field, New York, 1944.

Along with that, David brought his Eduard Bell P-39F Airacobra "Air-A-Cutie", assigned to the 35th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group, U.S. Army 5th Air Force as deployed to New Guinea in 1943.

Both of these are beautiful builds of historical significance!





**Ramon Lomeli** closes out our meeting with a WiP, a completed build and a ComingSoon.

First is Roden's 1/144 scale C-141B Starlifter. all that is left is a bit of weathering and the installation of the delicate parts such as antennas and pitot tubes. Of course, Ramon couldn't help himself so he designed and 3d printed the engine faces to more accurately represent the separate stator vanes and turbine fan blades.



Next is a Hobby Boss 1/48 scale An-2M Colt, finished in the imaginary markings of Planet Express from the show *Futurama*. After-market included a resin engine from Quickboost and rigging turnbuckles from Gaspatch. As for the markings, they are completely custom and entirely painted on using masked cut on his Cameo 4 machine at home.

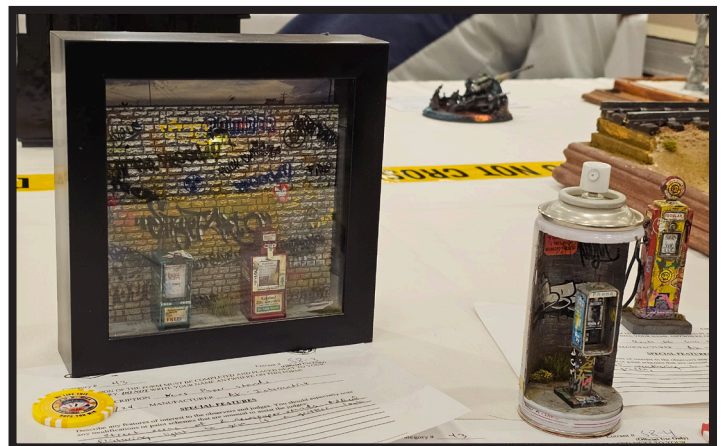


Last was a declaration of intent with Eduard's Limited Edition Dual Combo P-51D. This will be a tribute build for a friend who was a former colleague of Capt. Roscoe Brown while they were both educators at a university in New York. The second Mustang will be a do-over of a previous Mustang build and will be finished using the Yoxford Boys decal set from Bullseye decals.

# BEST OF THE WEST



Oliver and Ramon Lomeli completed a father and son road trip to Las Vegas to participate in The Best of the West 2025 show. Here are some pics from that event!



# Muddlers Mucking About!



Our next meeting will be at VTC on Sunday 6JUL2025 at 1:30pm. Bring your latest acquisitions, works in progress or finished builds. Hope to see you there and until then, Happy Modeling!

**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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# Show and Tell



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