



The Monterey Bay Muddler



Our pally from Silicon Valley stops by to say hello!

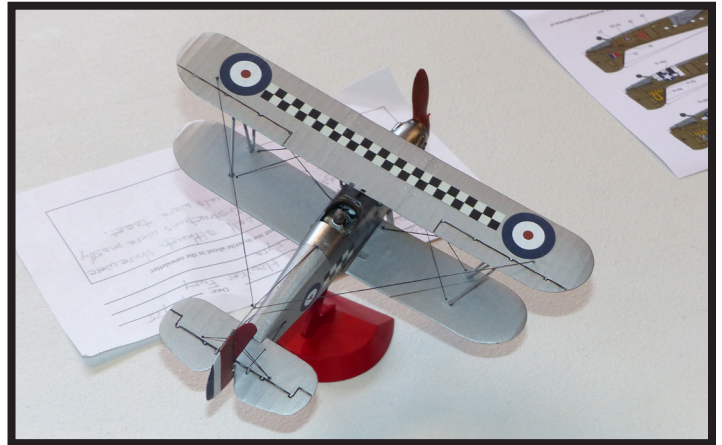
HEY PARTY PEOPLE! Our September meeting has come and gone, and we had some things to talk about! First off, we discussed the disappointment of the Monterey County Fair and how their policy changes have kind of made it impossible for us to have a display the way that we used to pre-covid. In summary, the shot-callers at the fair want to charge for individual entries and no longer allow group entries. After much annoyance and discussion, we as a club agreed that club treasurer and historian David Conneau will compose a letter of inquiry to see if we can change the Fair's entry policy. Otherwise we will consider other opportunities to advertise our existence.

In related news, Honorary club member and special guest Mick Burton came by to say hello and nerd out with us. After hearing about the way the Fair changed things, Mick offered us a table at his show in Fremont this November for us to advertise our existence. We gratefully accepted and will need volunteers to man the table and talk about our club and our accomplishments.

The last bit of news was great news: our hosts at the Veterans Transition Center has given scale model therapy the green light and we will be facilitating! The first session will be on Wednesday, 8OCT 2025 at 11am, with a second session the following Friday at 1pm. That schedule is to repeat weekly until further notice. A huge thanks go out to [Sacred 8 Studios](#) here in Seaside and [Squadron.com](#) (yes, THAT Squadron.com!) for their donated kits and supplies, and to all of you who added to the donation pile with kits, tools and supplies. You all ROCK!!!

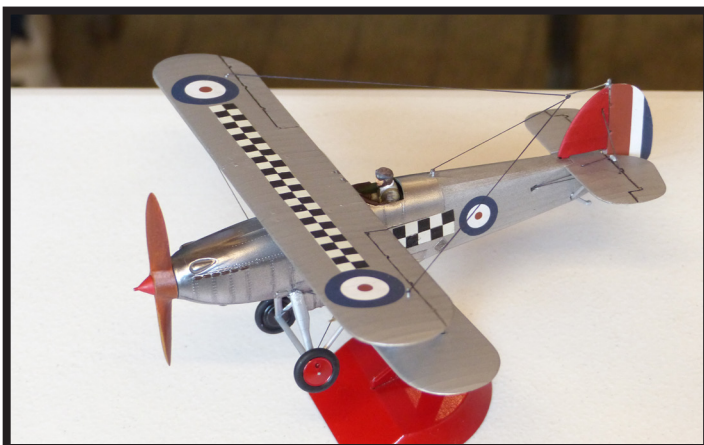
Once the formalities were over, it was time for...

SHOW AND TELL!



Steven Polkabra started us off with his vintage 1/48 scale Hawker Fury by Pyro.

“Fun, old kit. Went together well although there were no holes in the wings for rigging. Instructions were mostly written. Diagrams were poor, decals were toast”



Anthony Moltini brought three finished aircraft for our viewing pleasure, all in 1/72 scale: Hasegawa's F-16I, Fujimi A-4B Skyhawk, and an old Airfix C-47.



“Hasegawa’s Israeli air force F-16I. All extras included in the kit: dorsal spine, conformal fuel tanks, antenna blades and larger gear tires and doors. Used Hasegawa’s aftermarket bombs and kit supplied decals. Still the best choice for newcast block F-16’s.”



“Quite possibly one of the best A-4s still on the market... These A-4s from late 1987 vintage, Fujimi also includes the full family of Skyhawks: OA-4, A-4B/C, TA-4J and more! Great fit with plenty of options. Can still be found on the secondary market for a good price!”



“Old Airfix C-47, covered with rivets and with movable control surfaces. Cutting edge at the time (1960s?). Thick parts and poor fit quality, lots of work but it finishes ok... Aftermarket decals were used.”

David Conneau three finished beauties in 1/48 scale. First up is his Mauve Curtiss P-40N Warhawk of the 49th Fighter Group, 1943-44.



Next we see a Monogram ProModeler Bell P-39Q Airacobra.



Closing out David's presentation is his Accurate Miniatures North America B-25C Mitchell, 'Dirty Dora' assigned to the 345th Bomb Group (Air Apaches).

All of these aircraft display the 1943 white ID markings and borderless national insignias.



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“P-61 ‘Batty’, DML 1/72 scale finished in olive drab. LOVE the Black Widow! This is OOB. The clear frosted nose is per the real deal. It was built to prove this kit WAS NOT unbuildable, and far better than bashing the Frog and Airfix kits together.”



DML P-61 ‘Lady in the Dark’, 1/72 scale gloss black finish.

“LOVE this airplane. This is the first plane to land in Japan post WW2. Built as 2nd testament that this IS NOT unbuildable. OOB”

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DH.103 Hornet, Frog 1/72 “Old Frog kit, once only way to get one. Was told it was inaccurate, found it was spot-on. Did as ‘Comparative’ to my air racer version. The grey/blue is pretty scheme of those offered.”



DH Hornet Racer (MIRANDCO), Frog 1/72 “We had a ‘Fantasy Air Racer’ contest for club... I had to do this. The V-tail, rear cockpit were a personal challenge especially with this old kit. Since allegedly new better kits of this were out, no one cared if I ruined old Frog kit. Fun build, great use of loose bits”



Regulus II Cruise Missile, Revell 1/67 “Love the Regulus series. This was a re-release, built it years ago. Had just unearthed it last week. Still only kit of it in small scale.”

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S.4 Wyvern, Royal Navy, Frog 1/72 "Old Frog kit, once considered desirable. Done as a comparative to my racer version."

Wyvern Wacky Air Racer (MIRANDCO), Frog 1/72
"Like my Hornet Racer, the reason for doing this was bigger challenge as the cockpit was a blended canopy from an ancient kit - no recovery. Love to do lime green on a model so here it was V-tail, my signature trademark."



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Tamiya 1/35 JGSDF M-41 Walker Bulldog "I wanted to do an other-than-USA version of this tank for a collection. It was a challenge to fill the motorizing slots."



Tamiya 1/35 JGSDF M-24 Chaffee "I wanted to do an other-than-USA version of this tank for a collection series."



Tamiya 1/35 US Army M-41 Walker Bulldog

Muddlers Mucking About!



Our next meeting was at VTC on Sunday 7SEP2025 at 1:30pm. That newsletter is coming next. Be sure to join us on Facebook where you can post progress pics of your works, get the latest news and learn new techniques. Be a part of a larger and more diverse community!

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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