



# Sprue Bits

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## Nate's Notes

By Nate Jones

Hello all, here's the latest installment of the Sprue Bits. I would like to apologize for the lack of newsletters over the past few months. There really is no excuse, I simply have been busy and did not have the time nor take the time to crank out the ol' newsletter. Hopefully, the coming months' schedule will be more lenient and afford me the opportunity to be timelier with this publication. Speaking of coming months – MOSS CON 2012 is coming up fast. We are excited about this opportunity to raise money for IPMS/Wounded Warriors. Also, if you haven't checked out our website yet, there is a new look to the website coming soon! So keep checking it for our new online "face"!



By Nate Jones

*[Since I was delinquent in the past few months, I will do my best to recap all the previous meetings! ~nrj]*

**22 April:** We met at *Partners in Healthcare* and we discussed the upcoming show, the newsletter and airbrush techniques and finishes. Mike Staworski brought in his 1/35 Panzer II to discuss airbrushing techniques; Mike Steenstra brought in a series of pictures demonstrating his methods for painting a Panzer IV. Rusty Hamblin brought in two completed car models to share. John Long also brought in a hand-sculpted WWII US paratrooper, showing his excellent handiwork.

### MOSS Members' Airbrush Techniques

- Airbrush psi settings: 12-14 psi, can go as high as 30 psi for large area coverage
- When airbrushing in a tight location (i.e. corners), dial down the pressure
- Use CO2 for a moisture free air source
- Blue "poster putty" or "sticky tack" works well for masking
- When airbrushing with enamels, thin to a 3:1 paint-to-thinner ratio



Rusty's airbrushed custom models!



- When airbrushing with acrylics, thin to the consistency of milk
- Use an acrylic retarder additive to give yourself more working time
- Make sure you clean your airbrush well after each use.
  - Use small dental brush to clean small orifice
- When airbrushing Future floor wax, airbrush it straight – do not thin.
  - Allow a full 48 hrs for full cure
  - Clean your airbrush afterward with Windex
- You can use auto primer in a rattle can to prime your models
- Some members recommend using Krylon spray paint, decanted in their airbrush!
- For gloss finishes:
  - Wet sand your primer coat to prevent "orange peel"
  - you can polish your model with a high-quality auto car wax
  - or Micro-Mark Micro Mesh

**20 May:** This was our last meeting at the *Partners in Healthcare* location. I was not present at this meeting—work kept me away, but from what I was told it was a great meeting! The tutorial topic was about



groundwork. Mike Steenstra also brought in some 1/35 Sherman tanks that he has in-progress.



**24 June:** Again, I was not able to attend this meeting, but the club met at Mike Steenstra's house in Ozark. Thanks to Mike and his wife for their hospitality and opening their home to us!

*[Unfortunately, I was not able to get neither the meeting minutes nor any pictures, so that's all I know about the meeting. Apologies. ~nrj]*



**22 July:** We met our new location in the upstairs hallway at the White House Theatre. Thanks goes to Don Holderman for helping us secure our new meeting place. We had some refreshments in celebration of some of our members' July birthdays: Gary Sanders, Steve McKinnon and John Long.

(John, we missed you; hope you had a great birthday!) After the refreshments, we discussed some more aspects of the show, then had a little show-and-tell. Gary Sanders brought in his in-progress 1/35 ICM



Studebaker US6 WWII Cargo truck; Mike Steenstra brought in his primed Sherman; Mike Staworski brought in his derelict car vignette to recap on a technique for “rusting” models. I brought in a couple of figures for a Bill Mauldin-inspired vignette. Dwain Cunningham brought in his model haul he won in an auction, and gave us first dibs on some of the 1/48 scale kits!

### **WHERE HAS YOUR SHIRT BEEN?**

This month we decided to add a new section—to document the travels of your club t-shirt! This is open to any modeler recipient of this newsletter. Please e-mail picture(s) of you wearing your club “colors” on your adventures to [ipmsmoss@hotmail.com](mailto:ipmsmoss@hotmail.com).



IPMS/MOSS member Michael Steenstra took the opportunity to tour and fly on EAA's B-17G *Aluminum Overcast* when it stopped in the St. Louis area during the first week in July!



Another Flying Fortress for IPMS/MOSS! Nate Jones toured the CAF's B-17G *Texas Raiders* when it was on display at the Branson Airport on July 26th.

## NEXT MEETING

**19 August 6pm, Sunday at White House Theatre (2252 Gretna Road), in the upstairs hallway.**

We don't have a specific tutorial planned out, so don't forget to bring in something to show!

## COMING EVENTS

**Mark your calendars with these upcoming events!**

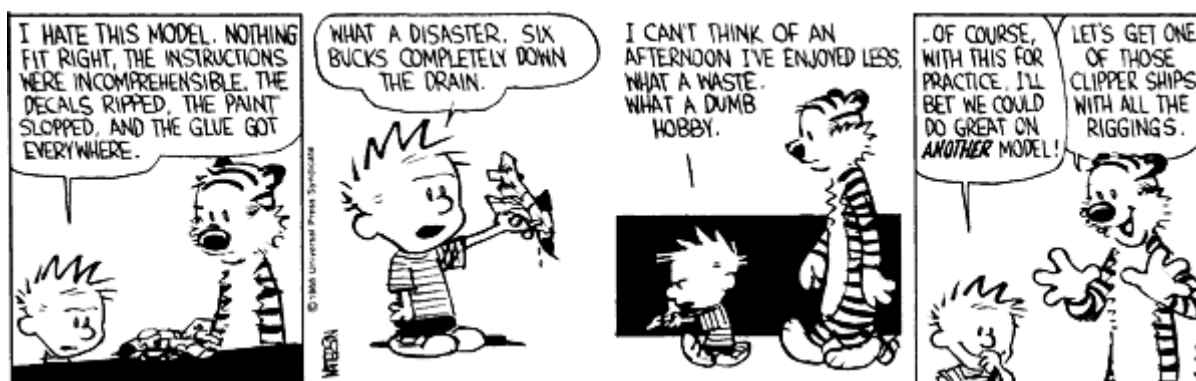
>>Please note: these dates are subject to change, but we will provide you with as much notice as possible. Thank you for understanding! <<

- August 13-15, the Commemorative Air Force's B-29 *FiFi* is coming to the Springfield Airport!
- 2012 MOSS Monthly Meetings:
  - August 19<sup>th</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>
- **October 20th –MOSS CON 2012!! Held at White House Theatre / Legend of Kung Fu 2255 Gretna Road, Branson, MO 65616**



## TIPS & TECHNIQUES

If you have a tip or technique you'd like to share, please send it in!  
E-mail: [modelclubtaneymo@hotmail.com](mailto:modelclubtaneymo@hotmail.com)



## SHOWS & CONTESTS

Here are some upcoming shows in the “local” area in case you’d like to attend!

- **8 September** – IPMS Gateway Gateway to the West Contest and Swap Meet in Eureka, MO. <http://ipms-gateway.com/>
- **22 September** – IPMS Prison City Modelers is having their 2012 Contest in Leavenworth, KS. <http://leavenworthmodelersclub.org/>
- **6 October** – IPMS Lt j.g. Nathan Gordon / Central Arkansas State Modelers is having their 2012 Spoo-doo Model Show. <http://casmodels.weebly.com/spoo-doo-2012.html>
- **13 October** – CONAIR 2012 in Wichita, KS <http://www.aircapitalipms.org/>
- **20 October**—MOSS CON 2012 in Branson, MO! [www.ipmsmoss.com](http://www.ipmsmoss.com)
- **3 November** – KC CON 2012 in Kansas City, MO [www.ipmsgreatplains.org](http://www.ipmsgreatplains.org) and [www.kcamps.org](http://www.kcamps.org)

We'll see you at the meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>!  
Take care, be safe and Happy Modeling!



*"We're making it a small world!"*

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