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Nate's Notes

By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS

Welcome to the final 2012 issue of IPMS/Missouri Ozarks Scale Specialists' newsletter; hopefully you will find this double (October-November) issue entertaining and informative. Time has flown by since October and I'm still wondering where it went! As John Lennon noted "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans;" I have found that out the hard way here lately. After Thanksgiving, a series of unfortunate turns and events has occupied 100% of my time and the Chapter and newsletter have suffered; please accept my sincerest apologies. Nonetheless, I'd like to say thank you to all of you who attended MOSS CON 2012 and made it such a huge success! I am still excited about the excellent turn out—both in attendees and model entries. I am very much looking forward to the 2013 show!

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



*"May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,
The warmth of Christmas grant you love."*

~Author Unknown



We're making it a small world, because small things matter!

LAST MEETING

By Nate Jones



30 September: We met in the upstairs hallway at the White House Theatre. Gary and his brother John Sanders, Dwain Cunningham, Don Holderman, Mike Steenstra, Mike Staworski, Nate Jones. Gary Sanders brought in some of his 1/24 Studebaker models—two 1953 Commanders, a 1963 Avanti and a 1950 Champion; plus his 1/35 Studebaker US6, and his Vietnam era 1/35 M48 Patton tank.

Don Holderman brought in his Chevrolet custom pickup truck and customized 1948 Ford convertible. Nate brought in a 1/35 Italeri Jeep Ambulance, Dodge Ambulance and Tamiya *Kettenkrafter*, as well as some Revell-Monogram 1/48 aircraft.

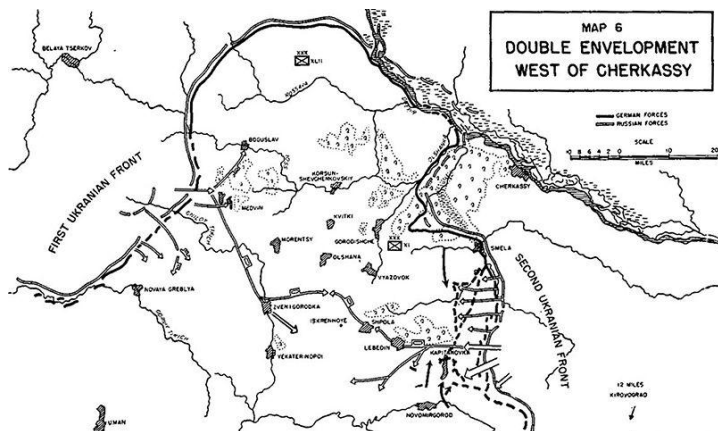




We reviewed and discussed judging guidelines, then did a little “practice judging” on the models that were present.

14 October: We had one last meeting before the show. We did a final review of judging rules and guidelines, as well as some final fund-raising for category sponsorship and raffle donations. (Thanks to all who helped!)

4 November: I was not able to attend because of military duties, but most of the members were able to meet and conduct a little after-action review of MOSS CON and start some Chapter planning for next year and MOSS CON 2013. Mike Steenstra brought in two of his completed 1/35 dioramas – one depicting a Sherman on the beach at Tarawa 1943 and the other with a German STuG and supporting infantry during the Battle of the Cherkassy Pocket 1944.



History In A Box:

A little more than 2,000 years ago in a faraway land, during the time of the *Pax Romana*, a Roman Emperor by the name of Caesar Augustus declared that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world so that a tax could be imposed. Because of this decree, every man had to return to his hometown in order to be counted. In accordance with the law, one man by the name of Joseph took his nine-month pregnant fiancée, Mary, and together they traveled approximately 80 miles south to a little town called Bethlehem. The town was full and there seemed to be no vacancy, but one innkeeper happened to have an empty stall in the stable. It was there that Mary gave birth to her firstborn son, and according to the instructions given to her by an angel of the Lord, she named him Jesus. That same night, some shepherds were tending to their flocks in the nearby countryside. While they lay there looking up at the starlit night sky, angels appeared and announced the birth of the Messiah; at once the shepherds went to find the newborn and worship him. During this time of giving in the Christmas season, take time to remember the gift that God gave us—his Son Jesus—and that He is the true Reason for the Season! Source: Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)



NEXT MEETING

27 January 2013 - 6pm, Sunday at White House Theatre (2255 Gretna Road), in the upstairs hallway.



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! <<

2013 Monthly MOSS Meetings

January 27

February 24

March 31

April 28

May 19

June 23

July 21

August 25

September 22

October 13 – week before MOSS CON 2013

November 17 – last 2013 meeting

- **October 19, 2013 –MOSS CON 2013!!** Held at White House Theatre / Legend of Kung Fu 2255 Gretna Road, Branson, MO 65616



The Apollo 8 Christmas Eve Broadcast

Apollo 8, the first manned mission to the Moon, entered lunar orbit on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1968. That evening, the astronauts; Commander Frank Borman, Command Module Pilot Jim Lovell, and Lunar Module Pilot William Anders did a live television broadcast from lunar orbit, in which they showed pictures of the Earth and Moon seen from Apollo 8. Lovell said, "The vast loneliness is awe-inspiring and it makes you realize just what you have back there on Earth." They ended the broadcast with the crew taking turns reading from the book of Genesis.



William Anders:

"For all the people on Earth the crew of Apollo 8 has a message we would like to send you".

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness."

Jim Lovell:

"And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."

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Frank Borman:

"And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good."

Borman then added, "And from the crew of Apollo 8, we close with good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas, and God bless all of you - all of you on the good Earth."

Source: http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/lunar/apollo8_xmas.html

TIPS & TECHNIQUES

These tips are submitted by Rusty Hamblin (IPMS/MOSS member):

- Holding pieces together for test fitting can be tricky; when there are multiple parts or parts too small for masking tape to hold try assembling with old fashioned Elmer's white glue. The bond is weak, but should be enough to test fit your model parts together, plus white glue is water soluble so a soaking is all that is needed to remove the glue. An additional bonus is that the white glue will not harm painted parts!
- Brush painting one piece tire/wheel assemblies can be a pain trying to get a good clean separation line. Try painting your wheel color first, next thin a small amount of your tire/rubber color. Apply this in the same manner as you would a pin wash. Use a small brush to touch the side of the tire and allow the thin mixture to flow down and around the wheel. You might need to apply several "drops" around each tire to surround the entire wheel. When dry, the color separation will be perfect!
- Photo-etch parts can really enhance a model but working with these small, delicate pieces



can test your sanity. Picking up and applying small photo-etch parts is a real problem. To solve this, try dipping the end of a wooden toothpick into plain old water, then using the wet tip to pick up the delicate photo-etch piece and then easily place it where you want. Yep, it's that simple!

Great tips, Rusty—thanks! If you have a tip or technique you'd like to share, please send it in! E-mail: ipmsmoss@hotmail.com



CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Dragon/DML #3538 1/35 scale UH-1D Huey (Vietnam Version – please see box art below) – preferably un-started and with included crew figures. Please contact Nate Jones nrjones18@hotmail.com or call (417) 230-6220.



WANTED: Your Ad Here! Having a hard time finding an old kit? Missing a hard-to-find part? Have a question? Want to sell something? Post it here free of charge! E-mail your Classified Ads to ipmsmoss@hotmail.com

SHOWS & CONTESTS

Here are some upcoming shows in the “local” area (IPMS Region 5) in case you’d like to attend!

- 2/2/2013 Rochester, Minnesota **16th Annual Hope It Don't Snow Show**
Ramada Inn & Convention Center
1517 16th St. SW
Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers IPMS Chapter - Chris Krco 507-254-4646
- 3/9/2013 Cottage Grove, Wisconsin **Madcity Modelers Model Show (Region 5 Regional Convention)**
Doubledays
4586 Baxter Rd.
Madcity Modelers - Rob Teubert 608-295-9258
- 3/23/2013 Fairmont, Minnesota **9th Annual Scale Model Show & Contest**
Five Lakes Centre Mall
308 South State Street
IPMS/South Central Modelers of Minnesota
Gregory Pausewang 507-526-3531





Have a **Merry Christmas** & a Happy New Year!!



We'll see you at the meeting on January 27th!
Take care, be safe and Happy Modeling!



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