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NATE'S NOTES

MOSS CON 2019 was a success! This year we moved the show north from Branson to Springfield, and from the feedback we received, our new location was a hit with the attendees! As always, it was good to see our fellow modelers from all over the Midwest! It was also great to meet **Stefan Schmitt** who was in the US visiting family and he took the time to come join us for MOSS CON! He is a modeler who lives in Germany, and reads *Sprue Bits* when he gets the chance.



I would like to give special thanks to all the MOSS members who assisted with finalizing set up on Friday night, and also spent Saturday helping vendors and contestants bring their models in from the parking lot, then later helping them load up to head home, and judging in between. Also, would like to thank the family members of our members for their hard work at the Registration Table. A lot of work and effort goes into their jobs at MOSS CON to keep us running smoothly and efficiently!

Also, I want to recognize and thank all the Sponsors and Donors who supported MOSS CON 2019 and helped make it a successful show!

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LAST MEETING

May 26: 13 members met at Branson Hobby Center for our monthly meeting. The meeting theme was “5’s and Toons.”

Bill Loden brought in his recently finished Eduard 1:48 Me Bf 109G which he completed using the Brassin Engine kit. Bill finished his 109 with some post shading and weathered with artist oils, which he describes as “kind of the dot filter” method.



For the theme, **Gary Sanders** brought in his recently finished Hasegawa P-40 egg plane. Gary also brought in a cork plant pot pad that he bought at Lowes, which makes a quick and easy desert base for a model. Gary brought his die cast Studebaker car in as well



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getting the correct parts to refurbish the car. Gary also brought in his recently purchased resin 4-door body Cord kit, and a balsa B-17 “model” kit that he found for sale. The kit consists of crude blocks of lightweight wood that the modeler is to carve into shape and glue together.



For the meeting theme, **Phil Jurkowski** brought in his Meng M5 Stuart Toon Tank that he recently finished as a “hotel room build” on a business trip.





Les MacLaren brought in the parts and plans for his Phoenix models 1:72 scale vacuform 1914 Otto Doppeldecker Word War I airplane. Because of limitations in the manufacturing process, Les draws out the ribs on the aircraft then transfers that to the kit part. He then uses plastic to build up areas and also sand down areas between the ribs in order to get a more realistic look to his wings.



Mike Mangan brought in his in-progress working steam engine that he custom built using his C&C machine.

Paul Drinkall brought in his model Edsel dragster that he heavily modified to create a cartoon like look. Paul entitled his diorama "Mother's Worry." The title was not based on the Ed Roth original artwork, but instead, Paul commented "for those who knew me, know why it's called that." The model, which started out as an AMT Pacer, was heavily modified and was



"kinda fun, but what a nightmare" to build, which required "nearly every adhesive known to the free world" to complete. Paul painted the model with pink fingernail polish.

The driver figure started out at a Tamiya pit crew figure, but was heavily modified and includes a USMC tattoo, pit hair and drool coming off his tongue!

For his theme entry, **Darren Gloyd** brought in his old Revell "Mother's Worry" kit based on the Ed Roth art work.





Rusty Hamblin brought in his recently finished 1:72 Russian Armored Rail Car. This was Rusty's first attempt with winter camouflage. He encountered a few struggles with the weathering process, but overall it turned out looking good! Rusty replaced some exterior grab handles with music wire, and custom made the diorama base using Woodland Scenics snow.

Steve McKinnon brought in recently purchased Hasegawa FW-190 Egg Plane kit.



For this theme entry, **Michael Steenstra** brought in two 1:35 German 5cm guns for his in-progress Atlantic Wall diorama.



Nate Jones brought in his Revell 1:48 AD-5 Skyraider kit (re-box of the Matchbox kit) that he plans to combine with a Mongram A-1H Skyraider kit to make a more detailed A-1E Skyraider.



Go to www.ipmsmoss.com and check out the Gallery for more pictures!

SHOW REPORT

On Saturday, April 13th, IPMS/MOSS hosted our 9th Annual Scale Plastic Model Show and Competition – MOSS CON 2019 – at the Teamsters' Union Hall in Springfield. 40 modelers from Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Iowa entered 153 models into 31 categories for the competition. We even had a visitor and fellow modeler from Germany!

68 awards were presented for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, along with 4 Honorable Mention certificates, in addition to three Special Awards and two Theme Awards.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

All MOSS CON attendees are given a ballot to vote for the People's Choice award. The 2019 **People's Choice Award**, sponsored by IPMS/MOSS member Paul Drinkall, was presented to **Ian Taylor** for his 1:32 Apollo Lunar Spacecraft.

The **Best of Show** award, sponsored by [Branson Hobby Center](#), was presented to **Ron Hilker** for his **1:48 A-4C Skyhawk**. The Best of Show Award is selected by the Judges from all the 1st Place Award winners in all categories.

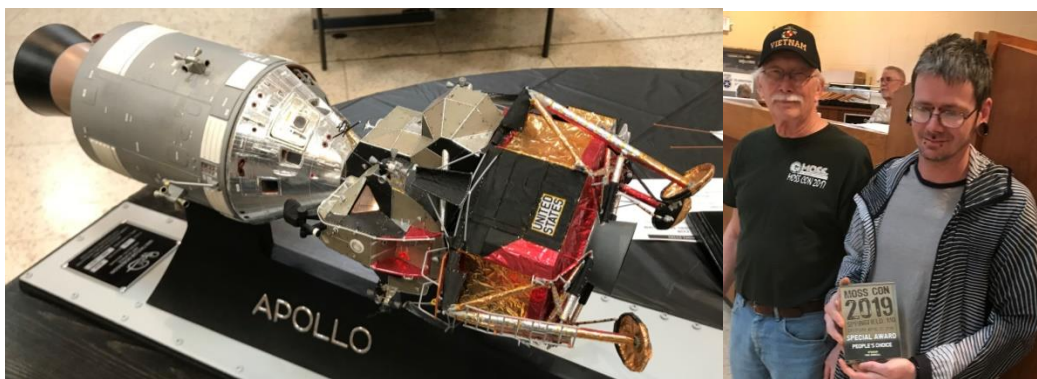


2019 is the third year for the **Richard Carroll Memorial Award** (RCMA). This award is to honor the memory of our late member and good friend, Richard Carroll, who passed away suddenly in June 2016. This award is judged by a group of IPMS/MOSS members who knew Richard, and it is awarded to the model that in their opinion best exemplifies Richard's building style along with his modeling motto: *"Build what you want, the way you want to, and above all...have fun!"* The third annual Richard Carroll Memorial Award, sponsored by IPMS/MOSS member Bob Grenier, was presented to **Bruce Fare** for his **1:24 "Truck Trek" Starship** which the judges determined would go right along with Richard's sense of humor and unique taste in model building!



Theme Awards:

This year's first special Show Theme was **Space Race**, sponsored by C&M Gearworks. Models eligible for consideration needed to represent something that would have been related to the Space Race from the US or the USSR / Soviet Union from August 2, 1955 through July 20, 1969. **Ian Taylor** won the award for his **1:32 Apollo Lunar Spacecraft**.



The second special Show Theme for MOSS CON 2018 was **“Hit the Beach”** in honor of the 75th anniversary of D-Day 1944. Sponsored by Red Frog Hobbies and **Nathan Weter** received the award for his **1:35 Geshutzwagen**.

We are grateful for all those who joined us for MOSS CON 2019!

For a full list of the Awards Ceremony results and pictures, go to www.ipmsmoss.com and click on the MOSS CON 2019 tab!



WHERE HAS YOUR SHIRT BEEN

During the first week of May, Donna and I took a trip to Utah. We visited the Family History Library, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park and the Great Salt Lake Championship (GSLC). The GSL is a contest for model cars, trucks, motorcycles and related models. There are no airplanes or armor models.

I have read about the GSL for years and since they announced that there would only be this year and one more contest I thought I should try to attend this year. I counted 350 models on the tables when a couple of modelers brought in what looked like 40 more. So I'd say there were 400 models give or take. The registration starts on Thursday and ends with an awards breakfast on Sunday morning. There are seminars, an auction and a trade show (swap meet). The judges do their thinking behind locked doors on Saturday night while the auction is going on. The auction had over 300 different automotive type models and die-cast up for bid. Since I was flying I did not bid on anything. I did buy a few models at the trade show and a few antique toys at some antique stores and had to have them shipped home.

The quality of the builds are some of the best in the country and world. There were modelers for several states and foreign countries.

The GSL had two featured classes this year. The Volkswagen Beetle and the 1936 Ford. This is a very prestigious model contest and brings out the best modelers. I will be bringing pictures to the May and June meetings.

Utah was a great place to visit and Donna and I had a great time visiting. Donna discovered many interesting things about our family trees. The city of Salt Lake was clean and the people were friendly. The downtown streets in SLC are six car lanes wide. It is really something to see.

We also visited the National Model Car Museum. It was packed with many kits and famous builds from over the years. Very neat place to visit and I'd recommend it if you are in Salt Lake City.

We were also taken away with the beauty of the National Parks. We plan on going back for the last GSL to be held in 2022.



TIPS & TECHNIQUES

Bill Loden got tired of dropping and losing parts and pieces on the floor, so he attached a work apron to his model table. Bill stapled the lower edge of the apron to the bottom of his work table, and now when he sits at his work area, he puts the apron on and has a catchall for any errant parts and pieces.

NEXT MEETING

June 30, 2019 – Sunday, 6pm at Godfather's Pizza in Ozark (510 E. South Street). Join us for dinner; the pizza buffet opens at 5pm. **Meeting Theme: "60's"** As always, bring a model, tip or technique to share and discuss!

Happy Modeling!



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