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NATE'S NOTES



Well, this newsletter wraps up the end of another year for MOSS. Technically, it is now into the New Year, so I am showing my tardiness with this publication. As we too often lament, this is just a hobby and life often tends to get in the way of it!

I am sure many of you have seen the “What they think I’m doing / What I’m really doing” meme (see photo at left). I have recently seen many modelers on various social media pages show their build accomplishments for 2019. Unfortunately, with other responsibilities, in 2019 much of my model time was “mentally building” my collection – the “What I’m really doing” half of the meme photo. While I do not have finished models to put in my display cabinet, I have a lot of ideas! I did make

some progress on repairing a few kits that had been damaged in years of transit and storage! I made good progress on a few other previously abandoned kits! And I did start one new kit! Again, it is a hobby and it's supposed to be fun! I also had a breakthrough with how I view my model building aspirations! As I stood oftentimes looking at my model collection, I wondered if I would ever be able to build all those models, and if so, where would I put them? (A question my parents and wife have asked me a few times before!) But for many years now, I have had aspirations of building museum quality models, but that desire has caused me to bog down on my modeling. I wanted to get every seam sanded to perfection, hide or correct every inaccuracy with a model, paint the perfect scheme weathered to a believable level of realism. But, the realization that my build progress had slowed to less than a creep, has made me realize that this being a hobby, I need to build for fun! I am not a New Year's Resolution type of person, but here's to the New Year and a new way of building – for fun!

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## Announcing

**MOSS CON 2020**

PRESENTED BY

**M.O.S.S.**  
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020 - SPRINGFIELD MO**  
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See you at the Show!



## LAST MEETING

**November 18:** 14 members and family members met at Godfathers Pizza in Ozark for our meeting and Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange. We had a good time exchanging and “stealing” White Elephant gifts!

**Mark Mahy** also brought in his Meng ‘Toon Tiger Tank kit that he snapped together before the meeting.





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## NEXT MEETING

**January 26, 2020 – Sunday, 6pm at Branson Hobby Center.**

**Meeting Theme: Winter Blues – anything blue or anything that you built through the winter months**

**Remember to bring a chair!**

As always you are welcome to bring a model, tip or technique to share and discuss!

**Happy Modeling!**



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