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# SPRUE BITS

## NATE'S NOTES

Recently, I was talking via email with MOSS member and Branson Hobby Center owner Rusty Hamblin and he commented about reading an article in a model railroad magazine which discussed planning what happens to your trains and layouts after you pass on.

I know, especially during this time with the recent pandemic, talking or thinking about one's mortality is not the most enjoyable subject, but it is interesting the topic of what to do with your collection-built and unbuilt-should come up.



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In his "Remembering George Lee" article in the March-April 2020 issue of *IPMS Journal*, Editor Chris Bucholtz talks about the importance of leaving written instructions for your family to know what to do with your model collection and materials.

In the past couple years, I have had the, for lack of better term, distinction of assisting surviving family members with coming up with a way of distributing a modeler's collection. One modeler knew his model building days were done and gave me his expansive collection to distribute to other modelers who would appreciate the kits. And a number of MOSS Club members have already told me that they have chosen me to one day help their surviving family members figure out what to do with their collections. Knowing how modelers cherish their collections, I am truly honored to be selected to serve as "executor" of these prized kits. That being said, having a written plan could very well help your family know who to contact, and what your expectations are for your collection.

As Mr. Bucholtz mentioned in his article, "it takes a modeler to recognize materials that are valuable to modelers." Your model kits are relatively obvious, but what about your tools and model building/painting equipment, research books and papers?

If you are one who stores decals separately from the model kits, or have certain parts or assemblies set aside in



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other containers, that information would be helpful when dealing with your collection. If you want your collection sold, do you have a price in mind for how much you would prefer; either per kit or for your whole collection? There are collectors out there who do purchase entire unbuilt collections, if that is what you would prefer. But giving your family somewhere to look, it would be helpful for them.



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When dealing in “per kit” pricing, think about your minimum acceptable price; you would hate to have that rare kit worth hundreds of dollars go for \$5 at the family yard sale.

What about your built kits? Would you like a certain friend or child to get a particular built model? Perhaps you have a museum in mind that you would like to donate your models.

I apologize this topic is darker or heavier than my usual *Nate's Notes* write ups, but as the participants of our hobby age, it is something to consider while we still have our health.

## LAST MEETING

### March 15:

14 members and 1 spouse met at Godfather's Pizza for our March meeting. The Meeting theme was “Masterpiece:” a kit you have built or plan to build as your masterpiece.

**Steve McKinnon** brought in a 1:48 Airfix P-51D Mustang kit that he won in a raffle at a model show.



**Les MacLaren** brought in a 1:100 laser cut wooden sailing ship kit that he picked up online for \$5.00 and \$2.99 shipping. The kit comes with sail material as well!

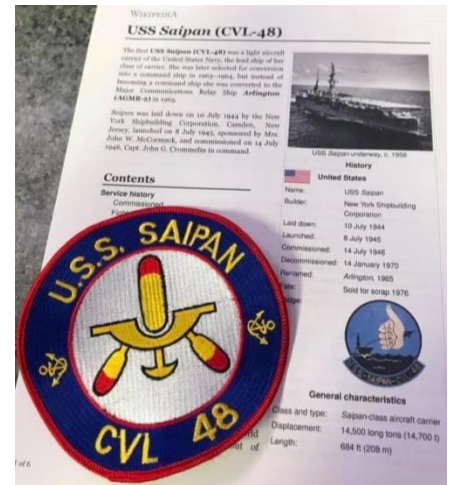


**Phil Jurkowski** brought in a Vietnam era ship's patch from the US Navy CVL 48 *USS Saipan* which was his Dad's ship. The *Saipan* was built as a light aircraft carrier and in 1948 embarked the first carrier-based jet squadron (Fighter Squadron 17A). In 1964, the



*Saipan* was reclassified as a Major Communications Relay Ship (AGMR-2) and re-christened the *USS Arlington*. In the late 1960's, the *Arlington* served both on "Yankee

Station" in the Gulf of Tonkin and also in the Pacific as part of the Manned Spacecraft Recovery Force, Pacific during the Apollo 8 and 10 missions. There is an Out of Production resin kit of this famed vessel and Phil plans to build it to honor his father's service.



**Paul Drinkall** brought in his recently purchased 1:92 B-24J Liberator which is an Atlantis Hobbies re-release of an original mid-1950's Revell kit. Paul built the B-24 kit when it was originally released and plans to build this kit again. Paul says his Masterpiece is the large 155 howitzer diorama that he built to recreate his gun emplacement from



when Paul served as a gun crew member with the US Marines in Vietnam. (He did not bring it because of the size.)



**Michael Steenstra** brought in his recently purchased 1:350 *USS Alabama* battleship by Trumpeter models. Michael was inspired to build this kit after he toured this South Dakota class battleship in real life a few months prior.



**Gary Sanders** brought in his AFV Club 1:35 M48 tank that represents the tanks on which Gary worked as turret mechanic with the US Army during Vietnam. Gary states “this is the best model I’ve done so far.”



**Nick Kimes** brought in a recently completed HG Bracer Phoenix Gundam kit by Ban-Dai. Nick also brought in an in-progress Ban-Dai 1:10,000 Star Wars Super Star Destroyer kit.



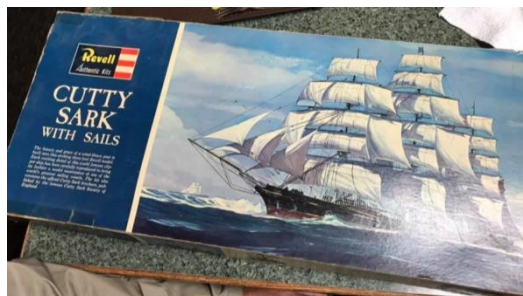
**Mark Mahy** brought in his resin Rat Fink figure kit that he plans to build as his masterpiece.



**Rick Crites** brought in his built 1953 Studebaker Commander kit. This AMT kit was built for Rick by Gary Sanders to replicate Rick's 1:1 Commander, and this model is the prize masterpiece in Rick's collection.



**Dwain Cunningham** brought in a recently purchased vintage Revell *Cutty Sark* with sails model kit. Dwain found this kit and many others at a flea market in Monett, MO. Dwain noted that he felt like Indiana Jones discovering all the kits in the flea market owner's attic. Dwain commented that "I'm a better model buyer than builder" when he admitted that he purchased the 225 kits that he found. Dwain plans to build this *Cutty Sark* model as his masterpiece!



**Nate Jones** brought in his in-progress 1:72 Hasegawa S-3 Viking and a vintage, *DKM Tirpitz* WWII German battleship model. Nate built the *Tirpitz* when he was 7 years old; the ship did not survive the years, but some of the parts are still in his spare parts bin! This kit was found still sealed in the original cellophane at a model train and hobby shop in Overland Park, KS.



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# LOCKDOWN BUILDS

MOSS members have been busy building while staying home! Below are some photos of their work!







***Go to the IPMS/MOSS Missouri Ozarks Scale Specialists Group on Facebook and check out the Photos section for more pictures of these builds!***

## WHERE HAS YOUR SHIRT BEEN



[Left] **Brian Lloyd** and his wife Julie stopped at Schaefer's Hobby Shop on 11659 Gravois Rd in St. Louis last February 27th on their way home from Springfield, Illinois from a Blue Man Group concert. Schaefer's Hobby Shop is a 70 year old business catering in hobby and craft items. Brian notes that Schaefer's Hobby Shop has a large selection of model kits for you!

[Right] **Nick Kimes** decided to wear his MOSS shirt to work at the office...the Quarantine office!



**Happy Modeling!**



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