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Nate's Notes

By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS

Recently, I've found myself to be too busy with other responsibilities to work on models, and I think I'm going through styrene withdrawals. Finishing and painting our basement, helping my wife with our one month old son, civilian work responsibilities, military reserve responsibilities, having company visit, preparing for MOSS CON 2017...it all adds up, and there does not seem to be enough hours in the day to include working on my models. Well, at least not as much as I would

like. Fortunately, about two weeks ago, I was able to put the finishing touches on my Dragon 1:48 Me-163 Komet, and my Hobby Boss 1:700 USS Cole! When I finished those two models (granted there were only minor details remaining), it was such a wonderful feeling of accomplishment! Hopefully in the near future, I can work on my kits again!

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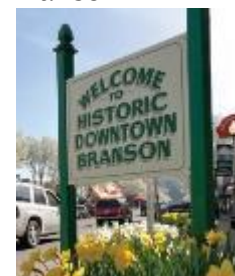
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LAST MEETING

(Part 1)

26 February: *Editor's Note: Since I was unavailable on meeting day, special thanks goes to **Gary Sanders** for taking the lead by running the meeting, to **Mark Mahy** for taking notes, and to **Steve McKinnon** for taking pictures.*

The Knights of the Square Table assembled on the first floor of Branson Hobby Center for our monthly meeting and annual Swap Meet. There was a pretty good turnout, including a good number of models brought for the Swap Meet, and most everyone went home from the Swap Meet with something they liked.



Brian Taylor brought an AMT 1:25 scale 1970 Dodge Super Bee kit he had previously worked on, and dug back out. Brian used an automotive clear on the body and it came out great. He also brought a Studebaker Avanti kit his daughter, **Madison**, had started on. Brian also brought some Molotow Liquid Chrome pens that are the internet rage now for all the car modelers. The results are really nice, and the markers are refillable and can also be sprayed through an airbrush.



Dusty Taylor brought his Lindberg 1:25 1964 Plymouth Belvedere. He has the Viper engine and transmission work done, but he didn't like the paint job so he's going to respray it. Since he was planning to strip the paint from the body, the members were allowed to use the body to sample using Brian's chrome paint markers!

Don Offerosky brought in an AMT 1:25 Shelby GT 500 Mustang. Don said the kit gave him fits with the engine and transmission fitting, but he finally got it to work. He used cut down red vinyl for the GT stripes.



Bill Loden brought in his Revell 1:72 Fairey Swordfish Mk I kit, and his recently completed Hasegawa 1:200 737-700, which he finished in Southwest Airlines livery using decals from Scaleliners. Bill masked and sprayed most of the colors on the airliner, but ended up hand painting the yellow striping. Bill also brought in his finished Revell 1:72 German Submarine TYPE IX C, the U505.



Dan Nowak - AMT 1:25 1950 Chevy pickup Transplanted the Hemi engine from an AMT Roadrunner kit, wired & plumbed with all the usual bells & whistles under the hood. He made his home exhaust system and finished it off with aluminum tips. The body was airbrushed a Dupli-color spray can green he decanted. The wooden bed was a wood used for dollhouses.



Rusty Hamblin brought a snap Bandai Japanese anime figure kit, Liko. The neat thing was the multi-colored sprue with the attached "big eyes" prevalent on Japanese anime figures.



Mark Mahy brought in some resin figures. The round, bug-eyed monster known as Low Brow Louie, is a creation of Andy Cope, who is, as Mark describes "my warped, across-the-pond {England} Facebook friend." Andy was inspired by a picture from fellow artist and friend, Ben "Dragdaddy" Mitchell.



Mark is going to rework Low Brow Louie slightly, fitting the arms & legs so he sits perfectly flat on a custom base Mark is creating. Louie was molded with a couple of drool spots on his mouth, but the middle one broke off, so Mark ground both of the remaining drool spots off, planning to remake the drool with clear sprue and clear resin. Mark's going to try his luck at hand lettering the base also.

The Frankie is the head portion of another one of Andy's works. Mark's friend Ray saw it posted on Facebook and had to have one. Mark is cleaning it up, and prepping it for paint before turning it over to another friend, Marty Denney, who will paint it.



(Part 2)

26 March: 15 members of the Knights of the Square Table met once again on the first floor of Branson Hobby Center.



Madison Taylor brought some "HO" (1:64 actually) drag racing slot cars that she custom painted, then detailed with Molotow Liquid Chrome pens. Madison entered these into competition at the KOZL Man Show at the Springfield Expo Center on March 17-18. These clear Lexan vacuform



bodies are mounted onto the electric slot car chassis. Madison won \$80 prize money with these cars. For the 21 foot long (scale 1/4 mile) track, Madison's green racer only took .3 second to go the distance! Magnets within the chassis keep the cars on the track at those speeds. Madison also brought in some resin bodies – a Volkswagen and a Pontiac.



Nick Kimes brought in Wonder Woman's Invisible Plane. Nick did not have the Wonder Woman figure in, so he did not pass it around because he was concerned it might get lost!





Paul Drinkall brought in his 1966 Ford Fairlane 427 that he built years ago. Paul built it out of the box, except he added wiring and plumbing to the engine compartment. The hood scoop on the kit was molded as a separate piece—unlike the real car—which required some filling and sanding.



Dwain Cunningham brought in his in-progress Tamiya 1:35 British Matilda Mk III/IV tank “to prove” that he is “building an actual model!” He is



planning to airbrush his Matilda in the British camo scheme, but has to clean out his garage first to have a place to airbrush. He is currently working on the crew figures using the figure painting tutorial from November’s meeting.



MOSS’s newest member, **Gordon King** brought in a 1961 or 1962 Plymouth Valiant model that he purchased already built, and a 1966



Oldsmobile resin body that he purchased at a model car show. The Valiant had some issues that Gordon plans to correct – specifically, some fogging of the front and rear windshields. The Oldsmobile body unfortunately was



damaged when he bought it, so he will have to make some repairs before using it.

Bill Loden brought in a magnifying visor optic that he purchased for \$24 at a local discount tool store. This one is actually Bill’s second one (the other was broken in an unfortunate sitting accident). Bill says that this visor, despite the discount price, is a very good quality item and he finds useful on many of his projects! Bill also brought in his in-progress Revell 1:32 P-40 Warhawk. It’s an old kit, designed with moving control surfaces, removable cowling panel, and retractable landing gear. Originally intending to “slap it

together” the further along Bill got in the build, especially once the paint scheme was started, he decided to put a little more effort in, weathering with a variety of washes, and watercolor acrylic pencils. Bill plans to finish it in aftermarket decals since the original kit decals were not salvageable.



Nate Jones brought in his recently completed Hobby Boss 1:700 USS Cole. Nate would have also brought in his recently completed Dragon 1:48 Me-163 Komet, but after breaking the model off the display base a few times (because of the extremely narrow wheel base on the take-off gear) just trying to put it in the display case, he decided to not to risk the trip with it. (Photo below taken at home)



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TIPS & TECHNIQUES



Gordon King presented to the group a tip he uses for sanding. Wrap a pink eraser with the desired grit sandpaper. Works well for recessed areas, but does not allow the sandpaper crease.

Where Has Your Shirt Been?

MOSS member, Michael Steenstra, while on a family outing, stopped by the Cassville, Missouri American Legion Post and his granddaughters were enjoying the M60 Patton tank!

If you would like to show your shirt traveling the country or the globe, please e-mail picture(s) of you wearing your club "colors" on your adventures to ipmsmoss@hotmail.com.



NEXT MEETING

23 April March 2017 - Sunday at 6pm - Branson Hobby Center, first floor. Bring a model, bring a friend, definitely bring a chair! See you there!

We'll see you at the meeting on April 23rd!

Happy Modeling!



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