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Nate's Notes

By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS

Well, another MOSS CON is under the proverbial belt and we are already looking forward to MOSS CON 2018. Check out the Show Report on page 5, and check out the results on our website. Thanks goes out to all the MOSS members who assisted with finalizing

set up on Friday night before, and spent the day helping vendors and contestants bring their models in to the contest room and then later helping them load up to head home. Also, want to recognize and thank all the Sponsors and Donors who supported MOSS CON 2017 and helped make it a successful show!



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Dusty Taylor



“We’re making it a small world, because small things matter!”



11 June: 18 Knights of the Square Table and 1 guest met at Branson Hobby Center for our monthly meeting. The meeting agenda included preparations and last minute details about MOSS CON 2017. After the Club and Show business (no pun intended) were concluded, we opened up to the show and tell portion of the evening.

Rusty Hamblin brought in two mini model boxes that are included in AMT or MPC kits. Rusty is an avid collector of these miniature kit boxes and enjoys assembling and displaying them!



Bill Loden brought in his recently completed Tamiya 1:24 Volkswagen New Beetle, which he built to replicate his daughter's car.



Look for Bill's Work In Progress article for his VW Beetle in the July 2017 issue!



Tom Daniel's "Grim Reaper" Chopper motorcycle.

Mark Mahy came straight to the meeting from the [KC Slammer's Heartland Model Car Nationals](#) show. He brought with him some purchases that he made there: a Moebius Models 1:25 1954 Hudson Hornet Special Junior Stock drag racer, and a Revell 1:25 Foose Ford FD-100 Pickup.

Darren Gloyd brought in his recently completed MPC 1967 Charger, and a Monogram 1:8



Gordon King brought in his early 1950's Corvette manufactured by the Ideal Toy Company. He believes it was produced around 1955 and originally intended to be motorized. Though it's missing a few parts, this car was gifted to him by a friend many years ago.

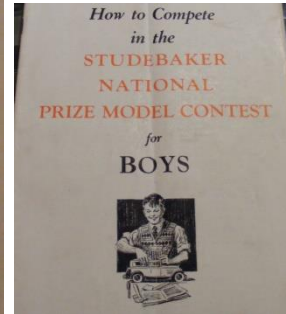
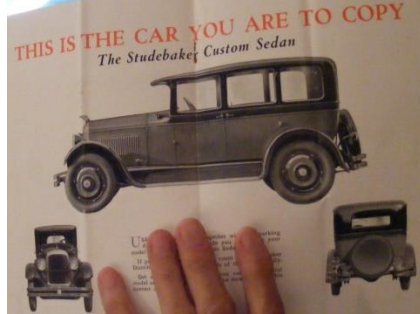
Madison Taylor brought in her nearly complete Studebaker Avanti, which is Madison's first model built with the doors open. She added wiring to the engine and chromed some of the components under the hood using a Molotow Liquid Chrome Pen. Madison also brought in her first figure: a 1:24 Master Box Ltd Pin Up Number 6.



Brian Taylor brought in a Wespe Models 1:35 Studebaker staff car resin kit that he converted to a Fire Chief's vehicle, adding a gumball style light on the roof. Brian is still looking for some decals to finish out the Chief's car. Brian also brought in his in-progress chopped 1967 Pontiac Bonneville.



Gary Sanders brought in some Studebaker and model building history. In 1927 Studebaker held the Studebaker National Prize Model Contest For Boys, in which the contestant had to scratch build a copy of the Studebaker Custom Sedan in order to be eligible to win a prize. There were 108 prizes available totaling \$2,000 in value. Gary brought in his copy of the contest guide book, and a photo of some of the winning models. Definitely a unique and interesting piece of modeling and Studebaker history!



Gary also brought in his 1:6 Testors / Lincoln Mint Indian motorcycle



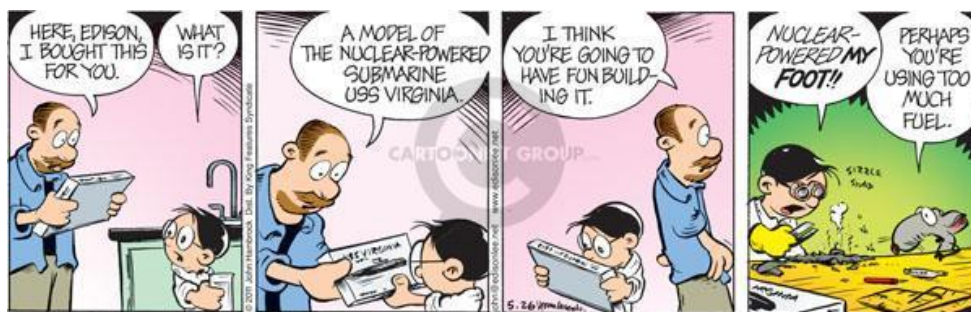
that he purchased at Walmart years ago on clearance. No paint or glue required, but "it's not as easy as it seems" as he described some significant fit issues.

Gary also brought in two Palmer Models kits of the 1964 Studebaker Avanti Coupe; both are the same exact kit, just two separate releases of them through the years (especially noted by the original prices). The

later kit included a sprue of "custom gold" parts that were in the previous kit simply a gray plastic.



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SHOW REPORT

On Saturday, June 17th, IPMS/MOSS hosted our 7th Annual Scale Plastic Model Show and Competition --



MOSS CON 2017 -- in the Taneycomo Room of the Branson Convention Center in heart of historic downtown Branson. 41 modelers from Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Nevada entered 197 models into the competition! There were 12 vendors selling at 26 vendor tables, and we had over 150 visitors throughout the day!



Sixty one 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards were presented, along with nine Honorable Mention awards, in addition to three Special Awards and three Theme Awards.



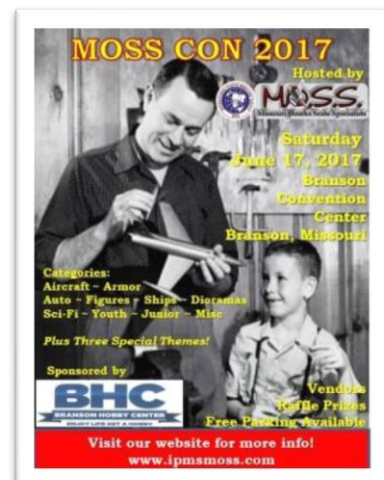
SPECIAL AWARDS:

All MOSS CON attendees are given a ballot to vote for the People's Choice award. A total of six models had votes cast for consideration of this award, but the 2017 **People's Choice Award**, sponsored by IPMS/MOSS member **Paul Drinkall**, was presented to **Bob Hiatt** for his Trumpeter 1:200 KMS Bismark.

The **Best of Show** award, sponsored by **Branson Hobby Center**, was presented to **Wes Campbell** for his Revell and scratch built 1:25 1937 Ford Truck. The Best of Show Award is chosen by the Judges from all the 1st Place Award winners in all categories.



2017 marks the first 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 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 first annual Richard Carroll Memorial Award was presented to **Ken Leslie** for his Monogram 1:8 1932 Ford Drag Car, which the judges determined would be right along with Richard's sense of humor and taste in model building!

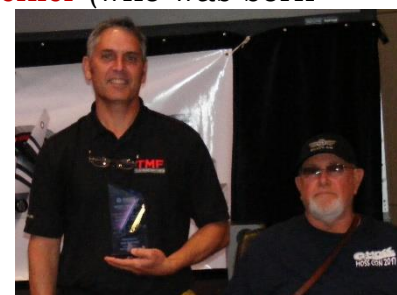


Theme Awards:

More than 100 years have passed since the outbreak of World War I. To commemorate the sacrifices of so many Soldiers, and the technological advances brought about by this war, MOSS offered **The Great War: World War I 1914-1918** award, sponsored by IPMS/Prison City Modelers. There were six models eligible for consideration, and IPMS/MOSS member **Bill Loden** won for his Revell 1:24 Fokker DR 1.



2017 marks the 75th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid and the Battle of Midway, both of which were significant turning points during World War II. MOSS wanted to commemorate those events by offering the **Turning Points 1942: Doolittle Raid / Battle of Midway** award, sponsored by IPMS/MOSS member **Bob Grenier** (who was born in 1942). Four models were considered, and **Greg Kittinger** received the award for his Hasegawa 1:72 SBD Dauntless.



Fifty years have passed since great cars like the Shelby GT, the Pontiac GTO, and the Chevelle SS raced the streets of America. To commemorate the great muscle cars of 1967, MOSS offered the

1967: 50 Years of Muscle Cars award, sponsored by Ron's Racing Collectibles. There were six eligible entries for this special theme award, and **Josh Pollock** was presented the award for his Revell 1:25 1967 Chevelle.

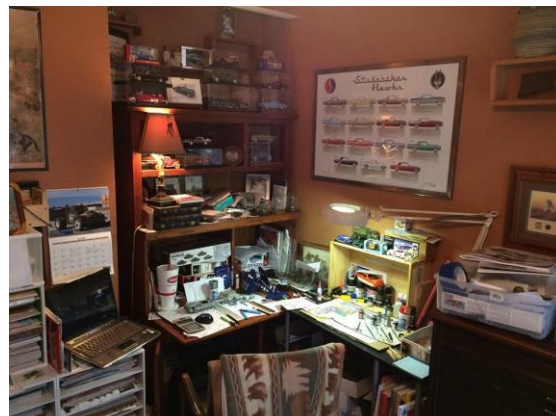


We are continually grateful for all those who came out to participate in and support the show! Looking forward to seeing you at MOSS CON 2018!

For a full list of the Awards Ceremony results and pictures, go to www.ipmsmoss.com and click on the MOSS CON 2017 tab!

Rusty's Ramblin'

In response to *Rusty's Ramblin'* from the April issue, MOSS member **Gary Sanders** sent in a picture of his work area.



Sprue Bits is always looking for new articles, pictures, comics, tips and techniques! If you have an article or work in progress build that you would like included in *Sprue Bits*, please e-mail it to ipmsmoss@hotmail.com.

NEXT MEETING



23 July 2017 - Sunday at 6pm – Godfather's Pizza in Ozark, MO (510 E. South Street). The pizza buffet opens at 5pm, and the meeting will start at 6pm. Come early and enjoy some pizza. Bring a model, tip, or technique to show and discuss, and bring a friend! See you there!

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

Happy Modeling!



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