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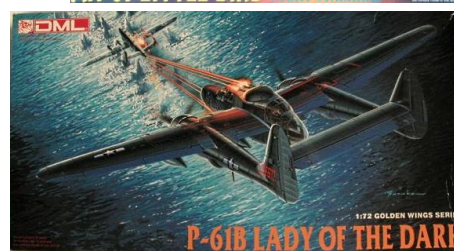
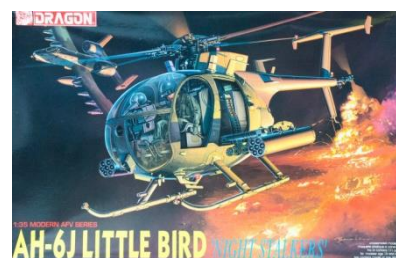
By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS

Do you get inspired by box art? I know I do. When I was in high school, I frequented a local hobby shop and the owner gave me his extra copy of the 1996 DML/ Dragon catalogue. When I was not building models, I used to spend hours looking at all the box art; “building” those kits in my mind,

and imagining playing out the scenes depicted on the box!

Current box art, like what is printed on the new Airfix kits, really have continued to attract and inspire. I’m sure much of this is the result of a successful marketing campaign, but even if you do

not purchase or build those kits, the artwork allows you to build them in your imagination!



Leonardo da Vinci once noted that “the painter has the Universe in his mind and hands.” I believe that quote could be rewritten to read “the *modeler* has the Universe in his mind and hands.”

Since my actual building time is limited these days, I often find myself carrying my son to the basement to look at my model collection. My son likes to excitedly and repeatedly pat the boxes with his tiny hands, but I take the time to plan, “build,” and “fly” each model as I look at

the box art. Inspiration to assemble each model increases as I enjoy the box art, and sometimes open the box to look through the sprues.

Imagination can and should be limitless; it is a way for us to put a little bit of history on our shelf or in our display cabinet! All we have to do is open the box, and start building to put the universe at our finger tips!

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



24 September: 15 members met at Branson Hobby Center to share their work and discuss the hobby.

Larry Krauk brought in a custom built model car that his late friend and modeler, Graig Sneed was commissioned to build for the City of Springfield (MO) History Museum in 1997. The model is a replica of an actual car built by Walter Majors, a Springfield resident, entrepreneur, and bicycle shop owner back in 1900. Mr. Majors built his original car from scratch, using wagon and bicycle parts. The model that Graig Sneed built had been on display in the History Museum for about 4 years before the museum returned the model when the museum moved locations. As a tribute to his friend, Larry brought the model and the historical background information to show at the meeting.



Rusty Hamblin brought in his recently finished O-Gauge engine shed, from Built Right Models based in Branson. Rusty modified the all wood model to create an antique Fire Station; painting it with Model Master Red and heavily weathering the entire building.

Michael Steenstra brought in his in-progress 1:35 Dragon King Tiger with Porsche turret. Michael built the kit straight out the box, and was pleased with the individual link tracks. He plans to finish and mark it as "Anneliese" of s.Pz.Abt 503 that served



in Hungary during 1945. It is primed and ready for paint, but Michael is waiting to paint it until after he has a couple other models ready for the paint booth as well.



Sometimes feeling the need to build “something different,” **Paul Drinkall** brought in his recently finished 1:35 Bronco Models German Rheinmetall R-2 Anti-Aircraft Missile. Paul had seen one of these at the National Air and Space Museum years ago. Only 80 of these specific anti-aircraft were manufactured, mounted on the same base as the 88mm Flak gun, or optionally mounted on a tracked vehicle. These missiles were equipped with a proximity fuse which was intended to take large chunks out

of Allied bomber formations. Paul noted the build was “quite a challenge” as there were many small fiddly parts, and he didn’t see the necessity of parts like scale individual zerk grease fittings. The instruction book “read like *War and Peace* at times,” but despite this, Paul built the kit out of the box.



Bob Grenier brought in a HO rail car that he built years ago which replicates a Live Poultry Car, one designed by William Jenkins and James Streeter in the 1880’s. Rail cars like these were designed to carry live



turkeys to market, with each poultry car able to carry an average of 1,200 birds. This HO scale rail car was a wood kit with some plastic and metal parts. To resemble the cages, Bob used a small scale netting material.

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Mike Mangan brought in his in-progress 1953 Studebaker two-door convertible. This kit has been a list of “firsts” for Mike: it is the first resin body car kit that he has built, the first time he’s used Bare Metal Foil details, and the first time he has used clear acetate for windows. Mike wanted to replicate the Studebaker factory color Coral Red and found that Tamiya Metallic Red worked well. Despite the fact that Coral Red was not a metallic paint; the color matched the Studebaker paint chart almost perfectly though! Mike painted the interior a tan

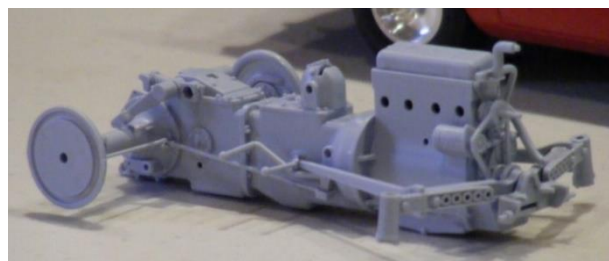


color, but he has not placed the seats in yet, since he is still deciding between the bucket seats or the bench seat.



parts and the fit and alignment of many of these parts are very difficult, along with some vague parts placement in the instruction manual.

Mike also brought in his in-progress 1:24 Heller Ferguson TE-20 tractor that he bought back in April. He notes there are lots of very delicate



Mark Mahy brought in his 1:10 Moebius Models Death Dealer. After the August meeting, Mark went home and started work. The parts fit together very well, but the seams will require a lot of clean up.



Mark also brought in a book, *Darlene's Silver Streak and The Bradford Model T Girls* by John G. Butte. The book documents a group of young ladies back in the early 1900's who took long road trips all over the United States in their Model T which they dubbed "Silver Streak." The actual "Silver Streak" 1926 Ford Model T Touring car is currently located at the Springfield History



Museum, and Mark plans to build an AMT 1927 Model T kit to resemble the "Silver Streak" for MOSS CON 2018.

Darren Gloyd brought in two model kits that he recently purchased, the "Can-Do" and the "Will-Do" wrecker trucks. He plans to eventually build 1:25 heavy wreckers.

Nate Jones brought in three in-progress models. Since the birth of his son, Nate has not been able to get much modeling done, but over the past couple weeks and in between his son's naps, Nate was able to get some work done on the 1:144 Academy Minicraft P-38J Lightning kit. Thinking it would be an easy build (because of its size), he quickly learned that was wrong. The fit was rough, and all the seams required putty.

Inspired by some other MOSS members' efforts to clean up their started but unfinished models that have been taking up shelf space for a few years, Nate pulled some of his off the shelf. While waiting for putty to dry, he worked



on his Testors 1:48 Ohka Japanese WWII flying bomb, filling and cleaning up some seams in preparation for paint.



While waiting for putty to dry, Nate decided to start work on his recently purchased Modelcraft 1:48 UC-64A Norseman. The kit decals include an option to build the WWII USAAF utility plane markings in which MAJ Glenn Miller was flying when he disappeared. Nate plans to build his Norseman to resemble that aircraft.

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

TIPS & TECHNIQUES

Rusty Hamblin recommends using Testors Clear Parts Cement and Window Maker as a small gap filler. He has used it successfully many times. Even though it does shrink a little, it dries clear and accepts paint very well.



MODEL SHOWCASE

As many of you might know I'm not too much for the current Political Correctness we find ourselves in today. With that in mind I knocked out this little tank model a couple of weeks ago. It is the snap kit version of a M3 Lee tank. I had the silly idea to paint it orange and apply a few decals to it. If anyone asks me why I tell them the Duke boys were tired of all the PC nonsense and decided to do something about it. They went down to Uncle Jesse' barn and pulled out the first General Lee. Now Boss Hog and Sheriff Roscoe Coltrane do not give the boys any more trouble. ~ Gary Sanders



Where Has Your Shirt Been?



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.

On September 14th, MOSS member, Gary Sanders, took the opportunity to check out the Commemorative Air Force B-29 *FiFi* during the 3rd Annual CAF Air Power History Tour at the Branson Airport September 13-17th. The local news station, KY3, had a camera crew on the airfield, and Gary even got some TV time while checking out the warbird!



22 October 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 October 22nd!

Happy Modeling!



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