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Nate's Notes

By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS

I recently read an article ([here](#)) about a gentlemen, Noel Mackin, in Sydney, Australia who has been building models for over 45 years, and now has over 320 built models on display in his home. Talk about life goals! In the article, Mr. Mackin notes that his wife, Joy, is the “most patient woman in the world,” and the article rings with undertones of her support of his hobby. As I read, it made me think about the support I have received from my family through my hobby.

We’ve all heard the modelers who joke (and some who are serious) about having to sneak models into the house to avoid a fight, or those who have to offset a model purchase with a suitable gift (aka peace offering) to a significant other or loved one.

As I’ve written before, my Dad started my interest in model building. Through the years of me building models in the house, my Mom never complained about the ever-present odor of model glue and paint as I worked on my hobbies in the family room or basement. And now, after eight years of marriage, my wife supports my hobby! I am very grateful for my family and wife’s support of my hobby! Back when we were dating, she was fascinated with the few built models that I had on display in my apartment, and even now is encouraging of my work, and appreciative of my efforts.

My family’s support is more than just moral. In addition to models purchased for me on birthdays and Christmas, my Dad, Mom, and my wife are, and have been, the primary workers at the MOSS CON Registration table! Their support in my hobby and our Club means so much to me, and helps me enjoy the hobby even more.

So, to my family, and all the family members who support their loved one in our hobby, I would like to say thank you!

On another note, as 2017 quickly comes to a close, I want to wish all of you a safe and Merry Christmas, and a prosperous and Happy New Year!





The members of IPMS/ MOSS thank all Veterans for their sacrifice, service, and dedication to our Country.



"We're making it a small world, because small things matter!"

Announcing MOSS CON 2018 IPMS Region 5 Regional Show

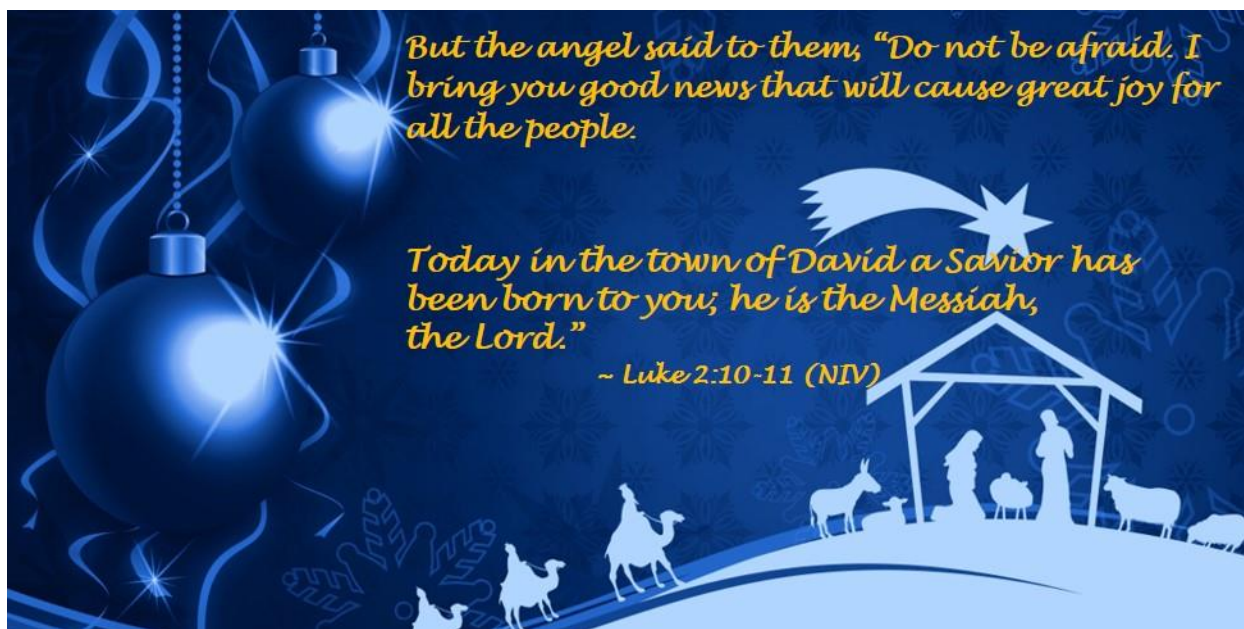
Saturday, May 19, 2018

8:30 am – 5 pm

Branson, Missouri



Check out our website for more details!





26 November: 18.5 members (where did the half come from you ask? Read on!) of the Knights of the Square Table met at Branson Hobby Center for our final monthly meeting of 2017!

Don Offerosky brought in three of his 1:25 Rat Rod models; one finished, and two in-progress. The finished model is a '34 Ford Rat Rod that Don completed a few years back, and it was his first attempt at wiring the engine with wire, as opposed to the thread technique he used years ago. Don looked on YouTube and found a tutorial, then purchased a pin vise and small drill bits, and obtained the insulated thin copper wire he needed.



Don stripped the copper wire out of the tubing and used the tubing for the wiring. The two in-progress Rat Rods, originated from the AMT '29 Ford kit.

The purple Rod is mostly complete and Don used a decal on the front seat to represent a Mexican style blanket draped there.

For his rusty red colored Rat Rod, Don dug into his spares box for various parts. He took two pieces from a '66 Ford kit and glued them together to use for the front grill, as well as used the hood from the '66 Ford as the bed of the Rat Rod.



Bill Loden brought in two recently completed models: the Hasegawa F/A-18 Hornet egg plane kit that his daughter recently finished. Bill also brought in his Academy 1:35 AH-1W Super Cobra that he finished this weekend!

Despite some problems with the landing skids that required some significant repair, the kit went together very well.

Bill used some gel pens to highlight and details some of the cockpit and exterior details, as well as used small sections of iridescent



bicycle handle bar streamers to finish the AN/ALQ-144 Infrared Countermeasures device (IRCM) “disco ball.”



Nick Kimes brought in two kits: his recently completed 1:72 Revell X-15, and an in-progress box scale AMT/Ertl Klingon Bird of Prey. Nick built his X-15 out of the box, but upgraded some of the parts, including scratch building the landing skids. As Nick is building his Star Trek Bird of Prey, he is using it as a test bed for paint colors, and weathering techniques, so that when he builds his larger scale model of the same ship.



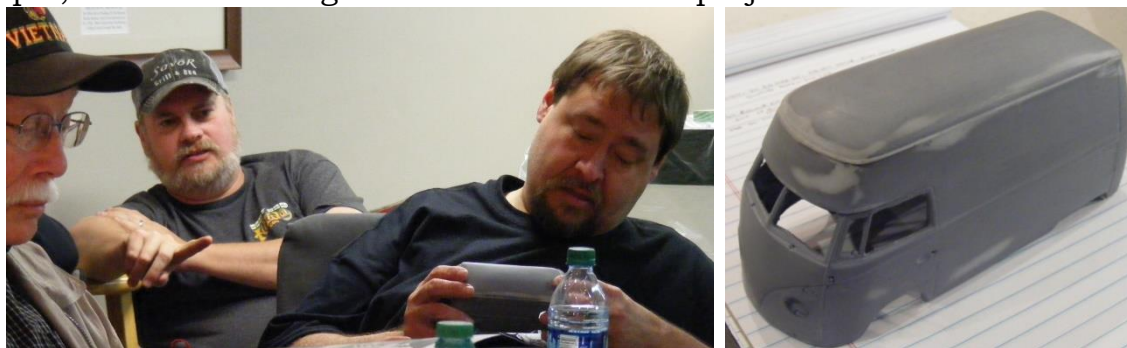
Mark Mahy brought in a kit that he built years ago; an Italeri 1:24 Willys Jeep that he modified to be a “Follow Me” vehicle as seen and used on airfields in WWII. Unfortunately, years in storage weren’t too kind to Mark’s Jeep. Mark covered the soft top with tissue to add a realistic canvas texture, then painted the interior and underside of the Jeep olive drab. Once that was dry, he painted the exterior yellow. To replicate the black squares, Mark cut small squares of contact paper and applied them to the dried yellow paint as a mask, then airbrushed the black overtop. After removing the mask squares, he touched up any bleed under. Turned out nicely!



Mike Mangan also brought in a kit that he built years ago: a 1:48 Otaki P-51D Mustang. Mike finished his model in Olive Drab and Neutral Gray paint scheme with aftermarket decals for the 357th Fighter Group aircraft piloted by Captain John England, and named *Missouri Armada*. Mike added some photo etch details to the cockpit, and added the radio antenna.



Being a VW van enthusiast, **Larry Krauk** brought in a resin body for a high top VW van, which is an aftermarket part he purchased online from an individual seller in Europe. There are a few inaccuracies with the body that Larry can easily overcome with a little work, but he notes that the texture, consistency and quality of European resin is much different than resin typically found in the US. Because of this, this will be a “weathered project.” Nonetheless, Larry noted that building this high top VW van will be “something unique,” and “something fun” to do as a winter project!



Paul Drinkall brought in his recently finished 1:25 AMT 1966 Ford Cyclone model. Paul built this model to replicate a car that his son once owned (and Paul now owns) as it appeared in 1991. Paul started this model before moving to Missouri, and finally decided to finish it, finalizing his work a couple weeks ago.

Paul noted that the fit was troublesome at times, specifically with the tub and chassis, saying that he dry fit the parts at least 50 times before he was satisfied.

Paul put wheels from a Torino kit on his Cyclone, and used a windshield from a 1967 Ford kit, as the original kit part was pretty rough and



did not fit properly. Paul finished his Cyclone with real automotive paint to match the real 1:1 scale car.



Darren Gloyd brought in Phantom Gasser model that he is converting (and scratch building) from a VW kit. Darren was inspired to build this model from seeing photos of a similar model in a Model Cars magazine. He used parts from his spares box, a 1937 Chevy, a Hasegawa VW pickup, the Ghostbusters Ecto-1 model, a chassis from a Revell 1941 Willys, and “a lot of scratch building.”



Michael Steenstra brought in his in-progress 1:35 Tasco Sherman Firefly, primed and ready for British green paint. Michael added a metal barrel, and aftermarket resin tools by Formations. He noted that this kit has more detail than other Firefly models on the market.



Rusty Hamblin brought in a wooden Wooly Mammoth kit that he bought a while ago from one of his hobby distributors. The model Mammoth is motorized and will, at the clap of your hands, walk! Rusty painted the wooden model for added aesthetics.



Nate Jones, joined by his wife and son (this is where the half comes from!), brought in a couple of models that Nate built years ago: Monogram 1:48 TBD-1 Devastator, and C-47 Skytrain. Nate purchased the Monogram re-release Devastator while in high school, then later built it while home on a break from college. The second option for the kit decals were used, but it was not until recently, that Nate researched the markings. It represents an aircraft (BuNo 0338) assigned to Torpedo Squadron 8 (VT-8) on the carrier *USS Hornet* in 1941. According to Navy records, BuNo 0338 ditched off the *USS Hornet* on October 1, 1942 due to fuel exhaustion. The crew was rescued by the *USS McFarland* (DD-237).



Nate also built his C-47 Skytrain during one of his summer breaks from college. Again, using the alternate decal markings provided, the Skytrain was finished as *Turf and Sport Special* from the 61st Troop Carrier Squadron, and

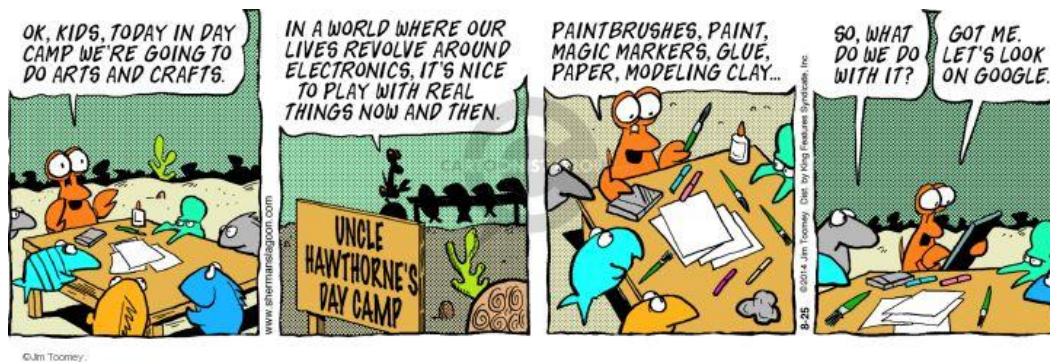


marked for the Normandy invasion. After some research, Nate found that *Turf and Sport Special* dropped paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne over St. Mere-Eglise, France, and also took part in Operation Market Garden during September 1944. The real *Turf and Sport Special*

was returned to the USA after WWII, and used for target practice in Pennsylvania. It was later salvaged, and restored and now is on display in the [Air Mobility Command Museum](http://www.airmobilitymuseum.com) in Dover, Delaware.

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

***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

28 January 2018 - Sunday at 6pm - Branson Hobby Center, first floor.

Bring a model, bring a friend, and definitely bring a chair!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We'll see you at the meeting on January 28th!



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*"Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace, good will
toward men."*

~ Luke 2:10 (KJV)

