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Nate's Notes

By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS

Welcome to the August 2013 issue of IPMS/Missouri Ozarks Scale Specialists' newsletter. Many times in this opening paragraph or two, I say much the same thing: "*welcome and here's what you're about to read.*" I know that doesn't make for interesting reading, so hopefully this month and in the future, I can challenge myself to make these lines a little more interesting.

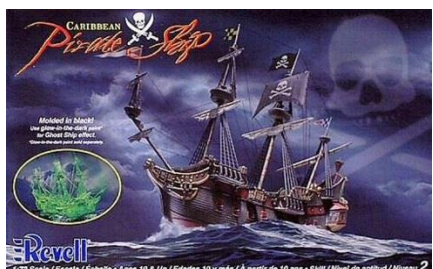
I recently got back into model building. I say that because my recent travels forced me into more than a half-year hiatus in building progress. Upon my return, I took some time to go through my models stashed away in the closet, waiting to be built. I found some half- or partially built models stashed away too; some waiting only for paint, others for decals, others for much more than that. I determined that, in addition to building something outside my comfort zone (working on our Chapter's group build: a Revell 1/72 Pirate Ship—more on that in a minute), I was going to finish up some of the partials that had been waiting in the back corner of the closet.

A Tamiya 1/48 "Rufe" Type 2 Float Plane Fighter, a Tri-Star 1/48 Me 163 Komet, a SMER 1/48 DH 82 Tiger Moth, a SMER 1/48 L-4 Piper Cub, an MPM 1/48 Bücker Bü 181 Bestmann are the kits that are now back on the workbench. It has been

fun to see how much my skills improved since I started a couple of these years ago, and it has been fun to see these partially complete kits start to make progress more toward the complete!



As I mentioned before, our Chapter is doing a group build project. The idea is for everyone who participates to build the same kit – the Revell Pirate Ship – and come up with our own take on the



same model. The kit was chosen as something to put us out of our comfort zone, as not many MOSS members build ship models. As far as models go, the Revell kit is rough. My kit, at least, was warped to the point where I had to use parts from two separate kits to make one

ship, had more flash than I've ever seen on a model and the ill placement of ejector pin marks has required some creative scraping, sanding, filling and painting to hide them. BUT despite all this, I have had more fun building this kit than I have had in a long time! I've even learned a few techniques – including making barnacles!

This Revell kit is decidedly NOT a kit for the “rivet counters,” and that is okay with me. I determined that I was going to build this kit for the enjoyment of building and if it turned out looking somewhat presentable, then all-the-better!

Others may look at the kit someday and scoff, but I have had fun building it so far and that—to me—is what model building is all about. I find myself flashing back to my first years of building models—having it glued, painted, played with and broken all within the same afternoon! (Hopefully, though, this one won't be broken too quickly.)

To sum up all my rambling, take the time to enjoy building a model just for the fun of building – not for the rivet counters. And, if you're like me with a stash of partially built models, pull a few off the shelf and finish 'em up!



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

LAST MEETING

By Michael Steenstra

25 August: We met at the White House Theater and had a good turnout, a total of seven people - Richard, Mark, Rusty, Gary, Don, myself and for the first-time, Evan Sherman, my seven year-old grandson—our youngest MOSS modeler! Evan was the only one with a model and it is a Grafix 1/100 scale British Battle Fighter. It is a model airplane that his mom bought him at the Dollar General store and it is more of 1/48 scale than 1/100. But it is a real good starter kit for kids to begin with. He still needs to add the Dark Green camouflage paint to it. It resembles a Spitfire a little.



ABOVE: Evan Sherman showing off his British Battle Fighter model by Grafix.



LEFT: Gary, Don, Evan, Richard, Mark and Rusty having some good conversation.

NEXT MEETING

22 September 2013 - 6pm, Sunday in the Ozark/Nixa area at one of our members' homes. Final location to be announced soon; stay tuned!

Never Forget ~ 12 years later ~ September 11, 2013



"These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of America's resolve."

~President George W. Bush

COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars with these upcoming events!

>>Please note: these dates are subject to change, but we will provide you with as much notice as possible. Thank you for understanding! <<

2013 Monthly MOSS Meetings

September 22

October 13 – week before MOSS CON 2013

November 17 – last 2013 meeting



- **October 19, 2013 –MOSS CON 2013!!** Held at The White House Theatre 2255 Gretna Road, Branson, MO 65616

SHOWS & CONTESTS

Here are some upcoming shows in the “local” area (IPMS Region 5 & some nearby Region 6) in case you’d like to attend!

9/14/2013	Missouri St Louis Region 5	Gateway to the West Contest and Swap Meet  Holiday Inn, Route 66 10709 Watson Road Map IPMS Gateway Doug Barton 636-332-9960
9/21/2013	Minnesota Fort Snelling Region 5	Nordi-Con 2013, Theme: THE NEED FOR SPEED  Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America Base Camp 201 Bloomington Rd Map IPMS Twin City Aero Historians Bob Maderich 612-423-2985
9/21/2013	Arkansas Benton Region 6	13th Annual Sproo-Doo Model Show  Arkansas Health Center 6701 Highway 67 Map Central Arkansas Scale Modelers Brianna Childres 501-269-9086
9/21/2013	Kansas Leavenworth Region 5	IPMS Prison City Model show  The Heritage Center 109 Delaware Street Map IPMS Prison City Modelers Shane Curtis 254-220-2750
10/3/2013 To 10/6/2013	Illinois Schaumburg Region 5	iHobby Expo  Schaumburg Convention Center Near Chicago Map IPMS USA Dick Christ 555-555-5555
10/12/2013	Kansas Wichita Region 6	ConAir 2013 Model Expo & Contest  Kansas Aviation Museum 3350 South George Washington Boulevard Map IPMS/Air Capital Modelers Mark Vittorini 316-440-6846

10/19/2013	Missouri Branson Region 5	MOSS CON 2013  White House Theatre 2255 Gretna Road Map IPMS Missouri Ozarks Scale Specialists Nate Jones 417-230-6220
10/19/2013	Wisconsin Wausau Region 5	Glue Crew 2013  Howard Johnson Inn & Conference Center 2101 North Mountain Road Map 5-36 The Glue Crew Joseph Drew 715-842-0173
11/9/2013	Missouri Columbia Region 5	TigerCon 2013  Hickman High School 1104 North Providence Road Map Central Missouri Scale Modelers Colin Smialek (573) 673-1110
11/9/2013	Illinois Downers Grove Region 5	31st Annual IPMS Butch O'Hare Chapter Open Model Contest  Lakeview Jr. High School 701 Planfield Road Map IPMS Butch O'Hare John Bishop (630)880-4905



SCALE MODELS

JOY OF THE KINGS

History You Can Model

At 5:30 a.m. on September 1, 1939 Hitler's armies invaded Poland. The Polish army was defeated within weeks of the invasion. German units, with more than 2,000 tanks and over 1,000 planes, broke through Polish defenses along the border and advanced on Warsaw in a massive encirclement attack.

After heavy shelling and bombing, Warsaw surrendered to the Germans on September 27, 1939. Britain and France, standing by their guarantee of Poland's border, had declared war on Germany on September 3, 1939. The Soviet Union invaded eastern Poland on September 17, 1939.



ABOVE: 1/35 scale model by Douglas Lee, titled "*End of an Era*" depicting Polish Lancers gallantly charging a German tank column.

Full write up here: <http://www.militarymodelling.com/news/article/end-of-an-era/3561/#>

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We'll see you at the meeting on September 22nd!

Take care, be safe and Happy Modeling!



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