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



Editor's Note: Thanks to Gary Sanders, Mark Mahy and Steve McKinnon for stepping up to help me with the details and photos of the meeting, as I was out sick that night.

30 August: We met at Godfather's Pizza in Ozark, MO for some fellowship and the delicious pizza buffet!



Gary Sanders brought his 1962 Studebaker Hawk resin kit which he kit-bashed with an AMT Studebaker Avanti kit. Gary won a 1st place in his class at the Studebaker show in St Louis.



Dusty & Brian Taylor brought their big scale wooden Studebaker wagon in that their friend Marty Denney lettered & pinstriped to match a picture postcard they found. Brian's daughter, **Madison**, showed off her Johan promo Studebaker Lark convertible that won her a first place at the Studebaker show also. The Lark was built stock with the exception of aftermarket tires & wheels.



Bill Loden arrived with his finished Monogram 1/72 scale Space Shuttle & Booster. He turned a few heads bringing the huge kit into the pizza joint! Bill displayed it with some angel hair {I believe} at the base to simulate the blast on take-off. Bill also brought a neat little Polar Lights USS Enterprise snap kit.



Mike Steenstra brought his nearly done pair of Dragon armored Jeeps, an AFV Club 3 inch Anti-Tank gun and an AFV Club Sturmtyger he's working on.



Paul Drinkall brought a 1/25 scale Revell Ford Thunderbolt work in progress kit that is done up like a car in progress at a body shop. Car is in gray primer with overspray around the trunk, hood & doors to simulate the "jamming" of the paint job.



Richard Carrol showed off a few of his throwback builds he's acquired. Two old AMT Thunderbirds, an AMT 1959 Buick yard sale find and another AMT, a 1963 Thunderbird box stock build with no paint and whitewall tire decals.

Steve McKinnon brought in an Academy IDF M113 Fitter recovery vehicle in progress and a Russian AFV kit.



Darren Gloyd brought his built kit of an AMT Chevy Titan. He also brought a couple of unusual builds {for Darren}: one was his version of the AMT Ala-Kart custom pick-up truck in green & black instead of the real version of pearl white & multi-colored stripe decals. He also had a twelve year old build of an AMT 34 Ford pickup combined with a Bigfoot monster truck chassis.



Mark Mahy didn't bring any kits or WIP builds but did go to The Ozarks Mini Maker Faire the previous weekend to check out some of the vendors that were showing their 3D printing. The Greene County library had a display of two brand new top of line 3D printers that can be "rented" in house to use. Mark doesn't think these printers are refined enough yet for use detail-oriented modelers, but who thought we would even see them 20 years ago?!? Also, IPMS/MOSS member **Larry Krauck** was on hand at the Mini Maker Faire to demonstrate some of his resin casting.

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by Rusty Hamblin

I just can't believe it. It's hard for me to wrap my feeble mind around. Until I see it in model form that is.

This is exactly what I was thinking the other night as I sat at my model desk and glued it together. I had just begun working on my Trumpeter 1/144 USS SSN-21 *Seawolf* Attack Submarine. The scale had me shaking my head in awe. This thing is a monster. I had no idea it absolutely dwarfs WWII submarines but this modern day underwater marvel is gigantic. Holding the hull in my hands was like holding PVC sewer pipe. Knock the wings off and you could easily stick a 1/144 scale 747 airliner inside this thing. You could stuff three normal passenger jets inside this colossus. It boggled my mind just how big this submarine is.

Have you ever had an experience like this while building a model? This isn't the only time model building has helped me appreciate something I have only seen in photographs before. I'm not a fan of *Star Trek*, but like most of us I've seen many episodes of the original. I never really thought much about the *USS Enterprise* starship until I built it in model form. Holding it,

turning it, staring at it I realized just how well thought out and perfect this vehicle would be for space travel.

I've had similar experiences with model cars. I just love the Saleen S7; but as awesome as it looks in photographs, nothing compares to seeing the car in person. Testors produced a 1/43-scale version so naturally I just had to have it. I spent many loving hours working on that overly simple model just so I could have my hands on it. I have several female figure models I could say the same about.

Another of my favorite cars is the Shelby Series 1. A rare car indeed and one most of us will never see in person. I had the luck to visit the Shelby Museum in Las Vegas, NV a couple of years back and you got it, they have one sitting right there amongst the oh-so-common Mustangs. Revell produced a 1/25-scale model of the Shelby Series 1 a few years back, and I suggest everyone get one; even non-car folks can appreciate the curves and scoops Carroll Shelby designed into his one and only all original creation.

A good photograph may be worth a thousand words, but that doesn't tell the entire story. Back in the 1980's and 1990's I was a huge fan of IMSA GTP racing. To me these cars looked huge on television racing around road courses. The first time I actually saw one in person I honestly thought it was a scaled down replica. The roof of the Nissan GTP was hardly as tall as my kneecaps. The same holds true for modern day Formula 1 cars. They are tiny. Why else do you think the models are produced in 1/20-scale instead of 1/24?

Going the other way there is the Hasegawa 1/72 railway gun Leopold. Even at that diminutive size the model measures over one foot long. Want bigger? How did the Germans really think they could move and hide the 80cm k[E] railway gun Dora? Oh they moved it, but what a humongous gun. I have the model in my "to be built" pile but finding room for it finished, might be the bigger problem; literally.

There seems to be a learning opportunity here being passed up by kids that don't build models. They have the Internet and all the information they need at their little fingertips, but do they actually realize what they are writing that report about really? Maybe school reports should all be accompanied by a built model or diorama. Boy, I might have done better in school myself if my homework would have been to build a well detailed and slightly weathered F-22 Raptor to accompany my modern Air Force essay.



ATTENTION DEFICIT MODELER DISORDER

Where you start to build one model but get distracted by another kit that needs building causing you to build another model!

NEXT MEETING

27 September 2015 - Sunday at 6pm at the Branson Joint Emergency Training Center (499 Gretna Road); Building 13, Unit 6. Check the website or Facebook page for directions. Bring a model, bring a friend! And if you have a tip or technique to share, bring it in too! See you there!

Go to www.ipmsmoss.com and check out the Events Calendar for upcoming meetings, shows and events!

We'll see you at the meeting on September 27th!
Take care, be safe and Happy Modeling!



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