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## Nate's Notes

*By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS*

Welcome to 2016 and the first issue of *Sprue Bits*! Unfortunately, because January was so busy, I was unable to complete the January issue; hence this month's double issue.

Thank you for your patience with me for the delayed publication.

June 2016 will mark nine years since IPMS/MOSS started (five years since becoming an IPMS chapter), as noted before, we've come a long way since 2007. Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> will also bring our 6th annual model show and competition – MOSS CON 2016 – in Branson! We are looking forward to seeing you all and your models at this year's show!



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



### 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!

## LAST MEETING

**24 January:** We met in the West Wing of The White House Theatre, and had twelve members in attendance!

Our newest member, **Bob Grenier**, brought with him his custom built HO scale Drive In Diner, complete with lighting and authentic era music!



**Darren Gloyd** brought in his in-progress Italeri Peterbuilt 378 semi tractor. The kit was started when Darren received it in a trade, but Darren started the kit over again, scratch building most of the truck. He added hand-made aluminum exhaust stacks, scratch built storage locker behind the sleeper cab, and PNP Resin rear fenders.



Darren said the only original kit parts are the hood, cab and a portion of the frame, as well as the photoetch Peterbuilt emblems.

**Steve McKinnon** shelved the BTR-80 kit he's been working on, and decided to pull a couple older in-progress kits from cold storage – a Revell 1:32 Corsair and a

1:48 Esci MiG 27. Steve has already started to alter all the control surfaces on the Corsair, and has been re-discovering the fit problems with the Esci MiG kit. On a good note, his cats found and returned to him a resin ejection seat that he had previously lost.



**Larry Krauk** brought in some 3D printed wheels that he plans to upgrade with additional details, and the masters for two



Dodge pickup cabs that he will soon be releasing for limited run sale through his business (<http://www.finksgarage.com/>).



**Richard Carroll** brought in some model car kits from his collection that are associated with the famed George and Sam Barris brothers, who are known for building cars for TV shows and movies – such as the Batmobile, the Beverly Hillbillies car, The Raiders' Coach for the band Paul Revere and the Raiders, among many others. Richard gave a history of some of the cars associated with the Barris brothers that were available in model kit form through the years.



**Gary Sanders** brought in a used Revell 1:25 Astin Martin DB4 kit that he recently bought. Over the past fourteen months, Gary has finished 18 models; Gary brought in some of his recently finished and in-progress models: 1:35 Tamiya M41 Walker Bulldog, a 1:32 Monogram Amphibious Weasel, 1:35 Tamiya M3 Stuart and 1:35 Tamiya Willys Jeep, and his 1965 Lincoln Continental.



**Paul Drinkall** brought in his recently completed 1:25 Revell 1969 Chevy Nova that he built for his friend. Paul built the kit to honor an agreement to his friend, to build a replica of his friend's car when a model of the car came available. Paul describes kit as decent with the exception of the tires and wheels, and



the build as an “exercise in frustration” trying to get the details just right to replicate his friend’s car.



**Brian Taylor** brought in his recently completed 1:25 1953 Studebaker model that he built factory stock, even down to the wheel hubs and including the color! (Brian usually

customizes his models!) He wired the ignition harness (in correct firing order!), added heater hoses, ignition wires, battery cables, and starter wires.



**Bill Loden** brought in his built 1:12 BanDai fully poseable Star Wars Darth Vader figure and in-the-box Storm Trooper figure, as well as his in-progress 1:48 T-38 Talon from Wolfpack Models, and his completed Dragon/DML 1:144 F-14 Tomcat “Launch!” diorama.





**Nate Jones** brought in his Christmas present – a 1:48 ICM C-45 kit. The kit is unique in that the interior is built on the lower wing half, then the fuselage is assembled together and placed over top the assembled interior.



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## LAST MEETING

### (Part II)

**21 February:** We met in the West Wing of The White House Theatre. We had 18 “Knights of the Square Table” (thanks to Mark Mahy for our new moniker!) in attendance for our meeting and annual Swap Meet.

**Gary Sanders** brought in his recently completed Tamiya 1:35 Willys Jeep. Based on a tip from other MOSS members, he used GS Hypo Cement (aka watch crystal cement) to glue the windshield in the frame (with excellent results!). Also, he brought in his “1:35” M29 Weasel kit from BlueTank models, complete with undersized figures. Gary also brought in his 1:25 AMT snap together *Ghostbusters* Ecto-1 kit that he completed three-to-four years ago in hotel rooms while traveling for work. He finished the model using Testors paint pens.



**Richard Carroll** brought in three of his “stalled” kits. Two AMT 1:25 '57 Chevy kits, and a MPC Chevette. Richard took parts and pieces from other models in preparation for creating his custom cars. The Chevette – with a planned nickname of “Shove It” – is going to have a Toronado 455 engine tucked away in the back, an olive drab interior, and an olive drab paint scheme overlaid with gold flake clear coat.



**Tracy Sullivan** brought in his in-progress 1:48 AMTech Ta-183 Hucklebein. He's been working on his Hucklebein and attempting to create rivet lines, but has not yet found the technique that he prefers.



**Mark Mahy** brought in a joker resin gear shift knob that he plans to paint up. He's planning to use red embossing powder (used by other modelers to replicate car interior carpet, instead of flocking) on the joker's hat.



**Paul Drinkall** brought in his recently completed original issue 1:48 Monogram Ju-87G-1 kit. After struggling with some other models, Paul needed an easy build, so he built his Stuka straight out of the box, except for drilling out the tank buster cannon barrels. The original decals were in rough shape, so he replaced them with aftermarket decals by





Eaglecales. Paul noted that it was a nice, basic kit.



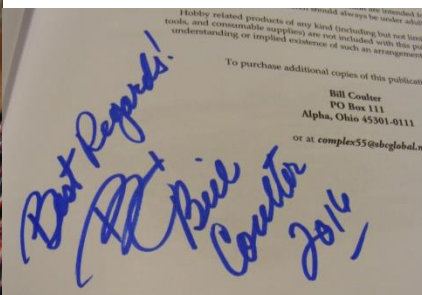
**Larry Krauk** brought in some cast resin pilot figures he did for another MOSS member. He also brought in a couple of his limited run series of Dodge truck cabs, along with some custom cast resin wheels and tires.



**Bob Grenier**, a life-long railroad history buff and builder, brought in some of his HO scale railroad cars. One is a "Whale Belly" rail car, intended to carry bulk Portland cement, which was a hollow-cast resin kit, with photoetch details. Another is a XM24 USRA box car, used during the 1940's. Bob hand-painted, decaled, and weathered the box car, winning an award for it at a train show. Bob also brought in two replica *California Zephyr* rail cars, and an HO white metal flat bed truck that he built a few years back.



**Rusty Hamblin** brought in his new book, *Fifty Years of Mustangs: A History of Scale Model Mustangs* signed by the author!



**Nate Jones** brought in his collection of Monogram 1:48 Skyraiders, and his Brengun Models resin detail kit of the toilet bomb dropped over North Vietnam in 1965 from a Skyraider flying from the *USS Midway* (see History in a Box on page 9).



After the “square-table” discussion, the Swap Meet began, there were lots of good deals completed and many happy modelers went home with new (to them) models!



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## **History In A Box**

*That time this Navy squadron bombed North Vietnam with a toilet*

by Blake Stilwell

In October 1965, Commander Clarence W. Stoddard, Jr. of the *USS Midway* carried a special bomb to North Vietnam to celebrate the six millionth pound of ordnance dropped on the Communist country: a ceramic toilet.



Cmdr. William Stoddard



The event was recounted on MidwaySailor.com:

The bombing was a Dixie Station strike from South Vietnam. Among the weapons on Stoddard's ordnance list was one code named "Sani-Flush."

Sani-flush was a damaged toilet, which was going to be thrown overboard. One of the *Midway's* plane captains rescued it and the ordnance crew made a rack, tailfins, and nose fuse for it. The checkers maintained a position to block the view of the Air Boss and the Captain while the aircraft was taxiing forward.

The toilet ordnance was dropped in a dive with Stoddard's wingman, Lt. Cmdr. Robin Bacon, flying tight wing position to film the drop. When it came off, it turned hole to the wind and almost struck his airplane, and whistled all the way down.

According to Clint Johnson, now a retired U.S. Navy Captain, just as Stoddard's A-1 Skyraider was being shot off, they received a message from the bridge: "What the hell was on 572's right wing?"



"There were a lot of jokes with air intelligence about germ warfare," Johnson said. "I wish that we had saved the movie film. Commander Stoddard was later killed while flying 572 in October 1966. He was hit by three SAMs over Vinh."

This isn't the first example of unconventional warfare from U.S. Navy aviators. In August 1952, AD-4 Skyraiders from the aircraft carrier *USS Princeton* dropped a 1,000-pound bomb with a kitchen sink attached to it.

"We dropped everything on them (the North Koreans) but a kitchen sink." Their Squadron's Executive Officer, Lt. Cmdr. M.K. Dennis, told the press, before showing them a bomb with a kitchen sink attached.

The Admiral was not okay with this, but caved to pressure from American press. The U.S. dropped the kitchen sink on Pyongyang that same month.



Taken directly from: <http://www.wearethemighty.com/articles/that-time-this-navy-squadron-bombed-north-vietnam-with-a-toilet>

For more information, see also: <http://www.midwaysailor.com/midwayva25bomb/>



**20 March 2016 - Sunday at 6pm (check website for location)**  
Bring a friend! See you there!

***Go to [www.ipmsmoss.com](http://www.ipmsmoss.com) and check out the Events Calendar for upcoming meetings, shows and events!***

**We'll see you at the meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>!**

**Take care, be safe and Happy Modeling!**



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