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## Nate's Notes

*By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS*

Seven years and two days after my wife and I were married, we found ourselves sitting in the same church attending the Memorial Service for our friend and fellow MOSS member, Richard Carroll. The shock of Richard's sudden and unexpected passing still hasn't fully settled in. The other MOSS members who were attending the service expressed the same sentiments. As we listened to

Richard's former friend and co-worker honor Richard by reminiscing and recalling some good memories of Richard, I too began to think back on the good and oftentimes funny memories!

I actually knew of Richard when I was a student in college; Richard worked in the Business Office there and I worked as a student worker in a building across the parking lot. During my first two years, I used to see Richard leave work every workday in his red pickup with custom flame paint job on the front, and a skull rear center brake light.

Another memory that stands out is that Richard used to joke that we waited until after he moved out of the county before starting the model club; often commenting "I've lived in this county for nearly 60 years and never could find another modeler who wanted to start a club; then the year I leave, they start a model club."

As the service came to a close, the speaker recalled two quotes for which Richard was known. "When you hear hoof beats, think horses not zebras." As those words sunk in with the audience the speaker explained, don't make things more complicated than they are. Also, the speaker related the words from a sign that hung above Richard's model table, "Build what you want, the way you want to, and above all...have fun!" Both of those quotes were really how Richard lived his life.

Thanks for the memories, friend!

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

## LAST MEETING



**31 July:** Neither threat of thunderstorm, nor heat, nor gloom of construction and full parking lots\* deterred the fifteen IPMS/MOSS members from gathering at the Branson Joint Emergency Training Center for our July meeting.

(\* very loosely adapted from the inscription found on the James Farley Post Office in New York City)

**Paul Drinkall** brought in a Revell-Monogram 1:48 P-51D that he converted to a concept style Air Racer named "Horse With No Name." He modified the canopy, trimmed 3 scale feet off the right wing, removed the belly mounted air scoop, added modified exhaust ports for the turboprop engine and installed twin props. Paul built this model a few years ago for another model club group build competition, but unfortunately, his racer did not win.



**Mark Mahy** brought in an in-progress Jimmy Flintstone "Zipper Head" resin column shifter knob. Mark used his Dremel motor tool to clean up the mouth, and he added two real bolts from the hardware store for the neck. Mark is building this head to be an ornamental dashboard figure for a friend of his who is building a 1:1 (aka real life) gasser style Ford Falcon called "Falconstein."



Falconstein Photos from Mark Mahy

**Brian Taylor** brought in two Impala-based low-rider models. Brian built these two kits as slump-busters; just a couple quick builds to kick start his model building progress. He flocked the interiors and painted a lot of chrome!



**Michael Steenstra** brought in a shocking reveal for the club. Typically, Michael builds military -- 1:35 armor, figures and 1:48 aircraft, so when he pulled out his recently purchased Revell 1:25 1967 Camaro it brought a good laugh to the group! Michael plans to build this car model for MOSS CON 2017. But not straying too far from his usual, Michael also brought in his in-progress Aires resin cockpit set for the Accurate Miniatures 1:48 B-25B "Doolittle Raider" that he is also building for MOSS CON 2017!



**Bill Loden** brought in three models: an in-progress Academy 1:48 California Highway Patrol (CHP) Hughes 500D helicopter, his recently completed Tamiya 1:12 Yamaha XV1600 Roadstar and his recently completed Airfix 1:72 Spitfire Mk IX. Despite some fit and masking issues, Bill has his CHP helicopter almost ready for decals now.







Bill built his Yamaha Roadstar because he likes motorcycles (and a model is the only type of motorcycle his wife will agree to!). He said the kit went together very well, but Bill gave a word of caution, “read and be familiar with the instructions.” He reinforced this lesson to himself when he had to finagle the kickstand and associated tiny screw that holds the kickstand in place after

everything was already together!

Bill’s Spitfire started out as a project with his daughter, but when the kit reached the primer phase (about a year ago) and after she lost interest, Bill finished the kit for her!



**Rusty Hamblin** brought in his recently completed Ban Dai Gundam figure that he was working on in June. Rusty finished the figure, and if it looks like it has grown, it has! The smaller figure that Rusty had from last month is actually inside the larger suit of armor. Though the kit is relatively delicate, it appears as though it is meant to be played with – many moving parts which allow for posing the figure, weapon changes, armor changes, and multiple stands to display the figure. Rusty added some detail paint in a few areas just to add interest to the figure.



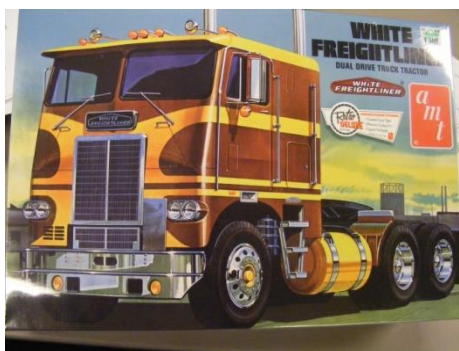
**Gary Sanders** brought in three recent purchases. Two Lindberg Classic kits that he found and purchased for \$9 each: a 1933 Rolls Royce and a Lincoln Continental. Interestingly, both kits have a chrome plated sprue and Gary noted the hub caps are “the shiniest hub caps” he’s seen on an out of the box sprue. You really could see your reflection in them!



Gary also brought in his recently purchased AMT 1:25 White-Freightliner truck that he plans to build in the IML livery to



represent the truck his dad drove. The kit comes with a sleeper cab, but since Gary's dad drove a day cab style truck, Gary plans to work with Darren Gloyd to get the correct cab version for his build.



**Bob Grenier** brought in an HO scale International Harvester flatbed truck; a white metal kit that he bought and assembled about four years ago. Bob built his truck to represent one of the trucks he used to see as a kid. Bob added clear styrene windows, a wood flatbed and the timbers to hold the railroad wheels, in addition to the scale chains, securing the heavy load. He finished it out



with decals representing a specific railroad company.



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**Dan Nowak** brought in two of his car kits. For his 1:25 1950 Austin Drag Coupe, Dan finished it "mostly out of the box" about 8 years ago, adding copper tubing for the velocity stacks, cutting open the doors and adding hinges, as well as the usual plumbing and wiring details. He finished the model with Testors' Wet Coat Bronze.

Dan also brought in his 1:24 AMT 1940 Ford Sedan which won Best of Show at MOSS CON 2016. Previously, Dan has commented that this

In his display notes for his 1940 Ford Sedan at MOSS CON 2016, Dan wrote that the 396 engine had been "bore stroked and blue printed."

AMT- 1940 Ford Sedan 1/24 scale  
Paint- Bob's Blue Blood Red lacquer over a silver base  
Engine is a 396 ci bored stroked and blue printed!!!!  
Scratch Built parts-dual fuel pumps-coil over shocks w

A humorous note that might have been missed by some!

was his most extensive work to date, but he gave a little more insight to his build. Dan used a lot of scratch built parts, including coils, shocks, fuel pumps, among many other details. Dan used a 396 engine from his spares box,





and added scratch built working door hinges. In order to get this finished product, Dan went through two kits. He had used thread to cut open the doors, but unfortunately that weakened the front roof support pillars. An unfortunate accident at the paint booth ended up breaking both pillars. Dan bought a new kit and started over. Another accident ended up breaking one of the front pillars on the second body, but Dan was able to salvage the body. He primed the body with a silver base – a technique learned from a friend and fellow modeler: to get the best red finish, use a silver or yellow base coat. The model was finished with Bob's Paints Blue Blood Red, and Bob's Paints Polishing system.



## Rusty's Ramblin'

by Rusty Hamblin

Nate recently emailed me asking if I had any new *Ramblin's* ready to go. I replied that I had four started but none finished. Hmm, kind of sounds like my model building. When I was a kid and I started something but didn't finish it right away my dad would call me "ol' half-a-job". So I sat down and vowed to finish this one.

MOSS CON 2016 is done! It's become an annual milestone for this club. The biggest relief, I imagine, must be for Nate Jones, President of MOSS and the hardest working member. It's a relief for me to see that we have another 365 days until the next show. As the show date gets closer I begin dreading that day more and more. I know I'll have fun, but there is still unease about the long hours and hard work it brings.

The work starts the night before the show, when we move in to set up the room. This year there were unexpected changes to the room which caused us to make changes from years past. The white rectangular tables for vendors and registration were all brought out from the back room and chairs around each round table stacked and put into the back room storage. Most round tables were shifted around to fit better. It was around 10 PM when I left, while Nate and his wife were still working.

My alarm went off at its usual 6:30 AM. More than a month earlier I had made out the schedule for work, and in an unusual brain fart, completely forgot to schedule myself off for MOSS CON. Oops! Thankfully another employee agreed to come in for me, so I opened up the shop and waited.

It was well after 10 AM before I was able to leave work and head for MOSS CON 2016. I was glad when I pulled into the lot to see so many cars and trucks there already. I parked in the only shade I could find and hurried inside. I said hi here and there before making a quick recon though the vendor area. Already a meeting for judges was being called, so I attended that before turning out to the model area. Quickly I realized that my new reading glasses were not powerful enough, especially if I was going to judge. For a second I wondered if I could fake it but decided not to even try. I returned to the Vendor area and made a few purchases before loading up the truck and racing home.

An hour or so later, I was back with stronger glasses and just in time as the Judges meeting had already started.

For the first time in a couple of years I wasn't the judge in our group doing the paperwork. Every judge, please volunteer for this duty if you have not because it really is a pain to judge AND do all of the writing. I had more time to look over each model, and thankfully the correct magnification glasses to see them. Judging is both fun and distressing. Sometime models you quickly glance at and find to be wonderful turn out to be disappointments upon closer examination. But you also truly appreciate a great model when you see it. Judging went smoothly for the most part, and tallying even quicker.

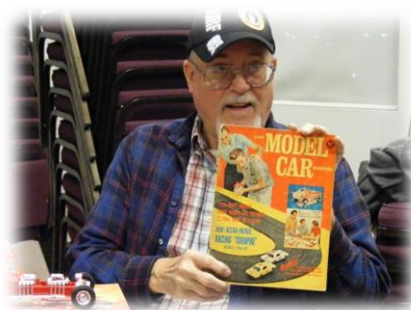
I really wasn't going to stick around for the awards ceremony because I also had to be in Theodosia, MO that night for R/C racing. It was a points race and since I stood second in points, I could not miss it. In a last minute decision, I stuck around. I'm glad I did because it is a wonderful feeling seeing everyone go up and collect their reward for their work. In fact that may have been the best part of the day seeing people recognized for something they are already proud of.

My long day ended just after midnight when I arrived home from a night of racing (and just in case you're wondering, I finished second in the main event and still hold second in points).

A big sigh of relief and the club can start planning for next year's event. Thanks to everyone that made this event happen; this includes MOSS members, their families, the vendors, and all of the modelers. A big thanks goes to The White House Theatre who sponsored the event by donating the use of the West Wing for so many years. It was a wonderful place to hold a budding model show that no one knew would continue to grow year-after-year.

Just before I sent this off to Nate for publication, I learned that long time MOSS member Richard Carroll passed away. Richard has been a customer of Branson Hobby Center even longer than he was a MOSS member. Once you met Richard you rarely forgot him. Every old timer at BHC has a story about Richard. I'd like to tell you one and it is about the very last time I saw him. Just one week before MOSS CON, I emailed Richard and asked if he had any Ford Courier or Chevy Luv models. I was specifically looking for another Chevy Luv, but I'll always take another Courier too! Well, when I walked in the door at MOSS CON and almost immediately came face-to-face with a big smile on Richard's face. Of course he had a Chevy Luv model (or three!); Couriers he was out of. The first box I opened was an assembled Luv with standard bed and camper shell. Good enough, but that wasn't all...there were three more Luv cabs stuffed into the box, as well as other Luv parts. BINGO! Now I had exactly what I need to build Mickey Thompson's mid-engine V8 desert racing Chevy Luv. Best of all, the price was right, just \$15. Richard never tried to gouge me or make a huge profit off any model he sold to me. A few he didn't even sell but gave to me including a decal sheet that I know he paid for.

That's my final memory of Richard, smiling ear-to-ear as he delivered those Luv's to me. Godspeed!



## Where Has Your Shirt Been?

IPMS/MOSS member Gary Sanders and his wife Donna toured the USS Constitution in June 2016.



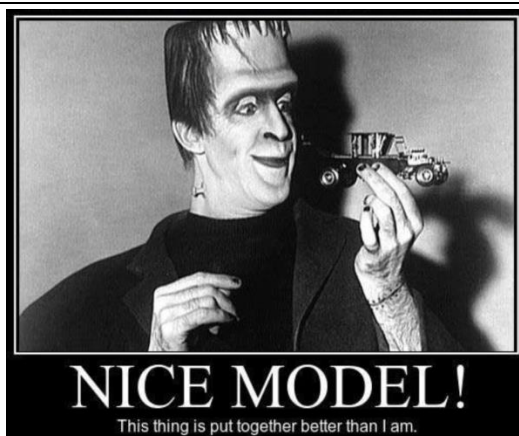
Gary writes: "My wife and I had a trip planned for more than a year to go to Rhode Island for the Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet. We wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to see some historic sights since we probably would not be back in the area for several years.

I have always wanted to see the USS Constitution and learned last year that it would be dry dock for two years. I really did not want to see her in dry dock and almost decided not to visit the ship until it was back in the water again.

After much thought I changed my mind and decided I better take advantage of being so close. I unfortunately was going to miss MOSS CON because of this and scheduled our visit on Saturday June 25. I am glad I decided to visit even though she was in dry dock. I enjoyed the entire experience and highly recommend anyone to visit her whenever you can. I plan to go back and see her when she is re-assembled.

Come to think of it, the USS Constitution looked like a giant kit half assembled or half disassembled depending on your point of view. One last note: the USS Constitution is currently the only commissioned ship in the US Navy that has sunk another ship."

**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](mailto:ipmsmoss@hotmail.com).**





## NEXT MEETING

**21 August 2016 - Sunday at 6pm** – We will be taking a special trip to a friend's house! He is a model and toy collector with an extensive collection! We will **meet at the Wendy's in Nixa**, MO (441 W Aldersgate Dr., Nixa, MO 65714) **to eat at 5pm**. If you do not care to eat there, **meet at Wendy's in Nixa at 5:50pm** and we will leave from there to caravan/carpool to his house at 6pm. 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 August 21<sup>st</sup>!**  
**Take care, be safe and Happy Modeling!**



*"We're making it a small world!"*

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