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Nate's Notes

By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS

Often I find myself wondering what I will write about in this section of the newsletter, which is usually why the newsletter is delayed in publication. Finally, I have found my topic: Modeling and the Family. Many times modelers joke (or act like they're joking) about hiding models they bought at a hobby shop or vendor area at a show from their spouse or significant other. And being a typically solitary hobby, sometimes you hear the "scale model widow" comment, as modelers tend to retreat to the seclusion of their hobby room, niche, corner, or closet.

I am sure that is the case in some households, but hopefully it is not the case everywhere. Thankfully, my wife understands, supports, and encourages my hobby! Though she sometimes rolls her eyes and laughs when I do find a kit (or two) I want to buy, she does not put up too much of a fight. She too has a hobby, and we find that working on our respective hobbies together – well, in the same room, at least – allows us both to be creative individually, while still spending time together. We can enjoy a favorite television show or movie in the background while we work, and we both get to make progress on our hobby of choice. The only time I disappear into the nether regions of the house is when I am airbrushing or using enamel spray paints. Sharing our hobby time together has helped us both be mutually accepting and supportive of each other's hobbies.

Sharing the hobby with family members too can be rewarding. I've previously written about how my Dad got me started in building models. That's a memory that will last forever with me, and I hope to share the fun of model building with my children when that day comes. I know of other modelers who encourage and support their children and grandchildren in the hobby.

Basically, it is up to us to help others—including family members—understand the scale model building hobby, and promote it for current and future generations.

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

In Memoriam: Richard Carroll, IPMS/MOSS member

April 21, 1947 – July 10, 2016



On July 10, IPMS/MOSS member Richard Carroll passed away from complications of pneumonia following a battle with lung cancer.

Richard brought a lot of joy and laughter to the Club; he always had a smile and a story for every occasion, and his sense of humor made the stories all the more entertaining! Being a long-time resident of Taney County, he offered a lot of unique personal perspective on the local events and happenings through the years.

Richard also brought a lot of historical knowledge about the scale plastic model hobby to the Club meetings through his collection of rare and interesting kits from his side-business, The Styrene Pit! It seemed that Richard could almost always give the background (original manufacturer, production history, different editions of the model produced through the years, etc.) on many of the kits our members brought to show at our monthly meetings.

Richard served in the US Air Force from February 1971 to February 1977 as a Disbursement Accounting Specialist with the Military Pay Unit at Little Rock AFB in Jacksonville, AR. He reached the rank of Sergeant before getting out of the Air Force.

Richard will truly be missed -- both as a friend and as a fellow modeler.



LAST MEETING

12 June: The IPMS/MOSS “Knights of the Square Table” convened at the Branson Fire and Police Joint Emergency Training Center. 16 members were in attendance.



Rusty Hamblin brought in his in-progress Ban Dai Gundam figure. Many modelers lament that “kids don’t build models these days,” but as a hobby shop employee, Rusty often sees kids purchase Gundam model figures. To see what the fascination is all about, Rusty decided to build one for himself. The kit goes together very well and is fully articulated with ball joints comprising all joints in the figure. The only drawback is that there is no English text on the instruction sheet (which is interestingly enough half in color and half in black-and-white). The language barrier has caused Rusty to have to go back and re-assemble parts, but aside from that, the Rusty had high praises for the quality and engineering of the kit. The kit even features a four-color sprue.



“**Gundam models** are model kits depicting the vehicles and characters of the fictional *Gundam* universe by Bandai. These kits have become popular among mecha anime fans and model enthusiasts in Japan and in other nearby Asian countries since the 1980s. Gundam modeling spread in the 1990s with North America and Europe being exposed to *Gundam* through television, video and manga. Gundam models, as well as the hobby of assembling and painting them, is known in Japan as Gunpla, a portmanteau of “*Gundam plastic model*”, plastic being the most common material for the retail kits.”



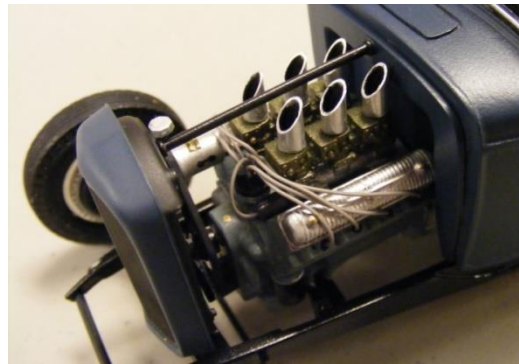
Paul Drinkall brought in his MPC/Ertl *Star Wars* AT-ST (All Terrain Scout Transport) – or as Paul calls it, his “Chicken Walker” -- model that he built years ago. The model was built out of the box but Paul added a hand



rail along the top of the cabin, and added his own custom markings – “Gayst Eyzl” – which is translated as “Ghost Donkey” in Yiddish!

(http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/All_Terrain_Scout_Transport)

New MOSS member, **Robert Cadman** brought in his in-progress salt flat racer, based on the Revell '32 Ford. Robert used the Jimmy Flintstone 3-window chopped top body (<http://jimmyflintstonestudios.com/>) and added a Lincoln Y-block 368 engine, and custom made exhausts from aluminum rod. Robert also installed a pre-wired distributor, scratch built the pushrod on the back, and hand painted “57” on the driver’s door. Great work, especially after coming back to the hobby from a 20+ year break from modeling! Robert plans to weather his racer to look like it has just finished racing the salt flats.



Brian Taylor brought in two kits: one is a built spares box survivor kit that he recently got from a friend, and a new 1:25 '55 Chevy Nomad that Brian is building to represent Paul Blevin's NHRA modified drag racer.

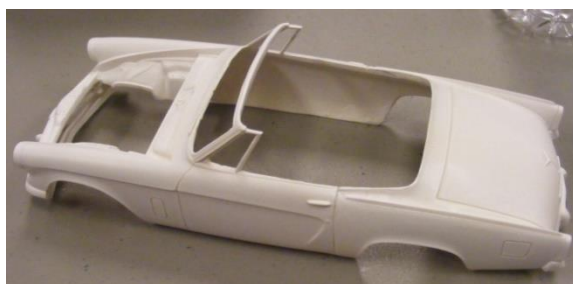




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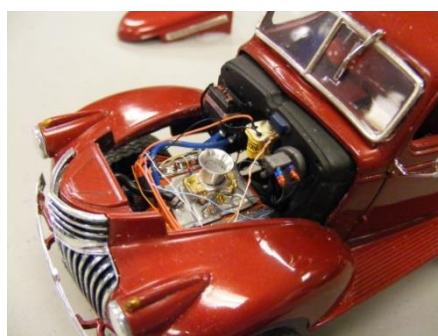
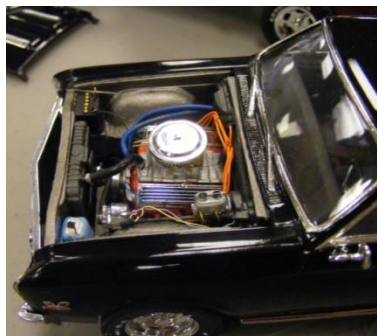
Mike Mangan brought in his in-progress resin Studebaker. Mike decided to strip the chrome from the styrene bumpers and install them on the resin body.



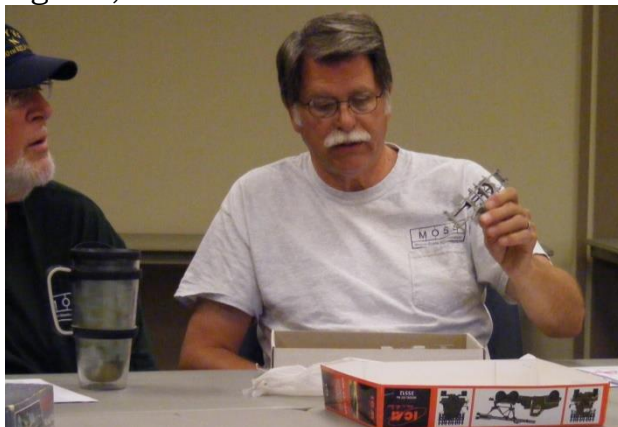
Dan Nowak brought in two finished models that he built in years previous: a 1941 Chevy pickup, and a 1967 Chevelle. Among other details, Dan added a wooden floor to the bed of his '41 pickup, used a chassis from another kit, and added a 383 engine from his spares box. Dan built his '67 Chevelle out of the box, finishing it in black, but did add wiring and plumbing to his

engine compartment. Dan is also working on a 1940 Ford Sedan that he hopes to have completed for MOSS CON 2016. Dan says this '40 Ford will be the most extensive build that he has done yet.





Gary Sanders brought in his recently purchased 1:35 ICM BM-13-16N “Katyusha” rocket launcher truck. Gary found and purchased the second-hand kit in a flea market store in Marshfield, Missouri. As an avid fan of Studebaker, Gary is always on the lookout for any model of a Studebaker product. In the 1940’s, Studebaker was the number two top producer of 2.5 ton 6x6 trucks, but most were sent to Russia in the reverse Lend-Lease program; some even converted for use as Katyusha rocket launcher trucks.



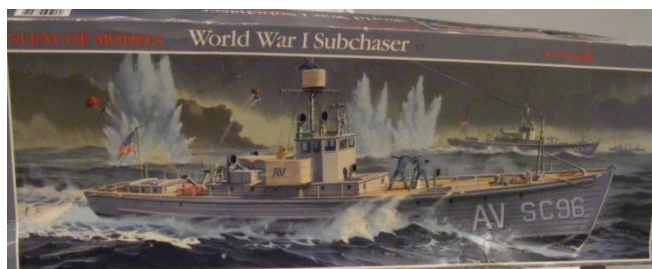
Michael Steenstra brought in recently purchased 1:35 Tamiya 3 ton 4x2 Cargo Truck – more commonly referred to as the Opel Blitz. Michael also found his second-hand kit at the Marshfield flea market store, and could not pass up the kit for the price!



Les MacLaren brought in his in-progress Glencoe Models 1:74 scale World War I Subchaser. Even though Les usually builds WWI aircraft, Les decided to branch out and build a boat “thinking it would be an easy build.”



Subchaser in order to scratch build a more accurate representation of the SC-96. Les plans to install a real wood deck on his finished boat which he wants to have ready for MOSS CON 2017!



Les quickly found out the main difficulty with this particular model is the scale thickness of some parts. He researched the

Naval architect, Albert Loring Swasey was commissioned by [President] Roosevelt to design a subchaser that would have the seaworthiness and the endurance necessary to be effective against the U-boats. Swasey came up with a triple-screwed vessel 110' long with a 16' beam, powered by three Standard 6-cylinder, 220-horsepower gasoline-driven engines. The SC-1 class subchaser had a displacement of 85 tons and a complement of two officers and 24 enlisted men. The armament consisted of two 3-inch 23-caliber guns and two machine guns. Later on a depth charge projector or Y-gun was substituted for the after 3-inch gun and it proved to be the most effective antisubmarine weapon of all. There being no electronic sonar in those days the vessels were equipped with underwater hydrophones for detecting engine and propeller noises.

In an operation in 1918 known as the 'Otranto Barrage' a dozen or so American subchasers helped keep the U boats bottled up in the Adriatic, unable to escape to the open sea to press their attacks. By denying the Germans the offensive power of their U-boats at this critical stage the Otranto Barrage was perhaps the greatest single contribution of the subchasers in World War I. And on 2 October 1918 eleven SC-1s blew up enemy mines in the Austrian harbor of Durazzo, thus insuring their role in the only general naval engagement by the American navy in the war.

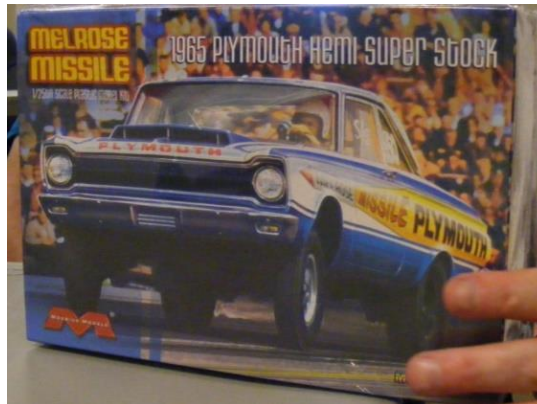
Source: <http://www.internetmodeler.com/2000/january/ships/subchaser.htm>

Darren Gloyd brought in a recently acquired built monster truck model. Darren also has been keeping busy lately going through and inventorying a model collection that he purchased from a friend who decided to get out of the building scale models. Darren said that part of the collection consists of 30-40 semi tractor kits, and at least 30 more trailer kits.



Mark Mahy and a couple friends attended the KC Slammers 2016 Heartland Model Car Nationals show in Overland Park, Kansas. Mark drove directly back from the show to attend the meeting. He said he had a great time and there were a lot of great models in the Slammers' show, plus a lot of new kits for sale at great prices in the Vendor area! Mark purchased a brand new Moebius Models' Melrose Missile 1965 Plymouth Hemi Super Stock kit. He

opened the box at the meeting and many of the other members were able to enjoy looking through the kit!



Nate Jones brought in two in-progress models: his Hobby Boss 1:700 USS Cole, and his MPM/CMK 1:48 Bücker Bü 181 Bestmann. The Bü 181 is best known from the scene in the 1963 movie *The Great Escape* where characters portrayed by James Garner and Donald Pleasance attempt to escape Germany into Switzerland using an acquired Bestmann.

Nate's Bestmann kit has technically been in progress since 2009, but because of a catastrophic failure of the brittle fuselage plastic—and repeated subsequent repair attempts—the aircraft was shelved multiple times since. In an effort to finish up some of his in-progress kits, Nate decided to go ahead and finish the kit despite some flaws.



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

SHOW REPORT

On Saturday, June 25th, IPMS/MOSS hosted our 6th Annual Scale Plastic Model Show and Competition -- MOSS CON 2016 -- in the West Wing of The White House Theatre in Branson, Missouri. 49 modelers from Missouri,

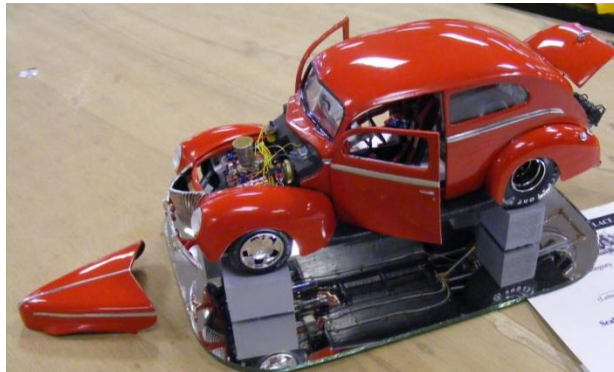
Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Iowa, and Ohio entered 222 models into the competition! There were 11 vendors selling at 29 vendor tables, and we had over 150 visitors throughout the day!

70 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards were given out along with 15 Honorable Mention awards.

Mona Hiatt won the **People's Choice Award** for her 1:150 *Robert E. Lee* paddlewheel boat, by Amati Models. The People's Choice Award is simply that - the popular model as voted on by MOSS CON attendees via secret ballot.



Dan Nowak won the **Best of Show Award** for his 1:24 AMT 1940 Ford Sedan. Dan notes that this model is his "most extensive work" so far to date. The Best of Show Award is chosen by the Judges from all the 1st Place Award winners in all categories.



2016 marks the 75th anniversary of the December 7, 1941 Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Because of this, IPMS/MOSS chose Pearl Harbor as a special theme category for MOSS CON. There were six eligible entries for this special theme. **Nate Jones** won the **Best Pearl Harbor Subject** award for his Tamiya 1:48 A6M2 Zero.



Unfortunately, we did not have any entries into the **Studebaker: 50 Years Later** theme category. Despite this, IPMS/MOSS wishes to thank the **Ozark Trails Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers' Club** for sponsoring this category!



We are continually grateful for all those who came out to participate in and support the show! Looking forward to seeing you at MOSS CON 2017!

For a full list of the Awards Ceremony results and pictures, go to www.ipmsmoss.com and click on the MOSS CON 2016 tab!



31 July 2016 - Sunday at 6pm – Branson Joint Emergency Training Center, Building 13, Unit 6 (495 Gretna Road) Bring a friend! 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 July 31st!

Take care, be safe and Happy Modeling!



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