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Nate's Notes

By Nate Jones, President IPMS/MOSS

I know that I am already a few weeks late getting this newsletter out, so this will be short. Thank you for taking a few moments to read through our newsletter. This publication would not be possible without others submitting articles, cartoons, kit reviews, work-in-progress

builds, and other items, so please keep those coming in! I look forward to reading what you send in! In honor of Patriot Day (September 11th) and National First Responder Day (September 27th), we honor a few members of MOSS who have served or are serving their communities as First Responders. Thank you again for reading and please enjoy this issue of



Sprue Bits. Happy modeling!

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



LAST MEETING

28 September: We met in the West Wing of the White House Theater and

had almost all members present for the meeting. We had a great time at the show-and-tell portion as well; Rusty Hamblin brought in his first-ever armor build – a 1/72 scale German Panther tank, as well as a couple new



models that he recently purchased. Gary Sanders brought in his recently acquired Lindberg 1/64 scale B-17G kit. Richard Carroll brought in a Revell re-release of the Life-Like Hobby Kits model of the “Westward Ho Pioneer Wagon” (which



is somewhere between 1/41 – 1/49 scale), a Revell factory built display model of a C-130. Nate Jones brought in parts for an in-progress 1/35 scale diorama.



Paul Drinkall brought in his completed 1/35 scale “Fire Mission” diorama—based on his 105mm howitzer position and gun crew from his tour of duty in Vietnam. Evan Sherman



brought in his brand new die-cast P-51D airplane!



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





by Rusty Hamblin

Model building is a seasonal pursuit... or at least that is what those higher up in the industry tell me. Model building as well as model railroading takes place primarily in the winter. Personally I like nothing better on a hot, humid oppressive summer day than to sit inside with the air conditioner and every ceiling fan in the house going to keep me cool while I build a model or work on my railroad. Instead I usually find myself out in my sweltering hot shop working on one of my remote control vehicles or at the track racing them. Summer is racing season and I have little time for modeling.

This year has been a lot different. The wet spring and early summer we experienced cancelled a lot of racing on the weekends. I could still spend ever waking minute in the shop working on my race R/C's but this year I haven't. Happily this summer I have been getting a lot of modeling done.

I even found time to clean up my hobby room. It looks a lot neater and I am having far less trouble finding things. Plus I have no more fear of that stack of unfinished models toppling over on me anymore. Okay so now I can't open the spare bedroom window because of all the unfinished model boxes stacked in front of it but there are two windows in that room anyway. Besides by the time I want to open the window for good weather I'll have the stack worked down to nothing, right?

Maybe not. I have some sort of terrible modeling disease as yet unidentified in which I have a terrible urge to open a brand new model and start building the second I have it home. Hours, days, or even sometimes minutes later I reach a point that stops me cold and back in the box it goes; to be added to the dreaded unfinished stack. By then I have one or more new models and 'Oh Boy!' I can't wait to start them!

I've made progress this summer though, slow gradual progress. I nearly finished a Jeep Rubicon that will be part of a diorama. The diorama base is up to the point of ground cover and water, the Jeep is merely lacking wheels and tires.

I painted my Thunderbirds F-16 eggplane; unfortunately I got excited about trying out Tamiya spray cans and painted it the wrong color. My next project was stripping the paint off my Thunderbirds F-16 eggplane.

I worked hard at spraying a beautiful Pennzoil yellow paint job on a new Camaro only to have the clear coat wrinkle it like an old man too long in the bathtub. I stripped the Camaro paint. I repainted the Camaro again and had another type and brand of clear wrinkle that finish too. I stripped the Camaro paint, which I am getting really good at. I put it aside for now, you know in the unfinished pile.

I started to decal an old Monogram SR-71 and not wanting to take chances with the very old decals I clear coated them with decal specific spray. Now the decals are so thick they will not conform to anything but a mirror flat surface. Nothing and I mean nothing will cause them to bend and settle on the surface.

I am still working on the MOSS pirate ship club build... enough said.

I tried a new CA glue specifically for clear plastics only to see it turn a visible portion of a clear windshield milky white.

Oh, and I started several new models.

It hasn't all gone wrong. I did finish painting a handful of wargaming figures, a Star Trek set that includes the USS Enterprise, a Klingon ship, and a Romulan space ship. I also finished a 1/72 Panther tank, my first ever tank model.

Not bad when you consider it is summertime and I'm not even supposed to be working on models. I hope you too had a chance this summer to sit down and get some model building done.



26 October 2014 - Sunday at 6pm in the West Wing of The White House Theatre. Bring a model, bring a friend! 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!

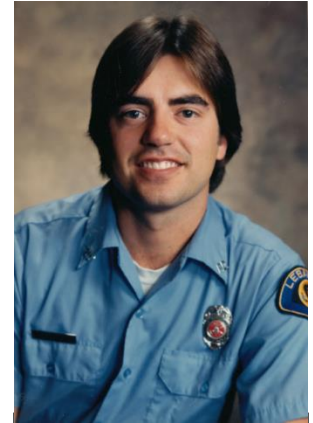
**In honor of First Responder Appreciation Day ~
IPMS / MOSS Salutes our First Responders**



Michael Steenstra

Michael was in the Fire Service – first with the City of Lebanon (MO) Fire Department from 1986 to 1991 and then went to the City of Springfield (MO) Fire Department from 1991 to 2000. He joined the Fire Service because a friend of his who was a firefighter mentioned that the fire department had some

openings so Michael's friend encouraged him to apply. Michael loved being a firefighter – noting that "to me it was the best job in the world."



Lebanon (MO)
Fire Department
1986 "Rookie Card"
("I had hair once")



Above: Working at a large fire at Chestnut Expressway and National in Springfield (MO). Michael is the firefighter on the left. Later, he was promoted to Equipment Operator on this same ladder truck.

Right: First house fire where Michael was on the nozzle – soon to make entry – no water in the fire hose yet.



Daily Record photo by Bob Raukar
Two Lebanon firefighters prepare to enter a smoke-filled structure on Texas Street Saturday afternoon. An ice-covered regulator on a propane bottle forced gas back into the residence, resulting in the fire. The city fire department responded to three fire calls and two false alarms Saturday.



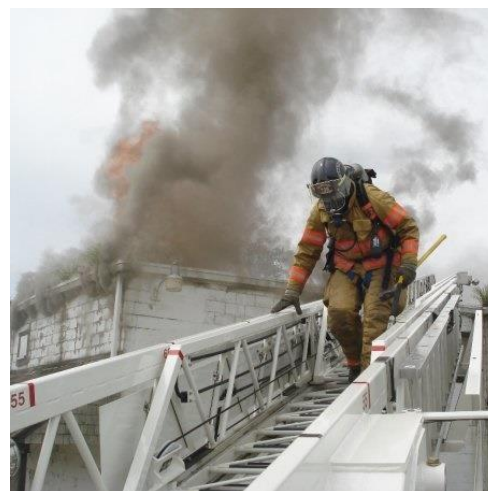
Michael Staworski

Mike works for the Branson Police Department (1996 to present). He served as Parking Enforcement Officer (1996-1998), Police Officer (1998-2009), and now serves as a Communications Officer (since 2009). "It's a little odd to say what got me into law enforcement; I started with a contract security company in Topeka in 1988, just after my 18th birthday. At the time I was just looking to get away from food service jobs. Minus a two and a half year period from 1990 to mid-1992, I have been in law enforcement or related fields since then. I've also served as a Field Training Officer, Bicycle Patrol, Tactical Team Member, In-House Academy Instructor in Surviving Deadly Force Encounters, and Communications Training Officer. Looking back, it was a decision I'm glad I made."

“As a side note; my family has been with the volunteer fire department in my home town of Carbondale, KS for as long as I can remember. My Grandfather was Chief and Chairman of the Board for many years. My Grandmother was given the honorary title of Mascot for her service cleaning the station and working at all the special functions. My Mom is the current Chairperson of the Board and has been with the fire department since 1981. My Sister and Step-Father are also with the fire department. I have many fond memories of responding to fires with my Grandfather and later actually fighting fires with him!”

Nate Jones

Nate started in the fire service in 2000 while he was in college – joining the College of the Ozarks Point Lookout Fire Department. It started as a promise to a friend, but then turned into a life-long passion! After college, Nate joined Branson Fire Rescue as a live-in volunteer Firefighter and worked full-time for Taney County Ambulance District as an EMT. In 2004, Nate was hired as a career Firefighter with Branson Fire Rescue. In 2006, he was promoted to Engineer on the Truck Company, and has served in that capacity since then.



History In A Box **The Invasion of Poland** **(September 1– October 6, 1939)**

The Invasion of Poland by Germany, the Soviet Union, and a small Slovak contingent that marked the beginning of World War II in Europe. The operation was also known as the September Campaign, the 1939 Defensive War, or Fall Weiß (Case White).

The German invasion began on 1 September 1939, while the Soviet invasion commenced on 17 September. The invasion of Poland led Britain and France to declare war on Germany on 3 September. However, they did little to affect the outcome of the September Campaign. No declaration of war was issued by Britain and France against the Soviet Union.

The campaign ended on 6 October with Germany and the Soviet Union dividing and annexing the whole of Poland. Poland was divided among Germany, the Soviet Union, and Slovakia. About 65,000 Polish troops were killed in the fighting, with 420,000 others being captured by the Germans and 240,000 more by the Soviets (for a total of 660,000 prisoners). Up to 120,000 Polish troops escaped to neutral Romania, and another 20,000 to Latvia and Lithuania, with the majority eventually making their way to France or Britain. Most of the Polish Navy succeeded in evacuating to Britain as well. German personnel losses were less than their enemies (~16,000 KIA).




None of the parties to the conflict—Germany, the Western Allies or the Soviet Union—expected that the German invasion of Poland would lead to a war that would surpass World War I in its scale and



cost. It would be months before Hitler would see the futility of his peace negotiation attempts with the United Kingdom and France, but the culmination of combined European and Pacific conflicts would result in what was truly a "world war." Thus, what was not seen by most politicians and generals in 1939 is clear from the historical perspective: The Polish September Campaign marked the beginning of the Second World War in Europe, which combined with the Japanese invasion of China in 1937 and the Pacific War in 1941, formed the cataclysm known as World War II.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Invasion_of_Poland

SHOWS & CONTESTS

10/18/2014	Missouri Kansas City Region 5	2014 Region 5 Regional Convention  AmeriStar Casino & Hotel 3200 N. Ameristar Drive Map IPMS/West Central Missouri Justin Carlson 816-256-1310
11/1/2014	Wisconsin Wausau Region 5	Glue Crew 2014  The Howard Johnson Inn & Conference Center 2101 N. Mountain Road Map #05/36 The Glue Crew Joseph Drew
11/8/2014	Missouri Columbia Region 5	TigerCon 2014  Hickman High School 1104 North Providence Map Central Missouri Scale Modelers T.Mike Curry 573-696-0316

We'll see you at the meeting on October 26th!
Take care, be safe and Happy Modeling!



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