



# UPDATE

Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society

February 2022







## Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society

I hope everyone is doing well. We are in the dead of winter – prime modeling time! I hope you are all staying safe and making progress on your latest project?

With this issue we will begin including in each newsletter, the previous month's meeting notes as well as Show & Tell pictures from the meeting. I am aiming to publish each newsletter midway between meetings to bridge the time. The newsletters will also be posted on our chapter website.

We are still on schedule to return to Cantigny for our meeting in February. Hopefully Covid will not interfere however if necessary, we will move to Zoom one more time. I'll keep everyone posted. Please make sure you read the meeting notes below

We also have a nice build article from Steve Lipke that I think you will enjoy.

See you in February!

*Stan*

**Our February meeting will be at Cantigny Park, in the downstairs research library of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division museum at 10am.**

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# January Meeting Notes

The January meeting was held on line.



Pat V, Stan, Chuck, Ihor, Chris, Lee, Mike, Paul, and John W., were on line.

## Club Business

Chuck provided an update on finances. We have \$493 in the treasury.

The Nationals in Virginia remains on schedule. Check the AMPS website for schedule updates.

Stan mentioned that we have the second Saturday of each month reserved at the First Div research library for 2022 meetings.



### Contests:

2022 Atlanta Model Figure Show 18-20 February

AMPS Nats 7-9 April, Virginia

Wright Con 25-26 March, Dayton

IPMS Nats 20-23 July in Nebrask

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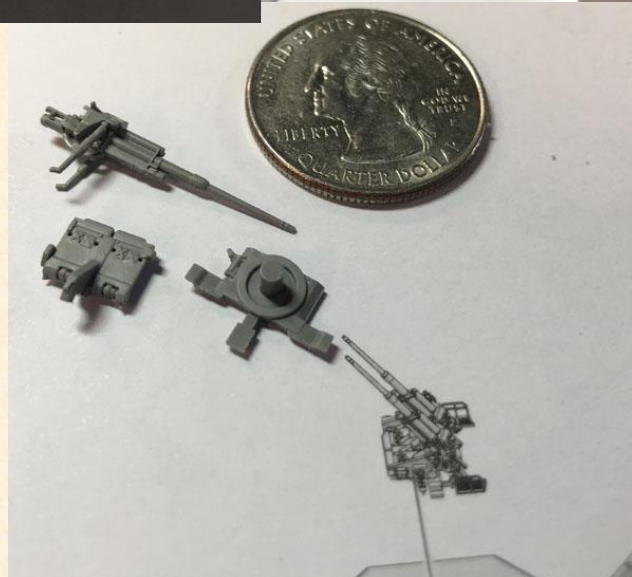
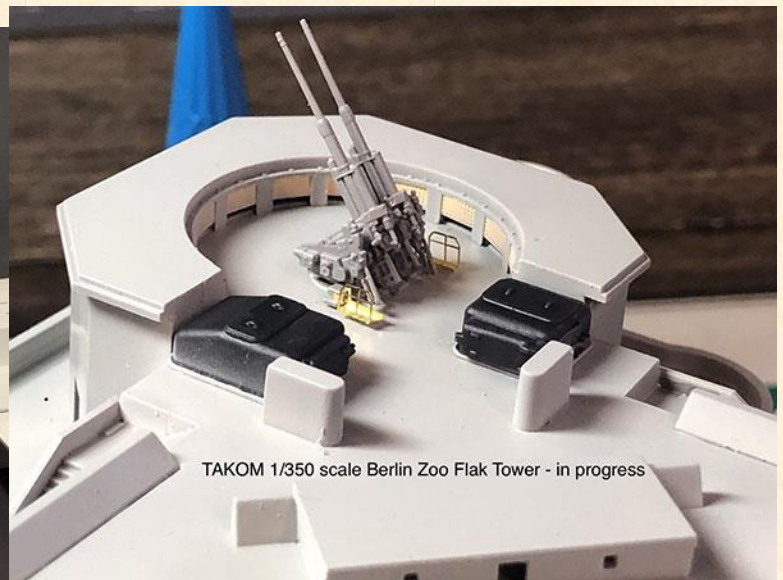
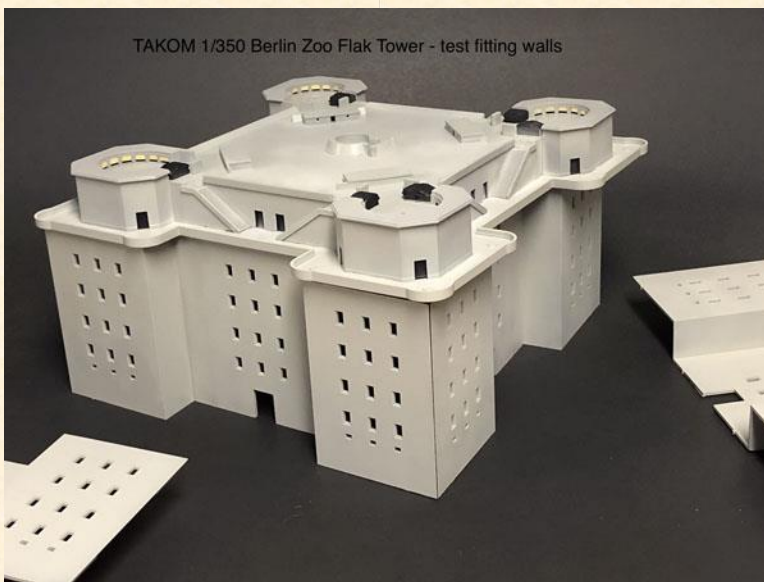
January's newsletter had an article about the WW2 Studebaker 6x6 by Chuck Aleshire. There also were picture references to a military museum near Malmedy that had a superb uniform display.

Stan also mentioned an interview with Steve Zaloga on the Plasti Posse Podcast.

Stan also displayed a hardcover book on Shep Paine and his works for \$24.95. This regularly goes for \$80. Check the Hamilton Books website. [https://www.hamiltonbook.com/products/search?q=derogatis&cat\\_id=](https://www.hamiltonbook.com/products/search?q=derogatis&cat_id=)

## Members Show and Tell

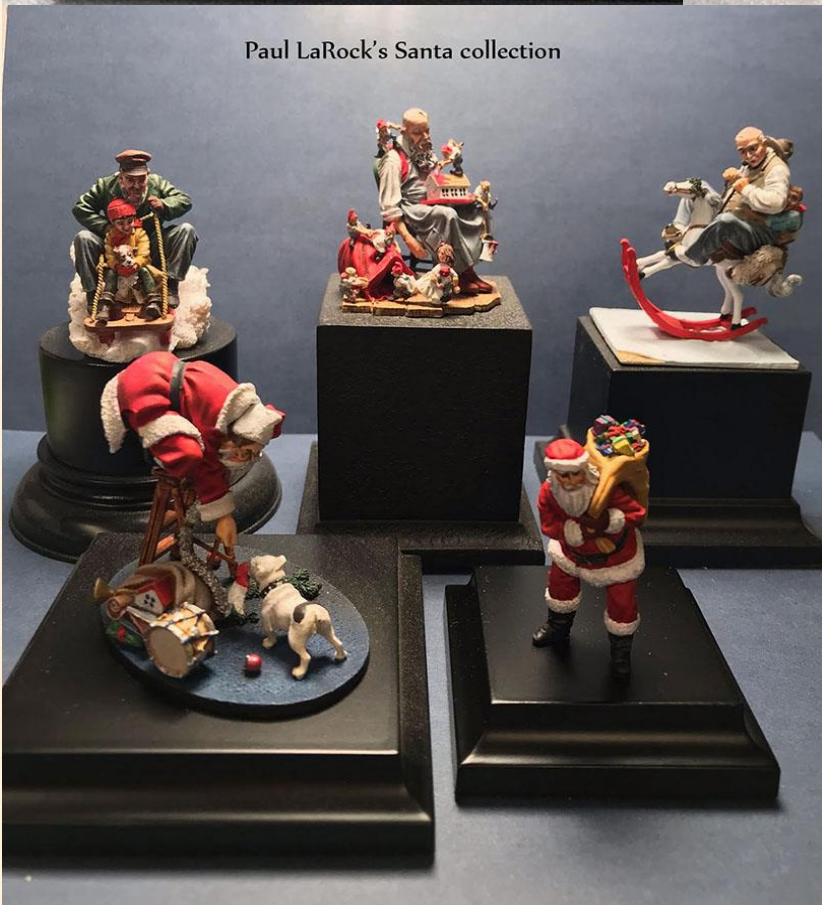
First was a WIP of a AMPS review subject **by ChuckAleshire**:







LaRock Santa



Paul LaRock's Santa collection

**Paul LaRock** sent in pictures of his latest Santa for his collection





Ihor's Valentine tank











## Chris Chapman

Here are a couple pics of some WIP. A dragon Panther A early type and a vignette with a couple of masterbox figures in a rubble MG pit.

Chris Chapman - vignette with a couple of masterbox figures in a rubble MG pit





## Chris Chapman Dragon Panther A early type



## Mike Kinowski

Here's my latest projects since our last meeting

1. is a diorama attempt with a Tamiya 1/35 SDKFZ. 251 and some figures from Dragon. It's my first attempt at snow so I'll let you guys be the judge.
2. Emhar's 1/72 scale Mark IV male. I'm still working on the ground covering on this one.
3. 90 mm Viking chieftain from Pegaso.
4. 75 mm Crusader knight from Pegaso.
5. This is the 1/48 scale Sherman I brought at the last meeting. Here's what I came up with to change my weathering botch up.
6. Another 1/48 scale Tamiya armor kit. Tiger I that's OOB.





my latest project - Tamiya 1/35 SDKFZ. 251 and  
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Emhar 1/72 Mk4 male





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Emhar Mk4



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75 mm Crusader  
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1/48 scale Sherman & weathering repair



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## ***Builds*** by Steve Lipke



Here are a few photos here of a Dragon boxing of the **Alan 1/35 Russian BA-20** armored car.

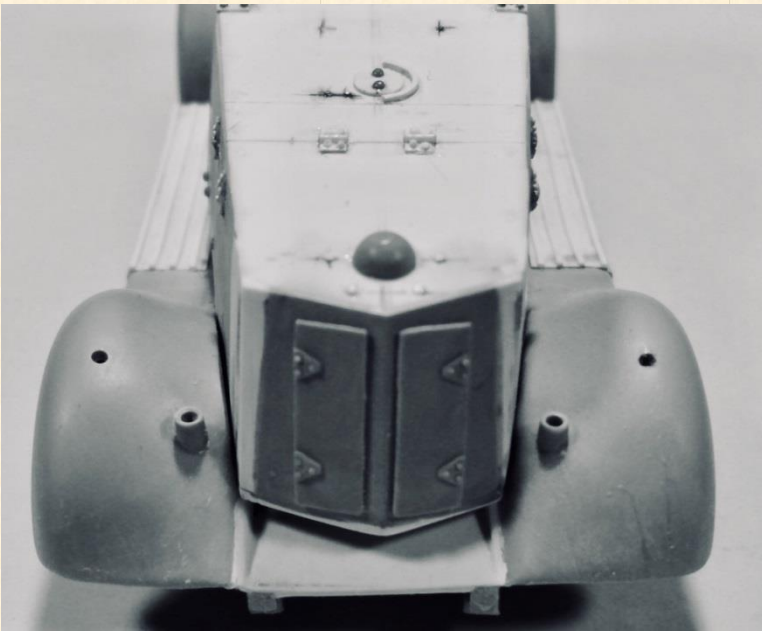
Everything that you see in the photos in white are what I have had to add to the kit as the car body parts are too narrow, too short in length and too short in height.

At the rear area of the body pan plastic is added and shaped to the correct shape; air ducting added to the front under and in front of the radiator; beading added to the fenders along with rubber anti-slip mats on the running boards.

The car body pieces are too short, too narrow and not tall enough. All has been corrected with styrene added to the front, the roof and details added to the rear of the body for details that were missing.







The roof and hood parts are all scratch built to widen and lengthen the necessary parts, with details added.

The front of the turret is not correct so that was fixed too. The body parts had a tendency to fall in on each other so 7 styrene spreaders were added to support and widen the body in areas. The armored visors were too small for the openings so styrene was added to them also.

Many Meng rivets of different sizes and shapes have been added to correct what was not included.



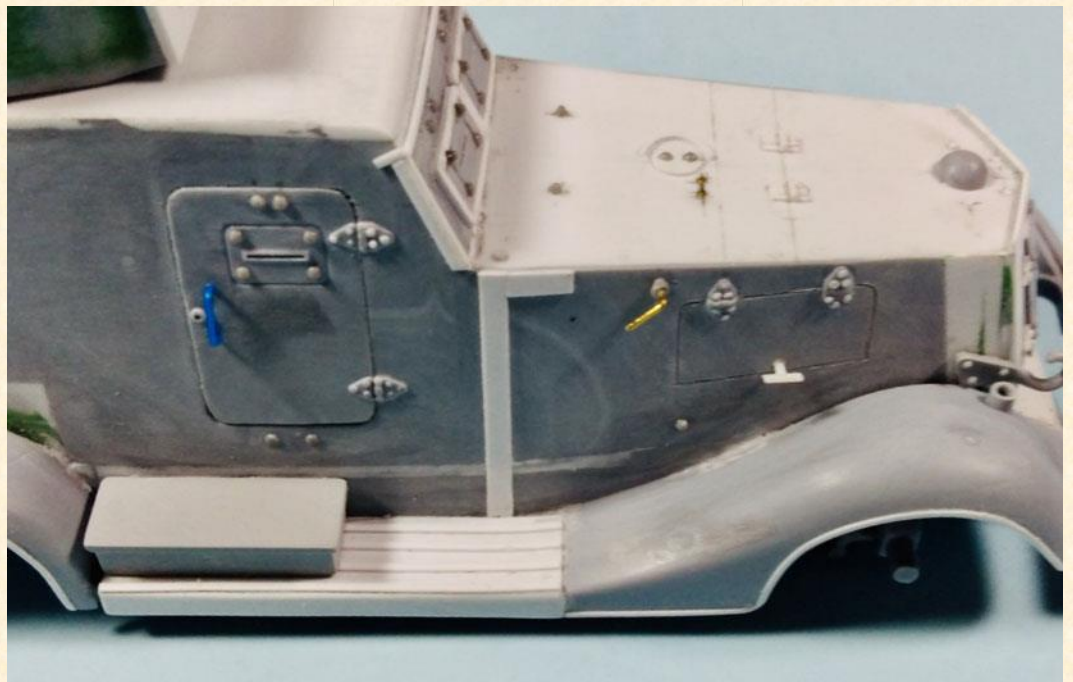
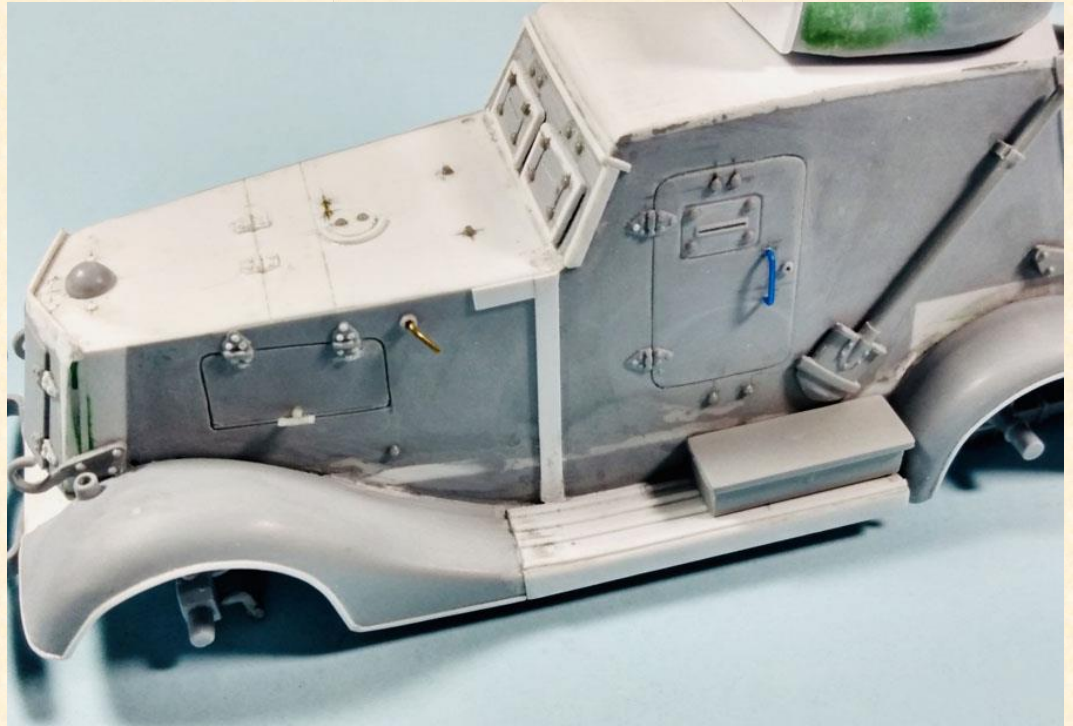
The driver's side with all missing items not included in the kit was added.

The engine compartment access doors on each side had to be shortened in height as they were too large, which would have made it impossible for a 1/35 mechanic to open and access the engine (the fenders were in the way).

The brass handles are added as these were not included. These were made from some brass wire for ship models.

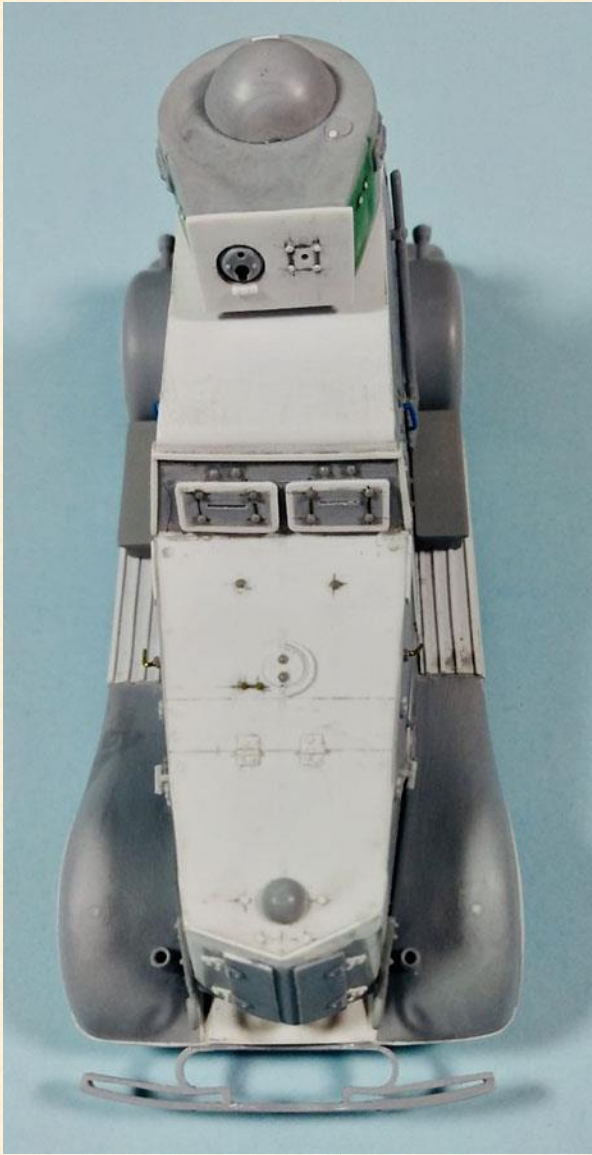
The receptacle each goes into is from one of the Meng 1/35 Nuts and Bolts "Supplies" detail sets they produce.

The white vertical bars on each side (upside-down L shapes) are not included, and I believe these are used for reinforcement of the car body, but I am not sure.

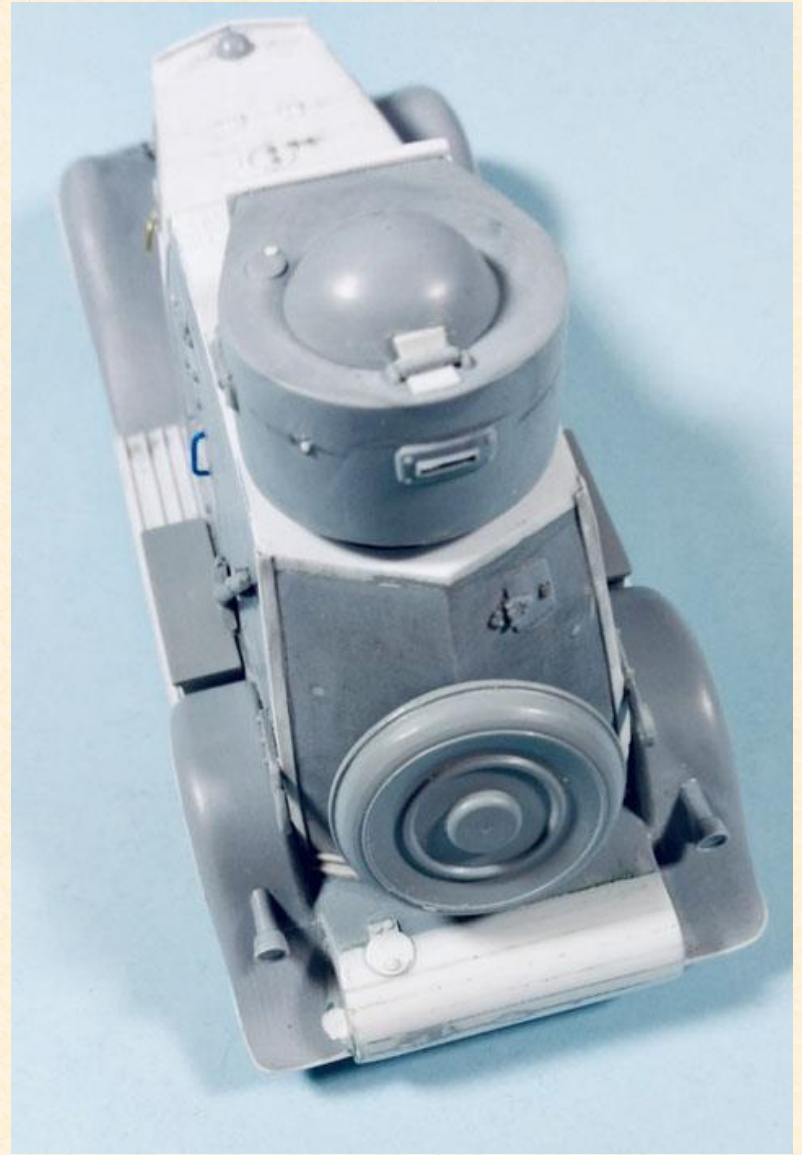


The blue wire that you see on each door is some printed circuit board "wire wrapping" wire used to secure electronic components to prototype PC boards to study the boards operation. I left the blue insulation on the wire to give the handles the correct scale feel and appearance.





The photo on the left shows the top of the engine compartment with all details not Included added.

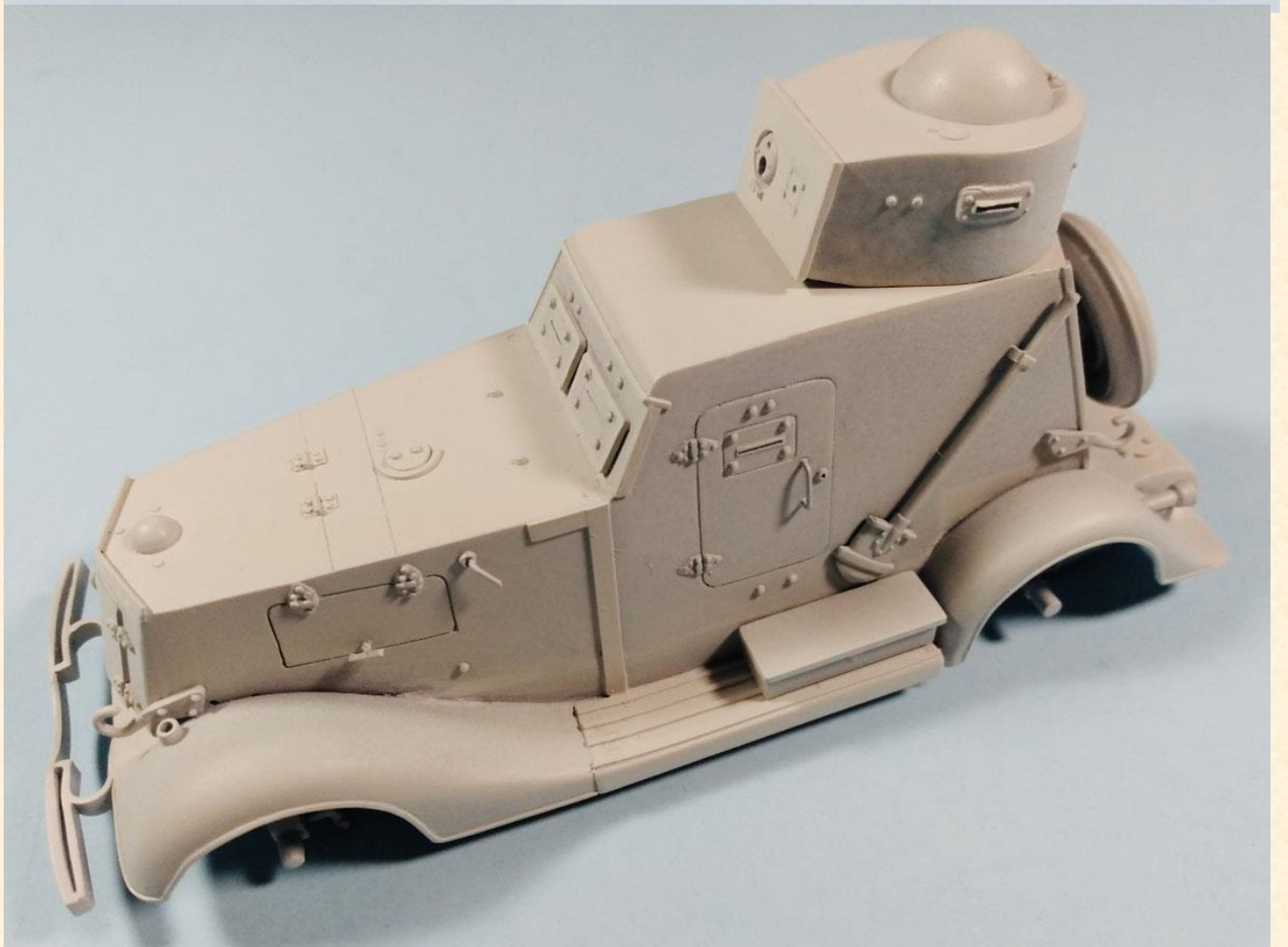
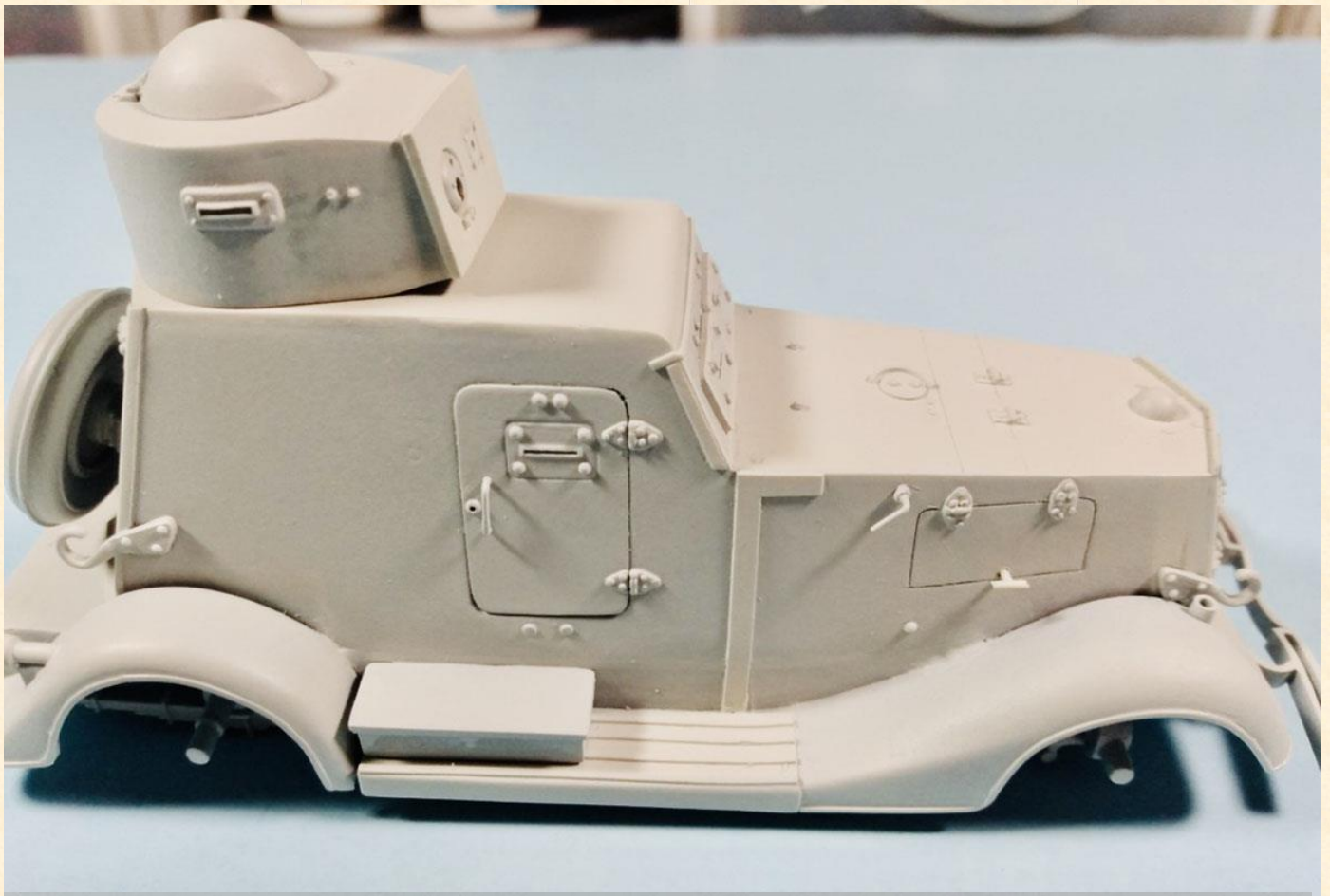


The photo on the right is the rear with the spare tire carrier

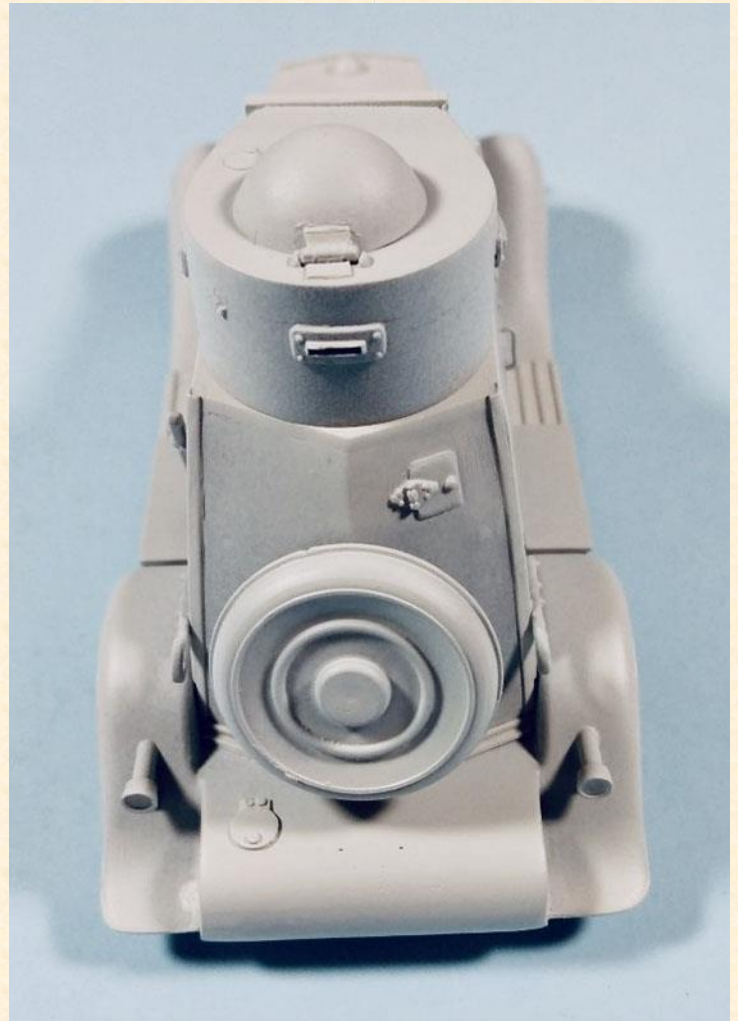
mounted with the fuel door added which was omitted in the kit.

The four remaining photos are of the model primed, ready for paint. My preferred primer is Rust-Oleum Universal Paint & Primer In One. I prefer using the Matte Iced Gray color. I like using this as my primer because it is readily available at Menards, The Home Depot and other retailers too. It works on plastic, metal, wood, masonry and many other items. It is easily applied, dries quickly and adheres well, not hiding any details. One or two light coats apply quickly are all that is needed.









There are a few more things to correct, such as the armored piece in front of the radiator and having to rescribe or cut in the tread on the tires along with adding the valve stems.

I am enjoying building this.

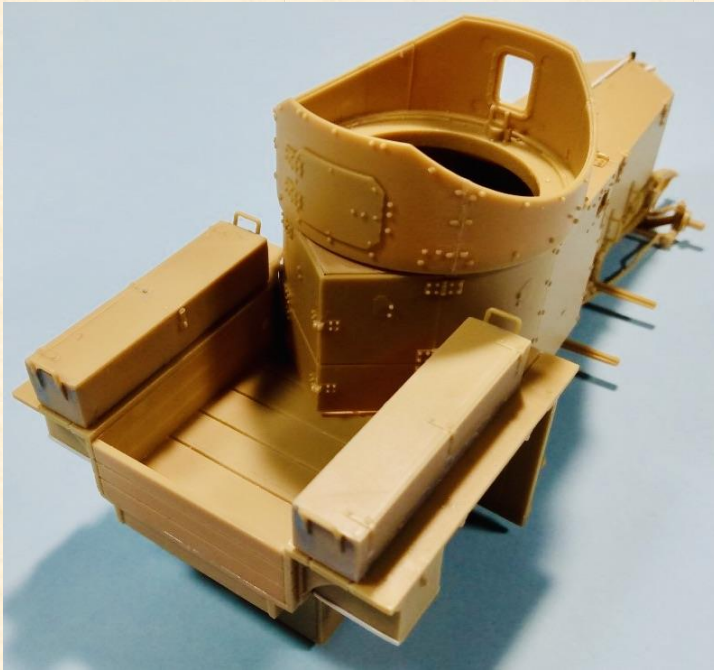


## Meng 1/35 1914 Rolls Royce Armored Car



It is a delicate kit compared to the Roden version of the same armored car. Care when assembling is a must, in order to prevent breaking some very finely modeled parts.





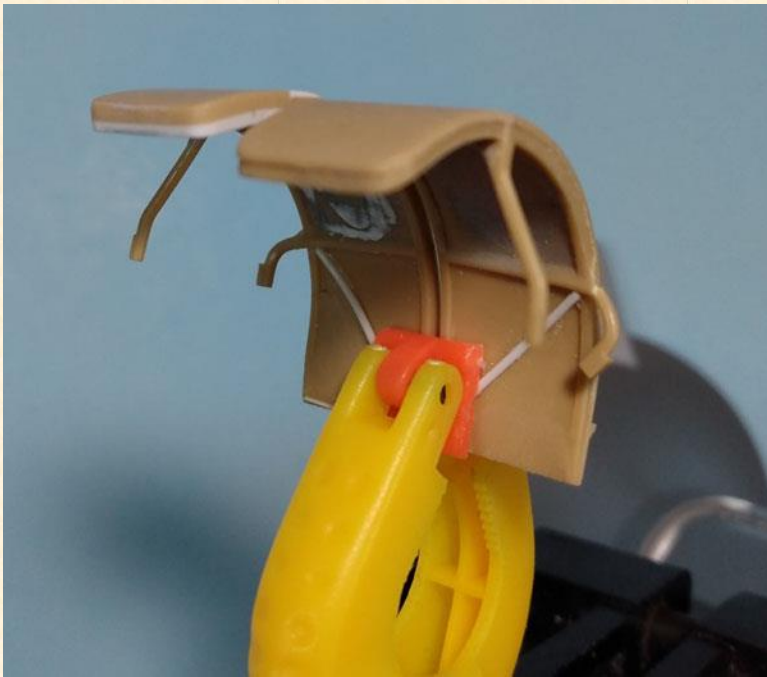
The brackets for the headlamps are a prime example as they are difficult to remove from the sprue tree the way they are molded. They also they break when attempting to clean them up. Needless to say, I am building those from styrene rod and strip as yes, I did break them. I don't have any pictures of those yet. However ....

I have included pictures of the modified front fenders to give them more of a flattened look at the top as the kit parts are too rounded in profile.



You can see the difference in the comparison side-by-side photo. Looking at photos of the actual cars showed the difference from the actual to the kit pieces.

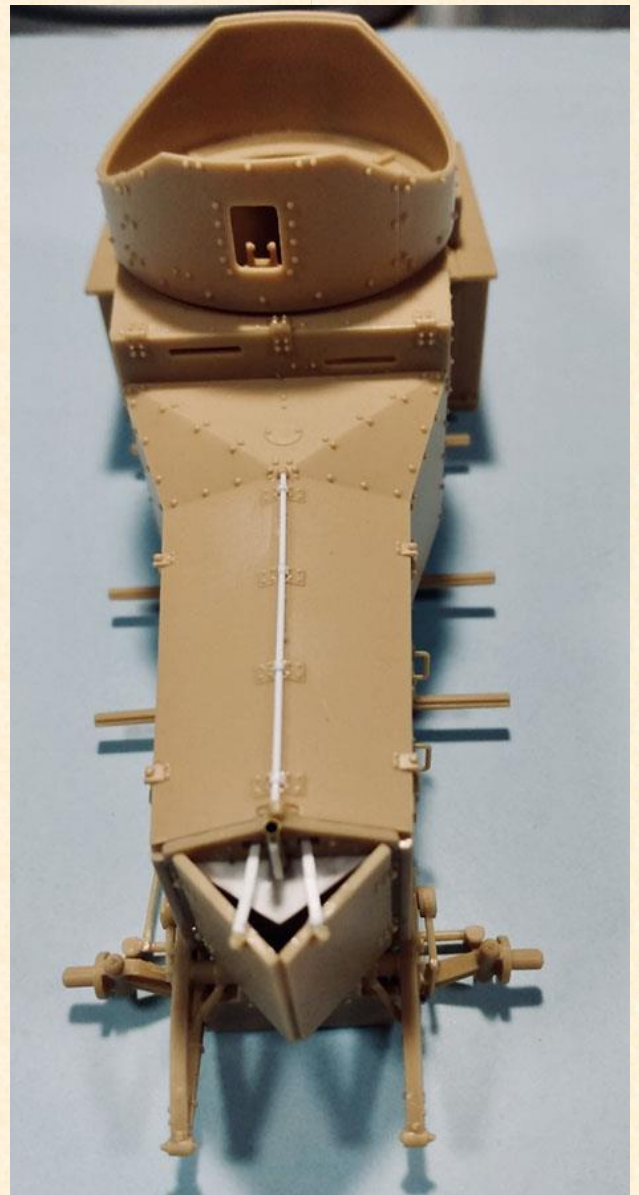




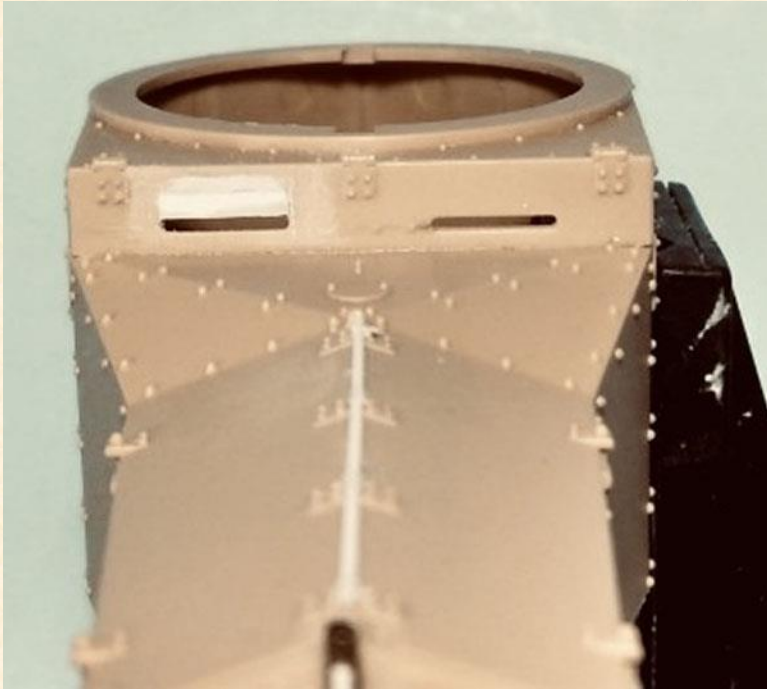
The other added pieces were to the radiator armored doors. There is a piece on the top of this area that is mounted to the front of the car body to allow the armored doors to be open for cooling but still provide protection from shrapnel and other debris possibly causing damage to the radiator from above.

The kit part is incorrect (the angles are not correct) so I made a correct one (as far as I can tell it is correct) and also corrected the two levers that allow the armored doors to be positioned open or closed by the driver.

A brass tube has been added also as these cars would at times mount a pennant at the front of the hood.







The rod used for the hood hinges was replaced with styrene rod (very delicate and broke when removing from the sprue) and each part of the hinge pieces that the rod was inserted in have been made out of bonded paper to give definition to the area. The paper was secured in place with Future.

The driver's armored visor was corrected to that of the 1914 pattern as the kit allows you to build the 1914 or 1920 pattern car but only provides the armored visor of the 1920 pattern car. A simple fix; just open the area between the upper vision slit (1920 version) by removing the plastic and positioning some styrene scrap at the right height of the top of the lower vision slot location to fill in the open are. Easy peasy, 1, 2, 3

Not a bad kit, but delicate and a little finicky. Another one that I am enjoying the build.

Take care,

Steve





Join us in Virginia for the 26th AMPS convention! Scale modelers are invited to bring their creative work for display and plug into the friendly and instructional atmosphere.

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Many of the best armor modeling product vendors will be with us to help you find great deals on new and old kits, tools, books and accessories.

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Come early and visit the many museums and military collections in the region.

**7-9 APRIL**

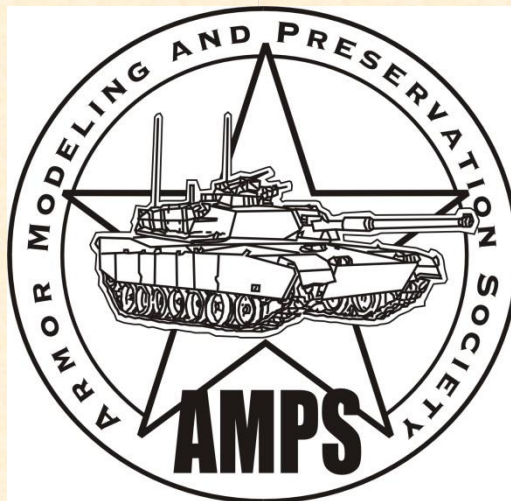
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