



ARMOR BITS

November 2022

Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society





Well, for the first November meeting in a long time, it was another really good one, even in spite of the cold weather!

We are approaching the end of another year. The last show of the year is behind us, with only one more meeting and a Christmas luncheon to look forward to!

We will have another Gift exchange this year, only this time with a “White Elephant” theme. So if you are interested, please bring in a wrapped “Elephant” of a kit to exchange.

After the meeting we will have a luncheon at the Rock Bottom restaurant again.

This newsletter comes just after Thanksgiving. I hope you all were able to share it with family and friends. We have a great deal to be thankful for this year. With the pandemic “mostly” behind us, we have been able to meet with family as well as with friends at meetings and modeling events.

Life is slowly coming back to some

semblance of “normal”. So with winter finally arriving , it’s a time to celebrate family, friends, new life, and also to remember those who have left us.

Although it can be difficult to remember, each day is a **GIFT**. Make the most of it!

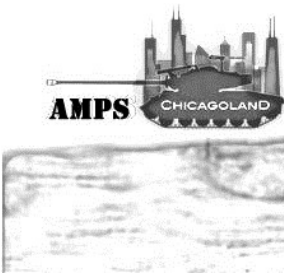
I know its not possible, but it would be really great to see **all of you** at the next meeting! But wether circumstances or distance prevent it, Happy Thanksgiving!

We will be meeting in the Education building again Saturday, December 10th with tram service between the parking lot and Ed bldg. And don’t forget the luncheon afterwards!

Cheers and I hope to see you all in December!

Stan

Our next meeting is scheduled for **10am December 10th** at Cantigny in the Education Bldg.



Nov. MEETING NOTES

- Welcome –
- The Treasurer's report :
 - There was a small expense for the club web site as well as a 1 time Zoom fee that should be paid next month. The club kitty should remain at approx \$750+. Full report by Chuck Next month.
- The AMPS Eboard met at Armorcon and approved the 2024 bid. Chuck Aleshire and John Charvat will complete the bid for final approval, but for all intents and purposes we will be hosting the 2024 AMPS International in South Bend Indiana.
- The BOH show was held last weekend. Nov 5. It appears to have been successful. I saw a few of our members there (Tommy, Jeff, Paul, Bob, Chris, Ihor) Any entries & results?
- We will have a Christmas luncheon at Rock Bottom after the December meeting.
- Last year we had a grab bag. Any interest this year? - The vote was for a White Elephant exchange.
- A discussion was held concerning the January meeting when Cantigny is closed. We can hold it at the Warrenville Library (location midway between here and the I-88 exit, or there is a suggestion from Lee to see if we can hold it at the Red Lion restaurant in Lincoln Park. Any other suggestions and what are your thoughts?
 - John Wendt graciously offered his office location again so we will meet there. Details to be posted later.
 - We will try to set up either a regular meeting or a get together in the future at the Red lion
- Fine Scale Modeler is holding an online contest during this month. If you're interested look on their website for details.
- Any other news?
 - MMSI review
- **SHOW & Tell**



TRACK LINKS

Here is an outstanding site offering many pictures of Sherman tanks in restoration. Even if your not a Sherman fan there are many great pics.

Shermans Under Restoration at the Military Classic Center

During TankHistoria's recent trip to Normandy, France, The Wheatcroft Collection and Military Classic Center kindly gave us access to vehicles under restoration at the center.

<https://tankhistoria.com/wwii/restoring-shermans/>



Here is a link to a corrected build of a Trumpeter HIMARS kit on a Kitmaker Forum

<https://forums.kitmaker.net/t/m142-himars-the-corrected-build/21761>



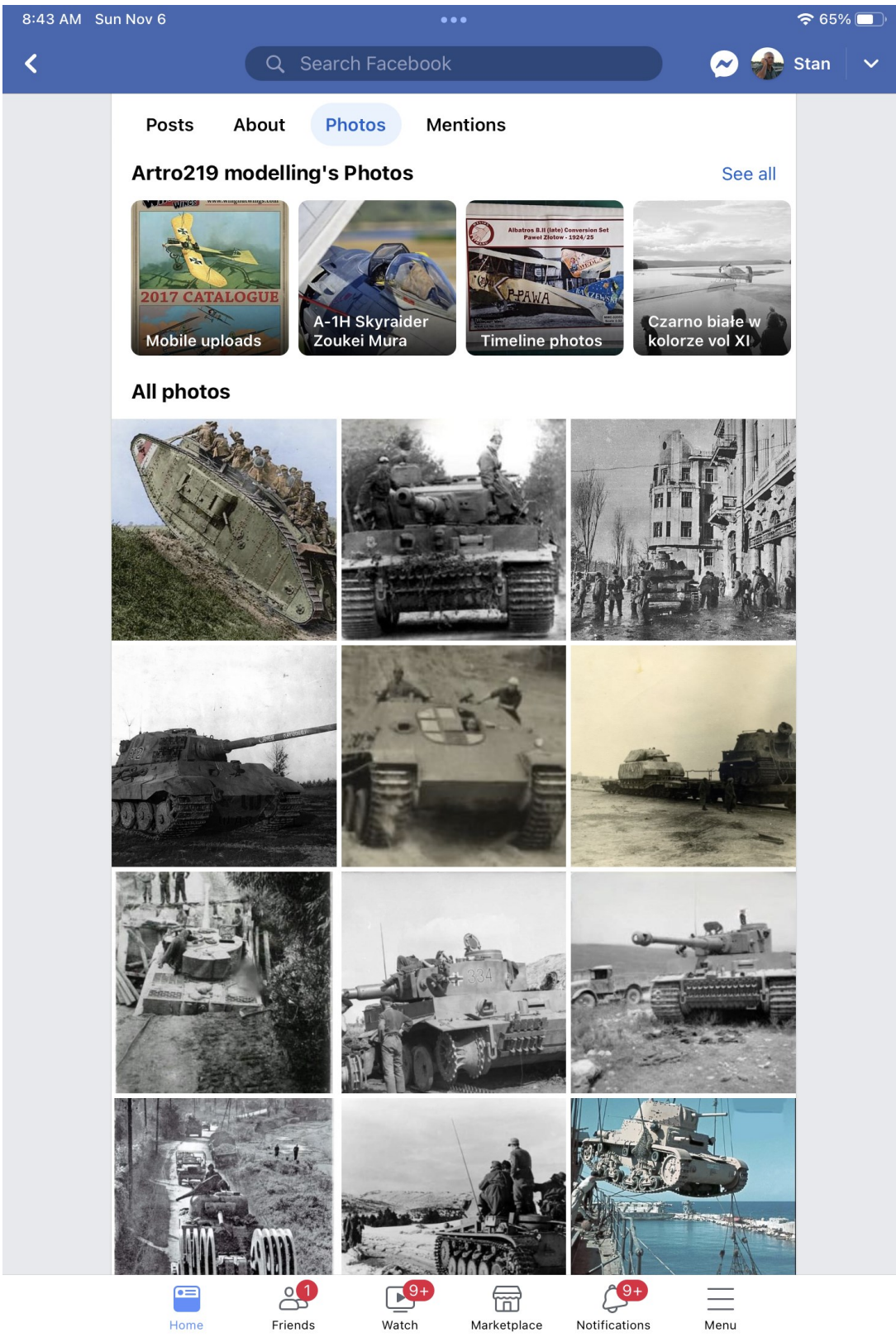
Sorry but here is another link to a "modern" M1A1-2 build on Kitmaker forums with plenty of great reference pictures of power packs and other details.

<https://forums.kitmaker.net/t/1-35-m1a1/24414>



One last item. On Facebook (I know, many are not on there) there is a site **Artro219** with many great picture albums of WW2 armor. If you are looking for inspiration, dio ideas, or reference photos, this is a goto site. The photo below are just a small sample of what's available.

<https://www.facebook.com/artro219modelling/photos>



OCT. SHOW AND TELL



Tommie K — brought in DML Tiger 1 mid-production. Scale 75 wood & leather paint sets for the wood. He also used Alliance and Eduard stencils.—Black wash on the Zim with white drybrushing for highlites





Bob Kita – Marder 3

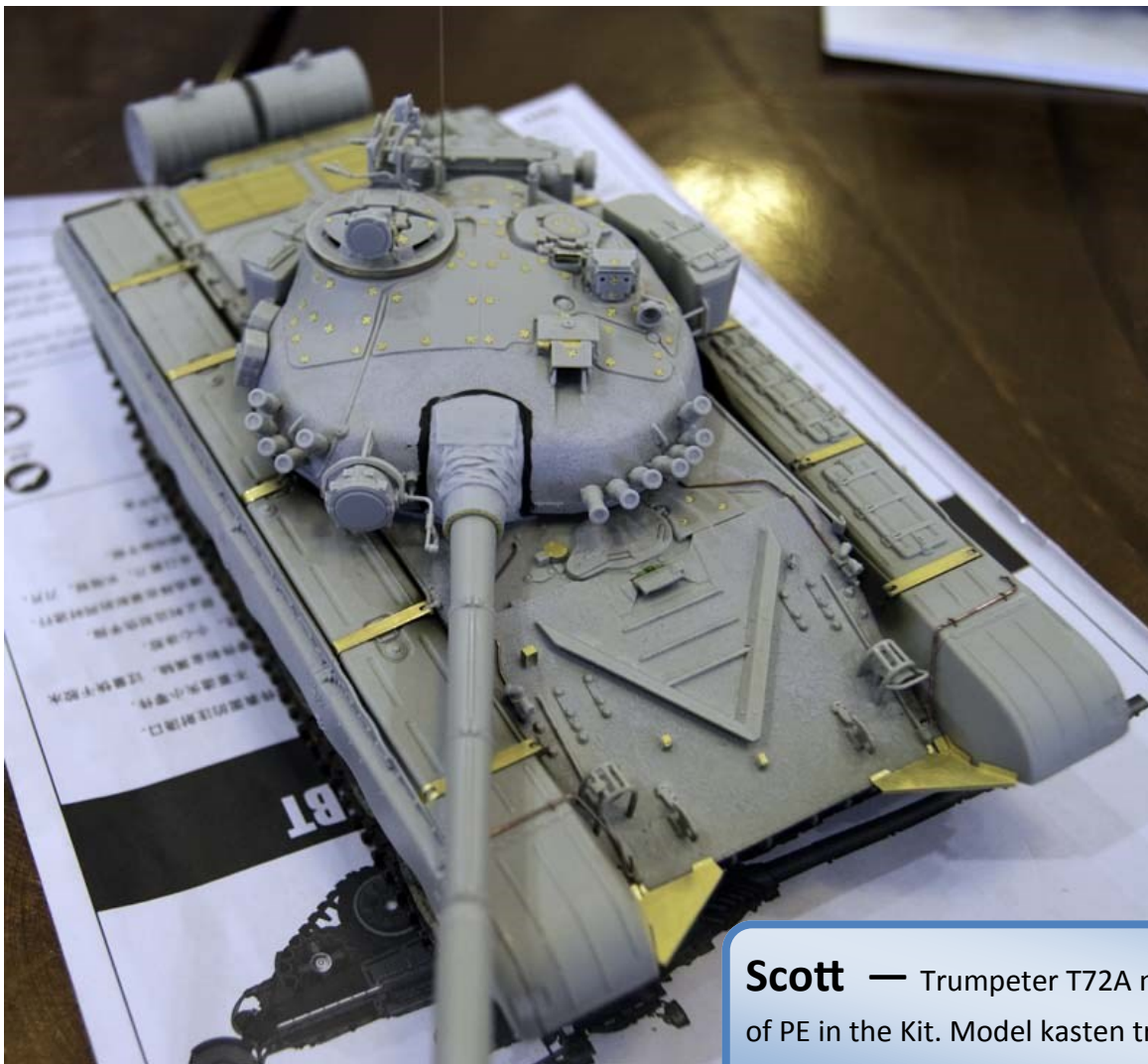
retro build





Bob Kita — Bodi Figure set





Scott — Trumpeter T72A mod 1983 with lots of PE in the Kit. Model kasten tracks





Scott — Meng Leopard 1A4. Older build that was repainted with Nato Green; then highlighted with 2/3 chromate green and 1/3 base color.





Bill Horn — Tamiya

Pz4-H w/shields. Some older kits finally finished.





Bill Horn — Tamiya Pz4-D.





Paul LaRock - AMT 1/24 Blue Car, 1/72 Kinetic MQ-9 Reaper. The tank 1/76 T34/85 is for scale.





Lee Lygiros— Young Miniatures Hoplite 1/10 Spartan bust in progress. The rock base is actually from Thermopylae.



Bob Sarnowski— 1/35 T34/85 The bed springs came with the kit.





John Wendt — Copper State Russo Balt armored car. Quinta resin rivets. The base is foam. Hand painted Eagle markings.

Chris Chapman — 1/35 Alpine Soviet Scout





The Last Round



Don't forget about the **Zoom call reminiscence** up on the club web page in 3 parts for ease of viewing; <http://www.amps-chicago.org/PhotosMeetings.htm>

For a meeting by meeting description go here:

<http://www.amps-chicago.org/News.htm>

For a simple list of photos try this:

<http://www.amps-chicago.org/PhotosMeetings.htm>

From the Kitmaker web page, an announcement about the 2023 AMPS Convention

AMPS 2023 Show Announcement - Sunglasses, suntan lotion and a beach chair

With the holidays fast approaching, 2022 will soon be in the rearview mirror. It's not too early to start looking ahead to the AMPS International Convention, May 4 - 6, 2023, at the Penn Harris Hotel, in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

In addition to the usual categories, the AMPS 2023 show theme "The Pacific" is open to any model, figure, vignette or diorama that fought in a Pacific campaign from 1940 to 2022. For the purposes of this theme, we will define "The Pacific" as any theater of conflict from Burma in the west, to Hawaii and the US west coast in the east, and from Australia and New Zealand in the south to the Aleutian Islands in the north. Examples of conflicts are the entire Pacific Theater, Burma or China in WW2, Korean War, Vietnam, the Cold War in Korea, or other documented conflicts in that region (i.e., the UN peacekeeping action in East Timor from 1999 to 2005 and the brief civil wars in Fiji during 1994, 2000, and 2006).

Vendor coordinators, seminar coordinators, show sponsors and many other AMPS members are working behind the scenes to put together a fantastic show this year. Although we are a little more than 20 weeks out from the big show, don't let that time slip away on getting those builds done and please note the following:

Seminar Topic Voting: AMPS conventions always have a variety of excellent seminars led by knowledgeable presenters. For the 2023 show, AMPS is planning to conduct several hands-on "How to" seminars wherein materials for the participants will be provided free of charge though seating will be limited. Several seminar topics are listed for consideration for AMPS members to vote on their choice of what seminars will be presented. Voting can only be done on the AMPS homepage by AMPS members with active memberships. So, go to the AMPS homepage (amps-armor.org), sign in and scroll down the page to "Seminar Voting" and follow the instructions. Voting is open until December 31, 2022. Results will be announced in early January 2023.

Hotel Reservations: The AMPS special hotel room rate is \$128.00 per night. While no complimentary breakfast is included, the hotel restaurant is offering a 20% discount. WiFi and parking are included in the room rate. Visit the AMPS homepage at amps-armor.org and check out how easy it is to register for

a room on-line. Don't forget: When you call, be sure to include the AMPS group code **050323AMP** block so you get the discounted AMPS rate. The hotel will accept room reservations by telephone, by calling 717-763-7117 and quote group code **050323AMP**. The cut-off date for getting the AMPS special rate is April 12, 2023.

Pre-registration: AMPS 2023 show pre-registration opens on January 1, 2023. Pre-registration is a great way to get all the paperwork done beforehand. There is no model limit for this show, so finish up those partial builds and shelf queens and get ready for a great convention weekend.

Call for Judges: AMPS is always looking for more judges to help spread the work around and allow more modelers to enjoy the show. Sharing in the judging duties helps others who might be otherwise working several judging shifts to enjoy the show. AMPS has judges' training on-line for those who would like to get involved in serving as well as for those who would like a refresher course.

Donations: One of the memorable events at the AMPS convention is the ever popular, always fantastic raffle. Our Raffle Coordinator, Frank Ciccarella reminds AMPS members that donations are always welcome and will only help to make the raffle that much more enticing. Contact Frank on the AMPS homepage ("The Society" link) if you have anything you would like to donate to this year's raffle. New or very good condition items such as kits, tools, reference material, aftermarket sets, etc., would be most welcome.

Membership Note: If you have not renewed your membership, now would be a great time so you don't miss any Boresight issues or access to the product reviews put together by the AMPS Review Crew. Visit the AMPS homepage ([amps-armor.org 1](https://amps-armor.org)) for news and updates on the 2022 show and other news happening around the AMPS community.

Attendance Note: Non-AMPS members are welcome and encouraged to attend the AMPS International Convention. By paying the show entrance fee, non-AMPS members can access the model display room, attend the various seminars, take a chance at the ever-popular AMPS raffle, shop at the many vendors, attend judging certification classes and even participate as a judge.

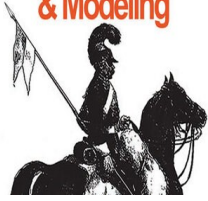
Till the next AMPS 2023 show announcement,

Model on...

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small SUBJECTS

Big Ideas About Miniatures
& Modeling



Small Subjects is a podcast devoted to discussing big topics in the worlds of scale modeling, diorama-building, and sculpting and painting miniature figures, as well as presenting interviews with some of the top artists in the field, including every era, and ranging from historical to fantasy subjects.

The latest episode features Greg Cihlar

<http://www.boxdioramas.com/smallsubjects>

AMPS Chicagoland

On September 8, 2007, 11 people met for the first time in Pat Keenan's living room, creating AMPS-Chicagoland. Since that day, AMPS Chicagoland has been an active chapter in the Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS) with members from Southern Wisconsin, throughout Illinois to Northwest Indiana. We specialize in all eras, scales and aspects of building military ground vehicle models.



These subjects include tracked vehicles, wheeled vehicles, artillery and figures. Our members consist of novice to master level, so all are welcome in our fun and inviting environment.

The AMPS – Chicagoland Chapter's philosophy is that having a good time and enjoying oneself while engaging in the military modeling hobby is of paramount importance. This means we do NOT take the hobby or ourselves too seriously and its members are expected to "play nice with others". There's just no drama.

For more information about AMPS Chicagoland, please visit our website at www.amps-chicago.org

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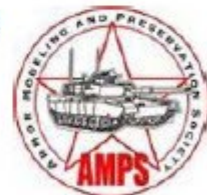
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*For anyone living at the same address with a regular active member. Family member DOES NOT receive an individual copy of Boreight but enjoy vendor discounts, website access, and can enter in the national competition as long as he/she is accompanied by the regular active member.



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