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## ARMOR BITS

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Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society



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## ARMOR BITS

### Welcome to another edition of **ARMOR BITS!**

We had 15 members at the meeting, including Joe Felice, attending his first meeting with us. Joe has been modeling solo but we hope he will join us in the future and we are looking forward to seeing his work.

With the Christmas party moving to January at Chucks house, December will be a "regular" meeting.

Several weekends ago, Scale Model World (IPMS England) was held. It seems that controversy just keeps on coming.

You probably know about the IPMS Nats "picking up and inspecting the tank bottom" flap this summer, and then the judging controversy where some awards were changed, overruling the judges.

Just as things seemed to be settling down, there was another conflagration over video remarks by Mike Rinaldi blasting the lack of "inspiration" at Scale Model Challenge in Europe. Go to the "Doogs Model Blog" if your interested.

There now seems to be a another debate over the "Best in Show" award at Scale Model World.

To top it all off, the IPMS Journal editor published an opinion pieces that reignited the entire IPMS "controversy" again! You can find more info on the IPMS blog and also the Plastic Posse Podcast #54, along with a great interview afterwards with Rick Lawler.

Really the entire IPMS situation is simply crazy, and reminds me of why I left them back in the '80's when similar difficulties were erupting.

Anyway **OUR** December meeting is still planned for **Cantigny**. I think we will be ok for a 10am meeting. However my fallback plan is to host the meeting at my house if all else fails.

Stay tuned for updates! AND I hope to see you all at the meeting

*Cheers*

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday **10am Dec 9th @ MeDill rm, Cantigny** Watch for the reminder to verify the location

## NOVEMBER '23 MEETING NOTES

Welcome –

Treasure's report/AMPS Nats Update – *on Hold 'till Chucks return*

2023 Meeting list – *Next month in question – Location not set?*

**Christmas party** – January will be at Chuck Aleshire's house . Dec will be a "Normal"

Contests, MMSI – Schaumburg & Butch O'Hare are over

Discussion about the request from the Ohare club to sponsor an award (Jerry Ben Best Armor)

### Several controversies

*IPMS contest*

*Doogs blog about Rinaldis video along with responses – poste on AMPS*

New business?

Show & Tell



# TRACK LINKS

As a follow up to last newsletter, here's another article about the new Takom "Weasel"

Takom 1/35th scale M29 Weasel - Armor/AFV / WWII Allied - KitMaker Network

<https://forums.kitmaker.net/t/takom-1-35th-scale-m29-weasel/34939>

Here is a nice little Build article from *Victor Hernandez* via Facebook

## Scratch Built 1/48 Tamiya Matilda (Scorpion)

By Victor Hernandez

Victor provided a bit more build detail on Facebook that I've captured here. Hopefully these pictures tell the tale!





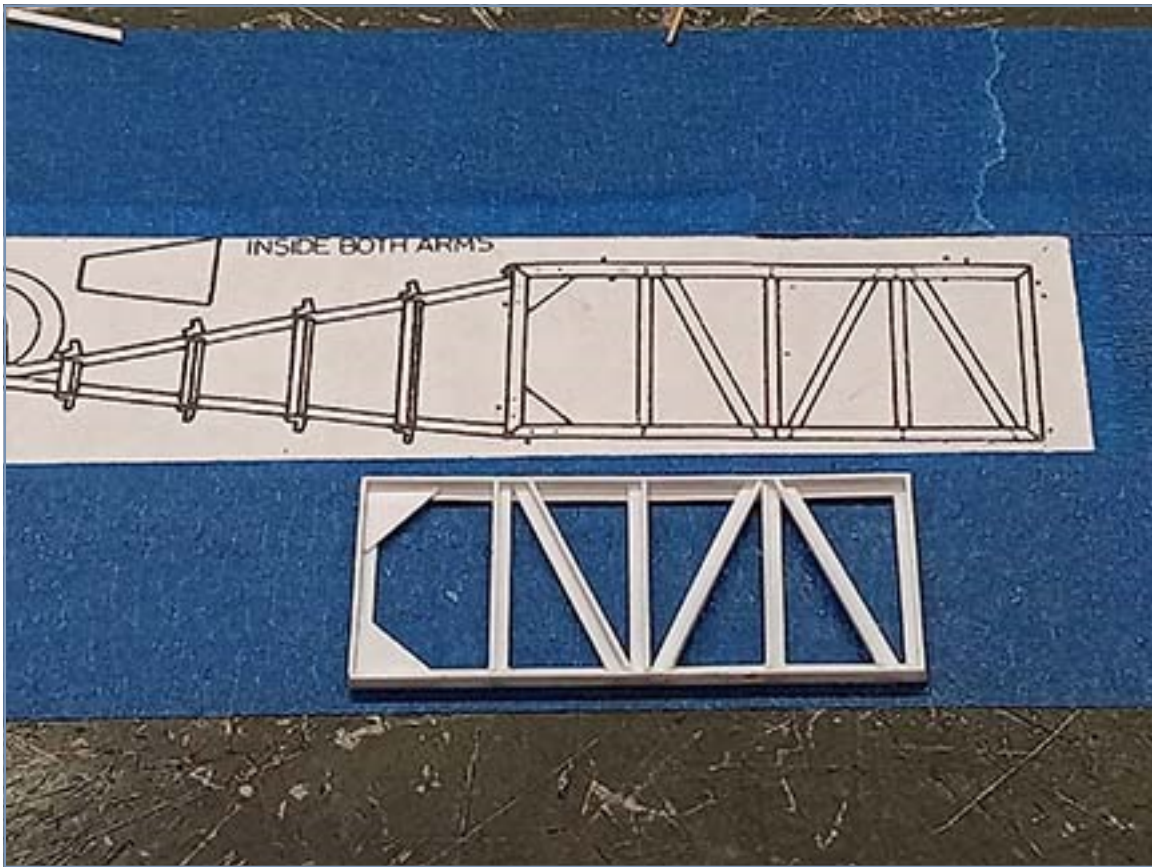
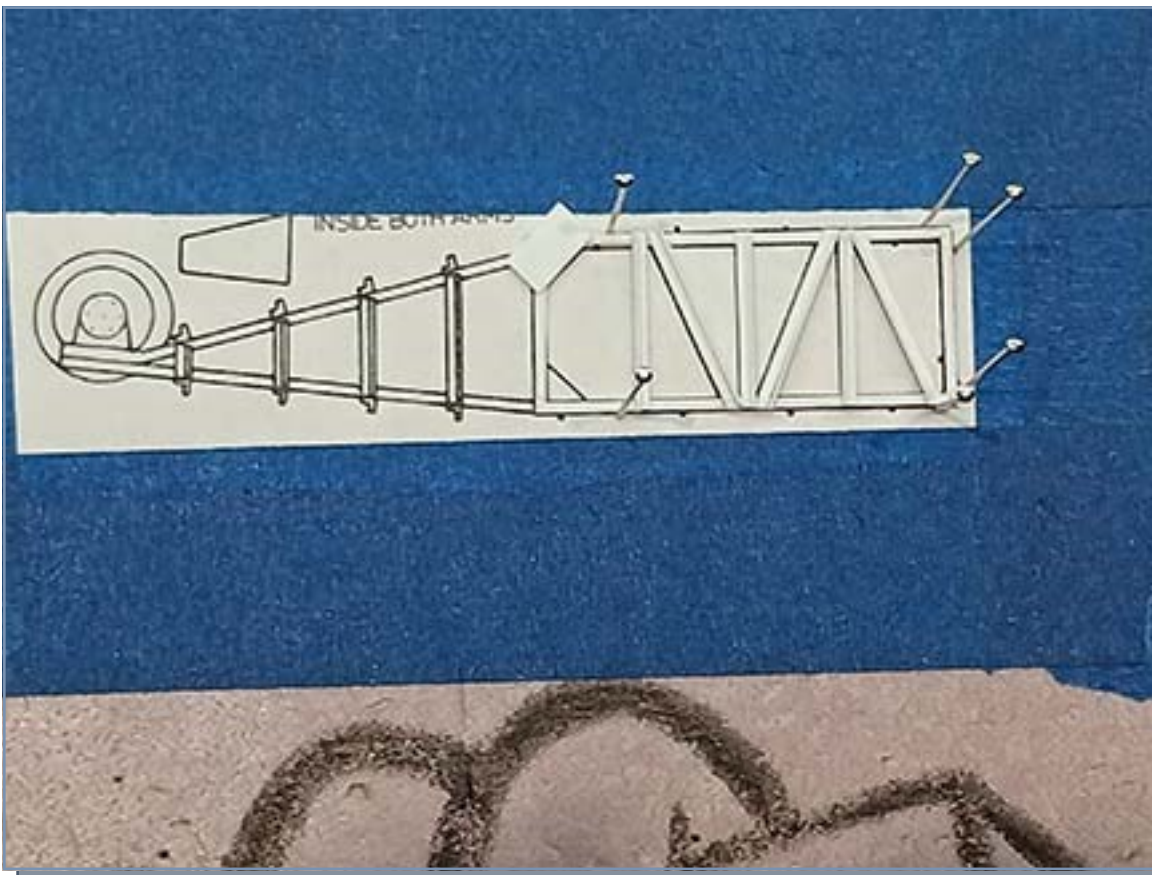


Fig.2 Starting the framework. I scaled down some drawings from an old issue Tankette the MAFVA magazine.





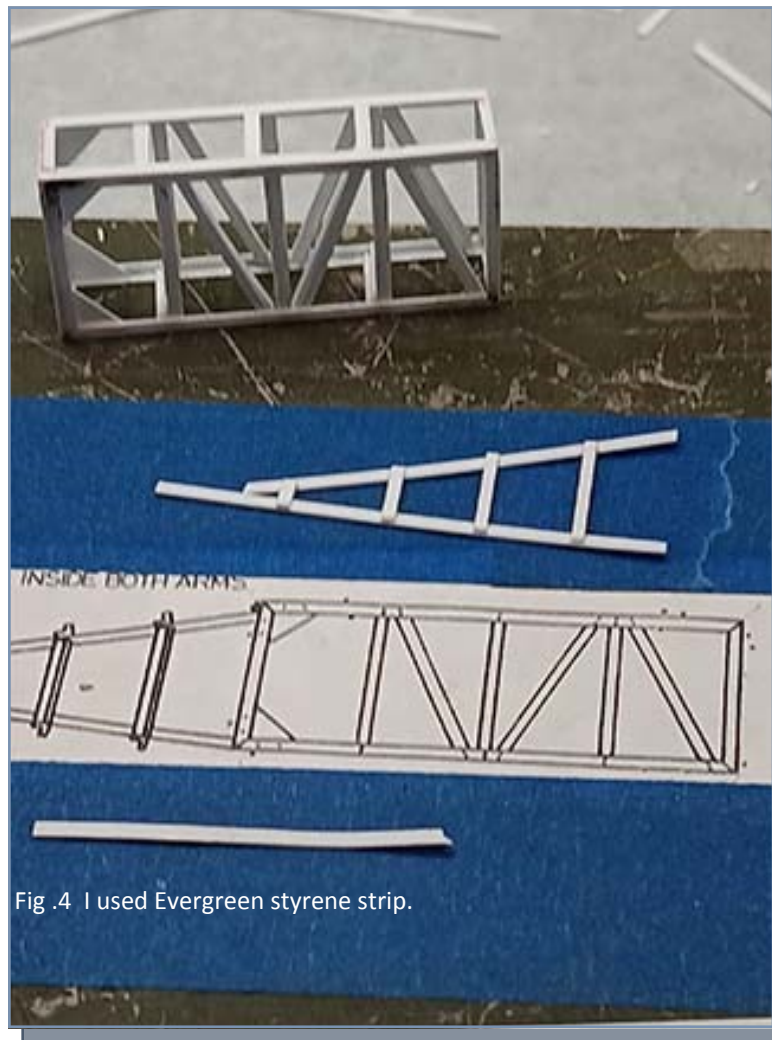


Fig .4 I used Evergreen styrene strip.









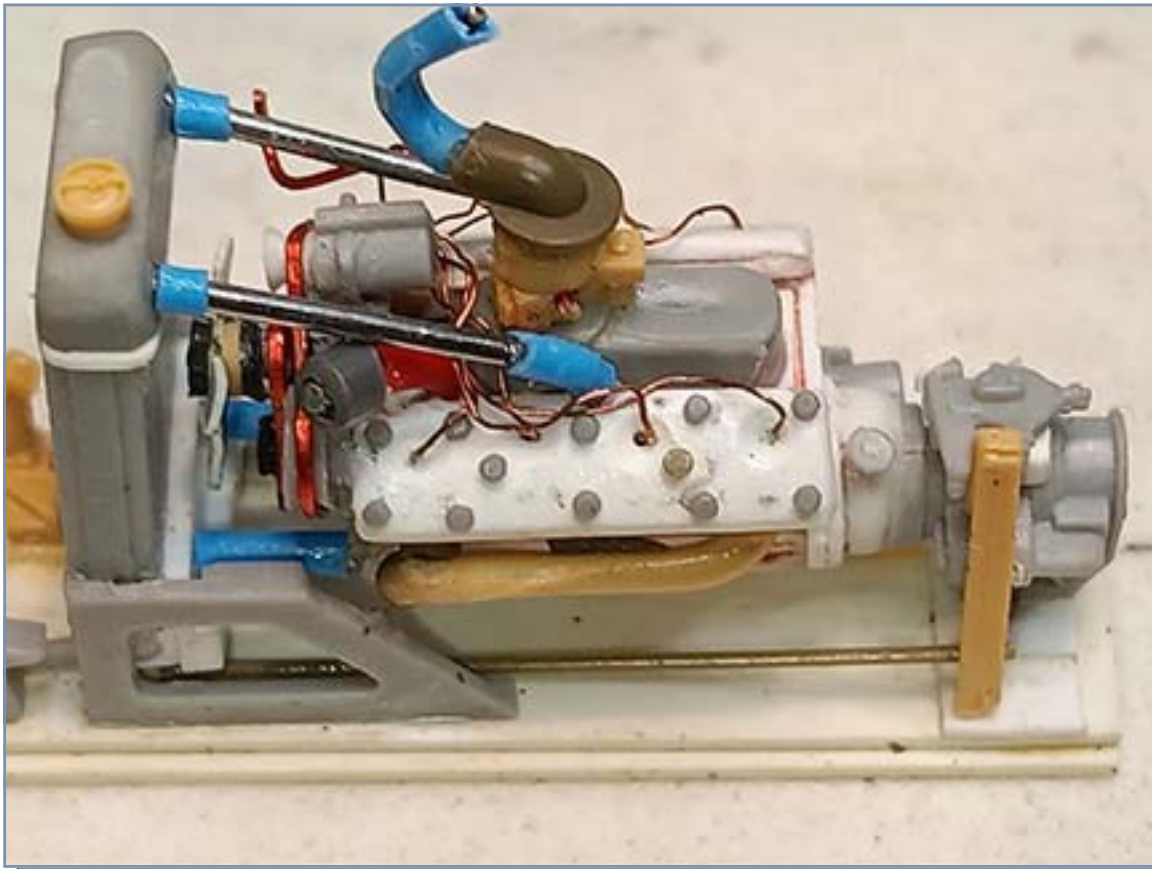
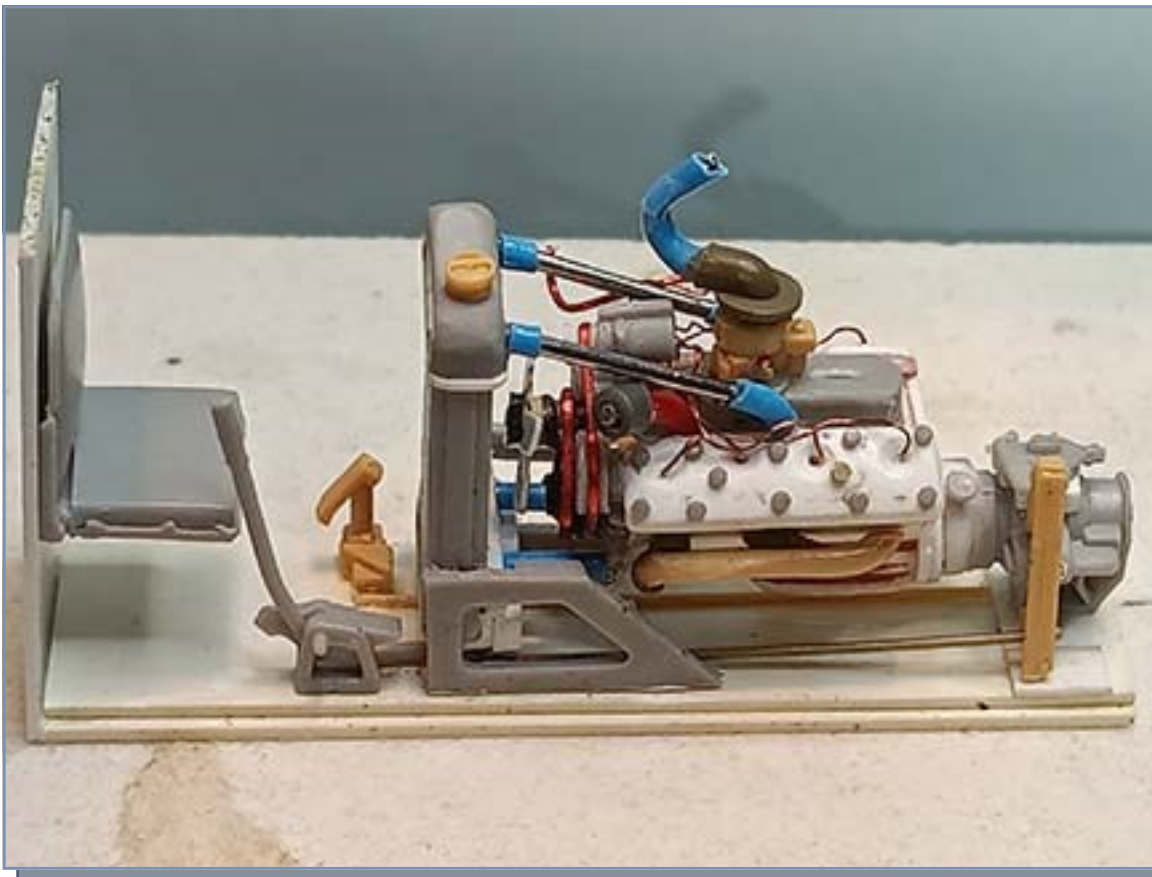
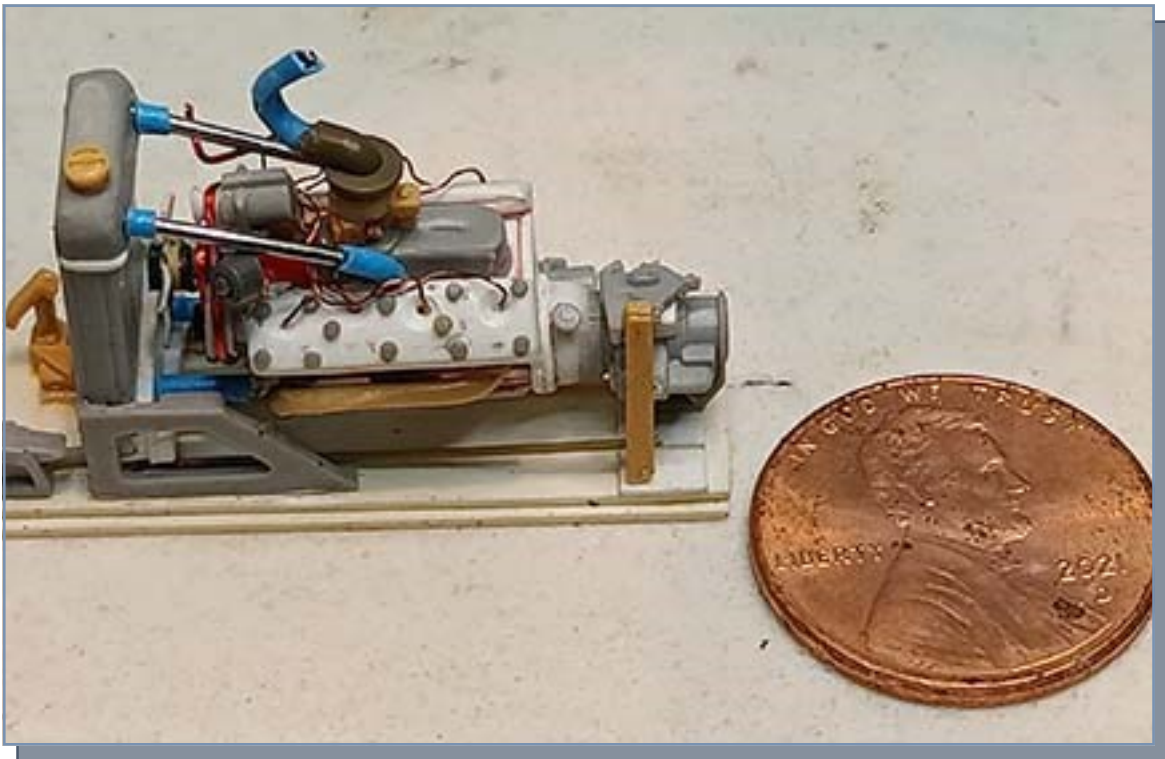
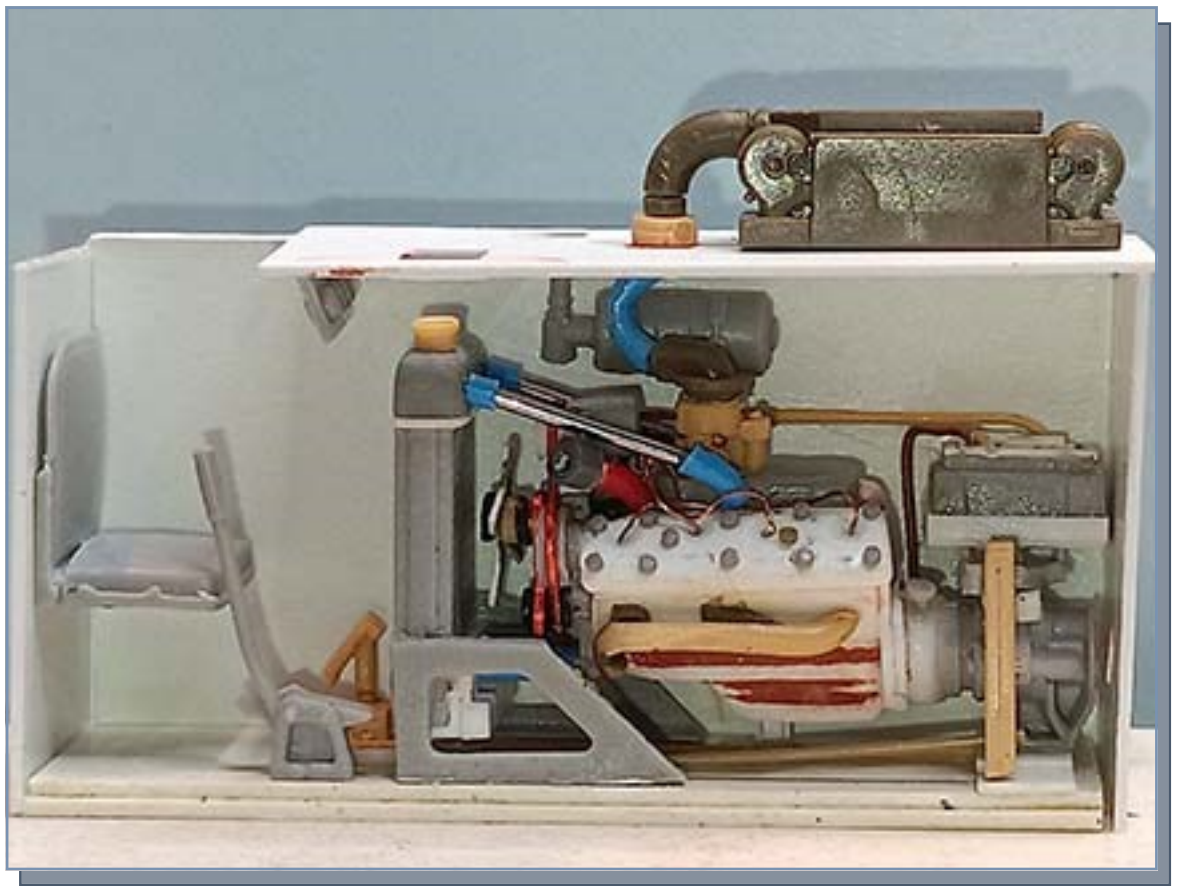


Fig. 10 My attempt at a Ford V8 flathead engine

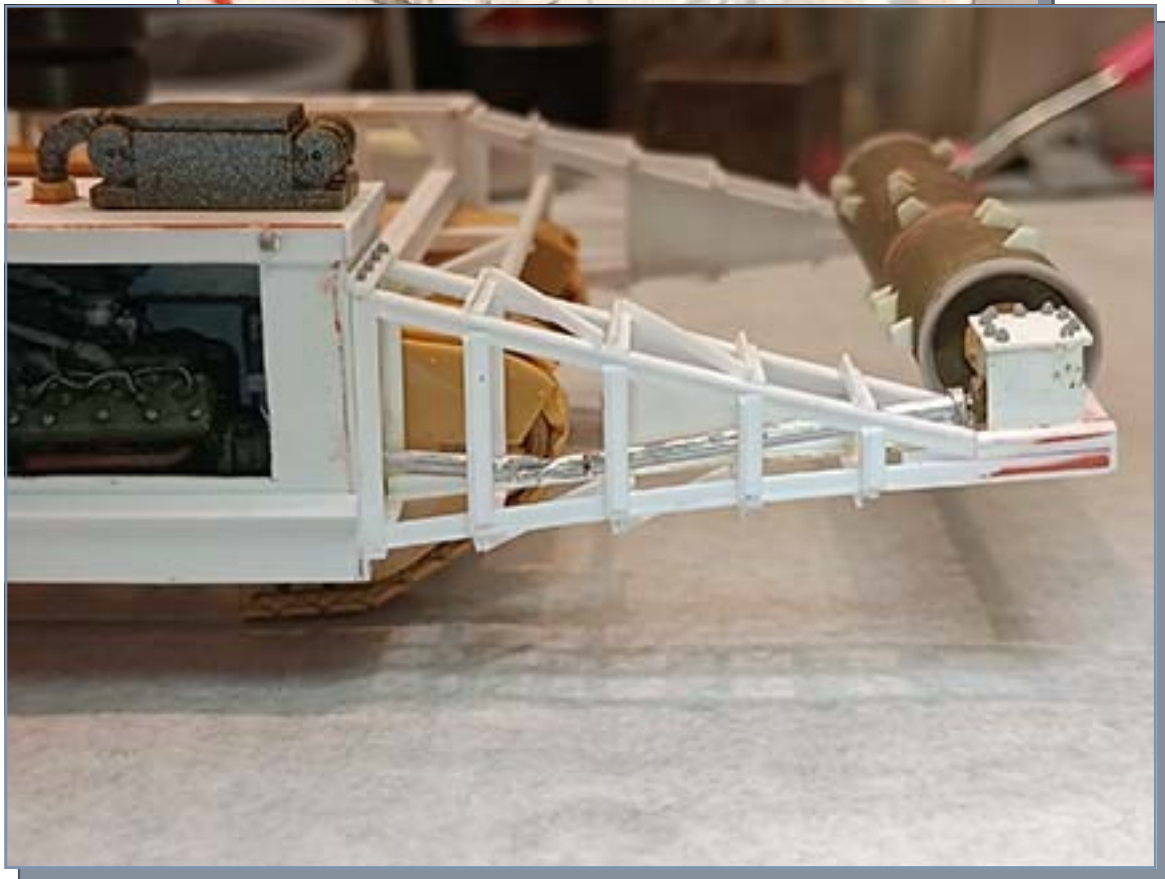


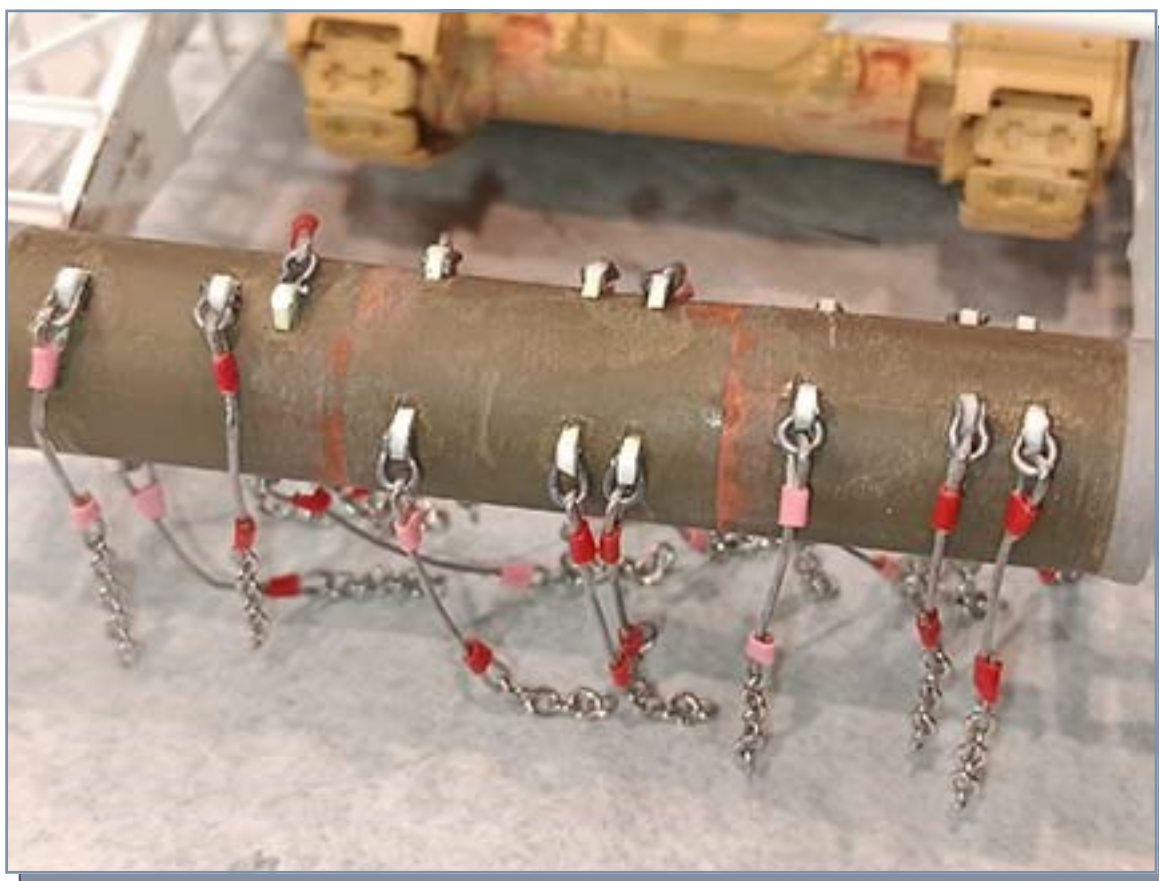
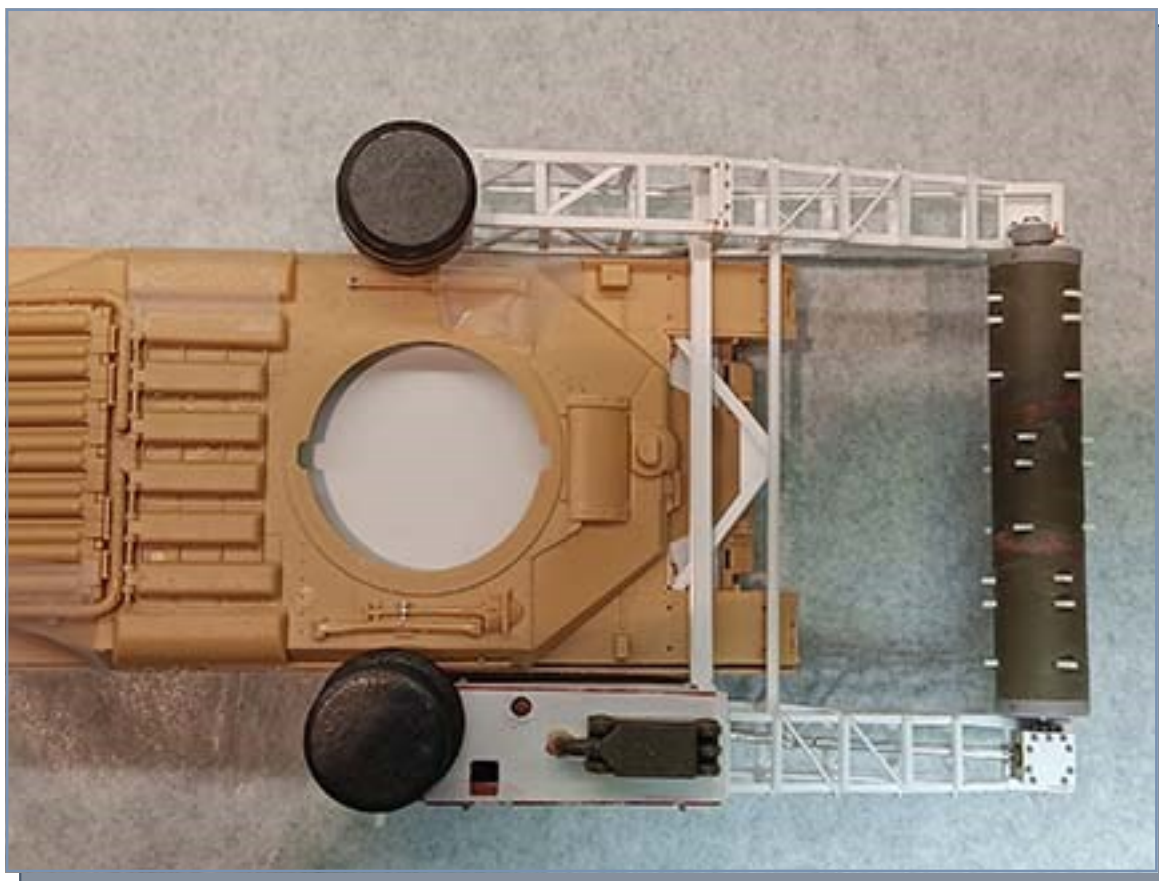




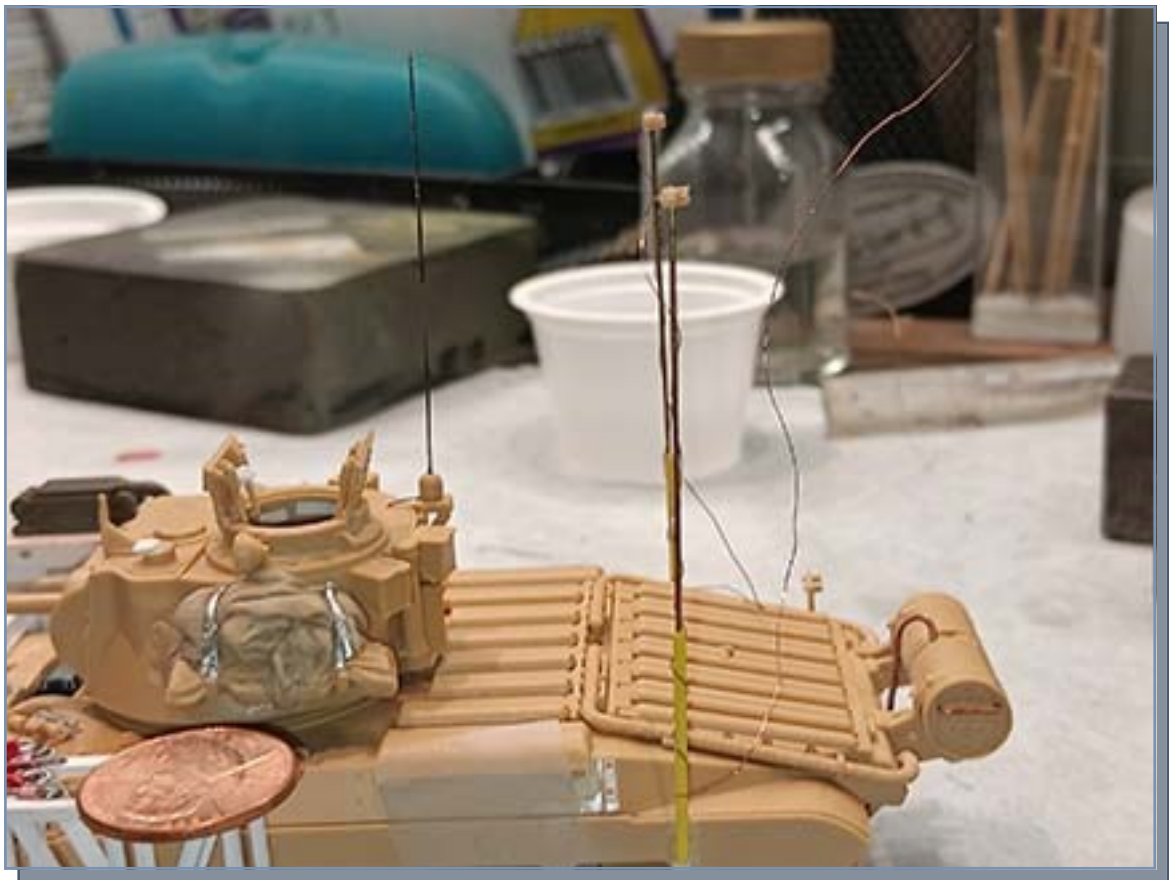














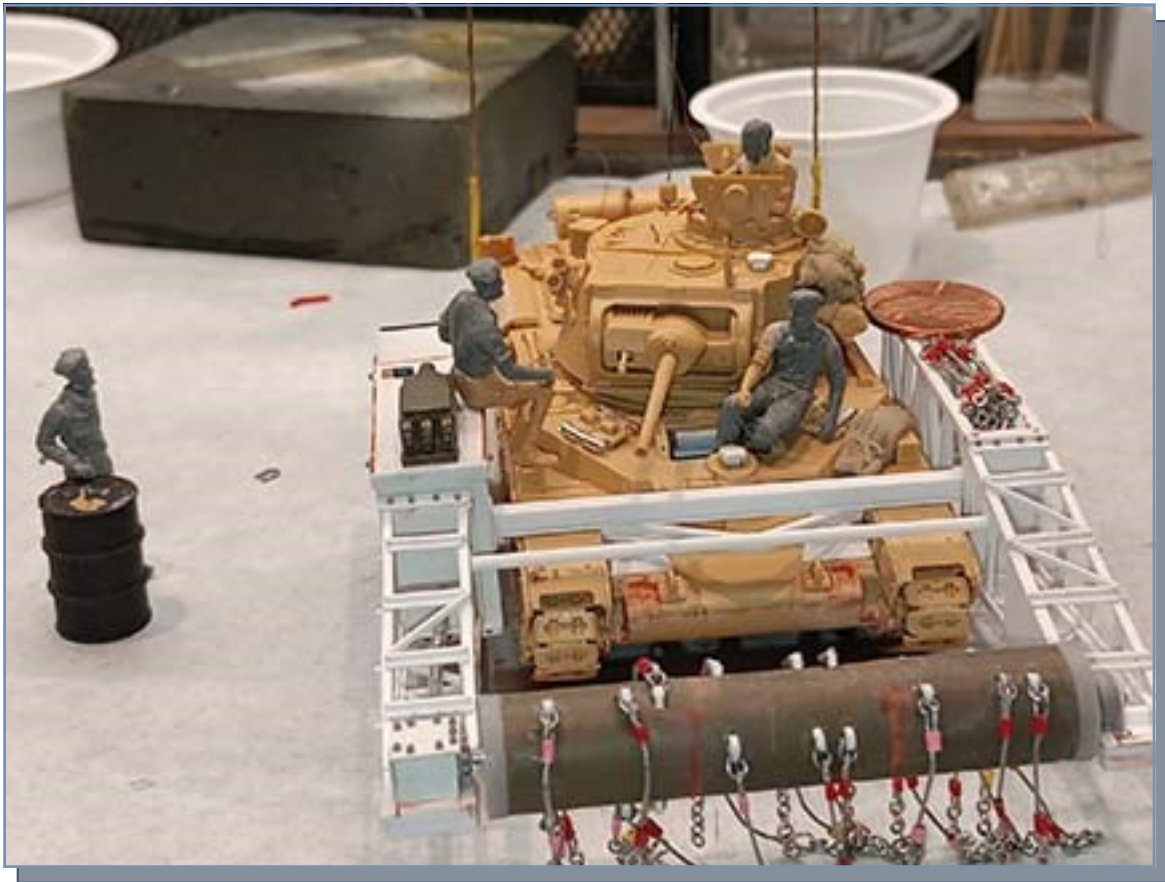
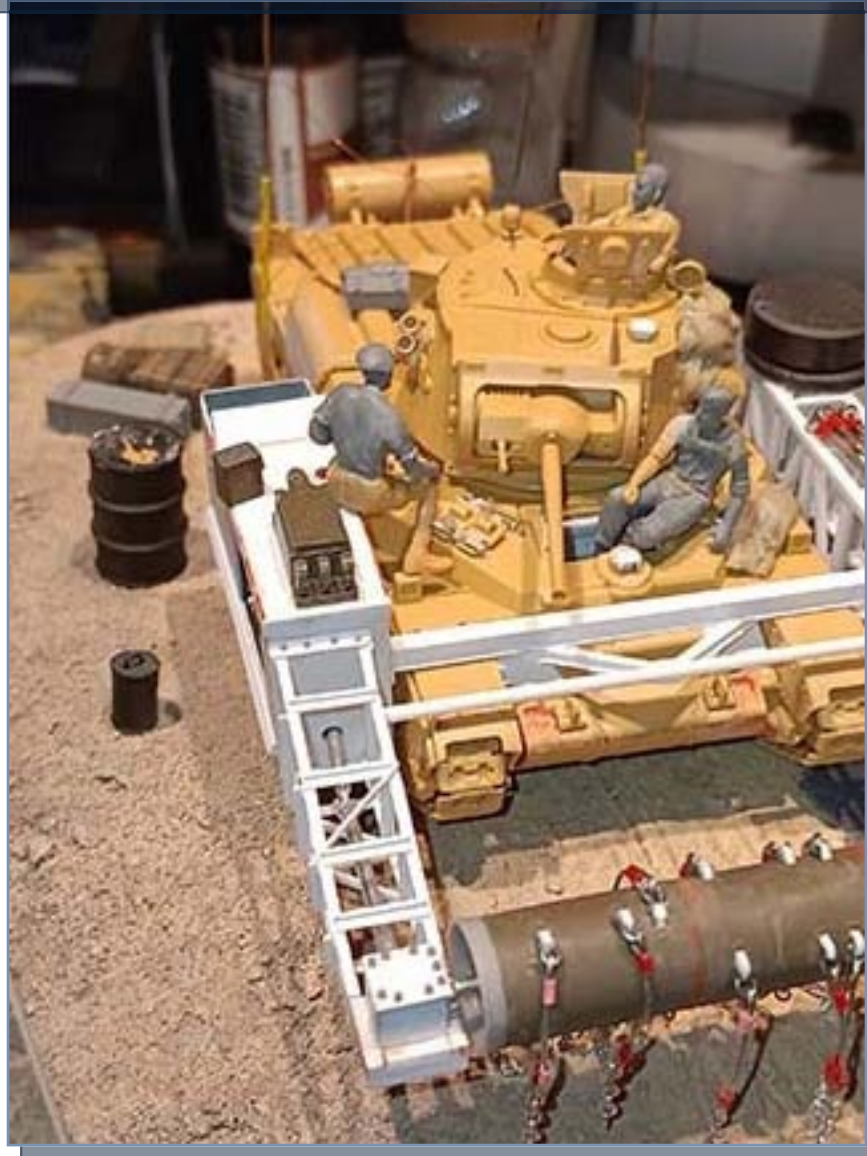
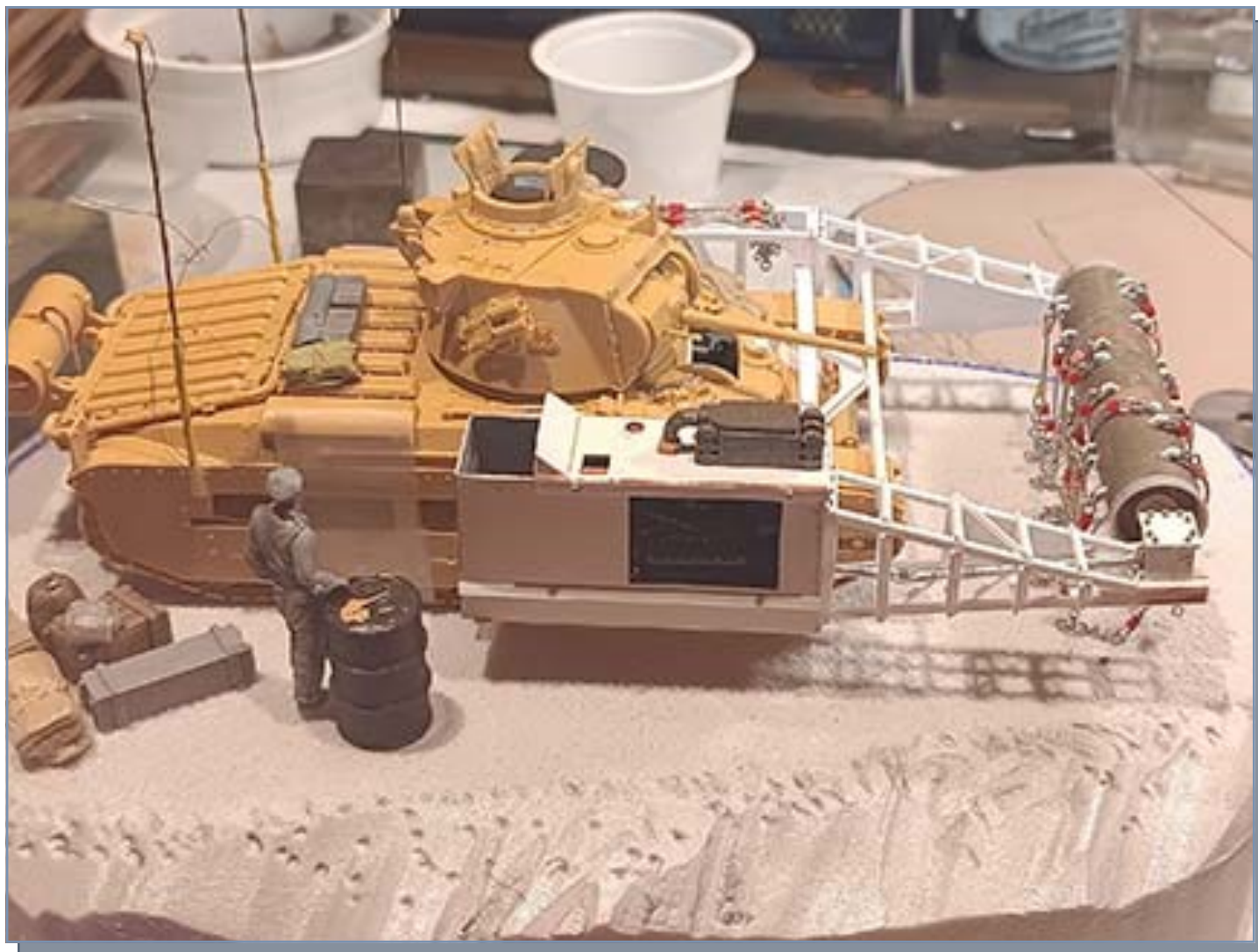


Fig. 22 I'm planning on a vignette.









# TRACK LINKS

## 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.

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



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:

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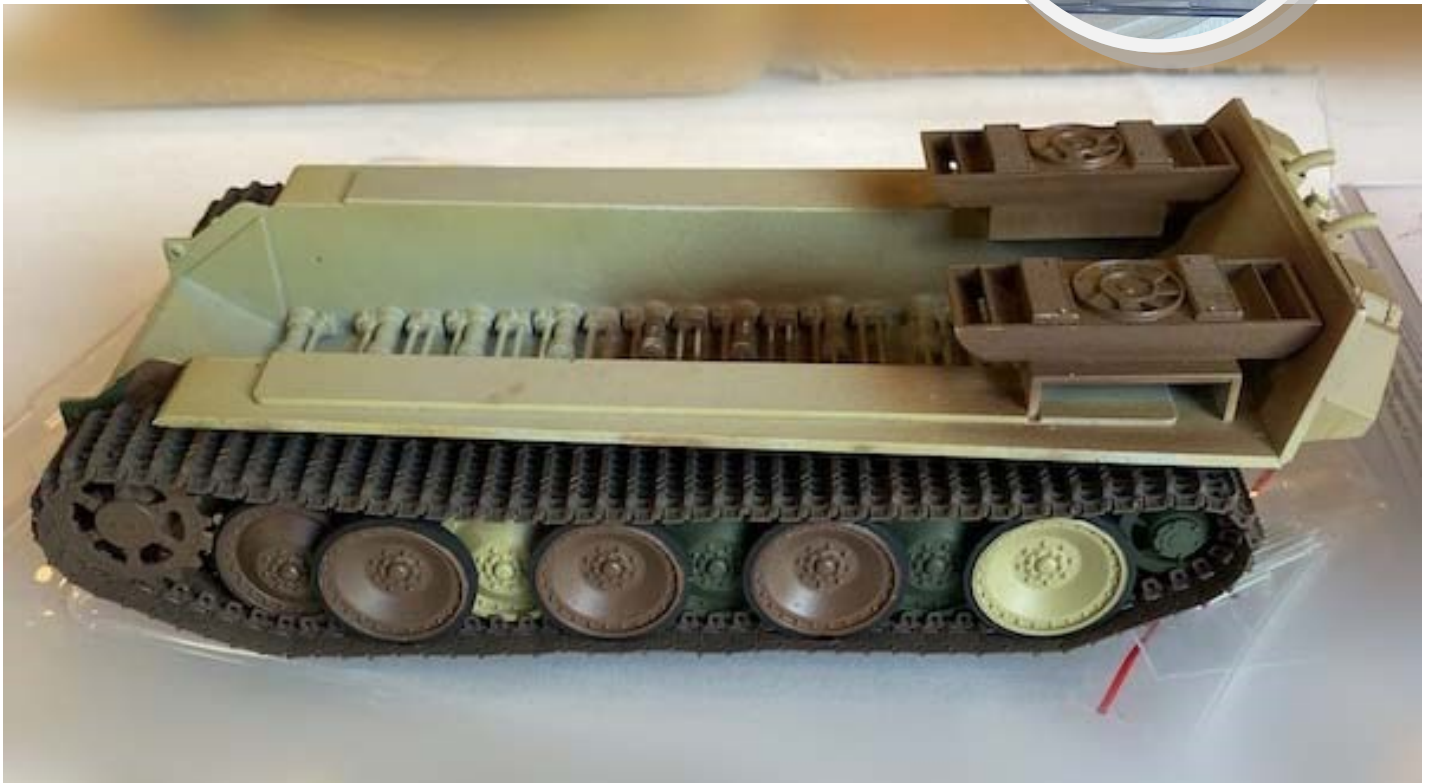
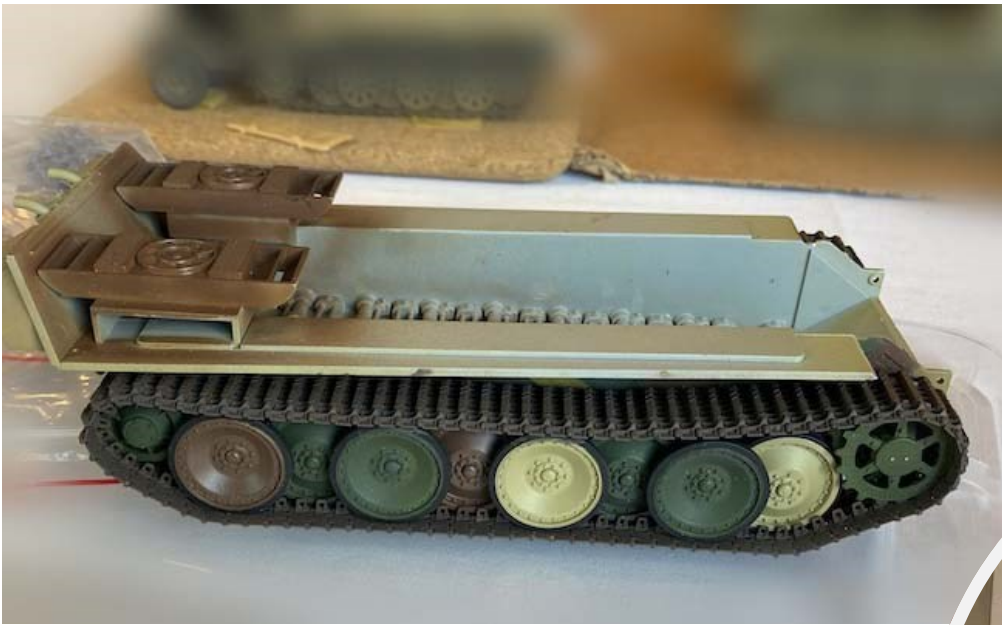
## October Show & Tell

Bill Horn	1/35 DML PZ 4H w/SC3D tracks 1/35 DML Panther G Hull ;DimBenz ver with Zim on the turret
Scott Graupner	1/35 Takom M60A3 w/Dozer blade
Bob Kita	1/9 USMC Vietnam Recon
Ron Damratowski	1/35 AFV Club 5T Wrecker w/3D Hobby Link conv.
Joe Kozak	1/35 Tamiya Jeep 1/16 British Para Welbike
Lee Lygiros	1/1 American WW1 "Tommy" helmet 1/1 German WW1 Stahelm helmet
Chris Chapman	1/48 KV-2 Diorama
Mike Knowski	1/35 AFV Club M10 1/35 SDKFZ 7w/Quad 20mm
Ihor Hlohowskyj	1/35 Bronco SDKFZ 6.2 Diana

Bill Horn

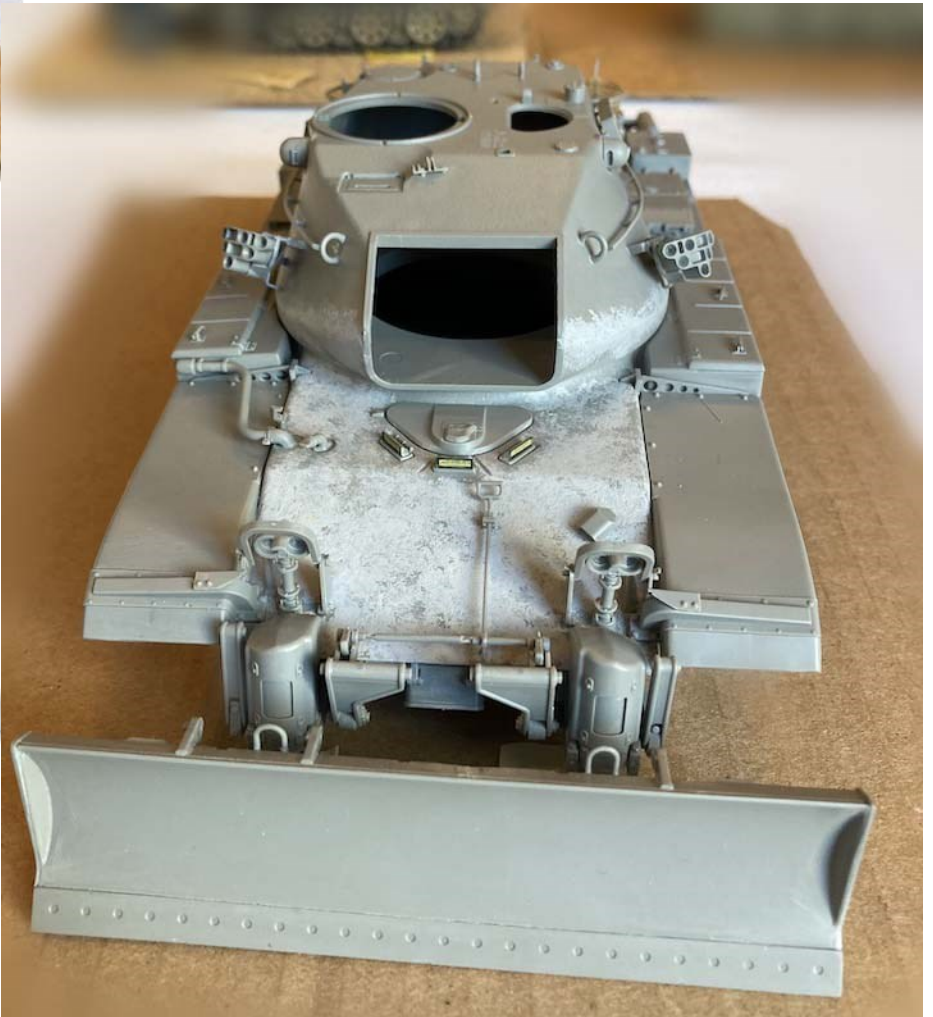
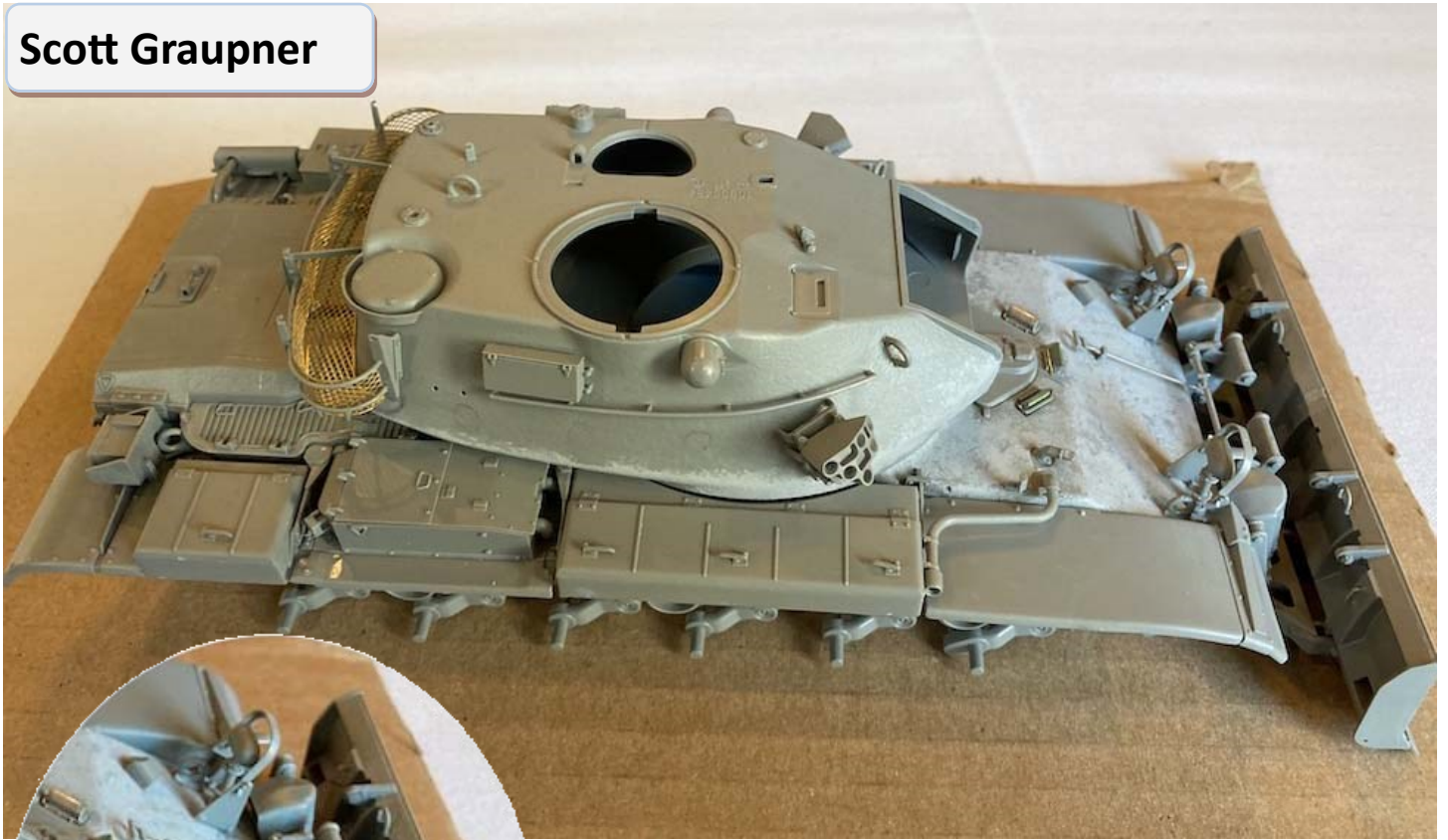








Scott Graupner



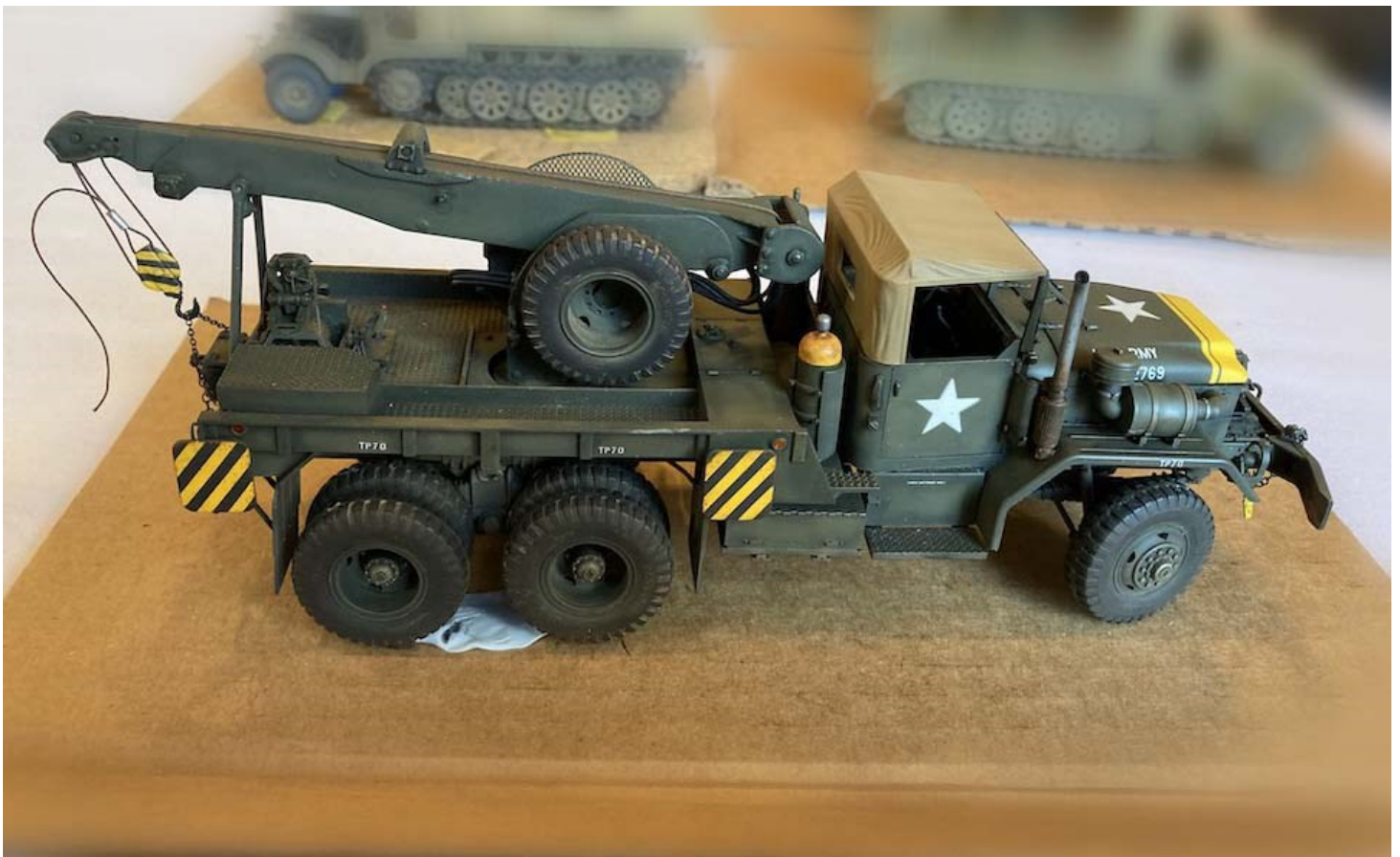


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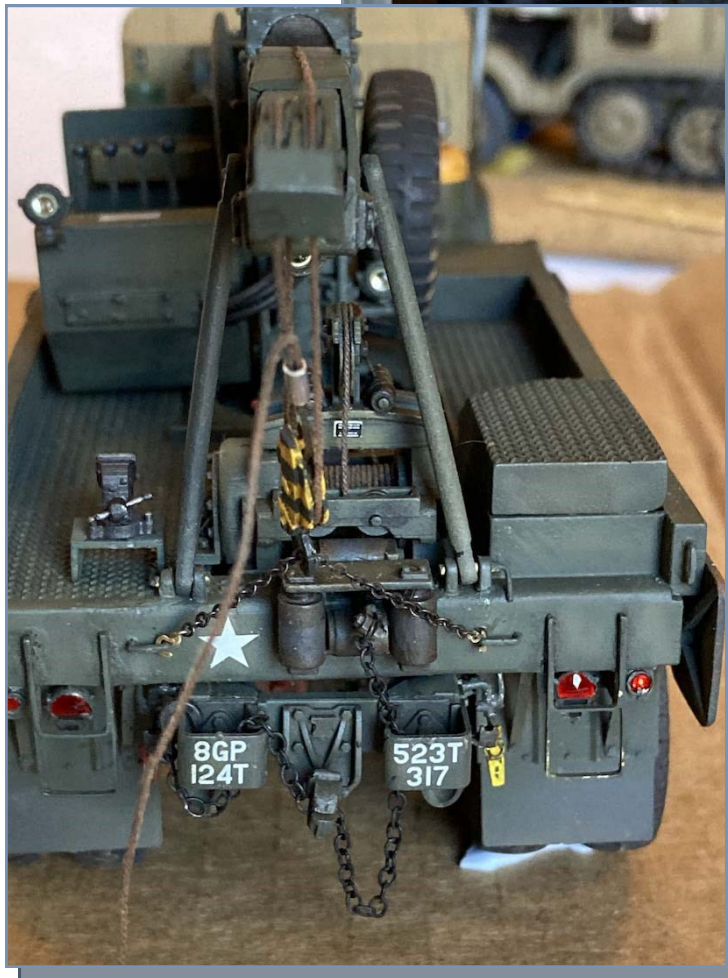
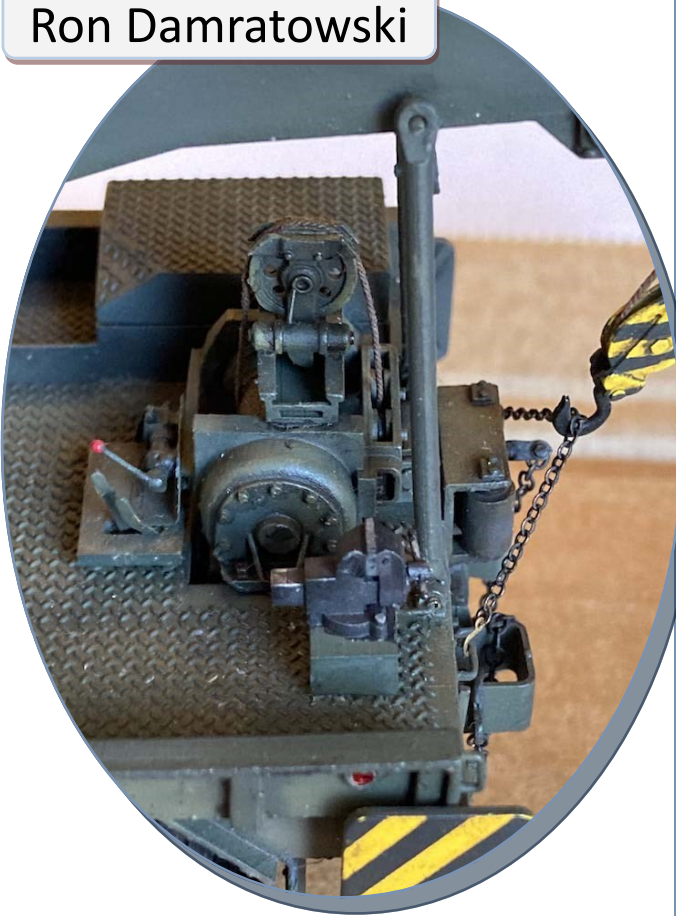


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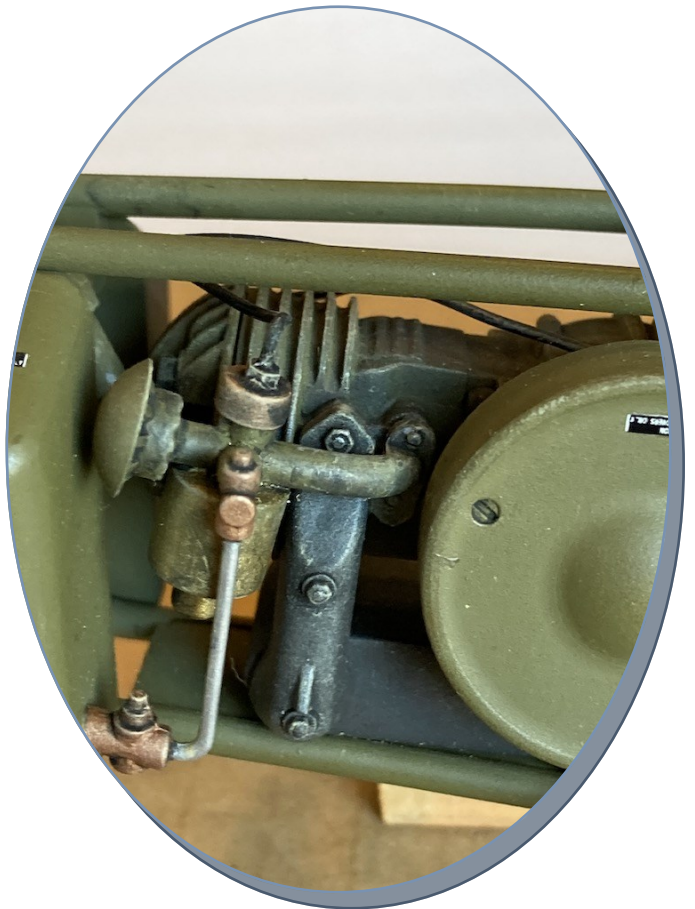


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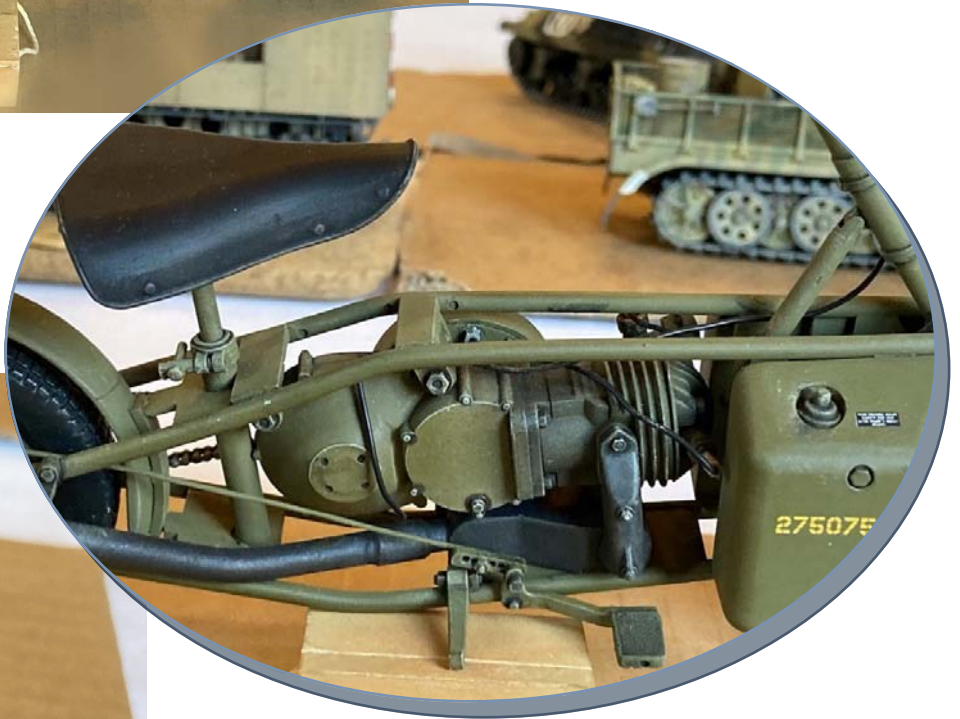


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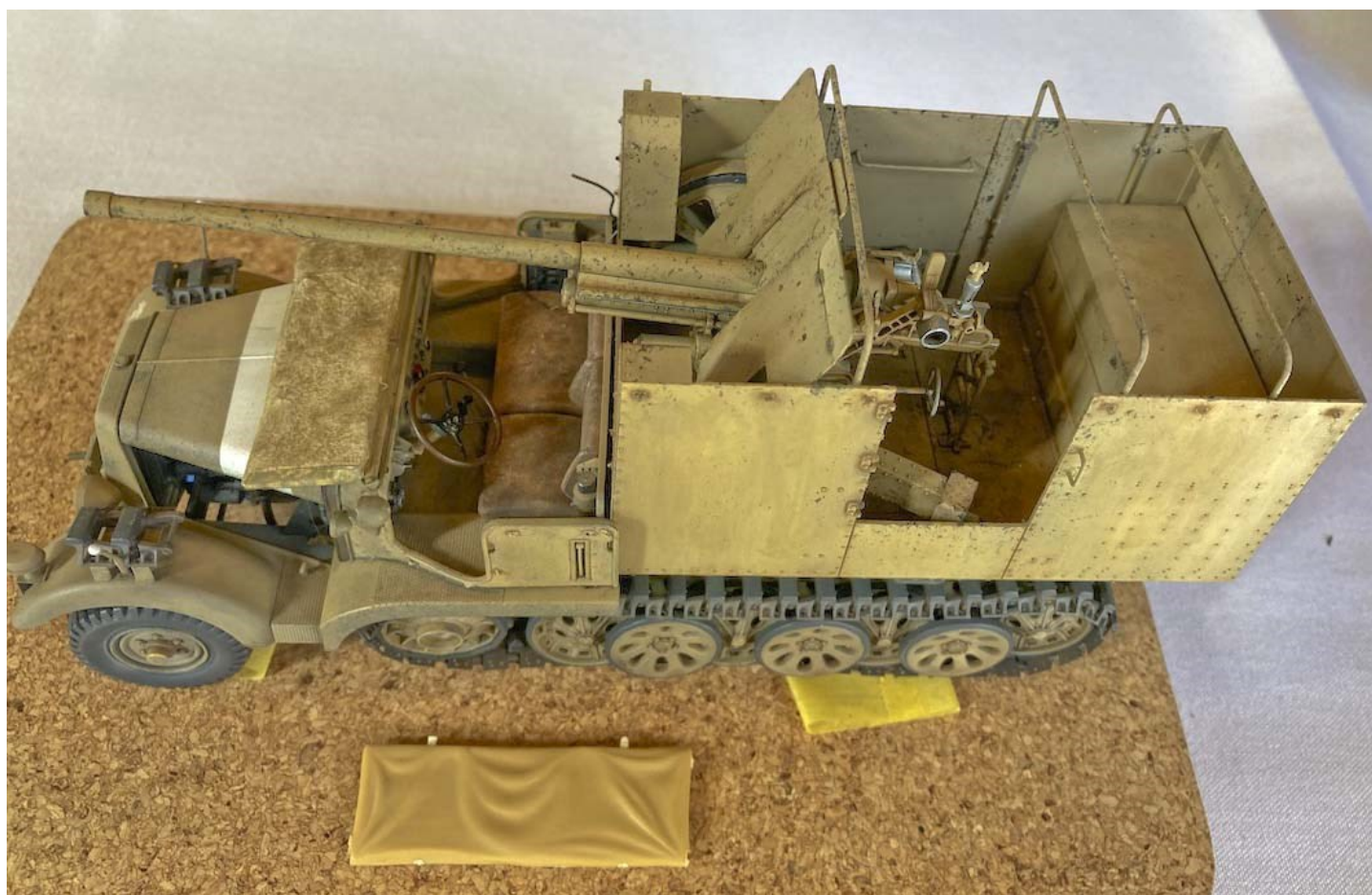
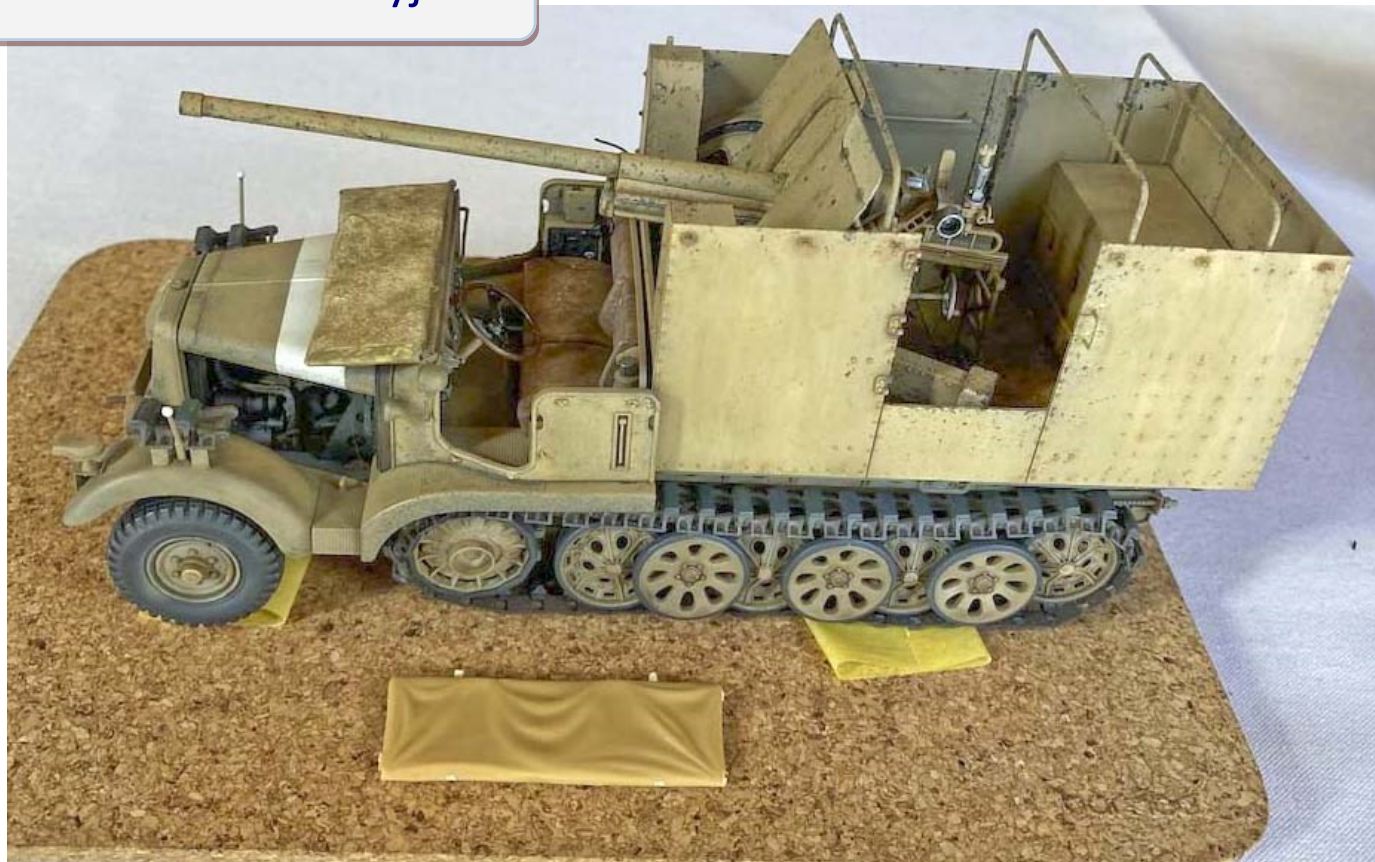


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## Nov Meeting







# The Last Round





## 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.

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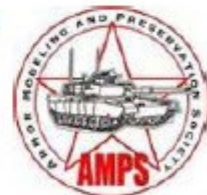
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