

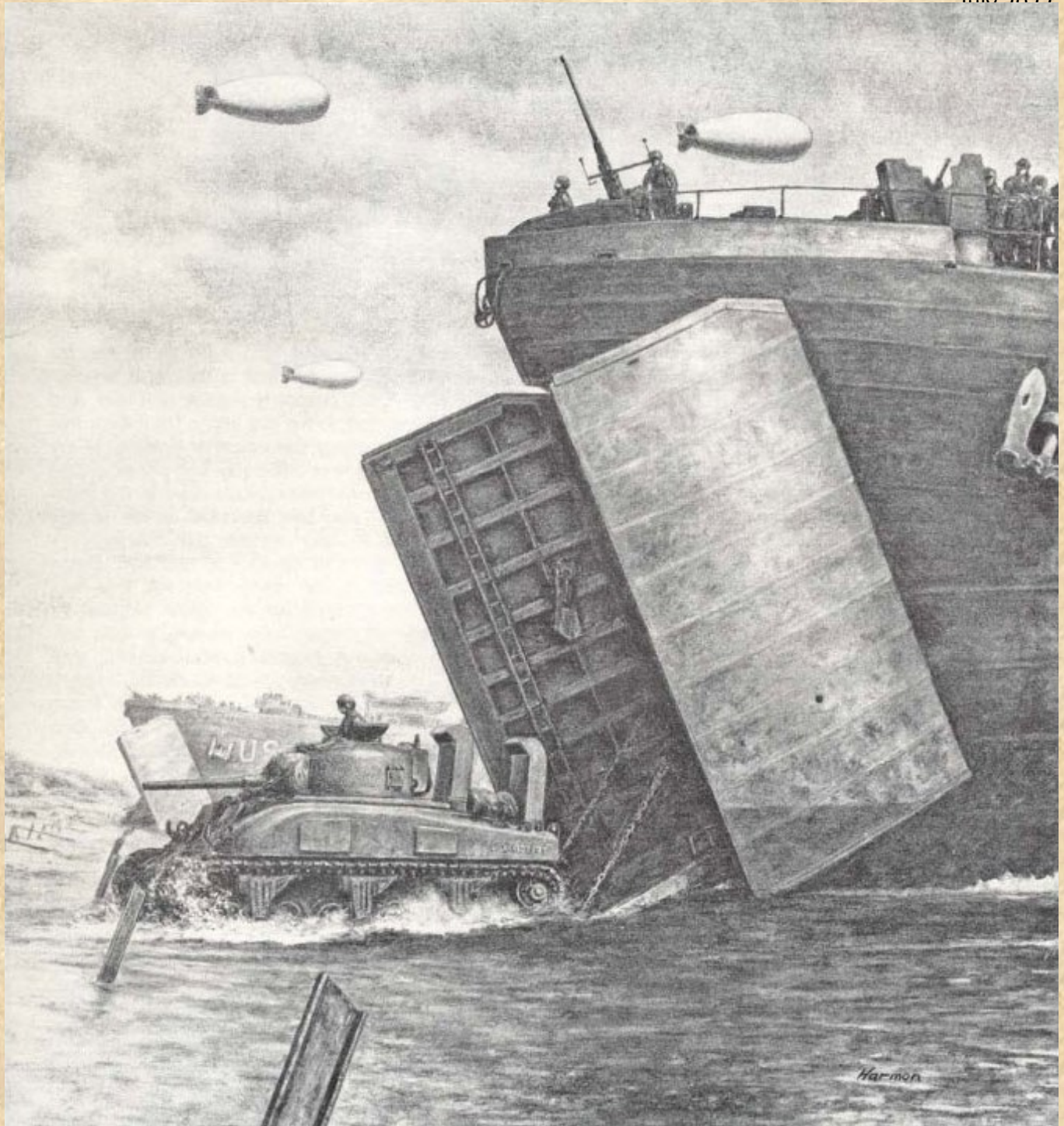


ARMOR BITS

JULY 2022

Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society

July 2022





Well, another meeting has flown by! We had 15 members attend the meeting and subsequent auction. I think I can safely say that if you were not there you missed a GREAT time.

There were a huge amount of kits and the bidding was lively, aided by our Auctioneer Pat Vess and the use of “bidding” paddles.

Fortunately no one was sent to the “Time-Out” corner, although I did have to claim Executive Privilege once or twice to avoid it!

We also had a number of great models in **Show & Tell**. The quality of the work is always amazing. Also, don’t miss the pictures sent in by Rob Yalden of his Panther. Its always great to hear from Rob!

This month I was going to have a short tutorial about fabricating a cobblestone road using foam board insulation. I will still bring in the materials for a demo at the July meeting, however the article will be held for a special UPDATE in which I hope to have more articles and links for using the foam in projects.

The club is investigating purchasing a sheet or

two of this insulation for distribution. If you are interested please see the previous email asking for a reply if you are interested. Thanks to those who have already responded.

I would like to encourage anyone with a tip or procedure, large or small, to take a few pictures, add a couple of lines of explanation and send it into me. Don’t worry about format or writing ability, any and all submissions will be greatly appreciated, and I will clean it up if needed and add it into the newsletter.

The difficulty is in overcoming the inertia of taking a picture(think cellphone) writing a few lines of explanation (OMG!) and emailing it in. Its not really that difficult and I will keep pounding on this until it becomes second nature for all of us.


I find the best part of meetings is the give & take during show & tell, about how something was done! This is simply an expansion of that and can help those who missed a meeting to feel part of the club and not miss out on anything.

I hope to see you all in July!

Our next meeting will be **July 9th** at Cantigny in the **Medill room** of the reception building.



JUNE MEETING NOTES

- The meeting was brought to order in the Medill room at Cantigny. A much shorter walk from parking. 15 members were in attendance.
- Chuck Aleshire gave the Treasurer's report and then provided an AMPS National update. There was no news from the eboard and it will be sometime before we know if our 2024 bid is approved. The eboard remains in negotiation with the convention site. There was a question as to the date for the convention, and that would remain mid-April/early May timeframe.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - ⇒ Lakes Region Scale NIMCON 10 show will be held on June 18th at McHenry County College. They will need help judging. Approximately 5-6 members mentioned that they were going. 9 members attended and Congratulations to the 4 club members who entered models and medaled.
 - ⇒ Every Thursday from June—August at 1pm the museum will conduct a Military Vehicle Display in the Tank Park to learn about the vehicles there. No reservation required. It will not be held in inclement weather
- Joe Kozak sent in a picture of a display case he is giving away free if picked up. (It's since been claimed)
- John Wendt brought in two special edition magazines featuring Ukrainian modelers. All sales support the Ukraine relief efforts. John donated them to the auction.
- We had a large number of kit donations for the auction. A great big  thank you to everyone who participated.
- Our next meeting in July will be held again in the Medill room at the main reception center.
- The meeting proceeded to Show & Tell followed by the club auction.



TRACK LINKS



If you are looking for something to watch on a Friday evening, I highly recommend looking up Friday Night Lights on YouTube [Marine Barracks Washington Evening Parade](#)

[June 3rd, 2022](#)

The Marine Barracks conducts a sunset parade every Friday evening during the summer. It is a great event that includes the Marine band, Drum & Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill team, during an elaborate ceremony. Its often streamed on Facebook as well.



This is a site created by a US Army First seargent living in Germany. It has a large amount of photos of US Armor , but in the “Links” section there is a “Third Reich in Ruins” which has then and now pictures. The ones on Berchtesgaden were particularly fascinating.

<http://www.mihalko-family.com/Links.htm>



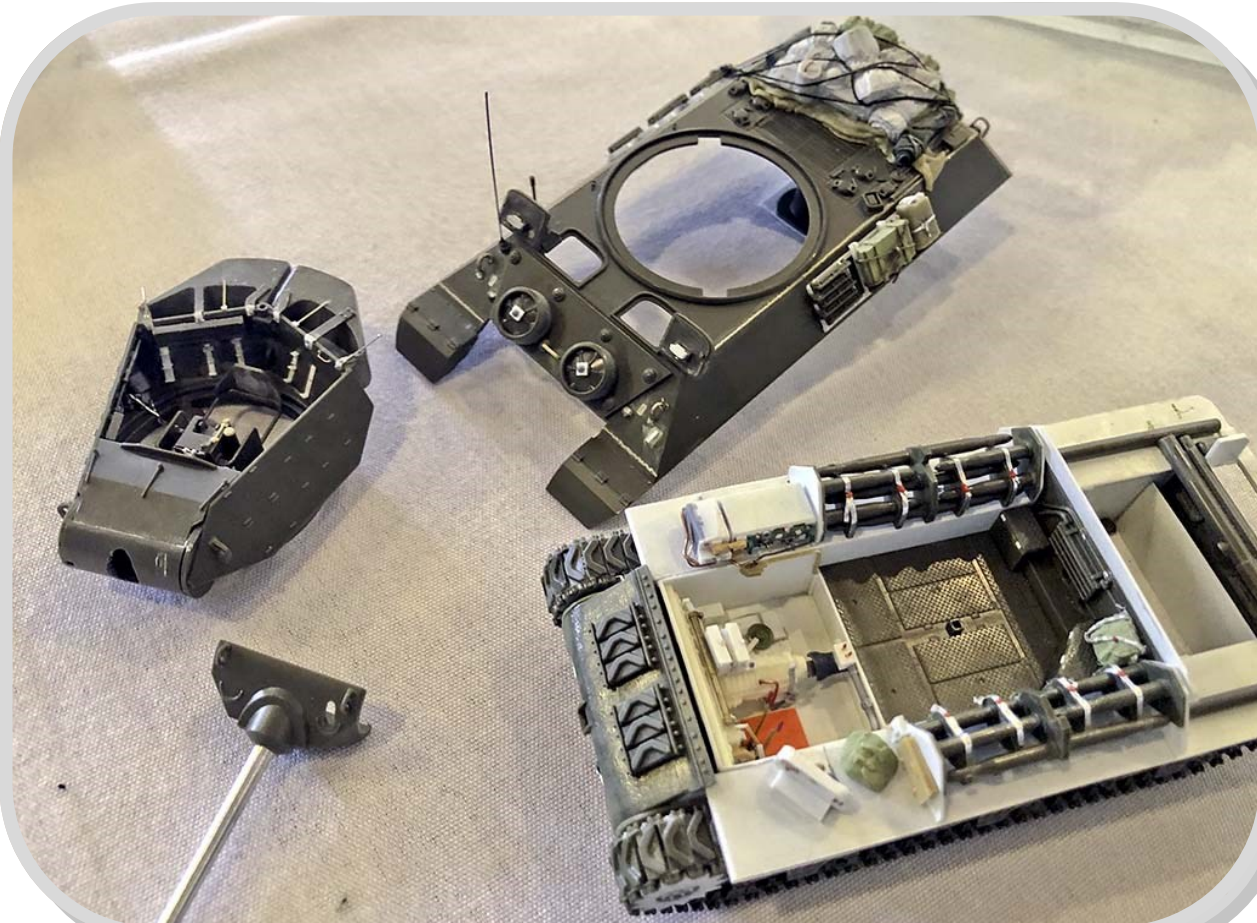
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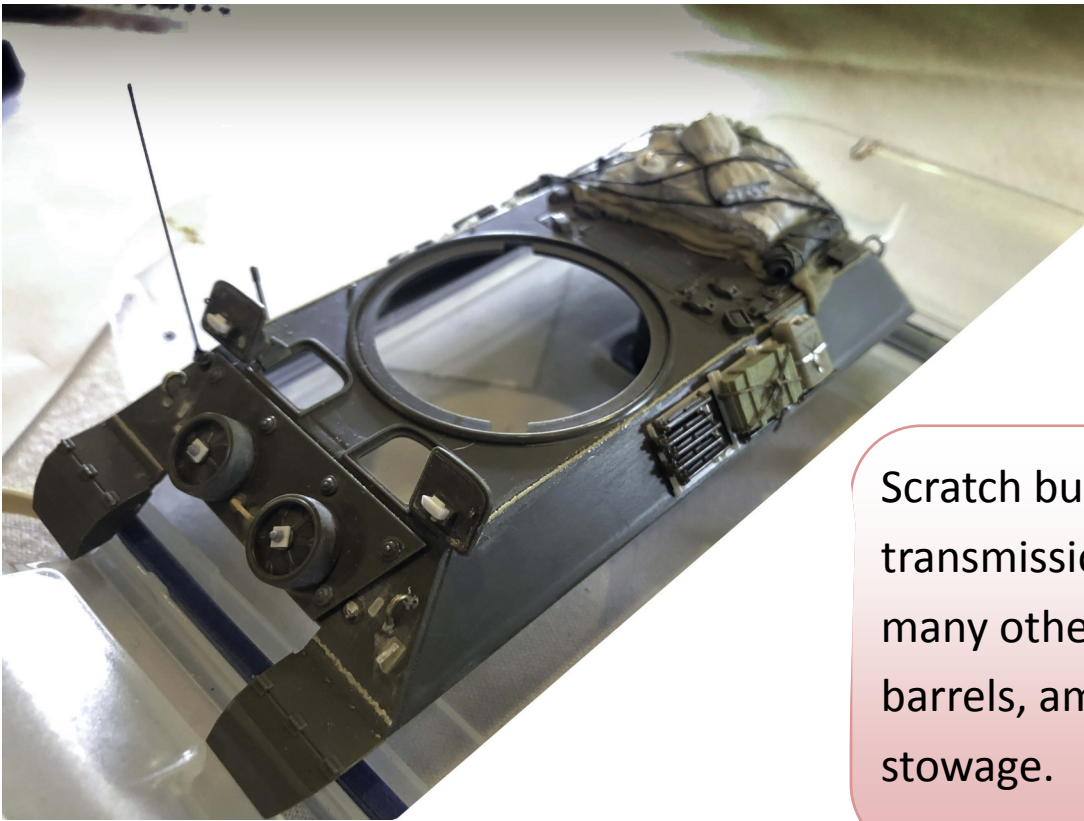
SHOW AND TELL



Stan K- Peerless Max CCKW 2-1/2T & Bronco L4 Grasshopper



Victor
Tamiya
1/48
M-10
Achilles



Scratch built chassis,
transmission along with
many other details; RB
barrels, ammo & custom
stowage.

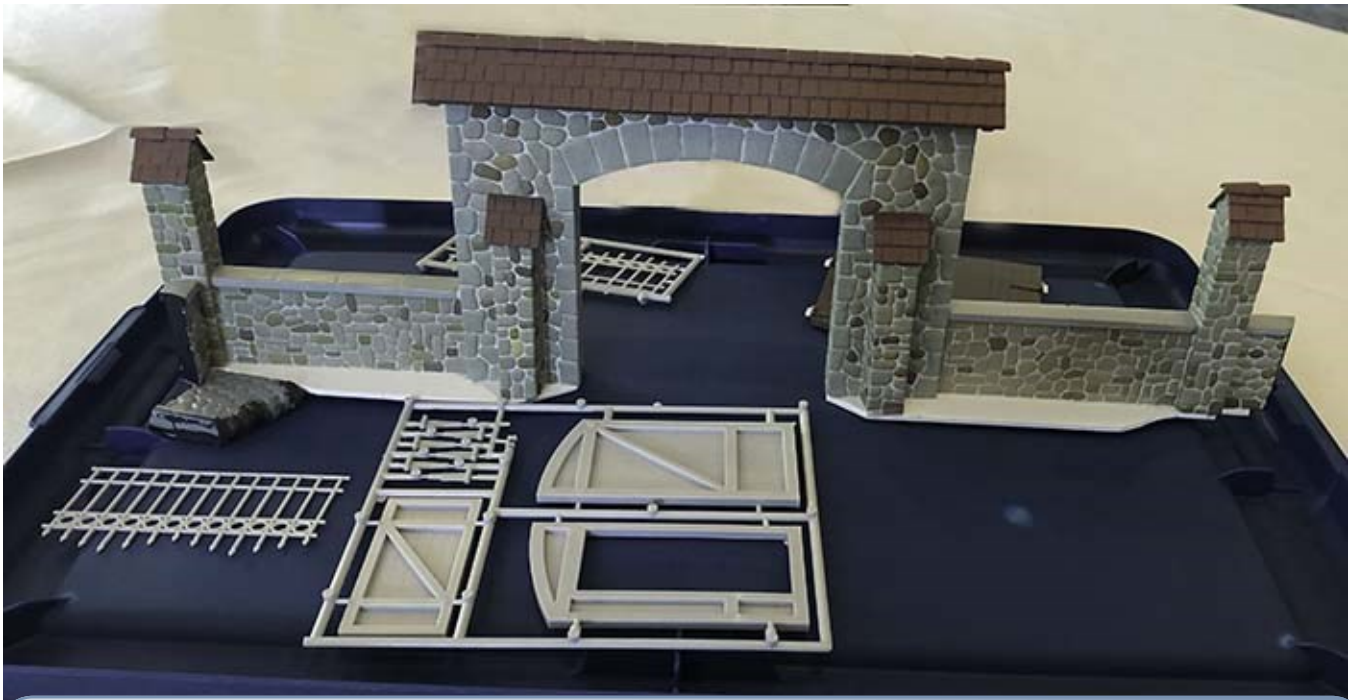




Bill brought in a old Tamiya PZ2. Painted with a rattle can.

Also, a resurrection of an old Tamiya Tiger 1. It had been painted but not weathered; so Bill replaced decals, a few details, weathered it and mounted it to a base. Gamers grass was used.





Bill's Miniart vacuum formed wall; Fairly primitive kit. Added sheet plastic base, puttied edges and added some stone work. Painting was a challenge as well. Its ready for weathering, but Bill is still trying to decide where to use it.

Mike Kinowski. M-18 Academy kit. The tank is not very good and not recommended! He gave it away later in the afternoon at the coffee bar!

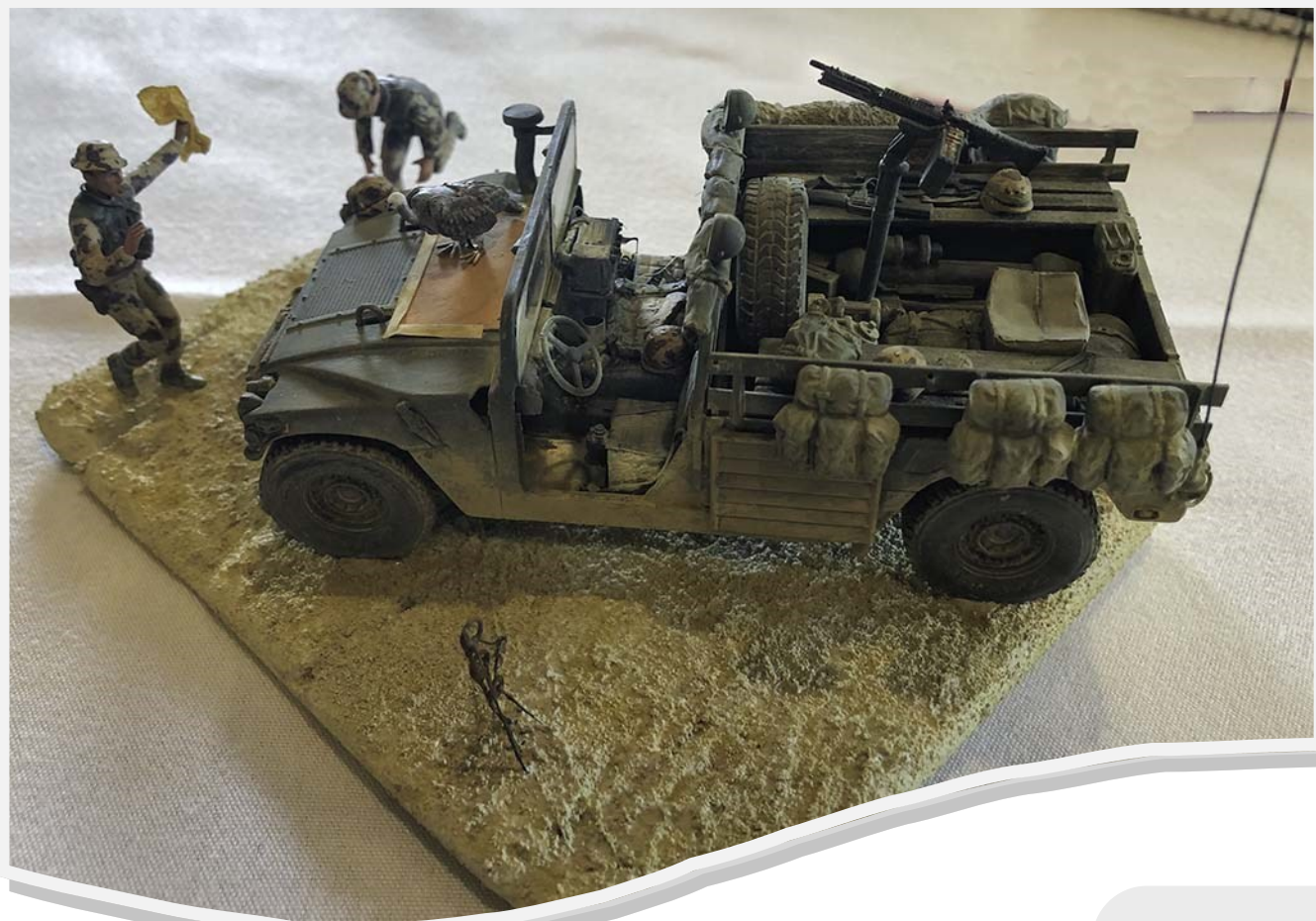




Dragon Panther command tank. Mike made the umbrella antenna and soldered the rear storage containers. Rubio barrel. The tracks were great (magic tracks). Mike used oil paints for weathering (dots & streaking)

Scott Meng early Leopard 2A4 battle tank. He thought it was a beautiful kit. Almost ready for paint.



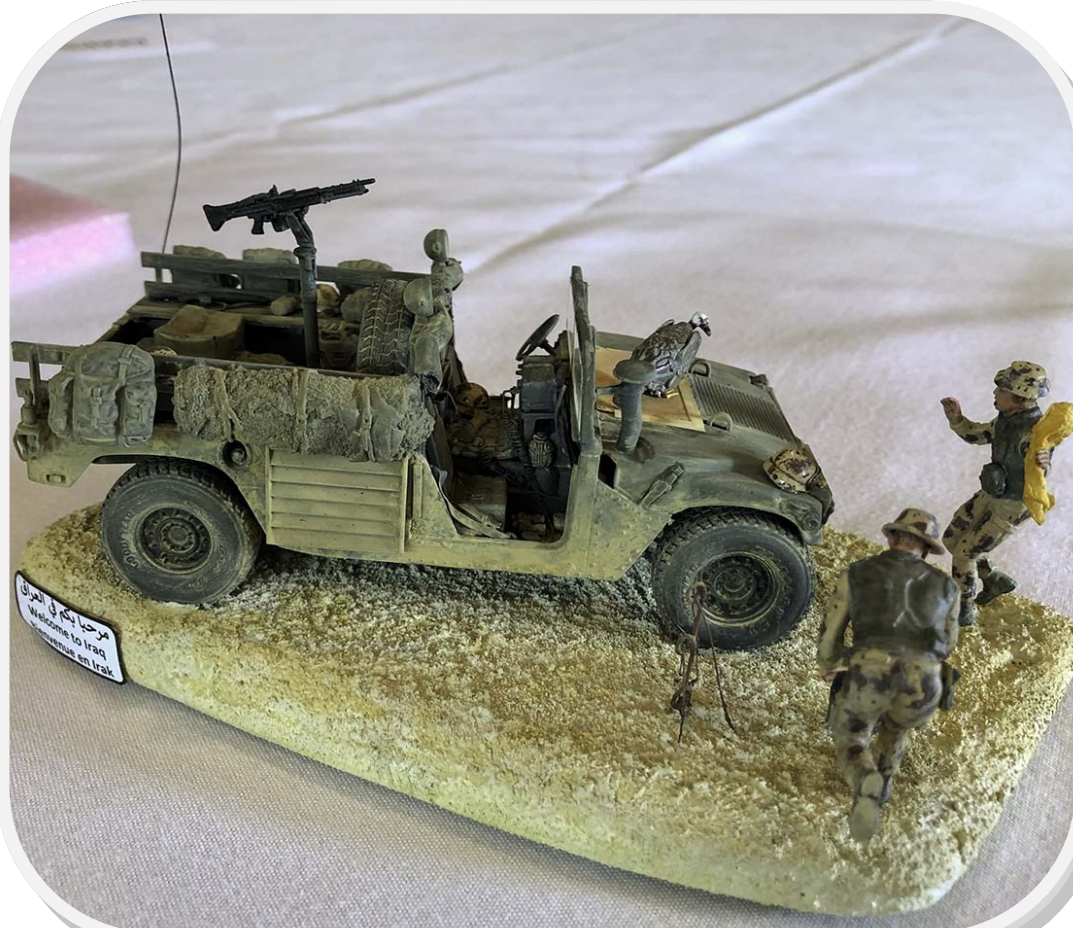


John Wendt –

1/35 Italeri
M998 HUMVEE.

Its an amalgam-
ation of 3 prior
assembled kits.

John added a
“vulture” (shape
ways) to spice
up the build.



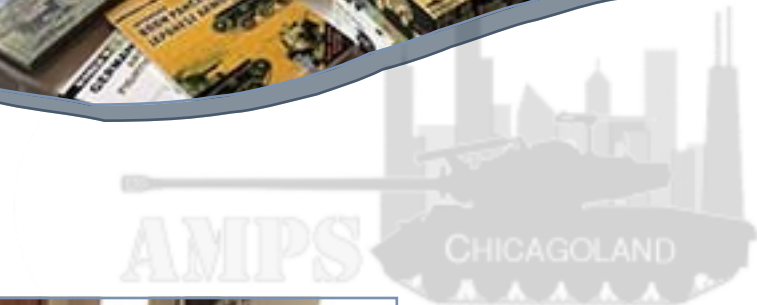


*Last but not least, from **Rob Yalden***

I forgot to bring my model. Simple Tamiya Panther out of the box. Have a great summer everyone! - THANKS ROB!



AUCTION





The Last Round



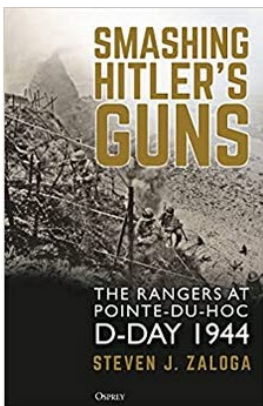
SMALL SUBJECTS is a podcast devoted to discussing big topics in the worlds of scale modeling, diorama-building, and sculpting and painting miniature figures, as well as presenting interviews with some of the top artists in the field, including every era, and ranging from historical to fantasy subjects. Co-hosts Barry Biediger, who is based in Salt Lake City, and Jim DeRogatis, who lives in Chicago, are the editors of the Web site **boxdioramas.com**.

Both have decades of experience as modelers, though they maintain that they are always curious and always learning. They are dedicated members of the Military Miniature Society of Illinois, where they considered the great Sheperd Paine a friend and mentor.

Barry is also a member of his local chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society, while DeRogatis has written, co-written, or edited ten books about popular music and two about miniatures and modeling (Sheperd Paine: The Life and Work of a Master Modeler and Military Historian and Shep Paine's Armor Modelers Guide).

Here is a partial list of the interviewees: John Rosengrant, Greg DiFranco, Nick Infield, Bill Horan, Chris Meddings, Dennis Levy, & Marjin Van Gils.

<https://smallsubjects.buzzsprout.com/1807994>



I'm currently reading a new book by Steve Zaloga about the **Rangers at Point Du Hoc** on D-Day. If books aren't your thing, check out the two YouTube videos (how I originally found out about the book) below. They pretty much the highlights of the book and you could simply listen to it at your bench if necessary.

Its a a great story and not only covers the landing, but the planning before and the fighting of the next several days afterwards where the Rangers suffered the majority of casualties.

[Smashing Hitler's Guns - Part 1. The German guns and defences at Pointe du Hoc](#)

Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYdumXXNCRA&list=PL2bsv9tfmgHbE5opi9P4C6Sloc10xA536&index=10>

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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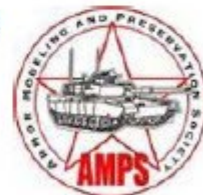
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