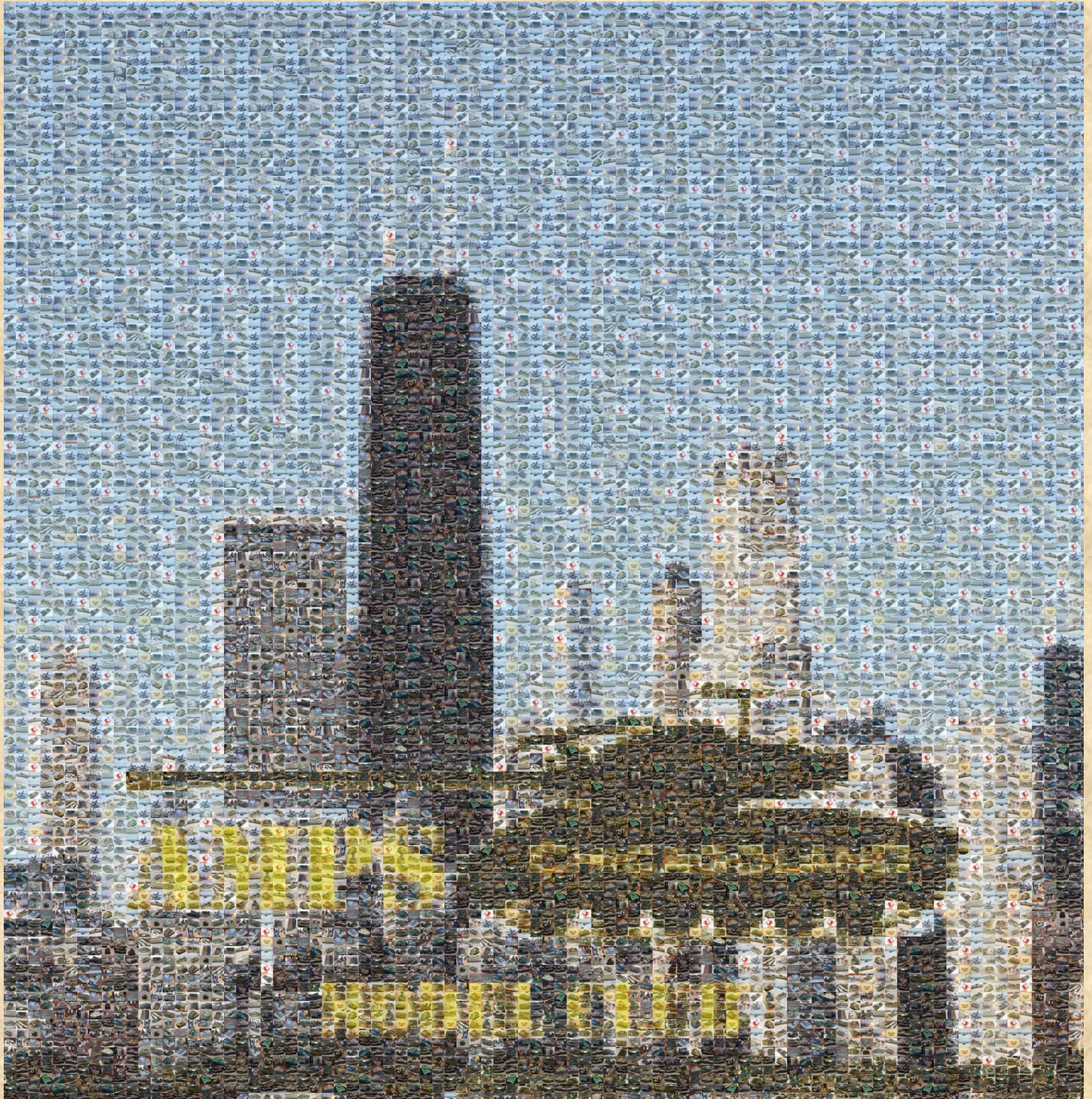




# ARMOR BITS

November 2022

Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society







Well, unfortunately, I was not able to attend last months meeting due to family reasons. I would like to thank Ihor for running the meeting in my absence.

It sounds from all reports, that it was another excellent meeting, although with no heat in the building, I heard it was a bit chilly!

The 2022 MMSI show was held this past weekend. I hope many of you were able to attend. You will find a few photos from the show courtesy of Ihor, with more on our club Facebook page.

Coming up in two weeks is the Butch O'Hare show at the DuPage Fairgrounds. Its always a good show with plenty of vendors. Last year there were a large number of armor kits available.

Lets hope that this year continues that trend.

With that, its been a relatively quiet month. Hopefully the weather will stay mild a bit longer.

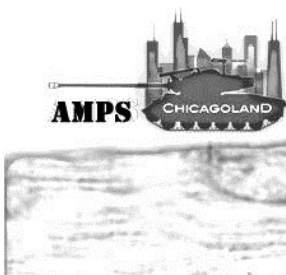
Don't forget that, unlike past years when the O'Hare show replaced our monthly meeting, this year **we will have a November meeting** on the normal 2nd Saturday of the month, Nov 12th.

We will be meeting in the Education building again November 12th with tram service between the parking lot and Ed bldg.

*Cheers* and I hope to see you all in November!

*Stan*

Our next meeting is scheduled for **10am November 12** at Cantigny in the Education bldg. A tram will be available.



## **OCT. MEETING NOTES**

- The meeting was brought to order in the Medill room at Cantigny.
- Ihor gave the Treasurer's report in Chucks absence - \$ amount remains the same. There was no new update about the 2024 AMPS National bid. However since then the AMPS Eboard met at Armorcon and approved the bid. Chuck Aleshire and XXXXXXXX will complete a bid for final approval, but for all intents and purposes we will be hosting the 2024 AMPS International . WOHOO!!!!
- MMSI update—online registration is open and the show is scheduled for October 21-23rd
- A reminder of several online closings was announced: Archer , Tommys War, and Tiger models.
- **Upcoming events:**
- Ron Damratoski and Joe Kozak have started an "On Line" group build for any HUMMV kit over the next 6 months. If you are interested in joining the fun, send a text message to Ron @ 708-269-5431 or an email to: [rondz28@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rondz28@sbcglobal.net)
- Butch O'Hare contest November 5th at the DuPage County Fairgrounds.
- AMPS Chicagoland Christmas luncheon will be at Rock Bottom restaurant in Warrenville after the Dec meeting.



# TRACK LINKS

2022 MMSI Chicago Show











"Auf dich Max! Zeit Zu gehen! SIE Kommen!"  
 "Up Max! Time to leave! THEY are coming!"  
 15, 1945, 0700. In Parma, Northern Italy.







Uphill Battle  
Kursk, 1943





# OCT. SHOW AND TELL

Ihor — brought in a PZ 4  
Ausf D DAK Dragon



Bob Kita — Stug





Bob Kita – Hetzer







**Victor** — Zis30 RVM







**Victor** — FAMO w/SdHH115 trailer







**Victor** — Vintage 1/48 KV-1



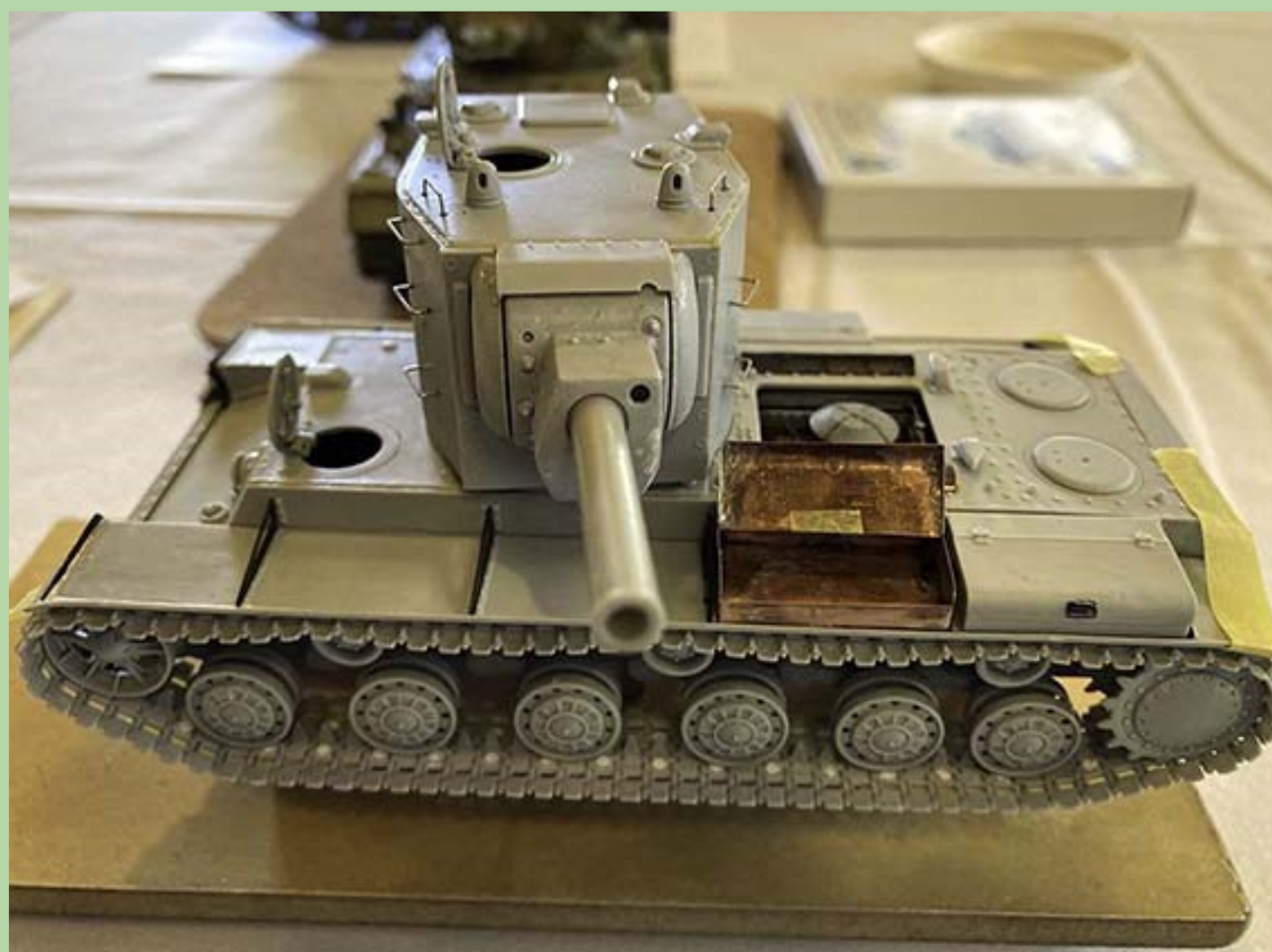




**Scott G** — T34/76 Tamiya from 1980; Israeli Shot  
Tamiys 1988 AEF designs conversion





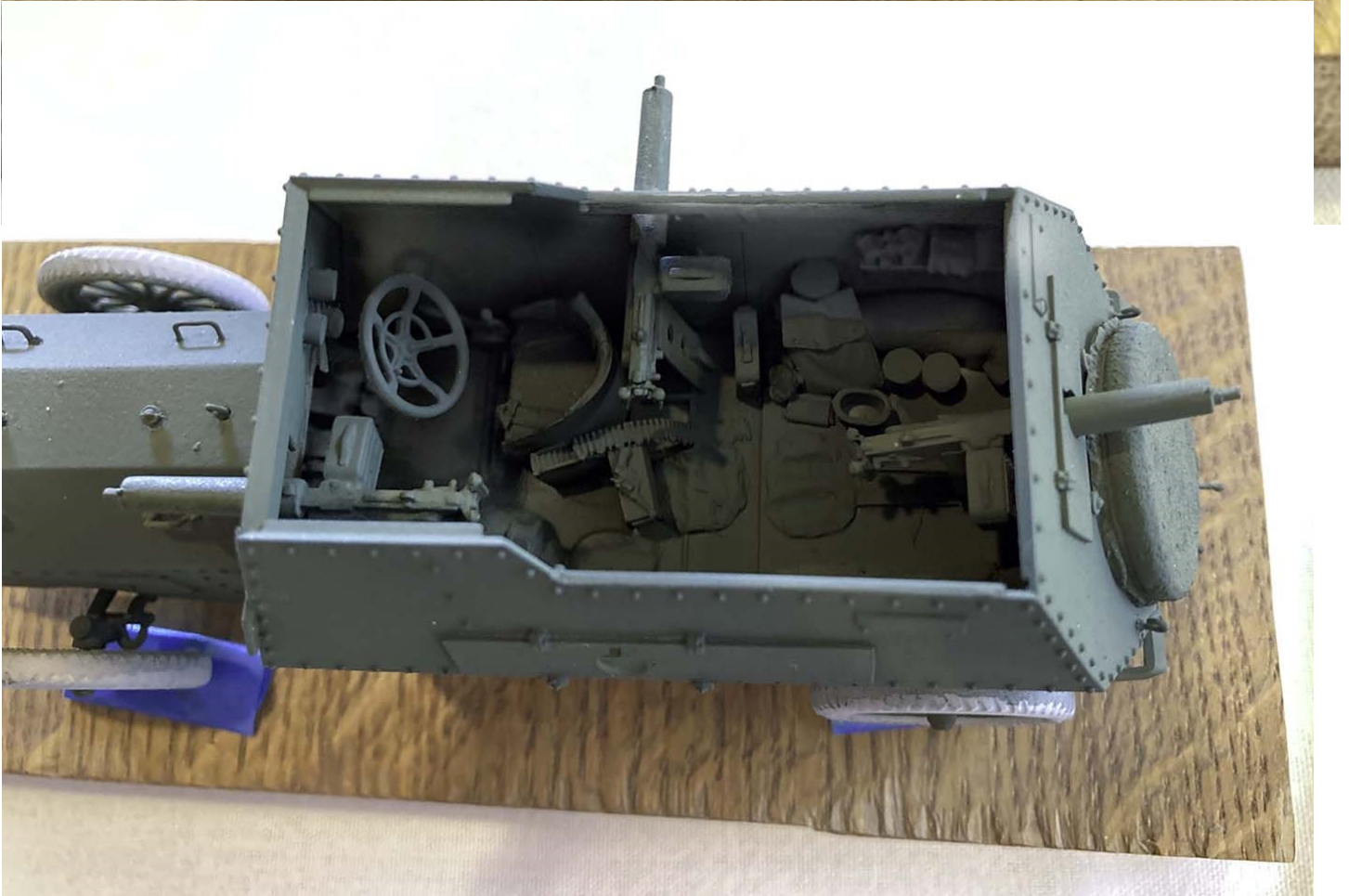


**Chris** - Hobby Boss 1/48 Kv2



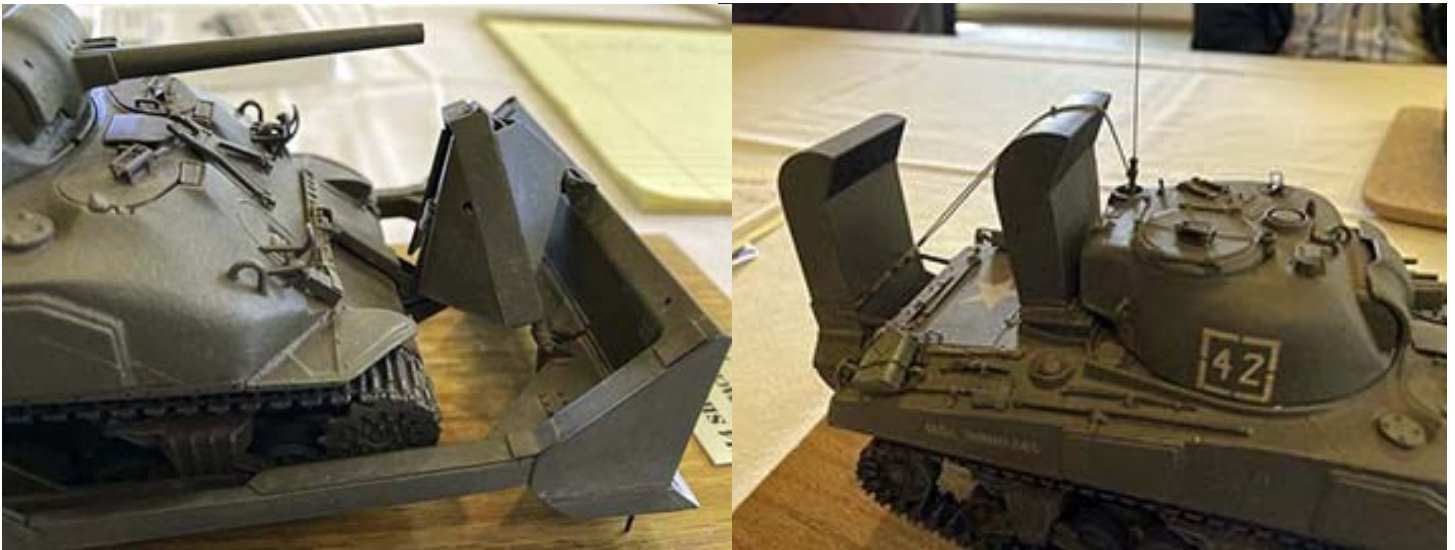
**John Wendt**— 1/35 Russo Balt-C Russian armored car (Copper State);

M4 Sherman Dozer tank

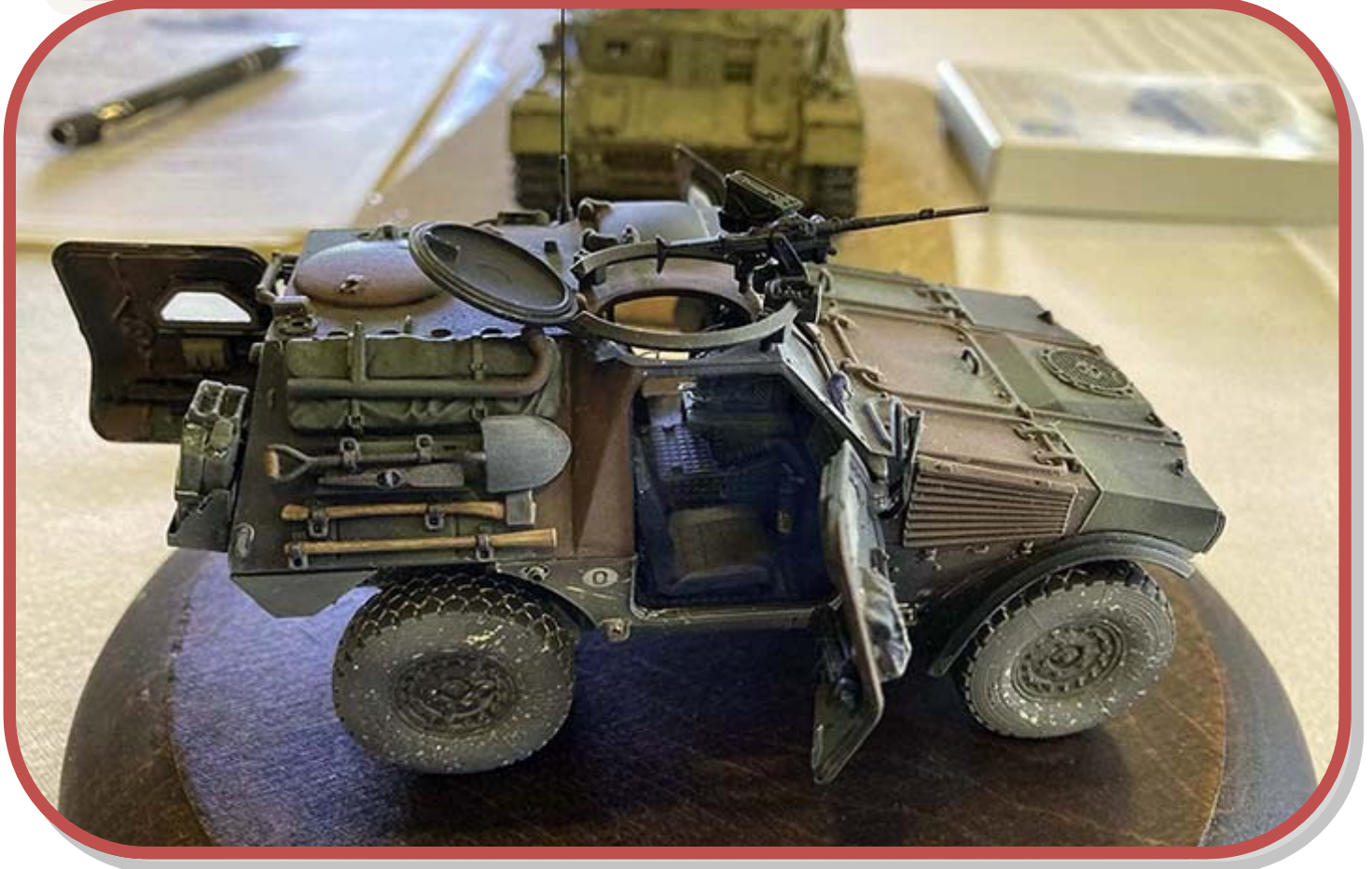




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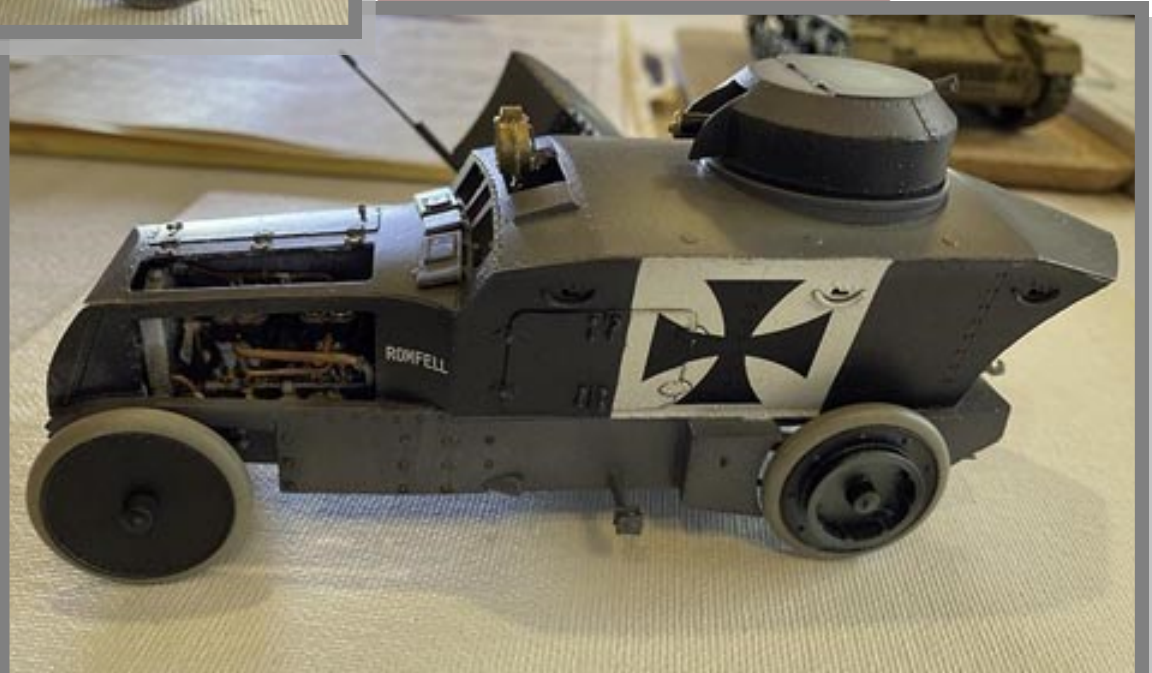
**Mike Oberholtzer**— Panda models Panhard VBL in 1/35







**Paul LaRock—Copper State 1/35  
Romfell & Vargas Trailer**







**Victor — 120 grit sandpaper for asphalt**

**John Wendt — New unbuilt kit**







# The Last Round



The **Zoom call reminiscence** is now 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:

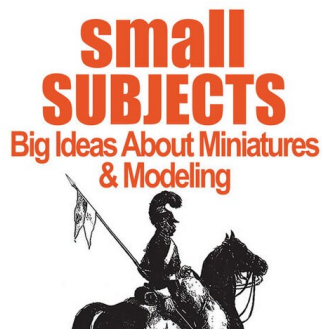
<http://www.amps-chicago.org/News.htm>

For a simple list of photos try this:

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

I would highly recommend looking thru the archives and listening to the zoom reminiscence when its posted shortly!





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>

The screenshot shows the AMPS (Armor Modeling & Preservation Society) website. The header features a banner image of several military tanks. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links: HOME, REVIEWS, COMMUNITY, THE SOCIETY, and a Sign In/Register button. A tagline states: "AMPS is all about armor modeling and the preservation of armor and mechanized heritage." Below this is a "Jump to:" section with links to Announcements, Events, Boresight, Reviews, Discussions, Vendor Discounts, and the AMPS Store. The main content area highlights the "AMPS 2023 International Convention" with dates (Thursday, May 4, 2023 to Saturday, May 6, 2023) and location (Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill, PA). A "View Details" button is present. To the right, a "Welcome to the AMPS Website" section provides information on joining, signing in, or renewing membership. Below that is a "Reviews" section with a "View Reviews" button and a featured review for "Ammo by MIG - Figures Set Waffen SS Sprigno Camo".

Just a little reminder about the 2023 National Convention

<https://www.amps-armor.org/SiteMain/Main.aspx>



## 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](http://www.amps-chicago.org)

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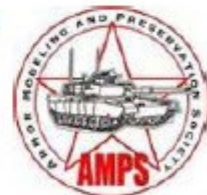
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