



## ARMOR BITS

October 2023

Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society





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Welcome to another edition of

## **ARMOR BITS!**

Last meetings theme was “Tools you can’t live without”. We had another great turnout along with descriptions of the tools, along with some terrific models. My apologies if any tool descriptions might have become mixed up.

This months edition is a bit abbreviated but there are several great local shows coming up in the next few weeks as listed in the agenda notes.

Hope to see you at the meeting

October 14th .....

*Cheers*

*Stan*

Model Club

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday **10am Oct 14th @ the Cantigny Medill room** Watch for the reminder to verify.

## SEPTEMBER '23 MEETING NOTES

Welcome – 13 members attended in the MeDill room

- Treasure's report— \$939+, still 3 outstanding shirts and -\$23.17 for web hosting.
- *AMPS INT show - Hotels are up on the AMPS web site., everything is proceeding normally.*
- 2023 Meeting list – Next Month ? - Nov 11th will be a normal meeting
- Christmas Party— Chuck has volunteered to host a meeting/party in January at his

house, since Cantigny will be closed. Decembers meeting will be a “normal” club

meeting at Cantigny. Stay tuned for further details!

- Local Shows

Sept 24 Chicago Toy Soldier show @ Schaumburg Marriott

Oct 15—IPMS Duneland Hobart Ind

Oct 20-21 MMSI Show @ Schaumburg Marriott

Nov 4th Butch O'Hare contest @ DuPage Fairgrounds

New business - Auctioned 1 book off donated by Pat Vess.

## Show & Tell



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## 48th ANNUAL MMSI CHICAGO SHOW

October 20, 2023 (Friday) - 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

October 21, 2023 (Saturday) - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Chicago Marriott Schaumburg 50 Martingale Road Schaumburg, IL 60173



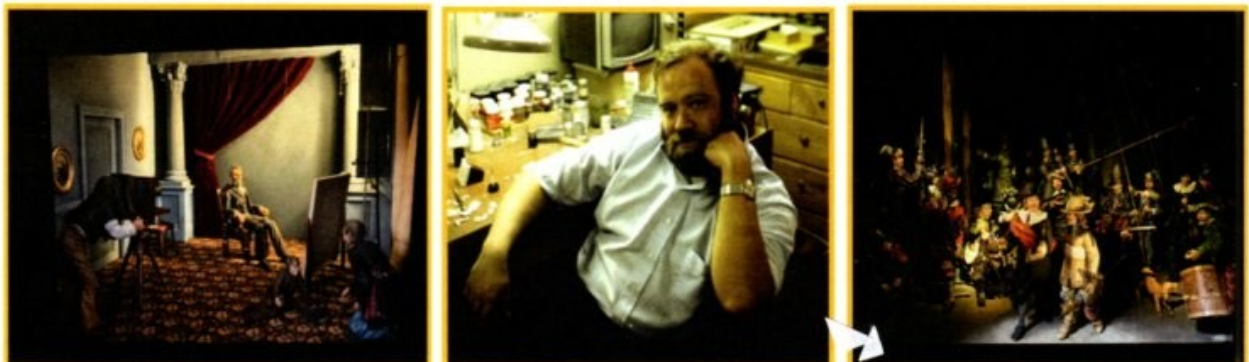
The juried exhibition hosted by the Military Miniatures Society of Illinois features the work of modelers from around the world displaying painted miniature figures and original sculptures. Subjects range from historical to fantasy topics, armored and other vehicles, airplanes, ships, dioramas and vignettes.

The vendor area offers model kits, paints, tools, books about the hobby and more.

Admission is \$10 (free for children 12 and under). Admission includes entry to the display area and vendors section, an auction of finished work, and free educational and "how-to" seminars and presentations. Plenty of free parking at the Marriott Hotel.

For information on how to enter your work in the show along with more about this event and the MMSI, please visit our website: [www.military-miniature-society-of-illinois.com](http://www.military-miniature-society-of-illinois.com)

This year: A Special Exhibit with some of Sheperd Paine's classic Box Dioramas





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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.

<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:

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

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## TUCSON MILITARY VEHICLE MUSEUM



### CONCEPTUAL DESIGN RENDERINGS



<https://www.tucsonmilitaryvehicle.org/>

As one of the world's largest and most diverse aerospace museums and having come a very long way since our modest start in 1976, the Pima Air & Space Museum is now planning to diversify and broaden its audience appeal to historic military vehicle enthusiasts.





# Show & Tell

**Stan Kurcz**— AFV Club M-110 SP



AFV Club M-110 8in SP Howitzer. In 1976 I was a Marine 2nd Lt. going thru the Army Artillery course at Ft Sill. As Marines we caught some crap from the army, so one day when we went out to study the 8 inch, I made a cardboard bayonet , stuck on a tube and we had our pictures taken. This shut the army up for a couple of days! When this picture resurfaced awhile back I thought it would make a good vignette.

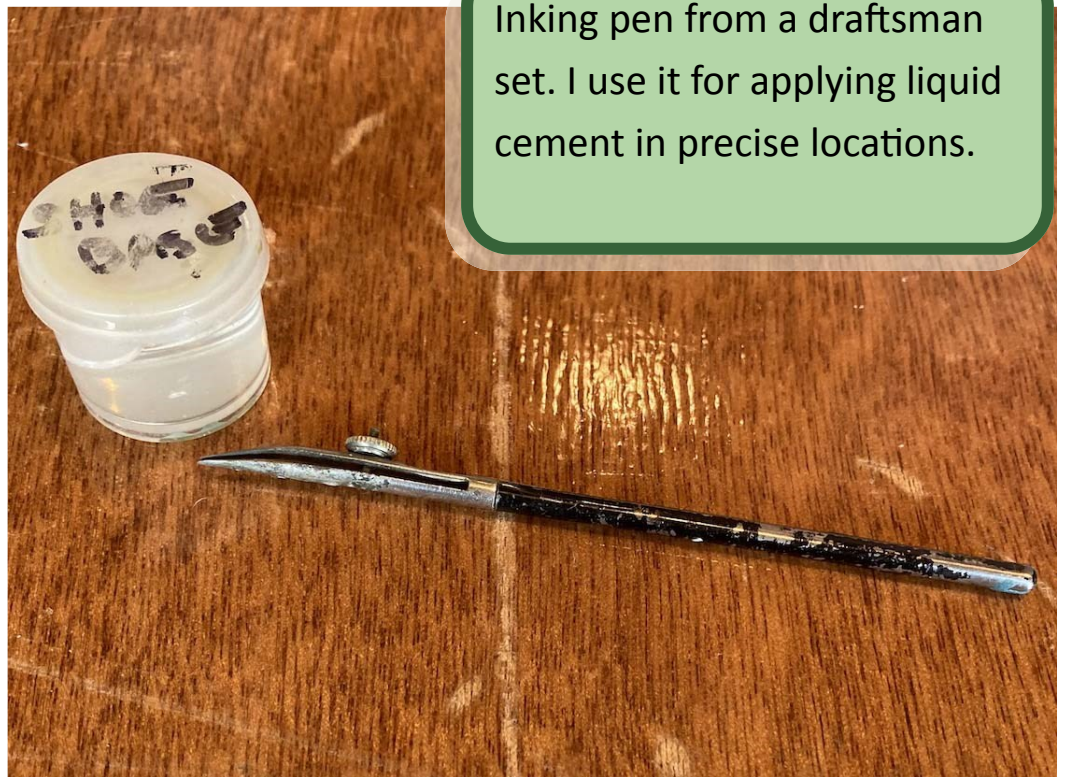


This is some artillery shrapnel I picked up from an impact area.





Tamiya battery powered drill.  
Great for drilling more than 2  
-3 holes in plastic.



Inking pen from a draftsman  
set. I use it for applying liquid  
cement in precise locations.



**Ihor — Great tool for holding a model for assembly, painting & transport.**



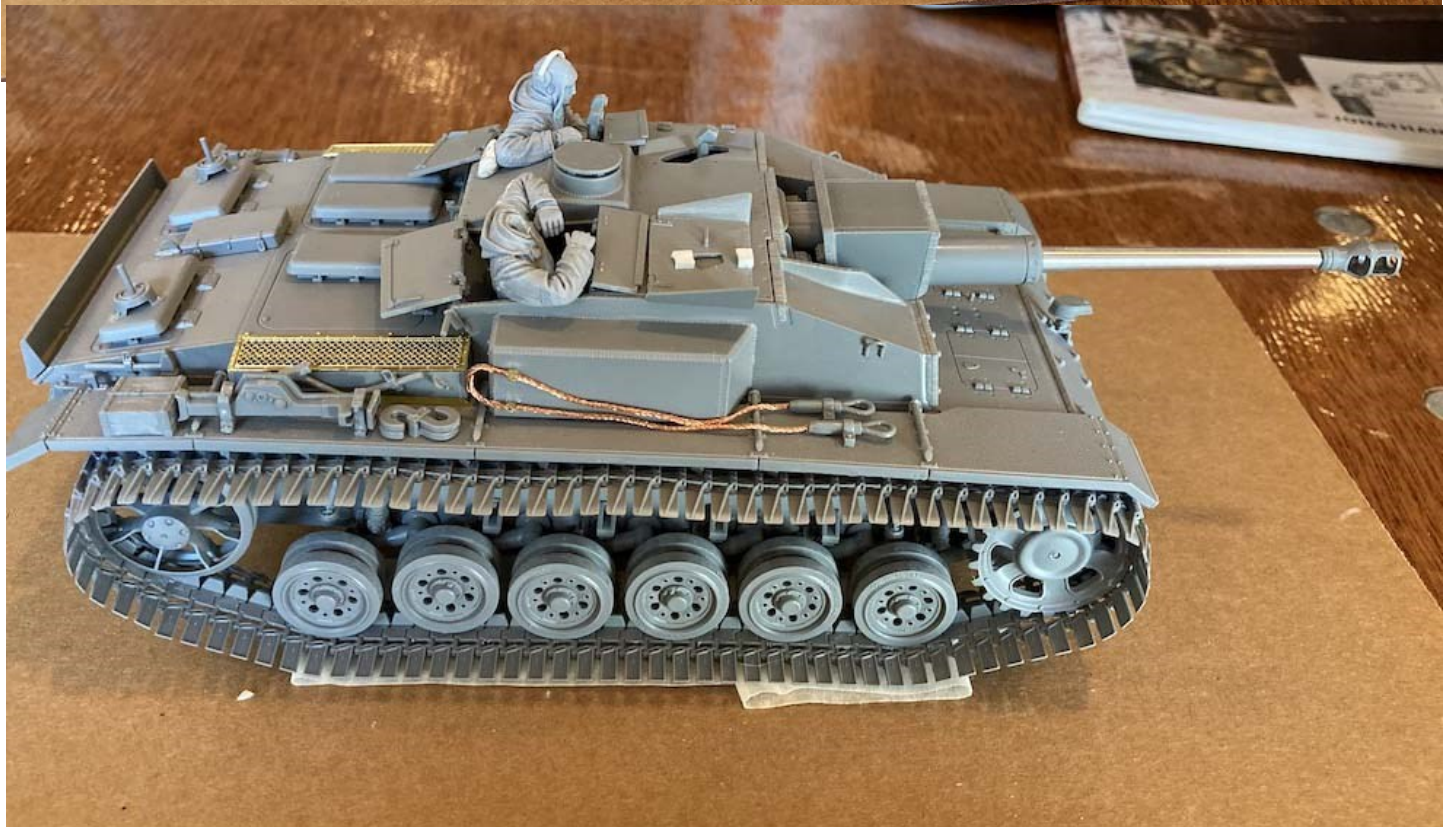
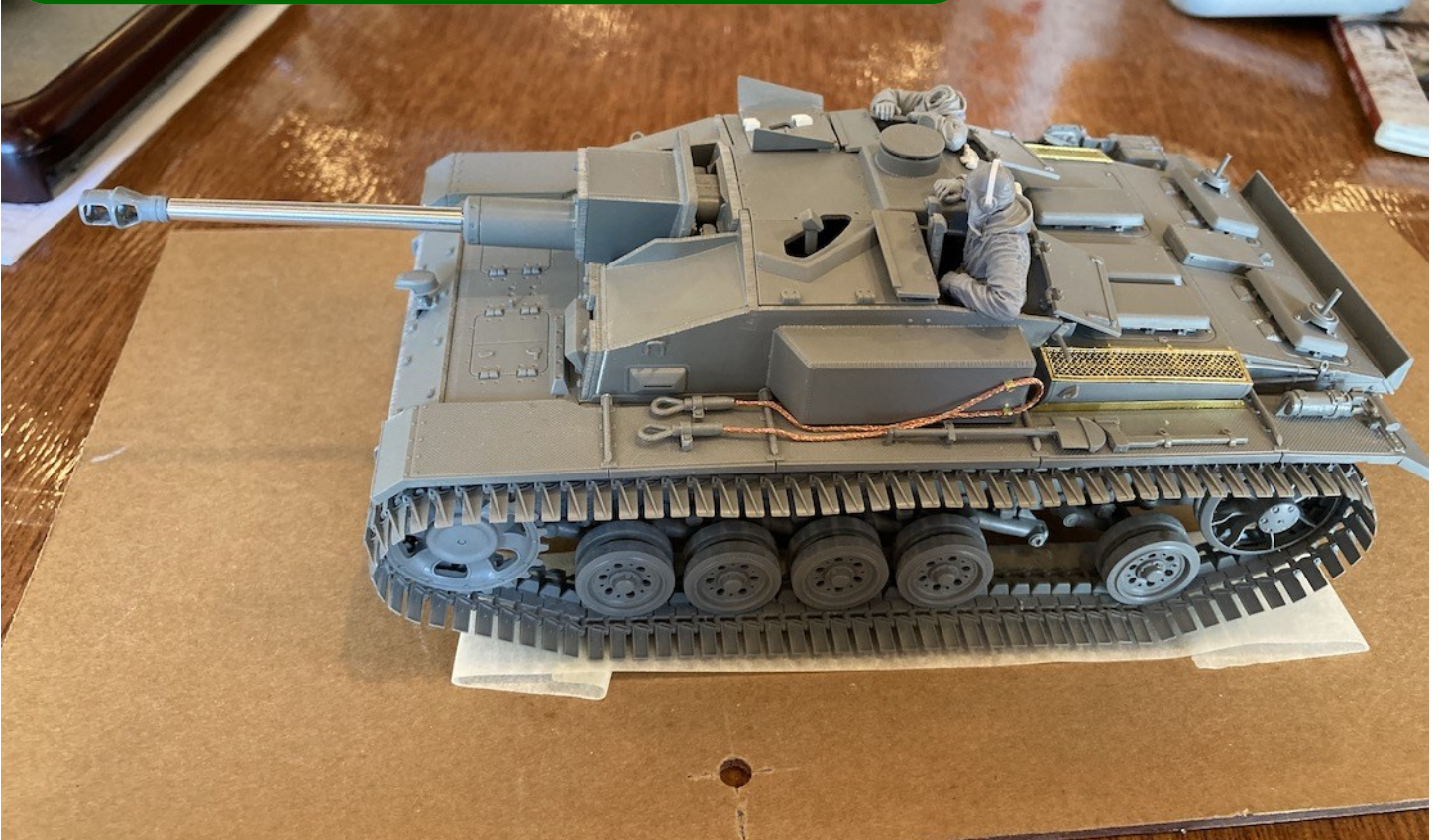


**Ihor — Dragon 38t—built in 2012. Lots of PE and new tracks..**





**Tommy K** — Stug 3 F/8 Takom one of the wheels  
broke off along with one of the figure heads. Very  
Nice kit!







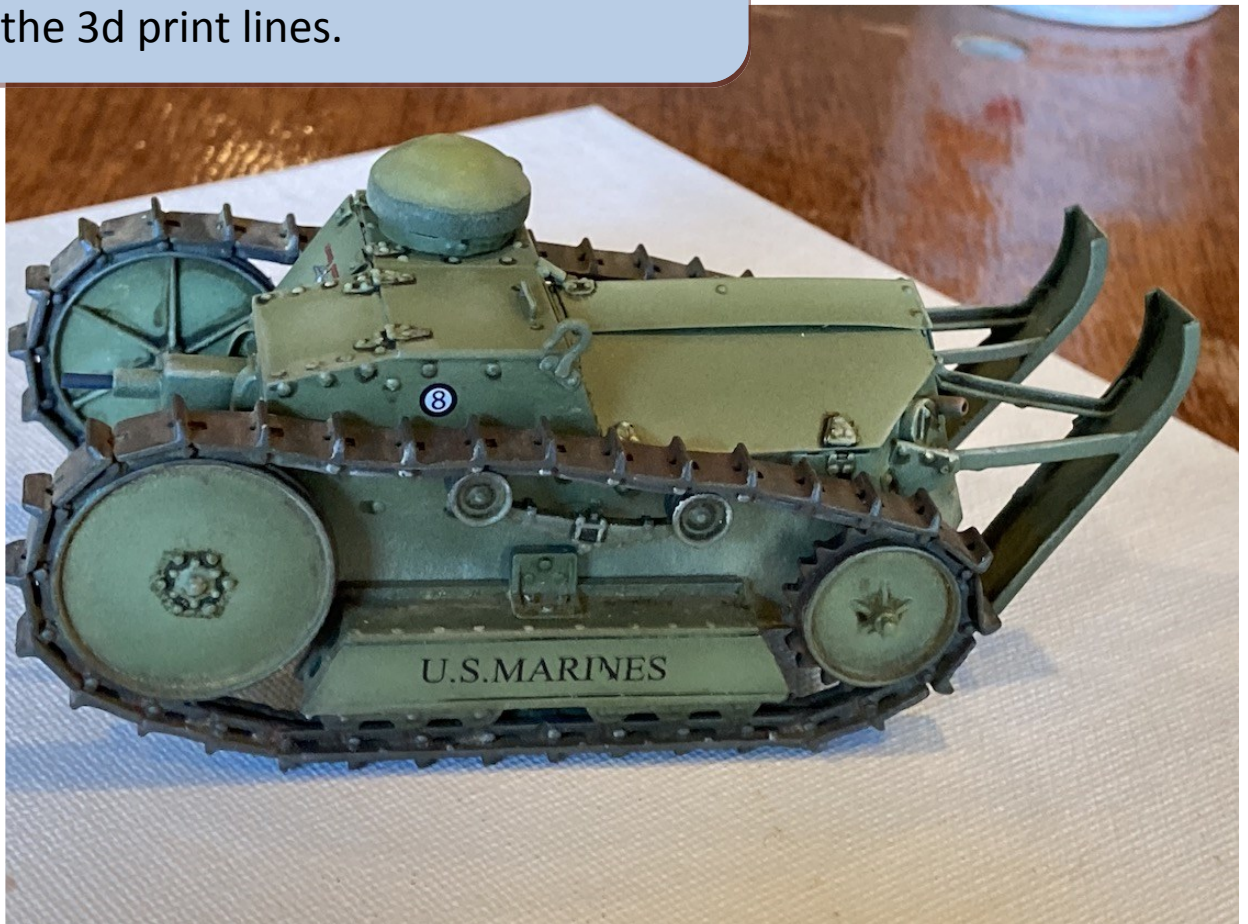
**Tommy K — TOOLS—** Razor Saw and a roll of tape to help pick up parts on the floor.







**Paul LaRock** — Vargas 1/35 1918 Ford 3-Ton 2 man tank, WW1 era. 3d printed kit. The challenge are the 3d print lines.





**Paul LaRock — Tools— Battery operated sander;  
battery grinder.**



**Chrs Kowall** — Tools— Micro chisel with estras blades, mfgr unknown







**Bob Kita—"Sons of Poseiden" Greek figure on a stick. WIP.**

## Bob Kita—Ships Prow





**Mike O — Tools**—chisel, small diamond file, Voitek scribr





**Mike O — Dragon SDKfz 250. Legacy and favorite build. Man firsts!**

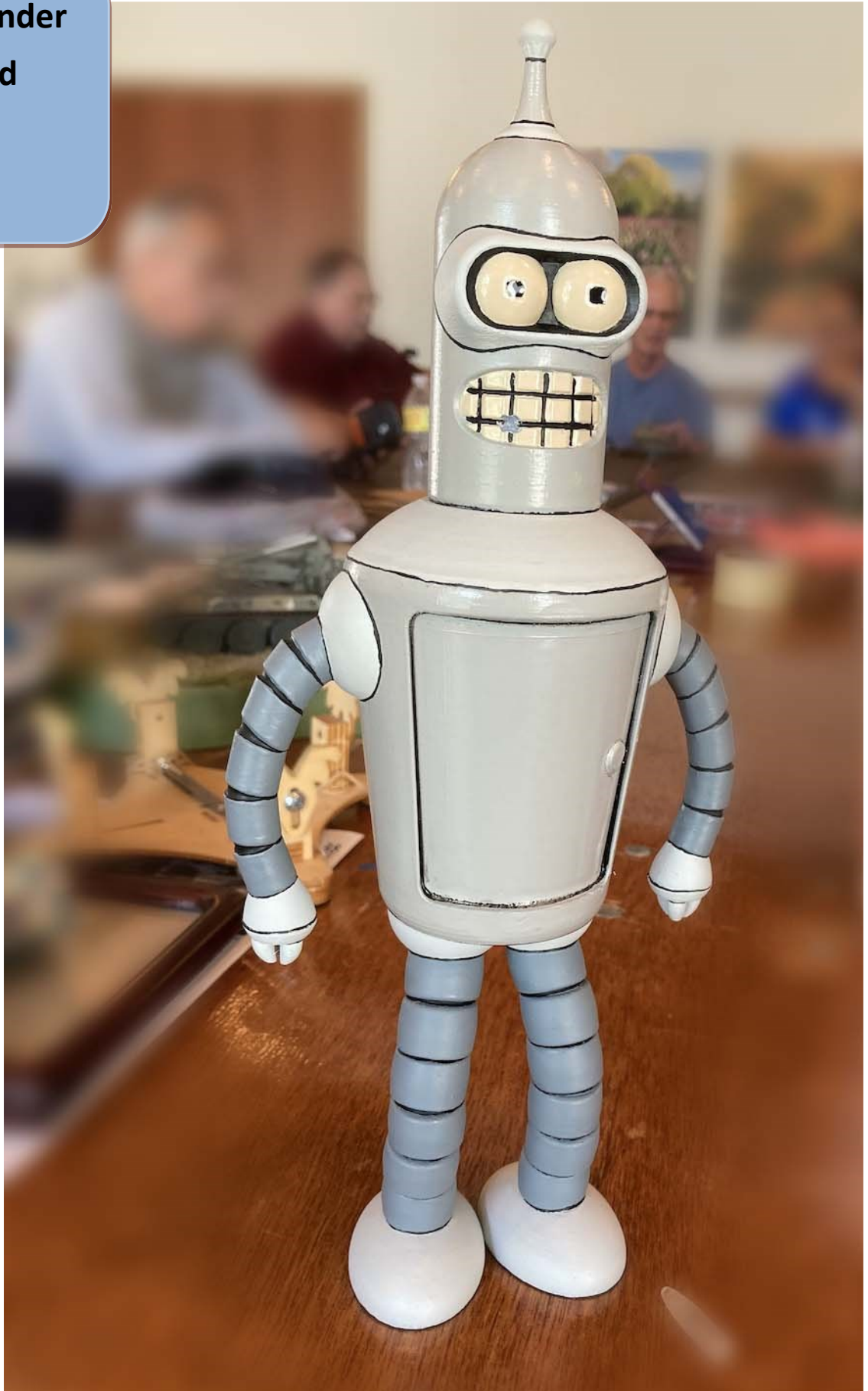




— TOOLS— Saw, Scale, Vernier, 2 sided Tape, Chisel



**Lee — Bender**  
1/8 scale 3d  
printed





## Lee — TIs—UV curing cement.





Mike Kinowski — Dragon Cyber Hobby PZ3

Academy M12 155 SP





**Mike Kinowski — Academy M12 155 SP**

**Tools**—*Mikes favorite are his 2 air brushes, which were too large to bring in.*







**Ron D** — Favorite tool is a table saw, but also these aluminum plates. He uses them for everything: aligning wheels, guide for sawing plastic, drilling, etc.

Also: a machinists metal scale. With a adjustable stop.





**Victor— Favorite tool Is a razor cutter with replaceable razor blade. Its impossible to stab yourself in the foot.**





Victor— Tamiya Jeep







**Victor— Tamiya Dingo—  
interior scratch built!**







Sept  
Meeting





## 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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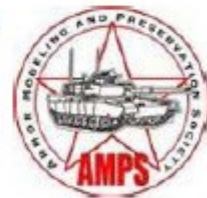
<b>MEMBERSHIP TYPES</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>2 Year</b>	<b>3 Year</b>
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Family Member*	<input type="checkbox"/> ( \$ 5 )	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$15)

\*For anyone living at the same address with a regular active member. Family member DOES NOT receive an individual copy of Borelight 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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