



ARMOR BITS

September 2023

Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society





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Welcome to another edition of

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Last meetings theme was “All Star” or your favorite model no matter what type. We had an excellent turnout and I tried to add everyone's description alongside the picture their favorite.

This month, again at Chuck's suggestion, please bring a **favorite** or special tool; You know, those oddball's you simply can't live without.

All but two of the shirts have been picked up and I think everyone is happy. If you did not order one and can't wait for the next time, shoot me an email and I can order a “single”, although shipping will be added and it may take longer to arrive.

For anyone that's been out of touch on a remote location without internet, there's a story and link below, about the most recent firestorm concerning IPMS USA. Its by Doogs of Doog's Models and it's a thoughtful analysis of what came out of the 2023 Nationals in Texas. I encourage you to read it and make up your own mind.

There is also a link to the **Plastic Posse Podcast** EP 97 that has an interview with AMPS member and 2024 show coordinator John Charvat. Just FFwd. to the 1hr:12min mark to hear it.

We also had another first time visitor— Patrick Higgins! Figure painter but dabbled with armor. Great to see you and hope you return Mike!

Our first online auction has come to an end. It seems that participation was less than I had hoped for. Nevertheless, Chuck Aleshire and Rob Yalden had the winning bids. Congratulations to both on acquiring some world class figures..

We will continue to have meeting auctions from time to time. Stay tuned!

Hope to see you at the meeting

Sept. 9th

Cheers

Stan

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 10am Sept 9th @ the Cantigny Medill room Watch for the reminder to verify.

AUGUST '23 MEETING NOTES

Welcome – 14 members attended in the MeDill room

- Treasure's report— The Kitty is down for advance payment of shirts but will totally recover by next month.
- *AMPS INT show - Hotels are up on the AMPS web site., everything is proceeding normally.*
- 2023 Meeting list – Next Month ?
- Raffle/Auction of Dan's figures
- New business - IPMS convention discussion

MMSI show in Oct.20-21 —Hotels open; 2 day paint session available; 11-12 Shep

Paine Box dioramas available at the show.

- Next years IPMS show in Madison Wi.
- Andys Hobby next models 1/16 M10 & Achilles kits

Show & Tell



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Doogs Models The fallout from the 2023 PMS Nats

<https://doogsmodels.com/2023/08/27/strange-things-afoot-at-the-ncc/>

DOOGS MODELS

**Models. Techniques.
Musings.**

Strange Things Afoot at the NCC...

In most years, the usual post-Nats

discussion would have centered around the



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The latest submission from Angel on the AMPS FB page.

You can also go to

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Panzerwaffe%20-%20German%20Armored%20Force%20in%20WW2>

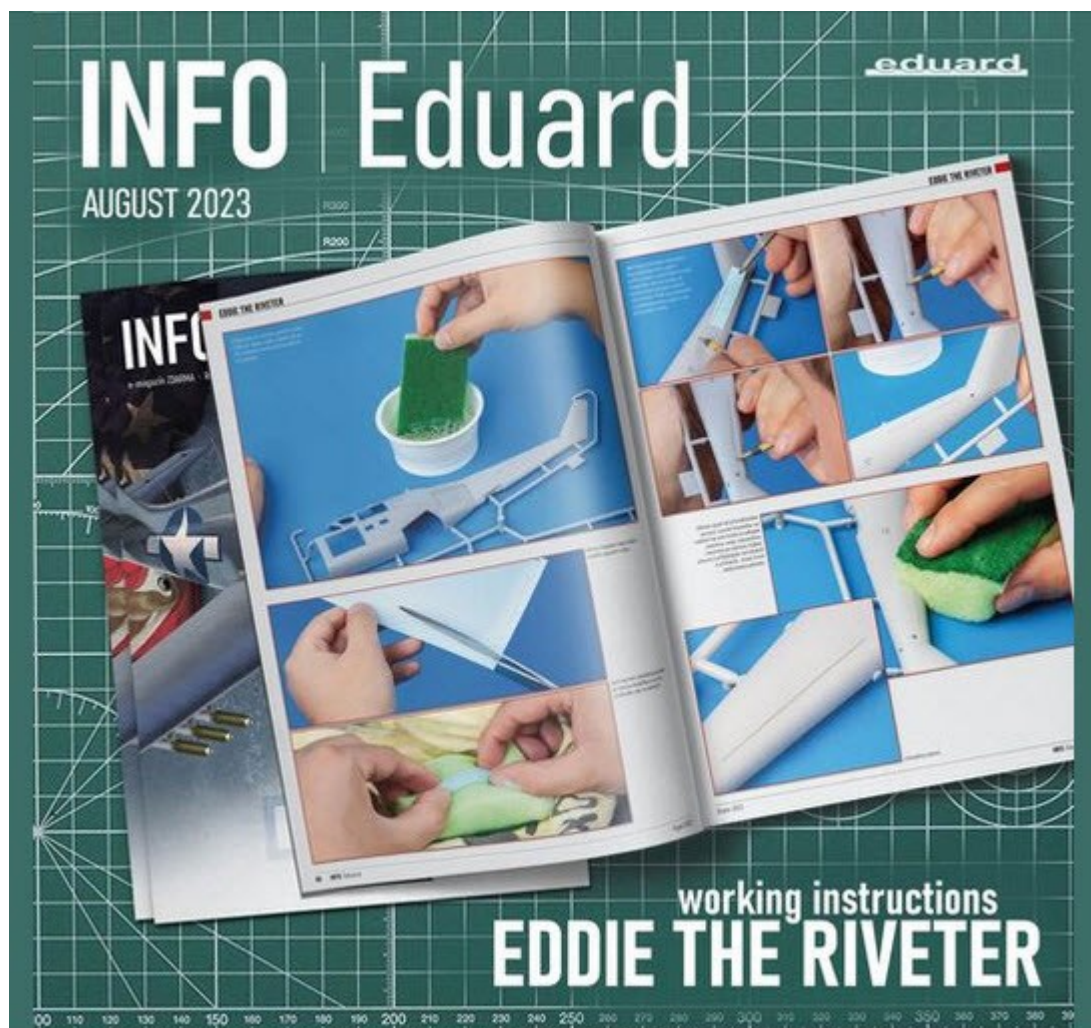
Site on Facebook to find many more photos of WW2 German Panzers.



TRACK LINKS

How to work with 3D decals of single riveting rows? In the August issue of INFO magazine you will find a photographic commented procedure. PS: these decals really don't peel off!

<https://info.eduard.com/en/08-2023-1/page-86>



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:

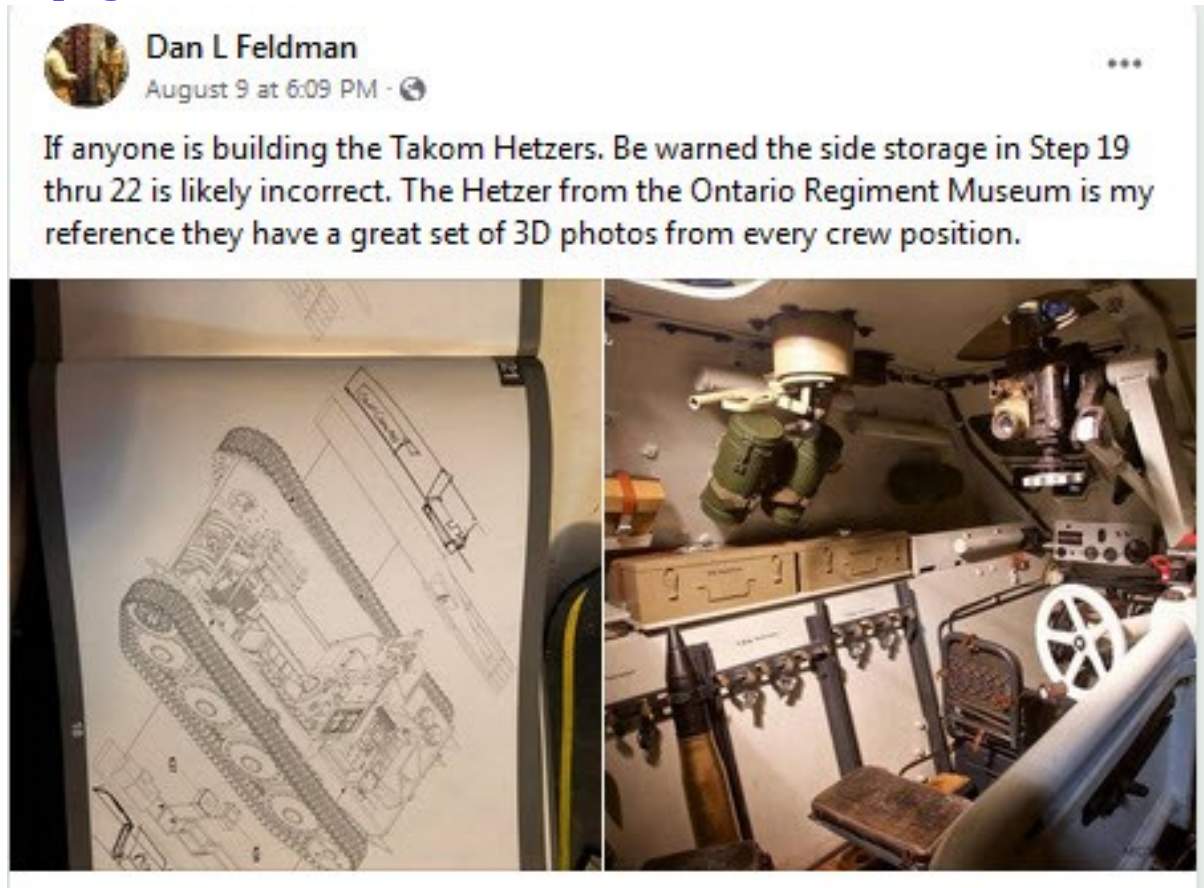
<http://www.amps-chicago.org/News.htm>

For a simple list of photos try this:

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

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From the **Armor Modeling and Preservation Society Social Group Facebook page**.



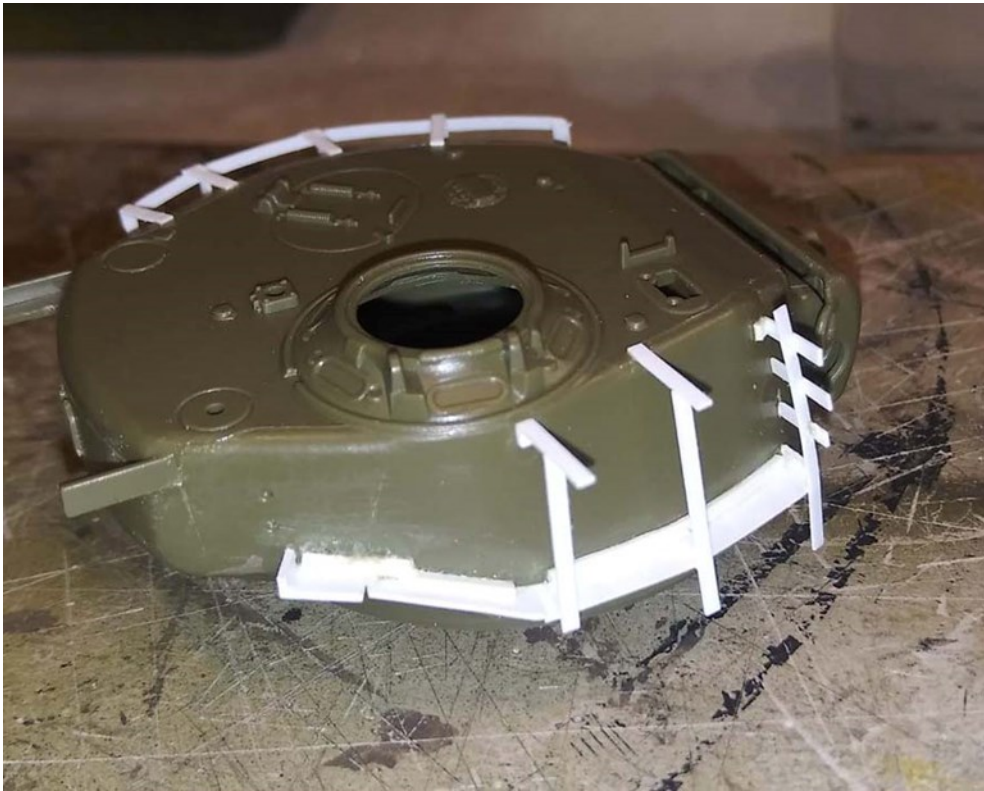
From Chuck Willis—**AMPS 2024 Show—South Bend Amenities.** As you're working between model projects for AMPS 2024 and mowing the grass, visit the AMPS home page at <https://www.amps-armor.org> and check out the brochure [VisitSouthBend.com](https://www.visitSouthBend.com) kindly provided to AMPS. This handy brochure can be downloaded and includes a map listing over 40 places to eat and drink in South Bend from bars, cafes, coffee shops to restaurants. So there's no shortage of great places to dine and hang out after a long day of judging, attending seminars, hitting the vendors' room and meeting up with friends

TRACK LINKS

From **Victor Hernandez**—a quick review of one of his recent builds.



Tamiya M4A3E8 in 1/48 scale with improvised sandbag Armour. I was inspired to build this based on a M4A3E8 in the book by Steve Zaloga. This is another nice kit by Tamiya, my only complaint is that only the commanders hatch is open. The kit was built mostly out of the box.

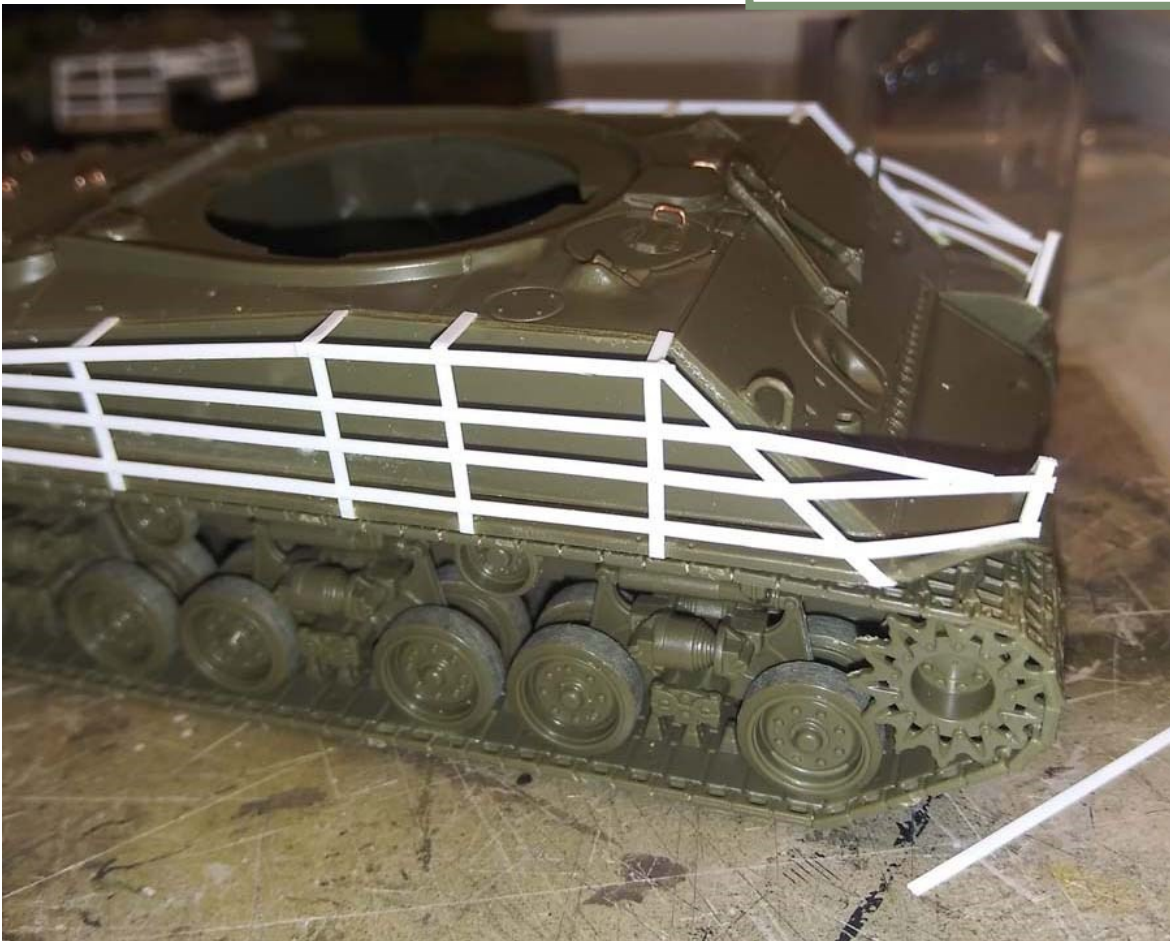


I STARTED WITH THE
CAGE ON THE TURRET. I
USED EVERGREEN STY-
RENE STRIP.





Turret and hull cages finished and waiting for the sandbags





My Tamiya M4A3E8; added the sandbags, I used Briggs Epoxy putty. It took the better part of a week of evenings to complete. A section at a time and then letting the epoxy harden overnight.

Thinking of a vignette



Show & Tell

Stan Kurcz— M60 Slick



A 2015 Intermediate class entry at AMPS. Built before recent new models, so an amalgamation of kits with a good deal of scratch built details along with a custom molded turret by Rick Tuck. I used actual glass for the searchlight lens and cut out the turret view blocks and replaced them with clear plastic. It was a labor love, the first effort to research & build a vehicle on its own, my first gold medal ever, so it holds a special place in my collection!

Chuck Aleshire — DAS Werk/Warriors fig.



“NOT the Dora Railgun”!

Borgward Demo layer tricked out with panzerschrecks for the battle of Berlin. The kit was a Daswerks kit w/individual link tracks. (major PITA). Figure was a Warriors fig. archer label on the wine bottle.



Russian civil war armored car used by the Don Cossacks in service of the Zscar. A resin kit Sparta bag kit. Cossack fig by Masterclub. Difficult kit but turned out great!.

Tommy K — PZ4 F1 in Winter Camo



DML "F" - used a pencil to make the chalk camo.!

Bob Kita—DML Grief w/Alpine figure





Bob Kita—Bust (no idea what it is!) ... working on a stencil for the eagle to spray on. Also making “netting” for the helmet.



Jeff—1/350 Z-39 Dragon destroyer smart kit. Started as a group project for the 2019 Nats. Need to buy extra detail kits. The plastic is gtrt. Too much PE! It's the last of the "Z" boats so plenty of AA guns! Painted in MM acrylic's. 1st place in the group!

FANTASTIC finish Jeff!!!!



Dan O'conner — Meng T-90 2017 build. Favorite for all the work done to it. All the straps, clasps are PE; Exhaust & flaps on the rear are PE, came together very nice and the paint job was perfect! Tracks are AM resin. Metal barrel with fantastic resin & brass details.

Great kit and a terrific finish!





Scott— Tiger2 OOB with leftovers from other kits.



Scott— Dragon Sherman Mk3 OOB; some lead foil straps for the tools, AM flimsy can rack & cans, Rye field individual tracks,



Set of 3D printed QUICK TRACKS.

Nice, snap together easily, detailed and ROBUST until Chuck "broke" them!

Go to [Www.quickwheelstore.com](http://www.quickwheelstore.com)



Chris Chapman — Tamiya Char B1bis—good memories!
OOB. Used the Rinaldi books, Hataka paints, silly putty &
Hairspray technique. First entry at AMPS Nats



Chris Chapman — Bandai Imperial walker in **Russian**
whatif scheme

**Destroyed by a
Ukrainian Walker!**

In-progress Sci-fi work by Chris Chapman, depicting a Russian ST-AT knocked out (by Paul LaRock's Ukrainian unit..this was actually pretty funny when they sprung this on us).



Paul LaRock — Bandai Ukrainian AT-ST w/base

Great kit!



Paul LaRock — Navy Officer
with baby boy

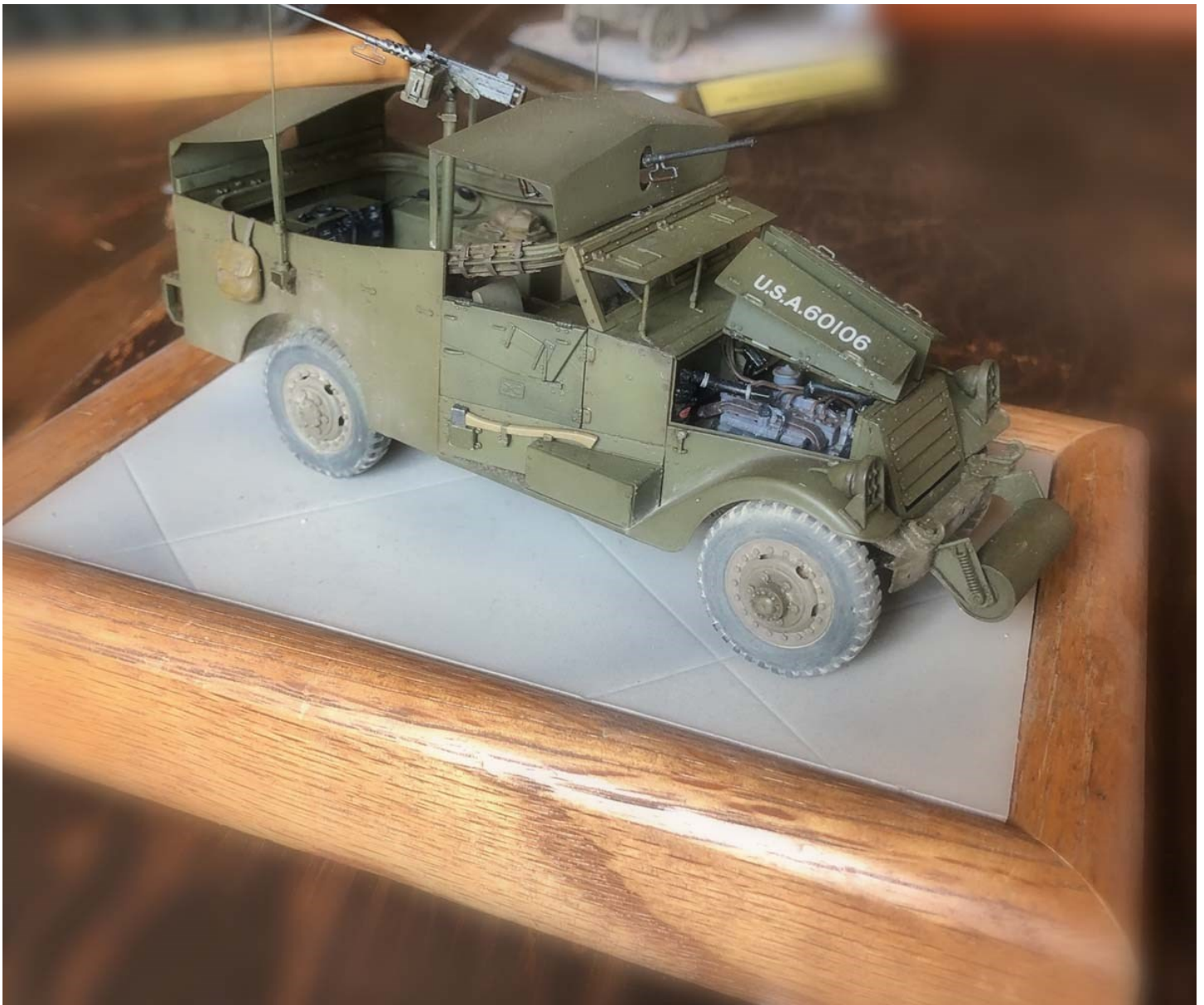


Completer “Finally” LEE Tank
for the Umpteenth time! We
don’t want to see it again ei-
ther Paul!!!!



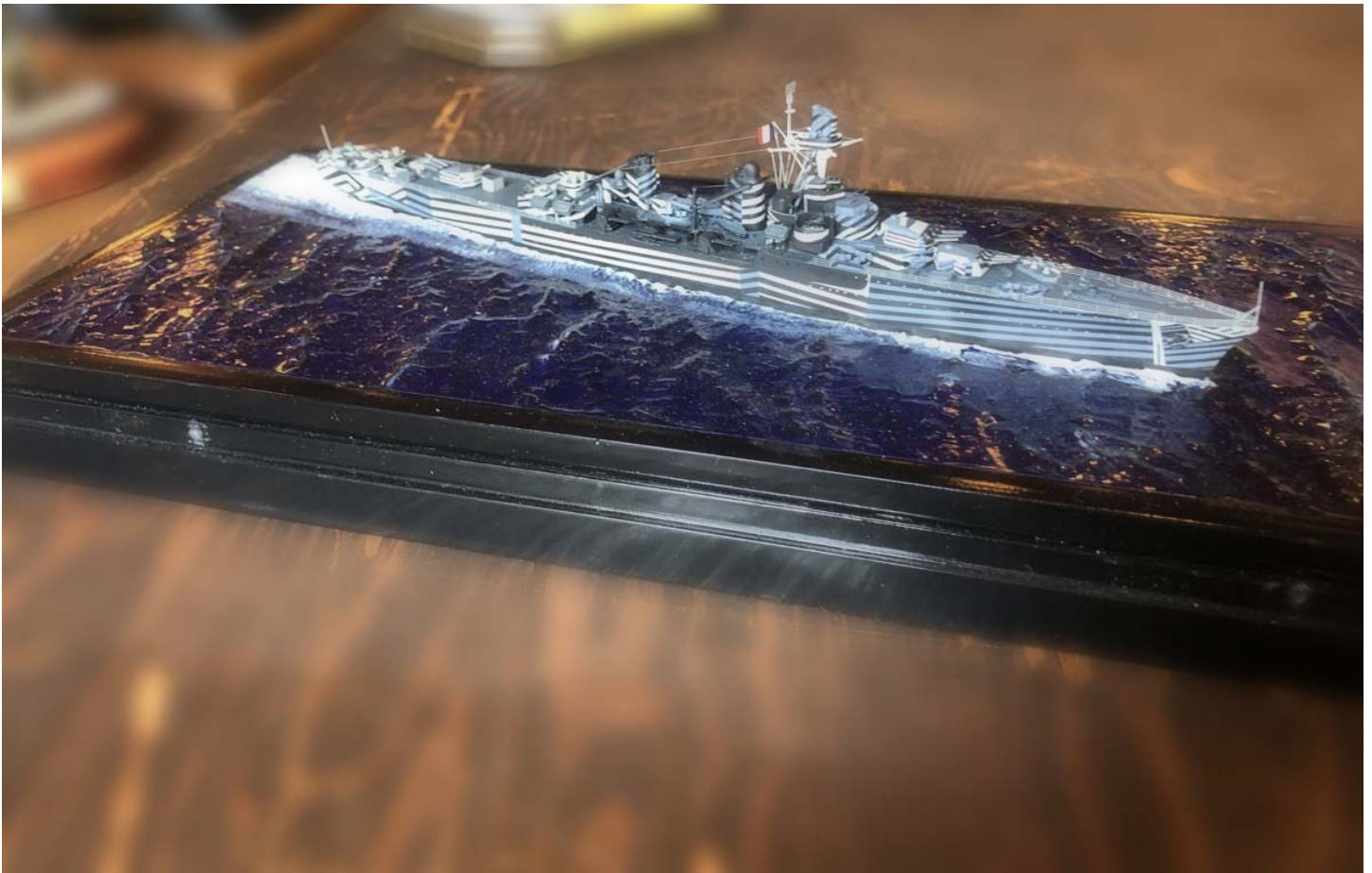
Ihor - Hobby Boss early M3A1 Scout Car. Finished as Pattons N.Africa cmd car. First time massive scratch building & customization. Tamiya OD finish.

WOW!



Ihor — Tamiya LRDG kit. Lots of scratch building. Tarp was painted and rolled lead foil. Stowage is resin aftermarket.





Charlie — 1/700 French cruiser “Glorie”. After refit in Philly naval yard. Plenty of Gold Medal PE. Finished with Floquil paint. Hull striping was done with hand cut masking tape!



Lee — 1/350 Trumpeter USS O'Brien Liberty ship Lee's father jumped ship from 1955. PE details, dry transfer lettering, and weathering according to Lee's father.



Mike Kinowski —DML 1/35 SDKfz 25 and Kettenrad Diorama. First time researching a model, first time with snoe, used leaf punch, downsized road maps printed out.

It was rebuilt after a “cat” destroyed it. Great job Mike.





August
MEETING





AUCTION/RAFFLE





The Last Round

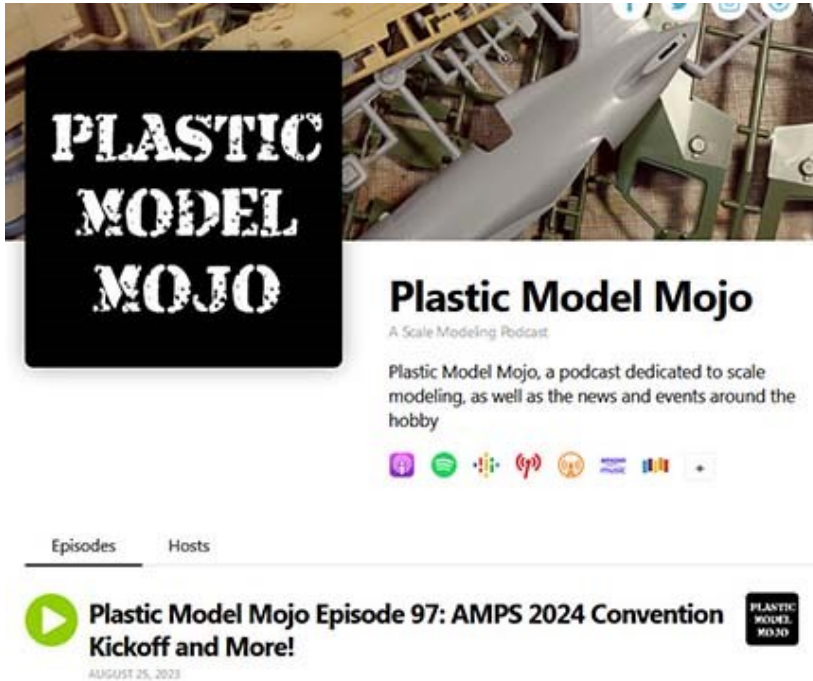


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Interview with 2024 AMPS show coordinator

John Charvat @ 1:12:00

<https://www.plasticmodelmojo.com/>

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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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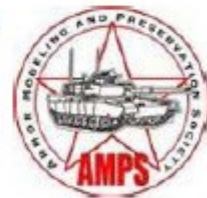
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