



AMPS
The Armor Modeling and Preservation Society

Sabot Away!

Special points of interest:

- Next AABS club meeting to be held September 4th, 2002 at 7:00 PM.
- Highlights from August 2002 Club meeting.
- Article: Hiding under the bedsprings by Don Jones

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What's Up!

August was a very busy month, two shows and back to school for the kiddies. Thank goodness for school and it's six months plus until the next major show.

I believe in September. there is the DAMS show in Dallas, Texas and October brings us to Abilene, Texas. The Arlington, Texas show sounds like a hit from the feedback I received. I am sorry to say I missed this one. This is not to say I usually make this one. I believe 1994 or 1995 was the last time I attended this show. Next year I am going to try and make the Texas tour. This brings us to the Austin show; I was really excited about this one. I got to see a few old friends and check out some pretty nice models.

Our club contest scheduled for November will be pushed back to February 5th, 2003. I have spoken with several members that needed more time or have not started their project. I

would like the prizes to match the turn out.

Dues will be \$10.00 dollars this year, a bit of a discount for technical difficulties we had this year. I will see you guys September 04, 2002!

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M3A1 Stuart Light Tank

Next Meeting

Our next club meeting will be September 04, 2002 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the City of Austin Yarborough Public Library. Street address is: 2200 Hancock Drive, Austin, Texas 78756. Telephone number is 512-454-7208.

Gadgets Galore: Bring your favorite tools, jigs, etc... Store bought or home built. We are

looking for people to demonstrate at future meetings the following:

- Transporting your models
- Ground work for displays
- Buildings for Dioramas
- Adhesives - Different glues for different materials and

the best way to apply them, etc.

- Roughing it - Making armor look like cast / rolled metal.

Please contact Ted Paone (Program Coordinator) if you wish to present or have an idea.

Upcoming Club Events

Here are a list of activities schedule for future AABS club meetings:

October 2002

- Open

November 2002

- Open

December 2002

- Open

Annual Schultz's Beer Garden Party (December - TBD)

January 2003

- Open

February 2003

- Club contest

March 2003

- Open

April 2003

- Open



Dave Edgerly (left) listens to Gary Beetley (center) and Bob Bethea (right) discuss a how-to paint session on German uniform camouflage.

Highlights from the August 2002 meeting



M8 Motor Carriage (Tamiya) —Don Jones



Soviet SU76M — Russ Holm



Gary Beetley demonstrating his technique

“ Thank you Gary Beetley and Bob Bethea for an outstanding presentation on German Uniform camouflage. ”



Rick Herrington's Panzer II Lynx (ICM)



Richard Eaton's Panzer IV barge



Karl Leidy's Tiger II diorama

Highlights from the August 2002 meeting - Continued



Gary Beetley discussing the different types of camouflage.



Bob Bethea explains painting camo on a German smock.



Another shot of Rick Herrington's Panzer II.



Here is a shot of Karl Leidy's "Smoke 'em if you got 'em" diorama.

"We need volunteers to contribute How-To articles, Kit Reviews, Book Reviews, etc..."

Article

Hiding under the bedsprings!

By Don Jones

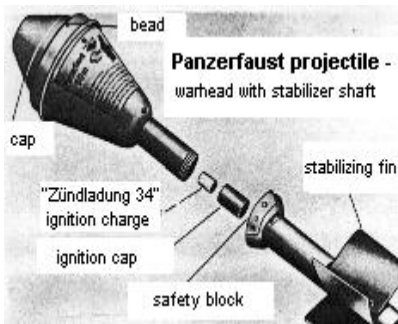
Reference from text and articles written by Steven Zaloga

The Russian horde was in full advance. Waves of Russian armor filled the horizon and the German forces were doing everything possible to slow the inevitable. A very effective anti-tank weapon was produced called the Panzerfaust. It was very simple to operate and fired a

shaped charge, which proved deadly to allied armor. This weapon became as common as the German standard issue Kar 98 rifle. On every corner or turn in the road someone was waiting in ambush. A quick fix for the Russians was to weld bed springs i.e. spaced armor to the hull and turret. This gave the crew a sense of safety, but in reality it help the shaped charge become more efficient and devastating. A shape charge work best when it detonates just off the armor service. The springs provided just enough resistance to detonate the warhead at a very lethal point. As this was discovered more planning went other forms of spaced armor. There are some rare shots of an IS-122 with spaced armor like the MK III's and Mk IV's. The American tankers also tried many methods to slow down the Panzerfaust and the dreaded 88 but to no avail. An overwhelming number of Allied AFV's eventually won the day. **DJones**



T34/85 with mesh wire "Bedsprings" in front of the German Reichstag, Berlin Germany 1945.



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RZM Imports Inc.

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New Kits - Future Releases



Tamiya Marder III M



Tamiya M26 Pershing

Combat/War movie results

Currently, we only have four members who put in their favorite combat / war movies. Here are the results:

- Band of Brothers (2)
- Saving Private Ryan (4)
- A Bridge Too Far (2)
- Where Eagles Dare (1)
- The Longest Day (1)
- Kelly's Heroes (1)
- Battleground (1)
- Sands of Iwo Jima (2)
- A Walk in the Sun (1)
- Stalingrad (1)
- Cross of Iron (1)
- The Guns of Navarone (1)
- The Wild Geese (1)
- Zulu (1)

Please send your top five favorite Combat / War movies to Don Jones at djmaus14@aol.com.

Currently Saving Private Ryan is in first place.

Saving Private Ryan



For Sale / Trade / Wanted

This space is available. Please contact Don Jones if you would like to put something on the board.

Links of Interest



[Http://www.amps-armor.org](http://www.amps-armor.org)



[Http://www.track-link.net](http://www.track-link.net)



[Http://www.missing-lynx.com](http://www.missing-lynx.com)

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