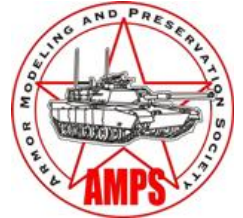




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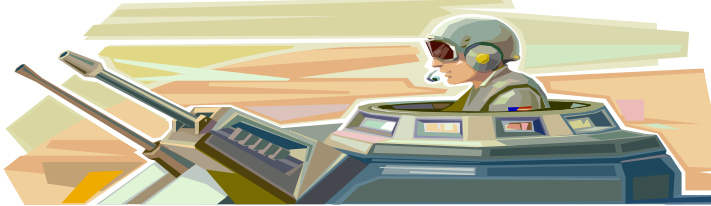


AUSTIN ARMOR BUILDERS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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From the Turret



January and February are history and March is upon us. The March meeting will be our first quarterly contest for 2008 and it is Red Cross Month once again. Worth Haggerton and the Red Cross is sponsoring the event.

I want to thank Bill Menzie for his wonderful presentation on his German World War II Uniform Collection. I think we all learned quite a bit about the subject.

How about a Club field trip? Our last field trip to the Battleship Texas in November 2006 was a lot of fun. We had 9 members attend and we ending having a nice dinner afterwards. We have an opportunity to attend Brent Mullin's OPEN House in College Station, Texas on



Here is one of Brent Mullin's restored vehicle. It is a M24 Chaffee Light Tank. It should be at the Brent Mullin's Open House later this month. Photograph by Brent Mullin.

March 29, 2008. It will be held at the Museum of the American G.I.

Admission is \$3.00 per person and parking is Free. So lets get a few car pools organized to take the trip.

Also, anyone know of any good places to eat on the way back?

Club elections are in April 2008. Officer Nominations are now open.

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Austin Armor Builders Society Membership Dues

Dues will now be collected in January. This will make it easier for us to track and easier to maintain the membership cards.

As always, membership is \$12.00 USD per year. The membership cards will be presented to members at the January meeting.

The card will be valid for one year and a new card will be created each year as long as your club membership is in good standing.

New members will be given a card after they pay their dues. Dues will be prorated based on the month they join.



Special points of interest:

- MODEL FIESTA 27 TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2008 IN LIVE OAK, TEXAS.
- RED CROSS MONTH QUARTERLY CONTEST TO BE HELD AT THE MARCH 5, 2008 MEETING.

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Officer Election to be held at the April 2008 meeting



Club Elections will be held at the April 2008 meeting. There will be four positions open:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Nominations were opened at the January meeting and will

be open through the March 2008 meeting.

The newly elected officers will take over at the May 2008 meeting. The officers will be in office until May 2010. It is a two year commitment.

If you are interested in any of the positions or have any questions on the responsibilities they require please let me know.

From my perspective, being a officer has really helped me get to know all the other members of the club.

Current Candidates:

President: Eric Choy

Vice-President: Russ Holm

Secretary: Ted Paone or Jeff Forester

Treasurer: Don Jones

It is good for different people to participate in running the club. I have enjoyed the last two years as President.

Roderick Bell

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Here is the same M24 Chaffee Light Tank prior to restoration by Brent Mullin. Photograph by Brent Mullin.

Several of you approached me after the meeting or at the local hobby shop and

asked why I wasn't running for president again? I loved being the 2nd President of the

Austin Armor Builders Society and would like to serve as an officer again someday. However, my concern is that the club will grow stagnant without new leadership. I want more people to participate in the club. New ideas will come from new leadership. I look forward to welcoming the new Club officers in May.

Roderick Bell

Calendar of Events

- ◆ **March 5, 2008** - Club Meeting: Quarterly Contest: Red Cross Month Contests.
- ◆ **March 8, 2008** - Diorama / Figure Bases with **Bob Bethea** (Sat. 2:00pm - **King's Hobby**)
- ◆ **March 15, 2008** - Fruilmodel Track Assembly & Painting with **Jorge Aduna** (Sat. 2:00pm - **King's Hobby**)
- ◆ **March 29, 2008** - Weathering with Paint filters and oil dots with **Russ Holm** (Sat. 11:00am - **King's Hobby**)
- ◆ **March 29, 2008** - Club Field Trip: **Brent Mullin's** OPEN HOUSE, The Museum of the American G.I.
- ◆ **April 2, 2008** - Club Meeting: Seminar **Dave Bourland**
- ◆ **April 5, 2008** - Model Mania: Stafford Center, Stafford, Texas.
- ◆ **April 5, 2007** - Scale Figure Face Painting with **Bob Bethea** (Sat. 11:00am—**King's Hobby**)
- ◆ **April 10-12, 2008** - AMPS International Show: WWII Victory Museum, Auburn, Indiana.
- ◆ **April 19, 2007** - Mud Effects with Jorge Aduna (Sat. 2:00pm - **King's Hobby**)
- ◆ **May 7, 2008** - Club Meeting: Seminar TBD
- ◆ **May 19, 2008** - Cast Textures for Armor Models with **Jorge Aduna** (Sat. 2:00pm - **King's Hobby**)

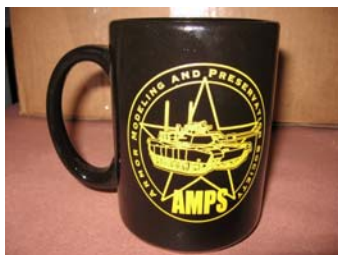
“SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS WILL BE PUTTING ON CLINICS AT KING'S HOBBY SHOP. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU TRY TO ATTEND THESE EXCELLENT CLINICS.”

AMPS Gear

We still have AMPS Mugs and AMPS Caps available for sale.

The mugs are \$8.00 a piece and the caps are \$12.00 a piece. There will be a limited number of each (two dozen each).

If you sign up for an AMPS membership you will get to select a cap or mug for free.



Here is the front of the AMPS Mug. It has the AMPS logo on the front and the web address on the back.



Here is a front side shot of the AMPS Cap. Looks nice.

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The Candidates

By Roderick Bell

I have asked all of the current Officer Candidates to write up a little bio about themselves so we can get to know them better.

President

ing scale models since I was nine. I was fortunate enough to pick up modeling as my hobby before the arrival of video games. My love of the smell of Humbrol enamels has also inad-

my "hobby life", I built nothing but armor, especially German panzers. Then I lost my "way" and started building aircraft and sci-fi models. At one point I sold almost all of my 1/35th kits on eBay and declared armorless. Since then, I have recovered my armor mojo by the way of Tamiya's 1/48th scale armor kits and my peers in Austin Armor Builders Society. Thanks, guys.

*I enjoy the company of every member in the club, and I'm constantly amazed by the work of our master modelers. As perfect as it is now, I believe there is still room for Austin Armor Builders Society to grow. I would like to see us reaching out for more new members and educating the public of who we are and what we do. We should also organize more out of town field trips to visit museums and "let off some steam." Last but not least, we should celebrate DML's excellent products by consuming more **authentic** Chinese*

“ROY CHOW IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT.”



Eric Choy—Austin Armor Builders Society Presidential Candidate. Photograph provided by Eric Choy.

My name is Eric Choy, and I'm running for the office of President of Austin Armor Builders Society. I've been build-

vertently contributed to my addiction to this hobby.

For the first 25 years of

The Candidates - Continued

food.

Thank you.
Eric

Russian armored vehicles, WWII artillery, unusual vehicles of any nation and figures.

I am now "retired" after working for IBM for

Vice-President



Russell (Russ) Holm: Austin Armor Builders Society Vice Presidential Candidate. Photograph provided by Roderick Bell.

I am a candidate for Vice President. I've been a member of Austin Armor Builders pretty much from the first meeting of the club that was organized by Don Jones in April of 1997. I have currently been serving as Vice-President since May 2006.

My interests within armor is primarily WWII

more than 40 years. I have a lovely, patient (with me) wife and two grown children and one grandchild. I have been a model builder off and on for the past 52 years (good Lord). When I was younger and firmer of flesh and keener sighted; I enjoyed competitive shooting. I shot Trap and

Skeet, and as a junior, small bore indoor rifle.

My desire is for all the club members to become active participants; through organized field trips, a group project, presenting a club program, bringing and displaying your work, and involvement in our AMPS Regional show. I believe everyone of us has a talent, a unique knowledge, or resource that can and should be shared with all our members. I enjoy the fellowship these activities can bring to a hobby that by its nature, tends to be solitary and quiet.

As your Vice president, I will try to present ideas/programs that will encourage this fellowship for our club.

Treasurer

Don Jones is known by us all. Don is the Founder of the Austin Armor Builders Society. Don started the club in 1997 with several other local Austin area armor and figure modelers. Don

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“DON JONES IS
RUNNING FOR
THE TREASURER
POSITION.”



Don Jones — Austin Armor Builders Society Treasurer Candidate. Photograph provided by Roderick Bell.

held the presidency of the club for nine years. Recently Don has had more time to devote to two of his favorite hobbies; Armor Modeling and Photography. Don is looking forward to serving as treasurer of the Club.

We have two candidates for this position: Ted Paone (Our current Treasurer) and Jeff Forester.

***Ted Paone** has been serving as our treasurer since May 2006. Ted is the “Gadget Guy”. He has many unique methods on how to solve problems or how to get a specific effect he wants out of his models via his tools.*

Ted is looking forward to your vote for him for Secretary.

Jeff Forester

Hi, In case anyone doesn't recognize the picture

Secretary



Ted Paone — Austin Armor Builders Society Secretarial Candidate. Photograph provided by Roderick Bell.

The Candidates - Continued



Jeff Forester —Austin Armor Builders Society Secretarial Candidate. Photograph provided by Jeff Forester.

from my fellow club members and I enjoy every monthly experience at our meetings. Now that I have given up the life of a vampire and have settled into life with daylight I will be able to attend all our meetings now so life is good. Please consider me for the above position and give me your vote!!

of the old mug there I'm Jeff Forster, and I would like to be your next club secretary. A few of my qualifications for the position would be that, 1) I love being involved in things and having a hand in what's going on. 2) I have held vice president, and president positions for approximately 4 years in one of our fellow clubs, 3) I have been a member of the armor club for more than a few years and would like to be more involved in the club since I have a keen but growing interest in armor mainly US armor. I know that I can learn

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“TED PAONE AND JEFF FORESTER ARE RUNNING FOR THE SECRETARY POSITION.”



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The Austin Armor Builders Society is an organization where members gather and share information on building scale armor and figure kits. The Austin Armor Builders Society was founded in 1997 and has about 25 active members. The Austin Armor Builders Society is the local chapter for the Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS). Every two years the organization host an AMPS Regional show known as AMPS Centex. This show attracts armor and figure modelers from around the state of Texas and is one of the Premier AMPS Regional shows.

We are on the web: AustinArmorBuilders.com

Support our Troops



Thank you Canada. A Canadian Leopard 2A6M CAN tank platoon moves down an Afghan road. Photo Courtesy Canadian Forces Imagery.