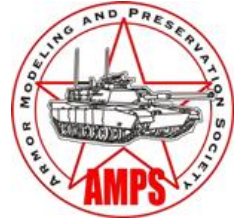




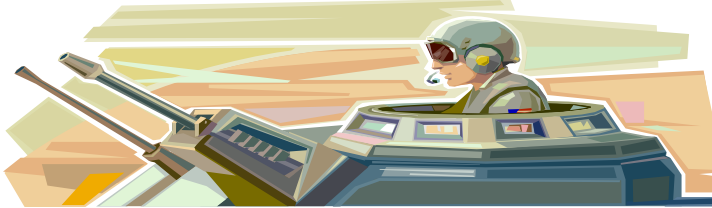
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AUSTIN ARMOR BUILDERS SOCIETY

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From the Turret



Worth Haggerton on the right presenting the Red Cross Month trophy and prize to Eric Choy. The Red Cross trophy was donated by Red Cross of Central Texas and the Dragon M1A2 SEP Abrams tank was donated by King's Hobby Shop. Congrats Eric! Photograph by Roderick Bell.

Greeting fellow armor builders. This is my first **"From the Turret"** address, and let me start by saying thank you from the bottom of my heart for letting me serve as your

CO for the next 24 months. I know I'm not the best man for the job (Russ is, I still believe), but hopefully with my enthusiasm and your continuing support, I can get

through my term without misfire or throwing a track.

In this forever shrinking hobby of ours, it is bad enough that we don't have much reinforcement in terms of young modelers, we can't afford to lose any veteran we already have in the club. My utmost priority is to hold the fort and make sure no one bails without a good reason (short of dying, of course). I will do my best to keep you all informed, involved, and entertained. And this is no easy task as far as I can see.

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Special points of interest:

- BRING IN YOUR KITS TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FOR THE WEBSITE.
- TED'S TRICKS - 001 BY TED PAONE
- BOOK REVIEW: MAGYAR STEEL BY RODERICK BELL

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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.



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Model Photography at the next Club Meeting



Here is Bob Bethea's E-10 with 88mm gun. Photograph provided by Roderick Bell.

brief description of the subject so we can have specifics about the model for the website.

So if you want some personal photographs please bring in your own camera or ask for digital copies of the photos shot at the club meeting.

Again, please don't forget to bring in your models to be photographed.

Roderick Bell

“PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR COMPLETED MODELS, DIORAMAS, FIGURES, ETC... TO THE MAY CLUB MEETING. WE WILL HAVE SEVERAL PHOTOGRAPHERS WORKING TO TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR EXCELLENT WORK.”

Please don't forget to bring your completed models, dioramas, figures, etc... to the May club meeting. We will have several photographers working to take pictures of

your excellent work.

The digital images will be put up on the club website as well as given to you for your own use. Please provide a

From the Turret - Continued



Here is a nice shot of Russ Holm's 1/35th scale Italian Autoblinda AB 41 by Italeri. Photograph provided by Roderick Bell.

what you build and invite them to our meetings. The minute they step into the meeting room, the battle is already half won. With our good looks, gentleman's manners, and boyish charms, I doubt anyone can resist the smell of our glues and paints!

And if someone asks: "Don't you guys build planes?" Just answer: "Tanks rule. Planes... they're just plain!"

We will also continue our effort to recruit new members. But the club can only do so much promoting the hobby. We need your help

to reach out to the community as well. Start by showing your friends and neighbors what you do in your spare time. Get them hooked on

Eric Choy

Calendar of Events

- ◆ **May 7, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **MiG Filters** by **Roderick Bell**, Also, Bring in your models to have them **Photographed for the Club website**.
- ◆ **May 10, 2008** - Weathering with Paint Filters & Oil Dots by **Russ Holm** (Sat. 11:00AM—King's Hobby)
- ◆ **May 19, 2008** - **Cast Textures for Armor Models** with **Jorge Aduna** (Sat. 2:00pm - King's Hobby)
- ◆ **May 24-25, 2008** - **Close Assault: 1944**, Texas Military Forces Museum, Camp Mabry.
- ◆ **May 31, 2008** - Squadron ScaleFest 2008, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051
- ◆ **June 4, 2008** - Club Meeting; Quarterly Contest - **Christmas White Elephant Build Contest**
- ◆ **July 2, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **Bill Johnson**
- ◆ **August 6, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **Karl Leidy**
- ◆ **September 3, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **John Hernandez**; Annual Club Auction.
- ◆ **September 27, 2008** - Austin Scale Modelers Society Show
- ◆ **October 1, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **Worth Haggerton**
- ◆ **November 5, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **Ted Paone**
- ◆ **December 3, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **Bob Bethea / Quarterly Contest (TBD)**
- ◆ **December 6, 2008** - Club Christmas Party

“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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Ted's Tricks – 001

By Ted Paone

“All of my ideas are stolen, some from me and others by me.”

In *The Graduate*, Ben is given the secret word with which to chart his future “Plastics”. It is obvious that many have taken this suggestion to heart based on our extensive collections of said material.

The word for today is “double sided sticky tape”. OK, it is four words but this tool is so versatile that you will be using many words to describe it.



Here is a common brand of double sided sticky tape. There are many brands to choose from.

Sticky on both sides (hence the name), this tape is extremely useful. For scratch builders, tape a copy of your plans directly to the plastic and cut out your parts.

If you have to create multiple copies of the same part, make a stack of plastic sheet held together with the tape. Pieces can be temporarily held together while drilling matching holes.



Another example of double sided sticky tape.

roll of double sided sticky tape.

Ted Paone

Attach a template when shaping objects. Stick a part down to your work table while you work on it, use it to keep your photo etch from launching when cutting from the spruce.

It is handy when preparing to paint. Use it to stick down small parts so they don't get blown away.

Put some on the end of a chop stick and use this as a non slip handle. A little bit holds doors and hatches in place. It is not a good masking tape as it is too sticky but I use it to hold a .040 strip to my cutting mat to help cut thin strips of masking tape.

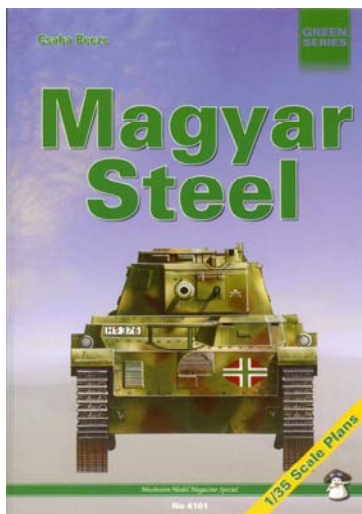
You can continue to buy specialized sanding sticks or make your own using the tape to hold the paper on to a chiseled chopstick or toothpick. For flat sanding I taped down the paper to a block of MDF, 320 on one side, 600 on the other.

If the glue comes off the tape, it is removable with alcohol; denatured, not beer.

For a very useful and inexpensive tool, get yourself a

“IN THE GRADUATE, BEN IS GIVEN THE SECRET WORD WITH WHICH TO CHART HIS FUTURE “PLASTICS”. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT MANY HAVE TAKEN THIS SUGGESTION TO HEART BASED ON OUR EXTENSIVE COLLECTIONS OF SAID MATERIAL. ”

Book Review: Magyar Steel



By Roderick Bell

Magyar Steel

By Csaba Becze

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Green Series No. 4101

84 Pages with 28 in color

Mushroom Model Magazine

The paperback *Magyar Steel* is written by **Csaba Becze** and published by Mushroom Model Magazine. This paperback is the second issue from the Green Series (even though it is numbered 4101 and first book was 4102).

I reviewed the excellent first book in the Green Series *Codename Swallow British Sherman Tanks at Alamein* by **Dennis Oliver**. The difference you first see between the second book and this book is the number of pages. *Magyar Steel* more than twice

as many pages (84 pages). This book also has 28 pages of color photographs and color plates.

The book cover is a front view color plate of the Hungarian Toldi Light Tank in 3-tone camouflage color scheme. The tank has markings of a vehicle from the Hungarian 1st Cavalry Brigade, Eastern Front, 1941. The book is laid out as follows:

- Hungarian Armored Troops at the River Don:
 - 1st Field Armored Division 1942/43
 - Formation of the Division and the transport to the front
 - First battle of Uryw
 - First attack at Korotoyak
 - Second battle of Uryw
 - Second attack at

korotoyak

Third battle of Uryw

A short pause and some changes in the Division

The Soviet winter offensive

The fight for Alekseyewka and the defense of Ilynka

- Short operational history of the Hungarian Armored units in WW II
- Short history of the Hungarian Armor industry and vehicles in WW II
- Sources
- Scale Plans
- Color Photos
- Color Plates

One note about the author's attention to accuracy, a correction to the First attack at Korotoyak is included in the



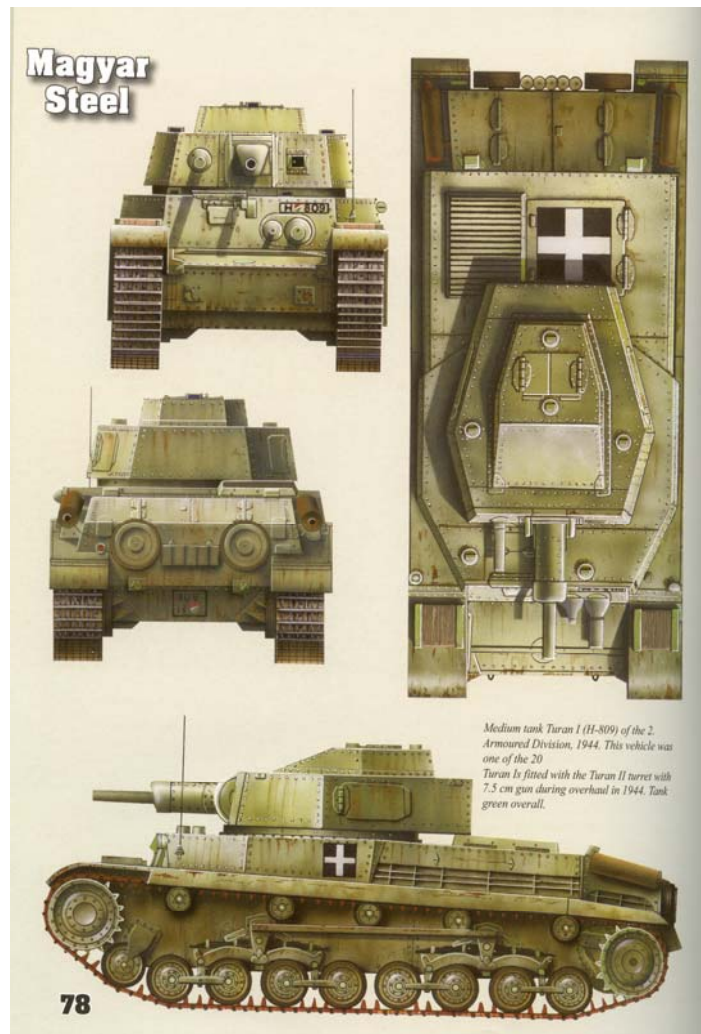
A captured Russian M3 Stuart towing a disabled Hungarian T-38 (Pz.Kpfw 38(t)). Photograph from the Attila Bonhardt Collection.

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Book Review: Magyar Steel - Continued

“ONE OF MY FAVORITE PHOTOS OF THE BOOK (PAGE 7) IS OF A CAPTURED RUSSIAN M3 STUART LIGHT TANK TOWING A HUNGARIAN T-38 (PZ.KPFW 38(T)). THE M3 STUART WAS CAPTURED BY THE HUNGARIANS AND PRESSED INTO SERVICE AS A DIVISIONAL TOWING VEHICLE.”



Here is a sample of the color plates in *Magyar Steel*: A Turán I medium tank with a Turán II turret with 7.5cm gun.

book.

Hungarian Armored troops at the River Don

This section is about one third of the book. It contains firsthand accounts about the actions the Hungarian Armored troops had during 1942-43 around the River Don. There are many nice photographs of vehicles that are new to me. One of my favorite photos of the book (page 7) is of

a captured Russian M3 Stuart Light Tank towing a Hungarian T-38 (Pz.Kpfw 38(t)). The M3 Stuart was captured by the Hungarians and pressed into service as a divisional towing vehicle. This would make a great diorama using the Tamiya or Academy M3 Light Tank and either the Dragon or Tristar Pz.Kpfw .38(t) Ausf. G.

Short operational history of

the Hungarian Armored units in WWII

This section starts off with the prewar use of the Hungarian Armored units against Slovakia during the occupation of Ruthenia (Sub-Carpathia) during the border clashes of March/April 1939. The rest of the chapter explains actions against Soviet forces throughout the rest of World War II. The author touches on several stories on how equipment was used against the Russians (Hungarian, German, Russian, and French). There are several entertaining firsthand after action accounts in this section. The weapons and men from Hungary acquitted themselves quite well against the Soviets.

Short history of the Hungarian Armor industry and vehicles in WWII

The third section devotes how the Hungarian Armor industry grew from not being allowed armored vehicles by the Peace treaty of Trianon, 1920 to full fledge production of armored cars and tanks and assault guns. This section also talks about the foreign AFV's in Hungarian service from 1935 – 1945. These included Italian, German, French, Polish, Czech, and captured Russian vehicles. There is a table indicating the vehicles used by the Hungarians. Also, there is a similar table depicting the “home-grown” vehicles used as well.

Book Review: Magyar Steel - Continued

Sources

The author lists all of the Military Archives, Books, articles, and manuscripts he used in his research for the book. Mostly are Hungarian, German, and Russian.

Scale Plans

There are 15 vehicle 1/35th scale drawings by **Wojtek Rynkowski** in this section. **Mr. Rynkowski** also did the scale drawings in the first book. The scale plans included the following vehicles:

- Straussler V-4 prototype
- Csaba 40M armored car, command version with antenna

Csaba 39M armored car

Nimród Tank Destroyer (4.0 cm Bofors anti-aircraft gun)

Self-propelled gun Tas Rohamlöveg – concept drawing

Heavy Tank Tas with 43. M gun cal 7.5cm – concept drawing

Light Tank Toldi I

Light Tank Toldi IIa

Light Tank Toldi III

Toldi Tank Destroyer

Medium Tank Turán II

Turán III with 43.M gun 7.5cm

Medium tank Turán I

Assault gun, Zrínyi II with 43.M gun, cal 7.5cm

Assault howitzer, Zrínyi II with 10.5cm gun

Color Photos

All of the Color photos were taken at three museums. The Kubinka Armor museum, the Military Museum in Belgrade, and the Rába Factory museum were where the photographs were taken. The color photos include the following vehicles:

Fiat-Ansaldo 35M

Nimród Tank Destroyer

Toldi I

Toldi II



Right: Pz.Kpfw VI Tiger I Ausf. E with red number (115) used by Hungarian troops for training. Formerly this tank was with s.Pz-Abt. 503, Kampfgruppe Mittermeyer

Right: One of the Pz.Kpfw VI Tiger I Ausf. E. (Red 214) of 3./I Tank Battalion. Tank was delivered to Hungary in 1944.

“EVERYTHING WENT TOGETHER NICE AND NEAT WITH NO SURPRISES AT ALL. I SPRAYED THE RSO WITH TAMIYA PAINTS, AND THE CAMOUFLAGE WAS DONE FREE-HANDED.”

Here is another sample of the color plates in **Magyar Steel**. Here are two Pz.Kpfw. VI Tiger I Ausf. E used by the Hungarian armored forces. Plates by .

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Book Review: Magyar Steel - Continued

Turán II
Zrínyi II
Pz.Kpfw. 38(t)
Rába-Botond

Prototype of the V4 tank
Captured M3A1 Stuart with Hungarian markings in 1942.
Light Tank Toldi I 2nd Reconnaissance Brigade, I. Fast Corps, Eastern Front, 1941
Light Tank Toldi I in winter camouflage
Light Tank Toldi I of the 1st Cavalry Brigade, Eastern Front, 1941 (Book cover plate)
Nimród Tank Destroyer of 1st Field Armored Division, summer 1942
Medium Tank Turán I, 2nd Armored Division, 1944
Zrínyi II, 2nd Battery, 1st Assault Gun Detachment, 1944
Zrínyi I (Zrínyi 75c.m)
Zrínyi II, 1st Assault Gun Detachment in the Budapest cauldron
Toldi II, with untypical 3-color camouflage pattern
Pz.Kpfw 38(t), 1942
Pz.Kpfw 38(t), 1st Field Armored Division, Don 1942
Pz.Kpfw 38(t), Winter camouflage
Pz.Kpfw 38(t), 1st Field Armored Division, 6th Tank CO.
Hungarian Pz.Kpfw. III Ausf. M

Pz.Kpfw IV Ausf. F1, 30th Tank Regiment
Heavy Tank Turán II, 3-color camouflage of 2nd Armored Division, 1944
Hungarian Jagdpanzer 38(t) Hetzer tank destroyer, 1944/45
Hungarian Jagdpanzer 38(t) Hetzer, 1945
StuG III Ausf. G, 7th Assault Gun Detachment
Pz.Kpfw VI Tiger I Ausf. E with red number 115 used by Hungarian troops for training
Pz.Kpfw VI Tiger I Ausf. E with red number 214, 3rd Tank Battalion, 1944

Color Plates

The color plates are very well done by **Mariusz Filipuik**. They include the following vehicles:

Krupp Protze Kfz. 70 of 1st Field Armored Division, Eastern Front, 1942
Hungarian Armored Forces insignia
The first prototype of Csaba 39M (PC-101) of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion
Captured Slovakia, a Czech Tatra Vz.20 Armored Car with three color Hungarian camouflage.
Csaba 39M of the 2nd Armored Division, 1944.
Fiat-Ansaldo 35M of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.
Fiat-Ansaldo 35M of the 1st Cavalry Brigade Units in three color Hungarian camouflage, summer 1941.
Fiate-Ansaldo 35M of the Military Police Battalion, Galánta, 1944.
Command version of the Csaba 40M.

Conclusion

Overall this is a very good reference for Hungarian Armor in World War II. There are many interesting after action reports, photographs, and color plates that make this a very good reference on a subject matter that is not known by many modelers.

Highly Recommend

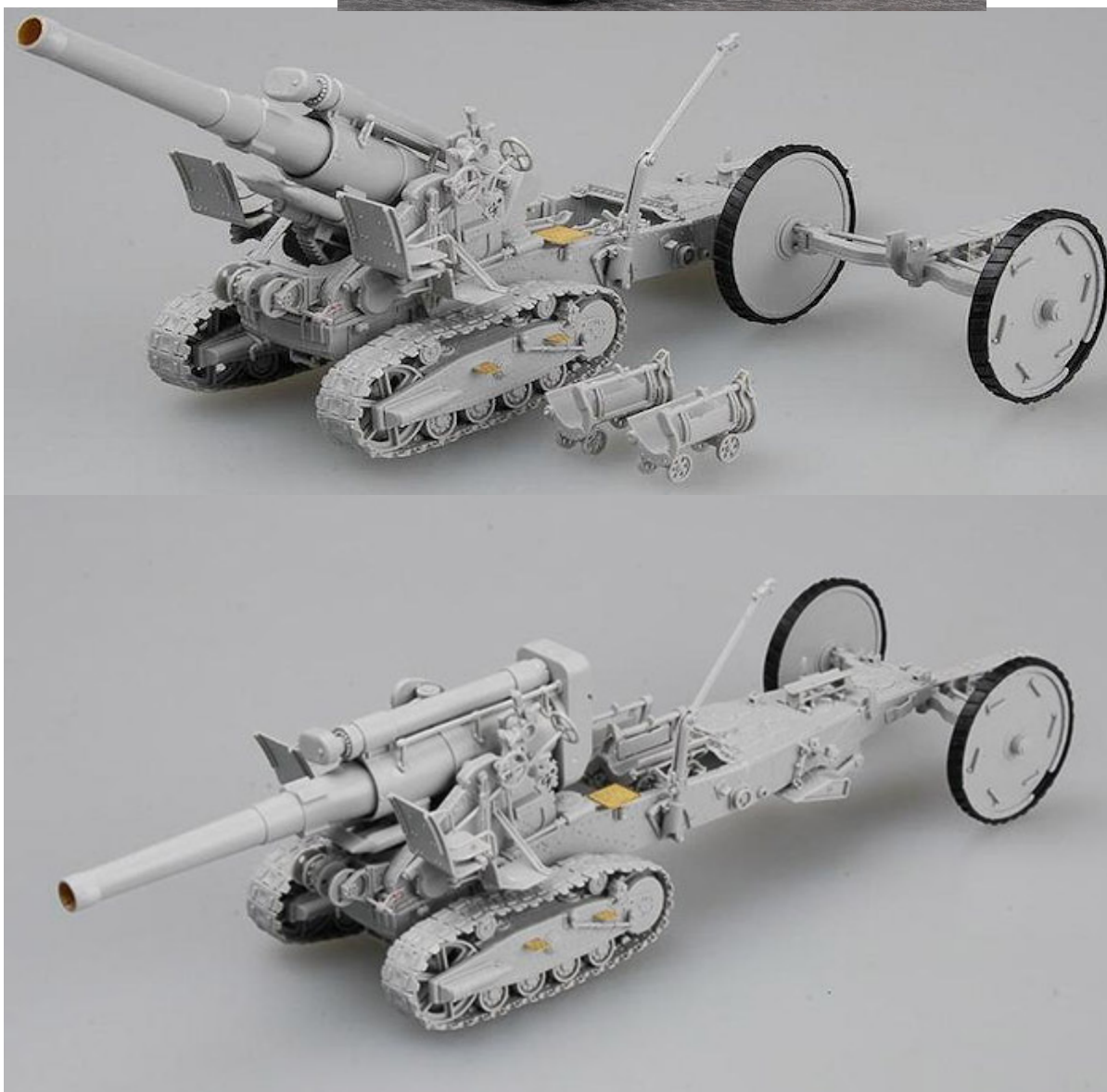
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New Kits

By Roderick Bell

While searching the different modeling sites on the internet I have come across several new kits that you might be interested in. I am sure many you are already aware of them but I am going list out the ones I know about.



Here is Trumpeter's new 1/35th scale Russian 203mm Howitzer M1931 (B-4). This has been a wanted kit in plastic for many years. Photo by Trumpeter. Also, another new kit is the Trumpeter SdFfz 7 8-ton halftrack.



Seek, Strike, and Destroy

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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

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A pair of USMC M1A1 Abrams participating in urban warfare training exercise. Photo provided by www.worldwide-military.com.