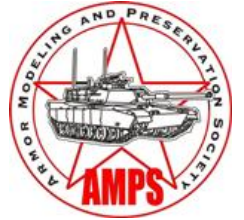




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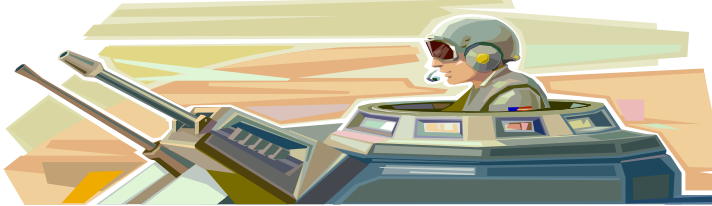


AUSTIN ARMOR BUILDERS SOCIETY

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From the Turret



Rick Rutter demonstrates his technique for figures. As historian Stephen L. Hardin looks on. Photograph by Eric Choy.

Last weekend our member Bob Bethea held yet another successful modeling day in his neighborhood community center (see attached pix).

This time the theme was figure painting, and we were fortunate to be in the company of some of the finest figure painters in this great

state of ours. Once again I would like to thank Bob for organizing this event and inviting master modeler Doug Cohen and Rick Rutter to come spend time with us.

While we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at Bob's party, our thoughts and conversations inevitably returned to the shocking news we received the day before: Rudy and Janis Cline have decided to end their commitment to King's Hobby by the end of this year.

This may indicate the closure of our favorite hobby store unless someone steps up to take the reign in the next 60 days.

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Austin Armor Builders Society Membership Dues

Dues are 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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From the Turret - Continued

“BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS MONTH’S MEETING AS WE STILL HAVE A FEW OUTSTANDING ISSUES FOR OUR SHOW NEXT YEAR.”

We're all heart-broken by their decision as King's has been the haven and anchor of our local modeling community for the last 35 years. It's extremely hard to image modeling without King's and its friendly and resourceful staff. It's our sincere hope that they will be able to find career opportunities elsewhere, and we'll miss Rudy, Brad, Don, and Antonio dearly.

Be sure you attend this month's meeting as we still have a few outstanding issues for our show next year. I'll see you all there.

von Erich (Eric Choy)



Ted Paone works on a figure as Jorge Aduna looks on at the Modeling Day event. Photograph by Eric Choy.

Calendar of Events

- ◆ **November 5, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **Ted Paone - Two Arms**
- ◆ **December 3, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **Bob Bethea / Quarterly Contest**
- ◆ **December 6, 2008** - Club Christmas Party
- ◆ **January 7, 2009** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **John Hernandez**
- ◆ **February 4, 2009** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **TBD**
- ◆ **March 4, 2009** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **TBD**
- ◆ **April 1, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **TBD**
- ◆ **April 17-18, 2009** - *AMPS International Convention, Havre de Grace, Maryland*
- ◆ **May 6, 2008** - Club Meeting; Seminar: **TBD**

A Special request from Coalition Forces



By Roderick Bell

A special request from our Coalition Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan: M1 Tank kits and modeling supplies.

The AMPS organization has

sent over 1500 model kits to the coalition forces serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Some of you have already donated kits to this cause and we thank you.

This is the first time the Soldiers and Marines have

Out and About

By Worth Haggerton

Hello. Its been some months that this segment of the newsletter had any takers. Last month I was in San Antonio TX and had a free afternoon. So I used the search engine GOOGLE and looked up Hobby shops, model shops and Toy shops. There seemed to be a lot in old River town but after reading reviews and look at their locations to me I picked three to visit.

The First was, Central Command located at 8126 Tezel Rd, 210-219-9223.

Yes it is a Wargaming shop but it was big. When I was there it had several games going and one was WWII, western Europe. Lots of die cast miniatures and figures. Also there was War Hammer and fanistiy games going on. What caught my attention was the Game shop. It was big and had

asked us for kits and supplies. They are looking for M1 Abrams kits, Hummers, Strykers, Bradley's, sanding sticks, paint brushes, cement, and acrylic paint, and M1 Abrams tank kits. ☺

You can send the kits to the following AMPS representative (AMPS President):

Danny Egan

42 Manning Boulevard

Albany, NY 12203

Or you could bring the kits to the club meetings and I can send them to Danny. Again, these guys want to model their ride.

Roderick Bell

2nd Vice-President AMPS, US Central Region

every scale and gondra. Lots of manufactures products were on display. I was able to pick up 3 set of Command Decision jeep drivers. I have one set on back order for three months now.

I moved onto Dibbles Hobbies located at 1029 Donaldson Ave, 210-735-7721.

It must be one of those kept secret. It was just packed full of models of every scale. I even found a section for Roco

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Minitanks. The book and Magazine section was really big. There were several people there just, what I like to say, smell the plastic. They were talking about old and new models that were coming out soon. It had a barber shop feel about it. I spent some money on a few old Aero book and Minitanks. I didn't want to live but I did with a promise I would return.

My last stop was at Small world Hobbies at 935 Fred-

ericksburg Rd, 210-736-1204. Wow! is all I can say. If you are into attic toys this is the place. Most everything was 30 plus year old, Still in the box. Tin Toys of every imagination. Not the China knock off.

Old Trains set of every scale, Tyco, Lionel and they are an authorized repair facility. Plastic models, mainly 1:48th and above. I did find on a top shelf and covered in dirt a rare oddity. I found a

1:85th scale Notalles aircraft. Made in 1956 by Faller. I have been told by experts that this model was never made. I now have one and need two more.

It was a great afternoon in San Antonio. Came home with some hard to find books and models. Hopefully I can make it back soon.

Worth Haggerton

The End of an Era



By Don Jones

October had already been a crazy month for me with regards to work and travel. I was sitting at a desk in my hotel room in NYC and reading my email.

Every Friday I looked forward to reading the Kings Hobby Shop flier. After opening the email and scanning down the page I found the cupboard pretty bare. I then read the message that Rudy and Janice Cline had written and was absolutely floored by the news. I must say it was like losing a dear friend. The closing of in my humble opinion the best hobby shop in the country, in the world for that matter brought sadness to my heart. I truly felt empty.

I first discovered Kings Hobby shop in the late 70's and would drive up from San Antonio just to visit and hang out for a while...Bob and Alice King developed a culture rarely found in business. It was a place that you always felt at home and whatever your needs they would accommodate. It was a shop that was very informative and would always bring you the latest and the greatest products on the market. When Rudy and Janice took over it didn't miss a beat. The culture carried on, the magic was always there.

Austin, Texas was very unique because it carried two major hobby shops for many, many, years. The Village Hobby shop was very eclectic when it came to personnel and inventory. It was always an adventure; you never knew what you were going to find walking down the narrow pathways. Sadly, after the passing

of George Lewis and the closing of The Village Hobby shop we were down to one. The flagship in my opinion in the modeling world of business... Now we have come to the end of an era.

I hope that someone steps in to carry on the business but it was the culture of these shops that will be missed. I want to thank the Kings, the Clines, and the Lewis's for all the years of pleasure your businesses have brought to me... You all will truly be missed!

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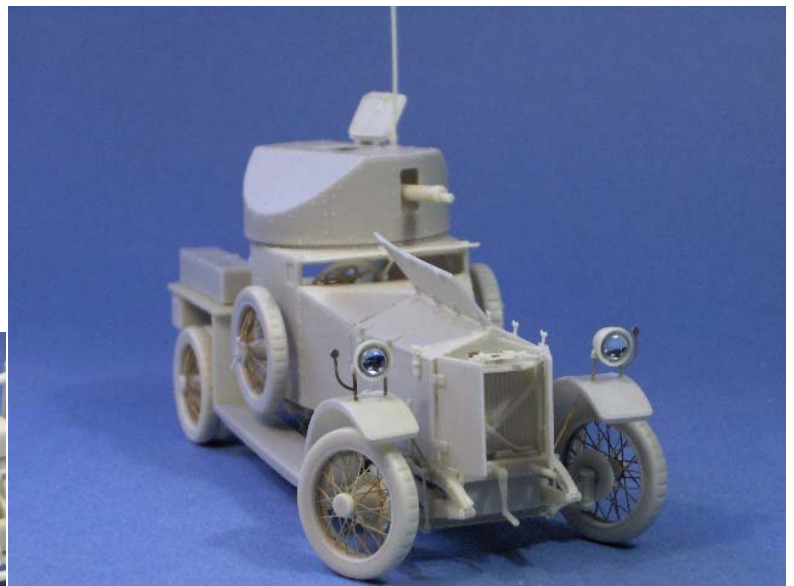
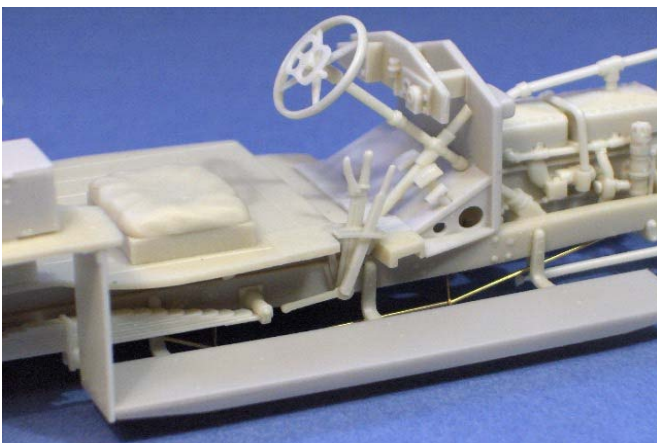
Here are a few more new kits that have recently arrived or will arrive later this year.

The US Half-track crew and riders from **New World Miniatures**.

Another release from **Resi-Cast**. This time it is a 1:35th scale British Armored Car - 1914 version..



Here is a set of 1:35th scale US Half-Track crew and riders from New World Miniatures. They fit perfectly in the new M3 Series Half-Tracks from Dragon. Photograph provided by New World Miniatures.



ResiCast British Armored Car - 1914 in 1:35th scale. This kit comes with a full interior. Photographs by ResiCast.



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

Support our Troops



At sea aboard USS Juneau (LPD 10) Sep. 12, 2002 -- An Amphibious Assault Vehicle Recovery (AAVR) attached to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) is launched from the well deck of the USS Juneau and makes its way to the beach during Blue-Green Workups. This semi-annual joint exercise between the USS Essex (LHD 2) Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and the 31st MEU helps blend the capabilities and techniques of the Navy/Marine Corps team into one cohesive force focusing on conducting amphibious operations in support of a wide range of contingencies, from humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts, to full-scale combat operations. Photograph by Seaman J.J. Hewitt.