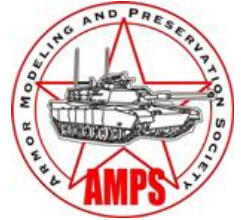




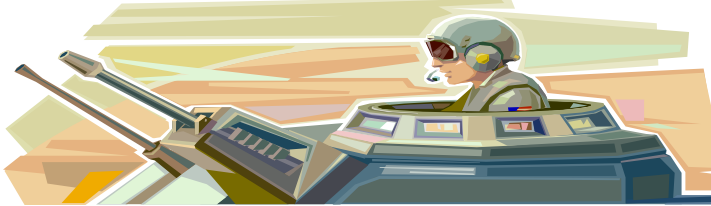
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AUSTIN ARMOR BUILDERS SOCIETY

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February 1, 2009



## From the Turret



Russ Holm's White Elephant gift; a Tamiya T-34/76 in 1:35<sup>th</sup> scale. Russ was the first person to finish their White Elephant model. Photograph by Roderick Bell.

Feeling ashamed after seeing our veep finished his white elephant (Tamiya T-34/76) already, I've been working on my Mirage 1/35<sup>th</sup> Renault UE armored

carrier for the last few weeks. Despite my first impression, this Polish kit is actually not that bad, and there is nothing wrong with building it box stock. In fact,

that is how it'll be finished. To me the white elephant competition is more like a speed build contest. Getting it done is more important than having it finish in show-winning quality. If only we can stage the contest in one weekend afternoon "iron chef" style!

Speaking of contest, don't forget we have our annual **Red Cross** theme contest coming up next month (March 4, 2009). This year our sponsor **Worth Haggerton** has decided to make it an open competition for all modelers and categories.

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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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“LAST MONTH WE HAD A RECORD HIGH NUMBER OF FOLKS PAID AND RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIPS. IT'S NOT TOO LATE IF YOU HAVEN'T DO SO AT THE NEXT MEETING. “

That means anyone with a model, including aircraft, ship and automobile, is eligible as long as it has the **Red Cross** emblem on it. If you don't want any ASMS or AMC modeler come and "steal" our beloved trophy, make sure you have something ready for it.

Last month we had a record high number of folks paid and renewed their memberships. It's not too late if you haven't do so at the next meeting. As you know our show will be held outside of Camp Mabry this year. We need every penny we can muster to cover all the expenses. Your dues are much needed and appreciated.



No, **Eric Choy** didn't find an alien **Death-Ray** from the **War of the Worlds**. Eric is demonstrating the different types of lighting to use when photographing your models. Photograph by **Roderick Bell**.

**von Erich (Eric Choy)**

## Calendar of Events

- ◆ **February 4, 2009** - Club Meeting; Presentation by: **Don Oxman**
- ◆ **March 4, 2009** - Club Meeting; Presentation by: **Shawn Merrell**; **Red Cross Contest**
- ◆ **April 1, 2009** - Club Meeting; Presentation by: **Worth Haggerton**
- ◆ **April 17-18, 2009** - **AMPS International Convention, Havre de Grace, Maryland**
- ◆ **May 6, 2009** - Club Meeting; Presentation by: **Bob Bethea**
- ◆ **June 3, 2009** - Club Meeting; Presentation by: **Greg Beckman**; **White Elephant Contest**
- ◆ **July 1, 2009** - Club Meeting; Presentation by: **Rick Herrington**
- ◆ **August 5, 2009** - Club Meeting; Presentation by: **Dave Edgerly**
- ◆ **September 2, 2009** - Club Meeting; **Club Auction**
- ◆ **October 7, 2009** - Club Meeting; Presentation by **Roderick Bell**
- ◆ **October 24, 2009** - **AMPS Centex 2007**
- ◆ **November 4, 2009** - Club Meeting; Presentation by **Jeff Forester**
- ◆ **December 2, 2009** - Club Meeting; Presentation by **Tom Ferris**
- ◆ **January 6, 2010** - Club Meeting; Presentation by **Richard Eaton**

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## 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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President AMPS, US Central Region

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## Join Armor Modeling and Preservation Society

### By Roderick Bell

The next issue of Boresight will be shipping in a couple of weeks. So, you have about a two week window to Join up and receive the latest issue.

The next issue will have articles about the following subjects:

- ◆ Bailey bridges and their use in Vietnam.
- ◆ The Italian L3/33 tankette: Just in time for the

Bronco kit.

- ◆ A construction article on the Trumpeter KV-1
- ◆ Review Crew update about current and upcoming reviews that can be found on the website.
- ◆ List of vendors who provide a member discount to AMPS members.

If you have never been a member of AMPS then I would recommend you to join up, get the Boresight issues (6

times a year), and try to attend the AMPS International Convention or another regional AMPS show (Like our show this October!).

See me for details on how to join or visit the AMPS Website: [www.amps-armor.org](http://www.amps-armor.org)

### Roderick Bell

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President AMPS, US Central Region

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## Out and About

**By Worth Haggerton**

Hello again! September thru November I was deployed to Hurricane IKE here in Austin, then to Dallas and then to Houston Texas.

I made myself take some time off and see the sites. I was able to leave the State Operations Center to help out at the Austin Scale Model show on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. This event is well reported to the club membership.

The next week I left for Dallas for two days and then moved on to Houston Area (Clear Lake TX) on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of October I made it to Pearland Texas for a Model Car Show. Lots of Cars and Venders. The amount of detail that these modelers could put under a hood was too much. Lots of chrome, sliver, mirrors and bright color paint. There was a trend to paint blushful figures, standing by the cars, wearing almost nothing.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of October I made it back to the Austin Model Railroad Jamboree in Round Rock Texas. If you have not been to a train show in a while you need to. There were a lot of military models in all scales for sell. It seem there is a trend in loading trains with military items. Must be a war going on or something. I was able to pick

up a lot of skiing figures (HO scale) and a few vehicles. But I saw a lot of 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale Monogram models and older Bandi 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale. After the show I had to return to Houston.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> I saw the Houston Air show from my third story office.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> I attended a IPMS club meeting at Odyssey Hobbies in Clear Lake Texas. A small but well stock hobby shop which support the RC clubs. They have a great collection of Revel 1/100<sup>th</sup> scale model kits. The club is know as the "Galveston Bay Area scale Modelers Association". This club mainly builds 1/48<sup>th</sup> scale aircraft and rocket ships (more about that in a few) The meeting was held in front of the cash register close to 20 people attended with standing room only. The meeting went like this:

30 minutes to talk about The Austin Show with over 100 photos. I was able to point out most of our club members. This club own a few awards at the show.

30 minutes for a round robin about the projects that the member brought to the meeting. There were big planes and a lot of Rocket ships.

30 minutes about what is going on out in NASA. Yes a few of these guy's are real

rocket scientists. They talked about a 8 wheel Luna rover, the next Mars Landers and other projects. Most of what they said was over my head and it was getting late for me. This club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month at 7:30 PM.

The big thing I notices is that Houston has not lost any Hobby shops but all have gotten smaller in size or their open times have been shorten.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> I returned to Austin where on the 7<sup>th</sup> I left for Salt Lake City Utah (SLC). What a great town.

SLC has 4 big modeling shops to support the clubs in the area. All are doing great business. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of November I made it to a IPMS club of SLC meeting. 16 members showed up. They even have a member who builds modern day armor in 1/87<sup>th</sup> scale. How weird is that? The club builds mainly "Wingy things and wooden ships". That's right real wooden ships, not just old time wooden hull but also modern ships but everything is made out of wood. That night was also a club raffle. I supported this club with my ten dollars and walked away with 4 books and two HO scale models. This club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

I am sure other club members went somewhere and saw something over the holidays

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## Out and About - Continued

or are you going on a business trip soon. Look ahead and fine out if there hobbies shop, shows, or APMS and IPMS meetings going on in that area. Take time out and visit and then report it at

*"Out and About"*

**Worth Haggerton**

## German T-34 recovered from a Estonian lake

By Jerry Opperman

Jerry Opperman sent me an e-mail showing the recovery of T-34 from a lake in Estonia. **[Editor Note: I have actually seen a YouTube video of same tank being recovered.]**

Here are few of the shots Jerry sent me:





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## New Kits

By Roderick Bell

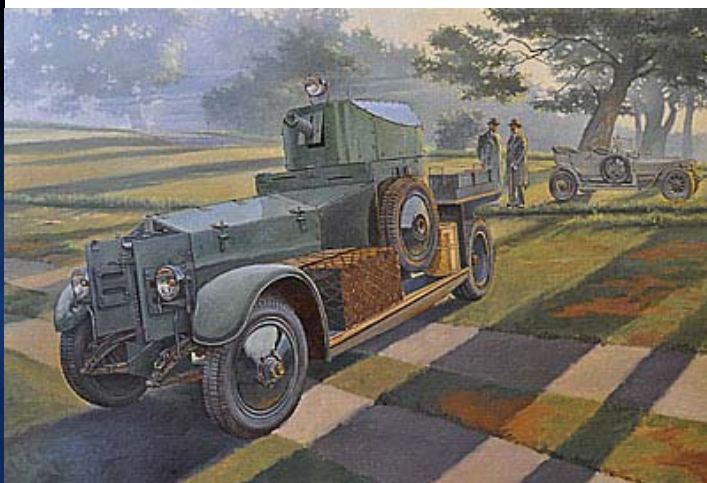
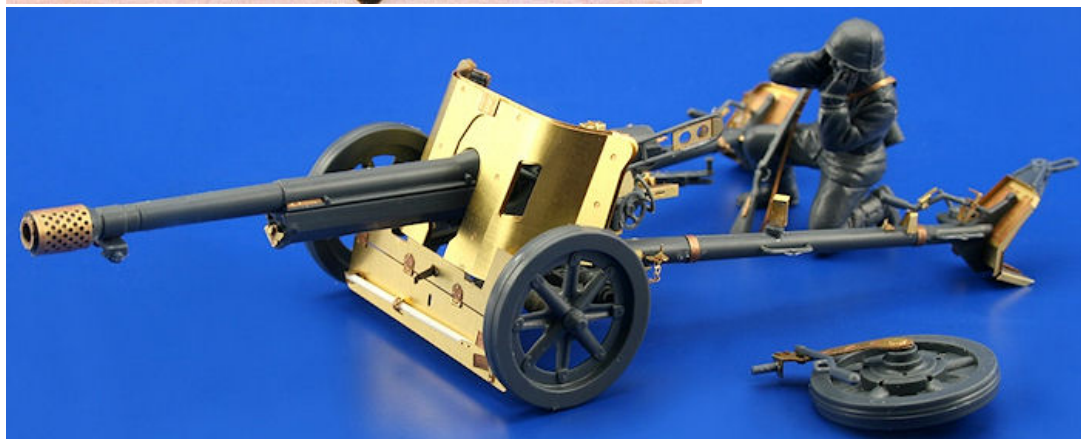
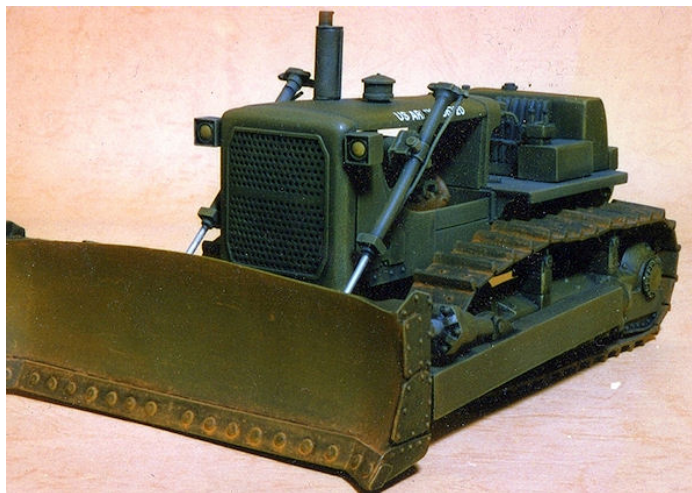
Here are a few more new kits that have recently arrived or will arrive later this year.

The **Tank Workshop** has a full resin kit of a Post WWII bulldozer in 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale. Kit Number: TWS0099.

**Eduard** has a new photo etch set for the Italeri PaK.97/38 75mm AT gun. Kit Number: 36057.

**Icon Miniatures** has a new figure series from the "Movies". This 54mm white metal kit is **Jake Holman** played by **Steve McQueen** in the "Sand Pebbles". Kit Number: ICN-5405.

**Roden** will be releasing a British Armored Car 1920 Pattern Mk.1 in 1:35<sup>th</sup> scale. Kit Number: 801 RR





## 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 30 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](http://AustinArmorBuilders.com)**

## Support our Troops



A **M-60** Main Battle Tank (MBT) "**Patton**" photographed at the Ft. Hood, Texas 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Museum. Photograph by **Roderick Bell**.