



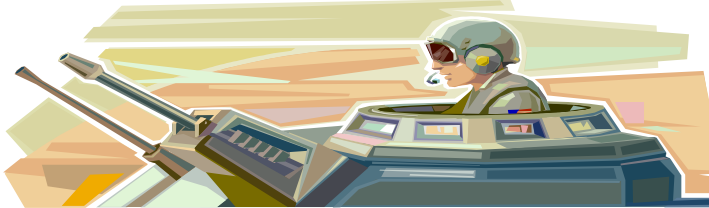
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AUSTIN ARMOR BUILDERS SOCIETY

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From the Turret



Here is the photo showing each entrant in the White Elephant contest: **Rick** (Panther), **Robert** (M1), **Eric** (T55), **Roy** (KV-2), **Russ** (38t), **Karl** (StuG), **Bill** (Matilda), **Aaron** (T-90), **Pat** (Merk), **Rod** (Challenger), **Bob** (Neubau-Fahrzeug).

A lot of us participated in our annual Christmas party at the **Russ Holm** mansion. The food and camaraderie was exceptional as usual.

The highlight is always the gift exchange leading to the June White Elephant Contest. That was really fun at the time, and having a new kit

and working on it was also fun. However, how many of us thought that we all would have “plenty of time” to get it done before the June meeting? Duh, all of us did. Even Russ. How many of us are now playing “catch up” to get it done and will leave off crucial steps or parts? Planning is a part of modeling that we all have to do with each kit. However, the real world intrudes and defeats the best laid plans. Deadlines seem a bad thing at times like this, but in fact, they are helpers for us as modelers. Shows and contests **MAKE** us finish our projects, and keep us from starting new ones that will never be finished.

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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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In this case it's better to finish the job than to do a "perfect" job. That is a learning experience in itself. Before you can display a "perfect" model, you have to finish one.

This situation put me back at the airbrush after a long hiatus, and I found that I enjoyed it again. Hopefully each of you will find that it helped you with that most difficult of modeling tasks...finishing the darn thing. I hope to see you all at the meeting and all of the white elephants for a record this year. Good luck, Russ is closing in on finishing his....

Bob Bethea

Calendar of Events

- ◆ **June 6, 2012** - Club Meeting; **White Elephant Contest**; Program by **Mike Maloney** (Museum of the American G.I.) about tank interiors.
- ◆ **July 5, 2012** - Club Meeting; Program by **Bill Menzie** (Meeting on Thursday instead of Wednesday)
- ◆ **August 1, 2012** - Club Meeting; Program by **Russ Holm**
- ◆ **September 5, 2012** - Club Meeting; **Quarterly Contest**; **Club Auction**
- ◆ **October 3, 2012** - Club Meeting; Program By TBD
- ◆ **October 6, 2012** - **The 2012 Austin Scale Model Show**. Norris Conference Center, Austin, Texas. Show theme: "**Made in Hollywood**"

Club Meeting Place

By Roderick Bell

We meet at the **Austin Public Library - Old Quarry Branch.**

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Old Quarry Branch Library on 7051 Village Center Dr.

The meeting time is still 7PM on the first Wednesday of

the month (See **Calendar of Events** for schedule) I hope to see you all there!

Roderick Bell



Upcoming Programs / Presentations and Newsletter Articles

By Roderick Bell

Month	Program / Presentation	Newsletter Article
2012 - June	Mike Maloney	Karl Leidy
2012 - July	Bill Menzie	Roy Ott
2012 - August	Russ Holm	Roderick Bell
2012 - September	Roderick Bell	TBD
2012 - October	TBD	TBD
2012–November	TBD	TBD
2012 - December	TBD	TBD
2013–January	TBD	TBD
2013-February	TBD	TBD
2013-March	TBD	TBD
2013-April	TBD	TBD
2014-May	TBD	TBD
2014-June	TBD	TBD

Here is a list of members who are responsible to provide a article for the newsletter and to perform a program / presentation. Please note that you may contribute as many articles as you want anytime. This schedule is to insure that we have at least one article in the newsletter per month.

Please make sure you get the newsletter editor the article as soon as possible. He must have it the Friday before the meeting.

Roderick Bell

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Favorite Modeling Tools

By Karl Leidy

My favorite modeling tools are my Dremel cordless motor tools. My first one, the 7.2 volt 2-speed tool model # 770 type 1, I got from my father as a birthday gift. At first I didn't like it since it had to be recharged after only using it for a short period of time. But once I figured it



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out, it became my extra right hand! I use it for everything from sanding down parts to cutting off resin pour stubs. I also love the two speed setting. The speed setting on this one is 15,000/RPM and 7,500/RPM. It allows me to grind off plastic details without melting the surrounding parts.

Then I received my second one from Sam's Club. It's the Dremel model # 754 "MiniMite" 4.8 volt 2-speed tool. This one is even slower than my first one. With this one, I'm able to really control the action of the tool against the plastic. I probably use this one more than my first one. The



speed setting on this one is 10,000/RPM and 5,000/RPM. They both come with recharging cradles and one battery. I bought extra batteries so that I can be charging one while using up the other one. These two tools are just as important to me as my double action airbrush is. I couldn't build models without them!!!

Karl Leidy

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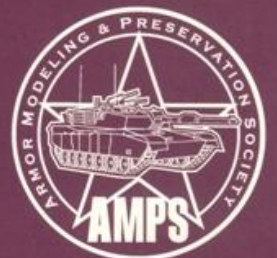


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U.S. M42 Duster Walk Around

Trumpeter Soviet BTR-50PK Tracked APC



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By Roderick Bell

The latest issue of the *AMPS Boresight* is out. Here is what is inside the Volume 20, Issue No. 2:

- ◆ **Editor Notes**
- ◆ **AMPS Review Crew News** by **Chuck Aleshire, Review Coordinator**
- ◆ **It's Not Easy Being 4BO: Trumpeter's KV-8 Flamethrower** by **Neil Stokes**
- ◆ **U.S. M-42 Duster Walk Around** by **John Robinson**
- ◆ **Trumpeter's BTR-50PK** by **John Robinson**

Roderick Bell

AMPS International Convention 2013

By Roderick Bell

The 19th AMPS International Convention will be held in Atlanta Georgia from Thursday April 18, 2013 through Saturday April 20, 2013. The 2013 theme is "Tanks named after Civil War Generals". As of this date the 2013 Show team has not made an official announcement about the show. One is coming shortly. In next months newsletter there will be more information about the 2013 show. See you then!

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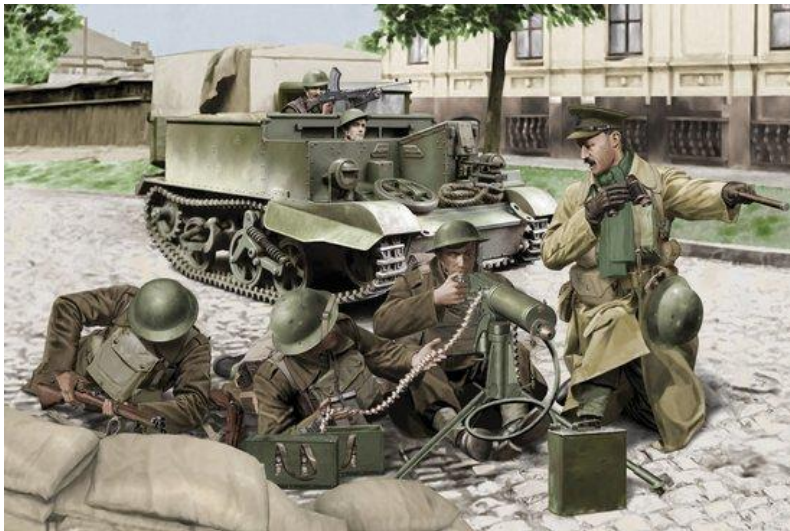
New Kits

By Roderick Bell

MiniArt Has released the Hungarian Tank Crew in 1:35th scale. These will go well with the upcoming releases of Hungarian Armor from **Bronco (Zrinyi I and II)**, and **Hobby Boss (38M Toldi)**.

Dragon Models Has released two 1:35th scale figure kits. The first figure kit is the **British Expeditionary Force, France 1940**. Kit No: 6552. The second figure kit is

HUNGARIAN TANK CREW



the **LAH Division (Kleisoura Pass 1941)**. Kit No: 6643.

Roderick Bell





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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

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A 1st Infantry Division M1A2 Abrams main battle tank is secured and ready to be loaded into USNS Dahl's expansive interior decks.

Photo from the United States Navy.

I am not sure if this is a M1A2 even though the caption states that it is. It looks more like a M1A1. Hey, the photo is from the Navy, what do they know about tanks! 😊