



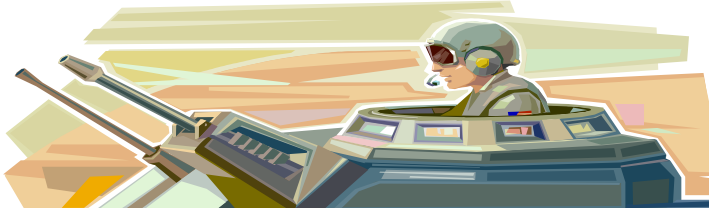
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AUSTIN ARMOR BUILDERS SOCIETY

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From the Turret



Here a shot from the University of Texas at Austin campus. Photograph from the University of Texas at Austin.

Summer in Texas can be a boon to modeling or a hiatus. The heat forces some of us inside to the air-conditioned comfort of our modeling tables.

For others, it can mean interminable yard work cutting

into the time and energy for leisure activities. For still others, the extra daylight means additional work at one's real job., shortening modeling time.

I'm sure that the Olympics will also ruin the modeling

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.

productivity of some of us this August. It will be fun to see at the September meeting the results of everybody's August efforts.

Bob Bethea

Special points of interest:

- ◆ CLUB MEETING PLACE
- ◆ UPCOMING PROGRAMS / PRESENTATIONS AND NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
- ◆ BUILD CHALLENGE - PART I
- ◆ QUARTERLY CONTEST PRIZES
- ◆ BORESIGHT VOLUME 20 No. 4
- ◆ AMPS 2013 CONVENTION

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From the Turret - Continued



Another shot of a Hot Texas day. Photograph from Texas Blog.

Calendar of Events

- ◆ **August 1, 2012** - Club Meeting; Program by **Russ Holm**
- ◆ **September 5, 2012** - Club Meeting; **Club Auction**
- ◆ **October 3, 2012** - Club Meeting; **Quarterly Contest**; Program By TBD
- ◆ **October 6, 2012** - **The 2012 Austin Scale Model Show**. Norris Conference Center, Austin, Texas. Show theme: "**Made in Hollywood**"
- ◆ **November 1, 2012** - Club Meeting (**Meeting on Thursday instead of first Wednesday**)
- ◆ **December 5, 2012** - Club Meeting;
- ◆ **December 8, 2012** - **Christmas Party**

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 - August	Russ Holm	Roderick Bell
2012 - September	Club Auction	Aaron Smischney
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
2013 - May	TBD	TBD
2013 - June	TBD	TBD
2013 - July	TBD	TBD
2013 - August	TBD	TBD
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2013 - December	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

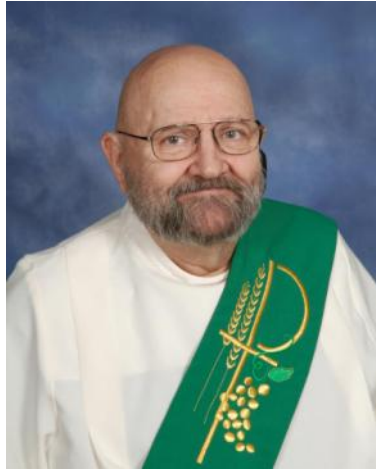
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Build Challenge - Part I

By Roderick Bell

DEACON JERRY

OPPERMAN SENT ME TWO KITS THAT HE DIDN'T WANT (HE USUALLY BUILDS MODERN ARMOR) AND HE HAD ONLY ONE CONDITION WHEN HE GAVE THEM TO ME. THAT I BUILD THEM!



Recently, I have received three kits from two of my friends and fellow Austin Armor Builders Society members. **Deacon Jerry Opperman** sent me two kits that he didn't want (He usually builds modern armor) and he had only one condition when he gave them to me. That I build them! **Russ Holm** also recently gave me a kit and also challenged me to build it. So this gave

Here is **Deacon Jerry Opperman** and **Russ Holm**. Both have recently given me kits and "challenged" me to build them.

me an idea to track my progress on building these three kits via newsletter articles. So in future Sabot Away! Newsletters you will be seeing Build Challenge articles. If you are challenged by a club member or friend and would like to write an article, by all means please submit them to appear in the newsletter.

The Kits



Deacon Jerry gave me two Tamiya kits. These are kits that were released in the 1970's but they still can be built into nice renditions of the subjects they represent. The German HANOMAG Sd.kfz 251/1 Halftrack (Kit No: 35020) and the 7.5cm Antitank Gun / Pak 40/L46 (Kit No: 35047).

I have built the 7.5cm Antitank Gun PaK40/L46 before (in 2010) and it is an easy kit to put together. The AFV Club and Dragon kits are newer tooled kits and offer much more detail but the Tamiya kit still builds into a nice kit that can be made to look presentable.

I have built the HANOMAG halftrack as well, but this was way back in the late 1970's and I can't remember much about the kit. So, it will be a NEW experience for me. AFV Club and Dragon both offer several versions of the HANOMAG and again are newer tooled kits with

Build Challenge - Part I - Continued

much more detail.

Russ Holm challenged me to build the Dragon Smart Kit Pz.Sfl.IVb 10.5cm le.FH.18/1 Self-propelled gun. This thing is an odd looking beast but it will be a straight forward build. Since



it is a Dragon Smart Kit there are tons of parts for added detail.

My Plan

My plan of action will be to build these three kits in the follow sequence:

1. Tamiya Hanomag Sdkfz 251/1
2. Tamiya 7.5cm Antitank Gun (PaK40/L46)
3. Dragon Pz.Sfl.IVb 10.5cm le.FH 18/1

Next month you will see my an article about the Tamiya Hanomag Sd.Kfz 251/1. If you want to challenge one of your friends or club members with a kit build please do... and ask them to write an article about it! I think I have been challenged enough this year! 😊

Roderick Bell

FUTURE BUILD

CHALLENGE

ARTICLES:

1. TAMIYA
HANOMAG
2. TAMIYA 7.5CM
ANTITANK GUN
(PAK 40/L46)
3. DRAGON
PZ.SFL.IVB 10.5CM
LE.FH 18/1

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Quarterly Contest Prizes

HERE ARE THE PRIZES FOR THE QUARTERLY CONTEST. SINCE WE ARE HAVING OUR CLUB AUCTION IN SEPTEMBER WE ARE DELAYING THE QUARTERLY CONTEST TO THE OCTOBER MEETING.

PHOTOGRAPH BY **ERIC CHOY**.



By Eric Choy

The Quarterly Contest Prizes for October are:

- ◆ German Half-Track L4500R,, Maultier by Revell
- ◆ Krupp/Ardelt Waffenträger 105m leFH-18 by Trumpeter
- ◆ Polish PT-76B Amphibious Tank by Trumpeter
- ◆ U.S. M3A1 White Scout Car by Hobby Boss
- ◆ T-80 Soviet Light Tank by MiniArt

Be sure to bring your work to October meeting to compete in the Quarterly Contest. The more the merrier!

Eric Choy

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Newsletter Articles and Club Program / Presentations

By Roderick Bell

I mentioned last month that it is that time to get volunteers to do Newsletter Articles and club Program / Presentations. If we don't get people to write Newsletter Articles then the newsletter will not go out. So, at the August meeting I will be asking for volunteers. After the volunteers have volunteered and if we don't have enough to complete a full calendar year we will then put all the members names into a hat (minus the volunteers) and draw names to see who will write an article and / or Club program / presentation.

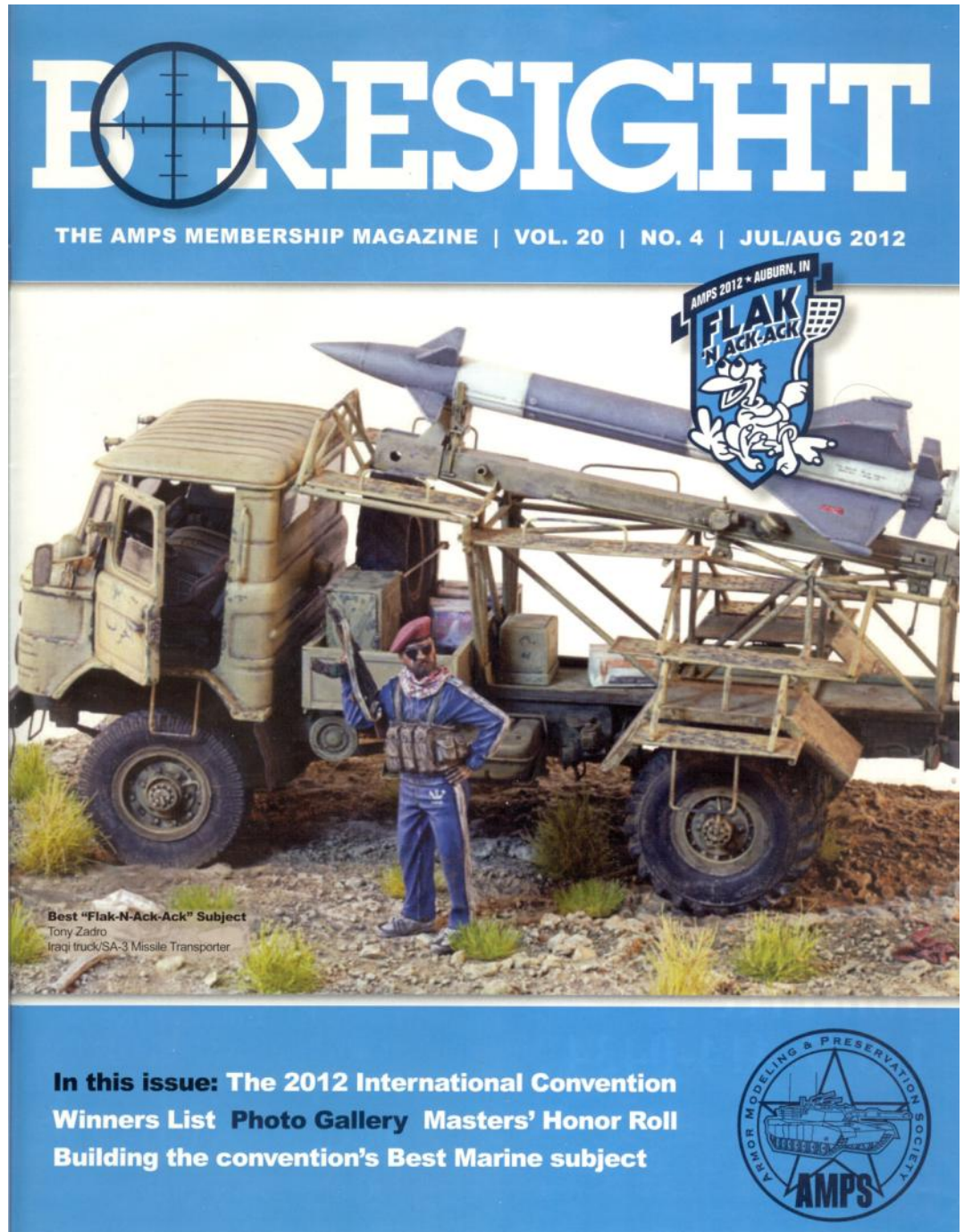
Also, if you are not at the meeting it doesn't mean that your name will not be drawn! It could be and probably will be.... It is the luck of the draw. See you at the Meeting! 😊

Roderick Bell

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Boresight Volume 20 No. 4



**BORESIGHT VOLUME
20 ISSUE 4:** IS THE
AMPS 2012
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION ISSUE.
THE SHOW THEME
AWARD WINNER IS ON
THE COVER.
CONGRATULATIONS
TO TONY ZADRO FOR
HIS IRAQI TRUCK/SA-3
MISSILE TRANSPORTER.

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Boresight Volume 20 No. 4 - Continued

By Roderick Bell

The latest issue of the **AMPS Boresight** is out. This issue is the AMPS 2012 International Convention issue. Here is what is inside the Volume 20, Issue No. 4:

- ◆ **AMPS Review Crew News** by **Chuck Aleshire, AMPS 1st Vice President and Review Coordinator**
- ◆ **Editor Notes** by **Editor Team**
- ◆ **Auburn 2012: Highlights of the AMPS International Convention** by **John Charvat, AMPS 2012 Show Chair**
- ◆ **Judges' Certification Class: How to become a powerful ACJ** by **Mike Petty, 2nd Vice President, U.S. South Region and AMPS Chief Judge**
- ◆ **Raffle Table Wrap-up: The only way any of us are "getting lucky: at a model show** by **Mark Corbett, AMPS Secretary and AMPS 2012 Raffle Coordinator**
- ◆ **Seminars: Show attendees had the opportunity to learn from some of the best** by **Sean Lynch, AMPS 2nd Vice President, U.S. Midwest Region and AMPS 2012 Seminar Coordinator**
- ◆ **The Entries: The next best thing to being there** By **Editor Team**
- ◆ **OBO LVT: Can you win at a model contest with an out of the box build? Yes you can** by **Dave Manter**

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". See you then!

Roderick Bell

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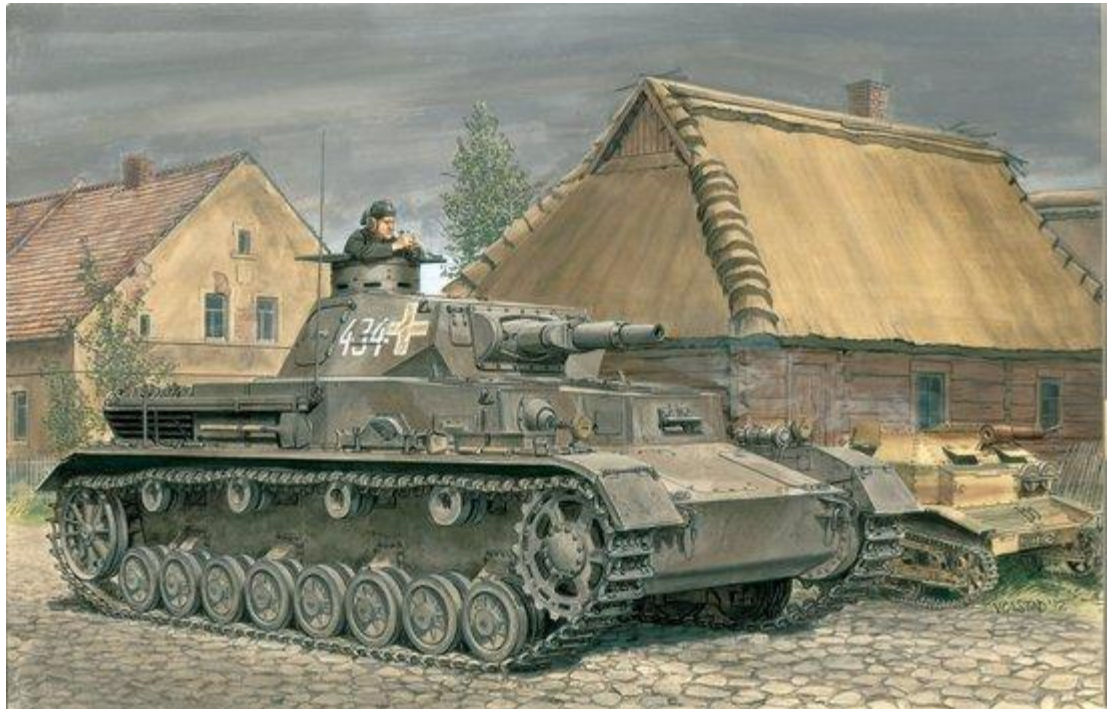
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New Kits

By Roderick Bell

Dragon Has released a long awaited Panzerkampfwagen IV Ausf. A in 1:35th scale. This is the first version of the Panzerkampfwagen IV and will go nicely with their Ausf B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and J models. Kit No: DR6747.

Tamiya Has released the “Elefant” in 1:35th scale. Kit No: 35325. The so called experts say that it is a very accurate kit. However, the kit doesn’t come with Zimmerit but Tamiya has an add on plastic Zimmerit sheet between \$6 and \$7 dollars that you can buy to complete the Elephant. Zimmerit Kit No: 12644.



Dragon kit No: DR6747 is the long awaited Panzerkampfwagen IV Ausf. A in 1:35th scale.

Roderick Bell



Tamiya “Elefant” is above and the Zimmerit add on sheet is to the top left. Adding the two together will build into one of the most accurate “Elefant” kits produce to date.



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

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A USMC M1A1 tank drives by to provide better security for the Marines with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, in the early Afghanistan morning, April 18, 2012. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by **Cpl. Ed Galo**).