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From the Turret



Our good President Bob Bethea has been traveling out of state and didn't have time to get to the From the Turret article so I will be filling in for Bob this month.

I believe that we had a nice contingent head up to the Tulsa Figure Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma. **Bob Bethea, Russ Holm, and Eric Choy** all ended up there.

We expect a report from them at the meeting. We will also have a show status report from Aaron and Eric.

Please do not forget the White Elephant Contest. Bring in your built kit OR bring your \$10.00.

Aaron Smischney will also be doing a presentation at the meeting. So, please do not



miss it.

There are a few more new kits this month and several of them are real surprises. The one I am interested most in is the Takom French Light Tank Renault FT-17 with Canon/Girod Turret.

Takom is a new model company from Hong Kong and

they wanted to start their first release off big. The FT-17 is in 1:16th scale! MSRP is around \$106.00 but I saw it on Hobby Link Japan for \$134.00. So it is expensive and big!

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Special points of interest:

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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 February 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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ICM will be releasing a weapons set for the Austro-Hungarian Army during World War I! Image from **ICM**.

Another interesting model being released by ICM happens to be a World War I subject as well. ICM is releasing a World War I weapons set for the Austrian-

Hungarian Army in 1:35th scale! It looks like World War I will be represented well in the upcoming years.

Roderick Bell

Calendar of Events

- ♦ **June 5, 2013** - Club Meeting; **Quarterly Contest** ("White Elephant" **Contest**); Program by **Aaron Smischney**
- ♦ **July 3, 2013** - Club Meeting; Program by **OPEN**
- ♦ **August 7, 2013** - Club Meeting; Program by **Ted Paone**
- ♦ **September 4, 2013** - Club Meeting; **Annual Club Auction**
- ♦ **September 14, 2013** - **AMPS Centex 2013** - This will be our 7th biennial Show. **Georgetown, Texas**.
- ♦ **October 2, 2013** - Club Meeting; Program by **Bill Menzie**
- ♦ **October 5, 2013** - **ASMS 2013 IPMS Region VI Contest**. Norris Conference Center, Austin, Texas.
- ♦ **November 6, 2013** - Club Meeting; Program by **Rick Herrington**
- ♦ **December 4, 2013** - Club Meeting; **Quarterly Contest**; Program by **Roderick Bell**
- ♦ **December 7, 2013** - Club **Christmas** Party and White Elephant Exchange, Location TBD.
- ♦ **April 3-5, 2014** - **AMPS 2014 International Convention, Fredericksburg, Virginia**. Theme: **Hollywood Tanks**.

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
2013 - June	Aaron Smischney	Rick Herrington
2013 - July	OPEN	Roderick Bell
2013 - August	Ted Paone	Russ Holm
2013 - September	Club Auction	Bill Menzie
2013 - October	Bill Menzie	Jorge Aduna
2013 - November	Rick Herrington	Ted Paone
2013 - December	Roderick Bell	Jeff Forster
2014 - January	TBD	TBD
2014 - February	TBD	TBD
2014 - March	TBD	TBD
2014 - April	TBD	TBD
2014 - May	TBD	TBD
2014 - June	TBD	TBD
2014 - July	TBD	TBD
2014 - August	TBD	TBD
2014 - September	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.

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A Visit to Bovington Tank Museum

By Rick Herrington

England has some great museums and the tank museum at Bovington is world famous for its collection of armored vehicles.

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TAKE.”



Picture 1: Entrance to the Museum has a British Challenger Mk. I tank as the guardian.



Picture 2: Panzerkampfwagen VI. Tiger Ausf. B “Tiger II or Royal Tiger or King Tiger”.

As a primary armor builder I was like a kid in a candy shop when I walked through the door. So many vehicles, so many pictures to take. A Tiger 2 Porsche turret is the first sight that greets

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you. I've been to Aberdeen and seen the rusting hulks there. These are not like those. The vehicles are well taken care, the camouflage is accurate and you can touch them, they are not roped off.

The collection ranges from the WW1 tank constructed for the movie War Horse to a Supacat Jackal which is being used in Afghanistan today.

Here's some pictures from the visit.



Picture 3: The World War I tank build for the movie "War Horse".



Picture 4: the M8 Greyhound Armored Car.

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“WE WERE OUTSIDE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA AND I RECEIVED A CALL FROM KING’S HOBBY. BRAD PERRY WAS ON THE LINE AND TOLD ME THE SAD NEWS OF KARL LEIDY PASSING AWAY. AFTER TALKING WITH BRAD, I CALLED ERIC CHOY AND HE AND RUSS HOLM STARTED TO NOTIFY CLUB MEMBERS AS BEST THEY COULD. A FUN TRIP TURNED A BIT SAD BUT WE CHEERED OURSELVES UP WITH MEMORIES AND STORIES OF KARL. I KNOW HE WOULD HAVE LIKED THAT. ”



Picture 5: A German Hetzer Jagdpanzer.



Picture 6: Panzerkampfwagen VI Ausf. B Tiger II or Royal Tiger or King Tiger with Henschel turret.

A Visit to Bovington Tank Museum - Continued



Picture 7: A working, fired up Panzerkampfwagen VI Ausf. E Tiger I. The Maybach engine sounded a lot different than I imagined. **Editor's note:** Here is some additional information on the Bovington Tiger 131:

- ◆ **Version:** Panzerkampfwagen VI, Tiger I (Ausf. E), Sd.Kfz 181
- ◆ **Hull:** Fahrgestell (chassis) number 250112. Hull built by Henschel at Kassel, Germany.
- ◆ **Turret:** Manufactured by Wegmann A. G. of Kassel, Germany.
- ◆ **Completion Date:** February, 1943.
- ◆ **Unit:** This tank belonged to Schwere Heeres Panzer Abteilung 504, No. 1 Kompanie (1st Company), No. 3 Zug (3rd Platoon), No. 1 Panzer (1st tank in the platoon).
- ◆ **Arrival in Theater:** This tank arrived in Tunisia between 12-Mar-1943 and 16-Apr-1943.
- ◆ **Final Action:** Tank 131 was knocked out by Churchill tanks of No. 4 Troop, A Squadron, 48th Royal Tank Regiment at Medjez-el-Bab, Tunisia on 21-Apr-1943.

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Picture 8: German Leopard A1.

TO THE RIGHT
ARE TWO COLD
WAR WARRIORS
ON DISPLAY AT
THE BOVINGTON
MUSEUM. THE
GERMAN
LEOPARD A1 AND
THE AMERICAN
M60A3



Picture 9: M60A3

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Picture 10: British Supacat Jackal. These vehicles are being used in Afghanistan by British troops. Airfix has released this in 1:48th scale.

Editor's Note: All photographs were taken by **Rick Herrington**.

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May 2013 Meeting

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Greg Beckman's latest work of a Soviet Mortar Motorcycle by Zvezda in 1:35th scale. At the top is Greg's next project (T-34/85). Photograph by **Eric Choy**.

May 2013 Meeting - Continued



By Eric Choy

Here are a few shots from the May 2013 meeting. **Roy Ott**, our youngest member, really enjoyed seeing all the models brought in by our members. Roy says, keep building models and bring them to the next meeting!

Eric Choy



Bob Bethea brought in two of his 1:72nd scale vignettes. The Sd.Kfz.261 Armored car by Dragon (DML) and the LVTA4 by Dragon (DML). If you haven't noticed, Bob has been on a 1:72nd scale kick lately. Nice job Bob!

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White Elephant Gift Contest

By Roderick Bell

Well, it is that time again for our White Elephant contest. It will be held at our June meeting (June 5, 2013).

Please remember to bring your completed kit and enter it in one of the two categories:

- ♦ Completed:
 - ◇ Built and painted with all the final touches.
- ♦ Built
 - ◇ Built but not painted. We call this the Naked Category.

If you haven't completed the model you received at the Christmas party, then please be ready to pay your \$10.00 fine. It looks like I will be paying my fine this year as well as paying for our friend Karl Leidy. Here is the photograph of who got what:

"IF YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED THE MODEL YOU RECEIVED AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, THEN PLEASE BE READY TO PAY YOUR \$10.00 FINE."



Here is the "proof" of who got what: First Row: Karl Leidy (RIP), Zac Talley, Dave Bourland, Roy Ott, Eric Choy, Rick Herrington, and Oscar Perez. Second Row: Ted Paone, Bill Menize, Joe Fisher (Roy Ott), Russ Holm, Roderick Bell, Pat Rourke, and Aaron Smischney.

Every member will get two votes per category. I hope to see everyone there on Wednesday night (June 5, 2013).

Roderick Bell

Tom Moon's Man Cave

By Eric Choy

Russ Holm and I took a trip to Houston to pick up the leg extensions for the Austin IPMS club from **Tom Moon** of the Houston IPMS club. Tom is a long time AMPS and IPMS member and is well known in the Texas area for his excellent modeling skills. Tom was gracious enough to show us his modeling room and I took pictures to share with you. This would be a dream for many modelers. Enjoy!

Eric Choy



Russ Holm looks on as **Tom Moon** shows Russ one of his latest projects.
Photograph by **Eric Choy**.

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Tamiya 1:48th scale Tiger I Late Production



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By Roderick Bell

Tamiya is releasing another 1:48th scale Tiger I. This release will be a German Tiger I Late Production. The Kit Number is 32575. *King's Hobby* was gracious enough to give me a sample (non-Production release) of the new kit to do a first look review as well as a follow on build review.

The kit came in a white box with no artwork or identifying marks as a Tamiya kit. Inside the bottom of the box the normal printed Tamiya information provided with their model kits. As the title of this article states it is First Look article and I would like to convey that this is probably not the final version that you will see on your hobby shop shelves in the near future. For example, the kit I have is molded in light grey styrene

plastic. I have a Facebook friend in Japan that just built this kit and it is in the standard Tamiya dark yellow plastic styrene.

Instructions

The first thing I saw when I opened the box was the instruction booklet, but not the normal kit instructions you receive with a Tamiya 1:48th scale armor kit. These are not finalized as well and they are oversized since they have not been trimmed to the standard 1:48th scale instruction booklet size.

The instructions are 8 pages with the normal Box Cover image, the obligatory Read before Assembly, Paints required, and Recommend Tools sections on page 1. The box art has been released and you can see it above. Here is the Box Art

(**Picture 2:** in black and white).

Page 2 starts with an Options section on Zimmerit. Evidently, Tamiya will be providing Zimmerit Coating Sheets in 1:48th scale for this kit. Granted, it is an additional purchase (Kit Number: 12653 - **Picture 3**) but it seems to be well worth the additional expense.

The other option provided is to do the Zimmerit coating yourself by utilizing Tamiya's Zimmerit Coating Applicator (Kit Number: 35187 - **Picture 4**).

My only problem with the Zimmerit Coating Applicator is that it is for 1:35th scale. Hopefully this will be address with a future release of a 1:48th scale applicator. I assume we could use the smaller .05 applicators but again,

Tamiya 1:48th scale Tiger I Late Production - Continued



Picture 2: The box art in black in white on Page 1. **Photograph by Roderick Bell.**

I don't think it is to scale. The better option would be to purchase the Zimmerit Coating Sheets mentioned above. Here are some photographs of the runners, weights, and decals (**Pictures 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9**):

There are 15 construction steps to assemble the Tamiya 1:48th scale Tiger I Late Production kit. I will highlight the important areas of each step:

Step 1



Picture 3: Zimmerit Coating Sheets applied to the Tamiya Tiger I Late Production. **Photograph by Tamiya.**

Tamiya has moved away from the die-cast hulls of their earlier 1:48th scale armor kits and the new Tiger I is following this trend. The Lower Hull tub is styrene plastic molded in light grey. The torsion bars are molded on and do NOT articulate. That was one of the major drawbacks of the die-cast hull. Tamiya has carried that through with this lower hull as well. Now, and advanced modeler definitely could cut them off and make them articulate. However, one thing that might prevent it are the four weights that are to be placed into the lower hull to help simulate weight. Again, an advanced modeler could work around them or mount them higher so the rods could extend across the bottom of the lower hull.

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Tamiya 1:48th scale Tiger I Late Production - Continued



Picture 4: Tamiya Zimmerit Coating Applicator: Kit No: 35187. Photograph from **King's Hobby**.

This step shows the modeler how to add the weights into the appropriate position on the lower hull as well as the drive sprocket cover and idler wheel mount. Tow hooks are also added in this step.

Step 2

Page 2 also covers Step 2. Step 2 consists of assembling the drive sprocket halves (with poly cap), as well as the road wheels, and the idler wheels (with poly cap). The road wheels are made to represent the steel road

wheels associated with the Tiger I Late Production model.

Step 3

Page 3 starts with Step 3. In Step 3, the road wheels are attached both sides of the tank, as well as the Drive Sprockets (not glued) and the Idler wheels (not glued). Also, additional brackets are placed near the drive sprockets.

Step 4

Step 4 is the last step on Page 3. Attaching the tracks via the track length and track links provided for the right side of the tank. The tracks should be attached in numbered order starting with parts A3 through part A15.

Step 5

Step 5 is the first step on Page 4. Attaching the tracks to the left side of the tank. Again the tracks should be attached in the numbered order starting with parts A3 through part A15.

Step 6

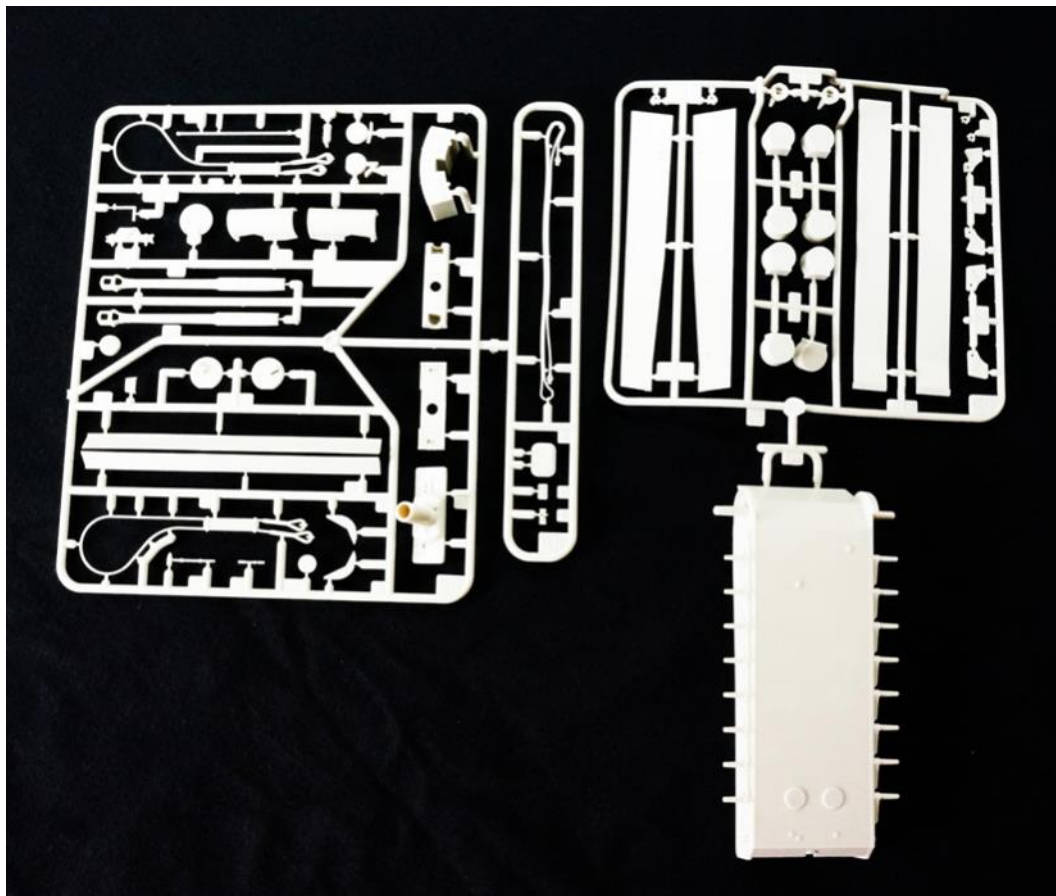
The last step on Page 4 is Step 6. This step deals with attaching parts to the upper hull. The Upper Hull side plates(right and left) and the rear plate are glued now. Again, parts should be assembled in numbered order (1 – right side, 2 – left side, 3 - rear). Small engine deck details are also added in this step. Tamiya has learned their lesson by providing parts to fill in the space above the track runs. This will ensure that no gaps exist that can be spotted by a contest judge!

Step 7

This is the first step on Page 5. In this step, the upper hull is attached to the lower hull. I assume when I build the kit I will holdback on this part of Step 7 until all my painting is done. Also, in this step the upper front hull pieces are added (hatches, side skirts, etc...).

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Picture 5: Runners showing the Hull, sides, gun, mantlet, hatches, and tow cables. Photograph by **Eric Choy**.

Step 8

In this step the air filters are assembled and placed onto the rear plate of the tank. Also, the rear fenders, and tow hooks are added as well.

Step 9

Step 9 is the last step on Page 5. Again, additional items are placed on the rear plate (Jack assembly, starter crank bar, air filter shields). Part E14 on my sample has small depressed sink holes on either side of the center. This will be hard to fix due to the small size of the part. It can

be done, with a little tender care.

Step 10

This is the first step on Page 6. Additional items are now placed onto the upper hull. Including three sets of tow cables. They are done very well for 1:48th scale. The hull machine gun barrel is also placed in this step as well as the front tow hooks. The headlight is assembled placed in the center of the front glacis plate.

Step 11

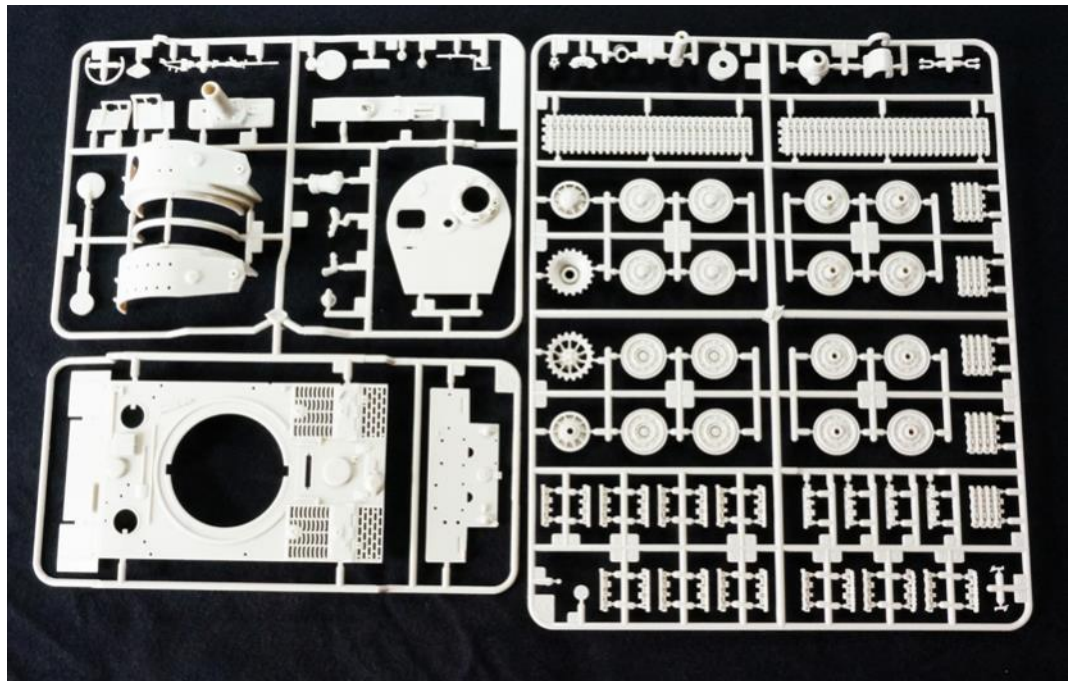
In this step, the side turret halves and gun mantlet are assembled together. Please note that part B1 (mantlet cover) is not used in this kit but part E16 (mantlet cover) is used.

Step 12

This is the last step on Page 6. In this step the commander's seat (for a half figure) is mounted underneath the turret roof. Parts for the turret roof are added in this step as well (loader's hatch, periscope, and vent cover). The turret roof is then assembled

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Picture 6: These runners are for the top hull, turret, and part of the road wheels and tracks. Photograph by **Eric Choy**.

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to the turret halves.

Step 13

Step 13 is the first step on Page 7. This step deals primarily with the assembly and attachment of the 88mm tank gun. The two tank gun halves are assembled and attached to the gun mantlet.

Step 14

This step adds the commander's machine gun ring as well as the AA machine gun (the MG 42 is done very well). The turret side hatch and commander's hatch are attached. The storage bins are attached to the rear of the turret. The last pieces to be attached are the extra track links (part A4) on both sides of the turret.

Step 15

This is the last step on page 7 and the last construction step. The last step is building the tank commander half figure and marrying the turret with the upper hull. This is the end of the construction steps.

On Page 8, the Painting, Applying Decals, and Replacement part sections close out the Instructions. The painting section talks about how Tiger I Late Production tanks were painted. Overall Dark Yellow. Individual units would apply Red Brown and Dark Green camouflage patterns in the field to match local environments and field conditions. A water-based white coat was applied as winter camouflage. The instructions prefer that Tamiya paints be used and those colors are

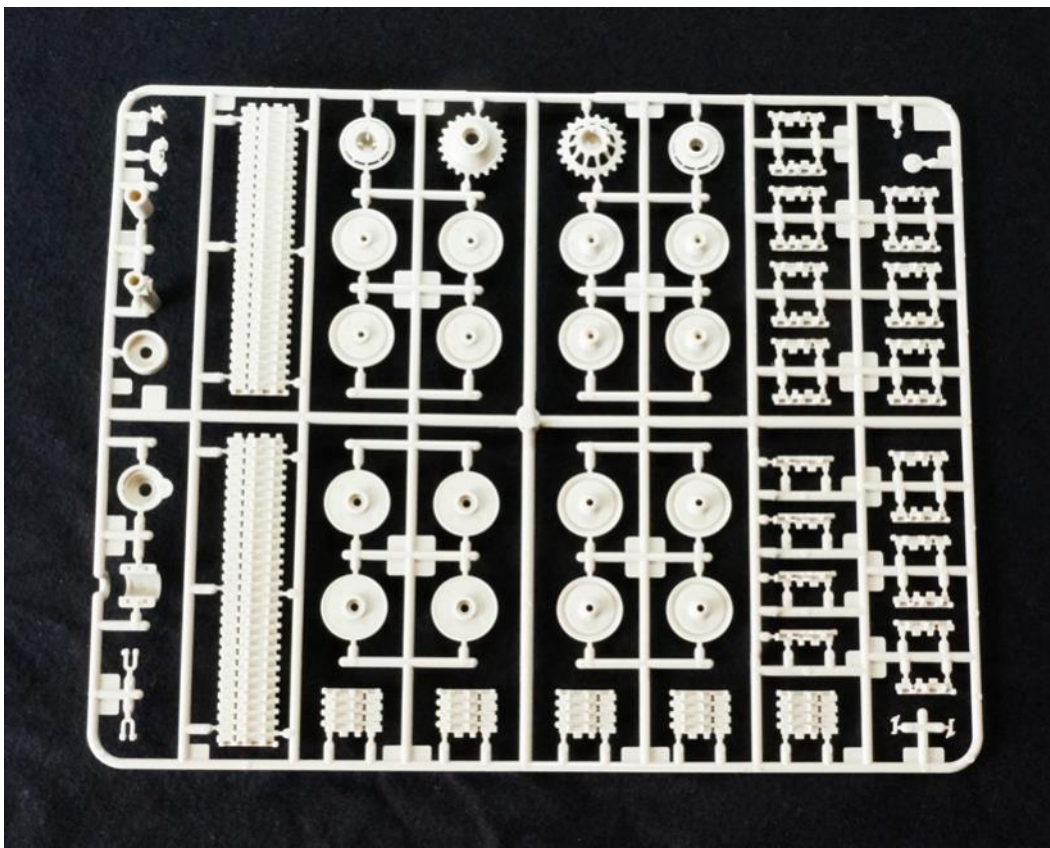
called out in the instructions.

Cover Story Leaflet

A separate leaflet is also contained in the kit. This leaflet contains a Background Information section and talks about the history of the Tiger I Late Production. The next page, goes into the Zimmerit coating on where and how to apply it. The drawings of the Tiger I Late production showing where the Zimmerit should be placed are invaluable for the modeler who will try to do the Zimmerit via Tamiya putty. Again, I recommend the Zimmerit Coating Sheets (Kit No: 12653).

Last two pages (foldout) are dedicated to Painting & Markings. There are two options for painting & markings.

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Picture 7: This runner shows the second half of the tracks, and road wheels. Photograph by **Eric Choy**.

Option A: Tank No: 312, 3rd Company, 505th Heavy Panzer Battalion, Eastern Front, summer 1944. The base coat is XF-60 (TS-3) Dark Yellow, with XF-64 Red Brown stripes, and with XF-61 Dark Green patches inside the XF-64 Red Brown stripes.

Option B: Tank No: 211, 2nd Company, 101st Heavy Panzer Battalion, Normandy, France, summer 1944. The base coat is XF-60 (TS-3) Dark Yellow, with thin XF-61 Dark Green irregular lines, and with XF-64 Red Brown irregular lines.

CONS

Some of these might just be nit picking on my part but I have to put something!

- ◆ Having to buy or make the Zimmerit is a pain. In my opinion the Zimmerit Coating Sheets should be included in the kit.

- ◆ Tamiya still molds on their tools even though they can and partially do provide tools. In my opinion this takes away from the kit and limits what can be done with them.

- ◆ As mentioned above the torsion bars are molded

onto the lower hull and do not articulate.

- ◆ Gun barrel is two halves instead of a slide mold one piece gun OR a metal barrel. Okay, I am spoiled by Dragon.

- ◆ The turret is two halves and a mantlet instead of a one piece slide mold turret. Again, I am spoiled by Dragon.

- ◆ Injector pin marks on the length part of the tracks.

- ◆ Injector pin marks on the inside of the steel rim wheels (These may not

Bob Bet
Sd.Kfz.2
on (DM)
kick late

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Picture 8: Tamiya has moved away from the die cast hull kits and but they still provide weights to give the model that heavy feeling. Photograph by **Eric Choy**.

be visible but I will not find out until I build the kit).

- ◆ No Photo-etch engine deck grills.



Picture 9: Decals for two different Tiger I Late Production tanks. Photograph by **Roderick Bell**.

Some of the detail is hard to see because of the light colored grey styrene plastic used. My eyes are old. Things probably pop out with dark yellow styrene on the production release sets. I will fix this by putting on the primer and base coat when I finish the kit. Even though I put eight CONS, most of them are very minor and or more of a modeler preference than an issue.

PROS

- ◆ From what I can tell, this is an accurate rendering of a Tiger I Late production tank in 1:48th scale.
- ◆ Tracks look the part (besides the injector pin marks).
- ◆ AA-Gun (MG-42) is well done.
- ◆ Decals are good and accurate.
- ◆ Great instructions.
- ◆ A typical good kit from Tamiya.

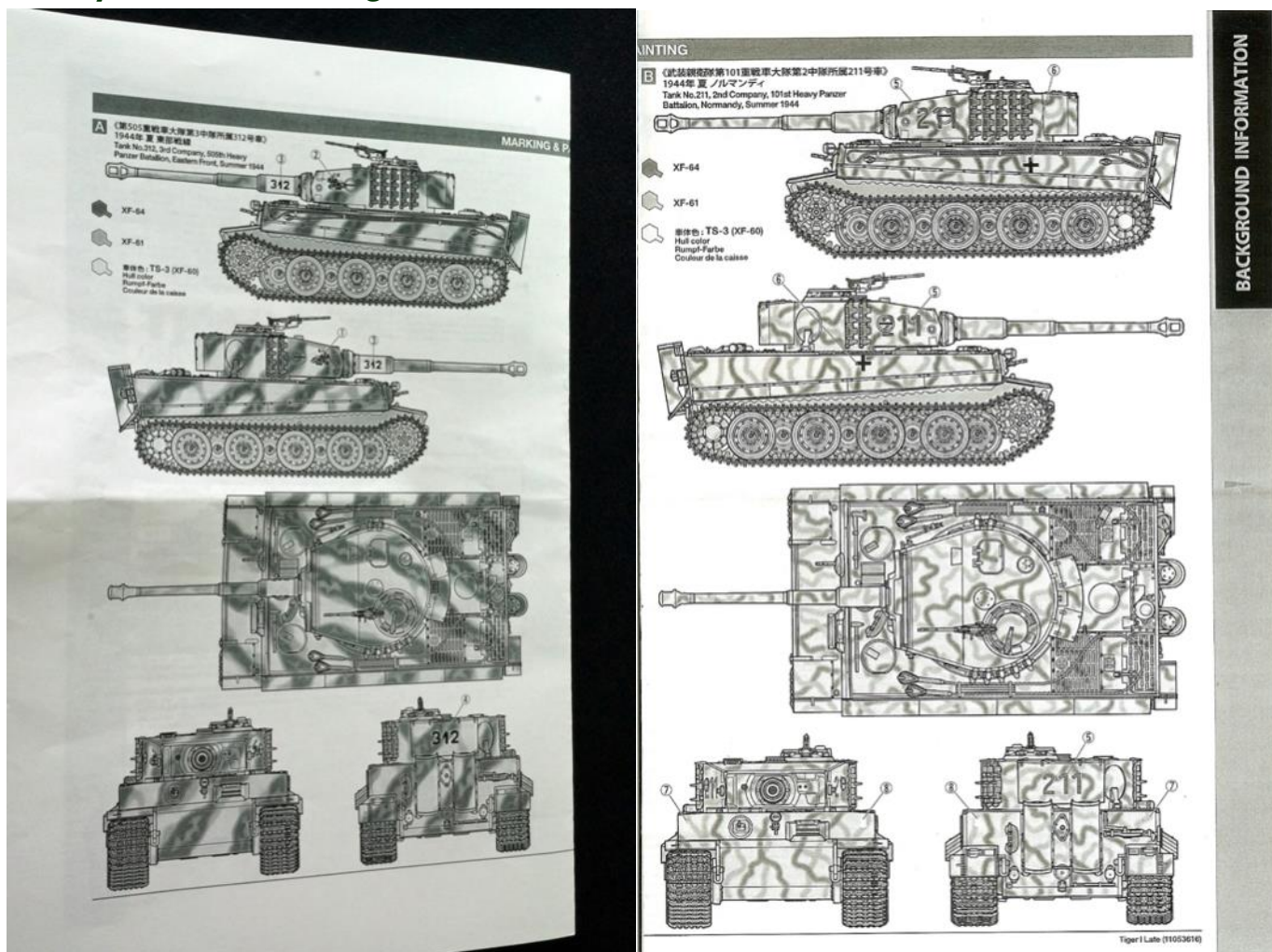
This is a very good kit and it will be a welcomed addition to 1:48th Scale Tank Modelers and to German Armor fans.

Recommendation

Based on what I see, I **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** this kit to all German Armor fans and or 1:48th tank builders. It will build into a very nice model. I do reserve the right to change my recommendation

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Picture 10: Here are the Painting and Decal guides for two Tiger I Late Production tanks. **Option A:** Tank No: 312, 3rd Kompanie, 505th schwere Panzer-Abteilung, Ost Front, Summer 1944. **Option B:** Tank No: 211, 2nd Kompanie, 101st Heavy Panzer-Abteilung, Normandy, Summer 1944. Photographs by **Eric Choy** and **Roderick Bell**.

after I complete my build. However, based on what I see in this kit, that will not happen.

I would like to thank **King's Hobby** for allowing me to review this pre-release kit from Tamiya. Having a local Hobby Shop in our area is a privilege and treasure for the modeling community. Onto the build review!

To see this review and other

blog postings at King's Hobby Shop you can go to the following link:

<http://kingshobbyshop.blogspot.com/2013/05/rod-bells-first-look-preview-of-tamiyas.html>

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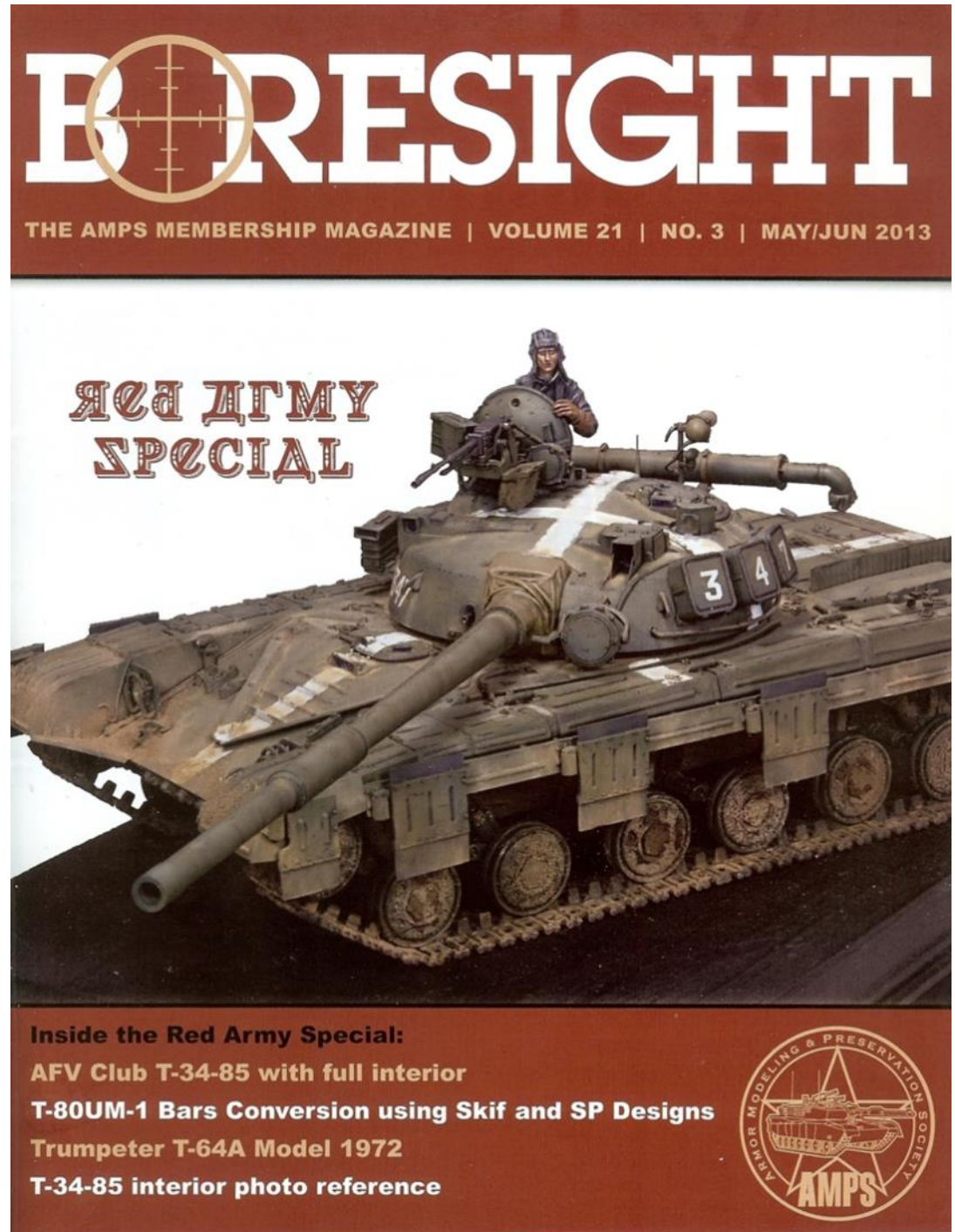
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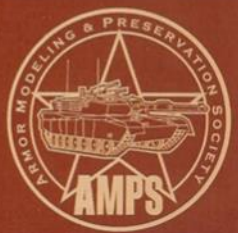


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Inside the Red Army Special:
AFV Club T-34-85 with full interior
T-80UM-1 Bars Conversion using Skif and SP Designs
Trumpeter T-64A Model 1972
T-34-85 interior photo reference



Boresight Volume 21, Issue 3 is the third issue of Volume 21. This issue contains four articles. It is the Red Army Issue. If you have not joined **AMPS**, please do. It is a small expense and you get a great newsletter and are part of a growing international organization dedicated to building model tanks and restoring real tanks.

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By Roderick Bell

The latest issue of the **AMPS Boresight** is out. It is the Red Army Special. Here is what is inside the Volume **21**, Issue No. **3**:

- ♦ **Editor Notes** by John Robinson
- ♦ **AMPS Review Crew News** by Chuck Aleshire, AMPS 1st Vice President and Review Coordinator
- ♦ **T-34-85 with interior: AFV Club's see-through tank** by Danny Egan
- ♦ **T-64A Model 1972L Trumpeter's light heavyweight** by Sean Lynch
- ♦ **T-80UM-1 Bars: Skif + SP Designs = Snow Leopard** by Jim Wechsler
- ♦ **Photo Reference: Go inside the T-34** by John Robinson, Boresight Editor

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AMPS International Convention 2014

By Roderick Bell

The 20th **AMPS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** will be held in Fredericksburg, Virginia from Thursday April 3, 2014 through Saturday April 5, 2014. The convention will be held at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House. More show information can be found at:

<http://www.amps-armor.org/ampssite/default.aspx>

The 2014 theme is "Hollywood Tanks" - Tanks or military vehicles used in movies or TV shows. More information will follow once the show team is ready to start communicating.

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New Kits

By Roderick Bell

This month we have several new model kits, so we added a few more pages for you to see.

First off, we have the **Academy** Czech "Prague 1945" Uprising Hetzer. Kit Number: 13277.

Bronco Models has released a British Infantry Tank Mk. III "Valentine" Mk. IX tank. Kit Number: CB35144.



Academy's new 1:35th scale Czech "Prague 1945 Uprising" Hetzer. Kit Number: 13277.



Bronco Models is releasing a British Infantry Tank Mk. III Valentine Mk. IX in 1:35th scale. Kit number: CB35144.

New Kits - Continued

Dragon has a *Smart Kit* re-release of it's Panzerkampfwagen IV Ausf. D DAK Tropical Version in 1:35th scale.

The next kit is from **Hobby Boss**. It is a Panzerkampfwagen I Ausf. F (VK 18.01)-Early. Kit Number: 83804.



Dragon's new 1:35th scale German Panzerkampfwagen IV Ausf. D DAK Tropical Version (*Smart Kit*). Kit Number: DR6769.

Hobby Boss's new 1:35th scale German Panzerkampfwagen I Ausf. F(VK18.01)-Early. Kit Number: 83804.



New Kits - Continued

MasterBox's new figure set is of the German Infantry on the Eastern Front in 1:35th scale. Kit Number: 35101.

Our final kit is from a new company out of Hong Kong called Takom. Their first release is a small tank in a big scale. It is the French Light Tank Renault FT-17 with Char Canon/Girod Turret in 1:16th scale. Their second kit will be

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MasterBox's new 1:35th scale German Infantry on the Eastern front Kit Number: 35101.



Takom's new 1:16th scale French Light Tank Renault FT-17 with Char Canon/Girod Turret. Kit Number: 1001.



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