

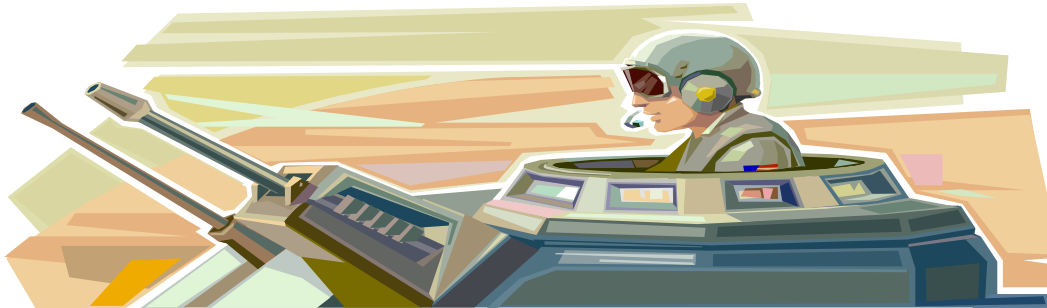


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Newsletter of the Austin Armor Builders Society

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From the Turret

First things first... This month's meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 2nd**. The schedule conflict for our meeting room at the library we've been dealing with for the last few months has ended. Again, that means we will be meeting on **first Wednesday of each month for the rest of 2014**, NOT Thursday... Onward ho!

While we haven't made progress toward setting up a beginner's day to attract new modelers to the club, we have started adding content to our **Facebook** page and we have created a **Pinterest** account that we will populate with images of all of your

awesome work soon. Thanks to **Greg Beckman** for updating the Facebook page with his step-by-step work in progress on his AT-1 and T-30 projects, they look great.

We'd like to add more work-in-progress updates or any other project photos, so please send images with descriptive text to me at **johnwtalley@hotmail.com** and we'll start adding to the content on the Facebook page.

Please also go to our Facebook page and 'Like' it to add yourself to the followers list, which will add our updates to the page to your News Feed and give you a quick glance into what other's in the club are up to.

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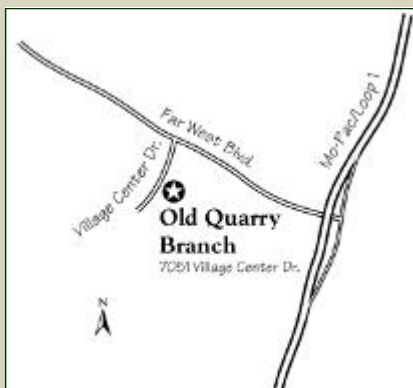
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Austin Armor Builders Society (AABS) meets at 7PM each month at the **Austin Public Library Old Quarry Branch**. Our next meeting is on

July 2, 2014

Annual dues for full membership are USD **\$12** to be collected at each January meeting. Upon receipt of payment, a membership card will be issued. This card is valid for one year, and it entitles holder to discounts at various local hobby shops in the Central Texas and San Antonio areas.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ July 2 - AABS Club Meeting
- ◆ August 6 - AABS Club Meeting
- ◆ August 6 to 9 - IPMS/USA National Convention
Hampton, Virginia
- ◆ September 3 - AABS Club Meeting
- ◆ September 13 - SuperCon 2014, Bob Duncan
Community Center, Arlington, Texas



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Upcoming Program Presentations and Newsletter Articles

Month	Program Presentation	Newsletter Article
2014 - March	Ted Paone	Ted Paone
April	John Talley	Russ Holm
May	Pat Rourke	Pat Rourke
June	Eric Choy	Robert Mesch
July	Rod Bell	Rod Bell
August	Ted Andreas	Ted Andreas
September	Rick Herrington	Elliot Nowacky
October	Robert Mesch	Greg Beckman
November	John Hernandez	John Hernandez
December	Bob Bethea	Bob Bethea
2015 January	Tom Pachalos	Tom Pachalos
February	Dave Bourland	Dave Bourland
March	Jake McKee	Jake McKee

Here is a list of members who are responsible for providing articles for the newsletter and program presentation at our monthly meetings.

Please note any member may contribute as many articles as he/she wants anytime. The purpose of this schedule is to ensure we have at least one article in the newsletter each month.

Prompt submission of your article is much appreciated. The deadline is always **11:59PM on the last Wednesday of the previous month** (e.g. Ted Paone's article for March was due on the last Wednesday of February).

Editor



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Some of the contents sent to me will also be used to create Pinterest boards which we can all share, so go to Pinterest, create an account, and follow our organization to get updates there as well. It's surprising just how much content about scale models can be found on Pinterest, so I'm sure we'll all enjoy sharing with like-minded hobbyists there as well.

Here are the links to the Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Austin-Armor-Builders-Society/191876957528149>

and Pinterest page:

<http://www.pinterest.com/AustinArmor/>

Over time we'll add more community aspects to the pages, like image of the month voting. We just need more image contributors to give Greg some competition! Until then, we should all try getting more exposure to the pages by liking and commenting on the posts that we make.

facebook

Pinterest

Please remember that we're all representing Austin Armor Builders Society to the global community through our comments, so let's keep it positive. Comments in particular are important for more Facebook exposure, so let's get talking online!

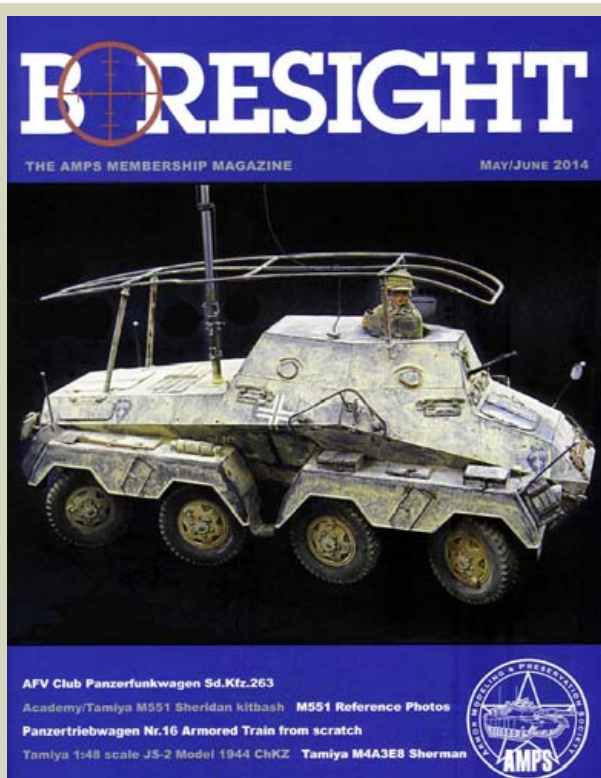
John Talley, President



AMPS Boresight (Volume 23, Issue 3)

The latest issue of *Boresight* is out. Here is a quick look inside:

- ♦ **AFV Club Sd.Kfz.263 (8-rad)** by **Chris Lloyd-Staples**
It's funky but it knows it's rad.
- ♦ **A Tale of Two Sheridans** by **David Black**
You need two to tango.
- ♦ **M551 Sheridan Up Close** Photos by the Editor
From the Military Museum of Southern New England
- ♦ **Panzertriebwagen Nr.16** by **Kevin McKay**
Scratchbuilding the German armored train.
- ♦ **JS-2 Model 1944 ChKZ in 1:48** by **Mennie P. Paramin**
Modeling a late WW2 veteran.
- ♦ **My Favorite Model...** by **John Stelik**
She was beautiful, in 1978.
- ♦ **Local Chapter News**
What's going on in the AMPS community.





The National Museum of the United States Marine Corps

by Roderick Bell

INTRODUCTION

In April 2014, Russ Holm, Eric Choy, and I attended the AMPS 2014 International Conference in Fredericksburg, Virginia. After attending the three day show we took an additional day for site seeing before we drove back to the Great State of Texas.

Our first stop was **The National Museum of the Marine Corps** located at 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, Virginia 22172. The first thing you see when passing by on IH-95 is the 210 foot stainless steel spire soaring over the tree line. The museum is on 135 acres adjacent to the Marine Corps Base Quantico. The museum itself is 118,000 square feet and there are plans to expand it to 181,000 square feet when funds are raised.

The museum was designed by the architectural firm Fentress Bradburn Architects. The design of the museum emulates the image of the raising of the American flag over Iwo Jima. This is a truly a magnificent museum. The Globe and Anchor are present throughout the museum. These lined the walkway coming into the museum.

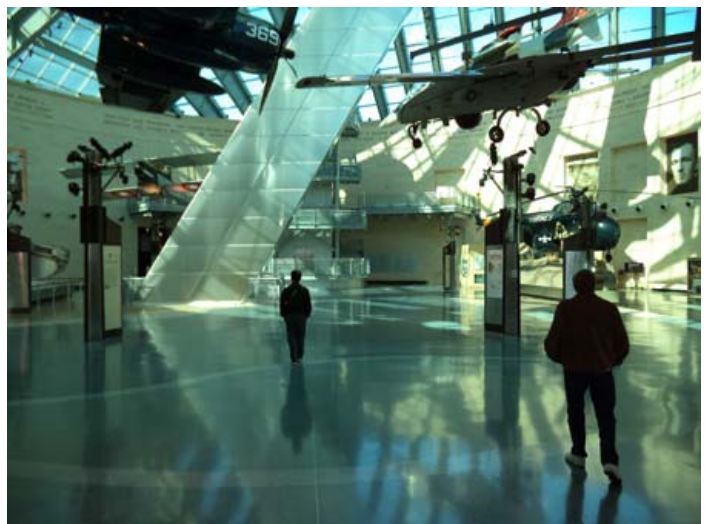


EXHIBITS

The museum has two floors (decks). We will begin with the first deck. When you walk into the museum and get pass the security check (The Marine guards carry .45 cal. Pistols), you will come into the first Gallery. This gallery is known as the Leatherneck Gallery.

*** WARNING ***

The following content contains aircraft photographs.
You die hard tread heads please cover your eyes.



This gallery extends to the top of the building with several aircraft being suspended from the roof. These aircraft include the Marine Corps AV-8 Harrier, The Corsair, a UAV, and a biplane. Also, there is a very realistic 1:1 scale diorama of the World War II Battle of Tarawa with a beached LVT-1 and Marines fighting against the coconut seawall.

There is also a 1:1 scale Korean War Helicopter diorama of Marines dislodging from the helicopter onto the battlefield. You have to give it to the Marines, they go all out on these 1:1 scale dioramas.

Here are a list of the other Galleries on the first deck:

- Defending the New Republic
- Global Expeditionary Force
- World War I Gallery
- World War II Gallery
- Korea War Gallery

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- Vietnam War Gallery
- Making Marines Gallery

The second deck contains an actual Marine Corps Mess Hall, rest rooms, and a replica of the Tun Tavern (yes drinks and food can be purchased here) where the United States Marine Corps was born.

Come to the meeting and you will see the slide show of all these galleries (300+ photos).



World War II Battle of Tarawa 1:1 scale diorama.



Korean War 1:1 scale Diorama.



Marine Corps AV-8 Harrier.



WWI Marine Corps Curtiss Jenny biplane.



WWII Marine Corps Corsair

Rod Bell



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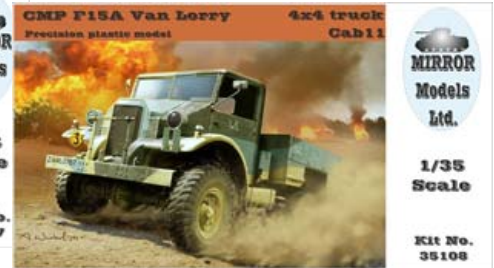
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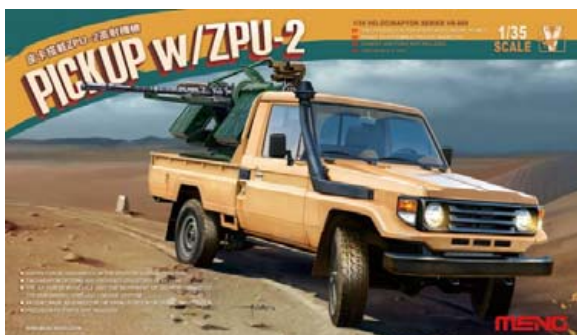
Another 1/35th Soviet paper panzer from Takom: multi-turret KV-5 heavy tank.



Two more variants of the CMP F15 Ford truck in 1/35th by Mirror Models. The Italian version comes with a 20mm Breda Mod.39.



The trend of "object" apparently has reached Trumpeter as well. This is Object 704, arguably the best armored (and heaviest) self-propelled gun ever produced by the Soviet during WWII.



Meng continues their line of DIY gun trucks with yet another pickup in 1/35th scale. This time it's a Toyota Land Cruiser with the twin-barreled 14.5mm ZPU-2 AA machine gun.



If looks could kill, the M6A1 is definitely a victim of its own ugliness! Forty of these 57ton monsters were made but none saw any combat in Europe or in the Pacific. DML delivered the 1/35th version as promised under their Black Label line of white elephant AFVs.



About Us

The Austin Armor Builders Society (AABS) started in 1999 when Don Jones, a member of the local IPMS chapter, decided "what a good idea to get out two nights a month, and on least one night talk tanks."



Since then AABS is the only modeling club in Central Texas devoted solely to armor modeling. We don't build planes because they are just plain! Our passion is armored fighting vehicles and military figures. Subject of our interest ranges from WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Middle East, to the most recent Gulf War Conflicts.

At each monthly meeting, we talk tanks, swap kits, and share our building techniques and tricks. We also hold regular in-house model contests and organize out-of-town field trips to museums and model shows.

Every odd-numbered year AABS hosts the biggest armor model show in AMPS South Central Region (AMPS CENTEX). Known as Lone Star Armor & Figure Expo, we attract some of the best armor modelers in Texas as well as in the neighboring states to come participate.

To find out more about AABS, you can visit our website or pick up a club flyer at your local hobby shop.

We are on the web @ AustinArmorBuilders.com

No one can revive an ancient plastic kit like Russ Holm. Check out his latest Tamiya 1/35th Semovente M-40/75, a White Elephant kit he received from ASMS' Xmas party.

