



Sabot Away!



Newsletter of the Austin Armor Builders Society

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Testing Mission Models Acrylic Paints

By Rick Herrington

Periodically manufacturers will come out with new formulations of paints to convince you to throw out the tried-and-true paints that you are using and buy a whole new set of theirs. Lately the modelling community has been all a flutter about **Mission Models** new line of paints. So I decided to do a simple comparison test with Tamiya and AK Interactive acrylics.

Since I use an airbrush for 99% of my painting, my test was done with an airbrush. The paints were thinned with Mission Models' dedicated thinner.



I chose two colors, *Dunkelgelb* (MMP-011) and U.S. Desert Tan Modern 2 (MMP-038), for color accuracy and paint durability. *Dunkelgelb* is Mission Models' version of WWII German armor yellow, and Desert Tan Modern 2 is meant to replicate CARC Tan used by current U.S. Armed Forces on their vehicles.



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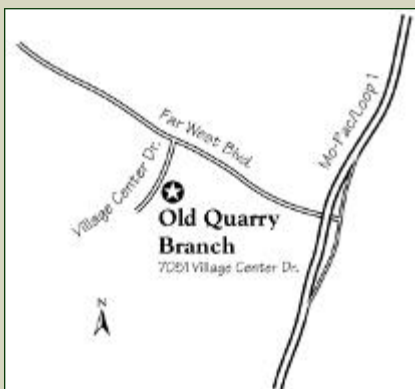
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Austin Armor Builders Society (AABS) meets at 7PM each month at the **Austin Public Library**. Our next meeting is on

August 7, 2019

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

- ◆ August 7 - AABS Club Meeting
- ◆ September 4 - AABS Club Meeting
- ◆ September 14 - AMPS Centex Armor Expo
Georgetown Community Center, Georgetown, TX
- ◆ October 2 - AABS Club Meeting
- ◆ October 5 - ASMS 2019 Capital Classic Travis County
Expo Center, Austin, TX



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Schedule of Upcoming Program Presentations and Newsletter Articles

Month	Program Presentation	Newsletter Article
January 2019	Mike Lamm	Greg Beckman
February	Ian Candler	Mike Lamm
March*	Eric Choy	Eric Choy
April	Bob Bethea	Bob Bethea
May	Ted Paone	Greg Beckman
June*	Rick Herrington	Ted Paone
July	Ted Andreas, Jr	Ted Andreas, Jr
August	Chris Chany	Rick Herrington
September*	AMPS Judging Review	Chris Chany
October	Kit Auction	Bob Bethea
November	Aaron Smischney	Greg Beckman
December*	Alex Gashev	Russ Holm
January 2020	Mike Maloney	Kevin Hutchison

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 wants any time. 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. Greg Beckman's article for January 2019 was due on the last Wednesday of December).

* Quarterly contest month



From the Turret

Greetings! We are getting ever closer to our 2019 show. I hope everyone is getting ready for that. I have a couple of projects started that hopefully will be completed in time.

Recently my eldest son and I went to California to visit my middle son. It almost wouldn't be so bad of a place to live except for the cost. Gasoline prices alone are about \$1.50 per gallon higher than current prices here in Texas. So, we do have a lot to be thankful for here in the Lone Star State.

Andrea is offering up another workshop the weekend before our contest. It should be a really good one if they get enough people to sign up. **Bob (Bethea)** and **Ian (Candler)** will be the instructors. If interested, contact the fine folks at Andrea Depot USA.

NEW ANDREA MINIATURES PAINTING WORKSHOP
ft. Bob Bethea and Ian Candler in TEXAS

September 7th-8th

Beginner-Intermediate Level

Registration now!



FIGURE INCLUDED

The Tall Man 1:32 SCALE

his last battle; the SS tank ace was killed in action along with the entire crew of Tiger I '007'.



In the Pacific Theater of Operations, U.S. forces retook Guam from the Japanese. The 10th of August, 1944 marked the end of that operation.

On the 12th of August, the Battle of the Falaise Pocket began. The Allied offensive ended disastrously for the Germans nine days later. By then the Normandy campaign was effectively over with German forces in retreat (temporarily as it turned out).



The liberation of Paris also occurred in August of 1944. The battle began on the 19th and within a week General Dietrich von Choltitz, commander of the German garrison and military governor of Paris, surrendered to General Leclerc of the French 2nd Armored Division. Many of the actions and behind

August was another month of heavy combat action 75 years ago. On the 8th, Michael Wittman fought



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the scenes decisions are recounted in Choltitz's memoir *Brennt Paris? (Is Paris Burning?)*



These are just some of the battles that occurred 75 years ago. A great many battles were being fought on the Eastern front and other places across the globe.

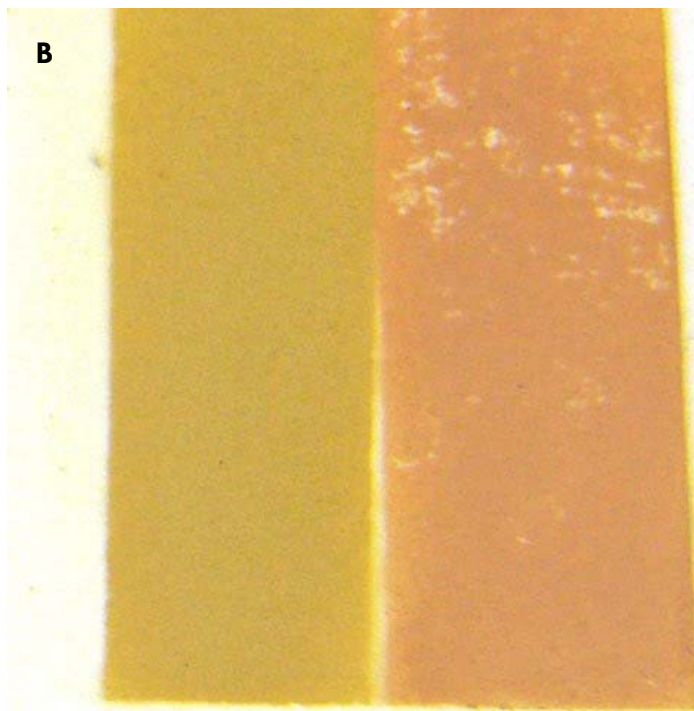
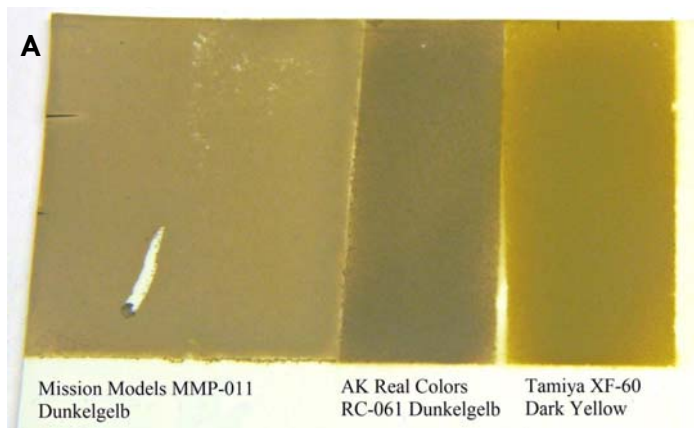
Thanks to all members of AABS for making this organization one of the very best. Keeping building and painting!

Ted Andreas, Jr.
President

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I sprayed the colors in strips side by side to compare them. First let me say that Mission Models paints are very fragile, and they do not hold up well to masking. You can see from photo B where the paint lifted when I was masking for spraying the next

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AK Real Colors
RC-079 CARC tan

Mission
Models
MMP-038
US desert tan



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color. You can also see a scratch where my finger nail brushed against the paint (photo A). Let me reiterate: this paint is very fragile! Mission Models sells an automotive-grade Polyurethane Mix Additive (MMA-001) that makes its paints more durable. I strongly suggest you purchase the additive if you intend to invest in Mission Models' line of paints.

As we don't have Panzer III's and Panthers rolling around on the streets nowadays, I wasn't able to determine the accuracy of Mission Model's *Dunkelgelb*. However, I was able to match the US Desert Tan with photos of US vehicles in my research. In my opinion Mission Models' formulation is way off. The AK color is far closer to the real thing:

All in all, I find no reason to throw out my paints in the model closet. If it was significantly less expensive than AK or Tamiya, I might think about it. Unfortunately it is not the case and the fragility of the color coat makes it a no brainer. I'm not changing any time soon.

Rick



Austin Scale Modelers Society



Presents



The 2019 CAPITOL CLASSIC



Show Theme

SUMMER OF LOVE

Anything manufactured or in use during 1967.

Saturday, October 5th 2019

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Travis County Expo Center

7311 Decker Ln, Austin, TX 78724

🌸 **IPMS Model Contest** 🌸
75 Vendor Tables 🌸 **Food**
Make 'N' Take 🌸 **Door Prizes**

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Model Course

Two courses designed to bring modelers to the next level in armor and figure painting.

By Samuel Pérez

Course Attendee's will receive a **15% DISCOUNT** to shop the warehouse at the end of each course.

COST OF THE COURSE

Course 1

Includes the vignette, base and materials supplied.

Course 2

Includes the vignette, base and materials supplied.

If you are taking **BOTH CLASSES** (ALL 4 DAYS) only one vignette will be supplied, but the second course will be discounted.

Course Price: \$200 per course, if you take both \$375

Course material value: \$150

Place:
351 Bank Street
Suite 101 Southlake,
Texas 76092



September
19-20

Course 1

The design, layout of the base. Course is designed to teach atmosphere and realism of the period.

DAY 1

Explore and paint the figures to incorporate with the display piece, with instructions (theory and practice) to paint the camouflages.

DAY 2

Finish figures, add to the display piece and complete any final touch ups.

DAY 1

We will make the scene, complete with base and all materials.

DAY 2

We will discuss, assemble, paint and weather the Tiger 1 section

September
21-22

Course 2

Exercise in painting figures with most famous camouflage uniforms (dot pattern, splinter) and the field grey uniform, to match the scene, through atmosphere, story telling and realism.



For more information or to sign up for the courses, contact **Scale 75 USA** via email: info@scale75usa.com or call: **(817)329-4860**



2019 AMPS CENTEX Armor Expo

September 14th, 2019

An AMPS Regional Show



Show Theme "Artillery - King of the Battlefield"

Any towed, emplaced, or self propelled weapon that lays **INDIRECT FIRE** (i.e. shell, rocket(s), or missile(s) delivered at a target which cannot be seen by the aimer) is eligible for the show theme award.

JOIN *AMPS* TODAY

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____

ZIP CODE: _____ **COUNTRY:** _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPES	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year
Regular U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$30)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$55)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$80)
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Junior (17 or under)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$15)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$30)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$45)
Family Member*	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$ 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$15)

*For anyone living at the same address with a regular active member. Family member DOES NOT receive an individual copy of *Boresight* but enjoy vendor discounts, website access, and can enter in the national competition as long as he/she is accompanied by the regular active member.



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www.amps-armor.org

New On The Block



AFV Club's has two new products out this summer: 1/35th M1 8" Howitzer (above) and Centurion Mk.3 Korean War (below).



The second release by the new Chinese company Border is a Leopard II A5/A6 in 1/35th. One has to wonder how does it compare to Meng's latest offerings?



Thunder Model's latest is a ChTZ S60 tractor in 1/35th. Basically a Caterpillar Sixty tractor with a different frame construction, it has a Soviet-made magneto and an additional fuel tank for the starter engine. Many S60s were captured and used by the Germans during the beginning of WWII.

AMPS Boresight (Volume 27, Issue 4)

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

- ◆ 2019 International Convention After Action Report by Tom Faith
- ◆ Skill Level Advancement & Master Honor Roll
- ◆ 2019 Winner's List
- ◆ Best Of's, Theme & Special Awards photos by editor
- ◆ SoonerCon Recap by John Charvat
- ◆ Local Chapter News and Upcoming Shows



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 at least one night talk tanks.”



AABS is the first scale model 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 modeling events. Every odd-numbered year AABS hosts the biggest scale armor modeling show in Texas that attracts some of the best armor modelers in the Lone Star as well as neighboring states.

Since inception AABS is a local chapter of Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS), a national organization dedicated to the promotion of scale modeling and armored vehicle preservation.

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

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We are on the web @ austinamps.org



Here's **Bob Bethea's** other 1/16th IJA Type 94 Tankette (Early) he finished last year. Your editor somehow forgot to take photos of it until now... sorry Bob!