



Sabot Away!



Newsletter of the Austin Armor Builders Society

February 2022



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SCALE MODEL CAMO NETTING REVISITED

by Rick Herrington

Back in 2016, I wrote an article on making camouflage net for modern tanks (see "Scale Model Camouflage Netting" in January 2016 *Sabot Away!*).

Since then, my method has been modified. From looking at real Leopard pictures in the field (see photos on the right), I replicated strips of camouflage attached to the front



and barrel of a Leopard 2A7. These were just Viva cloth type paper towels soaked in an acrylic wash and attached with white glue.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ February 2 - AABS Club Meeting
- ◆ ¿March 2 - AABS Club Meeting?
- ◆ March 12 - KCCON 2022, First Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, MO
- ◆ ¿April 6 - AABS Club Meeting?
- ◆ April 7-9 AMPS 2022 International Convention, Newport News, VA
- ◆ April 30 - Modelmania 2022, Stafford Convention Center, Stafford, TX



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Schedule of Upcoming Program Presentations and Newsletter Articles

Month	Program Presentation	Newsletter Article
January 2022	N/A	Dane Sherry
February*	White Elephant Contest	Rick Herrington
March	TBA	Greg Beckman
April	TBA	Kevin Hutchison
May	TBA	Eric Choy
June*	TBA	Ian Candler
July	TBA	Craig Bland
August	TBA	Bob Bethea
September*	TBA	Bill Menzie
October	Club Auction	Ted Paone
November	TBA	Ted Andreas, Jr.
December*	TBA	Joe Fisher
January 2023	Officer Election	Mike Maloney

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. Rick Herrington's article for February is due on the last Wednesday of January).

* Quarterly contest month



From the Turret

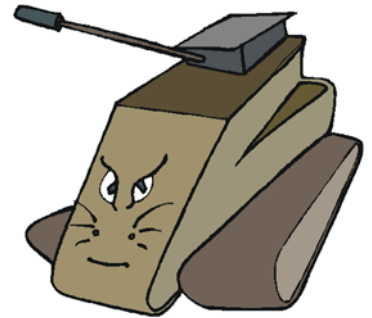
Greetings! I hope all is well with our members and their families. We have had some flu-like issues in the Andreas household, but we seem to have gotten over the worst of it.

I am looking forward to hear the results of **WinterBlitz** that took place at College Station, TX on January 22nd (Editor: see "WinterBlitz winners" on page 6). It seems like the turnout was quite good. I did not stay too long as Susan was still not up to par that day, and I thought it would be best to not stay out late. At any rate, when I got home, she was helping a friend move into a new house. So much for bed rest.

We plan on having a meeting this month (February) at the community center in Eric Choy's neighborhood. We need to discuss our plans to compete as a club at the Houston show.

Once again, we will need at least ten models to compete. So far we have seven commitments:

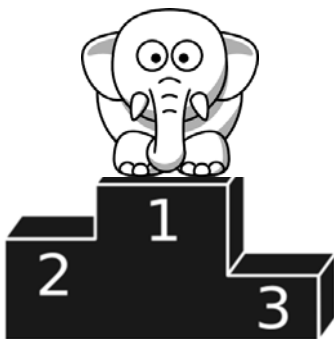
1. Bob Bethea: Hungarian Nimrod
2. Bob Bethea: Cold War era ZSU-57-2
3. Mike Stevens: M42 Duster
4. Stuart Wetterschneider: M16 (quad 50. cal)
5. Eric Choy: Flakpanzer Gepard
6. Rick Herrington: Flakpanzer IV *Wirbelwind*
7. Kevin Hutchison: SdKfz 7/1 with quad 20mm



Another issue is that we need a display for the entries. Our past two efforts were greatly enhanced by the displays used for the Shermans and the T-54/55s.

Well, let's see what we can work out at the next meeting. In the meantime, keep building and painting. You all make our club one of the best.

Ted Andreas, Jr.
President



White Elephant Contest at February Meeting!

Bring your finished **White Elephant** kit(s) to win U.S. Treasury issued greenbacks! This special quarterly contest cash prizes are **\$40**, **\$30**, and **\$20** for the first, second, and third place winners. There will be a first place winner (**\$20**) for the Naked category (built but not painted) as well.

To enter you must be a member in good standing (i.e. you need to pay your dues). Any white elephant model that has not placed in previous quarterly contests is eligible to participate. Note: the **"no sweep"** rule is strictly enforced (i.e. no single contestant is allowed to win ALL THREE cash prizes in any of our in-house contest.



The British Army MBT Challenger 1



In my humble opinion, some of the British tank designs used in WWII were not exactly among the world's best. However, post-war designs such as the Centurion, Chieftain, and the Challenger greatly enhanced the quality and reputation of British armor (or armour).

The Challenger 1 Main Battle Tank served in the British Army from 1983-2001 when it was superseded by the Challenger 2. The Challenger 1 features Chobham armor which greatly enhanced survivability in combat.



During the first Persian Gulf War, Great Britain deployed 221 Challenger 1 tanks to Saudi Arabia.

In combat the Challengers were highly effective against Iraqi armor. Deployed under U.S. VII Corps, British Challengers spearheaded the eastern most penetration of Iraqi defensive lines. Not one single Challenger was lost in combat during *Operation Desert Storm* operations. However, approximately 300 Iraqi tanks were destroyed by Challengers.



In addition to its remarkable combat record, a Challenger 1 scored the longest-range tank kill: During *Desert Storm*, a Challenger 1 destroyed an Iraqi tank at a distance of over 5,000 meters (3.1 miles)!

Ted

It is that time of the year again. Please have your club dues (\$12) ready at the next meeting. We accept cash, check, or PayPal (payaabs@gmail.com. Please add \$1 more to cover processing fees). For those who prefer to make a mail-in payment, our treasurer's address is:

Eric Choy
13213 Marrero Drive
Austin TX 78729.

Please DO NOT send cash by mail. Be sure your check or money order is made payable to **Austin Armor Builders Society** (or **AABS**)



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Modern U.S. and Japanese tanks use a segmented camouflage netting that **Wako**, a Japanese model company, replicates quite nicely in its Feeling Parts series of camo net set (FP-35). This product can be found on **Hobby Link Japan** website (www.hlj.com) for about USD \$16.

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www.kamizukure.jp

FEELING PARTS FP-35
1/35 現用偽装網 II

シートサイズ: 295mm x 155mm
入り数: 1シート

製品は引き伸ばして使用するため、
使用時のシートサイズは、
295mm x 180mm程度になります。

実物/パース/写真

I used this in addition to my regular method on my Marine winter camouflage 1/35th M1A1 Abrams.





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Finally,, below is the original method I used on a Tamiya's 1/48th M1. Keep in mind the size of the tea leaves you use to keep the camouflage in scale.

That's it. A simple but realistic way to create camouflage nets.

Rick



WINTERBLITZ WINNERS 2022

Category	Build	Winner (First place)
Youth	The Camo Tank	Abigal Le
Boxstock	M31 Recovery Tank	Tom Moon
Origins to 1930 AFVs	Lancaster Armored Car	Dana Mathes
Artillery No Tow Vehicle	Skoda 42cm 1917	Tom Moon
Artillery with Towed Vehicle	SdKfz.7 w/ PaK 40	Richard Kern
Self Propelled Artillery	Marder III	Brandon Jacob
1/48 Allied AFVs	M46 Patton	Richard Kern
1/48 Axis AFVs	StuG III Ausf G	Vince Barrale
1/72 AFVs w/ Small Gun	FT17	Mike Stucker
1/72 AFVs w/ Large Gun	Challenger	Richard Kern
Fully Tracked Allied AFVs US	Sherman ARV	Mike Stucker
Fully Tracked Allied AFVs Non-US	T34/76	Piotr Gomola
Fully Tracked Axis: Tigers & Variants	King Tiger	Stanley George
Fully Tracked Axis: Non-Tiger Single Color	IJN Ka-Mi Amphibious Tank	Ken Burke
Fully Tracked Axis: Non-Tiger Multi Colors	German Hetzer	Brandon Jacob
Fully Tracked Modern AFVs: Green	K2 Black Panther	Dana Mathes



WinterBlitz Winners Cont'd

Category	Build	Winner (First place)
Fully Tracked Modern AFVs: Non-Green	Iranian T-72	Robert Howarton
Fully Tracked AFVs with Interior	WW1 Mk V	Vince Barrale
AFVs Larger than 1/35	M5A1 Stuart	Mike Maloney
Armored cars	SdKfz.234/2 Puma	Ed Rains
Half-tracks	SdKfz.251 Ausf C Ambulance	Ken Burke
Light Softskin Vehicles	Ariel British Dispatch	Alex Deleon
Heavy Softskin Vehicles	Skoda RSO	Ken Burke
Miscellaneous: Non-aircraft	German Munition Schlepper	Brandon Jacob
Miscellaneous: Aircraft	Spitfire Mk XVI	Rob Booth
Friend vs Foe	Sherman vs Panzer IV	Dana Mathes
Military Figures	Nasty Little Nazi	Alex Deleon
Small Dioramas	Welcoming the Yanks	Randy Pavatte
Large Dioramas	Dead Maus	Ken Burke

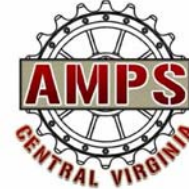
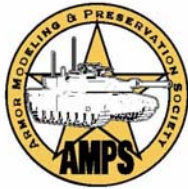
Special Awards	Build	Winner
Best Fully Tracked	K2 Black Panther	Dana Mathes
Best NOT Fully Tracked	SdKfz.251 Ausf C Ambulance	Ken Burke
WTF Award	Helitank	Vince Barrale
Museum of the American GI Award	The Road to Victory 1944	Randy Pavatte
Silk Purse From the Sow's Ear Award	A7V (Taurus)	Mike Reeves
Show Theme	SdKfz.251 Ausf C Ambulance	Ken Burke
BEST OF SHOW	SdKfz.251 Ausf C Ambulance	Ken Burke

AMPS Boresight (Volume 29, Issue 6)

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

- ◆ **Soviet IS-4** by Eric Reinert
- ◆ **A Visit to the National WWI Museum** by John Kirkpatrick
- ◆ **Western Canadian Regional AMPS Model Show** by Anthony Swards
- ◆ **TX-225 GAVw Occupier Combat Assault Tank** by the Editor
- ◆ **Armor Fiesta... Texas Style** by AMPS CENTEX
- ◆ **Book Review: Japanese Tanks & Armoured Warfare 1932-45** by Steven Andreano
- ◆ **Know Your Officer**
- ◆ **Local Chapter News & Upcoming Shows**





Join us in Virginia for the 26th AMPS convention! Scale modelers are invited to bring their creative work for display and plug into the friendly and instructional atmosphere.

The convention theme is Move It! Build a subject that hauls, moves, or transports supplies, vehicles or people and you could receive a theme special award.

AMPS-2022

7-9 APRIL

Many of the best armor modeling product vendors will be with us to help you find great deals on new and old kits, tools, books and accessories.

Seminars from inspiring hobbyists and historians will teach you new techniques.

Come early and visit the many museums and military collections in the region.

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Members Show & Tell

Greg Beckman:

Soviet BM-13-16 on G7107 Chevy (ICM)



Eric Choy:

**1/72nd Russian Tank transporter MAZ-537 (Takom)
and T-62BDD (Trumpeter) Work in progress.**



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NEW ON THE BLOCK



Vespid Models latest release is a 1/72nd 2in1 kit of the Panther Ausf. G with steel road wheels and AA armor.

Das Werk is partnering with a “well-known manufacturer” (DML) to improve on its M48 bridgelayers with new parts. The Brückenleger M48 was used by Bundeswehr before phased out in the 1970s by the Biber.



Continuing the success of the last book, PLA Edition has just released the second volume of Syrian Armor at War.



Alpine Miniatures is offering a special edition of 1/35th WWII German figures titled “Third Battle of Kharkov.” Only 200 were made, so get it while you still can!

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.”

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. We also hold regular in-house model contests and organize out-of-town trips to museums and modeling events. Every odd-numbered year AABS hosts the biggest armor modeling show 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.

For more info, please visit www.austinamps.org