



# Sabot Away!



Newsletter of the Austin Armor Builders Society

March 2023

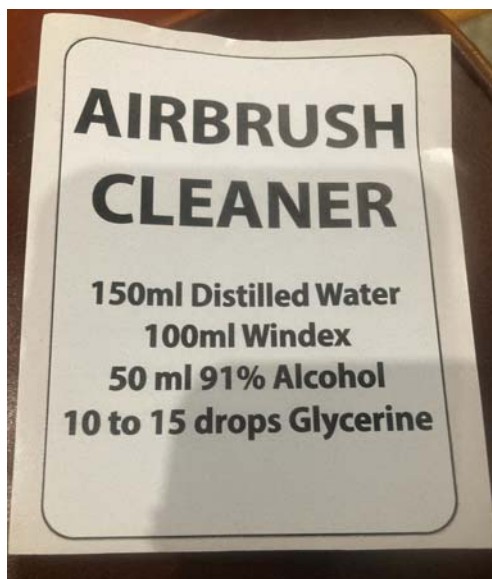


## DIY Acrylic Thinner & Airbrush Cleaner

by Kevin Hutchison

The reason why I decided to make my own thinner/cleaner was that I couldn't find anything on the market that I really liked. Some thinners are very effective, but they are specific to certain brands of acrylic paints. I prefer one that can do a good job across the spectrum. Plus it's not that hard to "DIY" it, and you can save a bundle of money with these homebrews!

Here are the formulars for:



Glycerin is chemically inactive, so it doesn't add or subtract to the thinning or cleaning process. It's simply a lubricant to protect the rubber parts of your airbrush.

On the cleaner, avoid the type of Windex with ammonia. **Use the vinegar based one instead.** Ammonia is bad for the rubber gaskets and O-rings in your airbrush.

Let me know if you have question. I'll bring small bottles of each to the next meeting for everyone.

Kevin

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ **March 1 - AABS Club Meeting**
- ◆ **March 11 - KC CON**, First Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, MO
- ◆ **April 5 - AABS Club Meeting**
- ◆ **May 3 - AABS Club Meeting**
- ◆ **May 4 to 6 - 2023 AMPS International Convention**, Camp Hill, PA
- ◆ **May 6 - Modelmania 2023**, Stafford Center, Stafford



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## Schedule of Upcoming Program Presentations and Newsletter Articles

Month	Program Presentation	Newsletter Article
January 2023	Officer Election	Mike Maloney
February	* Cancelled *	Eric Choy
March*	2023 Winterblitz Pix	Kevin Hutchison
April	TBA	TBA
May	TBA	TBA
June*	TBA	TBA
July	* KIT AUCTION *	TBA
August	TBA	TBA
September*	AMPS Judging Review	TBA
October	TBA	TBA
November	TBA	TBA
December*	TBA	TBA
January 2024	TBA	TBA

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. Mike Maloney's article for January is due on the last Wednesday of December).

\* Quarterly contest month



## ***From the Turret***

**D**éjà vu all over again!

At our upcoming meeting on March 1 we will be asking for volunteers to write monthly articles for the newsletter and give monthly program demonstrations. If you have something you would like to share with others, please volunteer before you get “volun-told.” Additionally, if there is a skill or technique you are interested in learning, please let us know also so that we can possibly get it scheduled as a program at an upcoming meeting.

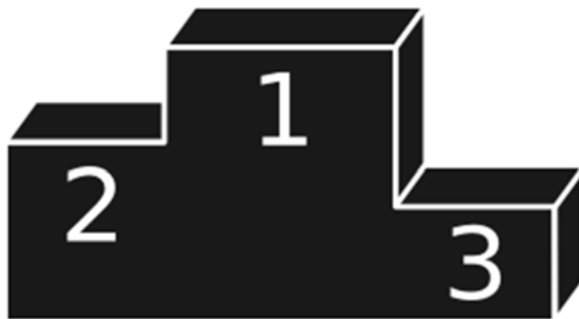
**WE** ❤️ **VOLUNTEERS**

We will also have a brief discussion on the assessment of the Sherman painting class.

Our program will be two-fold. First, we will have a photographic wrap-up of 2023 *Winterblitz* that took place at College Station back in January. Then we will have some WWII slides that have been only seen by a very small number of people.

The forecast says 85° but with thunderstorms on our meeting night. As long as power doesn't go out and I don't have to go to court, I will see you all there!

**Chris Chany**  
President

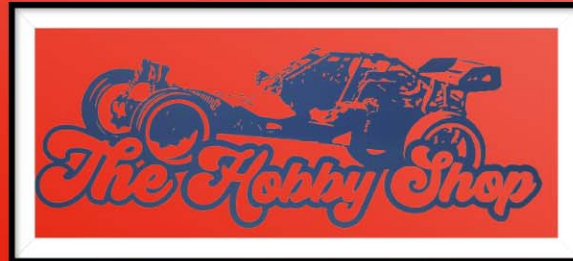


## **Quarterly Contest This Month!**

**B**ring in your latest finished model to enter our first quarterly contest of 2023! To enter in any of our in-house contests, you must be a member in good standing. i.e. You need to pay your 2023 dues!!! See page 6 for more details.

The prize for the first place winner is USD \$40. Everyone who participated in the contest (except for the cash prize winner) is eligible to win the drawing of a very nice recently released kit.

There is no limit to how many models you enter as long as your entry wasn't placed in our previous quarterly contests.



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Opening Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 8:00pm

Sunday: 11:00am - 4:00pm

AMPS Boresight (Volume 31, Issue 1)

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

- ♦ Winterjagd by Vince Barrale
- ♦ AMPS 2023 International Convention Update by Peter Espada
- ♦ M16B The Wasp by John Kirkpatrick
- ♦ Merkava: The Beginning by Tom Gannon
- ♦ Know Your Officer
- ♦ AMPS Local Chapter News & Upcoming Shows



KC CON 2023

Saturday, March 11, 2023

First Church of the Nazarene

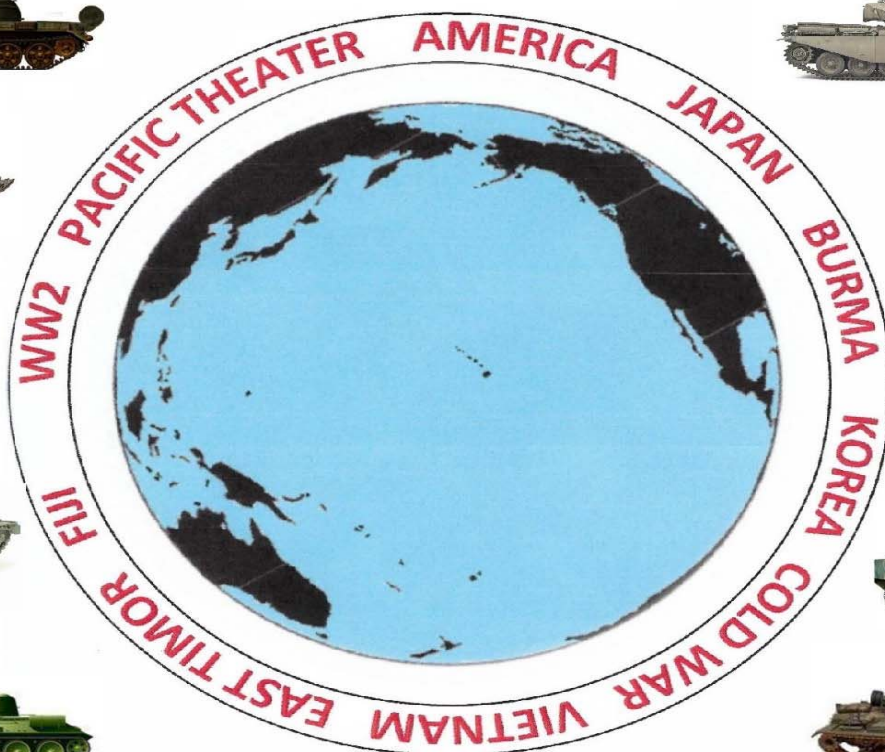
11811 State Line Rd., Kansas City, MO 64114

Registration 9:00am-noon, Hall closes at 5:00pm

All Armor entries will be judged using AMPS rules
All other entries will be judged using IPMS rules



# AMPS 2023 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



## The Pacific

### Armor From 1940 – 2023

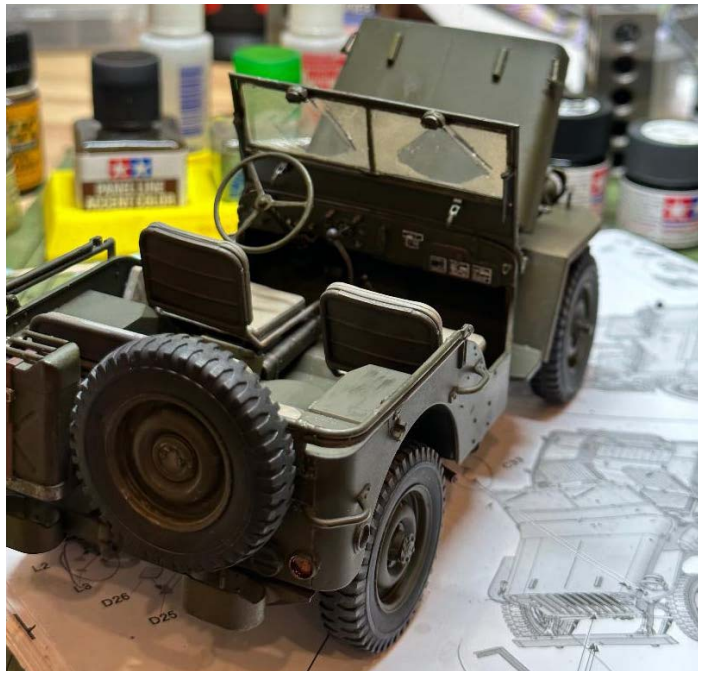
May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Penn Harris Hotel

1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA

*Join Us To Celebrate Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

## Members Show & Tell

**Stuart Wetterschneider:**  
Korean War USMC Jeep (Takom 1/16<sup>th</sup>, work in progress)



It is club dues time again. At our December meeting last year, the membership voted in favor of raising our annual dues slightly to counter recent inflation. Dues are now **\$15** (instead of \$12).

Due to the library's "no money exchange hands" policy, please send your dues by **PayPal** to [payaabs@gmail.com](mailto:payaabs@gmail.com). Be sure to use the "Send Money to Friends/Family option" to avoid PayPal surcharge (or add a \$1 processing fee if you can't find that option.)

For those who prefer to make a mail-in payment, our treasurer's address is: **Eric Choy, 13213 Marrero Drive, Austin TX 78729**. Please make your payment payable to "AABS." DO NOT send cash by mail!

# JOIN AMPS TODAY

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>MEMBERSHIP TYPES</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>2 Year</b>	<b>3 Year</b>
Regular U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$30)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$55)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$80)
Regular Canada/Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$35)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$65)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$95)
Regular Rest of the World	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$40)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$75)	<input type="checkbox"/> (\$110)
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)

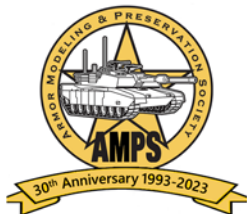
\*For anyone living at the same address with a regular active member. Family member DOES NOT receive an individual copy of *Boresight* but enjoy vendor discounts, website access, and can enter in the national competition as long as he/she is accompanied by the regular active member.

**IF PAYING BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES AND COMPLETED FORM TO:**

**AMPS**

**ATTN: MEMBERSHIP DEPT.**

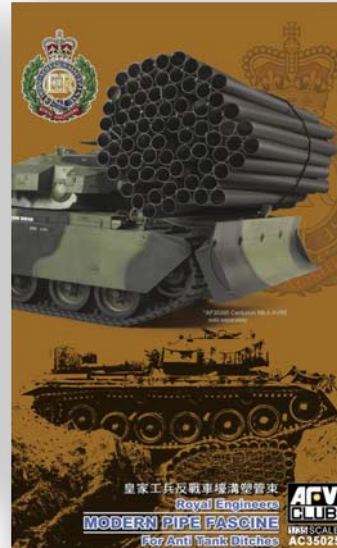
**P.O. BOX 807, 1140 THORN RUN ROAD  
MOON TOWNSHIP, PA 15108-9998**



All payments must be made in U.S. funds. **AMPS** accepts payments by check and money order, as well as PayPal. To join using PayPal, just visit the **AMPS** website:

[www.amps-armor.org](http://www.amps-armor.org)

## NEW ON THE BLOCK



Have pipes, will cross anti-tank ditches! AFV Club's new 1/35<sup>th</sup> modern pipe fascine set is designed to fit its Centurion Mk.5 AVRE kit (35395), but it should also work with Amusing Hobby's Mk.5 AVRE as well.

Amusing Hobby's latest pairing of its 1/35<sup>th</sup> T-90A and Uran-9 caught your editor's attention right the way. Uran-9 is a tracked unmanned combat ground vehicle (UCGV) designed for remote combat, reconnaissance, and fire support. First used in Syria by Russian forces with unsatisfactory results, rumor has it has been deployed in the recent Russo-Ukrainian conflict.



Also new from AFV Club is a 1/35<sup>th</sup> WWII-era British Small Box Girder Bridge for crossing those "troubled waters" in the ETO.

### 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. 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](http://www.austinamps.org)