

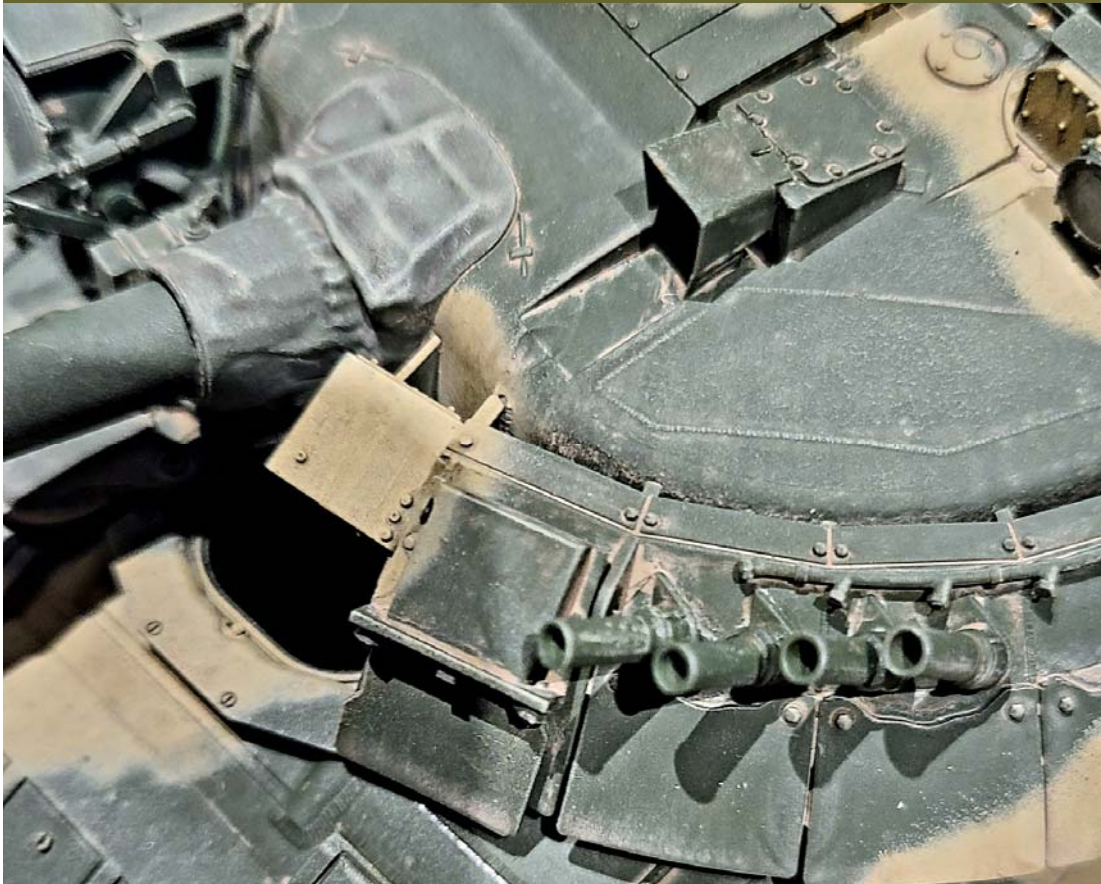


# Sabot Away!



Newsletter of the Austin Armor Builders Society

May 2024



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**Product Review:**  
**E.T. Model 1/35<sup>th</sup>**  
**Soviet AFV Smoke Dischargers**  
 By Greg Beckman

As most of you have gathered, I mostly model Soviet/Russian vehicles. Modern Soviet vehicle kits typically come with “rounded” things with awful seams that need to be removed, sanded, filed, primed, and inspected. I specifically hate seams on gun barrels and smoke dischargers. Whenever I purchase aftermarket products (e.g. gun barrel), I usually add some smoke dischargers along with my order to make my build more enjoyable.

Recently I have exhausted my stockpile of 1/35<sup>th</sup> brass smoke dischargers. When I hopped on Hobbyeasy website ([www.hobbyeasy.com](http://www.hobbyeasy.com)) to replenish my supplies, I noticed the brass ones were no longer available. Fortunately, I did find an alternative:

**E.T. Model’s Soviet AFV Smoke Dischargers (ER35-007).**



The packaging of this product leaves much to be desired: it has a skimpy description with

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ **May 1 - AABS Club Meeting**
- ◆ **May 4 - Modelmania 2024**, Stafford Center, Stafford (Houston)
- ◆ **June 12 - AABS Club Meeting**
- ◆ **June 15 - 2024 OkieDokieCon (formerly OKC MetroCon)**, Council Road Baptist Church, Bethany OK
- ◆ **July 3 - AABS Club Meeting**



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## Schedule of Upcoming Program Presentations and Newsletter Articles

Month	Program Presentation	Newsletter Article
January 2024	Chris Chany	Ted Paone
February	Bill Zych	Eric Choy
March‡	Eric Choy	Kevin Hutchison
April	Mike Reeves	Stuart Wetterschneider
May	Mike Bird	Greg Beckman
June‡	Bob Bethea	Mike Bird
July	* KIT AUCTION *	Bob Bethea
August	Rick Herrington	Rick Herrington
September‡	Martin Hebda	Martin Hebda
October	Craig Bland	Craig Bland
November	Mike Maloney	Bill Menzie
December‡	Chris Chany	Chris Chany
January 2025	* OFFICER ELECTIONS *	Ted Paone

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. Ted Paone's article for January 2024 is due on the last Wednesday of December 2023).

‡ Quarterly contest month





## From the Turret

Happy May Day! I remember growing up watching evening news coverage of military parades from Moscow. There would also be commentaries when the Russians rolled out some new hardware that the West had not seen before.

While researching this topic, I also learned this little tidbit of information: at the 1965 Parade: three models of intercontinental ballistic missiles: 8K713 (photo 6), 8K96 (photo 7), and 8K99 (photo 8) were shown as part of the ceremony. However, these projects never saw the light of the day.

Well, at the May's meeting **Mike Bird** will be giving us a program on the fun things we can do on Scalemates.com The only question I have is: will Greg bring in ALL his Soviet military vehicles to recreate the Red Square Parade on a library table?

See you Wednesday!

**Chris Chany**  
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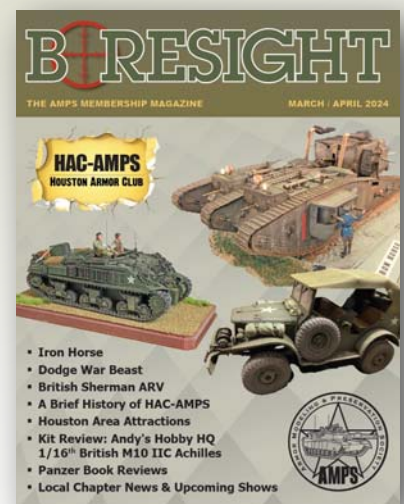
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## AMPS Boresight (Volume 32, Issue 2)

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

- ♦ **Iron Horse** by Vince Barrale
- ♦ **Dodge War Beast** by Brandon Jacob
- ♦ **British Sherman ARV** by Mike Stucker
- ♦ **A Brief History of HAC-AMPS** by Keith Middleton
- ♦ **Houston Area Attractions** by Drew Matalamaki
- ♦ **Kit Review: Andy's Hobby HQ 1/16<sup>th</sup> British M10 IIC Achilles** by Tom Moon
- ♦ **Panzer Book Reviews** by Tyler Moore
- ♦ **AMPS Local Chapter News & Upcoming Shows**



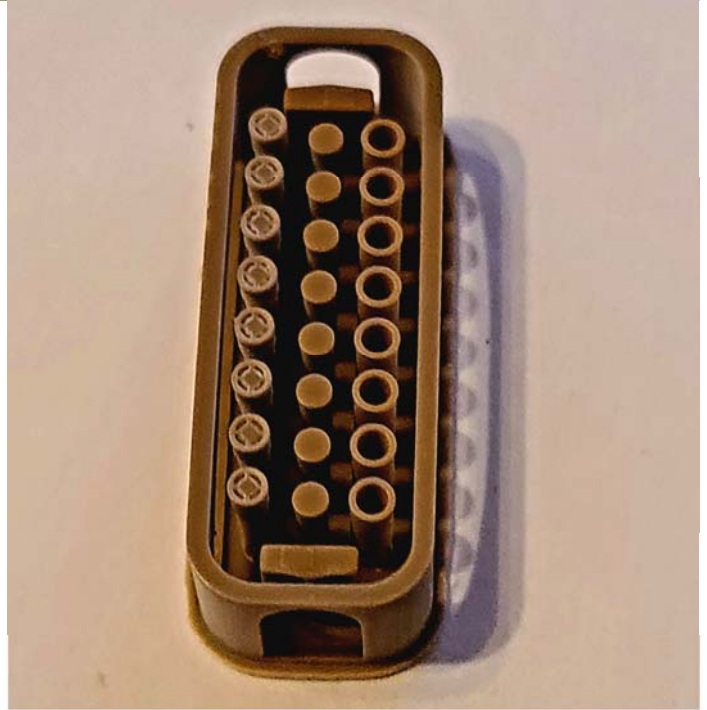
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no instructions or photos. The price is cheap though (about USD \$4.59), so I took the gamble and ordered four sets.

Upon arrival, I inspected my order. Inside each set are two 3-D printed trays with eight empty dischargers on each tray. Eight will cover a typical Soviet vehicle. So for less than \$5, you can equip two models. Each set also comes with sixteen smoke cartridges in two distinct styles if you so choose to use them with the dischargers.

Overall, I am pleased with my purchase with one comment: the 3-D replacements are a tad smaller than the kit parts you are replacing with. Ultimately, I am pleased as I did not have to sand any seams.

**Greg**



## STAN THE MAN

Congratulations to our “near-distant” (Boerne, TX) member **Stan Spooner** winning the Best of Show trophy at AMPS 2024 in South Bend, IN to join the rank of AMPS Masters.

This is the first time in AMPS history that a 1/48<sup>th</sup> entry (and also a 3-D printed model) receives the top honor.



If that's not trail-blazing, I don't know what is. Way to go, Stan. You ARE the man!

**Editor**



# FREE MODELING BENCH!

Last call for the modeling bench built by **Kevin Hutchison**, an AABS members who recently moved to Arkansas. The dimensions of his bench are: 96”L x 27”D x 29.5”H. It has the following amenities:

- Large white pegboard (32” x 48”)
- Light fixture is 48” long with daylight bulbs
- Shelf under tabletop (96” long, 9” deep)
- TV mount with hardware and DVD shelf
- Two paint racks: the big one holds "standard" acrylic paints and the small one holds Tamiya paints (large and small)
- Two electrical power strips: 6 outlets on one, 4 on the other
- Extra: bunch of cool and model friendly things on the bench



The bench is currently at Kevin’s old address in Smithville, TX. It is absolutely FREE, but no delivery is available (i.e. you have to make your own arrangement to haul it home!)

For more info, Kevin can be reached by phone (512-589-3474) or email ([fishhead32002@yahoo.com](mailto:fishhead32002@yahoo.com)).

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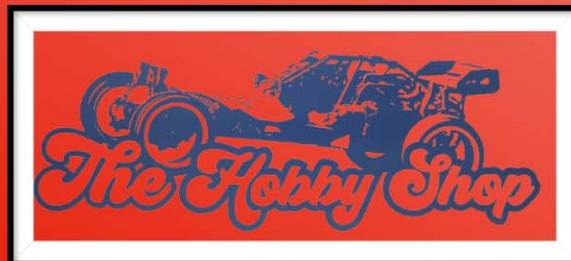
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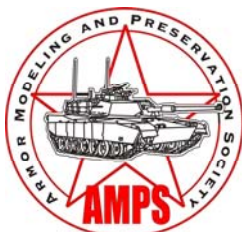
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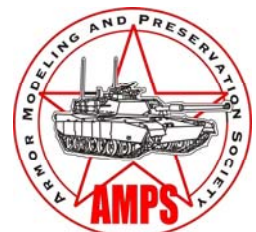
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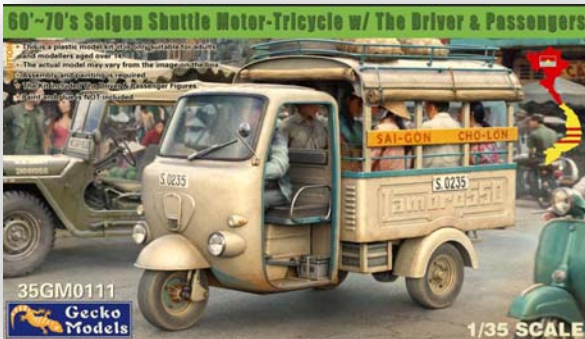


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## NEW ON THE BLOCK



Gecko Models has just released a 1/35<sup>th</sup> Vietnam War-era Saigon motor-tricycle with driver and passengers.



Miniart's has a new set of 1/35<sup>th</sup> Panzer Crew out. These figures will go perfectly with any StuG tank kit.



Need a harmonium for your diorama? ICM's 1/35<sup>th</sup> "You Are Important to God" has one!



Thunder Model is back! Its latest release is a 1/35<sup>th</sup> LRDG CMP F30 Truck with 37mm Bofors Gun.



T-90AK is the command tank version based on the latest T-90A chassis. Not too many have the advance PTK communication system installed, but that doesn't stop Amusing Hobby from releasing a kit of it in 1/35<sup>th</sup> scale.

## 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. Subjects of our interest range 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.

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