



Sabot Away!



Newsletter of the Austin Armor Builders Society

July 2025



From the Turret

On July 2, 1915, the Gully Ravine counterattacks occurred at Cape Helles on the Gallipoli Peninsula. The Ottoman commanders were very concerned about this advance near the Western coast of Gallipoli which threatened to encircle their right wing. Gully Ravine became the scene of vicious and bloody fighting as the Ottomans commenced a series of counterattacks on the night of 1–2 July.

Two soldiers of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Captain



*Gurkhas of the 29th Indian Brigade charge through Gully Ravine
(Source: Imperial War Museum)*

Gerald O'Sullivan and Corporal James Somers, were awarded the Victoria Cross for recapturing a trench taken by the Ottomans during a counter-attack.

On the same day 25 years later (July 2, 1940), Adolf Hitler issued orders for the invasion of England, a pivotal moment in WWII military strategy known as Operation Sea Lion.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ♦ July 2 - AABS Meeting
- ♦ August 13 - AABS Meeting
- ♦ September 3 - AABS Meeting
- ♦ September 13 - SuperCon 2025, Bob Duncan Community Center, Arlington



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Schedule of Upcoming Program Presentations and Newsletter Articles

Month	Program Presentation	Newsletter Article
January 2025	* OFFICER ELECTIONS *	Ted Paone
February	Ted Paone	Eric Choy
March [‡]	Bob Bethea	Kevin Hutchison
April	Ron Askew	Bill Zych
May	Mike Reeves	Greg Beckman
June [‡]	Eric Choy	Craig Bland
July	* KIT AUCTION *	Aaron Smischney
August	Allan Romer	Allan Romer
September [‡]	Marty Hebda	Marty Hebda
October	AMPS Judging Review	Bill Menzie
November	* KIT-SWAP NITE *	Mike Bird
December [‡]	Chris Chany	Chris Chany
January 2026	Ted Paone	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 at any time. The purpose of this schedule is to ensure we have at least one article in the newsletter each month.

[‡] Quarterly contest month

*Oh Brother Aaron,
Where Art Thou?*

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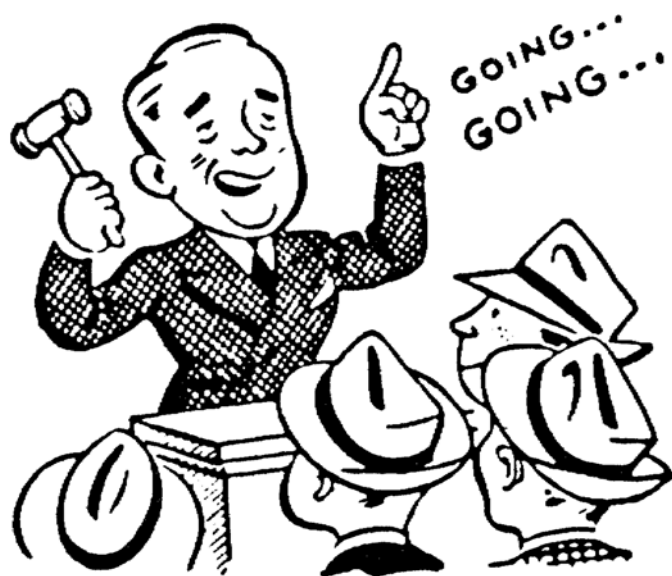
The much-publicized photo of a Panzer III Tauchpanzer under testing to be used in Operation Sea Lion. (Bundesarchiv via Wikipedia)

July meeting is our **Annual KIT AUCTION!** The rules are simple: only non-started kits with all the parts and something you would build yourself (see details below).

Don't forget to bring a replacement kit if you won our monthly raffle.

See you Wednesday.

Chris Chany
President



Annual Kit Auction

The annual kit auction will be held at our July meeting. This auction is our club's only fund raising activity. All monies collected go straight into the treasury for our biennial show and other club activities.

To participate in this auction, please bring:

- A few unwanted kits in your collection
- Your cash-filled wallet (or your checkbook)

Remember, your friends and fellow modelers will be bidding on these items. Be considerate and don't bring any "classic" kit made/tooled in the last century! Also, please make sure each kit has no missing parts and has not been started!

A teaser of some of the items in the auction...



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AMPS Boresight (Volume 33, Issue 1)

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

- ♦ **Big General's Little Ride** by Jesse Naughton
- ♦ **Stuart Memorial Tank Association**
- ♦ **Desert Training Center: CA-AZ Maneuver Area** by Roy Chow
- ♦ **M3A1 Stuart: Armored Recon**



2025 Second Quarterly Contest Winner



Ron Askew
DAK Panzer IV



**AMPS CENTEX
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OCT 11, 2025**

Show Theme: Halftracks

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New On The Block



For a change, this month's New On The Block features all military figure releases. Go figure!

Takom's new 1/16th US Army Tank Crewman w/ .50cal looks great, except for the foot on the sandbags (IMO)!



Two sets of 1/35th MiniArt figures reached us in the last month: British Tank Repair Crew

(top) and Panzer Crew France 1944 (left). Zee Germans are not entirely new; they were released a few years ago. This time MiniArt bundles a set of resin heads to make them "fresh" again.



If you need a 1/35th Michael Wittmann to go with your Tiger model, RFM has a resin figure out. Expect to pay an arm and a leg "celebrity" price for him (MSRP USD\$30)!!!

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 war in Ukraine.



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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