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The IPMS/USA initiative was established to provide model kits, supplies and reference materials to our servicemen and women serving in combat zones, recovering in hospitals, and rehabilitating in specialized facilities. The program is expanding into other areas as well. Some local programs take place in USO facilities, some are centered around active duty personnel and are scattered across the country. The IPMS/USA Support The Troops program is still going full-tilt. The national program director is Jon Emery. Jon is accepting any and all contributions and is sharing them with all of the active programs around the country.

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PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

BY TIM ROBB



Greetings fellow modelers.

Congatulations on the 2022 Capitol Classic. I had at least a dozen folks from other clubs and the vendor community tell me at the show how much they enjoyed it.

Thank you very much to all who worked so hard to make it possible.

Go build a model!





HOUSE CLEANING



ASMS MEETING

Third Thursday each month
7:00 pm - 8:45 pm
at the
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
2200 Justin Lane, Austin, TX
No Reservations Neccessary!

ASMS Club Dues Are Due!

Annual ASMS club dues are \$25.00/individual
or \$30.00/family.

You may bring your dues to a club meeting or remit
same to ASMS, 111620 Via Grande Drive, Austin, TX
78739.



Events

Winterblitz
01/21/2023
19124 Hwy 6
College Station, TX

AVAFest
10-23-2022
King's Hobby 7801 N Lamar, Austin, TX
12-4PM

Club Quarterly Contests



Monthly Meeting Presentations:

Aaron Smiscney will be giving a
presentation on 3D printing.



CAPITAL CLASSIC 2022

BY RICK HERRINGTON

PHOTOS BY GORDON STIEMANS, MILTON BELL AND RICK HERRINGTON



Well, are we going to have a contest or not? The first contest post plague for Austin Scale Modelers and with a new president of the club. The discussion raged back and forth but finally it was decided to move forward. Chris Chany stepped up to be Contest Coordinator after our first one stepped down.

The decision was made to hold the contest in October which at the time was only a few months away. Eric Choy, veteran of planning and executing many contests, both AMPS and IPMS went over the finances and tasks that needed to be accomplished before the contest could come to fruition with the membership. It seemed daunting.







The major hurdle that needed to be addressed quickly was the awards. The major problem was the amount of time left before the contest. Solution? Do the awards yourself. Cut the bases and apply the decals for 225 plaques.

Tim Robb, Eric Choy and Ron McCracken cut the bases out of 4 by 8 MDF sheets, enough to provide awards for 192 categories. The weekend following volunteers got together to put the award decals on which was

accomplished quickly.

The day of the show the parking lot of the Travis County Exposition Center was full. The inside was full of vendors and expectant modelers.



Tim Robb, Ron McCracken and Eric Choy slicing and dicing.



Chris Chaney and Bill Delk working the registration desk





Ted Paone's Popeye the Sailor Man.





Brandon and Dave working the general admission desk.

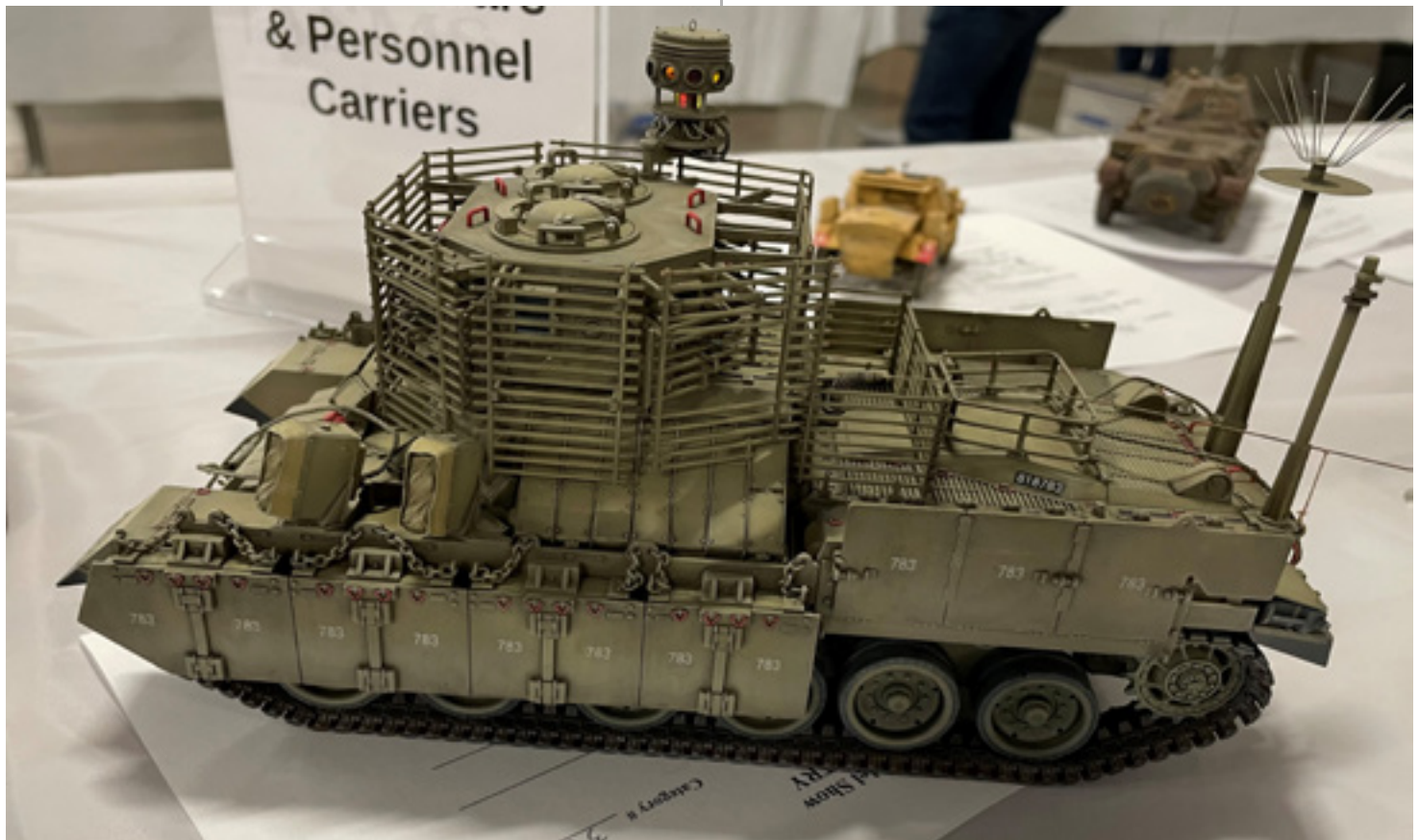






Here's some of the results:

Best of Show: Nagmachon by Randy Calvin



Best Aircraft: P-38F by Toby Nelson





Best Ship: IJN Akitsushima by Rick Warring

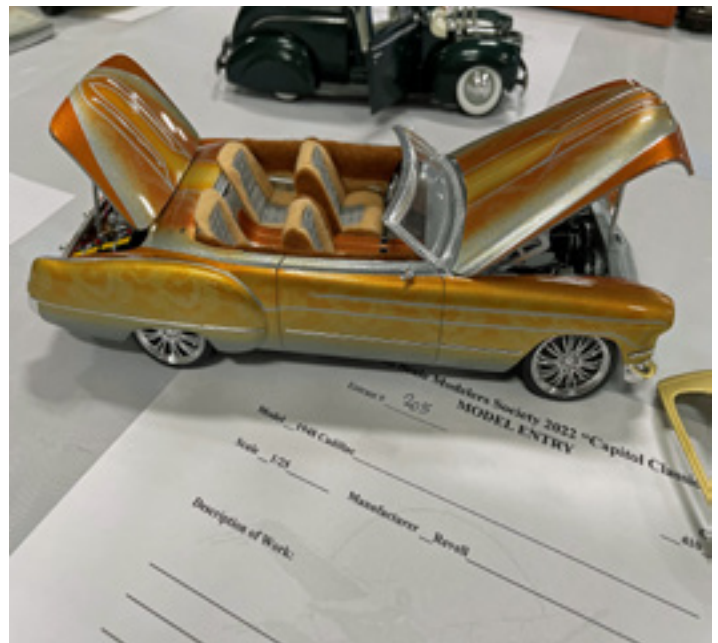


Best Automotive: Bekins moving truck by Keith Rule





Best Science Fiction: 4 legged tank destroyer
by Vince Barrale.





Thanks to all the club members, vendors and modelers that made Capital Classic a great show. See you next year!

Bitte....Take my dog.

by Rick Herrington

. If you're not familiar with Operation Paper Clip, it was an Allied (Read American and British) effort to gain German scientific personnel and technology before the Russians did.

Units were sent forward with advancing troops to identify and capture advanced German technology and personnel.



As modelers when we select a model to build a great deal of the selection process is the history of the model we're building. Part of the fun in building a model is knowing the back story/history of that model.

Recently I had my best friend from high school stay with us. Ron lives in New Zealand and has a business of his own there. I met Ron in High School when both of our fathers were stationed at Vandenberg AFB in California.

Hie was instrumental in capturing an ME-262. In the action of processing the associated prisoners captured, a Luftwaffe officer approached him and pulled a miniature pinscher from underneath his coat. "Bitte.. would you take my dog?" The officer knew he was going to a prison camp and wouldn't be able to care for his dog. Fortunately Ron's father and Tippy hit it off and Tippy came with him as he travelled over



Tippey -

German Miniature Pinscher

taken prisoner Sept 44

German Officer Dog - Officer Captured.

Tippey - adapted me - brought to the
States 1945. lived a happy life until 1959

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Ground Zero closes....

by Rick herrington

Everyone hates it when a local business stops operation, but when a local hobby shop closes that's a real tragedy. I think most of you know by now that Ground Zero Hobbies in Cedar Park has ceased operation.

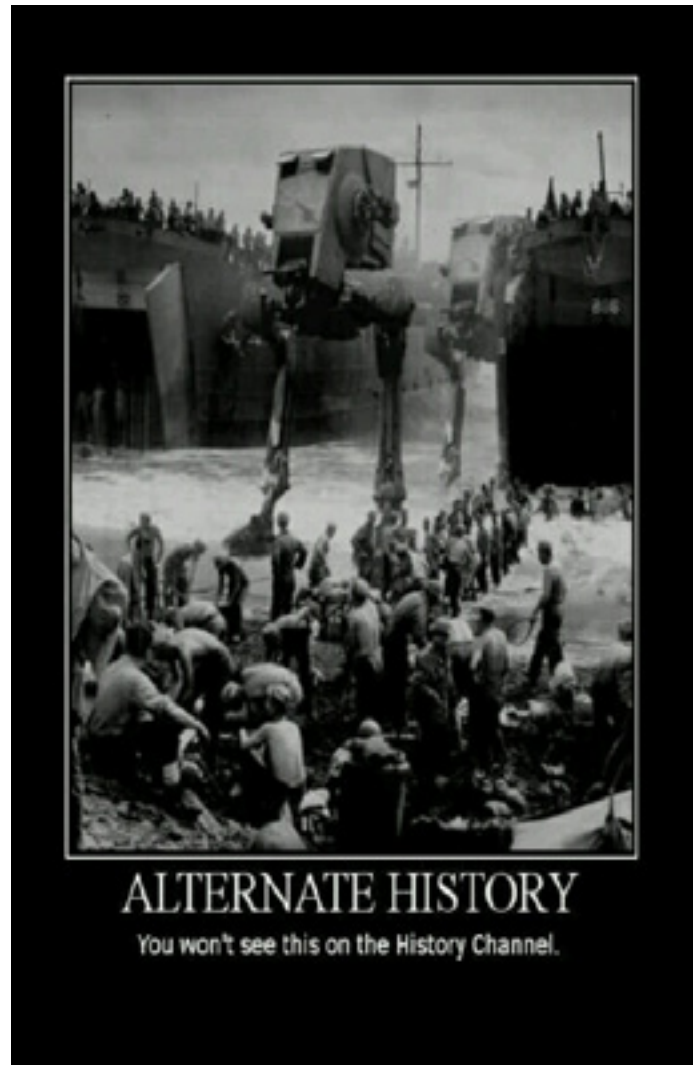
The hobby business is tough, just ask Rudy or Marc or Bob King.



When I first heard about Ground Zero I was excited and pleased I didn't have to drive 30 minutes to the nearest shop. They had friendly staff and supported the modeling community, but that's not enough these days. The business is unforgiving and doesn't allow much time for the learning curve.

I wish the owners good luck in any future ventures they have.

Thanks for trying. We'll miss you.



AH64 Apache pilots in Poland looking at videos of Russian tank columns in the open





SECOND ANNUAL WINTERBLITZ ★2023★

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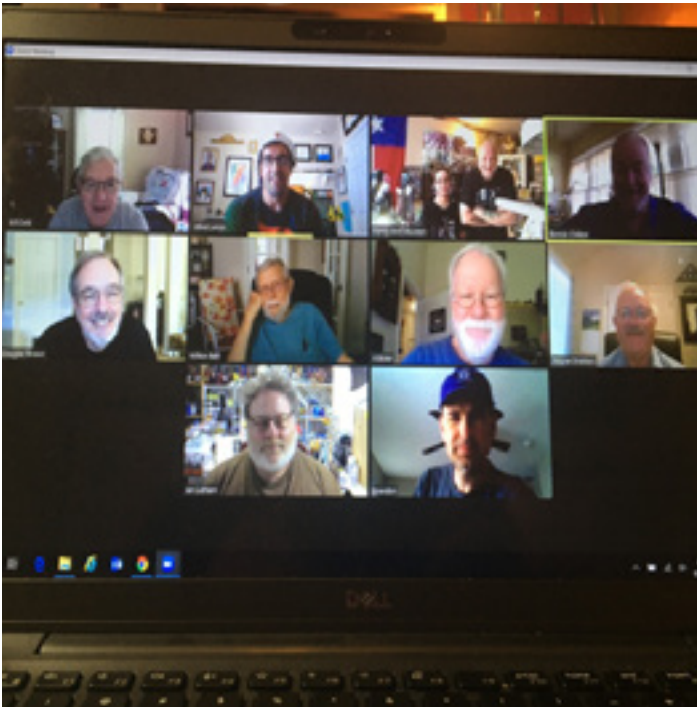
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2023 CATEGORIES

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| 100 - Youth (all scales all eras) | 1200 - Paper Panzer/Fictional (all scales) |
| 200 - Classic Kits - (kits before 1979) basic build | 1300 - Halftracks (all scales and all eras) |
| 300 - Artillery (all scales and all eras) | 1400 - Armored Cars (wheeled) (all scales and all eras) |
| 400 - 1/48 scale (all eras) | 1500 - Soft-skins (all scales and all eras) |
| 500 - 1/72 and smaller (all eras) | 1600 - Motorcycles with or w/o Sidecars (all scales and all eras) |
| 600 - Fully Tracked Origins to 1934 - (all scales) | 1700 - Misc. Military Vehicles and Support Vehicles (all scales and all eras) |
| 700 - Fully Tracked Self-Propelled Vehicles 1/32 and 1/35 (Open Top) (all eras) | 2000 - Fully Tracked Full Interior (all scales and all eras) |
| 800 - Fully Tracked WWII Axis 1/32 and 1/35 (Closed top) | 3000 - Larger than 1/32 (all eras) |
| 900 - Fully Tracked WWII Allied 1/32 and 1/35 (Closed top) | 4000 - Friend or Foe (all scales and all eras) |
| 1000 - Fully Tracked Post WWII Thru 1990 (Korea, Vietnam, Cold War) 1/32 and 1/35 (Closed Top) | 5000 - Military figures (all scale scales and all eras) |
| 1100 - Fully Tracked Desert Shield to Present. (1991 - 2022) 1/32 and 1/35 (Closed Top) | 6000 - Dioramas (all scales) |

WWW.WINTER-BLITZ.COM

What's Up wid You?



ASMS/Bill Delk sponsors an on-line ZOOM meeting with whoever wants to join us to talk about models and life. It happens almost every Sunday at 4:00.

Contact Bill Delk to have him send you a link to be able to get into the meeting. Everyone is

welcome. Bill Delk's e-mail address **Falconfyredeuce@gmail.com.**

The meeting this month was devoted to the Bondo Contest. This is a memoriam contest where contestants build a kit from "Bondo" Phil Brandt's stash.

If that name doesn't ring a bell he was famous for building challenging model projects including vac u forms.

When he passed on his stash was donated to the club with the hope that the kits would be enjoyed and built.

The contest has a travelling award that has the winners name engraved on it.

Third place in the contest was Tim Robb with his Monogram 1/48th F-100D.



Second place was Ron McCracken with his 1/72nd AMT-ERTL XB-35.



First place was an Italeri 1/35th PT-598 built by Bill Delk. Bill brought pictures of his model on his I-pad. The illustration below is not his kit.



Milton Bell and Rick Herrington also brought in Bondo builds. Milton brought in a Hasegawa 1/48 Hawker Typhoon.



Rick Herrington's build was a 1/48th Italeri Tornado IDS. The kit was originally boxed as a Desert Storm bird but Rick painted and marked it up as a German Navy Marineflegel ship killer. Bondo's kit included a resin cockpit and exhaust cans as well as three sets of Photo etch.



Rick also brought in a Monogram 1/32nd 8 wheeled armored car which he used for the Hair spray demonstration.



Gordon Stiemans brought in a 1/24 Tamiya R-32 Skyline with Aoshima rims. He also brought in an FW-190 Radial engine he's super detailing.





Thanks to everyone that participated in the Bondo contest and everyone that shared their work with the group.

Old Rumors and New Kits

New and In View Aircraft by Ron McCracken

October is looking like a good month for new-tool releases. Arma, Zoukei-Mura, ICM, and Italeri have all announced new-tool kits, including kits of the Hs 129, F-35B, P-51B, P-39Q, Bf 109Z, and a Ki-21. In addition there are various new-parts re-releases that offer different variants of older kits.

1/32nd Scale:

ICM is re-releasing its Yak-9T as a "Normandy-Neman" edition with figure of ace Marcel Lefevre included.



Zoukei-Mura is releasing a new Hs 129B-3 ground attack aircraft. Lots of detail including full engines and cockpit detail.



1/48th Scale:

AvantGarde Model Kits (AMK) is re-releasing their F-14D Super Tomcat with new parts/decals including a bunch of 3-D printed



Eduard is re-releasing their A6M3 Zero Type 32 in a Profipack edition, with five markings options, color photo-etch parts and painting masks.



Eduard is re-releasing their Fw 190A-8 in a Weekend Edition. Remember, these boxings don't include things like masks, photo-etch, etc. It does include four markings options.



Eduard is re-releasing their Z-326 Trener in a Master Dual Combo kit, with color photo-etch and 10 markings options.



Eduard is releasing an F4F-3/4 Midway Dual Combo kit, with one kit of an F4F-3, and a second complete kit of an F4F-4. Five markings options are provided with each, plus painting masks.



Great Wall is re-releasing their 2012-vintage MiG-29 Fulcrum C in 'Ghost of Kyiv' markings.



HobbyBoss is re-releasing their old F4U-4 kit as an F4U-1D Corsair, obviously with some new parts due to the differences in the



Italeri is releasing a new-tool F-35B Lightning II with five markings options, two for USMC, one for the Italian Navy, and two



Modelsvit has released a new kit of the Bf 109Z Zwilling (twin), an aircraft similar in concept to the USAF F-82 Twin Mustang.



Revell is re-releasing their B-24D Liberator. I was unable to find any details about what, if anything, changed since the last



Zoukei-Mura is releasing an F-4G Phantom II, a new-parts evolution of their earlier F-4E. The "G" model is optimized for the "Wild Weasel", or SAM suppression, role.





1/72nd Scale:

Arma has released a new-tool kit of the P-39Q Airacobra. A review in Hyperscale indicates the kit includes parts allowing a model of all versions from the D through the Q variants, including the P-400 used on Guadalcanal.



Arma has also released a new-tool P-51B Mustang. It can be built as either a B or C, and comes with four decal options and pre-cut painting masks.



Big Plane Kits is releasing a P-8A Poseidon ASW version of their earlier Boeing 737-800, with additional parts and new decals.



Big Plane Kits is re-releasing their 737-200 in Olympic Airlines markings. For military fans, this version was the basis for the T-43 navigation trainer, should you be up for a conversion effort.



Great Wall Hobby is re-releasing a new-parts version of its F-14B Tomcat in VF-101 (Grim Reapers) markings.





Great Wall is also releasing a new-parts variant of their F-15E w/New Targeting Pod and GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb payload.



Hasegawa is re-releasing its F-15DJ Eagle in 'Aggressor Minokasago' markings. A very colorful aircraft for those who want something altogether different in an F-15 model.



Hasegawa has announced a re-release of their P1Y2 Ginga (Frances) Type 11 Night Fighter. So far as I can determine, nothing new other than the decals from earlier releases.

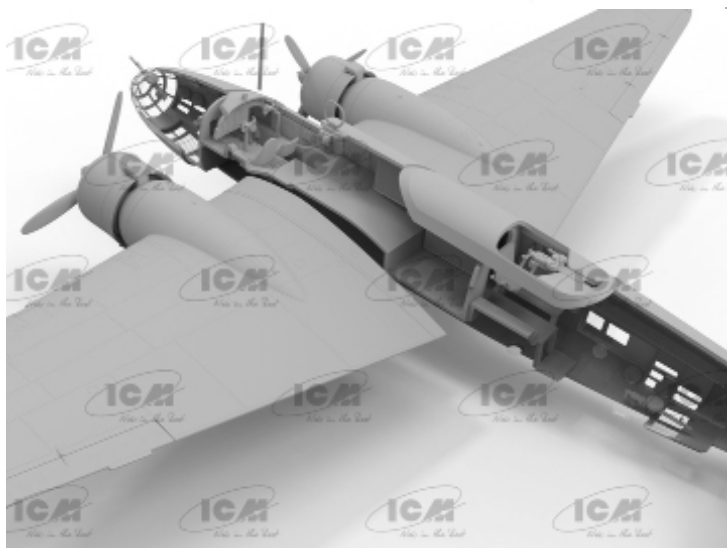


Hasegawa is re-releasing their UH-60J(SP) Rescue Hawk in "Naha Air Rescue 40th



ICM has announced a new-tool Ki-21-Ib Sally heavy bomber with four decal options.





Italeri is re-releasing their 1989-vintage V-22 Osprey with new decals.



1/144th Scale:
DML has announced an F/A-18E Super Hornet in VFA-87 markings.



1/200th Scale:

Hasegawa is re-releasing their Boeing 747 kit in VC-25A Air Force One markings.



So, there you have it for October. Happy shopping (and modeling).

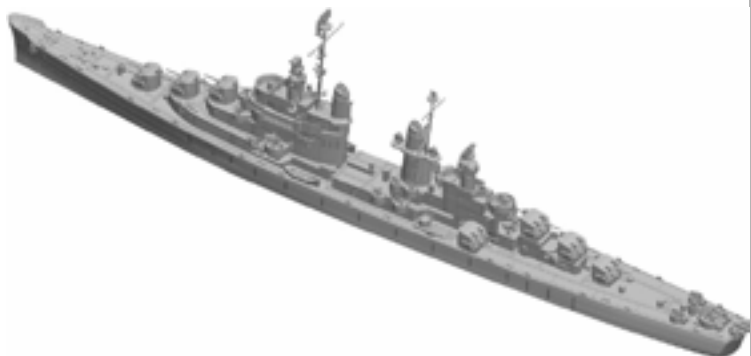
Shipping News

by Rick Herrington

Ahoy mates! Scant on releases this month, maybe the manufacturers are taking a breath before Christmas.

Starting off with 1/700 scale Vee Hobby is up first with a release of the USS San Diego CL-53. San Diego was an Atlanta Class Anti-Aircraft cruiser.





Pit Road is releasing the French battleship Jean Bart.



Trumpeter has a couple of welcome releases for us in the form of HMS Kent and HMS Cornwall. Both are County Class heavy cruisers.



1/600 scale is up next. Airfix is re-releasing their kit of HMS Devonshire.



Moving on to 1/350th scale first up is Bunker Studio, known for their super detail parts, with an IJN Super Yamato 20 inch twin gun turret kit.

It looks like this kit is 3D molded but whatever their process it's pretty pricey at \$89.95. You'll need three of these to complete your Yamato.



Magic factory is releasing a People's Liberation Army/Navy Typr 55 destroyer.



Trumpeter is releasing a DKM World of Warships "What IF" battleship the DKM Barbarossa. This battlescruiser was planned originally to be built as part of Plan Z but never made it through the planning stages.



An unusual release from ICM in 1/350th scale is the Kriegsfischkutter multi purpose boat.



Last in 1/350 scale is a release of the IJN Hamakaze by Hasegawa.



Last in this month's column is a 1/144th scale type IX U-boat from Revell.



That's all the wind in the sails for this month. Grab a kit from that stash and build it!

Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

Some great releases to get to this month. Let's start off with 1/72nd scale. First up is Fore Hobby with a British Scimitar.





Next from Meng we have a modern Chinese PLA ZTQ 15 Light tank.



Trumpeter is releasing a T-14 in small scale.



Vespid Models is releasing a Panther F.



Moving on to 1/35th scale let me pause to speak from my Bully Pulpit. I know we live in inflationary times but as modelers have you noticed how the price of kits has jumped, especially those kits that reflect vehicles involved in the Ukrainian conflict? It has definitely kept me from buying a T-72.

First up is Takom with two new "What If" releases. First up is a VK 100.01 Mammut.



Second is a VK 168.01 Super Heavy tank. Although this was actually designed by Porsche it never made it past the blue print stage.



Pit Road is up next with its release of a JGSDF wheeled command car.



Two new Israeli releases from the folks at AFV. First from them is an M113A1 Nag-mash (1975)



Next is an M38A1 CJ-5 Orev.



Das Werk has three new ones for us this month. Let's start off with their World of Tanks "What If" release, a Schwerer Kleiner Pzkwfw..



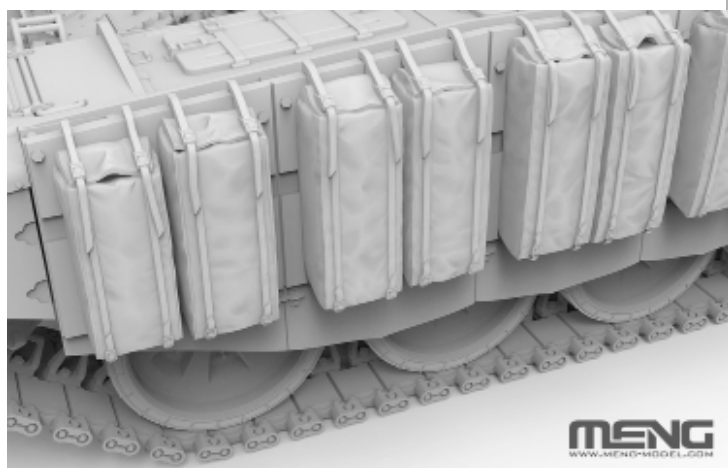
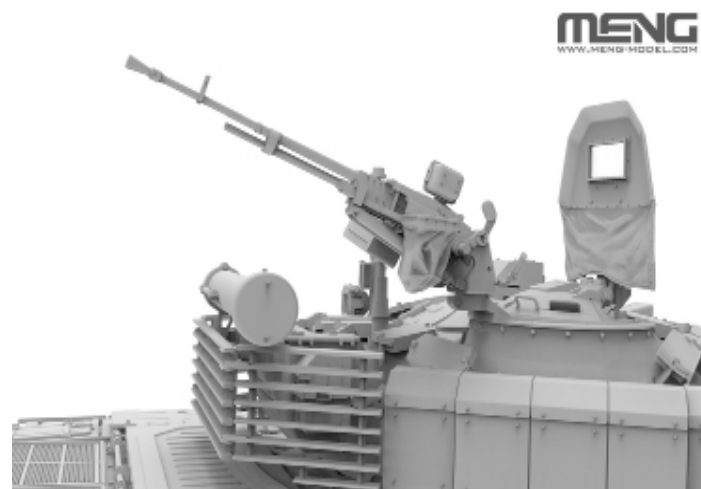
Next from Das Werk is a Sdkfz 250 Ausf B. This looks like a great little release of a half-track that was used on almost every front.



Last from Das Werk is their release of a T-72M. This release is in association with Amusing Hobby. Das Werk is known for taking more expensive kits and releasing them without the full interiors to make them more affordable. This is a timely release.



Sticking to the topic of T-72's Meng has a new release of a T-72B3M. The kit comes complete with a KMT-8 mine clearing system. This is also one of the first kits to include the bag like reactive armor the Russians have introduced.



Dragon is up next with a German Sdkfz 10 complete with infantry figures.



ICM has two new releases for us this month. The first is a Chevrolet G7107 truck with a wooden body.

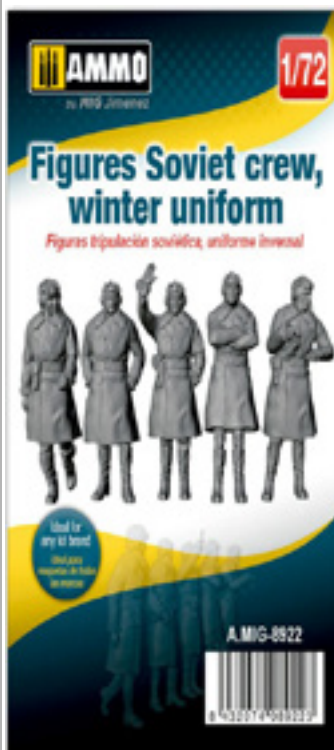


Next up from ICM is a diorama in a box. They call it "Hold the Rope Willie". The kit includes a Panther D, a Bergepanther, and a KFZ car with anti-aircraft machine guns. and figures.



For you 1/16th scale fans Takom is releasing an M4A38.

Last up in the column is not wheeled or tracked. Ammo is releasing two sets of 1/72nd scale WW2 figures. One is Russian in winter clothing and the other is a German Panzer crew.



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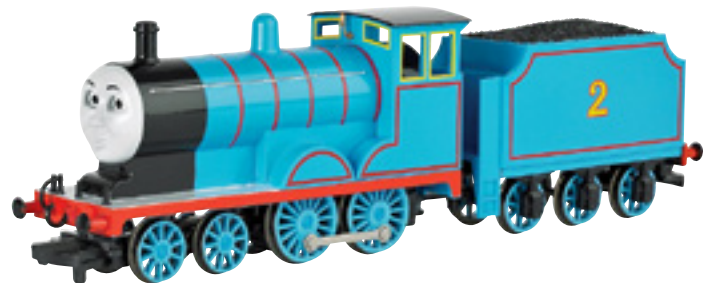
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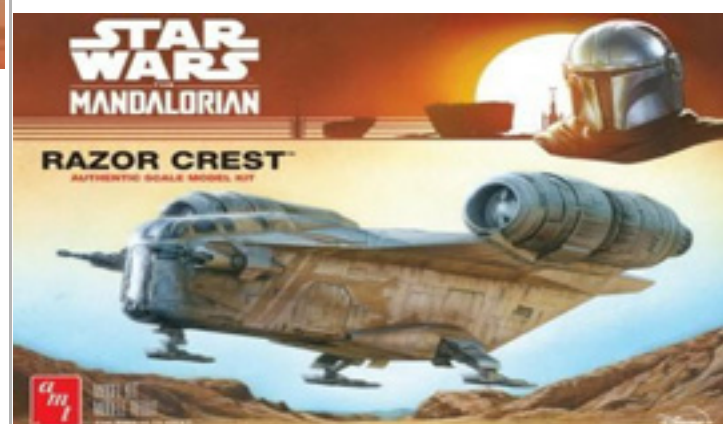
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