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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



Howdy modelers. I'm hoping to see you all at our meeting Thursday night at Mr. Tramp's.

This month is our Gundam themed quarterly contest with gift certificates for the top three vote getters.

Please also consider hosting our summer BBQ and kit auction and which date works if you host. We can have the fun at my house again Saturday July 1, however, I'm way south in San Marcos and a more central location would be more better.

Go build a model!
Tim





HOUSE CLEANING



ASMS MEETING

Third Thursday each month
6:30 pm - 8:45 pm
at Mr. Tramp's Sports Pub
8565 Research Blvd
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No Reservations Neccessary!

ASMS Club Dues Are Due!

Annual ASMS club dues are \$25.00/individual
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You may bring your dues to a club meeting or remit
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Club Quarterly Contests

Gundam Model contest



Monthly Meeting Presentations:

Judging Gundam Models

Working with Water

by Rick Herrington

At last month's meeting I gave a quick presentation on modelling water with scale models. Ron McCracken has a project he wants to tackle showing an Allied river crossing so he was interested in learning how to do it. The 15 minute brief overview was just not enough so I promised a more in depth explanation in this month's newsletter.

I'm one of the few ship builders in the club and always like to portray a ship in its natural element, the sea. I've got to admit it's been a journey getting comfortable with portraying the liquid stuff and being satisfied with the outcome.

I'm not going to spend too much time on replicating ocean water in this article but I will direct you to some [Youtube](#) videos that explain it step by step and after having tried the method I use it for my ship bases. [Guido Hopp](#) is the presenter and he's building a Trumpeter 1/350 scale Admiral Gaf Spee. In part 2 and part 3 (reloaded) he goes into re-creating his process for a seascape in detail. I've tried it several times and have added some tweaks of my own but I highly recommend it.

This month's article is something less ambitious. I'm going to replicate a small stream which could be used with a vehicle or figures. I use styrofoam insulation for my bases. It's available from Lowe's and Home Depot. I received a couple of years worth free from a friend.

The first step is to carve out a channel in the styrofoam for your future stream.



I used Liquitex Natural Sand to coat the styrofoam to produce a soil like texture.



Now it's time for the water. I use Liquitex Acrylic Gel Medium. This is great stuff. You can pick this up at Michael's or Hobby Lobby or your local art supply store.



Next I added a layer of sand to the surface after coating the base with Sobo glue although any white glue would work. I also added some rocks to the base to give the water something to flow around.

The gel is white and dries clear.



Build and Bull North

by Rick Herrington

May 27th, fourth Saturday and time for another Build and Bull North at Dragon's Lair. Lilly and Ray Selestino, Tim Robb, Charlie Gauptries and I were the attendees.



Tim Robb was working on his Gundam entry for this month's contest.



I was working on an F-104 Bondo kit. Charlie Gauptries was working on his 1/350 Prinz Eugen kit.



This stream is about 1/4 inch deep. To produce a deeper stream or river I suggest you work in layers, letting each layer dry until its completely clear. That's all there is to it I hope this helps.

We took a break for lunch at Whataburger and then returned later on for an hour or so. A fun time was had by all.

Greetings ASMS members,

The 2023 IPMS National Convention planning team is looking for volunteers to staff a welcome station at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. This team will welcome IPMS members as they arrive in Texas and help guide them to the airport's bus stop where a motor coach will transport these members to the various convention hotels in San Marcos.

The 2023 convention committee has hired a motorcoach to run between Austin-Bergstrom and San Marcos on the 1st and 2nd of August (Tuesday and Wednesday). The run times each day will be from 12PM to 9PM and I anticipate setting up shifts of 4 hours or so for each day. We anticipate the best place for the bus stop at the airport will be the bus lane outside the baggage claim area of the airport. We would like to set up a small table in the baggage claim area with a convention welcome sign as well as one or two members from the ASMS to help answer questions, welcome out-of-state and out-of-country members to Texas, and help members navigate to the waiting area for the motorcoach.

The convention is willing to pay for each member's parking at the airport as well as provide each volunteer with a convention staff T-shirt (see attached picture) free of charge. In addition, we can offer those members who have registered for the convention express check-in at the San Marcos Convention Center (Embassy Suites) so they do not have to wait in line for their

registration package. Parking fees can be reimbursed with the IPMS Treasurer who will be on-site for the entire length of the convention. All that will be required is a receipt for your parking expenses. The convention planning team will also order the required welcome sign with the convention logo and have it delivered to the appropriate ASMS member before the kick-off of the convention. Further coordination of details will be accomplished once the team of volunteers are identified.

If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Len Pilhofer, the convention chairperson, at chair.nats2023@gmail.com.

Many thanks for your support and looking forward to seeing all of you in August as we "Come and Make It".

Best Regards,

Len Pilhofer

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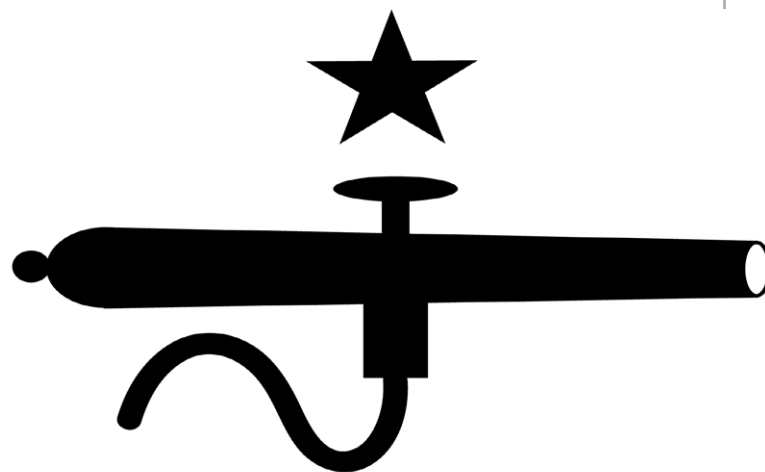
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What's Up wid You?

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
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Summer is here with a vengeance. It's time to stay inside and model in the cool air conditioning.

We'll start off with Dave Edgerly's now completed 1/48 Tamiya F-35. Great work Dave!



Tim Robb shared his 1/48 Am-Tech P-40E. The kit is mostly out of the box with added Eduard seat belts and bead sight.



Joaquin R. also shared his IJN Shokaku in 1/700 scale. Charlie showed him his building techniques as they both built these kits together.



Rick Herrington shared his 1/700 DML Z-37 destroyer. Rick brought his model in to show what could be done with the model technique he was illustrating.



Lilly Selestiino shared her Mother of Nightmares Dexcessa a 28 mm Warhammer figure.



Charlie Gauptries brought in two great ship models. The first was a Tamiya 1/700 IJN Shokaku. The second was his completed 1/350 Busmarck. Great work Charlie!

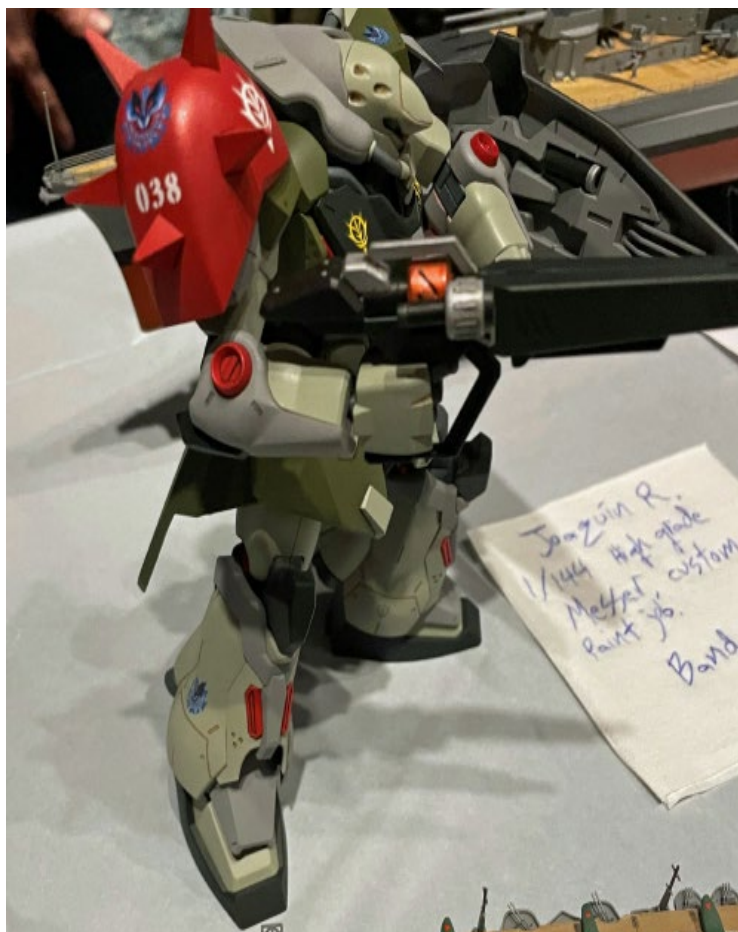


Matthew, our resident SC-Fi specialist brought in a Bandai Star Wars B-wing.



Bob Bethea brought in his usual plethora of projects including a Cuban Comet, a DML 1/72 Jagdpanther and a 90mm Prussian figure.

Joaquin R. shared his Bandai 1/144 High Grade Meser.





Staying on the subject of figures a new member brought in some impressive flats. Unfortunately I did not get his name.



Bill Zych shared his Merdc desert camouflaged AAV 7.



Finally, this month's winner was Peter Dasso with his Tamiya P-38J. Peter did an awesome job of re-creating the metallic finish of the aircraft.



This was our first meeting in our new venue Mr. Tramp's Sports Pub. There was plenty of room although we'll have to tweak the lighting.



Rick Herrington gave a presentation on modeling water.



On the subject of presentations Ron McCracken is soliciting volunteers for monthly presentations. The subject can be almost anything that is model related. If you're interested contact Ron.

Oh look, a penny!



Old Rumors and New Kits

New and In View Aircraft by Ron McCracken

June has lots of interesting new stuff in view. There are new-tool kits in 1/32nd, 1/48th, and 1/72nd scales coming out in the June timeframe, plus a bunch of re-pops with new parts to make new variants.

1/32nd Scale:

HK Model has announced a new-tool A-20G Havoc in European theater markings.



Italeri has announced a new-tool MC.202 Folgore for release sometime in the second Quarter of the year, which should mean any time now!

Trumpeter has announced an F-35B Lightning II based on their earlier F-35C kit, which completes the series.



1/48th Scale:

Eduard has re-released their A6M2 Zero Type 21 in a Weekend Edition. Remember, the Weekend Edition kits do not include the masks or photo-etch parts included in other editions of Eduard kits.



Eduard has re-released a Sopwith 2F.1 Camel in a Profipack Edition, with new parts and decals.



Eduard has also re-released their Tempest Mk.II in a Weekend Edition kit with new decals.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their A-4E Skyhawk in Top Gun markings.



Hasegawa is releasing an F-16CM-50 Fighting Falcon "Dark Viper".



Kinetic has announced a new-tool CT-114 Tutor jet trainer.



Kinetic is re-releasing their F-16C in very colorful Texas ANG markings.

Hasegawa is also releasing U-36A Learjet in JMSDF markings for anti-aircraft training support. It includes resin parts for the wing tip pods and a large radome under the fuselage.



Kinetic has also announced another spin-off of their F-16 kit, the F-16V RoCAF Viper.



Kinetic is re-releasing their Mirage III as a Mirage IIIO of the RAAF.



Miniart is re-releasing their P-47D-25-RE Thunderbolt with some new parts.



1/72nd Scale:

Airfix is re-releasing its 2017 new mold Me 262 as an Me 262A-1a/2a.



Eduard is releasing a limited edition Bf 109F2/F4 Dual Combo kit.



Hasegawa is re-releasing an F-4F Phantom II 'West German Air Force Splitter Camouflage'.



ICM is re-releasing their MiG-29 9-13 in Ukrainian markings w/HARM missiles as new parts.



Italeri has announced a new-tool AMX single seat fighter.



Italeri has also announced a new-tool F-35C Lightning II



Sword is re-releasing their G4M1 Betty as a late configuration with new parts.

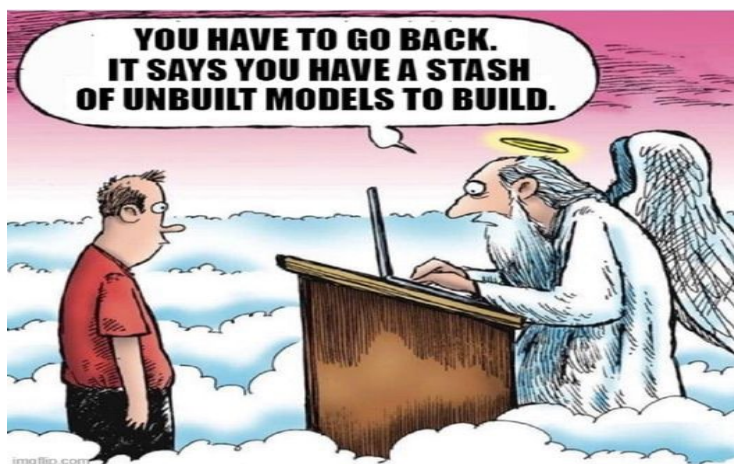


1/144th Scale:

HobbyBoss is re-releasing their Y-9 kit with new parts/markings.



So there you have it! Several new-tool offerings and a bunch of revisits of oldies-but-goodies. Happy Modeling!

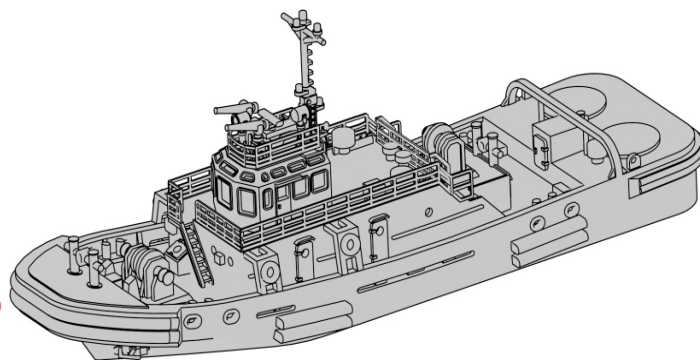
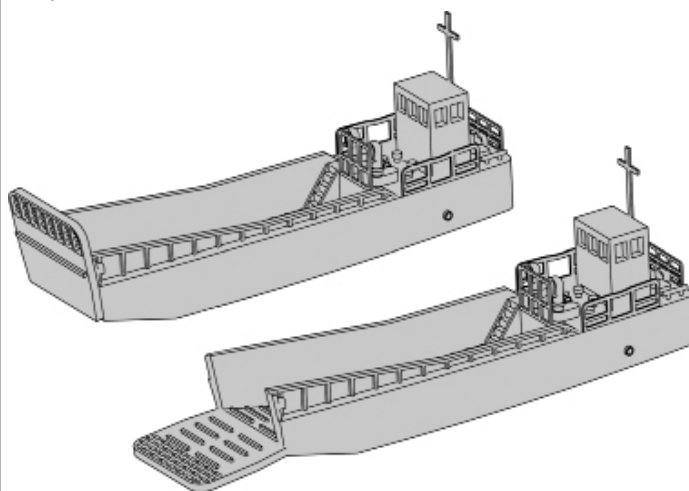


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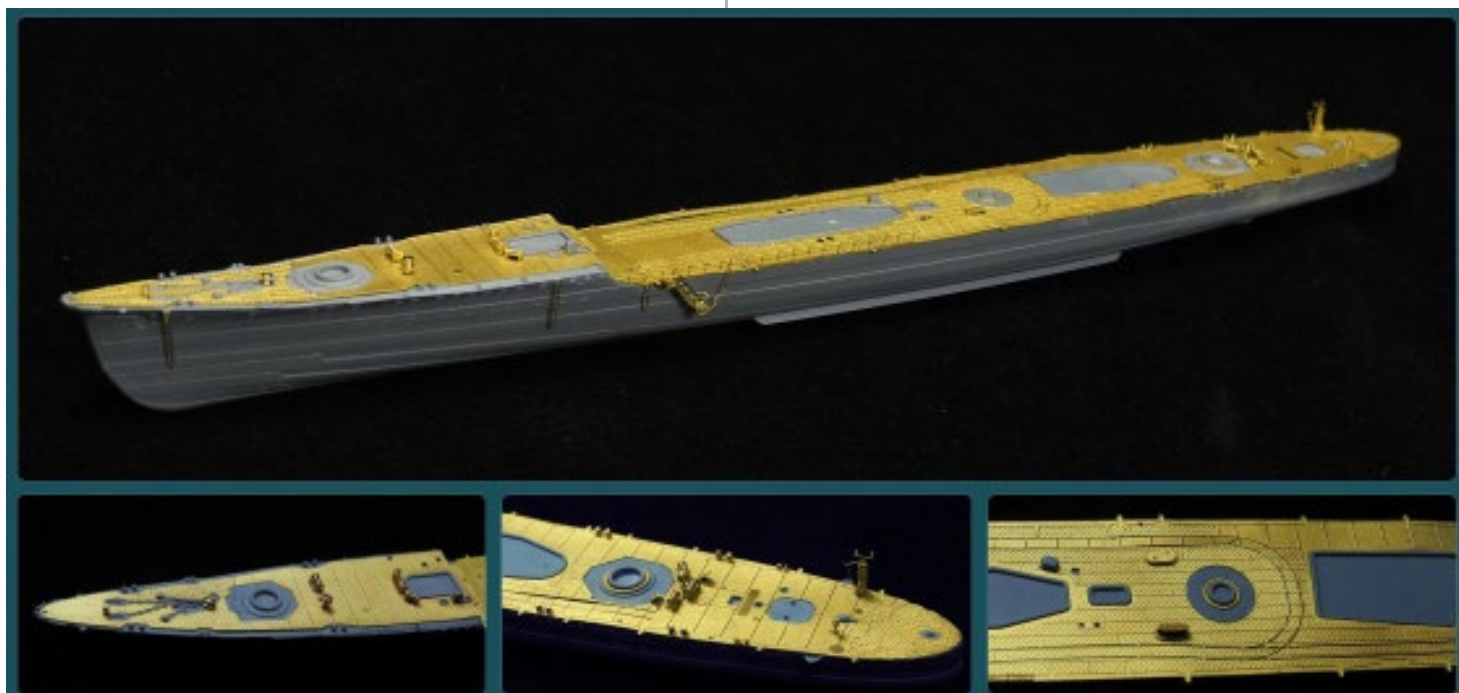
by Rick Herrington

Ahoy mates. Slim pickens for both 1/700 and 1/350 scale. Maybe the manufacturers are taking a summer holiday.

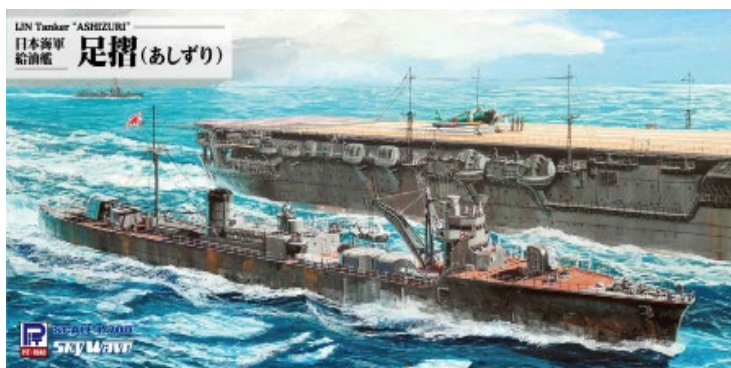
Let's get started with what little we have in 1/700 with Modelium. they are releasing a couple of JMSDF naval support vessels a YF2121 traffic ship and a YT01 Tugboat type D.



Pit Road has several new releases for us. The first is an IJN destroyer the Kagero. The kit portrays her as she looked at the time of her commissioning and includes extensive photo etch with the kit.



Pit Road is also releasing the IJN tanker Ashizuri.



Finally from Pit Road is the JMSDF support ship Towada AOE 422



Sea Way is releasing the IJN light cruiser Noshiro. it looks like this is a re-boxing of a Fujimi release.



Last up in 1/700 scale is a newcomer company (2021) Vee Hobby. From their product list they're concentrating exclusively on USN WW2 battleships. They have two upcoming releases, the Indiana and the South Dakota.



Moving on to 1/350th scale first up is Hobby Boss with the US battleship Iowa.



AB&K is next with their release of an IJN destroyer Mutsuki. This kit is unusual as it is all 3d printed.



Last in 1/350 is Trumpeter's DKM H class German battleship (new variant). This kit represents the H-41 class which had 16.5 inch guns and reinforced armor over the original H class vessels. This was a planned vessel only and never was built.



That's all the wind in the sails. Go build a kit!

Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

Howdy tread heads. We're starting off with 1/72nd scale and ICM is up first with a release of a Ukrainian Ural 43203 truck.



Mirage Hobby is releasing a US M3 light tank.



Border Models is releasing a Sdkfz 164 Nashorn.



Moving on to 1/35th scale Airfix is releasing a Pzkwf 3J.



Italeri is releasing an M1A1.



Version D - M1A1 Abrams tank, Australian Army, 1st Armored Regiment, C Squadron, "Talisman Sabre" exercise, 2015.



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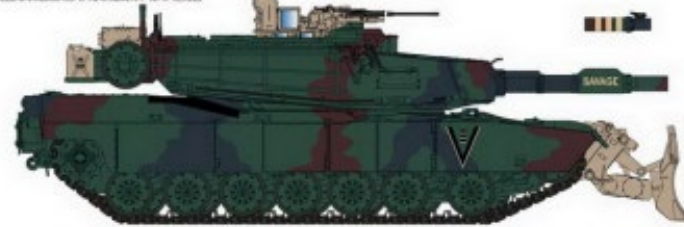
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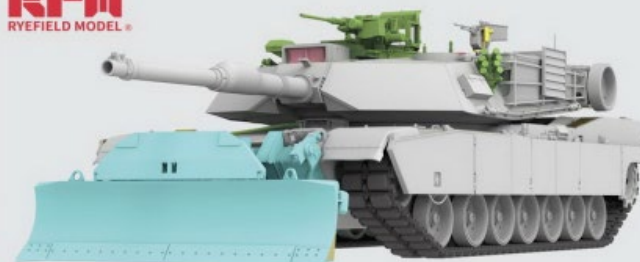
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Amusing Hobby is releasing a kit of the proposed replacement for the M1. (Next Gen M1)



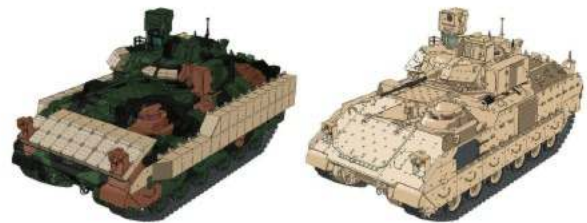


Magic Factory is releasing an M2A3 Bradley.



M-SHORAD BRADLEY M2A4 IFV
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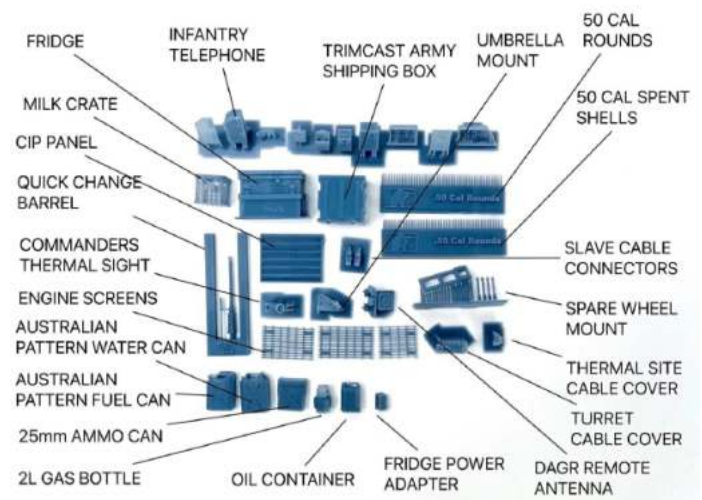
Trumpeter is releasing a Jagdpanther.

M-SHORAD BRADLEY M2A4 IFV
M-SHORAD "春風雷" M2A4 步兵战车
1/35 SCALE 2004

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AFV has two new releases for us. The first is an M110A2 and an M1128.



Finally in 1/35th, Black Ops is releasing a conversion kit for an M1 to convert it into the Australian version.



Last in the column Das Werk is releasing a 1/16th scale Hanomag Sdkfz 251D.



Last entry in the newsletter. I know, this is not related to treads or wheels but I couldn't let this month pass without spreading the news about this new MiniArt set of tank riders. I don't think these are out there to purchase yet but once they are I'm going to snap up a set.

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That's it for this month. See you at the meeting!



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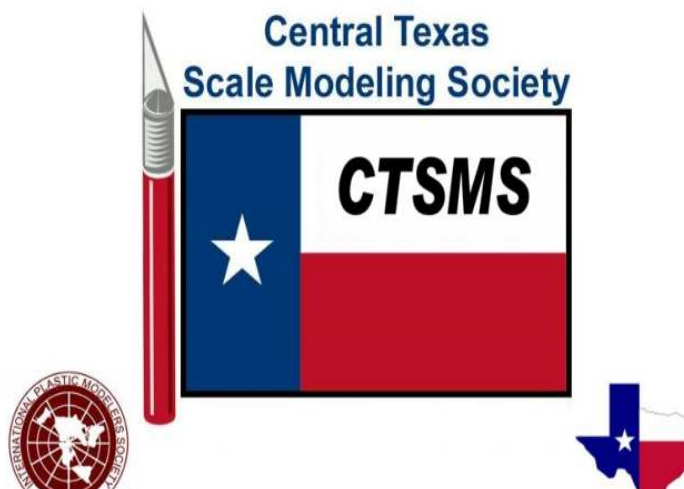
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