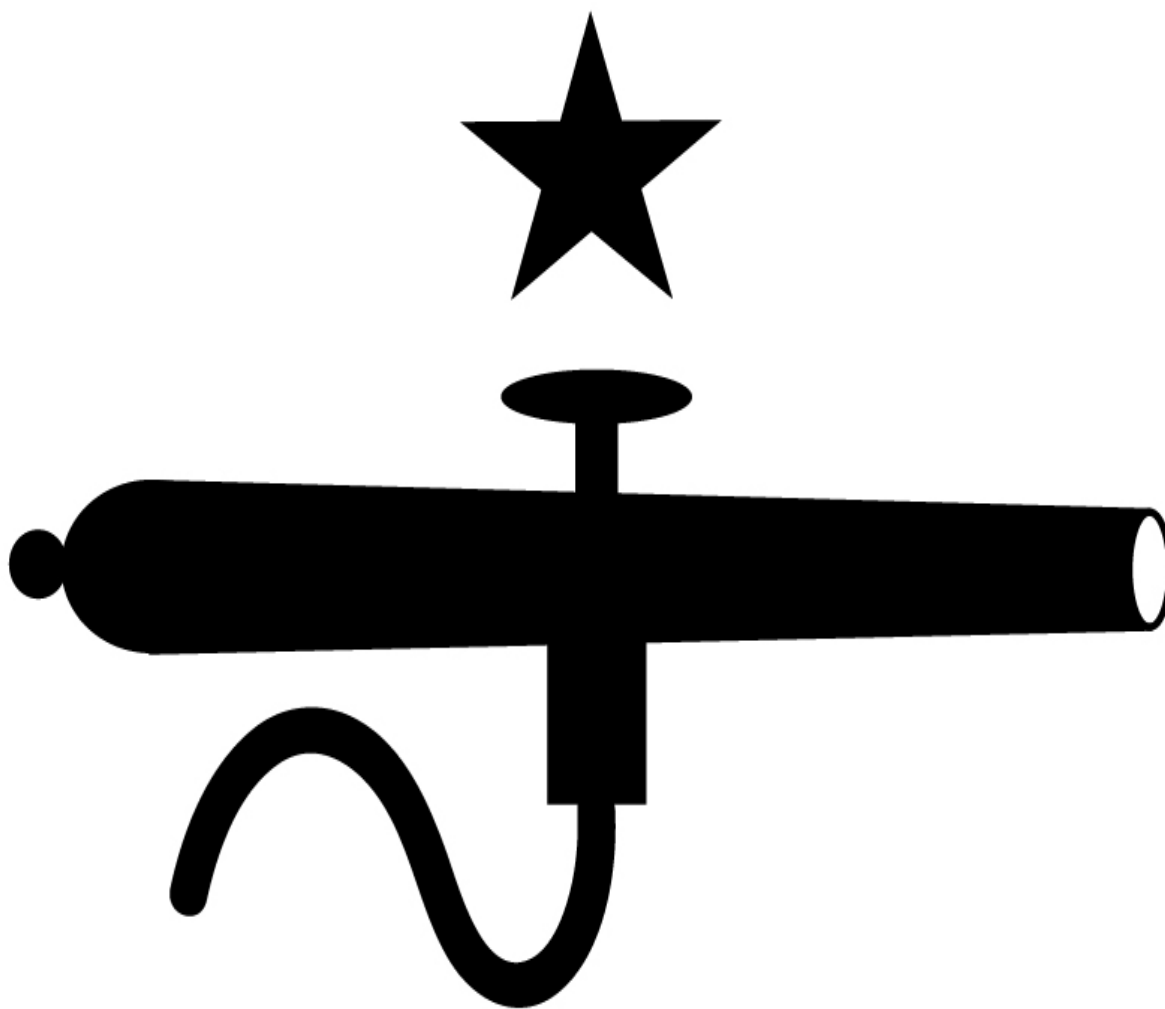


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The IPMS/USA initiative was established to provide model kits, supplies and reference materials to our servicemen and women serving in combat zones, recovering in hospitals, and rehabilitating in specialized facilities. The program is expanding into 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



Hello modelers.

Did you know that a tube of cortisone cream looks a lot like a tube of Colgate toothpaste? Ask me how I know. We have a lot to cover this meeting, which is our last meeting before our Oct. 7 show.

1. Please be ready to sign up for your volunteer work slots for show set up Oct. 6 and show day Oct. 7. Sign up sheets will be on hand.
2. HELP! Kits are needed for our raffle offering at the show. Specifically kits that are not airplane kits. We have lots of airplanes and very few other types. Please contribute an unstarted non airplane kit if you can.
3. MORE HELP! I have more show stuff to bring Oct. 7 than will fit in my car. Need a volunteer to bring the raffle kits early on show morning please.
4. Need a volunteer to assemble a dozen special awards for the show. Stripping off old face plates and replacing with new plates on 12 plaques. Then bring them to the show Oct. 7.
5. This month we will have both an open quarterly contest, with gift certificates for top 3 vote getters, and the 9th of our 10 year series of the Bondo Memorial Challenge. We have 5 kits from the Bondo stash to distribute to newer club members who would like to participate in the final Bondo Memorial Challenge next year.
6. Eric Choy is bringing many started but unfinished kits from Milton Bell's stash. We'll have a three year series of Milton Bell Memorial Challenges with these kits. Plus a P-40 group build. Details at the meeting!
7. Need a volunteer to pick up the sound system from the rental center and bring it to the show.

I'm looking forward to seeing all at this important and fun meeting.





HOUSE CLEANING



ASMS MEETING

Third Thursday each month
6:30 pm - 8:45 pm
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or \$30.00/family.

You may bring your dues to a club meeting or remit
same to ASMS, 1928 Dragonfly Loop, Bastrop, TX
78602.



Events

October 7:

**2023 CAPITOL
CLASSIC**

at the Travis County
Expo Center
7311 Decker Lane.

Club Quarterly Contests

Open competition this month also
a Bondo kit competition.



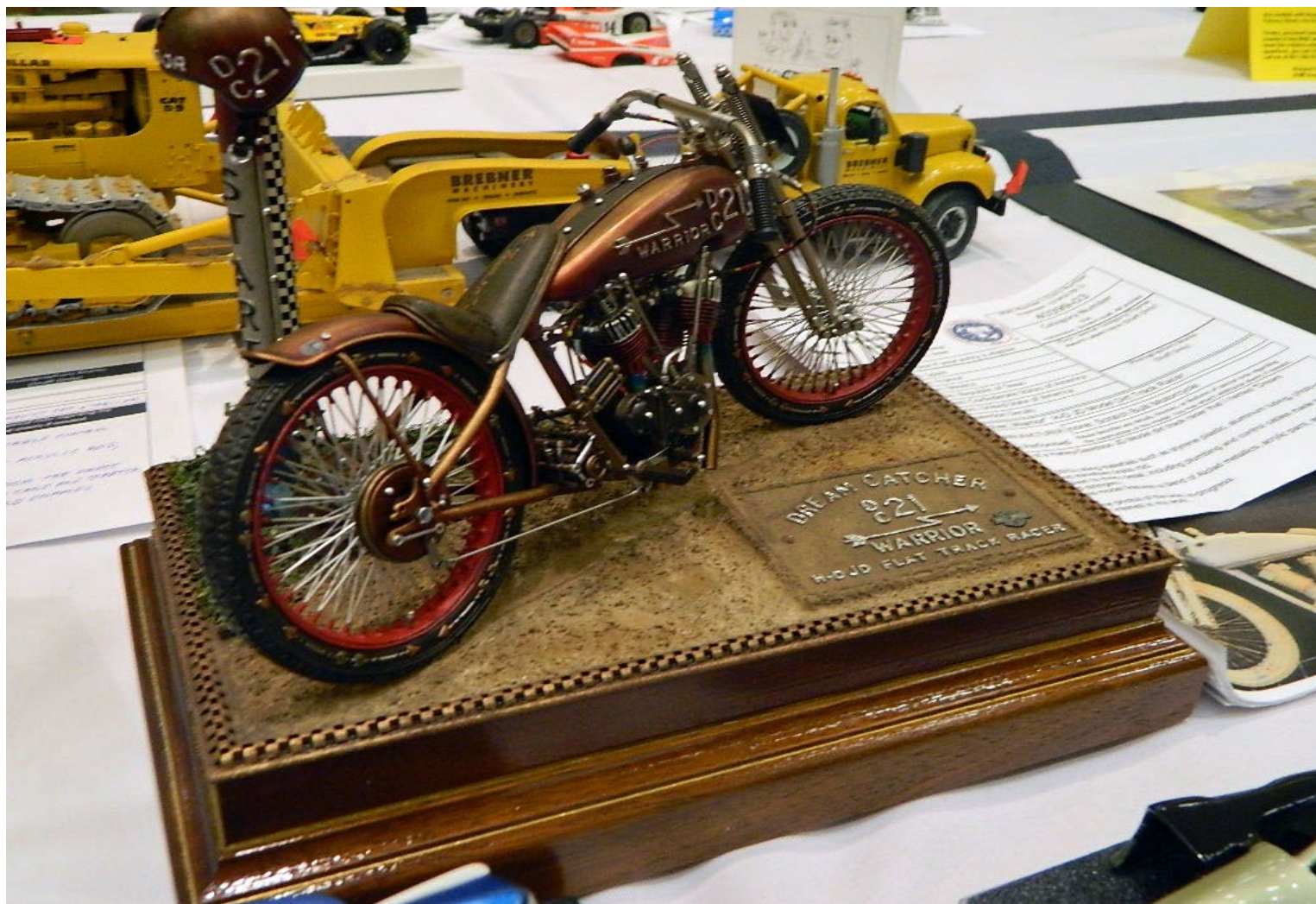
Monthly Events/Presentations

Build and Bull South Lion Heart
Hobbies 2nd Saturday

Build and Bull North Dragon's Lair
4th Saturday

IPMS Nationals 2023

Two days of fun in San Marcos



The last time IPMS Nationals was hosted in Texas was in Dallas in the year 2000. Twenty three years later Texas has had the honor of hosting Nationals again in San Marcos Texas. If you were able to attend you experienced a well run show with thousands of extraordinary models on the tables. I was able to attend two days and catch up with some old friends I hadn't seen in a while.

Vendors attending included Tamiya, Andy's Hobby, Kinetic, Zoukei Mura, Micro Mark, Squadron and our own local favorite Lion Heart Hobby. I believe the final count on the models entered was 3087.

According to Dick Montgomery (IPMS Alamo Squadron) the number missed the biggest convention by two models.

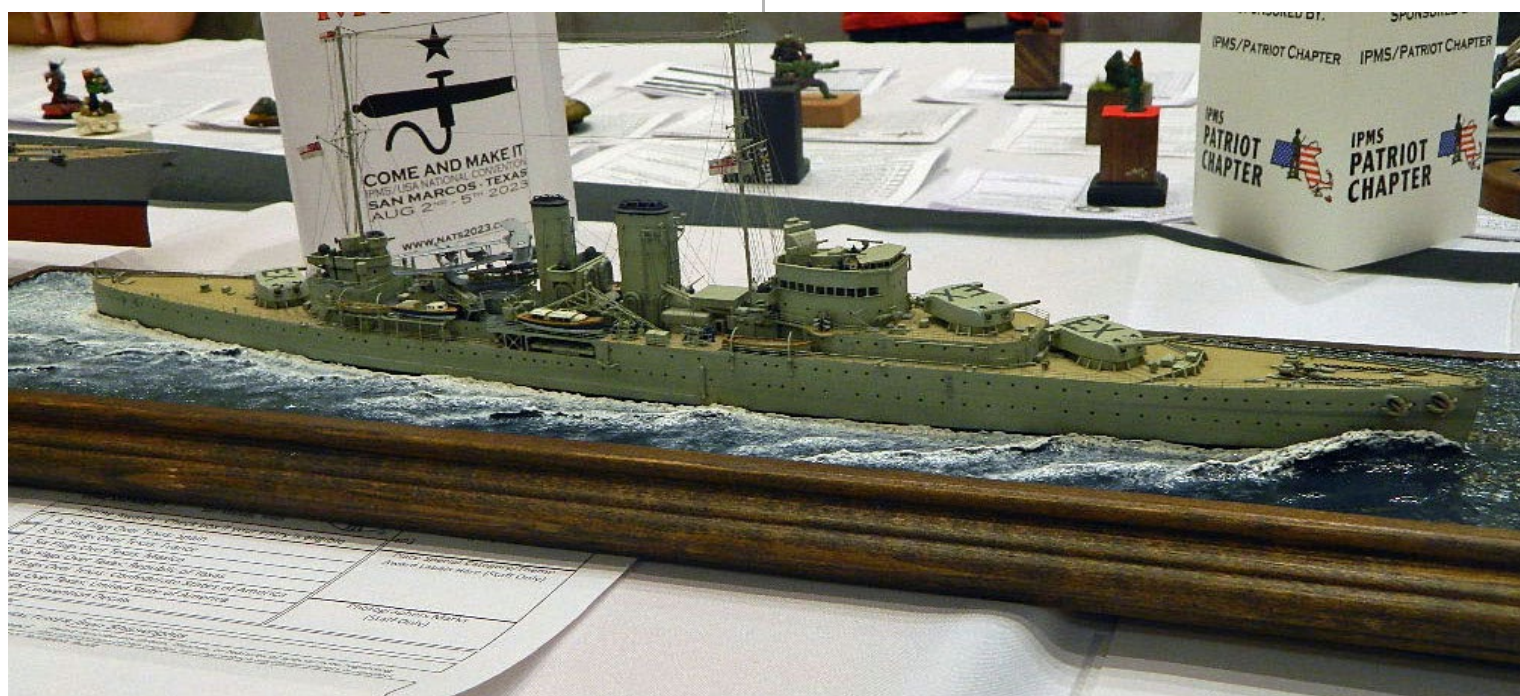
The pictures accompanying this article were all taken by me during the two days I attended the show. The only concern I had about the show was the lack of Gundam entries. Considering how huge Gunpla has gotten the entries did not reflect it.







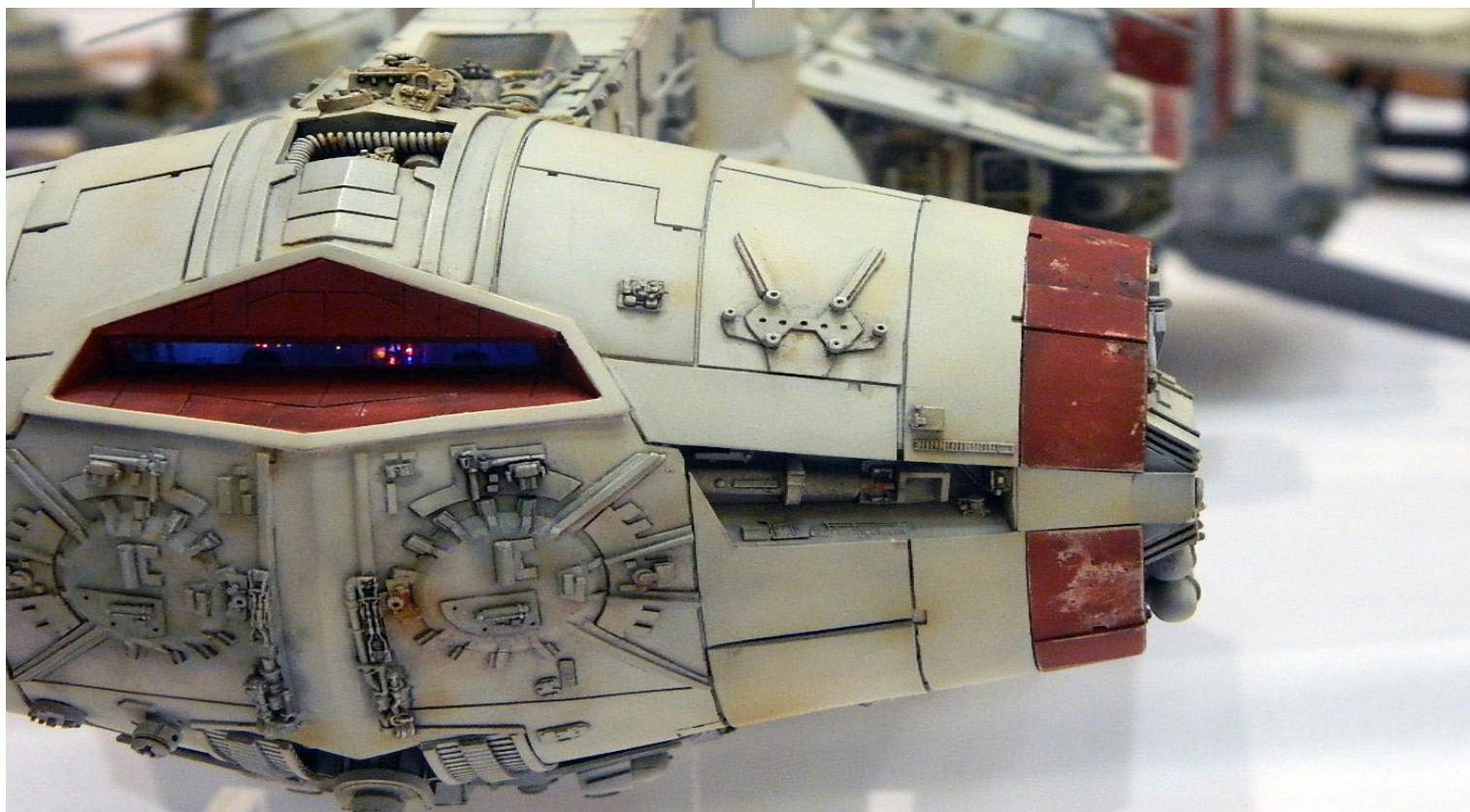
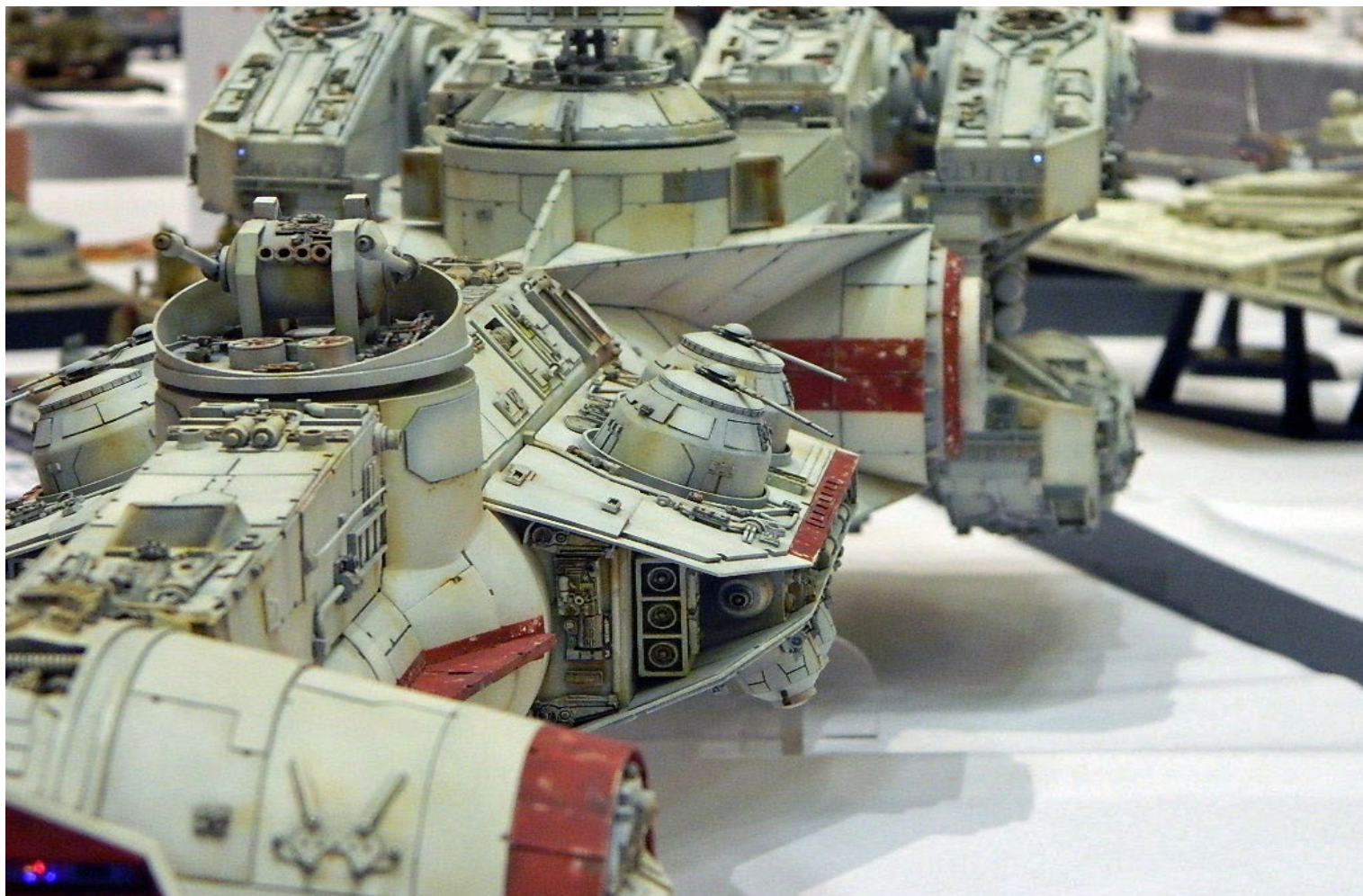


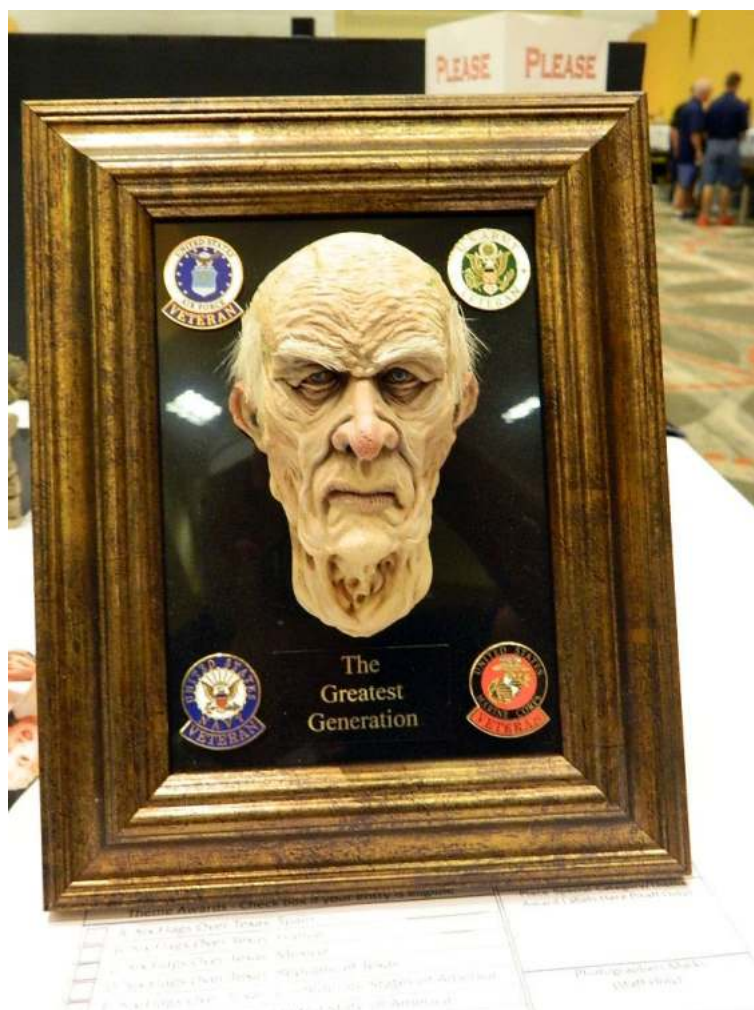




The next few photos are of an extraordinary scratch built Star Wars Rebel Blockade Runner. This model won best science fiction subject. The model was lit with LED's.











Here's some photos of the vendors that attended. First up is Andy's Hobby headquarters.



Tamiya was in attendance and the early birds to the convention got a free t-shirt from them.



Kinetic, Micro Mark and Zoukei Mura, and Rudy and Danielle from Lion Heart Hobbies were in attendance also.







All in all it was a great opportunity to meet friends, see some fabulous models, and shop at the largest hobby shop in Texas for a few great days.



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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Lots of models at the meeting this month, Gundam, Aircraft and ships. Let's get started with Mike Gilsbach's Crusader from IBG in 1/72nd scale.



Gordon Siemens brought in a Tamiya 1/48 Feisler Storch in a beautiful desert camouflage.



Bobbie Wilson brought in some Gundam kits in 1/250 scale she picked up at Dollar Tree.



Jackson Hunter brought in a Games Workshop Necron Overlord in Heroic Scale. This was Jackson's first attempt at creating a base for his figure.



Bob Bethea brought in a forced prospective diorama named "Xmas Surprise". It depicts GI's at the the Battle of Bastogne. It includes a Tamiya M18 Hellcat and a DML King Tiger.



Ron McCracken brought in a 1/72nd Ford 1942 Stasff car and a RS Models 1/72 Northrop XP-79B.



Dave edgerly sent in some photos of his completed 1/32nd Kotare Spitfire.



Dave is going to write up an article for the Examiner on the kit.
Dave also sent in some pictures of an in-progress Alien Space Patrol diorama. The aliens and the Space Patrol ride are 3D prints.





Grace brought in another Evangelion character.



Charlie Hauptrief shared two 1/700 scale ships with the group, a Tamiya Prinz Eugen and a Verifire H-39 Class battleship. Charlie added wooden decks and rigging to both ships.



Rick Herrington won Model of the Month with his Trumpeter 1/350 Z-30 German destroyer.



Another completion by Rick, this one completing a started Milton Bell Me-P1099 Revell 1/72nd kit.



Finally, Vince Hutson shared an in-progress Lindberg kit.



This month's program was given by Ron McCracken on creating and competing with collections.



Thanks to everyone that shared their models both completed and in-progress. This month's meeting will be an open contest and a Bondo competition. Good luck to everyone that enters.

Old Rumors and New Kits

New and In View Aircraft

by Ron McCracken

New and In View

September is shaping up as a good month, with a number of new-tool releases. Clear Prop has released 1/72nd scale versions of their TB2 drone as well as new 1/48th I-16 kits. Trumpeter has a new A-6A Intruder, Hobby Boss has a new U-2R, and Fine Molds is releasing a new F-15J.

1/24th Scale:

Airfix is re-releasing their Ju 87B Stuka in a "Vintage Classics" edition, complete with the original 1975 box art.



1/32nd Scale:

HK Models is re-releasing their B-17G Flying Fortress in a 'Rose of York' limited edition (total run of 500 kits) including a figure of Princess Elizabeth.



1/35th Scale:

ICM is re-releasing its CH-54A Tarhe with an M-121 Bomb replica as an extra-parts option.



1/48th Scale:

AFV Club is re-releasing their F-5E Tiger II in ROKAF markings.



Clear Prop! Is re-releasing last year's Bayraktar TB2 in Polish Army markings with some new parts.



Clear Prop! Is also re-releasing their Bayraktar TB2 in Ukrainian Navy markings.



Clear Prop! Is releasing a new-tool I-16 Type 5 in Chinese markings.



Clear Prop! Is also releasing an I-16 Type 5 Early Version, in Soviet markings.



Eduard is re-releasing its Bf109K-4 in a Limited Edition kit.



Eduard is re-releasing their Bristol F.2B in a Weekend Edition kit – remember these kits lack the photo-etch, masks, etc. typically found in the standard edition kits.



Eduard is re-issuing their Spitfire Mk.Vc in a Weekend Edition kit.



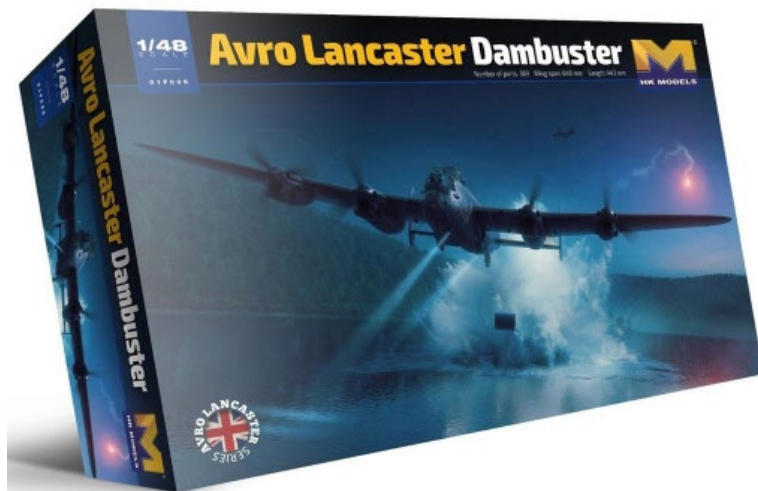
Hasegawa has re-released their T-4 in "Blue Impulse 2023" markings.



Hasegawa has re-released their E8Na Type 95 Model 1 in an enhanced-detail kit with added photo-etch parts.



HK Model has re-released their Lancaster kit as a B.III Dambuster with new parts.



HobbyBoss has announced a new-tool U-2R Dragon Lady.



ICM has re-released their Mistel 1 kit with three new markings options.



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



Trumpeter is re-releasing their Mi-4 as an Mi-4AV Hound attack version with new parts.



1/72nd Scale:
Clear Prop! Has announced a new-tool
Bayraktar TB2 in Polish Army markings.



Clear Prop! Has also announced a new Bayraktar TB2 in Ukrainian Navy markings.



Eduard is re-releasing their Bf109F-2 in a Profipack edition with some new parts, six markings options, and color photo-etch and masks.



Fine Molds has announced a new-tool F-15J Eagle in 'Hot Scramble 1984' markings. Three markings options are provided.



Fine Molds has also announced an F-15J Eagle 'JMSIP Configuration' (modernization program), essentially an extra-parts edition of their new-tool.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their 1982-vintage A-10C Thunderbolt II with new decals for the "190 EFS Skullbangers".



Hasegawa is also re-releasing their F/A-18E Super Hornet in VFA-151 "Vigilantes" CAG 2022 markings. Nothing new but the decals.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their J35F Draken, nothing new but the box art.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their P1Y1 Ginga (Frances) Type 11 bomber with a new box.



Modelsvit, aka A&A Models has re-released their AM-1 Mauler, which according to Scalemates is a rehash of the old Siga kit. It does have two frets of photo-etch detail parts but the plastic looks the same as the old kit.



Modelsvit has also re-released a Beechcraft 350 Super King Air in Japan Coast Guard markings.



Trumpeter has released a new-tool A-6A Intruder.



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



The Memorial Service for Milton Bell will be at 2 pm, Saturday Sept. 23. All Saints Episcopal Church 209 w. 27th Street, Austin. Reception following at the church.

Martha has told me that casual dress will not be offensive. OK to wear ASMS shirts. OK to wear ASMS name tags.



Shipping News

by Rick Herrington

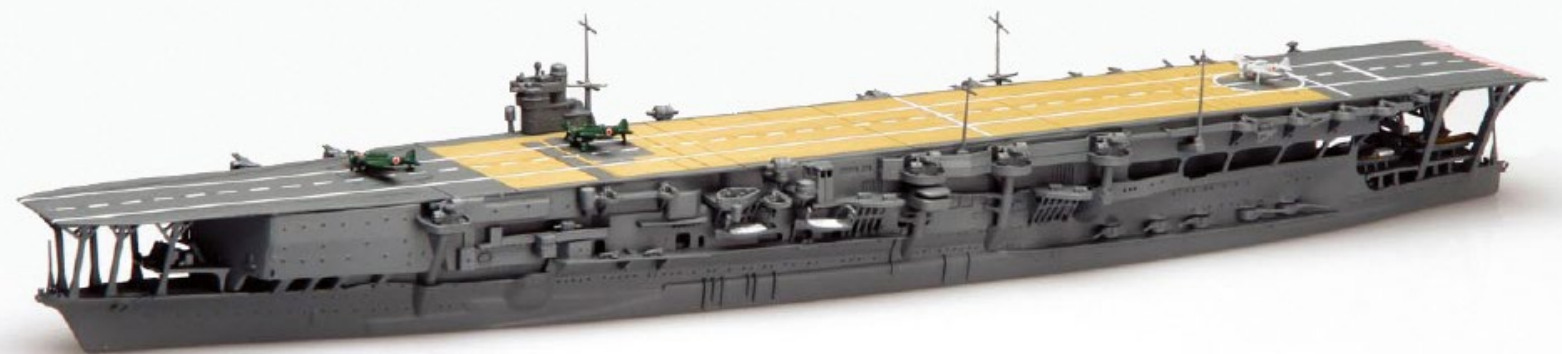
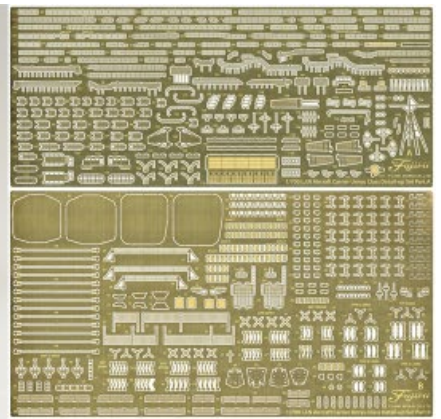
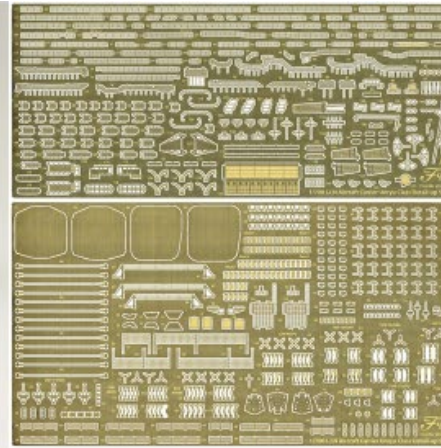
Ahoy mates! 1/700 scale dominates this month with only one 1/350th and a 35th scale offering. Pit Road, Fujimi and Trumpeter are the manufacturers issuing new releases. Fujimi's stuff is mostly re-releases but Pit Road and Trumpeter have some great new stuff. Let's get started. First up from Pit Road is the IJN Yamato in her 1944 configuration.



No surprise that most of the releases are IJN ships. Fujimi is releasing the IJN light cruiser Agano. This will be a full hull kit.



Fujimi has four IJN carriers for us this month.
We have the Katsuragi, Amagi, Kaga and Akagi.



Pit Road has a great new release, an IJN tanker the Shioya.

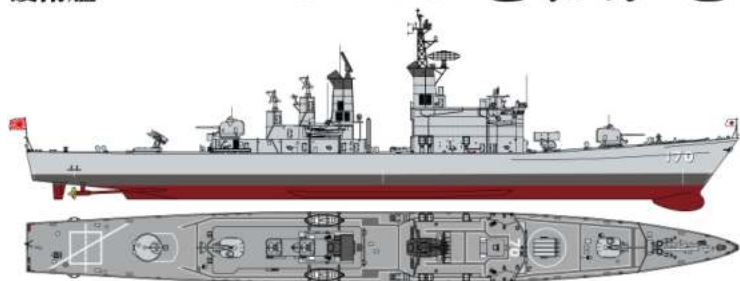


Pit Road has three new JMSDF releases. First we have the DDG-168 Tachikaze.



SCALE 1/700 海上自衛隊 護衛艦 DDG-168 たちかぜ Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force DDG-168 "TACHIKAZE"

Second is the DDG-170 Sawakaze.



Third is the DD-115 Akizuki



SCALE 1/700 海上自衛隊 護衛艦 DD-115 あきづき Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force DD-115 "AKIZUKI"

Next from Pit Road is a USN heavy cruiser, Pittsburg as she appeared in 1944.



Not to be left out of the IJN Carrier game Pit Road is releasing the IJN Chiyoda.



Also from Pit Road is a USN Carrier, the Saratoga as she looked in 1936.



Pit Road is releasing a USN Command and Control ship LCC-19 the Blue Ridge.



Finally from it Road is a re-release of their excellent Bismarck kit.



Flyhawk has a new release of the British carrier HMS Victorious.



Trumpeter has 2 Royal Navy cruisers for us. The first is HMS Colombo, an anti aircraft cruiser.



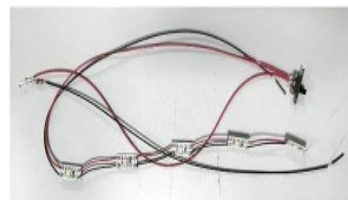
Second is HMS York.



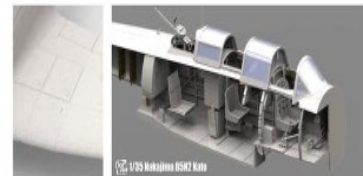
Moving on to 1/350 scale Tamiya is releasing an I-400 IJN submarine. This is a re-boxing of Pit Road's 1997 release with some photo etch bits added. For 1/350 scale this kit is quite pricey at \$92.



Border Models has opened up a new niche for itself by producing naval gun turrets and kits like the U-boat conning tower with deck gun crew. This month they have a new one for us with a kit of the Japanese carrier Akagi's flight deck in 1/35th scale.. The kit includes a B5N2 Kate torpedo bomber. The kit does not include the futons usually attached to the bridge during combat.

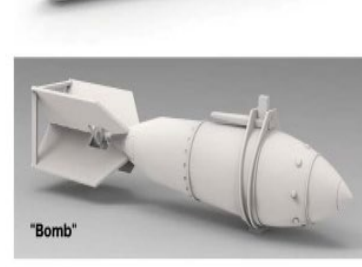


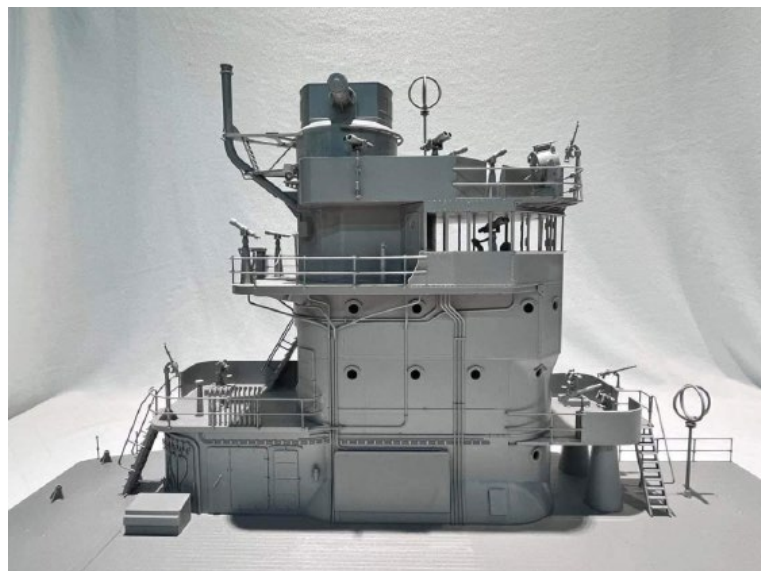
The complete bridge of the Akagi aircraft carrier should include transparent portholes, lighting components, a complete flight deck, and hollowed-out arresting gear holes.



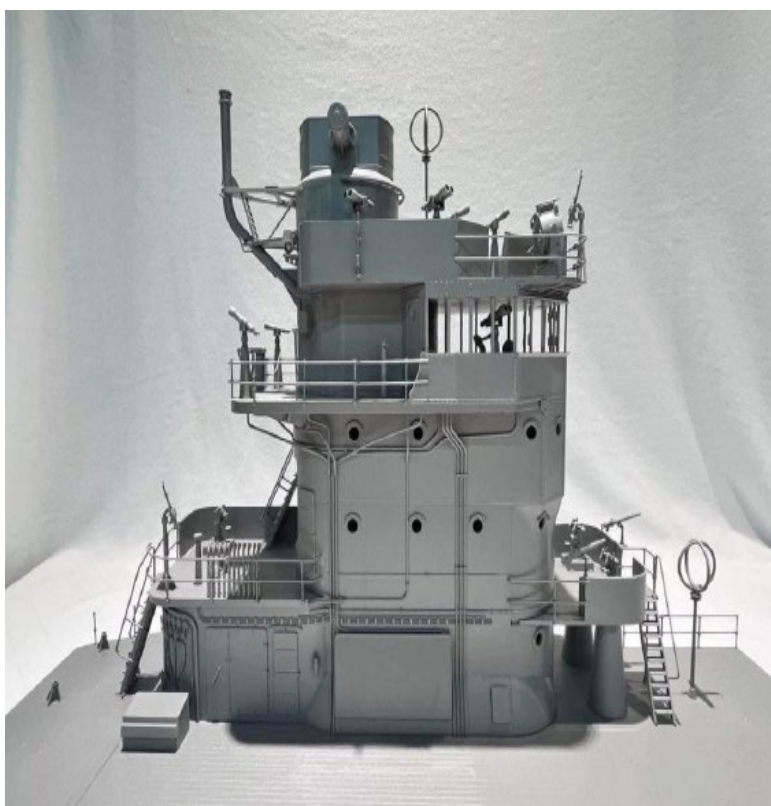
Stressed skin effect.

The complete interior of the cockpit.

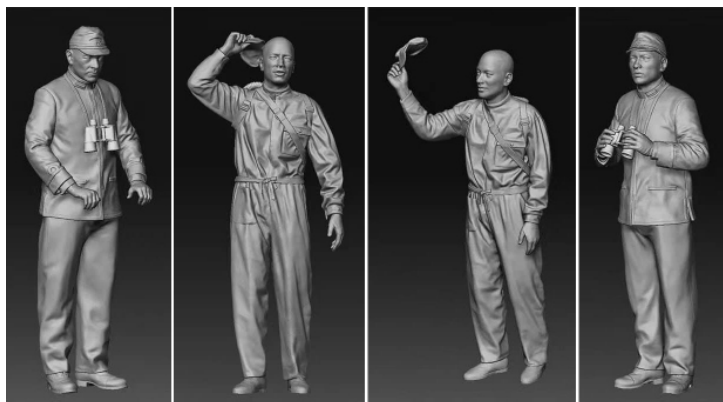




The complete interior of the engine.



Here's an image of some 1/35th figures for your bridge. If Border stays true to form these will be released as a separate kit.



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

Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

Howdy tread heads. It's a great month to be an armor modeler. Lots of new releases to get to so let's get started with 1/72nd scale.

Takom is up first with a dual release of an M60A1 with ERA armor and an M60A3 in the same box.

M60A1w/ERA & M60A3 1+1



1/72
No 5022

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Border Models is releasing A Leopard 2A6 in the Ukrainian configuration.



Moving on to 1/48th scale Takom is releasing a Tiger 2 Henschel turret and a Porsche turret with full interiors.



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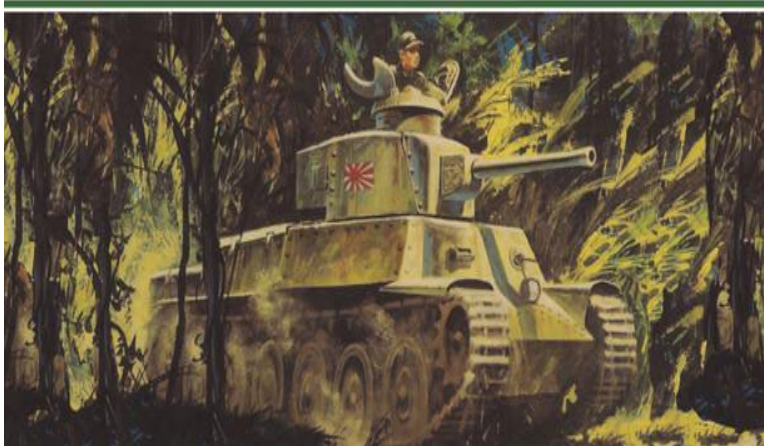
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1/48 SCALE
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Atlantis is re-releasing Aurora's Type 97 Chi Ha.



Lots to cover in 1/35th scale. Border Models is up first with a Ukrainian Leopard 2 A5/A6.



Takom is releasing a Swiss Pzj G13. Looks remarkably like a Hetzer.

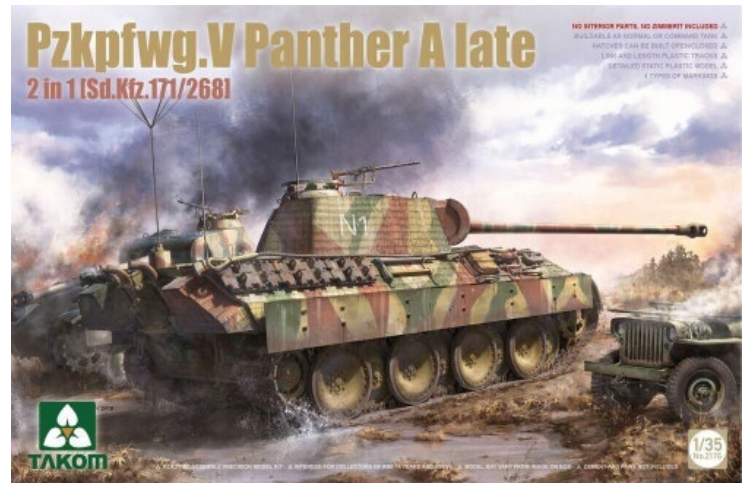


Takom has a pair of Sturmgeschutz 3 Ausf F8 early and late production.

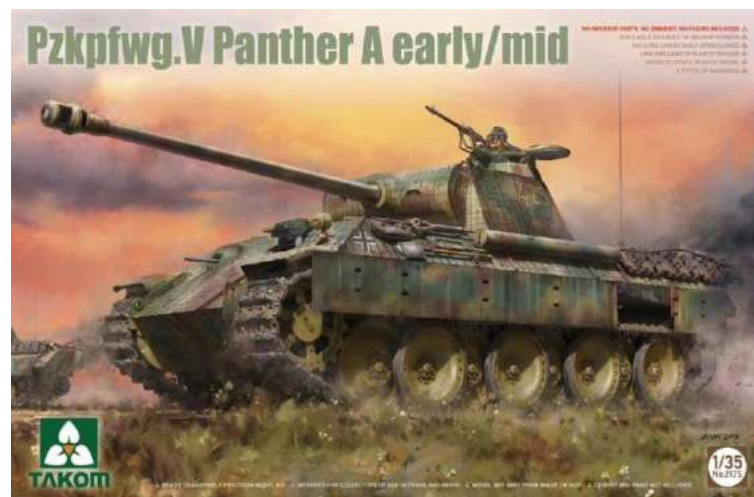
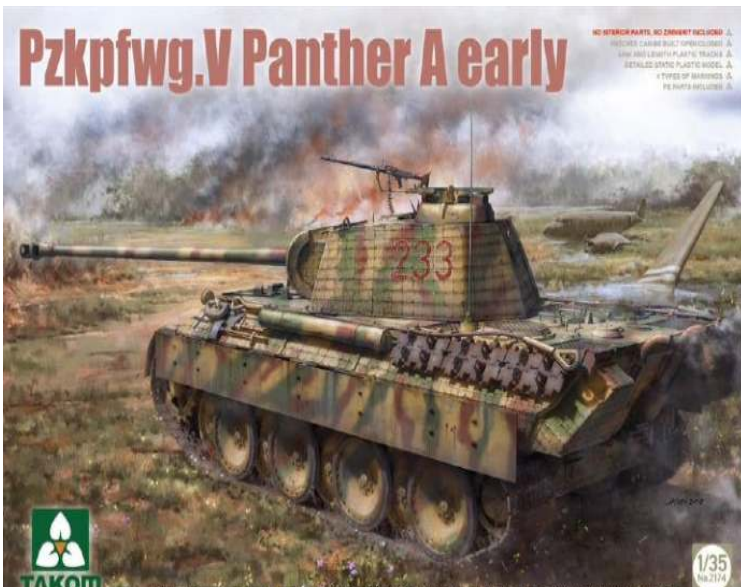




Takom is releasing three different Panther A models, an early, mid, and late production.



Border Models has a Kugelblitz and a Pz.kpfw 4-70



Hobby Boss has a Tiger 1 early production.



Das Werk is releasing a Flak 88 auf 9T Vomag.



Airfix is releasing a British 30-CWT GS truck



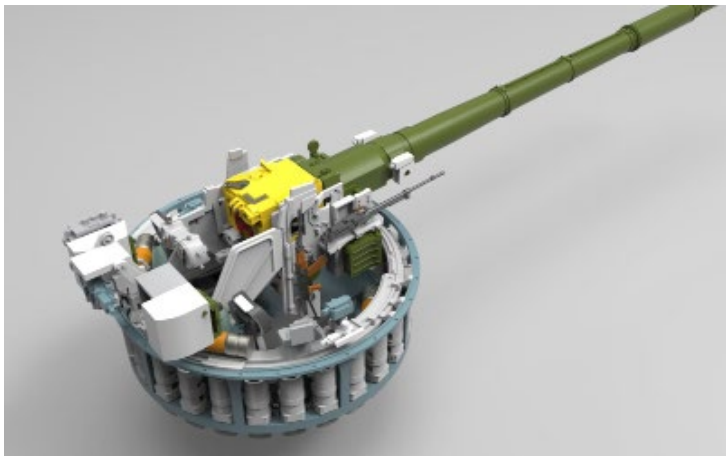
Copper State Models is releasing a Garford-Putilov armored car.



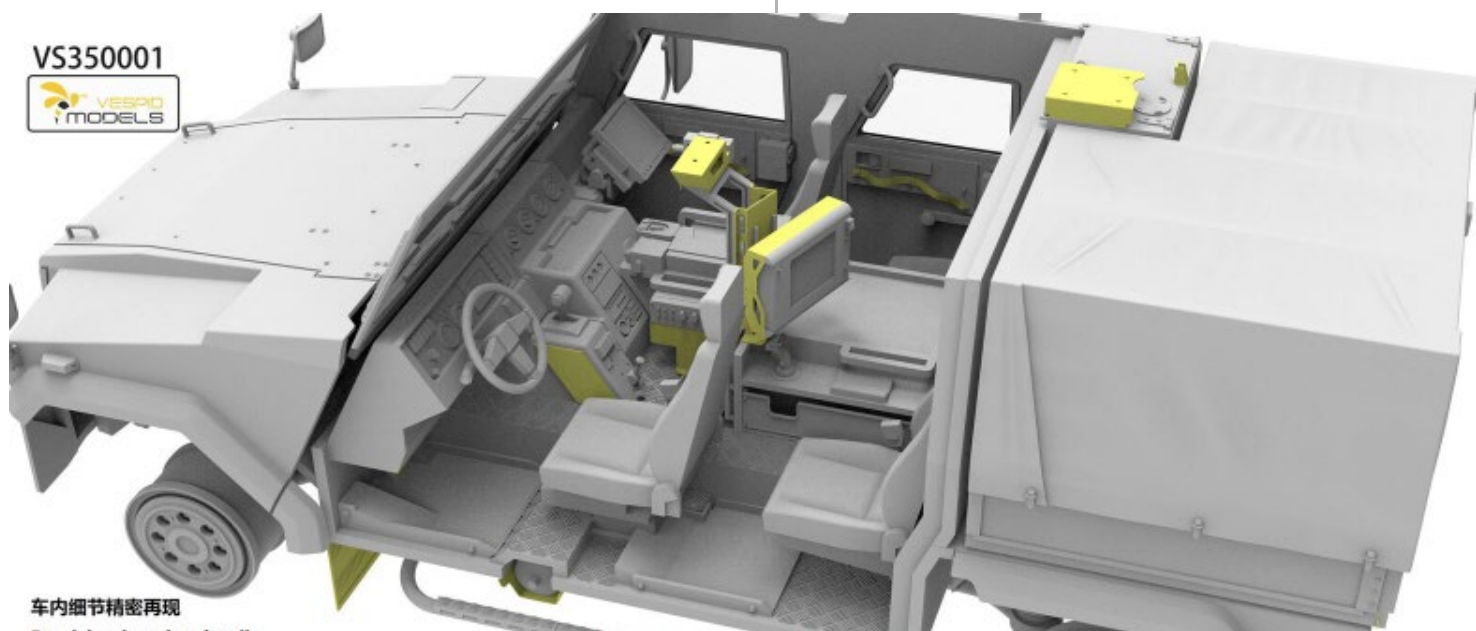
ICM has two new releases for us, both are in Ukrainian livery, a Kozak 2 and a Zil 131.



Amusing Hobby has a T-80U with full interior and an Abrams X.



Vespid Models has a Bundeswehr Eagle IV for us.

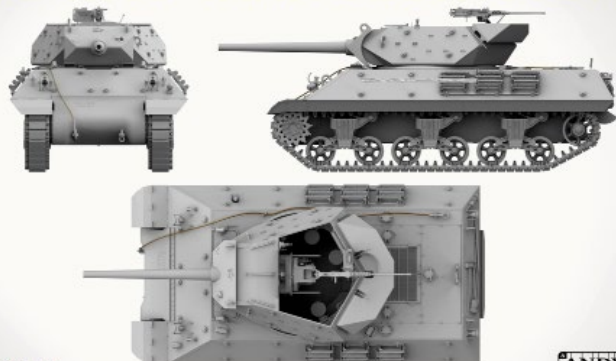


Trumpeter has a P 149 for us.



Moving on to shelf buster scale (1/16) Andy's Hobbys announced an US M10 and as British Achilles at Nationals.

US M10 TANK DESTROYER



1/16 SCALE
AHHQ006

ANDY'S
HOBBY
HEADQUARTERS



BRITISH M10 ACHILLES



1/16 SCALE
AHHQ007

ANDY'S
HOBBY
HEADQUARTERS

Last in the column, also in 1/16th scale are some accessories for you Hanomag 251C.



That's it for this month. Hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday.

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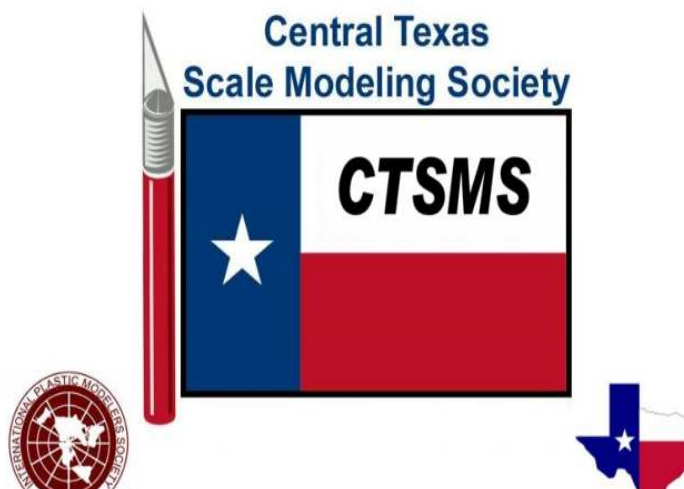
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