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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.

www.models4troops@gmail.com



#### **Greetings Modelers,**

This is our last club meeting before our Nov. 9 show so number one on our agenda this meeting will be nailing down our volunteer assignments. As this is so important we will revert this month to business before the break and program after. We will go back to.program first at the November meeting. All the feedback I have had on program first in the meeting order has been positive.

See you Thursday night. Bring a model or work in progress for show and tell, and as always, go Build a Model.

Tim





# **HOUSE CLEANING**



Third Thursday each month 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm at Mr. Tramp's Sports Pub 8565 Research Blvd Austin, TX 78758

**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, 1928 Dragonfly Loop, Bastrop, TX 78602.



### **Club Quarterly Contests**

Open, PLUS 10th and Final Phil "Bondo" Brandt Memorial Challenge.
Traveling Trophy to be retired.

### **Monthly Meeting Presentations:**

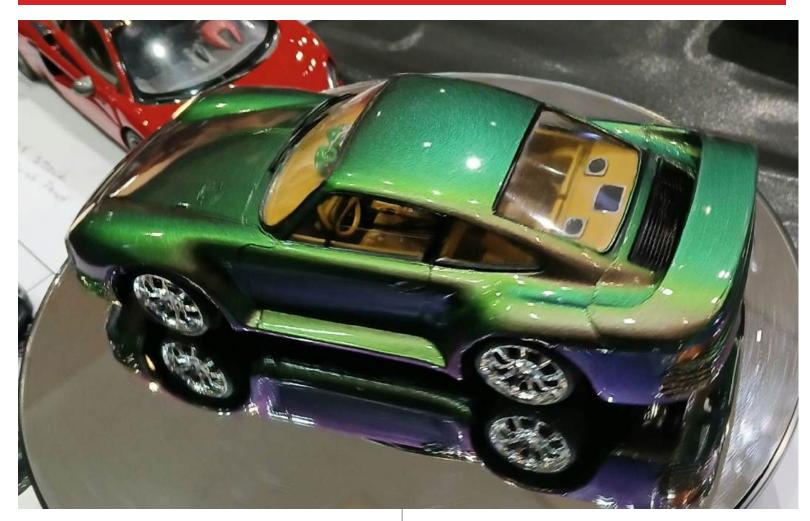
Capitol Classic 2024 preparation

# Fort Worth Supercon 2024 by Sam Kager

I've been to SuperCon several times and this was the largest I've ever seen it. There were more entries and vendors than I can remember in previous years. Overall a really great show despite the almost too low light levels in the showroom area. There were several standout pieces worth discussion.



A beautiful 1/48 PBY-2 Catalina with great riveting and subtle panel line shading really caught my eye. The builder added extensive antenna wiring across the entire plane, not a small feat for something so large. Several cars with immaculately polished finishes of color shifting paint also grabbed my attention.





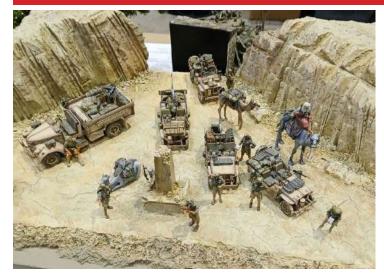
For me the standouts were two amazing and very different dioramas.

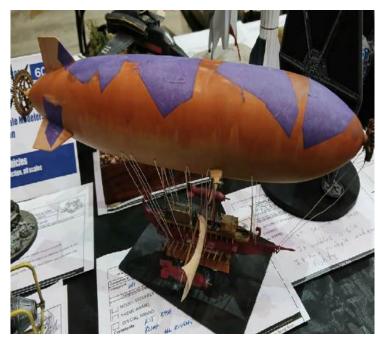
The first, based on the painting "The Last Moments of John Brown" by Thomas Hovenden was a real stunner. While recreating the figures from the painting in striking detail, it also expanded on the scene by adding elements and characters. What made it a true work of art was that the longer I looked at it, the more detail and story I found. From a solider waiting impatiently by a horse drawn coffin, to a prisoner in the basement watching the preceding through the bars. I really hope this appears at future shows.





Another featured a dogfight from the point-of-view of the cockpit. It used a combination of lighting, forced perspective, and optics to create an engaging vison. Looking into this diorama gave the impression of a real space. The curve of the cockpit window, in concert with the multiple light sources created a sense of movement. The background of snow covered mountains invoked a feeling of all this happening in a tight space and that the planes could crash just as easily as be shot down. It was a great example of what a diorama can do, and no picture or video can do it full justice.

























































# ABIA Conservatorship Project

by Bill Zych

Twenty-five years ago, ASMS was asked to contribute to a display at the then new Austin Bergstrom International Airport. The club responded by build 1/72 scale samples of every type of aircraft that called Bergstrom home.

Now twenty-five years later, the city has come back and asked for our help is taking care of these models as they do not have the knowledge or understanding to properly care for them.

These models live in two cases that reside in baggage claim, along with history and other artifacts that have been donated to the city over the years.



Over time some additional models, not of aircraft have made there way into the display and working with the airport team to identify and have them removed.

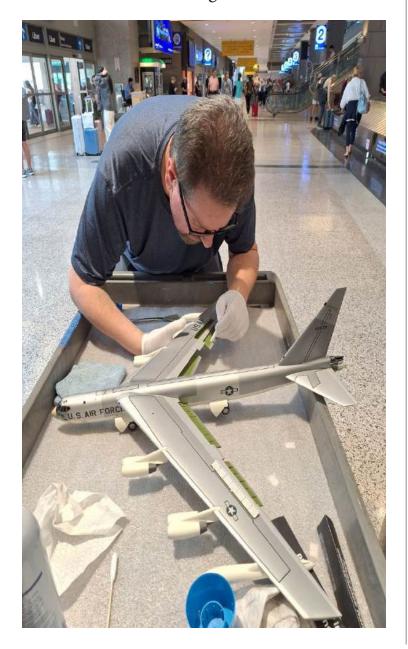




### Conservatorship

The task from the airport is that we take over routine cleaning and when required, maintenance and repair of our models. A typical visit is taking every model out and giving it a dusting with a soft brush and even Q-Tip's for some. Takes about two hours to pull everything out, clean and dust it.

An additional ask is to create and document each model like a true conservator (you'll notice that am wearing gloves to handle the models) and track condition and damage.







These trips are scheduled for every 6 weeks or so and would appreciate it if others could find the time to come out and help. One or two folks at the most for any trip is all that is possible. Parking in the Red Garage is taken care of, so the only cost is you time. Looking for just one or two folks for any trip, as more than that we would just be getting in each other's way.

The final trip out this year will be November 15th. Time is scheduled for 1pm. This is the time that works for airport staff and will consistently be on a Friday afternoon.

There is also an ask for everyone. those possibly with knowledge or have research into the list of aircraft that called Bergstrom home is needed to confirm that we have a complete inventory. New information may have become available since originally done and would be good to get any missing into the display.

Some of these models are also not in very good condition anymore. Broken over years, lost parts, or so brittle that they break just picking them up.

All the years of fluorescent lights have not been kind.

#### The Aircraft





















Ron McCracken's F101.





#### Improvements

Have an idea for future improvements to add 3D barcodes for each aircraft ID tag, and hosting pages either on our website or the city airport website, with more details and history for each aircraft so that visitors can scan the code and be taken to the page. We may also want to consider looking at some of the more poorly looking models and start a replacement program after any new adds that need to be done. Also thinking about a visit to just photograph and document at the start of the new year. would need some photographers take pictures with solid color backgrounds and document condition for each. Will schedule this if I get enough interest from others to do this.

Also looking for suggestions and a way to more thoroughly clean some of these. The years of dust is more than methods being used now can cut thru. So, if anyone has thoughts please pass them along. If anyone is interested coming out on the 15th, please contact me at williamzych@gmail.com and will get you details and logistics.







Our show is rapidly approaching! At this meeting we have a lot to cover. Tim and I have put together these items to cover.

- 1. Sign up to volunteer
- 2. Sign up to judge
- 3. Enter lots of models! This is a show as well as a contest. Let's have plenty for the general admission patrons to see.
- 4. Reminder we have 3 fun new contest categories Classic Armor, Classic Airplane and "I've Improved"
- 5. Who can help distribute flyers?
- 6. If you did not sponsor a special award, please consider sponsoring an individual category. \$20 each.

Bring your cash or check to give to Chris at the meeting to pay for your award sponsorship. Or mail check to Chris. Sorry, there is no Venmo or PayPal on this.

7. Please bring something to contribute to the raffle. Make sure it is complete and not started and is something that you would want to buy a raffle ticket for.

If you have a "'Milton Model" bring it to the show. Along with any P-40s you might have.

Please remember this is your club's show and we need everyone to help out and volunteer. See you Thursday!
Chris Chany



Here's this month's featured products from Lion Heart.

Airfix Bristol Bulldog 1-48

Kill Team Core Book

Bandai MBF-02+AQM/EX01 Strike Rouge

Try Burning Gundam 1-144

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10:00 am - 06:00 pm









# What's ZIP wid

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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.



Two important guests at this past meeting as well as some great models.

Dana Mathes and Rob Booth joined us to discuss a standard based judging procedure that they are developing. The discussion among the members was quite brisk and our thanks go out to Rob and Dana for making the trek from San Antonio and in Robb's case Kerrville.



Dana Mathes speaking to the group



Rob Booth

This month was also the annual Procrastinator contest. First place was garnered by Matthew Brown with his 3D printed Uber Eats Storm Trooper.



Second place went to Ron McCracken with his Consolidated PBY-4-2 Privateer.



Third place went to Tim Robb with his 1/48 Vacuform PZL-46 SUM.



Ron brought in two addditional master works in 1/72. The first was a Curtiss P-47G.



The second was an Academy 1/72 Grumman TBF-1 with a scratch built cockpit.



Rick Herrington brought in a Merkava 4 LIC from Academy in 1/35.



Rick also brought in a 1/72 Frog Fairey Barracuda.



Ron Askew shared his 1/35 Amtech P-40E.



Gordon Stiemans brought in a 1/48 Challenger 2 circa Desert Storm. The base was scratch built.



Dana Mathes brought in a Tamiya  $M_1A_1$  in 1/35.



Bill Zych shared his 1/35 Revell Bell H13H and Dodge WC-54 ambulance.



Scott Holmes brought in two 1/32 gems. The first was an A-6A Intruder.



Scott also brought in a Tamiya 1/32 F-4J Phantom with lots of after market bells and whistles.



Joe Friedmann shared his Hasegawa J7W1 Shinden with the group.



Griffin shared his "What If" Ukrainian F-16CJ.



Moving on to the Gundams Gordon brought in a Desert type 011 Gundam oo Command QAN T



Fred shared his HG Bandai 1/144 Aerial (Recirculation Color)



Ron Askew brought in his 1/35 "Strafing Run". If you look closely there's lots going on in this diorama.











Thanks to everyone that shared their work with the group this month.

# Old Rumors and New Kits

# New and In View Aircraft by Ron McCracken

October has quite a few re-releases in most of the popular scales, but only one completely new-tool kit, a 1/48th Fairey Battle from Trumpeter. However, AZ Model is reissuing their Spitfire Mk.14 as a Mk.18, which replaced the Malcom hood canopy with a full bubble canopy – so essentially a new kit, admittedly based on an existing one. While we're on the topic, AZ seems to have adopted a policy of issuing pairs of releases that are essentially the same other than the decals. I've seen this pattern over the last couple of months. Other than those examples, we're looking at new-decal or new-parts rehashes of existing stuff.

Italeri has come up with a semi-new wrinkle. I'm sure you are all familiar with Airfix's packaging of certain kits along with the needed paints as a package deal. Italeri has gone one better and included tweezers and a sprue cutter in addition to the paints with a couple of their kits.

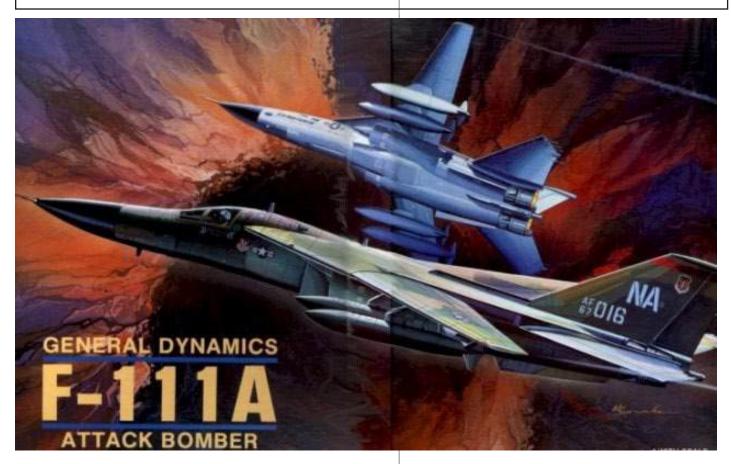
#### 1/32 Scale

Italeri is releasing a new-parts update of an MC. 205 Veltro, originally kitted in 2006 by Pacific Coast Models.



1/48th Scale:

Academy is re-releasing its F-111A Aardvark in Vietnam markings, with some new parts.



Eduard is re-releasing their P-51B/C Mustang in a Profipack edition with six markings options, color photo-etch parts, and masks.



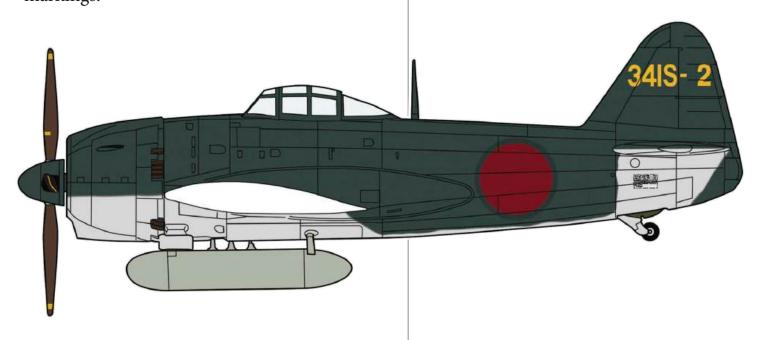
Eduard is re-releasing their Spitfire Vb in a Dual Combo edition featuring markings of Czechoslovak pilots flying in the RAF.



Hasegawa has re-released their Ki-44-II Hei Shoki in "70th Flight Regiment Metropolitan Defense" markings.



Hasegawa has re-released their N1K1-Ja Shiden Type 11 Koh in "341st Flying Group" markings.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their T-2 in "Aggressor Grand 1986" markings.



※実際の製品パッケージとは一部異なる場合がございます。

HobbyBoss has re-released their Hurricane Mk.IIC as a Hurricane Mk.IID/Tropical with some new parts.



Revell has extended their selection of "Flying Bulls" aircraft with a T-28 Trojan.



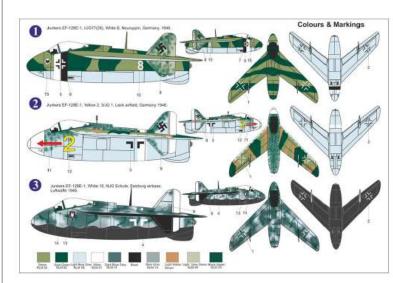
Trumpeter has announced a new-tool Fairey Battle Mk.I kit.



1/72nd Scale:

AZ Model has re-released two additional variants of their "Luftwaffe 1946" what-if series to include an EF 128E-1 and an EF 128E-1 Over Europe.





AZ Model is also re-releasing two variants of their K5Y Willow as a K5Y2 Willow Floatplane And a K5Y2 Willow Land Based, with new decals for both.





Continuing with the trend, AZ Model has re-released two new-parts variations on their Spitfire kit, a Spitfire Mk.18e and a Spitfire Mk.18e "Asian Territory". Since the new parts appear to be new fuselages to accommodate a bubble canopy, this could be considered a new release.





Eduard has re-released their L-39ZA Albatros in a Profipack Edition with six markings options, color photo-etch, and masks.



Eduard is re-releasing an L410UVP Turbolet Limited Edition version of a kit originated by Gavia back in 1997.



Hasegawa is re-releasing their Mu-2A in Air Rescue Wing 50th Anniversary markings.



\* The package design is subject to change without notice.

Italeri is re-releasing its F-22 Raptor in a "Complete set for modeling" which includes not only paint but a few basic tools, e.g. tweezers.



Italeri is also re-releasing their Spitfire Mk.IX in a "Complete set"



Modelsvit is re-releasing their AD kit as an AD-5N Skyraider in Vietnam camouflage.



1/144th Scale:

Academy is re-releasing its F-5E as a KF-5E Tiger II (Korean)



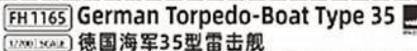
Revell is re-releasing its BAE-146 in AirUK markings.



And that's it for October, so go build a model!

# Shipping News by Rick Herrington

Ahoy mates! Lots to get to this month so let's start off with 1/700. First up is our friends at Flyhawk with a DKM Type 35 torpedo boat.









Aoshima has three new releases for us. The first is HMS Norflolk a British heavy cruiser that was involved in the hunt for Bismarck.



The second release from Aoshima is the IJN heavy cruiser Tone.



Finally from Aoshima this month is the IJN destroyer Maikaze



Fujimi is releasing the IJN carrier Amagi.



Fujimi is also releasing another IJN carrier the Unryu



Next up from Fujimi is a release of the IJN heavy cruiser Chikuma.



Fujimi's next release is the IJN battleship Mutsu.



Pit Road is releasing a JMSDF FFM-5 Yahagi





Pit Road is also releasing another JMSDF ship, the Amatsukaze DDG-163



Yamashita Hobby is releasing the IJN destroyer Ushio.



Moving on to 1/350 scale we have two releases from Fore Art. The first is a Type 42 frigate HMS Sheffield

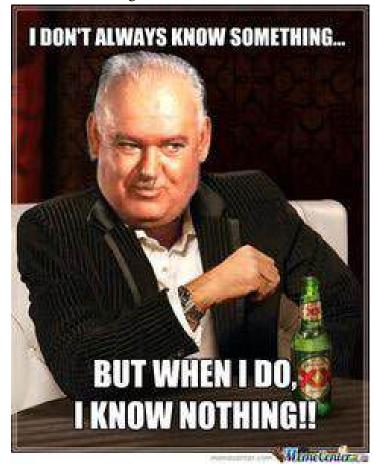


Next from Fore Art in 1/350 scale is HMS Coventry.

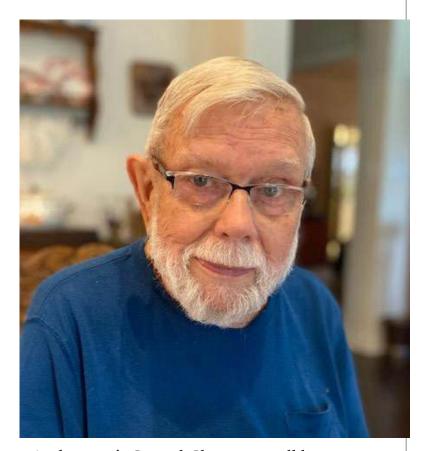


That's all the wind in the sails for this month. See you at the meeting!





### Atribute to Milton Bell by Tim Robb



At this year's Capitol Classic we will honor Milton Bell with a special exhibit. It will consist of signage with Milton's photo and a few sentences about his leadership and contributions to ASMS over the years.

AND we want to bring all the started by Milton models that we have finished and put them on display. For each we'll have a little label, for example:

P-47 Thunderbolt, 1/xx scale Started by Milton, finished by \_\_\_\_.

As our started by Milton models won't fill the table we have also had discussion of a group P-40 display for this same exhibit table, P-40s being one of Milton's favorites.

Everybody bring all your P-40s and we'll have similar labels for each. I have two of Milton's and four of mine to bring for this. Labels will look something like this:

P-40E. American Volunteer Group China, 1942 1/48 scale model by Milton Bell

We will need a coordinator to print all the labels so they will be uniform. Therefore all who participate will need to get our information on what we are bringing to the coordinator in advance of the show so the labels can be ready.

We can do this! Let's honor Milton.





**17 OCTOBER `24** 

5:30P - 10:30P

# ETERAN/MILITARY FILM FESTIVAL

Special recognitions to Filmmakers in the following categories:



**Best Feature Film** 



**Best Documentary Film Short** 



**Best Short Film** 



**Best Short Comedy** 



**Best PTSD Therapy** 



**Best Super Short** 

Film

**Best Music** Video





**Best Patriot** 

# Tracked Topics

By Panzer Lehr

Some great releases to get to this month including two shelf buster kits (1/16). Let's start off with 1/72nd scale. Vespid has three new ones for us. The first is a Russian T-90A.



Second from Vespid is a Bundeswehr Panther KF51.





Third from Vespid is a Buffalo MPCV (Mine Protected Clearing Vehicle.)



FTF is releasing a French AMR 35 ADFI . It was a light tank used for reconaissance.



IBG is releasing a Scammell Pioneer Tank with



Moving on to 1/35th scaale Takom is first with a VK 45.02. This is one of Takom's World of Tanks releases.



Rocket Model under their Fist of War brand is releasing an E-100 Type G with a 105mm gun.



Rocket Model is also releasing an E-75 Tiger III with a 105mm gun or a 128mm gun.



Moving on to tanks that actually were produced Border has two for us. The first is a Pzkpfw IV H.





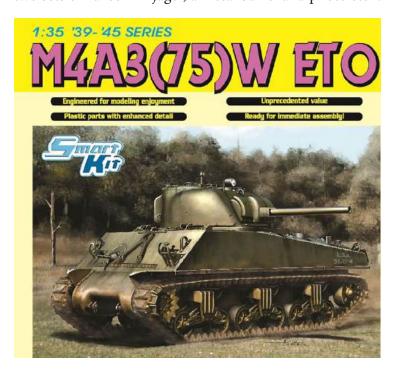
The second from Border is a Jagdpanzer IV L70 V



Das Werk has Bundeswehr Raketenpanzer Jaguar 1 for us.

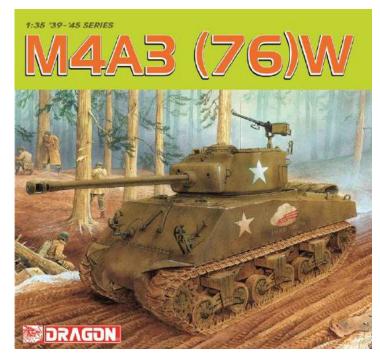


Dragon has three re-pops for us. The first two are Shermans and the third is their Battle of the Bulge Royal Tiger with two sets of Fallschirmjager, a metal barrel and photo etch.





If you didn't build this kit the first time around it is well worth investing in now. It's one of the most accurate King Tiger Kits and the Fallschirmjager figure sets included make it almost an instant diorama.





Dragon has one more re-pop for us in the form of a German Hanomag Sdkfz 251/17 D.



MiniArt is releasing a Suart Mk 1 Honey



Meng is releasing a Type 82 Kubelwagen. This looks to be a desertized version.



Keeping with the desert theme Takom is releasing Rommel's Sdkfz 250.





MiniArt is releasing another instant diorama kit. It's called SU-85 Ammo Loading. This one includes all the bells and whistles to make yout own Russian front Dio.

#### I Love Kit is releasing an M48A2





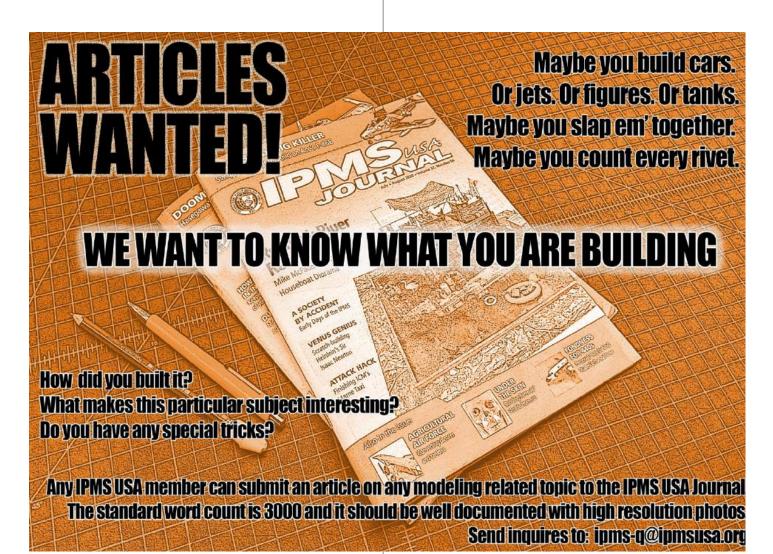
Finally, as promised Trumpeter has issued a couple of 1/16 scale shelf busters. The first is a Sdkfz 173 Jagdpanther (early)



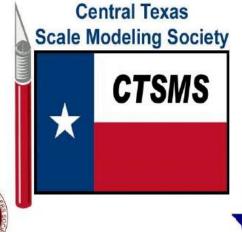
Second from Trumpeter in 1/16 is a T-72B1 That's it for this month. Go build a model!



IPMS USA is soliciting articles. We've got some great modeller's in this area and you can help the mother organization to flourish by submitting an article to the Journal.







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With IPMS/USA Membership, you will receive the outstanding IPMS/USA Journal six times a year - it includes features on all modeling subjects such as aircraft, armor, automotive, ships, figures - you name it! You will also find listings of IPMS contests, swap meets, hints and tips, and reviews.

Membership also qualifies you to participate in IPMS/USA sanctioned contests, and particularly in our

World-famous National Convention, held each summer. As a member, you'll also be able to access our online Discussion Board, where a wide variety of modeling topics are discussed, and enjoy interaction with other serious modelers for help with questions about modeling techniques or the Society in general. Many Hobby Shops and Model Vendors around the USA offer discounts to IPMS/USA Members.

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