



ARMOR BITS

August 2023

Newsletter of the ChicagoLand Armor Builders Society





Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer!

According to Wikipedia, they are the hot, sultry days of summer. They were historically the period following the heliacal rising of the star system Sirius (known colloquially as the "Dog Star"), which Hellenistic astrology connected with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs, and bad luck. They are now taken to be the hottest, most uncomfortable part of summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

So I hope you are staying cool and working on models, perhaps in a nice cool basement?

At last months meeting we had a great response for our call to bring your oldest model, and there were some doozys! Its great to be reminded of where we started and how much fun we had. I think that since we are meeting every month to talk and show our models, that we are still enjoying the hobby.

This month, at Chuck's suggestion, will be "All Star" month. Everyone should bring in their best one or two works, not necessarily their highest awarded or medal winners, but the ones that each member consider their best work, regardless of age. It should make for some great stories!

The Shirt order is done and I will have them at the August meeting. I will send out the list to those who have ordered in the meeting "Reminder" notice next week.

I hope you can find the time to explore some of the links provided below.

Hope to see you at the meeting

Cheers

Stan

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 10am August 12th @ the Cantigny Medill room Watch for the reminder to verify.

JULY '23 MEETING NOTES

Welcome – 13 members attended in the MeDill room

- Treasure's report— *\$35 for Nimcon award; \$30 for our website.*

*AMPS Int show was a **huge** success!*

- 2023 Meeting list – Next Month (AUG)? Back at the Medill room again
- Dan Tisoncik Garage sale went well and his remaining books are on sale. Contact Ron

Damratowski for details. (see the newsletter)

- Book auction today? *Yes we had a small auction*
- Model auction courtesy of John Wendt
- Newsletter – has a summary of 1944 events if you need an idea.
- New business?

Show & Tell



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From John Wendt

NICON was an enjoyable afternoon for me. This is the 1/72 Meng Leopard 2A7 that I started back in January...done as a Ukrainian version.



I wanted to suggest to the guys who would consider using aftermarket Individual track links to consider Jeff Herne's company SC3D (Scale Colors 3D) his selection of 3D Printed Tracks are growing beyond big Germans and Sherman variants and they hang just like my old favorite-Fruils. He had a table at NIMO where I picked up a set of T66 HVSS for an M51 project (Anniversary of Yom Kippur) I'm looking forward to building. Nice stuff. His web site is: www.scalecolors.com/ and if you remember Jeff he has been a very active modeler in the Midwest for many years, very enthusiastic about his new venture. All the best and have a safe and terrific Independence Day!

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SC3D, and Scale Colors acrylic paint, are produced in the USA and are a Native American owned and operated business venture.

Thank you for supporting SC3D and Scale Colors!

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I stumbled upon this info about cutting plastic with a dremel. It lists the tools, explains the process, and offers some good tips. Well worth a visit>

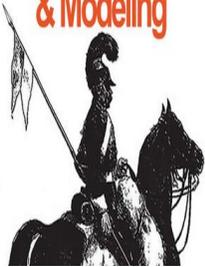
The Dremel rotary tool is a staple in many DIY toolboxes. Among its [many uses](#) is cutting plastic. This task isn't difficult, but it does require some knowledge since you can ruin your workpiece if you do it incorrectly.



<https://www.finepowertools.com/grinders/cutting-plastic-with-dremel/>

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**small
SUBJECTS**
Big Ideas About Miniatures
& Modeling



Small Subjects is a podcast devoted to discussing big topics in the worlds of scale modeling, diorama-building, and sculpting and painting miniature figures, as well as presenting interviews with some of the top artists in the field, including every era, and ranging from historical to fantasy subjects.

<http://www.boxdioramas.com/smallsubjects>



Don't forget about the **Zoom call reminiscence** up on the club web page in 3 parts for ease of viewing; <http://www.amps-chicago.org/PhotosMeetings.htm>



For a meeting by meeting description go here:

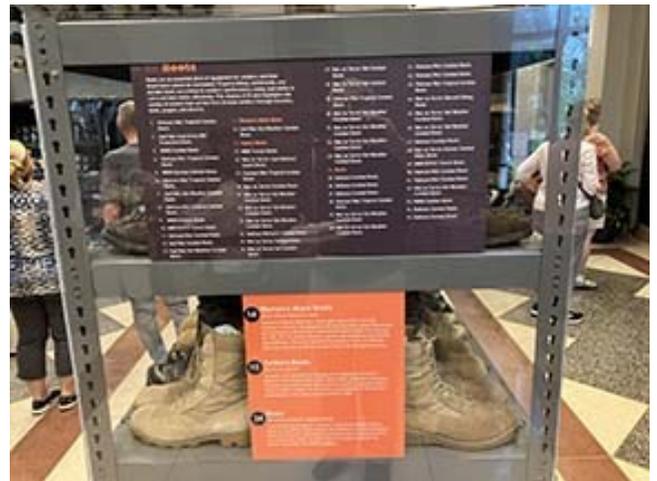
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For a simple list of photos try this:

<http://www.amps-chicago.org/PhotosMeetings.htm>

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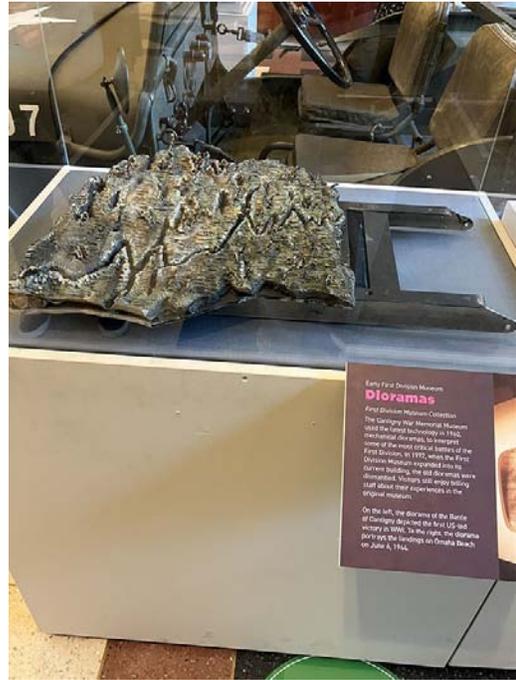
These pictures are from the 105th anniversary celebration of the battle of Cantigny at the 1st Div museum. The museum's "65 Years" display is also setup in the lobby thru Veterans Day. Nearly 500 artifacts are arranged to celebrate the parks 65th year in existence.



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Early First Division Museum

Dioramas

The George Meade Memorial Museum used the original diorama as the basis for the most critical battle of the First Division, in 1917, when the First Division fought the Battle of Cantigny. The diorama was built by the original dioramas. Visitors still enjoy seeing the original diorama.

On the left, the diorama of the Battle of Cantigny depicted the first US offensive in WWI. To the right, the diorama depicts the landing on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944.



THE BIG RED ONE

FIRST IN WAR

1917-1970

The 1st Infantry Division is America's first and oldest combat division. It has served as part of the US Army continuously since 1917, playing a central role in most of the great wars of the 20th century.

It was the first American division sent to France in World War I. It was among the very first sent to Europe in World War II and to Vietnam in 1965.

Walk with the soldiers of the 'Fighting First' through many perilous years defending our country.

Show & Tell

Stan Kurcz— AFV Club M110 SP -
in process;



Stan Kurcz— Original survivor
Tamiya Centurion 1968-73?



Ron Damratowski —

Tamiya M48—Verlinden figures & extras —Original build



MAY SHOW AND TELL

Chuck Aleshire — Tamiya “Officers in a conference” ‘72-73



Chuck Aleshire — Tamiya PZ4J from 1978:” ‘72-73



Tommy K — Takom Flak Panther—sprayed markings, Trees by the Scenic Factory. Figure is from the Tamiya Marder kit w/Hornet head. Static grass for the base.





FlakPanzer turret

Paul LaRock— Squadron/Encore Polish Armored Car 1992-94. First build returning to the hobby. Spray can finish with brush follow up

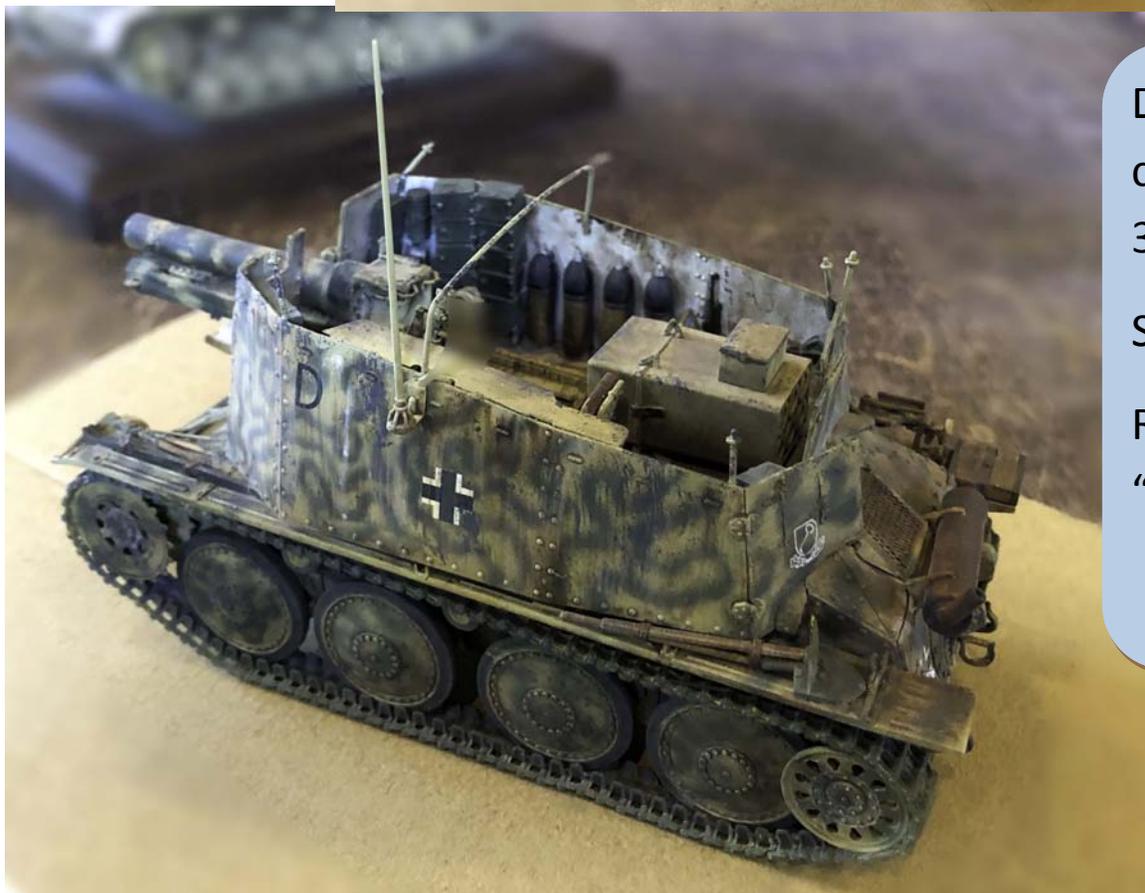


Lee—Tamiya T-34 1/35th. Bought in Korea in '89, to build for the intel shop



Mike Kinowski — Minicraft Hetzer some PE added;

1/35th.



Dragon Ges-
chultz wagon
38t/Bison

Some added PE,
Radios and
“gizmology”!

1/35 Tamiya
Marder 3



1/35 Tamiya

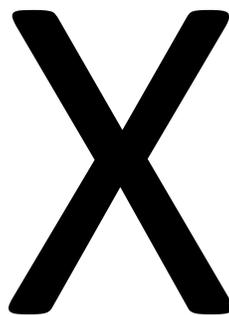
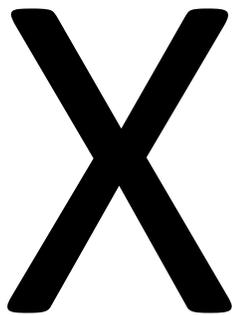


Mike Kinowski — Vintage build 1974 1/72 Hasegawa Panther



Charlie Scardon — Tamiya Jagdpanzer &

1/700 P1000RATTE



This was Charlies first meeting . Welcome! Somehow although Charlie brought two models, we failed to get pictures of them! We apologize and hope this does not keep you from coming back.

If you can send me any pictures I will include them in the next Newsletter.

Dan O'conner — Vintage build 70's vintage build. He made the zimmerit from PLASTER.....





JULY MEETING





Coffee & Fat Pills— From Chuck in honor of his Birthday

Some of Dan's books for sale by Cap'n Ron.



Two models gifted by John Wendt (aka John Witt) for a club auction.

AMPS ChicagoLand

On September 8, 2007, 11 people met for the first time in Pat Keenan's living room, creating AMPS-Chicagoland. Since that day, AMPS Chicagoland has been an active chapter in the Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS) with members from Southern Wisconsin, throughout Illinois to Northwest Indiana. We specialize in all eras, scales and aspects of building military ground vehicle models.



These subjects include tracked vehicles, wheeled vehicles, artillery and figures. Our members consist of novice to master level, so all are welcome in our fun and inviting environment.

The AMPS – Chicagoland Chapter's philosophy is that having a good time and enjoying oneself while engaging in the military modeling hobby is of paramount importance. This means we do NOT take the hobby or ourselves too seriously and its members are expected to "play nice with others". There's just no drama.

For more information about AMPS Chicagoland, please visit our website at www.amps-chicago.org

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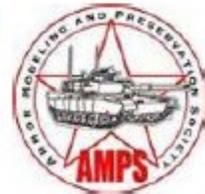
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